

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- February, 2010

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

We welcome new board members Don Daigle, Patti Harp, and Alan Jacobs. We would also like to thank Geoff Chichester, Ray Gandolfi, and John Mitchell for their commitment to the club and willingness to serve on the board. Hopefully, you will run again next year.

Officers for the coming year will be the same with one exception: Jackie Madden will serve as Vice President, Jim Thornton as Treasurer and Dianne Chesson as Secretary. Membership is being taken over by new board member Patti Harp and Elaine Prager will continue as liaison with our directors. Also, Tim Calamari will continue to handle the never-ending job of club maintenance; Ellie Brammell will continue to purchase kitchen/janitorial supplies and club refreshments. John Onstott will be chairing Conduct and Ethics; John Federico, who is not on the board this year, is working very hard at the many tasks required for a smooth-running Nationals Tournament in New Orleans this July.

We are working to improve communication to our members. We have new bulletin boards for both the Open and Novice/Intermediate players to apprise you of upcoming events. Please check the boards frequently. Also, thanks to Don Daigle, we have set up an e-mail notification system to inform club members with e-mail of what is coming up on the calendar. If you did not receive our first notification and would like to be included, please add your name to the posted signup sheet.

Keenan Romig, President



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Explanation of a Bid

A bid that does not have a clear meaning is made by an opponent. You ask the partner to explain their agreement, and he says he does not know what the bid means. You are entitled to know the correct meaning of the bid, and should call the Director. The Director will ask the partner to step away from the table and the person making the bid to explain the full meaning of his bid.



Tournament Results

Kansas City, KS

December 26-31, 2009

Firsts:

Cherryl Mitchell & John Mitchell: Sunday Evening Swiss, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2009/12/0912010.htm>

Metairie Rosenblum Sectional

January 7-10, 2010

Firsts:

Pat Desforges & Maryann Joyner: Thu AM 0-20 Pairs.
Michael & Debra Gay Falcon: Thu Aft Pairs, Flights A & B.
Neal & Walter Frey: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Jane & John Patterson: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Joan Vollenweider & Claire Stahel: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flt E.

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Katherine Melius & Joy Ellen Strain: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.

Dale Strickland & Peggy McCranie: Fri AM 0-20 Pairs.

Anne Plauche & Ronald Berenger: Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flt A.

Michael & Debra Gay Falcon: Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight B.

Lynn Giordano & Juanita Heidingsfelder: Fri Aft Open Pairs, Flight C.

Carol Bagalman & Rose Liljeberg: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flights D, E, and F.

John Onstott & Jim Krekorian: Thu PM Pairs, Flight A.

David Woods & Sigurd Nordvoll: Thu PM Pairs, Flts B & C.

John Onstott & Jim Krekorian: Fri PM Pairs, Flight A.

Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Fri PM Pairs, Flts B & C.

Charles McHale & George Runyan: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flight A.

Sanford & Martie Sisco: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flts B & C.

George & Vivian Hill: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flts D & E.

Madeline Tonti & Patricia Burke: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flt F.

Larry Federico & Idell Adams: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flt A.

Merle Lachin & Margaret Watson: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flights B & C.

Sylvia Kitziger & Marilyn Downs: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt D.

George & Vivian Hill: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt E.

Curtis Manning & Jeffrey Perigoni: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt F.

John Onstott, Iype Koshy, Jim Krekorian, David McDonald: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.

Stephen Heffner, Karen Lea, Linda Angelle, Nancy Neuharth: Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.

Sid & Mary LeBlanc, Suzanne & Bob Wooderson: Sun BC Swiss, Flight B.

Jane & John Patterson, Linda & Alan Jacobs: Sun BC Swiss, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2010/01/1001042.htm>



70% Games

- 1/07 Pat Desforges & Maryann Joyner 70.03%
- 1/07 John Onstott & Jim Krekorian 73.26%
- 1/11 Joan Van Geffen & J. Lowenstein 76.00%
- 1/14 Betty Davidson & Tom Davidson 71.67%

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

- Linda J. Ash
- Myrle Dey
- Ann B. Farrelly
- Peggy McCranie
- Gail W. Perry
- Dale C. Strickland

NEW CLUB MASTER

- Charley J. Wilson

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

- William M. Beaushaw
- Karen P. Dugan
- Pat S. Emerson
- Gilbert Ross
- Helen Ross
- John W. Smythe
- Madeline W. Tonti

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

- Richard W. Osborne

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

- Ronald Giroir
- Jan Jones

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

- Delmae Breerwood
- Dianne B. Chesson

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Holly B. Adams
- Larry J. Federico
- Margaret A. Grainger
- Inda M. Kleinschmidt
- Mrs. G. M. Le Blanc
- Jack L. Phillips
- Frank W. Vollenweider
- Andrew P. Walker



Upcoming Special Events

- **STAC Week:** 02/01-02/07, \$8.00 entry fee.
- **Houston Regional Tournament:** 02/01-02/07.*
- **Unit Championship / Mardi Gras Party:** Tue., 02/16, Time TBA, no extra fee.
- **Hattiesburg Sectional Tournament:** 02/19-02/21.*
- **Seniors Game:** Mon., 02/22, 10:30 AM (must be 55+ years young to play).
- **Club Championship Week:** 03/01-03/07, all sessions, no extra fee.
- **Lake Charles 0-nlm/500 Sectional Tournament:** 03/05-03/07.*

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



Extra Points for Night Owls!

Come out to play in the open games on Monday and Thursday nights. These games award roughly double the number of masterpoints, at no extra charge. In a recent 6-table game, the first place award was 2.67 masterpoints.



Online Bridge Demonstrations

Internet bridge lessons will be offered in February. Learn how to use BBO (Bridge Base Online). Improve your play or just have fun! If you have a laptop, bring it. Two sessions are scheduled:

- (1) Tue., Feb. 9 after the game - 2:30ish with Tippi Ellis tellis1998@aol.com
- (2) Sat., Feb. 20 before the game - 10:30am with Lillian Range LRange@olhcc.edu or 594-398-2114.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the club, or you can contact Tippi or Lillian for more information.

Can't wait? Try it first by pointing your browser to: www.bridgebase.com and click on "Play Bridge Now", to see the browser-based version of BBO. You'll be asked to set up a user i.d. and password. After trying this browser-based version for a few days, try downloading and installing BBO's Windows program (if you have a Windows PC, of course.) This writer prefers the "look and feel" and features of the Windows version to the browser version.

These things are free on BBO: joining, playing in informal pickup games, kibitzing star players who are playing in pickup games or team games, watching Vugraph presentations of major national and international matches; and playing in "fun" tournaments. Optionally, you can pay to play in ACBL-sanctioned tournaments and other pay tournaments run by BBO and various clubs there, and to play with and/or against BBO robots (i.e., bridge-playing computer programs) who play 2 over 1 and will help you learn it.

Don't discard Bridge Baron, though. One of the endearing features of the Baron is that whenever your side gets the bid, he lets you play the hand.



Wednesday Jackpot Report

On Wed., Jan 6, second-time jackpot winners Bummie Rosenfield and Lil Breen bid and made 7♥ on Board 30. Sid and Bill Weiss bid and made 7♠ on Board 2. Both grand slams happened in the last round although both boards made 7 in every preceding round. The winners split a jackpot of \$19.

On Wed., Jan 13, Martie and Sandy Sisco won a jackpot of \$6.50 by bidding 7♦ on board 8. The jackpot as of Jan. 20 has \$5.50.



In Memoriam

Janis Berenson

