

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- July, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Many thanks to those who cleaned the kitchen, card tables and bid boxes in late May. The club looks much better for your efforts. The group included Patti Harp, John and Cheryl Mitchell, Daisy VanDenburgh, Julliette Dubea, and Nancy Gates. Thanks a lot.

Ellie Brammell and Juanita Heidingsfelder have volunteered to co-chair the November tournament and Lynn Giordano and Madonna Abrams will handle the January tournament. Theresa Federico has agreed to distribute the flyers for future tournaments. We appreciate these ladies for their future efforts.

When the board elected officers last January, they expressed a concern about next year's president taking over without any prior presidents on the board. They decided to elect officers in July so the new officers would get their feet wet with the old officers still around for advice and counsel. So this is my last President's Letter. It has been an honor to serve as your president. The bridge club is a group of very interesting people. I have come to appreciate the efforts of so many of you to make this club a more enjoyable place.

Sid LeBlanc, President



Tournament Results

Vicksburg Regional June 1-7, 2009

Firsts:

- Madeline Tonti & John Smythe:* Tue AM 299er Pairs, Flt B.
- Joan Wood & Carolyn McKeough:* Tue Aft 299er Pairs, Flights A, B & C.
- Michael Arthur & Elizabeth Arthur:* Wed Aft Side Swiss, Flight B.
- Joan Wood & Carolyn McKeough:* Thu Aft 299er Pairs, Flights A, B & C.
- Sally Toups, J. Lowenstein, & Patti Harp:* Thu-Fri KO Flt B.
- Joan Wood & Carolyn McKeough:* Fri Aft 299er Pairs, Flights A & B.
- Michael Arthur & Elizabeth Arthur:* Fri Eve Side Game, Flights B & C.
- Tilghman Moore, Geoff Chichester, Russell Mitchell, Iype Koshy:* Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.

MP Winners:

Rank	MPs	MPs	Names
26	32.76	Joan Van Geffen	
27	32.76	Jean Talbot	
83	18.15	Sally Toups	
84	18.15	Patti Harp	
86	18.15	J. Lowenstein	
130	12.01	Tilghman Moore	
131	12.01	Geoff Chichester	
141	10.89	Joan Wood	
142	10.89	Carolyn McKeough	
148	9.81	Russell Mitchell	
149	9.81	Iype Koshy	
162	8.73	Michael Arthur	
163	8.73	Elizabeth Arthur	
240	5.28	Mary Freet	
241	5.28	Edmund Cappel	
317	2.53	William Beaushaw	
318	2.53	Jeannie Beaushaw	

For complete tournament results, see:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/06/0906021.htm>

Wes Busby (1944-2005)

Ed Baldinger

[Ed: To help members understand why the July tournament has been renamed in honor of Wes Busby, Ed Baldinger here offers his remembrance.]

At the bridge table, he presented himself as a friendly competitor and always a gentleman. An engineer, despite a paralysis of his body from a diving accident in Lake Pontchartrain, he spoke to many civic organizations about the history of drainage, sewerage, and water distribution in New Orleans. He was a most generous financial contributor to our club and a devoted and outstanding bridge player.



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Sandra B. Brown
John W. Smythe
Madeline W. Tonti

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Paul C. Tucker

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

James Reese

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Mary F. Hillery
Stephen Kishner
Peggy McCranie
Judy L. Serou
Dale C. Strickland
Bruce W. Waters



Upcoming Special Events

- **Unit Championship**, Sat., July 4, Noon, \$6 entry fee.
- **Metairie Wes Busby Sectional**, July 9-12.*
- **Unit Championship**, Mon., July 13, 10:30 A.M., \$6 entry fee.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Mon., July 20, 10:30 A.M., \$7 entry fee.
- **International Fund Game #3**, Fri., July 24, 7:15 P.M., \$7 entry fee.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Thu., July 30, 7:15 P.M., \$7 entry fee.
- **Baton Rouge Regional**, August 3-9.*

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



Make Their Day – Ask a 299er to Play

Bronze LM's or higher, please ask a 299er to play. You will have no entry fee the first time you play with a 299er and for each new 299er you play with. See the list by the TV or ask Jennie Sauviac (888-2883) to refer you to a 299er who could benefit by playing with you.



Web Sites

Club: www.la-bridge.com
District 10: <http://d10bridge.org/>
ACBL: www.ACBL.ORG

Our club web site has game results for the last two weeks, daily game schedules, and the 2008 Special Events calendar. It also has archives of the *Kibitzer* and special events..

The District 10 web site has results from recent tournaments around the district, a schedule of upcoming tournaments in the district, and district administrative information, plus links to various unit web sites in District 10.

If you haven't done so, register at ACBL's web site. You can check your masterpoint totals and find complete schedules and results of regional and sectional tournaments all over North America. You can even participate in the *Bridge Bulletin* "It's Your Call" feature. Answer the bidding questions in this month's *Bulletin* and then compare your answers to the experts' choices next month.



70% Games

- 05/23 – Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen 73.18%
- 06/04 – Jean Lyons & Marcelle Pfister 72.68%
- 06/08 – David Bybee & Gail Grant 73.00%
- 06/11 – Judy Serou & Jim Kessler 72.04%
- 06/11 – Barbara Claiborne & Carol York 72.21%
- 06/19 – Dale Strickland & Peggy Mccranie 70.83%

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

When is a Card Played?

When is a card considered "played", that is, when is it too late to play a different card? Questions of this type are covered by Law 45 – along with others – of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge. You can see the text of the Laws online at:

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

A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face is considered played. The declarer's card is played if it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table. Declarer plays a card from dummy by naming the card, or picking it up to be played.

However, Law 45 allows for mechanical errors in play. Until his partner has played a card, a player may change an *unintended* designation if he does so without pause for thought. If an opponent has, in turn, played a card that was legal before the change in designation, that opponent may withdraw the card so played, return it to his hand, and substitute another.

Law 47C reiterates that a "played card may be withdrawn and returned to the hand without further rectification" if the original card played was unintended, changed without pause for thought, and changed before his partner has played to the trick. The director must be convinced that the card played was definitely not intended, and not withdrawn due to a change of mind. Non-offenders are protected by Law 16D.2.: "For an offending side, information arising from its own withdrawn action and from withdrawn actions of the non-offending side is unauthorized. A player of an offending side may not choose from among logical alternative actions one that could demonstrably have been suggested over another by the unauthorized information."



In Memoriam

Val Pomiechowski

