

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – July, 2011

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President’s Message

Thanks to **Ray Gandolfi**, **Ben McKown** and **Keenan Romig** for their efforts in youth bridge. It’s a hard sell to teenagers, but they made a great effort. Also thanks to **Ellie Brammell** for co-chairing the July tournament. She has been a great volunteer for the club for years.

Jefferson Parish tells us we need to pay sales tax on EZ books and directories. This means filing reports monthly with both the parish and the state. To avoid these reports and tax, we will give these books away and have a suggested voluntary contribution.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

Denver CO Regional

May 24-30, 2011

Firsts:

Jean Faia: Mt. Antero Compact KO, Bracket 4.

Gulfport MS Sectional

June 10-12, 2011

Firsts:

Jerrilyn Jones & Madeline Tonti: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flight A.

Alma Slatten: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flight C.

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

Las Vegas NV Regional

June 20-26, 2011

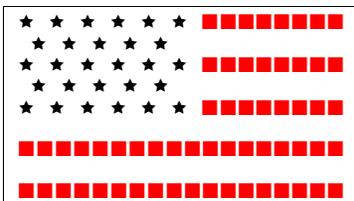
Firsts:

John Onstott: Best of the West KO, Bracket 1.



Forecast for July: Bridge All Month

An American asked his Canadian friend, “Do you have the Fourth of July in Canada?” “Yes,” was the Canadian’s reply, “we just don’t call it Independence Day.”



Whatever you call it, you can come to the bridge club to celebrate on **Monday, July 4**, for the 10:30 AM game. Hot dogs will be served. If you can bring a side dish or dessert, please do so, and sign up so the organizers can plan.

At the end of the week, plan to attend our Metairie Wes Busby sectional tournament, **Thursday July 7 - Sunday July 10**. Food and cash donations for this event are welcome, too.

Have a good night’s sleep after the Metairie tournament, wake up the next morning and take off for Baton Rouge’s **Champagne Regional of the South, July 11 – 17**.

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And following the Baton Rouge Regional, you can cap off the month at the **Summer NABC** in Toronto, **July 21 – 31**. Not going to Toronto? You can share some of the exciting competition there online (see below, “Happening Online This Month”).



Happening Online This Month

Bridgebase Online (“BBO”) plans to show major matches from the Toronto Summer NABC live online this month. At press time, the coverage schedule was:

- July 24 – Grand National Teams Finals
- July 27 – Spingold Knockout Teams Round of 32
- July 28 – Spingold Knockout Teams Round of 16
- July 29 – Spingold Knockout Teams Quarterfinal
- July 29 – Wagar Women’s Knockout Teams Final
- July 30 – Spingold Knockout Teams Semifinal
- July 31 – Spingold Knockout Teams Final

BBO will also be showing the 2011 Danish and Norwegian Bridge Festivals during July, along with other presentations. The updated Vugraph schedule can always be accessed at:

www.bridgebase.com/vugraph

Membership in BBO and watching the Vugraph presentations is free. However, if you don’t even want to sign up for a membership, you can still watch Vugraph presentations at:

www.bridgebase.com/client/vugraph



70% Games

- 06/06 Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz 75.52%
- 06/13 Janet Patterson & Barbara Satterlee 71.14%
- 06/16 Jean Foreman & Marion Bruno 77.27%

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

Claudette C. Lay
Fred M. Lay



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Mildred E. Beachley
Henry J. Bodenheimer
Frances Whitely

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Linda J. Ash
Bonnie Belanger
Jeanette R. Hachtel
Margaret B. Ponseti

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Nelson T. Daigle
Pat C. Ellis

NEW NABC MASTER

John T. Patterson

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Rosemary Austin
Jane J. Patterson
Louise H. Saik
Paul C. Tucker

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Dee R. Moses

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



Upcoming Special Events

Monday, July 4: Unit Championship Game, 10:30, extra points, no extra fee. Hot dog lunch; bring something to share if you can.

***July 7-10:** Wes Busby Sectional, LBA Club- house.

***July 11-17:** Baton Rouge LA Regional.

****Monday, July 18:** NAP Qualifying, 10:30, \$7 entry fee.

Saturday, July 20: Unit Club Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fees

****Thursday, July 28:** NAP Qualifying, 7:15, \$7 entry fee

****Wednesday, August 3:** NAP Qualifying, 10:30, \$7 entry fee

***August 4-7:** Lake Charles Sectional

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

**See www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php for information about the North American Pairs (NAP) games.



Web Sites to Know

- LBA (our club): www.la-bridge.com
- District 10: <http://d10bridge.org/>
- ACBL: www.ACBL.ORG

Our club web site has game results including hand records (where available), daily game schedules, and the 2011 Special Events calendar. It also has archives of the *Kibitzer* and special events.

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The District 10 web site has results from recent tournaments around the district, a schedule of upcoming tournaments in the district, and district administrative information, plus links to various unit web sites in District 10.

If you haven't done so, register at ACBL's web site. You can check your masterpoint totals and find complete schedules and results of regional and sectional tournaments all over North America. You can even participate in the *Bridge Bulletin* "It's Your Call" feature. Answer the bidding questions in this month's *Bulletin* and then compare your answers to the experts' choices next month.



Bridge Acronyms of the Month

Here is the East hand from board 21 of the recent USBF Seniors Final:

Vul: EW, Dlr: N

♠ K J 2
♥ Q J T 5
♦ A 3
♣ 9 5 3 2

Sitting East, you hear North open 1 ♦. At this vulnerability and without a good 5-card suit, it is somewhat dangerous to enter the auction at this point, so you pass. The auction continues:

S – 2 ♦, W – Pass, N – Pass

Or, at the other table:

S – 1 NT, W – Pass, N – Pass

It's back to you. There is now an inference to be made. South's minimum response (1 ♦ or 1 NT) and North's failure to bid further implies that the high card points are evenly split. (As it turned out, NS had 21 HCP and EW had 19 HCP.) This could be a hand where both sides can make a part score, so you decide to compete in spite of the unfavorable vulnerability.

With shortness in diamonds and support for the three unbid suits, the Easts at both tables made a takeout double. One of the commentators described this as a "DSIP bid". And that is the bridge acronym of this month.

DSIP – Do Something Intelligent, Partner. A DSIP bid shows the strength to bid, but doubt about where or how high to play and involves partner in those decisions.

Another acronym from above: **HCP – High Card Points.**



Make Their Day – Ask a 299er to Play

Bronze LM's or higher, please ask a 299er to play. You will have no entry fee the first time you play with a 299er and for each new 299er you play with. See the list by the TV or ask Jennie Sauviac (888-2883) to refer you to a 299er who could benefit by playing with you.

