

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – June, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

President’s Message

Thanks to the co-chairs for the Derby Day Tournament. **Lynn Giordano, Madonna Abrams, Juanita Heidingsfelder** and **Jo Ann Ippolito** did a great job. Also, **Jackie Madden** provided our director, Kevin Perkins, accommodations, because he couldn’t find a convenient place to stay.

For the Christmas party **Jackie Madden** and **Patti Harp** plan to have a mini silent auction, a survivor game for 20 people and a Christmas boutique. This should be fun and should raise some money for the 2013 regional. If you have something to contribute to the boutique or the silent auction, see Jackie or Patti.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

Metairie LA Sectional May 3-6, 2012

Firsts:

- Marian Bourgeois & Nancy Murphy:* Thu AM 0-20 Pairs, Flights A & B.
- John Onstott:* Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.
- Robert Wooderson & Sid LeBlanc:* Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.
- Elizabeth & Michael Arthur:* Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
- William Gentry & Linda Knobloch:* Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flt D.
- Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit:* Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
- Arnold Levy & Maline Levy:* Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
- Paul Deal:* Thu PM Pairs, Flight A.
- Beth Todd & J. F. Lowenstein:* Thu PM Pairs, Flight B.
- Theresa Federico & Julie Roberts:* Thu PM 299 Pairs, Flt D.
- Leslie Rome & Irene Labiche:* Fri AM 0-20 Pairs, Flights A & B (tie).
- Charlotte Corbin & Sherrie Goodman:* Fri AM 0-20 Pairs, Flights A & B (tie).
- John Onstott & William Weiss:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
- Eileen & Richard Bagnetto:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight B.
- Di Lapeyre & Pat Ellis:* Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.
- Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Fri AM 299 Pairs, Flts D, E & F.
- Joan Van Geffen & James Bush:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A (tie).
- Paul Deal:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A (tie).
- F. Corredine & Bill Beaushaw:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
- Janet Patterson & Bonnie Nelson:* Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
- Om & Lallie Garg:* Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flights D & E.
- Janis Roberts & David Roberts:* Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
- Debra Gay Falcon & Michael Falcon:* Sat AM Side Pairs, Flights A & B.
- Linda Gallagher & Pris Daly:* Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flight D.
- Margaret Ponseti & Gigi Matthews:* Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flights E & F.
- Paul Deal:* Sat Two-Session Pairs, Flight A.
- Ellen Lappa & Karen Dugan:* Sat Two-Session Pairs, Flt C.
- James Thornton & Patricia Kessler:* Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flt A.
- Claire Stahel & Tipping Ellis:* Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight B.
- Alma Slatten & Robert Pettit:* Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flts D & E.
- Fred Lay & Claudette Lay:* Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
- Keenan Romig, Bobbi Long, Juanita Heidingsfelder & Lynn Giordano:* Sun B/C Swiss, Flight B.
- Fred Lay, Claudette Lay, Alan Jacobs & Linda Jacobs:* Sun B/C Swiss, Flight C.
- John Onstott:* Sun A/X Swiss, Flight A.
- James Thornton, Beth Todd, David Wolf & Ray Lytle:* Sun A/X Swiss, Flight X.

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- Bill Beaushaw & Madeline Tonti:* Wed Aft Side Series, Flt C.
- John Onstott:* Gold Dust KO, Bracket 1.
- Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry:* Gold Dust KO, Bracket 5.
- Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry:* Thu PM Side Game, Flights B & C.
- John Onstott:* California Gold KO, Bracket 1.
- John Onstott:* Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.



Parking Notice

Parking is available every Thursday and both Thursday and Friday during tournaments in the 16 spots against our fence in the Japanese restaurant behind us. (The restaurant is Okinago, on North Arnoult). There is a gate through the fence. Please do not park on our grass unless all these spots are taken.

For tournaments, please use this lot first and leave our lot for visitors, new players and members who have trouble walking.



Heard Online

Commentators at Bridgebase Online were reflecting on two bidding trends they noticed over many years. The first was that all types of bids – opening, responsive, overcalling – are being made with fewer and fewer values. One offered this bidding sequence and his interpretation of it:

N	E	S	W
1♣ ⁽¹⁾	Pass	1♦ ⁽²⁾	Pass
1♥ ⁽³⁾	Pass	1♠ ⁽⁴⁾	

- (1) 1♣ = “I have 13 cards.”
- (2) 1♦ = “Me, too!”
- (3) 1♥ = “I have at least one suit of 4 or more cards.”
- (4) 1♠ = “Me, too!”

The second trend is the use of more and more conventions. The commentator put out a rumor that ACBL will change the alerting procedure to require alerts only for natural bids.

And finally, a **riddle**: Why do chimney sweeps never get a director call? (Answer on page 2.)



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Birmingham AL Regional May 14-20, 2012

Firsts:

- Eleanor Onstott:* Georgia Compact KO, Bracket 1.

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70% Games

- 04/24 Carol Bagalman & Bonnie Belanger 73.67%
- 04/28 Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot 74.42%
- 05/08 Stephen Kishner & David Woods 72.00%
- 05/09 William Sewell & Elizabeth Sewell 83.33%
- 05/09 Leslie Rome & Edye Trail 75.00%
- 05/11 Audrey Cerise & Bill Gentry 70.41%

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

- William P. Cousins
- Robert Morgan
- Vincent Profita
- Leslie H. Rome
- Lois M. Saulsbury
- Harold Steinitz



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

- NEW CLUB MASTER**
Susan M. Seago
- NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS**
Bonnie Belanger
Dan M. Cliffe
Nancy D. Graham
Roberta T. Hirsu
Diane D. Kramer
William C. Weed
- NEW REGIONAL MASTERS**
Sharon F. Henry
Peggy McCranie
- NEW NABC MASTERS**
Nelson T. Daigle
Karen P. Dugan
Janell Eberhart
Rhonda L. McMullen
Jeffrey Perigoni
Beth Todd
Patricia D. Wilcox
- NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER**
Betty L. Schwall

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



Wednesday Jackpot Report

The Great Shuffler dealt grand slams to six pairs who bid and made them on April 18: **Chuck Pitard & Paul Deal, Eileen & Richard Bagnetto, Sylvia Kitziger & Joan Vollenweider, Sanford & Martie Sisco, Jeanie Faia & Fay Batt, and Larry Federico & John Federico.** These pairs split a \$54 jackpot.

On May 2, **Lil Breen** and **Bummy Rosenfield** split a \$14.50 jackpot by being the only pair to bid and make 7.

May 23's deals produced grand slams bid and made by seven pairs who split \$28: **Sid LeBlanc, Bill Weiss, Margaret Booth, Marilyn Ducasse, Joan Van Geffen, Dee Moses, Jean Talbot, John Federico, Lillian Breen, Bummy Rosenfield, Jennie Sauviac, Tim Calamari, James Bush and Bernie Weiss** split this jackpot.

Come out and play in the Wednesday open game and add a dollar to the jackpot in case you are dealt a grand slam hand.



Answer to Riddle on Page 1

Why do chimney sweeps never get a director call? "Because they are always following soot."



Upcoming Special Events

- *May 31-June 3: Baton Rouge LA Sectional.
- Friday, June 1:** World Wide Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7.00 fee.
- Saturday, June 2:** World Wide Game, Noon, extra points, \$7.00 fee.
- ****Thursday, June 7:** NAP Qualifying Game, Noon, \$7.00 fee.
- ***June 8-10:** Gulfport MS Sectional.
- ***June 11-17:** Jackson MS Regional.
- June 18-24:** STAC Week, all sessions, silver point awards, \$7.00 fee.
- Monday, June 25:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.
- ****Tuesday, June 26:** NAP Qualifying Game, 10:30 AM, \$7.00 fee.
- Wednesday, July 4:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee, lunch at Noon.
- *See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html for complete information about upcoming tournaments.
- **See www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php for information about the North American Pairs (NAP) games.



In Memoriam

Violet S. Bobo
Katherine Ann Melius
Louis D. Neveu



Happening Online This Month

The 2012 United States Bridge Championships continue on the Bridgebase Online (BBO) Vugraph from June 1 to June 6. Check the BBO web site for times: www.bridgebase.com; click on "Vugraph Schedule". Last month the team for the open competition was selected. This month the womens' and senior teams will be selected.

The teams selected will represent the United States in Lille, France, this August at the 2012 World Bridge Games.



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

[Ed: Jennie Sauviac requested that we reprint this editorial by Daryl Fisher from the December, 2000, issue of the *Kibitzer*.]

Too many players seem to hold the attitude that calling the Director is somehow wrong. Some are just too nice; they seem to believe that they should not bother the Director. Others take the position that they "know" what the Director would do anyway so calling him/her is unnecessary. Still others are embarrassed by calling the Director.

All of these players are wrong-headed. The Director's job is to ensure the fairness of the game for all players. When players don't call the Director, they are affecting the results of all players in the game. Whether they are too nice, fully "informed" about the Laws, or embarrassed, players should call the Director to make sure that all the players in the field play the game under the same rules.

When the Director is not called, numerous bad things can happen. If a rule is not enforced because the players don't want to bother the Director, all other players in the field are disadvantaged. When a rule is misapplied because a "knowledgeable" player "knows what to do", all other players in field are disadvantaged as well as the side that acquiesces in the mistaken action. Further, that side also may soon begin to view the Laws as unfair. Only the Director should be allowed to enforce the Laws. It's what we pay them to do.

