

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- October, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Calling all 299ers for the tournament to be held October 2-4. There will be great food, hand records, and lots of bridge. Pick up a copy of the schedule at the club. If you would like to help, please see Chairs JoAnne Chancey or Vivian Hill or see Mollie Fraser for Partnerships.

Looking back on September, we thank all who donated for our Labor Day celebration. A special thank you to Jackie Madden who made five pounds of chili for those hot dogs – and did much of the shopping and cooking. Thanks to Elaine Prager for coordinating our Memorial Game; unfortunately, the event was not well attended. The board will be discussing options for improving attendance next year – possibly moving to a daytime event or holding at another time of year. Also, EZ Bridge lessons started under Suzanne Cliffe (daytime) and Linda Stockton (nighttime). We are excited that we have approximately 30 new students.

We are starting a new program in October for the Wednesday daytime games called “Grand Slam Jackpot,” borrowed from our sister club in Baton Rouge. Optional entry is \$.25/player; the payout goes to anyone who bids and makes a grand slam. The pot will be shared if more than one partnership hits the “jackpot.” If there are no winners, the pot continues to grow – the recent payout in Baton Rouge was \$80. So come out and play on Wednesdays.

Our Halloween party will be Friday night, October 30th. Thanks to Beverly Karl for coordinating that event. Details will be posted later in the month. And don't forget the Dottie Toledano Tournament coming up November 5th-8th. Ellie Brammell and Juanita Heidingsfelder will be co-chairing that event and will appreciate your help; Jerri Stumpf is in charge of Partnerships.

We are looking for candidates who would like to run for our board of directors. If you are interested, please see Dianne Chesson or a committee member (Jeanie Weiss, Dee Moses, Jackie Madden) for more information.

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Awesome August Sectional
Houston, TX
August 21-23, 2009

Firsts:

William Beaushaw: Fri Eve 299er Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/08/0908023.htm>

Red River NLM Sectional
Alexandria, LA
September 11-13, 2009

Firsts:

Madeline Tonti & John Smythe: Fri Aft Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.

Madeline Tonti & John Smythe: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.

Madeline Tonti & John Smythe: Sun AM Pairs, Flight B.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/09/0909096.htm>

There were very few nearby tournaments for Unit 134 members to attend this month. But, next month's *Kibitzer* will have results from the big Tunica regional tournament and from our own 299er Sectional, among others.



70% Games

- 08/26 Stephen Kishner & Ben Mckown 70.83%
- 08/28 Doug de Montluzin & Emmanuel Benjamin 72.22%
- 09/23 Dot Babin & Maebeth Merritt 71.30%
- 09/24 Jim Kessler & Judy Serou 77.82%

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.



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Susan S. Beoubas
- Norton L. Berman
- Stanley Chioocchio
- Katherine Melius
- Judy L. Serou

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Marda F. Johnson
- Barbara M. Laverty
- Madeline W. Tonti
- Lester Wainer

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

- George W. Hill

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

- Patti A. Harp

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Ann A. Crane
 G. Price Crane
 Judee C. Flotron
 Linda C. Galliano
 Brady Lotridge
 Leanne J. Lotridge
 Jean F. Lyons
 Shirley B. Montz



Upcoming Special Events

- Metairie 299er Sectional, 10/02-10/04*.
- ACBL Club Appreciation Week, 10/05-10/11.
- Beaumont Regional, 10/12-10/18*.
- Gulfport Sectional, 10/15-10/18*.
- Lafayette Sectional, 10/23-10/25*.
- Unit Championship, Thu. Oct. 29, Noon.
- Mobile Sectional, 10/30-11/01*.
- Metairie Halloween Party, Fri. Oct 30, P.M. (time TBA). Costumes encouraged!
- Unit Championship, Sat. Oct. 31, Noon.
- Unit Championship, Mon. Nov. 2, 10:15 A.M.

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

[Ed: Jennie Flynn Sauviac requested that we reprint this editorial by Daryl Fisher from the December, 2000, issue of the Kibitzer.]

Too many players seem to hold the attitude that calling the Director is somehow wrong. Some are just too nice; they seem to believe that they should not bother the Director. Others take the position that they “know” what the Director would do anyway so calling him/her is unnecessary. Still others are embarrassed by calling the Director.

All of these players are wrong-headed. The Director's job is to ensure the fairness of the game for all players. When players don't call the Director, they are affecting the results of all players in the game. Whether they are too nice, fully “informed” about the Laws, or embarrassed, players should call the Director to make sure that all the players in the field play the game under the same rules.

When the Director is not called, numerous bad things can happen. If a rule is not enforced because the players don't want to bother the Director, all other players in the field are disadvantaged. When a rule is misapplied because a “knowledgeable” player “knows what to do”, all other players in the field are disadvantaged as well as the side that acquiesces in the mistaken action. Further, that side also may soon begin to view the Laws as unfair. Only the Director should be allowed to enforce the Laws. It's what we play them to do.



From the Bermuda Bowl

A bridge hand. Not just any bridge hand, but the 121st hand of the 128-board final of the recent Bermuda Bowl in Sao Paolo, Brazil. The USA2 team is leading the Italians. The 20-odd IMP lead could be cut considerably if the Italians can defeat a shaky slam when their teammates are in a making game.

Alfredo Versace of the Italian team sits West, vulnerable, holding:

♠ J 9 8 4 3
 ♥ A 10
 ♦ (Void)
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 5 2

After Eric Rodwell sitting North and not vulnerable opened 1 ♥, subsequent bidding made it clear that NS had a heart fit and the balance of points/controls and EW had a spade fit.

When Jeff Meckstroth, South, cue bid 5 ♦, Versace doubled, asking for a diamond lead. Rodwell then bid 6 ♥, passed around to Versace. With a clear way to defeat the slam, Versace doubled again.

While waiting for the lead, the expert Vugraph commentators debated the meaning of the second double. The consensus was that the first double meant “lead diamonds” and the second double undid the first one: “don't lead diamonds”. Versace's partner held the same opinion, for he led ♣ K from:

♠ Q 7 5 2
 ♥ (Void)
 ♦ K J 4 3 2
 ♣ K Q J 3.

Only the diamond lead would defeat the slam, which rolled in quickly. Letting a doubled slam make when it could be defeated was not a triumph for the Italians, but it was not a tragedy, either. For at the other table, the bidding was similar. Zia, sitting West for USA2, doubled a diamond cue bid, and also followed up with a double of six hearts. His partner, Bob Hamman, took the same meaning as the Italian East and led the club king, for a push board. In the end, the Italians could not catch up and USA2 won the Bermuda Bowl.

The World Bridge Federation. sponsors the Bermuda Bowl. For more information, see the WBF web site: www.worldbridge.org .



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.

