

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- June, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Lil Range and Patti Harp did a great job with the recent Derby Day Tournament. They were organized and efficient and ran a super tournament. We made over \$2,000 for the tournament. They had some recommendations for future tournaments. We will follow up on these.

Bill Weiss and his helpers did a super job of the party for John Onstott and the turnout was terrific. It became a bit of a reunion for some old members. It was good to have them here again. Peggy Allen has put pictures from the party on the LBA website. Check them out at www.la-bridge.com/kibitzer.htm. Thanks to Peggy.

Diane Chesson has agreed to be nominating committee chair for the board. She will need two non-board members to serve on her committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee or the board, let her know.

The club incurred \$25,000 extraordinary maintenance expense in the last nine months primarily due to Gustav and a new A/C unit. We did a budget for the club operations for 2009. It shows a profit of \$10,000 but a negative cash flow of \$15,000 due to the mortgage payments on the building. This will leave only about \$14,000 cash at the end of the year. We will be fine after we pay off the mortgage in August of 2010, but will be short of cash going into the Nationals next July.

Sid LeBlanc, President



Tournament Results

Metairie Derby Day Sectional April 30-May 3, 2009

Firsts:

Kitten Haag & Sally Toups: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Betty Schwall & Bobbi Long: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Tilghman Moore & Geoff Chichester: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Linda Gallagher & Pris Daly: Thu Aft 299er Pairs, Flight A.
Barbara Renaudin & Mary Hillary: Thu Aft 299er Pairs, Flights B & C.
Paul Freese & Christopher Young: Thu Eve Pairs, Flight A.
Nancy Gates & Phyllis Bennett: Thu Eve Pairs, Flight B.
Elizabeth Arthur & Michael Arthur: Thu Eve Pairs, Flight C.
Iype Koshy & Timothy Joder: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Patsy Mitchell & Lucie Harris: Fri Aft Pairs, Flights B & C.
Madeline Tonti & John Smythe: Fri Aft 299er Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.
Iype Koshy & Timothy Joder: Fri Eve Pairs, Flight A.
Cathy Rantz & Carolyn York: Fri Eve Pairs, Flights B & C.
John Brumfield & Dot Babin: Sat AM Side Game, Flight A.
Kathleen Savino & Marian Petry: Sat AM Side Game, Flights B & C.
Harriet Nelson & Helen Wisdom: Sat AM 299er Pairs, Flights A & B.
John Onstott & Iype Koshy: Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.
Sid LeBlanc & Robert Wooderson: Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.
James Reese & Peggy Allen: Sat Open Pairs, Flight C.
Paul Deal, Jan Galey, Craig Cordes, Carole Cordes: Sun A/X Swiss, Flight A.
Bill Geary, James Hailey, Jr., Daisy Vandenburg, Maebeth Merritt: Sun A/X Swiss, Flight X.
Dee Moses, Michael Falcon, Juanita Heidingsfelder, Bobbi Long: Sun B/C Swiss, Flight B.
Sandra Brown, Madeline Tonti, Jerrilyn Jones, John Smythe: Sun B/C Swiss, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/05/0905047.htm>

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Lake Charles NLM Silver Sectional April 17-19, 2009

Firsts:

Tilghman Moore & Geoff Chichester: Sat AM NLM Strat Pairs, Flight A (72.27%!)
Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Sun NLM Swiss Teams, Flights A & B.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/04/0904127.htm>

Gatlinburg Regional April 13-19, 2009

Firsts:

John Federico, Ronald Berenger, Larry Federico, Bernie Weiss: Mon KO, Bracket VII.
John Onstott, Iype Koshy, Jim Krekorian, Garey Hayden: Fri A/X Swiss, Flight A.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/04/0904002.htm>



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeanne and Donald Soignet. Archbishop Alfred C. Hughes presented them the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion in ceremonies on May 3 at St. Louis Cathedral. According to the *Clarion Herald* the award is given to "lay persons who have devoted themselves to the work of the Catholic Church throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans."

Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Bonnie Belanger
Aubrey John Wild
Joan D Wood

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Carol D. Bagalman
Louis Neveu
Robert L. Pettit
Dorothy G. Robbins

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Joanne P. Chancey
Patricia Schiro

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Louise H. Saik

NEW NABC MASTER

Chris S. Lahr

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Celeste Bowden
Derek Westwood

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Beverly C. Karl

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



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Clare Albert
Doris R. Baudier
Janell Eberhart
Mike Lappa
Catherine L. Oggs
Ann K. Preaus
Eugene R. Preaus
Joan D. Sladovich
Madeline W. Tonti
Linda H. Westfeldt



Upcoming Special Events

- **Vicksburg Regional**, June 1-7.*
- **Unit Championship**, Thu., June 4, Noon, \$6 entry fee, extra masterpoints.
- **Worldwide Game**, Fri., June 5, 7:15 PM, \$7 entry fee, extra masterpoints.
- **Worldwide Game**, Sat., June 6, Noon, \$7 entry fee, extra masterpoints.
- **Unit Championship**, Wed., June 10, 10:30 A.M., \$6 entry fee, extra masterpoints.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Thu., June 11, Noon, \$7 entry fee.
- **District 10 STAC Week**, June 15-21, all sessions, \$7 entry fee, silver masterpoints.
- **Unit Championship**, Thu., June 25, Noon, \$6 entry fee, extra masterpoints.
- **Gulfport Grand Opening Sectional** (in their new clubhouse), June 26-28.*
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Tue., June 30, 10:30 A.M., \$7 entry fee.
- **Unit Championship**, Sat., July 4, Noon, \$6 entry fee.
- **Metairie Wes Busby Sectional**, July 9-12*

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



70% Games

- 4/21 – Victor Law & Marvin Bernstein 73.00%
- 4/23 – Betty Hope & Sybil Lawson 76.78%
- 4/23 – Shirley Ruckert & Myrtle Dey 70.55%
- 4/29 – Carl Koppeis & Pam Marinaro 70.00%
- 4/30 – Brenda Marshall & Linda Westfeldt 71.58%
- 5/07 – Jim Kessler & Judy Serou 76.95%
- 5/09 – John Onstott & Timothy Joder 70.55%
- 5/14 – Gerry Stratton & Bess Theriot 72.94%

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.



Dear Bridge Club Friends,

Thank you very much for your generous contributions of food and time to help with the Derby Day Sectional. There were so many who helped. We learned a lot and were delighted to be able to play with you all.

Lillian Range & Patti Harp



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Simple Ways to Avoid the Most-Common Bridge Infractions

Problem: Opening Lead Out of Turn:

Solution: Lead card FACE DOWN.

Problem: Insufficient Bid.

Solution: Look at ALL bids BEFORE touching the bidding box.

Problem: Bid or Pass Out of Rotation.

Solution: Look at the dealer designation on the board and look for any previous bids BEFORE you bid or pass.

Problem: Revoke.

Solution: Spread the cards in your hand so all are visible to you. When your partner does not follow suit you may ask if he is void in that suit, and avoid serious penalty. If the trick on which the revoke occurred was won by the offending player, at the end of the play the trick on which the revoke occurred is transferred to the non-offending side together with one of any subsequent tricks won by the offending side. (For the purposes of this law, a trick won in dummy is not won by declarer.)

Problem: Mistaken Explanation or Call.

Solution: Partners should each have a convention card filled out stating their systems. Study your convention card before each game. Both partners should be prepared to explain their systems correctly.



Dubious Explanation

“Sorry, Partner, I had a diamond in with my spades.”

