

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – November, 2010

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

November is the time to give thanks. In that spirit, the board has named the afternoon events at the Dottie Toledano Tournament (November 11th-14th) in honor of Ed Baldinger and the late Layton Merritt. Both of these men served numerous years on the board of directors and held the office of President. They have devoted countless hours to the service of our club in many ways and this recognition is one way we can say "thank you."

Carolyn York and Betty Townsend are the co-chairs for the November tournament. Please support them with your assistance and donations. Many thanks to Debbie Rothschild and Carolyn McKeough and all who donated to make the Fall 299er Tournament a huge success.

We have changed the format for recognition of deceased members. There will be a Memorial Recognition ceremony held between the Saturday sessions of the Rosenblum Tournament in January for those members deceased since September 2009. This is replacing the Memorial Game dinner traditionally held in September since it has been poorly attended in recent years. If you wish to sponsor a deceased member with a plaque (\$20), please see Elaine Prager.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Baton Rouge LA 0-300 Sectional October 1-3, 2010

Firsts:

Charley Wilson & Ueli Geissman: Sat AM Pairs, Flight C.
Barbara Zelenka & Barbara Satterlee: Sat Aft Pairs, Flt C.

Metairie Fall 299er Sectional October 8-10, 2010

Firsts:

Nelson Daigle & Kathleen Savino: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Patricia Burke & Muffin Balart: Fri AM Pairs, Flts B & C.
Bonnie Nelson & Janet Patterson: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Jeffrey Perigoni & Tom Dunn: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Barbara Satterlee & Barbara Zelenka: Fri Aft Pairs, Flt C.
Linda Gallagher & Audrey Cerise: Sat AM Pairs, Flight A.
Shirley Ruckert & Doris Galvins: Sat AM Pairs, Flts B & C..
George & Vivian Hill: Sat Aft Pairs, Flights A & B.
Margaret Ellis & Betty Parke: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Louise Saik, Joanne Chancey, Audrey Cerise & Holly Adams:
Sun Swiss, Flight A.

Gulfport MS Sectional October 15-17, 2010

Firsts:

Victor Law: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Wanda Hoffmeister & Betty Parke: Sat Aft 199er Pairs,
Flights A & B.
Paul Deal & James Bush: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Karen Lea, Celeste Bowden, Ellen Pittman, Carol Perrin:
Sun Swiss, Flight B.

Philadelphia PA Regional October 1-16, 2010

Firsts:

Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Sun 10/10 Open Pairs, Flt C.
Results of completed tournaments and schedules for upcoming
tournaments can always be found at:

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

Schedule Change Alerts

The Daytime Holiday Party will be on Saturday December 4 (not on December 17 as was previously reported.)

The Sunday afternoon open pairs game has been cancelled until further notice, but the Sunday afternoon Swiss will continue to be held.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Joan Van Geffen, who reached a very special masterpoint milestone at the recent Tunica regional tournament. Joan earned her 15,000th masterpoint in Tunica.



Gold Points at the Club

I was delighted by the turnout for the ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game on September 16th. At least seven tables were needed if the top NS and EW pairs would earn a gold point, and precisely seven tables were in play that evening. I was even more delighted to see a Flight C pair win in their direction. A Flight B pair won in the other direction. The winning pairs were: Ben McKown & Stephen Kishner and Gail Grant & David Bybee.

Jeffrey Reilly, Director



Wednesday Jackpot Report

As the only pair to bid and make a grand slam on October 13 (or on any Wednesday since the last report) Judy Katz and Joan Van Geffen shared a \$40 jackpot.



70% Games

- 10/07 Denise Thornton & Denise Nagim 74.50%
- 10/07 Frank Whitely & Fran Whitely 83.18%
- 10/14 Gilda Stire & Aubrey Wild 75.65%
- 10/20 Judy Katz & Joan Van Geffen 71.54%

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.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Gregory E. Blum, Sr.
- David K. Roberts
- Janis K. Roberts



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Kathleen R. Gray
- Jeanette R. Hachtel
- Mary Ellen Kilgore

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Christine Beesley
- Charles R. McMurry

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

- Ueli W. Geissmann

Congratulations to these Unit 134 members upon their advancement in rank.



Happening Online in November: Watch selected sessions from the Orlando Fall NABC at Bridgebase Online. Check the Vugraph schedule later in the month at:

www.bridgebase.com/vugraph



Upcoming Special Events

Club Championship Week: November 1st - 7th, all sessions, no extra fee.

***Metairie Dottie Toledano Sectional:** November 11th - 14th.

Unit Championship Game: Thursday November 18th, Noon, no extra fee.

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday November 25th, club will be closed.

Metairie Evening Holiday Party: Saturday, December 4th, time TBA.

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



In Memoriam

Carol Jean ("C. J.") Hoadley

John W. Roach, Jr.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Major or Minor Penalty Card?

(continued from last month)

The more common penalty card is the Major Penalty Card. A major penalty card is the result of 1) intentional play (as in failure to follow suit when the player could have), 2) the exposure of two or more cards at the same time, or 3) the accidental exposure of an honor. The Laws require that the major penalty card remain on the table face up and that it be played at its first legal opportunity. In other words, the offender must play that card (and no other) to a trick if that suit is led, if the offender gains the lead, or if the offender is unable to follow to the lead of another suit. Also, if the offender's partner gains the lead, Declarer has the right to require the offender to lead the penalty card in place of his partner leading. Further, Declarer may forbid or require the offender's partner to lead the suit represented by the penalty card. If Declarer exercises either option the major penalty card is returned to the offender's hand and any legal card may be played at the offender's turn to play. Also, failure to play the major penalty card is a violation of the Laws, and any card played when the penalty card should have been played automatically becomes a penalty card.

Finally, on occasion, a defender will have more than one Major Penalty Card on the table. In that situation, at either defender's turn to lead, Declarer may forbid or demand the lead of any one or two (or three! or four!!) of the suits that are penalty cards. Should Declarer demand or forbid a suit, the offender may return the penalty card(s) from that suit to his hand, and the offender may play any card of that suit to the lead. Further, if more than one penalty card from a suit is on the table, Declarer may choose which one must be led or played.

And finally, here are two notes from an article Toby Bassett wrote for the November, 1994, *Kibitzer*: 1) During play, neither the Declarer nor the dummy can have a penalty card. 2) When you have an exposed card, call the Director and insist that all the options be explained.

Ask the Director ...

If you have a question about a specific situation or ruling, write a brief description of your question and leave it in the *Kibitzer* envelope on the hall bulletin board. We'll try to get the answer for you in an upcoming issue.



The NBPS

The NBPS (Non-Bridge Playing Spouse) recently walked by my desk as I was studying some results from the club on www.la-bridge.com. He was singing (to the tune of Kenny Rogers' *The Gambler*) "You never count your eye-em-pees while you're sittin' at the table ..."

