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Louisiana Bridge Association – May, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

ALERT! Derby Day Tournament Notices -- Important Changes

(1) The Friday game times are 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM. This is a change from previous tournaments' Friday schedule.

(2) Parking is available in the 16 spots against our fence Thursday and Friday at the Okinago restaurant behind the club. Enter at 2712 N. Arnoult Rd. There will be a gate in our fence. Please use this parking and let our visitors use our lot.

(3) **Dot Babin** has bequeathed \$1,000 for prize money for the Saturday games at this tournament. See the notice posted at the club or the chart on page 2 for specifics.

President's Message

Thanks to co-chairs **Sharon Henry** (the flower lady), **Denise Nagim** and **Carolyn Dubois** for the successful 299er tournament. **Peggy Mccranie** will co-chair the July tournament and **Jackie Madden, Pris Daly** and **Linda Gallagher** will handle the November tournament. Thanks to these ladies for their help.

Just a reminder, it is against ACBL rules to answer a telephone during play. If you expect an important phone call, leave your telephone with the director.

Dot Babin left money to give \$1,000 in prizes for the Saturday during the Derby Day tournament for the next five years. We will call it the Dot Babin Derby Day Tournament. If you want to leave a bequest in your will and need some legal help, let us know.

This is **your** club. We need **your** help to make it run. It only runs through the efforts of many volunteers. If you have not volunteered for anything, you should feel a little guilty. I would like to take advantage of that guilt and help you get rid of it. We need volunteers to handle food for Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day, to run the Halloween game, to serve on the nominating committee, to handle partnership for the November or January tournament, to be co-chairs for the January or future tournaments, to work on the 2015 spring nationals (see **John Federico** or **Patti Harp** about helping with hospitality, registration, prizes, daily bulletin, entertainment or ?), and to work on the 2013 regional (see **Jackie Madden** or **Patti Harp** for same tasks as for nationals). And, if you see something that needs to be done at the club, "just do it".

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

Alexandria LA Sectional March 30-April 1, 2012

Firsts:

Edmund Cappel: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Sandra Brown & Patricia Burke: Fri PM Swiss, Flts B & C.
Edmund Cappel: Sat AM Pairs, Flight A.

Metairie LA 299er Sectional March 30-April 1, 2012

Firsts:

Mary Regottaz & Madonna Abroms: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Diane Butler & Barbara Pyburn: Fri AM Pairs, Flight B.
Sherie Linzy & Jeannine Richardson: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.
Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry: Fri Aft Pairs, Flights A & B.
David Roberts & Janis Roberts: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Bonnie Belanger & Carol Bagalman: Sat AM Pairs, Flights A & B.
Pat Desforages & Maryann Joyner: Sat AM Pairs, Flight C.
Beth Todd & Stephen Kishner: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Gene Lindner & Darlene Lindner: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Evelyn Randall & Katsumi Sohma: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Carol Bagalman, Rose Liljeberg, Mary Ann Chesson & Helen Wisdom: Sun Swiss, Flights A & B.

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Gatlinburg TN Regional April 16-22, 2012

Firsts:

Cathy Rantz & Helen St. Romain: Thu-Fri KO, Bracket 16.



Upcoming Special Events

***May 3-6:** Metairie Dot Babin Derby Day Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.

Thursday, May 10: International Fund Game, Noon, extra points, \$7.00 fee.

Saturday, May 12: Unit Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

***May 14-20:** Birmingham AL/Hot Springs AR Split Regional.

Monday, May 28: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

***May 31-June 3:** Baton Rouge LA Sectional.

Friday, June 1: World Wide Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7.00 fee, more about this game on page 2.

Saturday, June 2: World Wide Game, Noon, extra points, \$7.00 fee, more about this game on page 2.

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



70% Games

- 03/26 Cily Winkeler & Roberta Hirsu 71.59%
- 03/29 Suzanne Cliffe & Ann Fuselier 73.33%
- 03/30 Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry 71.31%
- 04/06 Carol Bagalman & Lilian Kirshbom 70.0%
- 04/10 Katsumi Sohma & Evelyn Randall 70.31%
- 04/18 Margaret Booth & Elaine Duplantier 70.19%
- 04/18 Marcia Legendre & Virginia McMurray 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.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- A. Keith Katz
- James D. Kiser
- Ronnie C. McGehee
- Amy Nolan



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

- Kathy D. Gilmore
- Mae V. O. Neil
- Margy S. Ruli

NEW CLUB MASTERS

- Mark R. Greensfelder
- Carroll L. Wood

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

- Mike Lappa

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

- William R. Weiss

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



Cash Prizes for Derby Day

Here is the breakdown of how cash prizes for Saturday May 5 of the Derby Day tournament will be distributed. These prizes come courtesy of money contributed by **Dot Babin**. The prizes are for **overall** winners in each stratum. That is, there will not be separate N/S and E/W prizes – only one prize per stratum in each event. And, you must be an ACBL member to win.

EVENT	Stratum	Prize
OPEN Events:		
Two-Session Pairs	A	\$300
“	B	120
“	C	80
Morning Side Game	A	70
“	B	50
“	C	30
Afternoon Side Game	A	50
299 Events:		
Morning 299 Pairs	D	\$70
“	E	50
“	F	30
Afternoon 299 Pairs	D	70
“	E	50
“	F	30



World-Wide Bridge Games

The World Wide Bridge Contest to be held on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd June, is great fun for clubs being able to play on either day or both, since there are different hands. Eric Kokish will write a very entertaining commentary. Once the results have been sent in by your club, they can be viewed at www.ecatsbridge.com/sims within approximately 3 minutes. As the event is scored across the whole field, players can have fun watching the scores change as new

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sets of results are posted by clubs from all over the world. And, any profit made by this event shall be used specifically for the development of Youth Bridge. A very good cause!

Jan van Cleef, Publisher, BridgeTopics.com



Know the Director’s Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Mistaken Explanation Vs. Mistaken Bid

After an auction during which you asked for an explanation of one of the bids, you discover later – either after the Dummy hits the table or at the end of the hand – that your opponents did not give you an accurate description of the bid that had caused your question. The Director will have to sort out whether you received a *Mistaken Explanation* or whether the bidder made a *Mistaken Bid*. First let’s look at how the Director must distinguish between these two situations based on the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Mistaken Explanation: A player makes a bid in agreement with the partnership understanding, but her partner misinformed the opponents about the meaning of the bid. This explanation is an infraction of the law, since opponents are entitled to an accurate description of the agreement.

Mistaken Bid: The partnership agreement is as explained. Here there is no infraction of law and no penalty, since the opponents did receive an accurate description of the agreement. Under the Laws, the non-offending side has no claim to an accurate description of the hands.

There is more, however. Regardless of which situation applies, the bidder knows her bid has been misinterpreted (this knowledge is “unauthorized information”) and she must be careful not to base subsequent actions on this information. If she does deviate from what their agreement would require her to do, the Director may award an adjusted score. Such a score adjustment will result because the offending bidder is required to bid her hand based on what it is, and how she started to bid it, not on what she heard partner say.

All these complications can be avoided. Partnerships are expected to know their agreements. Before the game starts every partnership should review its agreements to avoid this situation.



Happening Online This Month

The 2012 United States Bridge Championships will be presented on the Bridgebase Online (BBO) Vugraph from April 29 to June 6. (dates are approximate as the number of sessions depends on how many teams enter; check the BBO web site for updates to the Vugraph schedule.) BBO plans to have voice commentary online for these games.

These games will select three teams to represent the United States in Lille, France, this August at the 2012 World Bridge Games. Teams will compete in three categories Open, Women and Senior in both the U. S. Championships and the World Games.

The United States Bridge Championships are held under the auspices of the United States Bridge Federation (USBF) and the World Bridge Games under the auspices of the World Bridge Federation (WBF).

Relevant web sites for more information:

BBO: www.bridgebase.com

USBF: www.usbf.org

WBF: www.worldbridge.org

