

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- January, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

The candidates for the board are **Jim Thornton**, **Tim Calamari**, **Diane Chesson**, **John Onstott**, **John "Lowen" Lowenstein**, and **John Mitchell**. **Jackie Madden** and her nominating committee asked half the members in the club and got up to six candidates at the last minute. We now have six excellent candidates and are grateful these candidates volunteered to run. Due to the difficulty in getting candidates in the past few years, we are proposing an amendment to the by-laws to reduce the number of members on the board from 11 to 9 effective 1-1-2010. These votes will take place at the January tournament.

The Rosenblum tournament will be Jan. 15-18. **Judy Katz** and **Joan Van Geffen** are in charge. Please ask them what you can do to help.

We have moved the Eight Is Enough from the fourth Friday to the second Friday and made it a charity game. The extra dollar fee goes to ACBL charity and masterpoints are doubled.

There is a tremendous amount of work needed to keep the club going. This work only happens through the many people who volunteer and help out. It is your club; we need your help to keep it going. I want to thank the many people who helped during 2008. First, the board: the board functioned well since the members were not shy about expressing opinions, but more important they would listen to others and used good judgment to make the best decision. Board members were **Ed Baldinger** who handled Bridge and office supplies, bulletin board, and historical perspective; **Jackie Madden**, Vice-President, July tournament co-chair, and nominating committee; **John Federico**, conduct and ethics, District 10 delegate, and chair of the 2010 national tournament; **Keenan Romig**, Secretary and general wordsmith; **Diane Chesson**, Christmas party, Director coordinator and co-chair, July tournament; **Elaine Prager** handled membership, the memorial game, was partnership chair for the January and July tournaments and stepped up to handle the 299er regional at the last minute; **Tim Calamari** handled all the maintenance with all the problems a 40 year old building has, including many visits to the ladies' room; **Ellie Brammell**, cookie lady, kitchen supplies, Christmas party, and May tournament co-chair; **Jim Thornton**, treasurer; and **Dee Moses** who handled tournament flyers and co-chaired the January tournament.

Besides the board, **Ann Barone** answers calls from security and handles the outside gardener; club managers **Jean Talbot** and **Sally Toups**; cruise liaison, tournament sanctions and elections coordinator, **Dick Brammell**; decorations were handled by **Eileen Bagnetto**, **Anne Plauche** and **Betty Moynan** until Halloween and **Jeanne Soignet** since then; Intermediate/Novice coordinator including EZ bridge and 299er tournaments, **Suzanne Cliffe** until summer and **Jennie Sauviac** after; Hall of Fame, **Lil Range**; *Kibitzer* and website coordinator, **Peggy Allen**; monthly reports to ACBL, **Linda Stockton**; special games, **Sally Toups**; sympathy and get well cards, **Nancy Gates**; Halloween game, **Beverly Karl**.

Tournament co-chairs were **Suzanne Cliffe**, **Juanita Heidingsfelder**, **Eileen Bagnetto**, **Mary LeBlanc** and **Jane de Montluzin**. Partnership chairs were **Juliette Dubea**, **Anne Plauche**, **Carolyn York** and **Betty Townsend**.

I want to thank each of these members who helped during the year. There were a large number of members who also helped and were not listed who brought food or cooked food at tournaments, helped clean up or made contributions, handled food for special games like Mardi Gras, Labor Day, etc. So many people did so many things to make our club a more enjoyable place to play. To those many who helped in any way during the year, thank you.

We had several members pass away this year. They will be missed and remembered fondly. **Layton Merritt** in particular did a tremendous amount of work for the club.

Sid LeBlanc, President

[Ed: Thank you, Sid, for all your efforts on behalf of the club. We are lucky to have a president like you.]



Tournament Results

Baton Rouge Winter Sectional December 4 – 7, 2008

Unit 134 winners:

Rank	MPs	
3	17.87	Iype Koshy
6	16.86	Paul Deal
13	14.16	Joan Van Geffen

14	14.16	Jean Talbot	77	3.25	Lynn John Federico
35	7.06	Walter Frey	82	2.95	Michael Arthur
36	7.06	Neal Frey	83	2.95	Elizabeth Arthur
47	5.68	Rita Price	92	2.62	Sally Toups
48	5.68	Ellen Pittman	93	2.62	Kitten Haag
54	4.97	Mary Freet	96	2.55	Juliette Dubea
55	4.97	Ed Cappel	97	2.55	Daisy Vandenburg
63	3.97	Ralph Chesson	112	2.08	Tilghman Moore
64	3.97	Linda Stockton	113	2.08	Geoff Chichester
65	3.97	Dianne Chesson	133	1.52	Ellie Miller
66	3.97	Colleen Walker			
73	3.78	Nancy Neuharth			

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Rank	MPs	
169	.72	John Lowenstein
170	.72	Jane De Montluzin
172	.72	Douglas De Montluzin
173	.72	Chris Lahr
185	.61	John Onstott
198	.36	Raymond Gandolfi
199	.36	Linda Fox

Firsts:

Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Thurs. Eve. Open Pairs, Flight A.
Michael & Elizabeth Arthur: Thurs. Eve. Open Pairs, Flight B.
Paul Deal: Fri. Eve. Open Pairs, Flight A.
Ellen Pittman & Rita Price: Sat. Aft. Open Pairs, Flight B.
Neal Frey & Walter Frey: Sat. Aft. Open Pairs, Flight C.
Paul Deal & Iype Koshy: Sun. A/X Swiss Teams, Flight A.
Neal Frey & Walter Frey: Sun B/C/D Swiss Teams, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2008/12/0812016.htm>

Boston NABC Nov 20 – Nov 30, 2008

At this NABC, 84,062.26 Masterpoints were earned by 4609 players.

Rank	MPs	
565	36.89	John Onstott
641	32.84	Joan Van Geffen
642	32.84	Jean Talbot
1118	18.99	Patti Harp
1260	16.73	Gail Grant
2224	7.53	Marise Hambrick
2361	6.67	Norman Leslie
3014	3.78	Elizabeth Robertson
3084	3.55	Eleanor Onstott
4100	1.07	Hans Freimanis

Firsts:

Gail Grant & Patti Harp: Paul Revere KO Bkt 5.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://www.acbl.org/nabc/results/2008/03/NABC083.HTM>



Upcoming Special Events

- **Unit Championship**, Fri., Jan. 2, Noon.
- **Vicksburg Sectional**, Jan. 9-11 & **NAOP District Finals**, Jan. 10-11.*
- **Unit Championship**, Tue., Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m.
- **Metairie Rosenblum Sectional**, Jan 15-18.
- **San Destin Regional**, Jan. 19-25.*
- **Biloxi Regional**, Jan. 26-Feb. 1.*
- **International Fund Game #1**, Sat., Jan. 31, Noon, \$7.00 Entry Fee.
- **Houston Regional**, Feb. 2-8.*

* See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html for complete information about these events.



70% Games

12/04 – Fran Lake & Betty Lazarus 70.0%
 12/07 – Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester 74.0%

Did you have a 70% or better game? We want to report it in the *Kibitzer*. As soon as you complete a 70% game, have the director put a note in the *Kibitzer* envelope on the bulletin board in the hall.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Law Changes – New Law 45

[Ed.: The ACBL has revised some of the laws of bridge and this column will deal with some of these changes for the next few months. The complete Laws of Duplicate Bridge can be found online at the ACBL's web site:

<http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Laws-of-Duplicate-Bridge-2008.pdf> .]

Law 45 deals with when a card is considered played. While the wording in Law 45 is somewhat different, changes in application of this law by directors is not expected. Law 45C4b says, "Until his partner has played a card, a player may change an unintended designation if he does so without pause for thought ..."

Let's take two simple examples:

Drawing trump with AKJxx opposite QTxx, Declarer plays the A from hand, all following; leads x and calls "suit". Such a call is clearly inadvertent; Declarer meant to play high.

Or playing xxx opposite AQJ, Declarer plays towards the tenace position, successfully winning the Jack. Back to his hand and leading up towards the AQ, he calls "Queen" as the King appears on his left. This call is not inadvertent; the Queen was the card he intended to play when he called "Queen". Here, no change would be allowed. The Director must not be misdirected by the speed of the change, or lack of a noticeable pause – a change of mind occurred, as did thought.



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Pat B. Desforges
 Norma P. Dupont
 Orval L. Eberhart
 E. Hugh Lawson
 Louis Neveu

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Arnold J. Levy
 Tilghman L. Moore
 Jenny F. Rich
 Wayne A. Schellhaas

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Debbie Rothschild
 Louise H. Saik

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Madonna M. Abroms
 Frank R. Arceri
 Lallie U. Garg
 Om P. Garg

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Dee R. Moses



One Bridge Player's New Year's Resolution

"I resolve to try to bid so that my hand is never a surprise to my partner."

