

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- March, 2010

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Thanks to all who contributed to our Mardi Gras "pot luck" and decided to forego the parades for our favorite pastime.

Congratulations to the 2009 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners (see below). Winners and runners-up are posted on the club bulletin board. The Ace of Clubs masterpoint races are won by the player in each masterpoint category who earns the most masterpoints in club games during the year. Mini-McKenney awards are based on total masterpoints earned, except for points earned online.

We are in the process of setting up a lending library of bridge reference books. Don Daigle has volunteered to serve as librarian. If you have bridge books you would like to donate to the club, please see Don. He is also coordinator for our monthly email notification of club events. Please be sure that he has your email address if you wish to receive our news updates.

We are working with ACBL to resolve the "glitches" we have encountered a couple of times in the awarding of extra masterpoints at our Monday and Thursday night open games. The board instituted the policy of awarding extra masterpoints—at the club's expense—to boost participation in those games. We have seen an increase in attendance at those games and plan to continue those awards. Come and play!

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Biloxi, MS

January 25-31, 2010

Firsts:

Joan Wood & Carolyn McKeough: Mon Aft 199er Pairs, Flights A & B.

Orval & Janell Eberhart: Mon PM Future Stars Pairs, Flt A.

Paul & Janeen Tucker: Tue AM 199er Pairs, Flight A.

Marilyn Downs, Joann Ippolito, Sylvia Kitziger & Madonna Abrams: Mon-Tue KO Bracket 5.

Larry Federico & Lynn John Federico: Tue PM Side Game, Flight A.

Orval Eberhart & Madeline Tonti: Wed AM 199er Pairs, Flight A.

Sid & Mary Leblanc, Bob & Suzanne Wooderson: Tue-Wed KO Bracket 3.

Jane & John Patterson: Thu Aft Side Game, Flts B & C.

Charley Wilson & Ueli Geissmann: Thu Aft 199er Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.

David Bybee & Charles McHale, Jr.: Thu Senior Pairs, Flt A.

Louise Saik & Rufus Harris, Jr.: Fri AM Side Game, Flt C.

Stephen Heffner & Richard Osborne: Fri Aft Senior Pairs, Flights B & C.

Jeffrey Perigoni & Curtis Manning: Fri Aft 199er Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.

Ellen Pittman & Cristi Nelson: Thu-Fri KO Bracket 3.

Stephen Heffner & Richard Osborne: Fri PM Side Game, Flights B & C.

Victor Law & Marvin Bernstein: Fri Open Pairs, Flts B & C.

Paul Deal, Jan Galey, Craig & Carol Cordes: Fri PM Swiss, Flight A.

Alan & Linda Jacobs: Sat Aft 199er Pairs, Flight A.

Stephen Heffner & Richard Osborne: Sat Senior Pairs, Flights B & C.

John Onstott & Iype Koshy: Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1.

David Wolf: Sat PM Swiss, Flights A & B.

Fred Kolb, Paul Tucker, Orval Eberhart, & Patricia Turner: Sun Swiss, Flight C.

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For complete Biloxi tournament results, see: <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2010/01/1001003.htm>

Houston, TX Lone Star Regional February 1-7, 2010

Firsts:

Edmund Cappel: Yvette Jackson AM Side Game, Flight A.

Sally Toups, Patti Harp, J. F. Lowenstein: Thu-Fri KO Bracket 4.

William Beaushaw: Sat AM 299er Pairs, Flight C.

For complete tournament results, see: <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2010/02/1002003.htm>



2009 Unit 134 Winners

Mini-McKenney	Point Range	Ace of Clubs
John Smythe	0-5	John Smythe
Orval Eberhart	5-20	Orval Eberhart
Lew Moore	20-50	Audrey Cerise
Paul Tucker	50-100	Marilyn Ducasse
Fred Kolb	100-200	Emmanuel Benjamin
J. Lowenstein	200-300	J. Lowenstein
Patti Harp	300-500	Helen St. Romain
Bernie Weiss	500-1000	Marise Hambrick
John Federico	1000-2500	William Weiss
Iype Koshy	2500-5000	B. B. Gordon
Kitten Haag	5000-7500	John Brumfield
James Bush	7500-10000	James Bush
John Onstott	10000+	Jean Talbot



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70% Games

- 1/26 Cheryl Lafranz & Jane Patterson 70.0%
- 1/27 Pam Marinaro & Carl Koppeis 71.68%
- 1/30 Larry Federico & Idell Adams 73.44%
- 2/11 Kathy Gray & Margaret Ponseti 73.64%
- 2/18 Margaret Ponseti & Kathy Gray 75.68%

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**
 Christina C. Crutcher
 Loretta N. Mercola
 Joy Ellen Strain
- NEW CLUB MASTERS**
 Ueli W. Geissmann
 Madeline S. Hebert
 Stephen Kishner
 Betty G. Schexnaydre
- NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS**
 William R. Gentry
 Jack K. Walker
- NEW REGIONAL MASTER**
 Ellen H. Lappa
- NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS**
 J. F. Lowenstein
 Cristi L. Nelson

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Donna Engelhart
- Tink Friedrichs
- Doris Gavins
- Minia B. Hamilton
- Carol M. York



Upcoming Special Events

- **Club Championship Week:** 03/01-03/07, all sessions, no extra fee.
- **Lake Charles 0-nlm/500 Sectional Tournament:** 03/05-03/07.*
- **Unit Championship:** Wed., 03/10, 10:30 AM, no extra fee.
- **Reno NABC:** 03/11-03/21.*
- **Alexandria Sectional Tournament:** 03/12-03/14.*
- **Gulfport 0-300 Sectional Tournament:** 03/19-03/21.*
- **Unit Championship:** Thu., 03/25, Noon, no extra fee.
- **Baton Rouge Sectional Tournament:** 03/25-03/28.*

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



In Memoriam

Maurice (Hippo) Katz



For the Partner Who Has Everything

When her children ask for her Christmas or birthday wish list, Eileen Bagnetto tells them, “If I can’t eat it or read it, I don’t want it.” She may want to amend that to include a gift certificate for play at the club. The cards are available from the directors in the five-play version shown below and also in a one-play version.

Please enjoy

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At the Louisiana Bridge Association in Metairie

Compliments of _____

Selling Director _____ Date Issued _____

Present this card to the Director.

Dates Used:
 (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____



Goodbye, Partner

When playing bridge online, one must choose a user ID, and may also write a few lines of description as a profile. Most people use this space to describe the system they play, but some write comments unrelated to bridge. I discovered one BBO user who chose a user ID of CH3CH2OH. And his profile said, "My daughters, C12H22O11 and C6H12O6, are sweet. My wife NH3NI3 is touchy."

Wishing to understand the joke, I sent an email to Dr. Frank Groves, Baton Rouge bridge club member and ChemE professor emeritus. He replied, on Feb. 1:

“Your online chemist's ID is the formula for ethyl alcohol. The C12 compound is sucrose – table sugar. The C6 compound is fructose – used nowadays to sweeten many soft drinks. The third compound looks like an ammonia adduct of nitrogen tri-iodide. It is an explosive material – very sensitive to mechanical shock. Compounds like this often cause serious accidents in college labs when inexperienced grad students try to make them.

“How about "dem Saints"! The only football team with its own definite article. “

I was very sad to learn that Frank died on February 14. Frank was my first partner in Baton Rouge after hurricane Katrina. In addition to teaching me how to use the bidding boxes, he taught thousands of students in a 45-year career at L.S.U., volunteered in numerous worthwhile activities, and was a thoughtful and very pleasant bridge partner. My condolences to his wife Mary and son Frank. Goodbye, Frank. Many people will miss you.

Peggy Allen



Wednesday Jackpot Report

On January 27th Maebeth Merritt and Dot Babin won \$8.50 by bidding and making 7♠ on board 8. On February 3rd Tim Calamari and Roy Richardson won \$4.50 by bidding and making 7N on board 11. As of February 21 there is \$9 in the Grand Slam Jackpot.

