

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- March, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Honor a friend who has passed away. (or someone who may pass away some day) by naming an event after them at the 2010 New Orleans Nationals. It only costs \$100 and is a good way to remember them.

We have computer problems at the club occasionally and need someone to try to fix it or call for help. We have few players who can handle the computer and hate to keep calling on Paul Freese and Peggy Allen all the time. If you speak computer, please let me know. I have personally found that no matter how loud I yell at the computer, it doesn't do what I want.

The same officers will continue in the club. Your humble servant will be President, with Jackie Madden as Vice-President, Keenan Romig as Secretary, Elaine Prager as Membership Chair and Jim Thornton as Treasurer. Virtually every other volunteer has generously offered to continue: Tim Calamari in a full time position of Building and Maintenance, John Federico as Chair of the 2010 Nationals, conduct and ethics, and District 10 representative (as well as District 10 Vice-President), Ellie Brammell as kitchen and janitorial supplies and cookies, Dick Brammell as tournament coordinator and cruise coordinator, Jean Talbot and Sally Touns as club managers, and Sally as special games, Jeanne Soignet as decorations, Dianne Chesson handles directors (as much as anyone can handle our directors), Ed Baldinger for office and bridge supplies, Peggy Allen handles the *Kibitzer* and web site coordination, Linda Stockton the monthly report, Jennie Sauviac handles the big job of Intermediate/Novice Coordinator, Nancy Gates does sympathy and get well cards. The board welcomed John Onstott to the board. He is parliamentarian for now, but we will expand that later. Thanks to all who volunteered. And thanks to all who do so many little and big things which make the club a more enjoyable place to play.

When you see Tim Calamari, thank him for the instant hot water in the bathrooms. He has also been involved replacing an A/C unit on the roof, repairing the heater and toilets in the ladies room (someone used too much toilet paper) and replacing the back door to the club and the frame. Thanks, Tim.

Thanks to Lynn McClure for accepting Partnership Chair for the July tournament.

Sid LeBlanc, President



Tournament Results

(Biloxi Firsts, continued)

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San Destin Regional January 19-25, 2009

MP Winners:

Rank	MPs
30	39.40 Joan Van Geffen
31	39.40 Jean Talbot
61	29.14 James Thornton
181	13.67 Walter Frey, Sr.
182	13.67 Neal Frey
200	12.58 David Wolf
521	1.80 Patricia Turner
565	1.08 Margaret Lipps
566	1.08 Louise Brandon

For complete tournament results, see:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/01/0901017.htm>

Biloxi Regional Jan. 26-Feb. 01, 2009

Firsts:

Kitten Haag & Sally Touns: Monday-Tuesday KO #2.
Nonie Leavitt & Carl Merlin: Tue Eve Strat. Open Pairs, Flight A.
Timothy Calamari & Beverly Dupre: Tue Eve Strat. Open Pairs, Flight C.

Patricia Kessler & Cathy Rantz: Tue Eve Strat Side Game, Flights B & C.
Celeste Bowden & Ellen Pittman: Wed Morn Side Game, Flight B.
Cristi Nelson & Sheena Dooley: Wed Morn Side Game, Flight C.
Ronald Berenger, Anne Plauche, Bernie Weiss, Lynn John Federico, & Larry Federico: Wed Swiss Teams, Flight B.
James Bush: Tue-Wed KO Brkt 1.
John Dirriwachter, Dorothy Riehlmann, Carolyn Robertson, & Louise Brandon: Tue-Wed LP Brkt 3.
Fred Kolb & Marty Swift: Thu 199er Pairs, Flight A.
Rufus Harris, Jr. & Louise Saik: Thu Morn Side Game, Flights A, B, & C.
Sid Leblanc & Robert Wooderson: Fri Morn Side Pairs.
Janeen Tucker & Paul Tucker: Fri Morn 199er Pairs, Flight B.
Nonie Leavitt & Carl Merlin: Thu. Open Pairs, Flight A.
Janeen Tucker & Paul Tucker: Thu Eve 199er Pairs, Flight B.

Sid Leblanc & Robert Wooderson: Fri Aft Side Pairs, Flight B.
John Dirriwachter & Carolyn Robertson: Fri Aft Strat Senior Pairs, Flight B.
Jan Galey & Paul Deal: Fri Eve Open Pairs, Flight A.
Linda Stockton & Colleen Walker: Fri Eve Open Pairs, Flight B.
Ronald Berenger, Anne Plauche, Bernie Weiss, Lynn John Federico, & Larry Federico: Thu-Fri KO Brkt. 2.
David Wolf: Thu-Fri KO Brkt. 4.
John Onstott & Iype Koshy: Morning KO Brkt. 1.
Leslie Kolb, Sheena Dooley, Marty Swift, & Fred Kolb: Morning Compact KO Brkt. 2.
Paul Tucker & Orval Eberhart: Sat Morn Strat 199er Pairs, Flight A & B.
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Sat Aft Side Game, Flight A.
Leslie Kolb & Sheena Dooley: Sat Aft Side Game, Flight B (tie).
David Wolf: Sat Aft Side Game, Flight B (tie) & Flight C.

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Tournament Results

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Charles McHale, Jr., & David Bybee: Sat Senior Pairs, Flight A.

Stephen Heffner & Richard Osborne: Sat Senior Pairs, Flight C.

John Onstott & Iype Koshy: Fri-Sat KO Brkt. 1.

Chris Lahr, John Lowenstein, Jane De Montluzin, & Douglas De Montluzin: Fri-Sat KO Brkt. 3.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/02/0902003.htm>

Houston Regional February 2-8, 2009

MP Winners:

Rank MPs

254 14.50 Mary Freet
 255 14.50 Edmund Cappel

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/02/0902005.htm>



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Earl J. Falgoust
 Joan Lennox
 Charles R. Rogers
 Barbara B. Zelenka

NEW CLUB MASTER

Margaret M. Ellis

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Warren A. Courtade

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Linda R. Gallagher
 Carmen G. Hacker
 Marie D. Hughes

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Mary A. Freet

Congratulations to these Unit 134 members upon their advancement in rank.



Upcoming Special Events

- **GNT (Grand National Teams) Qualifying**, Feb. 28, Noon, \$7.00 Entry Fee. No pre-qualifying required; just get your team together and come. The strata are as follows: **C** - Non-life-master up to 500 Masterpoints; **B** - 500 up to 2,000 Masterpoints; **A** - 2,000+ Masterpoints.
- **Baton Rouge Sectional**, March 5-8.*
- **Houston NATIONALS**, March 12-22.*
- **Charity Game #1**, Tue., Mar. 17, 7:15 p.m., \$7.00 entry fee.
- **Unit Championship**, Wed., Mar. 25, 10:30 a.m., \$6.00 entry fee.
- **Unit Championship**, Mon., Mar. 30, 10:30 a.m., \$6.00 entry fee.

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



In Memoriam

Juliet M. Carnahan

Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Martha Baldwin
 Sandra B. Brown
 Shirley H. Buisson
 Robert Cole
 Yvonne Cole
 Jean M. Jones
 Jeffrey Perigoni



70% Games

01/22 – Mollie Fraser & Pauline Jones 71.43%
 01/26 – Dee Moses & Judy Katz 70.10%
 01/29 – Margie Beer & Winifred McCarthy 71.65%
 02/09 – John Onstott & John Brumfield 70.78%

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.



“Heard” Online

One of the pleasures of BridgeBase Online is watching matches on the Vugraph. You see all four hands and real-time bidding and play. Expert commentators kibitz along with you and always have something interesting to say – whether funny or serious, bridge-related or not. Herewith are some gleanings from their comments:

“He’s under 30, so there’s no PASS card in his bidding box.”

“We play Upside-Down Facial Expressions (Smile is Discouraging).”

“A fool and his money are soon partying.”

“He is a by-the-book bidder, but he has the only copy of the book.”

On a more serious note, from David Burn (creator of Burn’s Law*), “Anyone who plays support doubles and support redoubles is automatically at least a 6-4 underdog against anyone who does not.” [Ed: Do you agree?]

And, there was a discussion of this question: “If you open a 15-17 1NT, how much more likely is it that you have a 15 count than a 17 count?” The answer: it’s about twice as likely that the 1NT opener has 15 than 17. [Ed: My own researches suggest a ratio of about 67:48:33 for 15, 16, and 17 point hands, respectively, so it is about twice as likely to be 15 than 17.] Thus the suggestion by the commentator, “So when you are responding [to a 1NT opening], your partner is much more likely to have a yucky 15 than a superb 17.”

*Burn’s Law (loosely stated) says that one should avoid declaring in a trump suit when the defenders have more cards in that suit than your side. Now, isn’t that a good rule to follow?

