

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – February, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

President’s Message

The big news is that **John and Theresa Federico** were named ACBL national Goodwill Members of the Year. This is a great honor for them and for our club and richly deserved. The ACBL will fly them to the Memphis Nationals in March to be recognized for this. **Patti Harp** did a super job with the recommendation, but she had great subjects. [Ed: *Theresa and John’s award story appeared in the January 29 Metairie Picayune and was also featured prominently on the ACBL web site’s home page.*]

Suzanne Cliffe was also honored as ACBL Lifetime Goodwill Member. She was the one chosen from District 10 for this honor.

Many times the tournament chairs have not run a tournament before. **Dianne Chesson** acted as a consultant for the November tournament. She suggested we have a permanent committee of tournament advisors to help chairs and we have done so. The committee consists of **Dianne Chesson, Patti Harp, Jim Kessler, Colleen Walker, Jackie Madden** and **Suzanne Cliffe**. Thanks for the idea and volunteering. The club web site also has a special section devoted to resources for tournament chairs, including guidelines and attendance statistics from previous tournaments. (See: www.la-bridge.com and click on Tournament Chair Guidelines.)

Lynn Giordano, Juanita Heidingsfelder, Jo Ann Ippolito and **Madonna Abroms** have volunteered to chair the Derby Day sectional in May. **Kitten Haag** will handle partnership. Thanks, ladies. Thanks to **Rosemary Austin** and **Lil Range** for chairing the January tournament and to **Dick and Ellie Brammell** for handling Elections again.

LBA made \$4,000 in 2010 (about \$5 per game). The budget profit for 2012 is about the same. It includes \$8,000 for a new A/C unit.

Dianne Chesson and **Jim Thornton** are leaving the board after six and five years respectively; thanks to them for their efforts on the board. The new board members are **Mike Lappa, Pat Burke** and **Jane de Montluzin**. Thanks to those who ran for the board.

The club does not function without an army of volunteers. In addition to the many who chaired tournaments or handled the partnerships for tournaments or handled the food for Mardi Gras, Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day, Halloween parties and other ad hoc requests during the year, the following had ongoing responsibilities during the year:

The Board members were: **John Onstott** (District 10 delegate and directors and conduct and ethics and Nationals co-chair), **Bill Weiss** (Vice-President and help with dealing machines and cabinet for boards and office supplies), **Don Daigle** (Treasurer and emails and set up dealing machines), **Jenny Rich** (Membership), **Patti Harp** (regional and Nationals co-chair and oversight of custodial services), **Dianne Chesson** (Secretary and tournament and recruiting), **Jim Kessler** (November tournament), **Tim Calamari** (building maintenance), **Alan Jacobs** (Parliamentarian) and **Jim Thornton** (tax returns).

A huge number of unsung heroes work behind the scenes to make the club function. They include: **Dick and Ellie Brammell** (tournament sanctions and Elections), **Jean Talbot** and **Sally Toups** (club managers), **Sally Toups** (special games), **Peggy Allen** (web site coordinator and *Kibitzer* editor), **Jennie Sauviac** (Intermediate/Novice chair), **Suzanne Cliffe** (EZ Bridge and daytime Christmas party), **Theresa Federico** (tournament flyers, board preparation and too many things to mention), **Jeanie Weiss** (office and bridge supplies), **Keenan Romig** (Youth bridge and kitchen supplies), **Debbie Rothschild** (Decorations), **Mary Ann Chesson** (nighttime Christmas party), **Dee Moses** (hall calendar), **Ann Barone** (outside gardens and response to alarms), **Ray Gandolfi** (Youth bridge), **Mary LeBlanc** (cookies and snacks), **Lil Range** (Hall of Fame and Fleur de Lis plaques), **Sharon Henry** (flower arrangements), **Linda Stockton** (monthly reports). I apologize to anyone I missed. And many thanks to all of you for your contributions during the year – food for tournaments and special events, cash, clean up, etc.

Sid LeBlanc



Heard Online

“Have you played bridge all your life?”
“Not yet ...”



Wednesday Jackpot Report

On January 11, **John Onstott** and **Richard Bagnetto** not only won the East-West section top, but also took home \$26.25 each for bidding and making a grand slam.



Free Bridge Lessons Starting in February

A new session of EZ Bridge lessons is starting. The lessons will be on Wednesday evenings, starting February 1, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. All lessons will be held at the Wes Busby Bridge Center, 2709 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, 70002, between Veterans Hwy. and I-10.

Come alone or bring a friend. Beginners and those wanting to learn new conventions enjoy the first 4 lessons free. Continuing classes after that cost \$6 each. No pre-registration necessary. For more information, e-mail Lcfreese@yahoo.com.



Tournament Results

Metairie Rosenblum Sectional January 19-22, 2012

Firsts:

Nancy Cowan & Marian Bourgeois: Thu AM 0-20 Pairs, Flights G & H.

Fred Woodruff & Bob Bowers: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Richard & Eileen Bagnetto: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.

Ellen Lappa & Karen Dugan: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.

Beth Todd & Molly Silvia: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.

Richard Whann & G. Price Crane: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flt E.

Katherine Melius & Joy Ellen Strain: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.

Christopher Young & Paul Freese: Thu PM Pairs, Flight A.

Roy Richardson & Tim Calamari: Thu PM Pairs, Flight B.

Karen Dugan & Ellen Lappa: Thu PM Pairs, Flight C.

Marilyn Martin & John Martin: Fri 0-20 Pairs, Flts G & H.

John Onstott & James Krekorian: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Betty Schwall & Bobbi Long: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.

Tilghman Moore & Geoff Chichester: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.

Tom Dunn & Jeffrey Perigoni: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.

Joseph Gaudette & Carole Leslie: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flights E & F.

Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot: Fri PM Pairs, Flight A.

Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry: Fri PM Pairs, Flight C.

Sid LeBlanc & Robert Wooderson: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flights A & B.

Karen Dugan & Ellen Lappa: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flight C.

Rhonda & Ed McMullen: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flight D.

Richard & Cleo Velleman: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flights E & F.

Doris Liukkonen & Nonie Leavitt: Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.

Suzanne Cliffe & Betty Schwall: Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.

Tilghman Moore & Geoff Chichester: Sat Open Pairs, Flt C.

Larry Federico & Idell Adams: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight A.

Jean Faia & Gary Baxley: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight B.

Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.

Mike Lappa & Peggy McCranie: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.

William Weiss: Sun A/X Swiss, Flight A.

James Thornton, Sigurd Nordvoll, Tipping Ellis, & Vicki Willis: Sun A/X Swiss, Flight X.

Dee Moses, Eleanor Onstott, Juanita Heidingsfelder & Lynn Giordano: Sun B/C Swiss, Flight B.

Loretta Mercola, Nancy Graham, Barbara Laverty, & Pat Emerson: Sun B/C Swiss, Flight C.

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Upcoming Special Events

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

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

February 13-19: Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.

Tuesday, February 21 (Mardi Gras): Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, light lunch at noon, extra points, no extra fee.

***February 24-26:** Hattiesburg MS Sectional.

Monday, February 27: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

***March 1-4:** Baton Rouge LA Sectional.

Monday, March 5: Seniors Game, 10:30 AM, extra points, \$7.00 fee; must be 55+ years young to participate.

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

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In Memoriam

Roy Breerwood, Sr.

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- 01/04 Linda Stockton & Nelson Daigle 70.0%
- 01/05 Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit 72.36%
- 01/06 Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit 73.44%
- 01/08 Louise Post Ritter & Lowen 70.25%
- 01/12 Elizabeth Sewell & Bill Sewell 75.0%
- 01/20 Marilyn Martin & John Martin 70.24%
- 01/20 Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot 71.99%
- 01/26 William Sewell & Elizabeth Sewell 73.31%
- 01/26 Marcia Molloy & Dan Cliffe 72.73%

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.

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Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

Dale S. Aronson	Leslie B. Clark
Karen J. Bezou	Callaway C. Dietzen
Celia Deininger	Evelyn M. Katz
Janet C. Koppel	Patricia Stirling
Nancy L. Murphy	Suzanne M. Whann
Mary Beth D. Rufin	Carl F. Bassham
Gretchen Wheaton	Herman Davis
Clare Brown	Joseph S. Gaudette

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Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Cathy P. Alford
Gorodon E. Clay
Patricia T. Gresham
Joy A. Kates
Denise H. Nagim
Valerie Chatellier
Lurline K. Kirchem
Stephanie E. Reaves
Ruth S. Rosenthal
William H. Sewell
Bonnie Zakotnik

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Dianne P. Butler
Hunter B. McFadden
Frances L. Middleton
Anthony Pastor
Mildred G. Bott
Olive R. Fuchs
Fred M. Lay
Gigi Matthews

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Muffin Balart
Edward E. Madden
Sandra E. Weber
Christine Beesley
Ann B. Farrelly
Sharon F. Henry
Neila L. Loyacano
Evelyn A. Randall
David W. Roberts
Janis K. Roberts

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Judy L. Serou
Wanda L. Hoffmeister
Donald M. Soignet
Beth Todd

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Victor J. Law
Bonnie C. Nelson
Bill Beaushaw
Madeline W. Tonti

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Carolyn M. Robertson

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

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Patience, Please!

Due to the large number of new members and rank advancements, the *Kibitzer* must postpone the return of the popular "Know the Director's Rulings" until next month. Thanks for your patience in this.

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