

# KIBITZER



## Louisiana Bridge Association – March, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

### President's Message

Thanks to **Mike Lappa** and **Fred Lay** for chairing the July tournament, and to **Ellen Lappa** for partnership.

The new officers of the board are: **Sid LeBlanc**, president; **Bill Weiss**, vice president; **Don Daigle** and **Pat Burke**, treasurer; and **Mike Lappa**, membership. **Jane de Montluzin** will handle snacks, **Mike Lappa**, recruiting, and **Alan Jacobs** will take over Directors.

We need a volunteer to handle decorations. If anyone is interested, please see me. The suggestion box was empty last month, the first time that has ever happened. Maybe putting the sign “Suggestion Box” on the shredder had an effect.

Be grateful for a short letter this month. No promises for next month.

*Sid LeBlanc*



### Tournament Results

#### Biloxi MS Regional January 23-29, 2012

##### Firsts:

- Larry Federico & John Federico:* Mon Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- Linda Freese & Paul Freese:* Mon Aft Pairs, Flight B.
- Edmund Cappel:* Tue AM Side Series, Flight A.
- F. Corredine:* Tue Senior Pairs, Flight B.
- Tipping Ellis & Christopher Young:* Tue Aft Side Game, Flight B.
- John Onstott:* Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 1.
- Tim Calamari, Roy Richardson, Carolyn York & Betty Townsend:* Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 3.
- Bill Beaushaw, Madeline Tonti, Orval Eberhart & Janell Eberhart:* Mon-Tue KO, Bracket 5.
- Edmund Cappel:* Tue Open Pairs, Flight X.
- Carol Bagalman & Bonnie Belanger:* Tue Gold Digger Pairs, Flight D.
- Sid LeBlanc, Robert Wooderson, Suzanne Wooderson & Mary LeBlanc:* Tue-Wed KO, Bracket 3.
- Gussie Dunn & James Dunn:* Tue-Wed KO, Bracket 5.
- Colleen Walker & Linda Stockton:* Wed PM Side Game, Flights A & B.
- Bernie Weiss & James Bush:* Wed A/X Swiss, Flight A.
- Barbara Satterlee, Wanda Hoffmeister, Betty Parke & Barbara Zelenka:* Wed BCD Swiss, Flight D.
- Bernie Weiss & Marvin Bernstein:* Fri AM Side Pairs, Flights A & B.
- Jennie Flynn Sauviac & Nonie Leavitt:* Thu Aft Side Game, Flight A.
- Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Thu Aft 199 Pairs, Flight C.
- Dianne Butler & Barbara Pyburn:* Thu Gold Digger Pairs, Flight D.
- Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Thu PM 199 Pairs, Flight B.
- Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Fri Aft 199 Pairs, Flights B & C.
- Cristi Nelson:* Fri Aft Side Pairs, Flight C.
- Tim Calamari, Roy Richardson, Carolyn York & Betty Townsend:* Thu-Fri KO, Bracket 4.
- Cathy Rantz & Kathleen Savino:* Fri PM Side Game, Flight C.
- Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot:* Sat Aft Side Game, Flt A.
- Colleen Walker & Linda Stockton:* Sat Aft Side Game, Flight B (tie).
- Nonie Leavitt & Jennie Flynn Sauviac:* Aft Side Series.
- Ellen Lappa, Karen Dugan, J. F. Lowenstein & Beth Todd:* Fri-Sat Compact KO, Bracket 2.
- Madeline Tonti & Bill Beaushaw:* Fri-Sat KO, Bracket 3.
- Elizabeth & Michael Arthur:* Sat Compact KO, Bracket 2.

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- Fred Kolb, Linda Falgoust, Janell Eberhart & Orval Eberhart:* Sun BCD Swiss, Flight C.
- Edward Trapp, Carolyn Trapp, Barbara Laverty & Loretta Mercola:* Sun BCD Swiss, Flight D.

#### Houston TX Regional January 30-February 5, 2012

##### Firsts:

- Nelson Daigle & Robert Pettit:* Tue AM 299 Pairs, Flight A.
- Nelson Daigle & Robert Pettit:* Tue PM 299 Pairs, Flight A.
- Nelson Daigle & Robert Pettit:* Thu PM 299 Pairs, Flight A.
- Nelson Daigle & Robert Pettit:* Fri AM 299 Pairs, Flight A.



### Upcoming Special Events

- \***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.
- \***March 9-11:** Gulfport MS 0-300 Sectional.
- Tuesday, March 13:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.
- \***March 15-25:** Memphis TN Spring NABC.
- \***March 16-18:** Lake Charles LA 0-500 NLM Sectional.
- \***March 30-April 1:** Metairie LA 0-300 Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.
- \***March 30-April 1:** Alexandria LA Sectional.
- \***March 30-April 1:** Pensacola FL Sectional.
- \*See [www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html](http://www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html) for complete information about upcoming tournaments.



### Thanks

On January 9, I broke my femur in a freak fall. Thanks to everyone who helped me and is helping me through this accident and rehabilitation. All your calls, visits, gifts, expressions of concern, and thoughts and prayers meant so much to me. I have a lot of work to do to get back to normal, but the idea of being able to return to the Bridge Center is great motivation to do it.

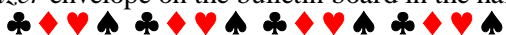
*Peggy Allen*



**70% Games**

- 02/02 Elizabeth Lody & Mary Madison Griswold 73.33%
- 02/02 Tom Wasson & Dan Cliffe 71.00%
- 02/02 B. B. Gordon & Joan Van Geffen 73.50%
- 02/04 Paul Deal & John Onstott 76.63%
- 02/07 Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz 70.02%
- 02/09 Edi Fedoroff & Daryl Fisher 81.67%
- 02/18 John Onstott & William Weiss 71.06%
- 02/22 Pat Housey & Catherine Clark 71.53%
- 02/23 Irene Labiche & Marcia Legendre 70.14%
- 02/24 Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz 72.90%

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**

- Gary Baxley
- Peggy C. Christian
- Charlotte M. Corbin
- Elizabeth Cordes
- Elizabeth D. Cousin
- Karen G. Crawford
- Joan Dubrey-Ducre
- Melanie L. Dyess
- Colette Greer
- Jane R. Hufft
- Michael R. Roux
- Susan H. Roux
- Dorothy Sanderfer
- Nancy C. Snedeker
- Rosemary H. Wayman



**Unit Masterpoint Milestones**

**NEW JUNIOR MASTERS**

- Carol A. Bisordi
- Carolyn S. Hall
- Gerry D. Stratton
- Richard N. Velleman
- Joann S. Warder

**NEW REGIONAL MASTERS**

- James R. Dunn
- Loretta N. Mercola
- Charley J. Wilson

**NEW NABC MASTER**

- Mary Regottaz

**NEW DIAMOND LIFE MASTER**

- ♦ Dot J. Babin ♦

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



**Happening Online This Month**

Once again the Vanderbilt Knockouts from the Spring NABC in Memphis will be shown online, this year with experts' voice commentary as well as typed chat. Coverage will start with selected matches from the Round of 32 on March 21 and continue each day culminating in the Final on March 25.

Four sessions will be shown each day, starting at noon or 1 PM and continuing into the evening: Exact times can be found at:

<http://www.bridgebase.com/vugraph/index.php>

For viewing with voice and chat, go to:

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

and click on "Play Bridge Now".



**Know the Director's Rulings**

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

**The 1 Club Opening Bid:**

Is it strong? - Is it short?

Is it an Alert? - Is it an Announcement?

If the 1 Club bid describes the hand holding 2 clubs, with 4-4-3-2 distribution, the announcement "May be short" is required. If the 1 Club bid describes a strong hand, "Alert" is required. The change that took place did not affect the alert/announcement procedure at all.

The only change is in determining allowable competitive actions over 1♣. Basically any artificial, non-destructive defense is allowed against an artificial 1♣ opener. This change means you may play only General Chart conventions over a "may be short" 1♣ if the only time your opponents may have 2 is with 4-4-3-2 shape.

If the partnership agrees to open 1 diamond holding 4-4-3-2, even though the hand holds only 2 clubs, no announcement is required.

[Ed.: The ACBL convention charts revised as of January, 2012, are online at:

<http://www.acbl.org/assets/documents/play/Convention-Chart.pdf>.]



**Should I Pass My Partner's Double? Part 2**

The November, 2011, *Kibitzer* reported on a formula for determining how to respond to your partner's reopening double when you have length in the opponents' suit and a hand that otherwise suggests you might leave the double in. (see \*Note below)

Another formula for resolving this question is the Rule of 9. Briefly, this says that you add up the level to which the opponents have bid, plus the number of cards you have in their suit, plus the number of honors you have in their suit. If the total is 9 or more, let the double stand. Otherwise, select a different response.

A complete description of the Rule of 9 and its implications for responding to partner's takeout double can be found at the Bridge Guys web site:

<http://www.bridgeguys.com/Conventions/Rule9.html>

The Bridge Guys' web site can also serve as your first place to look online for detailed descriptions of almost all conventions.

\*Note: This was Ron Klinger's recommendation of the Rule of 6 and 4. For most hands, the Rule of 9 and the Rule of 6 and 4 would result in the same choice of response. Prior issues of the *Kibitzer* can be found at our Unit 134 web site: [www.la-bridge.com](http://www.la-bridge.com) (click on "Newsletter/Archives".)



**Rank Advancement Requirements Changed**

Thought you had all the needed gold/red/silver points once you became a Life Master? Think again. The ACBL Board of Directors changed the requirements at the last NABC in Seattle. Now, additional "premium" points will be required for the higher ranks (Silver LM, Gold LM, etc.) as well. This applies to anyone who became a Life Master after 1989. In a separate item, the BoD removed the restriction on using points earned online for rank advancement. Previously, only 1/3 of online points could be used for rank advancements. Now all online points count for the next rank.

You can view the details of these changes at the ACBL web site by clicking on "ACBL Administration" and selecting "Board Meeting Minutes". In the Seattle minutes, get the details by searching for items 113-27 and 113-28.

