

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association -- July, 2010

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

The club will celebrate Independence Day on Monday July 5th with our usual games. Fried chicken and red beans and rice will be provided; salads, desserts, deviled eggs, etc., are all needed and would be much appreciated.

The Nationals are nearly here. If you are interested in obtaining a carpool pass for four persons, please complete one of the applications on the bulletin board by the front door. The deadline is July 3rd. Also, please consider attending Breakfast with the Stars on Sunday, July 25th. The breakfast buffet is very reasonably priced and the proceeds are earmarked for youth programs at our own club. The Time Picayune will be covering this event. See the flyer on the front bulletin board for more details or contact John or Cheryl Mitchell.

The club will be closed beginning Thursday July 22nd and will reopen on Monday August 2nd. We will use this opportunity to get the carpets cleaned and try to do a little extra cleaning. We welcome Susan Brennan who is now serving our janitorial needs.

Due to changes in ACBL rules, the practice of awarding extra masterpoints for evening games will be offered ONLY on the first Monday and the second Thursday of each month.

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Gulfport MS Sectional June 11-13, 2010

Firsts:

- Bob Bowers & Ellie Miller:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- Linda Stockton & Colleen Walker:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
- Curtis Manning & Jeffrey Perigoni:* Fri Aft 299er Pairs, Flight B.
- Debbie Rothschild & Carolyn McKeough:* Fri Eve 299er Pairs, Flight B.
- Paul Deal & Jan Galey:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.
- David Wolf & Mickey Groggel:* Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.

Baton Rouge LA Sectional June 24-27, 2010

Firsts:

- Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen:* Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen:* Thu Eve Pairs, Flight A.
- Bob Bowers & Ellie Miller:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Fri Eve Pairs, Flight A.
- Edmund Cappel:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Sat AM Pairs, Flight A.
- Barbara Zelenka & Barbara Satterlee:* Sat AM 299er Pairs, Flight F.
- Gloria McMurry & Gail Perry:* Sat Aft 299er Pairs, Flight F.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Sun A/X Swiss, Flight A.

Hot Springs AR Regional May 17-23, 2010

Firsts:

- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Wed Open Pairs, Flight A.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 1.
- John Onstott & Iype Koshy:* Thu Aft Side Game, Flight A.

Results of completed tournaments and schedules for upcoming tournaments can always be found at:

<http://www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html>



Alerts (Away from the Table)

- If you know of someone who should receive a condolence card from the club due to illness, etc., please contact Nancy Gates at 888-0519.
- We are holding games and lessons daily. Often a presentation is going on at one end of the room when a game is in progress at the other end of the room. Sometimes games begin or end at different times. It is wonderful to have all this activity but it often results in a great deal of noise or distraction. To help alleviate that, we have purchased a portable partition. The partition is not expected to block out all noise but is expected to diminish the noise level and distractions when it may be nice to have that. The partition was not intended to be a barrier or separator between the two sections other than for short periods when it may be helpful to use it. It moves easily and its portability should result in expanded usage for other purposes over time. Thank you.
- The August issue of the *Kibitzer* may be delayed due to the editor and regular contributors thereto working and playing at the NABC, July 21-August 1. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay.



In Memoriam

Elizabeth "Betty Anne" Richard



70% Games

- 5/24 Paul Freese & Ronald Berenger 70.83%
- 5/28 Martha Boudreaux & Nelda Sibley 75.00%
- 6/10 Kathleen Vogel & Gigi Matthews 80.56%
- 6/10 Margaret Ponseti & Kathy Gray 73.61%
- 6/10 Nancy Marks & Marcia Molloy 70.83%
- 6/23 John Onstott & Larry Federico 75.69%

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

- Holly B. Adams
- Frederick R. Bott
- Hunter B. McFadden
- Beth Todd
- Carolyn M. Trapp
- Merilee B. Vanderbrook

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Elizabeth F. Luke
- Maureen C. Richoux

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

- Patricia W. Burke
- Joy K. Eigher
- Stephen Kishner
- Jenny F. Rich

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

- Mary Ann Chesson
- Madeline W. Tonti

NEW NABC MASTERS

- Louise H. Saik
- Paul C. Tucker

Congratulations to these members upon their advancement in rank.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Penny Patron
- Richard A. Whann
- Don Wurst



Upcoming Special Events

- Unit Championship Game:** Saturday July 3rd, Noon, no extra fee.
- NAOP Qualifying Game:** Monday July 5th, 10:30 AM, \$1.00 extra fee.
- NAOP Qualifying Game:** Thursday July 8th, 7:15 PM, \$1.00 extra fee.
- Unit Championship game:** Saturday July 17th, Noon, no extra fee.
- *New Orleans Summer NABC:** 07/21-08/01.
- NAOP Qualifying Game:** Wednesday August 4th, Noon, \$1.00 extra fee.
- *Lake Charles Sectional:** August 5th - 8th.
- Unit Championship Game:** Monday August 9th, 10:30 AM, no extra fee.

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



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Debbie and Mike Falcon won a Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpot of \$15.00 during June.



Breakfast for Our Future

The proceeds of “**Breakfast with the Stars**” go to **our club** to be used for youth development. Imagine having a lovely meal on the 41st Floor of the Marriott Hotel and sitting with two real world champions. Who doesn’t want to improve their game? Here’s your opportunity to learn a few tips from the experts and know that your \$25.00 ticket price comes back to our club.

Reserve your place early and get your pick of the tables. “**Breakfast with the Stars**” at the New Orleans Summer NABC takes place on Sunday July 25th in the River View Room. Call Cheryl Mitchell at (504) 455-2100 to reserve or for more details.



Know the Director’s Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Mistaken Bid Vs. Mistaken Explanation (Or, “Victimized by the Rules” – Law 75)

Members of the Jury, were N/S the victims of one opponent’s forgetting which convention they agreed to play?

West, when asked about the meaning of East’s bid, quoted the agreement stated on their convention card. Over East’s bid, South did not have to bid, but chose to after hearing West’s explanation. During the play it became obvious, when East took most of the tricks, that West’s explanation did not match the cards that East held.

N/S’s lawyer could not win, after the Duplicate Laws were presented to the Jury. As the Director had ruled, East had made a “Mistaken Bid”; the score stands. The partnership agreement was explained (as shown on E/W’s convention card); the mistake was in East’s bid. Here, there is no infraction of the Laws since N/S did receive an accurate description of the E/W agreement. The Laws do not give N/S a claim to an accurate description of the E/W hands when East has forgotten the agreement stated on their Convention Card.

The verdict would have been very different if it would have been a “Mistaken Explanation”. If the actual partnership agreement was mistakenly explained – in other words, if the Convention Card showed a different agreement – this is an infraction of the law. The Laws require an accurate description of the partnership agreement. If this infraction results in damage to the non-offending side, the director shall award an adjusted score.

One final important note: if a mistaken bid or mistaken explanation has been given by the declaring side, they must provide a correct explanation of a bid before the opening lead is faced. If the offending side is defending, they must wait until the play ends before supplying a correction. The reason for this difference in protocol is that any attempt to correct a Mistaken Bid or Explanation by a defender before the hand is over only provides potentially Unauthorized Information to the defender’s partner that may make achieving a normal result on the board impossible.

