

# KIBITZER



## Louisiana Bridge Association – October, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

### President's Message

Alan Jacobs is chair of the nominating committee for the board. The members are Sally Toups and Eileen Bagnetto. If you are interested in running for the board or have any suggestions, please let one of them know.

Thanks to the people handling the 299er tournament October 5-7: Audrey Cerise, Joanne Chancey, Jim Kessler, Lil Kirshbom and Jack Walker. Mark your calendar and plan to play.

I am sorry to report that Patti Harp has resigned from the board. She will continue as co-chair of the 2015 Nationals and next year's regional. Louise Saik will take Patti's place on the board for the remaining four months of Patti's term.

Sid LeBlanc



### Tournament Results

#### Atlanta GA Regional August 28-September 3, 2012

##### Firsts:

John Onstott: Wed-Thu Compact KO, Bracket 1.  
David Wolf, Mickey Groggel, & Ray Lytle: Mon Strat B Swiss, Bracket 3.

#### Tunica MS Regional September 10-16, 2012

##### Firsts:

Sylvia Kitziger & Joann Ippolito: Tue Aft Side Swiss, Flt C.  
Cathy Rantz, Kathleen Savino, Fay Batt & Helen St. Romain: Mon-Tue Eve Compact KO, Bracket 4.  
Beth Todd, J. F. Lowenstein, Ellen Lappa & Karen Dugan: Mon-Tue Eve Compact KO, Bracket 5.  
Beth Todd, J. F. Lowenstein, Ellen Lappa & Karen Dugan: Wed-Thu KO, Bracket 4.  
Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Fri Aft Swiss, Flight A.  
John Federico & Daryl Fisher: Fri Aft Side Game, Flight A.  
Edmund Cappel: Fri-Sat KO, Bracket 2.  
Beth Todd, J. F. Lowenstein, Catherine McIver & Di Lapeyre: Fri-Sat KO, Bracket 3.  
Beth Todd, J. F. Lowenstein, Catherine McIver & Di Lapeyre: Fri-Sat Eve Compact KO, Bracket 2.  
Beth Todd, J. F. Lowenstein, Catherine McIver & Di Lapeyre: Sun Strat B Swiss, Bracket 2.

#### Lafayette LA September 21-23, 2012

##### Firsts:

Edmund Cappel: Fri Aft Pairs, Flt A.  
Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot: Fri Eve Swiss, Flight A.



### Wednesday Jackpot Report

Partnerships Dick & Eileen Bagnetto and Jennie Sauviac & Dee Moses shared an \$8 jackpot on September 5. Both pairs bid and made 7NT on board 16. – Linda Freese, Director.



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### Upcoming Special Events

**\*\*Thursday, October 4:** Instant Matchpoint Game (Gold Point Event), 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7.00 fee.

**\*October 5-7:** Metairie 299'er Sectional.

**Monday, October 8:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

**\*October 12-14:** Baton Rouge LA 299'er Sectional.

**\*October 15-21:** Beaumont TX Regional.

**\*October 19-21:** Gulfport MS Sectional.

**October 22-28:** Club Appreciation Week, all sessions, extra points, no extra fee.

**\*October 26-28:** Mobile AL Sectional.

**\*October 26-28:** Flowood (Jackson) MS Sectional.  
**Saturday, October 27:** Halloween Party, 7:15 PM, food and extra points, no extra fee.

**Wednesday, October 31:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

**November 5-11:** Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.

**Tuesday, November 13:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

**\*November 15-18:** Metairie Dottie Toledano Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.

**Monday, November 26:** ACBL Charity Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7.00 fee.

\*See [www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html](http://www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html) for complete information about upcoming tournaments.

\*\*See [www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php](http://www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php) for information about the Instant Matchpoint game.



### 70% Games

09/03 Alan & Linda Jacobs 74.00%

09/11 Debbie Rothschild & Carol Bagalman 71.49%

09/15 Linda & Paul Freese 71.09%

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

Jo-Ann Couvillion  
 Guss Ginsburg  
 Carole D. Leslie  
 Janice S. Zazulak



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Yvette M. Crist  
 Mimi H. Groome  
 Irene J. Labiche  
 James A. Mayfield III  
 Nancy L. Murphy

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Joy A. Kates  
 Eve E. Kryssing  
 Sybil W. Lawson  
 Carole D. Leslie  
 Isabel M. Morse  
 Betty J. Norton  
 Mae V. O’Neil  
 Gilda A. Stire  
 Joy Ellen Strain  
 Aubrey John Wild

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Mike Anthony  
 Rose L. Liljeberg

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Warren A. Courtade  
 Shirley Dausch

NEW NABC MASTER

Susan O. Sommer

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Nelson T. Daigle

NEW LIFE MASTER

Ben F. McKown, Jr.

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Lawayne Eberhart

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

J. F. Lowenstein

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



Know the Director’s Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Bid Out of Rotation

This month’s rule usually arises from players not paying close attention to whose turn to bid it is. The first question that the Director will ask when called to the table because someone has bid out of turn will be directed to the Left Hand Opponent of the player who wrongfully bid. The LHO always has the option – *without consultation with partner* – to accept the out-of-rotation bid. If the bid is accepted the auction proceeds.

However, if the LHO does not choose to accept the bid, the bid is cancelled. Then, numerous conditions apply to the Director’s ruling. First, if the out-of-rotation bid was made at the Right Hand Opponent’s turn to bid and RHO passes, the offender may repeat his legal call with no further penalty. Alternatively, if the RHO acts (bidding, doubling, or redoubling), offender’s partner is forced to pass at his next turn to bid as long as the offender repeats the denomination of his bid out of turn. If the offender makes any other call, his partner is then required to pass for the rest of the auction.

Now, if the bid was made at the offender’s partner’s turn to call or the LHO’s turn to call *and offender has not previously called*, offender’s partner is barred from acting for the entire auction, and lead penalties may apply. The Director also may award an adjusted score. Now, if the offender has previously called in the auction, then Change of Call penalties apply and the offender’s side may earn no score better than average minus on the board.



Read the Opponents’ Cards

Peggy Allen

I have an index card used as a bookmark for one of my all-time favorite bridge books. The card is headed “Make **Every** Inference.” Some of the hints I wrote on the card when reading this book were:

1. Review bidding for both points and distribution.
2. Likely contract at other tables?
3. Analyze the opening lead. Sequence? Singleton? AK missing?
4. Analyze each suit; place honors.
5. Plan play – each suit and overall.
6. Visualize closed hands.
7. Say every card as it is played (silently, to yourself, of course).

Many bridge books follow a formula as follows: Here is your hand. Here is the contract (maybe with bidding included.) Here is the dummy’s hand. How would you play? Turn page. Here is the full hand and what you should have done. So? You’ve taught me how to play **that** hand, but ... I will never play **that** hand. These books are like 30 or 40 daily newspaper bridge columns strung together.

I prefer bridge books that give principles that apply to many bridge hands – that is, guidance that can be used on almost every bridge hand. For instance, the “AK missing?” in number 3 above means: if your side has neither the king nor the ace of a suit, and that suit is not the opening lead, then LHO (probably) does not have both of those cards (because A from AK is one of the best possible leads.) They may be split between the two defenders, or RHO may have both. In combination with the evidence that an opponent opened or failed to open the bidding, the information about the location of the ace and king is very powerful.

The book that inspired the “Make Every Inference” card is Mike Lawrence’s *How to Read Your Opponent’s Cards*. Originally published in 1973, this book loses little or nothing to time because it deals with the play and defense, rather than bidding. When I first read this book, I described it to bridge-playing friends in Biblical terms: “The scales fell from my eyes.”

The useful information in this book is so densely packed that it could certainly merit multiple readings. In fact, there’s one tip on my index card that says “KJ in dummy, me – AQ”. I don’t remember what this means – guess I should re-read this book soon.

Now, if I could just concentrate enough to make use of all these techniques on each hand – to Make Every Inference ...



Make Their Day – Ask a 299er to Play

Bronze LM’s or higher, please ask a 299er to play. You will have no entry fee the first time you play with a 299er and for each new 299er you play with. See the list by the TV or ask Jennie Sauviac (888-2883) to refer you to a 299er who could benefit by playing with you.

