

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – January, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

President’s Message

Thanks to **Rosemary Austin** and **Jim Kessler** for chairing the November tournament. They did a great job. Thanks to **Patsy Mitchell** for contributing a set of boards to the club.

The ACBL rule is that each player must have a convention card filled out. At our club at least one of each pair must have a card filled out. Please observe this rule.

We have parking issues on Thursday and Friday, particularly during tournaments. If you see people parking here and going elsewhere, please ask them to park elsewhere, or they will be towed. If they don’t move their car, you can call the number on our towing signs in the parking lot and they will tow the car. The owner will have to pay to get their car back. Alternatively, you can advise the director of which car was parked and where they went. Our neighbors are quick to say we will be towed if we park in their lot. And once again thanks for carpooling on Thursdays and Fridays.

If you want to borrow a set of boards from the club, please check with **Bill Weiss** first.

The candidates for the board are **Patricia Burke**, **Tim Calamari**, **Paul Deal**, **Jane de Montluzin**, **Beverly Dupre**, **Mike Lappa**, **Nonie Leavitt**, **John Onstott**, and **Louise Saik**. The election will be held the week of the January tournament, January 16-22. The top four candidates in the voting will be elected to three-year terms and the fifth to a two-year term. The tournament will be January 19-22. Plan to attend, get silver points and vote.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

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Baton Rouge LA Sectional December 8-11, 2011

Firsts:

- John Onstott & Paul Deal:* Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A (tie).
- Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot:* Thu PM Pairs, Flight A.
- Nelson Daigle & Robert Pettit:* Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
- John Onstott & Paul Deal:* Fri PM Pairs, Flight A.
- Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- Ueli Geissmann & Charley Wilson:* Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt D.
- J. F. Lowenstein & David Wolf:* Sat AM Pairs, Flt B.
- Stephen Kishner & Beth Todd:* Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flt D.
- Bob Bowers & Fred Woodruff:* Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.
- Beth Todd, Vicki Willis, Mickey Groggel & Jane Rakigijja:* Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.

I Came in First – But the *Kibitzer* Didn’t Report It Why?

There are two main reasons: the definition of “first” and the location of the tournament.

“**First**” Definition. We try to report event firsts by Unit 134 members, in each stratum of an event. So, in a matchpoint game with three strata, the three winners in A, B, and C will be reported. Note that this means that you may be first in B East-West, but if a North-South pair in stratum B had a higher percentage, they will be reported as the stratum B first.

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This also applies if an event – for example, a regional tournament side game – has multiple sections. Only the overall event winners in each stratum will be reported.

This definition of “first” mainly stems from the way ACBL reports tournament results on their web site.

Tournament Location. The *Kibitzer* tries to report every tournament in the Gulf Coast area defined by an arc through Houston in the west, Jackson MS in the north, and Pensacola in the east, along with the annual Tunica regional and the three NABC’s.

If you capture an event first at a tournament outside of the nearby Gulf Coast area, by all means let the *Kibitzer* editor know. This should be reported in the *Kibitzer* Tournament Results. You can leave a note in the *Kibitzer* envelope in the hall, or email PEGGYALL@COX.NET or call 504-835-5960.



Congratulations!

Suzanne Cliffe has been named an ACBL lifetime Goodwill Member.



Upcoming Special Events

Friday, January 6: Unit Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

***January 13-15:** Jackson MS Sectional and B & C NAOP finals.

***January 19-22:** Metairie Rosenblum Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.

***January 23-29:** Biloxi MS Regional.

Saturday, January 28: International Fund Game, Noon, extra points, \$7.00 fee.

January 30-February 5: STAC week, all sessions, silver point awards, \$7.00 fee.

***January 30-February 5:** Houston TX Regional.

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

The schedule of special events for 2012 is now on the LBA web site, www.la-bridge.com. Click on Game Schedule. The Game Schedule page has a link to the 2012 Special Events calendar. Thanks to **Sally Toups** for preparing this information.



70% Games

11/30 Bernie Weiss & Doug de Montluzin 71.99%

12/06 Wayne Merkel & Nonie Leavitt 70.77%

12/15 Bill Gentry & Linda Knobloch 72.49%

12/30 Ann A. Crane & G. Price Crane 75.0%

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.



Hot and Cold Running Directors!

There is continual discussion of the temperature settings in the club and how to make the most people comfortable. As addressed by Sid LeBlanc in a recent *Kibitzer*, the Board of Directors, knowing that you can't please all of the people all of the time, directed the game directors to set the thermostats to 74 degrees during the summer. This can be augmented by the use of the fans in the club. This is a moderate temperature and with the fans providing air circulation, it seems that the majority of the players will be able to live with this. During the winter, the temperature will be set lower than this, and again, the fans can be used for air circulation.

In addition, there are some practicalities to consider. First, our building has approximately 6000 square feet with 6 different air conditioning units. In the summer, for approximately 4-5 months, our Entergy bill runs about \$1500/month. With the air units running almost continuously during the summer, they have a limited life span. We are looking at replacing one this spring for approximately \$7000. It takes us several months of table fees to pay for this. So, when it isn't necessary to run all of the air units, we will not do so.

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Now, a science lesson: when it is 95 degrees outside, air conditioning experts say that it is impossible to cool a room more than 15-20 degrees below that temperature. High humidity will make it seem warmer as well. During our summers, no matter how low we set the thermostats, the air conditioners will not necessarily be able to cool to that temperature. In the cooler months, when the temperature outside is 58 degrees, or even 65 degrees, the club should be cooled with the fans rather than the air conditioners. When the air conditioners are on and set on 74 degrees, and the thermostats are reading 72 degrees, the air conditioners will not run.

We understand that not everyone is comfortable at the same temperature. If you aren't comfortable with the temperature at the club, we would like to make a few suggestions. If you are always hot, wear lighter weight clothing and try to sit at one of the cooler tables and near a fan. You might also want to bring a personal fan. If you have a small, personal electric fan, the game director will try to assign you a seat near one of the wall plugs – *if he knows in advance*. If you are always cold, please bring an extra sweater or jacket. There are some tables that are warmer than others; usually the director will try to accommodate your request for one of these tables if he is given enough notice. You might want to play East-West, because if you aren't happy at one table, you will be moving in 15-20 minutes! It isn't fair to the other players, when a few people that are too hot or too cold and also very vocal, cause the majority discomfort.

Believe it or not, most of the directors would like to have all of the players comfortable, and will do their best to see that they are. And, sometimes the director is not comfortable at the temperature that is set as well.

Suzanne Cliffe

[Ed: Sid Leblanc cites the Wall Street Journal as reporting that the most frequent employee complaint is "It's too cold" and the second most frequent is "It's too hot".]



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Five pairs split a \$35 jackpot by bidding and making a grand slam on November 30. They were: **Judy Katz & Jean Talbot, Eileen & Richard Bagnetto, Bernie Weiss & Doug de Montluzin, Sylvia Kitziger & Madonna Abroms, and Jennie Sauviac & Tim Calamari.**

Linda Freese, Director



They Shall Return

New Members, Rank Advancements, and Know the Director's Rulings will return in next month's *Kibitzer*.

