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Louisiana Bridge Association – January, 2011

Peggy Allen, Editor

President’s Message

This is my last President’s Message as I will be leaving the board of directors. Also leaving the board are Elaine Prager, Ellie Brammell and Jackie Madden. They have worked hard and done a great job for the club. Joining the board will be Sid LeBlanc (returning after taking a year’s rest), Jim Kessler, Jenny Rich, and Bill Weiss. Due to the withdrawal of the other candidates, we have four nominees for the four openings so that there is no need to have an election. To the new members, thank you for your willingness to serve your club. Returning members are Tim Calamari, Dianne Chesson, Don Daigle, Patti Harp, Alan Jacobs, John Onstott and Jim Thornton. We are fortunate to have such wonderful board members. Please support your board; they are very dedicated in their efforts on your behalf.

The Rosenblum Tournament comes right on the heels of the holidays (Thursday January 6th through Sunday January 9th). Chairing that event are Tippi Ellis and Debbie Falcon. Partnerships chairs are Rosemary Austin and Nelson Daigle. Please sign-up to assist them however you can.

One of the board members commented recently that she was amazed at all the “silent angels” working quietly behind the scenes to ensure a smooth-running organization. In addition to board members and tournament chairs, we would like to thank the following members for their special efforts on our behalf: Club Managers Sally Toups and Jean Talbot; Dick Brammell (tournament sanctions); Dee Moses (calendar); Jan Jones and her decorating team (Debbie Falcon, Joann Ippolito, Syvilia Kitzinger, Maureen Richoux, Jenny Rich, Hope Read, Madonna Abrams, and Debbie Rothschild – who is assuming the job of chairperson for 2011); Jeanie Weiss (bridge supplies and card replacement); Ann Barone (gardener); Jennie Sauviac (Intermediate/Novice Coordinator); Nancy Gates (condolence and get well cards); Linda Stockton (monthly reports to ACBL); Lil Range (Hall of Fame); Theresa Federico (tournament publicity); and Peggy Allen (*Kibitzer* editor and website maintenance). My apologies if I have overlooked anyone. And, of course, many thanks to all of you for your contributions throughout the year – food for tournaments and special events, cash, clean up, etc.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy 2011. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President.

Keenan Romig, President



Tournament Results

Fall NABC, Orlando FL November 29-December 5, 2010

Firsts:

Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot: Tiger Tim KO Consolation, Bracket 1.

Baton Rouge LA Sectional December 9-12, 2010

Firsts:

Paul Deal & John Onstott: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Linda Stockton & Colleen Walker: Fri Eve Pairs, Flight B.
Robert Pettit & Hugh Lawson: Sat AM 299er Pairs, Flights D, E, & F.
Paul Deal & Jan Galey: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
J. F. Lowenstein & Dana Hastings: Sat Aft Pairs, Flts B & C.
Debbie Rothschild & Audrey Cerise: Sat Aft 299er Pairs, Flight D.

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

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



Overheard at the Club

Defenders discussed the hand until one said, “You’re supposed to be nice.”
The other replied, “I am being nice, dummy.”
(Reported by Lil Range)



Online Resources for the Improving Player

If you’ve taken the first step to playing bridge online with a free membership in BBO (www.bridgebase.com) you may want to also join the “BIL”. “BIL” stands for “Beginner/Intermediate Lounge.” Joining the BIL is open to those who declare their skill level as beginner, novice, or intermediate. After a 60-day free trial, you’ll be asked to subscribe for a small annual fee that goes to support BIL activities.

The basic BIL membership allows you to attend almost-daily free classes on bridge. Many true bridge experts donate their time to hold these classes. The classes are cancelled for the first week of January as the BIL is holding its annual New Year’s Marathon playing event, but they will restart on January 8. The calendar of BIL classes and other events is listed on the BIL web site (www.bilbridge.com).

To get to the BIL when you are signed on to BBO, select “Public and Private Clubs”, then “All Private Clubs”, and you will see BIL in the list there.

BIL members call themselves “BILlies”. If you enjoy online bridge, take advantage of the opportunities offered by the BIL to improve your game and meet your fellow BILlies from around the world. What happens if you improve so much that you want to change your skill level to “Advanced”? Then you become a “BIL graduate”, and may still participate in BIL activities, except those reserved for beginners and intermediates.



70% Games

- 12/02 Frank Whitely & Frances Whitely 70.83%
- 12/04 Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen 76.54%
- 12/16 Bernie Weiss & Julius Rosenfield 72.07%
- 12/16 Chickie Martin & Cheryl Valentino 73.88%

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

- Sharon F. Henry
- Earl J. Lesaicherre
- Kathy D. Lesaicherre
- Nancy K. Marks
- Lillian K. Reilly



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

- NEW JUNIOR MASTER**
David J. Martin
- NEW CLUB MASTERS**
Nancy D. Graham
Peggy McCranie
- NEW SECTIONAL MASTER**
Jeffrey Perigoni
- NEW REGIONAL MASTERS**
Joanne P. Chancey
Janell Eberhart
Stephen Kishner
Rhonda L. McMullen
- NEW NABC MASTERS**
Madonna M. Abroms
John Sitton
- NEW LIFE MASTERS**
Debra Gay Falcon
Tilghman L. Moore
- NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER**
Hazel H. Le Blanc
- NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER**
Lynn McClure

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



Upcoming Special Events

- ***January 6-9:** Natalie and Julius Rosenblum Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.
- Wednesday, January 12:** Unit Club Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fees.
- ***January 14-16:** Jackson MS Sectional and NAOP District Finals.
- ***January 28 – 30:** Fairhope AL Sectional.
- ***January 31- February 6:** Biloxi MS Regional.

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



Wednesday Jackpot Report

After an almost-two month drought, on the last Wednesday of 2010 five pairs bid and made grand slams and split the \$40 jackpot: Judy Katz & Jean Talbot, Jeffrey Reilly & Dee Moses, Martie & Sandy Sisco, Tim Calamari & Roy Richardson, and Joan Lennox & Fay Batt. Come out and play on Wednesday mornings in the Grand Slam Jackpot game.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Insufficient Bid

Allowed to correct??
Maybe ...
IF you call the Director.

Suppose the auction goes: 1♥ – 1♦. You must call the Director; do not let the opponents force you into correcting your bid. Using bidding boxes it is possible you pulled an unintentional bid. If you thought you were placing 1♠ on the table, and noticed, BEFORE your partner bid, your mistake, (even if your LHO bid), and convince the Director you pulled the wrong bid, you did not CHANGE your mind, you may be allowed to change your bid.

If you did not see the 1♥ and bid 1♦ your bid is insufficient. Your LHO has options. The Director will first ask your LHO if she wishes to accept the bid. If the bid is accepted, the auction proceeds from there. The auction in this case might go: 1♥ - 1♦ - P - P - 1♥. Yes, the opening bidder can bid 1♥ twice! It's perfectly legal. Likewise, opening bidder's partner might bid 1♥, to show support for partner's opening bid, 1♥ - 1♦ - 1♥. In both cases, the bids are sufficient and legal.

If opener's partner chooses not to accept the offender's insufficient bid, the offending bidder's choices are: Make the bid sufficient, pass, or bid any sufficient bid he chooses, except he *may not double or redouble*. If the offender makes the bid sufficient, and it is not conventional, the auction resumes normally.

If the offender bids anything else or passes, the offender's partner is required to pass for the remainder of the auction.

Finally, if the insufficient bid would be conventional when corrected, the offender's partner must pass for the rest of the auction, regardless of what bid the offender changes to. In these last two situations, where the offender's partner has been barred from bidding, lead penalties may also apply. The Director will explain those options in this case.

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.



In Memoriam

Sidell Schooler



Happening Online This Month: The Bridge Base Online Vugraph will be showing trophy matches and championships from around the world. For a schedule, see: www.bridgebase.com/vugraph

