

# KIBITZER



## Louisiana Bridge Association – April, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

### President’s Message

Many thanks to **Leanne Lotridge** for handling decorations and changing our storage closet from “disastrous” to “extremely organized.” And thanks to **Sheryl Thompson** for donating the clocks to indicate time remaining for the 299er games, and to **Wayne Merkel** for his help on the dealing machines.

For future players, **Linda Freese** did an outstanding job of recruiting EZ bridge players. She now has ten tables at her Wednesday night game. Before Katrina we were happy with three tables! **Mike Lappa** developed a new players’ packet for EZ bridge players and other new players. We will start using these packets shortly. If you have any comments about this or any ideas that would attract new players, please share with **Mike Lappa**, **Suzanne Cliffe** or **Jennie Sauviac**.

It may surprise you to learn that our members had a life before bridge. Since we have such a talented group of people, they did interesting things. Many know that **Bob Pettit** was an NBA Hall of Famer, but did you know that **Ann Barone** worked at the White House and was on Jeopardy? **Rosemary Austin** backpacked in Afghanistan and Mongolia and was an attorney in the World Trade Towers until six months before 9/11. **Mary Regottaz**’s parents took her from Shanghai to Hong Kong as a toddler, when Mao took over in 1949, which changed their life. **Wayne Merkel** bought bras (among other careers). **Lanny Goldfinch** ran a commune and was involved in sit-ins in the 60’s. We have numerous people from foreign countries like Peru, Paraguay, India, Norway and New York City.

You couldn’t throw a rock in the LBA club without hitting a doctor (either M.D. or Ph.D.) Our members include attorneys, teachers, and even an artist. We have a king (**Fred Lay** was king of Argus). **Henry Bodenheimer** was president of the Sugar Bowl. **Joan Van Geffen** has eight kids. **Jackie Madden** is on the Jefferson Parish Zoning Board. I’m sure there are many more stories to tell; someone who has been here longer, please feel free to share your stories.

*Sid LeBlanc*



### Tournament Results

#### Hattiesburg MS Sectional February 24-26, 2012

##### Firsts:

*F. Corredine:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight B.  
*Sharon Henry & Judy Serou:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.

#### Baton Rouge LA Sectional March 1-4, 2012

##### Firsts:

*Larry Federico & Paul Deal:* Thu AM Pairs, Flight A.  
*Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot:* Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.  
*Jane & John Patterson:* Sat AM Pairs, Flight C.  
*William Beaushaw, Fred Kolb, Madeline Tonti & Orval Eberhart:* Sun BCD Swiss, Flights B & C.  
*Jeffrey Perigoni:* Sun CD Swiss, Flight D.

#### Gulfport MS 299er Sectional March 9-11, 2012

##### Firsts:

*Barbara Zelenka, Barbara Satterlee, Jeffrey Perigoni:* Sun AM Swiss.

#### Memphis TN Spring NABC March 15-25, 2012

##### Firsts:

*Beth Todd, James Thornton, David Wolf & Mickey Groggel:* Educational Fund KO Bracket 4.  
*Linda Freese:* Jack Wynns Daylight Open, Flight C.

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*Beth Todd, James Thornton, David Wolf & Mickey Groggel:* B & C Smith KO Bracket 5.  
*Ed McMullen, Rhonda McMullen, Jeffrey Perigoni:* Debbie Boyd Memorial Swiss, Flight C.  
*Mary Regottaz:* Sun-Mon Side Series, Flights A, B, & C.  
*John Onstott:* 1<sup>st</sup> Sun-Mon Side Series, Flight A.  
*Elizabeth Arthur, Michael Arthur, & Dloye Swift:* Mon BCD Swiss, Flight C.  
*John Onstott:* J & M Willingham AX Swiss, Flight A.  
*Lawayne Eberhart, Janell Eberhart, James Dunn, Gussie Dunn & Madeline Tonti:* Mon-Tue AM KO, Bracket 4.  
*Nelson Daigle, Sharon Henry, Hugh Lawson & Henry Bodenheimer:* Wed-Fri KO Bracket 3.  
*Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry:* Sat AM Miriam Strauss 299 Pairs, Flights A & B.  
*Eleanor Onstott:* Norman Kay AX Open Pairs, Flight A.



### Upcoming Special Events

**Thursday, April 5:** Unit Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.  
**\*April 13-15:** Flowood MS 0-300 Sectional.  
**Wednesday, April 18:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.  
**\*April 21-22:** Lafayette LA 0-500 NLM Sectional.  
**April 23-29:** Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.  
**\*May 3-6:** Metairie Derby Day Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.  
**\*See [www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html](http://www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html)** for complete information about upcoming tournaments.



70% Games

- 02/28 Peggy Mccranie & Jack Walker 72.50%
- 03/07 John Federico & Larry Federico 70.24%
- 03/08 Gilda Stire & Aubrey John Wild 75.00%
- 03/13 Eleanor Onstott & Jean Talbot 77.27%
- 03/13 Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz 75.46%
- 03/20 David Woods & Stephen Kishner 70.24%

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

- Stanca M. Ciupe
- Mary K. Duke
- Irene J. Labiche
- Karen H. Lay
- Mae V. O. Neil
- Kathryn M. Talbot
- Annette C. Wille



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Muffin Mahorner
- Paul S. Rosenblum
- Susan H. Roux
- Margaret N. Shirer
- Mercedes D. Wells

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- J. M. Anthony
- Norton L. Berman
- Henry J. Bodenheimer
- Claudette C. Lay
- Stephanie E. Reaves
- Katsumi Sohma
- Edward M. Trapp
- Andrew P. Walker
- Richard A. Whann
- Verna B. Williams

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

- Barbara M. Laverty
- Gail W. Perry
- Barbara S. Pyburn
- Cleo R. Velleman

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

- Caroline M. Bienvenu
- Lillian R. Kirshbom
- Charles R. Walters

NEW NABC MASTERS

- Pris D. Daly
- Catherine C. McIver
- Barbara B. Zelenka

NEW LIFE MASTERS

- Tom Dunn
- Di Lapeyre
- Leanne J. Lotridge
- Roy Richardson
- Betty Townsend
- Carolyn G. York

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

- Di Lapeyre
- Mary C. LeBlanc
- Suzanne T. Wooderson
- Carolyn G. York

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

- Douglas Dawsey
- Tipping M. Ellis
- Linda Freese

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



Wednesday Jackpot News

Five pairs split a \$58 jackpot on February 29 by bidding and making a grand slam. **Mary Ann Chesson & Marilyn Downs-Seward** were the lone N/S pair to do this. The four E/W pairs: **Larry Federico & John Federico**, **Bill Weiss & Sid LeBlanc**, **Anne Plauche & Paul Freese**, and **Henry Bodenheimer & Hugh Lawson**.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

You Know Who You Are!!

When a pair has fallen behind, it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not. All players are expected to make a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness.

In the absence of compelling evidence to the contrary, the director should presume that a pair finishing a round late by more than two or three minutes on more than one occasion during a session is responsible for the lateness. There is a strong expectation that the director will penalize such a pair. The size of the penalty will tend to increase for subsequent instances of slow play and for chronic or egregious slow play. While warnings typically will be given before a penalty is assessed, failure to do so in no way limits the director's authority to issue a penalty.

An appeal of an action taken by a TD with regard to time may be taken to the Director in Charge of the tournament, but no further.



**In Memoriam**

**Dorothy "Dot" Babin**



2011 Unit 134 Mini-McKenney Winners

The Mini-McKenney awards recognize the highest masterpoint accumulations during a calendar year in each of several beginning-of-year masterpoint levels. For instance, people who have 0-5 MPs at the beginning of the year compete together, as do people who began the year with 5-20 MPs, 20-50 MPs, and so on until the 10,000+ level.

The ACBL reports the winners at each level for each unit, for each district, and ACBL-wide, along with runners-up on the web page

<http://www.acbl.org/about/mpraces.html>

Our unit's winners for 2011 are:

BOY Masterpoints	Winner
0-5	Sharon Henry
5-20	Roberta Hirsu
20-50	Beth Todd
50-100	Bill Beushaw
100-200	Madeline Tonti
200-300	Orval Eberhart
300-500	Debra Gay Falcon
500-1000	Dee Moses
1000-2500	William Weiss
2500-5000	Larry Federico
5000-7500	Fred Woodruff
7500-10000	James Bush
> 10000	John Onstott

Of the Unit 134 winners above, **Sharon Henry** and **Bill Beushaw** also topped the District 10 lists for their levels. District 10 comprises Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and western Tennessee.

