

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- August, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

We had a terrific turnout for our recent tournament—245 tables. That translates to 980 players over the four-day period! We were particularly pleased with the turnout for the 0-20 masterpoint session that was held on Thursday morning. We had 10.5 tables for that event and will be incorporating that into our tournament schedule going forward. Many thanks to all of you – and to my hard-working Co-Chair, Bobbi Long.

Our Tuesday night game has been expanded to 0-499ers. If you are eligible, please come out and play. Also, please note that there will be no game at the club on Sunday, August 9th, due to the Baton Rouge Regional Tournament.

Upcoming events include a Labor Day game; we are looking for volunteers to coordinate food for that event. Our annual Memorial Game will also be held in September.

As Sid informed you in his last President's Message, the board held election of officers at the July meeting this year; this was done for several reasons, one of which was that both Sid LeBlanc and Ed Baldinger, the Club's past two presidents, will be leaving the board at the end of the year, having served the maximum term of six consecutive years. We hope that both of these gentlemen will return after a year's hiatus; in the interim we hope to benefit from their advice and counsel while they are still on the board.

Most officers remain the same: Jackie Madden will continue as Vice-President, Jim Thornton as Treasurer, and Elaine Prager will handle Membership. Dianne Chesson has been elected Secretary and will no longer be the Director Coordinator; Elaine Prager has agreed to take over that responsibility. We will ratify these officer positions again in January and are considering a revision to the by-laws that will clarify the timing of elections. Thanks to the board for their vote of confidence in me as the new President; hopefully, I will live up to their expectations. I look forward to working with all of you.

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Metairie Wes Busby Sectional July 9-12, 2009

Firsts:

- B. B. Gordon & Jean Talbot:* Thu Eve Open Pairs, Flight A.
- David Bybee & Gail Grant:* Thu Eve Open Pairs, Flight B.
- Myrle Dey & Shirley Ruckert:* Thu AM 0-20 Pairs.
- Kitten Haag & Idell Adams:* Thu Aft Open Pairs, Flight A.
- Beverly Karl & Jean Russo:* Thu Aft Open Pairs, Flight B.
- Sanford Sisco & Martie Sisco:* Thu Aft Open Pairs, Flight C.
- Pris Daly & Linda Gallagher:* Thu Aft 299ers, Flights A & B.
- George Hill & Vivian Hill:* Thu Aft 299ers, Flight C.
- Bernie Weiss & Lynn John Federico:* Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight A.
- Ray Lytle & James Thornton:* Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight B.
- Di Lapeyre & Jean Faia:* Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight C.
- Pris Daly & Linda Gallagher:* Fri Aft 299ers, Flights A & B.
- Joanne Chancey & Audrey Cerise:* Fri Aft 299ers, Flight C.
- George Runyan & Charles McHale, Jr.:* Sat AM Open Pairs, Flight A.
- Tipping Ellis & Langston Goldfinch:* Sat AM Open Pairs, Flight B.
- Janet Patterson & Bonnie Nelson:* Sat AM 299ers, Flight A.
- Carol Cocke & Linda Worley:* Sat AM 299ers, Flight B.
- William Beaushaw & Jeannie Beaushaw:* Sat AM 299ers, Flight C.
- David Bybee & Charles McHale, Jr.:* Fri Eve Open Pairs, Flight A.

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- Wanda Picarella & Sue Smith:* Fri Eve 299er Pairs, Flight A.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.
- David Wolf & Mickey Groggel:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.
- J. F. Lowenstein & Patti Harp:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight C.
- Richard Brammell & Ellie Brammell:* Sat Aft Open Pairs, Flight A.
- Irma Dearie & Lilian Kirshbom:* Sat Aft Open Pairs, Flights B & C.
- Lynn John Federico, Ronald Berenger, Jack Lewis, Jr., & Bernie Weiss:* Sun A/X Swiss, Flight X.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/07/0907029.htm>

Gulfport Grand Opening Sectional June 26-28, 2009

Firsts:

- Audrey Cerise & Joanne Chancey:* Fri Aft 299ers, Flight B.
- Sandra Brown & Madeline Tonti:* Fri Aft 299ers, Flight C.
- Michael Arthur & Elizabeth Arthur:* Fri Eve Open Pairs, Flight C.
- Ellie Miller & Bob Bowers:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.
- Keenan Romig & Bobbi Long:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.
- Michael Arthur & Elizabeth Arthur:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/06/0906104.htm>



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Christine Beesley
 Audrey D. Cerise
 Elizabeth F. Luke
 Barbara R. Satterlee
 Laurie St. Paul

NEW CLUB MASTER

Shirley L. Ruckert

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Jane W. Moses

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Bernie Weiss

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Sally L. Doody
 Debra Gay Falcon
 Dee Mumme
 Lydia K. Scanlon
 K. T. Snyder
 Kathleen R. Vogel



Upcoming Special Events

- **Baton Rouge Regional**, August 3-9.*
- **Unit Championship**, Wed., Aug. 12, 10:30 A.M.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Fri., Aug. 14, Noon.
- **Club Championship Week**, 8/17-8/23.
- **Unit Championship**, Tue., Aug. 25, 10:30 A.M.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Wed., Aug. 26, 10:30 A.M.
- **NAOP Qualifying Game**, Sat., Aug. 29, 10:30 A.M.
- **Unit Championship**, Mon., Sep. 7 (Labor Day), 10:30 A.M.
- **Memorial Game**, Sat., Sep. 12, time TBA.

*See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html for complete information about this event.



New Easybridge Classes

A new session of Easybridge classes starts on Thursday, September 10 at 9 a.m. Weekly lessons will continue each Thursday morning after that.

Can you think of someone who would like an opportunity to learn about our wonderful game? If so, please let them know. The first four lessons are free. Contact Suzanne Cliffe (895-5553) with questions about these lessons.



Wes Busby Tournament Thank You

...to our members for helping to make our recent tournament a huge success. Many members generously donated food or made cash contributions and we are most grateful. We would especially like to thank Theresa Federico who worked tirelessly throughout the tournament to keep the coffee flowing and provided unending assistance in the kitchen. We couldn't have done it without you!

Bobbi Long & Keenan Romig, Co-Chairs



In Case You Wondered

Unit 134 had 689 members as of June 30, 2009. This was a 10.23% increase for the past year – the largest percent increase of all units in District 10.

The average age of Unit 134 members was 70.43 years, compared to 69.55 years in 2008. Thanks to Ed Baldinger for these interesting facts.



70% Games

- 06/25 – Kathleen Vogel & K. T. Snyder 73.50%
- 06/25 – Duane Page & Evelyn Randall 72.85%
- 07/02 – Joan Van Geffen & B. B. Gordon 72.45%
- 07/16 – Evelyn Randall & Maureen Richoux 71.67%
- 07/20 – William Weiss & John Onstott 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

Convention Card (i.e., "System Card") and Partnership Understandings

Each partnership has a duty to make available its partnership understandings to opponents.

A player may make any call or play without prior announcement provided that such call or play is not based on an undisclosed partnership understanding. An agreement between partners is a partnership understanding, as in the case with any call that has an artificial meaning.

A player may not consult his own system card after the auction period commences until the END of the play. A player may consult the opponents' system card prior to commencement of the auction, during the auction, and during the play but ONLY at his turn to call or play.

When an opponent makes an unfamiliar call and you ask his partner to explain: If the partner does not know the meaning of the bid and the opponents' convention card does not describe the bid, you should call the director. The director asks the partner to leave the table, and the bidder will be directed to explain what his bid meant. You gain the knowledge you are entitled to.

Both members of a partnership must employ the same system that appears on their convention card and BOTH must have a convention card stating their systems agreements.



Memorial Game

The annual Memorial Game in honor of our deceased members will be held on Saturday, September 12th. If you would like to recognize anyone who has died this year with his or her name on our Memorial Plaque on the wall, please see Elaine Prager. The cost is \$20.

This is always a very nice event. More information and a sign-up sheet will be posted later in the month.



In Memoriam

Thomas E. Brown

