

# KIBITZER



## Louisiana Bridge Association – November, 2011

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### President's Message

The Halloween party will be Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. **Beverly Karl** has agreed to handle this again: thanks, Beverly.

**Dianne Chesson** and **Jackie Madden** are chairing the nominating committee for the board. If anyone has any interest in running, please see one of these ladies.

*Sid LeBlanc*



### Tournament Results

#### Alexandria LA NLM Sectional September 9-11, 2011

**Firsts:**

*Robert Pettit:* Sat AM Pairs, Flights B & C.  
*Robert Pettit:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.

#### Lafayette LA Sectional September 23-25, 2011

**Firsts:**

*Toby Bassett & Judy Katz:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.  
*James Bush:* Sun A/B Swiss Teams, Flight A.

#### Metairie LA 299er Sectional September 30-October 2, 2011

**Firsts:**

*Irma Dearie & Mollie Fraser:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.  
*Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight B.  
*Jon Burroughs & Anthony Pastor:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.  
*Victor Law & Stephen Kishner:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.  
*Jon Burroughs & Anthony Pastor:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flts B & C.  
*S. Reese Koppel & Audrey Cerise:* Sat AM Pairs, Flight A.  
*Kathy Gilmore & Danielle Trostorff:* Sat AM Pairs, Flights B & C.  
*Pat Mason & Beth Todd:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.  
*Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flights B & C.  
*Beth Todd, Om & Lallie Garg, & Stephen Kishner:* Sun Swiss, Flight A.

#### Gulfport MS Sectional October 14-16, 2011

**Firsts:**

*Bob Bowers & Fred Woodruff:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.  
*Tippi Ellis, James Thornton, David Wolf & Mickey Groggel:* Sun B/C/D Swiss, Flight C.  
*Paul Tucker, Sandra Dubroc, Gussie Dunn & James Dunn:* Sun B/C/D Swiss, Flight D.  
*James Bush, Bob Bowers, Fred Woodruff & Jan Galey:* Sun A/X Swiss, Flight X.



### Saints Fans Can Play Teams Guilt-Free

The annual Dottie Toledano sectional will be held at our clubhouse November 17-20. The traditional Sunday Swiss team game is on the date of the Saints bye week, so gather your team and play that day.



### Upcoming Special Events

**\*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.

**Tuesday, November 22:** Unit Club Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fees.

**Monday, November 28:** ACBL Charity Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7 entry fee.

**Friday, December 2:** Unit Club Championship, noon, extra points, no extra fees.

**Saturday, December 3:** Christmas Party, 7:15 PM, Unit Club Championship, extra points, no extra fees.

\*See [www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html](http://www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html) for complete information about upcoming tournaments.



### Happening Online This Month

In the waning days of October, the World Bridge Teams Championships from Veldhoven, the Netherlands, can still be seen on the BBO Vugraph. The 96-board semifinals happen 10/25-10/26 and the 128-board finals will be 10/27-10/29. At this writing (10/23) both USA1 and USA2 teams had advanced to the quarterfinals of all three contests – open, women, and seniors – with good chances to survive to the semifinals.

Throughout November there will be Vugraph coverage of various European matches: from Italy, Denmark, Romania, France, Norway and others.

Late in November and in early December, look for coverage of the Seattle NABC, November 24-December 4. At last year's Fall NABC, the Reisinger B-A-M Teams contest was covered on Vugraph. This year, the Reisinger is scheduled for December 2-4. Closer to the time, check for exact Vugraph dates and times at:

[www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)



**70% Games**

- 09/27 William Groome & Jane de Montluzin 71.16%
- 10/01 Pat Mason & Beth Todd 71.10%
- 10/06 Martha Boudreaux & Charlotte Corbin 72.50%
- 10/09 Doug de Montluzin & Dot Babin 71.48%
- 10/11 Audrey Cerise & Joanne Chancey 70.38%
- 10/12 Dee Moses & Jean Talbot 73.25%
- 10/19 Carl Koppeis & Sharon Henry 76.25%
- 10/22 David Wolf & Lowen 72.69%

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**

- J. M. Anthony
- Peggy Bolton
- Yvette M. Crist
- Anne A. Fitzhugh
- Stephanie E. Reaves
- Mercedes D. Wells
- Elaine L. Wilczynski



**Unit Masterpoint Milestones**

- NEW JUNIOR MASTERS**
- Jean S. Carter
- Eve E. Kryssing
- Gerri Somers
- Edward M. Trapp
- NEW CLUB MASTER**
- Carolyn M. Trapp
- NEW REGIONAL MASTER**
- Joan D. Wood

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



**Heard Online**

After a too-hasty auction: “Many people think bidding is just a tiresome prelude to playing the hand.”

In the rubber bridge games at the New Cavendish club in London, overtricks do not count in undoubled contracts. This makes for faster claims.

You’ve heard of “lead-directing doubles”, but ... when a player opened a **Jxxx** heart suit, and later in the competitive auction doubled an opponent’s heart cue bid, this was called a “lead-rejecting double.” That is, it was meant to discourage his partner from leading hearts.



**BAOTM (Bridge Acronym of the Month)**

**RONF: Raise Only Non-Forcing.** Your opponents have a right to know which of your bids are forcing (i.e., force your partner to make another bid) and, “fer sure”, you and your partner should know which of your bids are forcing. RONF means that a raise of partner’s suit is the only non-forcing bid in a given situation. Many people use this treatment when partner opens a preemptive bid; a raise of partner’s suit is non-forcing, but any other bid is forcing.



**Know the Director’s Rulings**

*Jennie Flynn Sauviac*

**One of the Most-Questioned Laws:**

**Law 45 – Card Played**

**NOTE:** This is perhaps the most frequent judgment ruling the Director is called upon to make. It is one of the most difficult rulings for players to accept. It usually costs the offender a trick or two and it makes a difference whether the card being judged is declarer’s or a defender’s.

The differences between the definitions of a defender’s played card and declarer’s played card must be kept in mind. In close calls, the Director should rule in favor of the side that did not create the problem.

Declarer’s card is played when it is held face up, touching or nearly touching the table, or maintained in such a position as to indicate that it has been played. It is irrelevant whether either or both of the defenders see the card. If the card is held in a manner to indicate declarer has determined to play it, the card is played. Please keep in mind that this Law uses two separate clauses. Declarer’s played card is either/or, it need not be touching *and* maintained.

A defender’s card is played when it is held in a position where it could be possible for his partner to see its face. The Director should endeavor to reconstruct the action as closely as possible. If he is convinced that a card could have been seen by defender’s partner, he should rule it a played card. (If both opponents saw the card it is very likely that partner could have seen it.) It does not matter whether the defender’s partner actually saw the card. The question is could he have seen the face of the card had he been looking directly at it. As in all judgment rulings, the Director’s decision is subject to review.

A player may correct the call of a card if it is inadvertent (*i.e.*, a slip of the tongue) and if there was no pause for thought in indicating a desire to change the card called. An opponent, however, may change a legal play made in turn prior to the correction.



**Should I Pass My Partner’s Double?**

Your partner makes a takeout or reopening double and you have length in the opponents’ suit and a hand that otherwise suggests you might leave the double in. How strong in the opponents’ suit must you be to consider leaving the double in?

Ron Klinger recommends the rule of 6 and 4: Add the number of cards you have in their suit to the level they have bid; this must total 6 or more – and – add the number of tricks you expect to take in their suit to the level they have bid; this must be 4 or more. An example: if you have **KQxx** in their suit and they have bid to the two level, your length is 4 and you can expect 2 tricks (K & Q), so 4 length + 2 level bid = 6 and 2 tricks + 2 level bid = 4, so your holding satisfies the rule of 6 and 4.

You must also consider the vulnerability and whether your side can make its own contract, possibly in notrump, to determine whether defeating the doubled contract would be profitable.

