

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – October, 2011

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

We will have a voluntary index card file for members to indicate whom we should call for you in case of emergency. You may fill out a card if you wish. The file will be kept by the directors and is meant to be confidential. It would be good to have an in case of emergency (ICE) contact on your cell phone as well.

We had planned to only run the Sunday open game until the Saints started, but “**Lowen**” **Lowenstein** has done such a great job building the game up, we are pleased to be able to continue the game.

The board nominated **Suzanne Cliffe** for ACBL Goodwill committee, **Tim Calamari** for ACBL Charity committee, and **Theresa and John Federico** for Goodwill member of the year. Congratulations to these members.

Thanks to **Pat Ellis** and **Di Lapeyre** for handling hot dogs and chili for Labor Day.

Don't forget the 299er tournament September 30-October 2. Thanks to **Pat Desforjes** and **Maryann Joyner** for chairing this tournament.

Beverly Dupre, **Rosemary Austin**, and **Lil Range** volunteered to chair the January tournament. Thanks to these ladies for their help. I know you will support them.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

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Dallas TX Labor Day Regional August 30-September 5, 2011

Firsts:

Beth Todd & David Wolf: Sun Aft Side Pairs, Flight C.
Beth Todd & David Wolf: Monday Open Pairs, Flts B & C.

Tunica MS Regional September 12-18, 2011

Firsts:

Tim Calamari & Roy Richardson: Tue Aft Side Pairs, Flights A, B, & C.
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Wed Aft Swiss, Flight A.
Jack Lewis, Jr., Ronald Berenger, John Federico, & Daryl Fisher: Tue-Wed KO, Bracket 3.
Madeline Tonti, Patricia Turner, & William Beaushaw: Tue-Wed KO, Bracket 8.
Jack Lewis, Jr., Ronald Berenger, John Federico, & Daryl Fisher: Mon-Thu KO, Bracket 3.
Madeline Tonti & William Beaushaw: Mon-Thu KO, Brckt 6.
Madeline Tonti, Patricia Turner, & William Beaushaw: Sat Aft Side Swiss, Flight C.



Happening Online This Month

The 40th World Bridge Team Championships will be shown on the Bridgebase Online Vugraph from October 16-29. The team championships being contested are the Bermuda Bowl (open teams), Venice Cup (womens' teams), the d'Orsi Senior teams (age 60 and over), and the Transnational Open teams.

The Championships are held under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation (www.worldbridge.org).

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This year, the games will be held in Veldhoven, The Netherlands. Because of the time difference, some of the sessions (3:30 AM our time) will be too early for all but the most devoted bridge watchers. However most (6:45 AM-2:30 PM) will be during normal waking hours for our area.

BBO has recently upgraded its Vugraph presentations to have audio commentary (previously there was only written commentary.) It's quite lively. For the schedule, or to view the matches, see:

www.bridgebase.com



Upcoming Special Events

- ***September 30-October 2:** Metairie 299er Sectional.
 - October 3-9:** Club Appreciation Week, extra points, no extra fees.
 - Wednesday, October 12:** Unit Club Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fees.
 - ***October 14-16:** Biloxi Sectional.
 - ***October 28-30:** Mobile Sectional.
 - Saturday, October 29:** Halloween Party, 7:15 PM, Unit Club Championship, extra points, no extra fees.
 - ***October 30-November 12:** Sectional at Sea.
 - ***November 11-13:** Baton Rouge 299er Sectional.
 - ***November 17-20:** Dottie Toledano Sectional, Metairie LBA Clubhouse.
- *See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html for complete information about upcoming tournaments.



70% Games

- 09/15 Bill Gentry & Sharon Henry 72.92%
- 09/18 James Thornton & David Wolf 75.00%
- 09/21 Jon Burroughs & Tony Pastor 72.22%

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

- Herschel L. Abbott
- Betty M. Davidson
- Thomas S. Davidson
- Mary-Madison D. Griswold
- Ada R. Havener
- Renee B. Peck
- Stewart F. Peck
- David W. Roberts
- Janis K. Roberts
- Edward M. Trapp



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Evelyn S. Contois
- John N. Estes
- Fred M. Lay
- Carroll L. Wood

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Katy L. Hutchinson
- Merilee B Vanderbrook

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

- Peggy McCranie

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

- Carol D. Bagalman
- Patricia W. Burke
- Margaret M. Ellis
- Pat S. Emerson
- Ueli W. Geissmann
- E. Hugh Lawson
- Janeen S. Tucker

NEW NABC MASTERS

- Marilyn Downs-Seward
- Stephen Kishner
- Joan D. Rathe

NEW LIFE MASTER

- Janet C. Patterson

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

- Eileen R. Bagnetto
- Norma J. Gist

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

- Lynn John Federico

NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

- ♦♦ Bob P. Bowers ♦♦

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



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.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Courtesy SHOULD Be a Bridge Law

- Arrive at the club on time.
- Purchase your entry from the director.
- Sit at your designated table before game time.
- Remain courteous to your partner, the opponents, and the director.
- Do not give unsolicited lessons.
- Socialize or discuss boards after play is completed on ALL boards.
- Lead BEFORE you write the contract down.
- Have a convention card filled out.
- Play the systems on your convention card.
- When the director is needed, say, "Director, please." [Ed.: Not just "Director". Also, in team games summon the caddy with, "Caddy, please."]
- Your break is 5 minutes, return to the table on time.
- Place your trash in the wastebasket.

We are open to more suggestions on Courtesy and will print the best suggestions. Please leave them in the *Kibitzer* envelope on the hall bulletin board.



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Lucky 7 on the 7th: Lynn Giordano and Don Daigle bid and made 7 NT on September 7 to win the \$20.50 jackpot.

On the 21st, the Grand Slam Jackpot was split four ways between: Judy Katz & Joan Van Geffen, Nonie Leavitt & Dot Babin, Marcie Pick & Maebeth Merritt, and Sandy & Martie Sisco.

To win the jackpot you must: play in the Wednesday open game, pay 50 cents to be in the jackpot pool, and bid and make a grand slam. If no one wins, the jackpot money carries over to the next Wednesday.

Linda Freese, Director



Bridge Acronym of the Month

ELC – Equal Level Conversion

In our early bridge learning, we are taught the rules for takeout doubles. One rule of takeout doubling in standard bidding is: if we double an opponent's suit bid, then hear our partner's response, and then bid our own suit, we are showing (1) a hand rich in HCP (17+ usually) AND (2) a very good suit of our own. Holding this kind of hand after an opponent has opened the bidding is kind of rare.

ELC is a different treatment of double-then-bid-your-suit that allows one to make takeout doubles – and thus compete – more frequently. We don't have room for details in the *Kibitzer*, but you can check out a good basic explanation at The Bridge Guys web site: www.bridgeguys.com. Click on the link for their "Bridge Glossary".

The Bridge Guys web site also has detailed explanations of most bridge conventions.

