

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- November, 2009

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

We had a very successful 299er tournament; there were close to 76 tables – an increase of 40% over last Spring's attendance. Many thanks to all who contributed. We would also like to thank Beverly Karl for coordinating our Halloween party.

The Dottie Toledano Sectional will be held November 5th-8th. Co-Chairs Ellie Brammell and Juanita Heidingsfelder will be soliciting donations of food, cash, clean-up help, etc. We will once again offer a 0-20 masterpoint session on Thursday morning for our newest players. Come out and play!

Please be sure to note the date for the evening Christmas party. This event will be the first Saturday in December (5th) due to the Baton Rouge tournament scheduled the following weekend. There will be a silent auction board at the party this year, the proceeds of which will benefit the 2010 Nationals. Patti Harp and Gail Grant are recruiting volunteers to assist during the Nationals; please see one of them if you can help out one day.

Your board of directors has reviewed the time period allowed to dispute scores and make corrections; players will have 24 hours following the game to have a score changed; corrections after that time will be at the discretion of the director. Also, snacks will continue to be served at all games; however, Cheetos are being banned as too messy – sorry – we know that was a popular item. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

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Delta Dealin' Regional – Tunica MS September 21-27, 2009

Firsts:

Larry Federico, John Federico, Daryl Fisher, Bernie Weiss, Ronald Berenger: Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 2.
Michael & Elizabeth Arthur: Tue Eve Swiss Teams, Flights A & B.
Madeline Tonti & John Smythe: Tue-Wed AM Compact KO, Bracket 4.
Larry Federico, John Federico, Daryl Fisher, Bernie Weiss, Ronald Berenger: Wed-Thu KO, Bracket 2.
Daryl Fisher, Ronald Berenger: Fri-Sat KO, Bracket 2.
Lew Moore, Geoff Chichester, Douglas & Jane de Montluzin: Fri-Sat KO, Bracket 3.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/09/0909024.htm>

Metairie 299er Sectional October 2-4, 2009

Firsts:

Marilyn Downs & Jean Faia: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Janell & Orval Eberhart: Fri AM Pairs, Flight B.
Margaret Shirer & Odessa Burch: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.
Janeen & Paul Tucker: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Janell & Orval Eberhart: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Stephanie Musser & Marda Johnson: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Sandra Brown & Patricia Burke: Sat AM Pairs, Flights A & B.
Mark Henderson & Pauline Jones: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Stephen Kishner & Ben Mckown: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Marvin Bernstein, Victor Law, Harriet Nelson, & Joan Vollenweider: Sun Swiss, Flights A & B.

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For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/10/0910056.htm>

Gulport, MS Sectional October 16-18, 2009

Firsts:

Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight A.
Paul Deal & Chuck Pitard: Fri Compact KO.
Lew Moore, Geoff Chichester, Patricia Kessler & Peggy Allen: Fri Compact KO Consolation.
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Fri Eve Open Pairs, Flight A.
Iype Koshy: Sat Compact KO.
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Sat Aft Open Pairs, Flight A.
Linda & Alan Jacobs: Sat Aft 199er Pairs, Flight A.
Linda Stockton, Colleen Walker, Linda Fox & Brady Lotridge: Sunday Swiss, Flight B.
Lew Moore, Geoff Chichester, Patricia Kessler & Peggy Allen: Sunday Swiss, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:
<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/10/0910045.htm>



A Freudian Slip?

From a real e-mail to the Baton Rouge bridge club members: "I am looking for a bridge pardoner for Sunday, Oct 25."

Oh, let us all try to make bids that do not require a "pardonner" to be sitting across the table.



70% Games

- 09/26 Larry Federico & Idell Adams 72.14%
- 10/08 Barbara Diano & Evelyn DeLaureal 91.67%
- 10/08 Gilda Stire & Aubrey Wild 75.00%
- 10/14 Judy Katz & Joan Van Geffen 71.31%
- 10/15 Sarah Pasternak & Linda Jacobs 72.36%
- 10/20 Gaynell Dreher & Joseph Dreher 83.33%
- 10/20 Edi Federoff & Peggy Armstrong 100.0% (!)
- 10/22 Toni Talbott & William Vollenweider 72.93%
- 10/23 Judy Katz & Maurice Katz 70.03%

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

- Caroline S. Chiochio
- Stephen Kishner
- Barbara B. Morgan

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Norma P. Dupont
- Carl J. Koppeis

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

- Debra Gay Falcon

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

- Marvin Bernstein
- John T. Patterson

NEW NABC MASTERS

- Stanley I. Goldberg
- Fred R. Kolb

- Jane J. Patterson

- Louis R. Richardson

- Patricia C. Turner

- Carolyn G. York

NEW LIFE MASTERS

- Eileen R. Bagnetto
- Richard L. Bagnetto
- Cristi L. Nelson

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

- Eileen R. Bagnetto

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

- Richard L. Bagnetto
- Margaret Booth
- Gail D. Grant
- Carl S. Merlin

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Shirley C. Friend
- Margaret N. Shirer



Upcoming Special Events

- **Mobile Sectional**, 10/30-11/01*.
- **Unit Championship**, Mon. Nov. 2, 10:15 AM.
- **Dottie Toledano Sectional, Metairie**, 11/05-11/08*.
- **Baton Rouge 0-300 Regional**, 11/12-11/15. (Red Points opportunity for 299ers.) *
- **Unit Championship**, Fri. Nov. 13, Noon.
- **NAOP Flights B&C Unit Qualifying Finals**, Sat. Nov. 14, Noon. (District Finals will be in Jackson, MS, Jan. 15-17, 2010.)
- **Club Championship Week**, 11/16-11/22.
- **ACBL-Wide Charity Game**, Mon. Nov. 30, 7:15 PM.

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Psyches (Part 1)

Psyches are an integral part of the game. The current regulation [*Ed: This was written in October, 2001*] defines it as an INTENTIONAL and gross deviation from the expected length and/or strength. ACBL regulations define "Gross" as more than 2 HCP or more than one card in suit length. However, the ACBL also recognizes that psyches may distort the game and its regulations specifically prohibit players from using controlled psyches (ones that can be accommodated in the auction) or from having a partnership understanding about situations in which to psyche. In short, a legitimate psychic bid should be a surprise to everyone at the table.

It is important to realize that there is a distinction between a psyche and a misleading bid. There are many misleading bids that game directors should not treat as psyches. For example: 1♥ - X - 1♠ (or variations) is always suspect, and claims for protection are laughable unless made by a very inexperienced player. The inexperienced player should be told that this type of misleading bid is an integral part of the game. Of course, any player who would psyche against a novice should be sent to enroll in a course in Class.

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Wednesday Jackpot Underway

October 14, 2009: Wednesday director Tippi Ellis reports, "Today was the second Wednesday of the Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpot. We had winners! Lil Breen-Bummy Rosenfield and Mike Falcon-Jeffrey Reilly both bid and made 7♦ on board 15. They split a pot of \$10.50."

The pot size for the week is posted in the hallway with the Wednesday scores. Come out and play in the Wednesday daytime game for a chance to win.



Thank You

Thank you to the more than fifty bridge club members who donated \$1000 to the Neph-Cure Foundation for research to help find a cure for my grandson's kidney disease. Garrett's mother expresses so well what your kindness has meant to me and our family: "The support from so many strangers has been an awesome thing for Garrett! He is fifteen years old and has fought this disease for twelve and a half years so he doesn't ever remember being a "normal" kid. There are so many negative things in his life from this disease but through the money raised for his team he is able to see how many people he has in his corner praying for a cure. It is heartwarming and has resulted in more smiles from him than we have seen in years. My other two sons are even more excited – oh how they love their brother!"

My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Juanita Heidingsfelder

