

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – May, 2011

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

The ACBL announced that the 2015 Spring NABC will be held in New Orleans. While it is good for the city and our members like it, this will mean a *lot* of work for our members again. I know I can count on you for your help.

We have had a lot of changes at the club with the Bridgemates and duplicators and hand records. Most people over age thirty don't like change. Most of us qualify as over thirty. Please be tolerant of the directors as they work through the changes. **Bill Weiss** and **Don Daigle** have started a group on Tuesday right after the game (about 2:20PM) to generate the hands for the next week. If you want to see how the equipment works, and help the club, just show up and help on Tuesdays. Thanks to Don and Bill and the volunteers for their efforts.

I know some members don't like the computer hands. The ACBL has analyzed computer hands and determined that they have similar distribution to shuffled hands, if the deck is shuffled seven times or more to obtain a true random result. There is information about distribution for the hands and average point counts on the hand records each day. The way the duplicators work yields a truly random hand. The first card has a 1/52 chance to be any specific card. Once that is dealt, any remaining card has 1/51 chance to be the next card. With this procedure all the laws of probability will apply. For instance, if the theoretical chance of a 3-2 split is 68%, then in the long run 68% of 5 card splits will be 3-2. The same is true of the chances of a 5-0 split (4%) or a seven-card suit (4%).

This is your club. It only functions through volunteers. Beginning last year, the November tournament honors two long-term volunteers. Last year it was **Layton Merritt** and **Ed Baldinger**. This year our Honorees will be **Sally Toups** and **Jean Talbot**. They have been club managers for twenty years. This involves making reports to the ACBL about table play, sanction fees, and masterpoints plus setting up special games. In addition Sally has been on the board and both have helped in many ways. The Thursday and Friday games will be named after these two ladies. Congratulations and thanks to them for all their work.

Thanks to **Suzanne Cliffe** and **Linda Freese** for writing directions for use of Bridgemates for directors. And to **Jenny Rich** and **Jim Kessler** for agreeing to co-chair the November tournament. We need a third co-chair for November to handle weekend issues.

Don't forget the Sunday open game at 1 PM.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

(continued from at left)

Baton Rouge LA Sectional, March 24-27, 2011

Firsts:

William Beaushaw & Madeline Tonti: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flights A & B.

John Onstott: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Paul Deal & James Bush: Fri Eve Pairs, Flight A.

Iype Koshy & James Bush: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Ueli Geissmann & Charley Wilson: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flights B & C.

Iype Koshy, David Bybee & James Bush: Sun A/X Swiss, Flight A.

Madeline Tonti, Barbara Zelenka, Barbara Satterlee: Sun B/C/D Swiss, Flight D.

Metairie LA 299 Sectional, April 1-3, 2011

Firsts:

Hugh Lawson & Robert Pettit: Fri AM Pairs, Flights A & B.

Polly Thomas & Lynn Peterson: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.

Ann Crane & G. Price Crane: Fri Aft Pairs, Flights A & B.

Ann Crane & G. Price Crane: Sat AM Pairs, Flts A, B & C.

Vivian Hill & George Hill: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Frederick Bott, Mildred Bott, Beth Todd, & Stephen Kishner: Sun Swiss, Flights A & B.

Jackson MS Sectional, April 8-11, 2011

Firsts:

Madeline Tonti & William Beaushaw: three firsts(!) – (1) Fri Aft 199 Pairs, Flight A, (2) Sat AM Open Pairs, Flight C, (3) Sat Aft 199 Pairs, Flight A.

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Gatlinburg TN Regional, April 11-17, 2011

Firsts:

Nelson Daigle & Rosemary Austin: Mon-Tue KO Bracket 25.



Congratulations – 2010 District Winners

Debra Gay Falcon won both the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards for District 10 in her masterpoint class. **Dee Moses** won the Ace of Clubs award for District 10 in her masterpoint class.



Summer Youth Bridge Program

Ray Gandolfi and **Ben McKown** are teaming up to offer free bridge classes to students on Saturdays this summer, starting June 4. Encourage your children, grandchildren, and neighbors who are students to come. For more information, contact Ray at raygan5873@msn.com or 504-905-9562 or Ben at bfmckown@gmail.com.



New Directories

The updated directories of club members' contact information will be on sale for \$3 in early June. Great for finding partners and teammates, and for arranging games!



70% Games

- 03/25 Marie Hughes & Sue Blondell 71.16%
- 03/31 Sharon Henry & Denise Nagim 85.00%
- 04/01 Paul Deal & John Onstott 73.52%
- 04/02 Ann Crane & G. Price Crane 73.30%
- 04/05 William Weiss & John Onstott 72.78%
- 04/07 Bill Gentry & Linda Knobloch 71.26%
- 04/14 John Onstott & Paul Deal 70.32%
- 04/12 Jean Philippi & Susan Sommer 75.00%

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

- Carla A. Burrow
- Lynn D. Flynn
- John W. Groome
- Albert A. Kramer
- Angie Krieger
- Marilyn S. Martin
- Frances L. Middleton
- Libby Padwa
- Geraldine S. Payne
- Kay M. Perrin
- Louann Priddy
- Bess M. Theriot
- Donna Traina
- Joann S. Warder
- Carroll L. Wood



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Doris R. Baudier
- Ann P. borne
- Dianne P. Butler
- Judee C. Flotron
- Lorrie Guiza
- Sharon F. Henry
- Jean B. Philippi
- Don Wurst

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Ann A. Crane
- G. Price Crane
- Ann B. Farrelly
- Edith H. Fedoroff
- Roberta T. Hirsu
- Jean M. Jones
- Fern Milstead
- Jack J. Ryan
- Alma A. Slatten

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

- James M. Kessler
- Pamela L. Marinaro
- Jane G. Meyer
- Maureen C. Richoux

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

- Dee C. Eustis
- Jeffrey Perigoni
- Barbara R. Satterlee

NEW NABC MASTERS

- Jean E. Faia
- Ellen H. Lappa

NEW LIFE MASTERS

- Fred R. Kolb
- Cathy F. Rantz
- Patricia C. Turner

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



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Doris Liukkonen and **Nonie Leavitt** bid and made 7 to win the Wednesday 10:30 game Sweepstakes of \$39.50 on April 13.



Bridge Acronym of the Month

OBAR = Opponents Bid and Raise.



Upcoming Special Events

*May 5-8: Metairie Derby Day Sectional - LBA Clubhouse.

Wednesday, May 11: International Fund Game, extra points, \$7 entry fee.

Friday, May 20: Unit Club Championship – Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

May 23-29: - Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.

Monday, May 30: Unit Club Championship - 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

Wednesday, June 1: Unit Club Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

Friday, June 3: Worldwide Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7 entry fee.

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Law 31: Bid Out of Rotation

Last month's column covered Law 30, Pass Out of Rotation. This month we look at Law 31, dealing with a Bid out of rotation. Law 31 states:

“When a player has bid out of rotation, has passed artificially or has passed partner's artificial call (see Law 30C) and the call is canceled, the option in Law 29A [Law 29A says that LHO of the offender may bid as if it is his turn and the auction will proceed normally thereafter] not having been exercised, the following provisions apply:

“A. RHO's Turn

When the offender has called at his RHO's turn to call, then:

1. if that opponent passes, offender must repeat the call out of rotation. When that call is legal there is no rectification.

2. if that opponent makes a legal* bid, double or redouble, offender may make any legal call. When this call

(a) repeats the denomination of his bid out of rotation, offender's partner must pass when next it is his turn to call (see Law 23). [Law 23 says the director may award an adjusted score if he judges that damage has been done y the offense.]

(b) does not repeat the denomination of his bid out of rotation, or if the call out of rotation was an artificial pass or a pass of partner's artificial call, the lead restrictions in Law 26 may apply, and offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (see Law 23).

“B. Partner's or LHO's Turn

When the offender has bid at his partner's turn to call or at his LHO's turn to call, if the offender has not previously called**, offender's partner must pass whenever it is his turn to call (see Law 23 when the pass damages the non-offending side). The lead restrictions of Law 26 may apply.

* An illegal call by RHO is rectified as usual.

** Later calls at LHO's turn to call are treated as changes of call, and Law 25 applies.”

Law 32 covers Double and Redouble out of rotation and will be presented in next month's *Kibitzer*. The complete and current Laws of Duplicate Bridge can be found on the ACBL web site at:

<http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Laws-of-Duplicate-Bridge.pdf>

