

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – December, 2012

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

As it is now flu season, just a reminder to players: if you are contagious, please stay home. We have too many members with immune system issues.

Thanks to **Jackie Madden, Pris Daly** and **Linda Gallagher** for chairing the November tournament. Great job, ladies! **Denise Fuselier, Dan Cliffe** and **Nelson Daigle** will chair the January tournament and **Ellen Lappa** will handle partnership. Don't forget the Christmas boutique and silent auction at the Christmas party. See **Jackie Madden** about any donations.

Our club could not function without an army of volunteers. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have given their time and effort to our club in 2012. In addition to those who chaired the six tournaments and partnerships, the four daytime parties, Halloween and Christmas and other ad hoc items, the following have ongoing duties:

Our board members are: **Bill Weiss**, Vice-President, maintenance, office supplies; **Don Daigle**, Treasurer, email notices, program to deal hands; **Jane de Montluzin**, Secretary, buying snacks; **Patti Harp**, oversight of custodial service, 2013 regional and 2015 National; **John Onstott**, District 10 delegate, ethics and conduct, directors (really Eleanor, see below) and 2015 national; **Jim Kessler**, tournament consulting and vending; **Alan Jacobs**, nominating committee; **Mike Lappa**, membership and tournament recruiting; **Louise Saik**, transition lessons; **Pat Burke**, co-treasurer, elections committee. A special tribute is due to **Tim Calamari** for his many contributions the club.

Other ongoing responsibilities were: **Elaine Prager**, Memorials; **Dick and Ellie Brammell**, tournament sanctions, elections committee, cruise liaison; **Jean Talbot**, club manager; **Sally Touns**, club manager and special games; **Peggy Allen**, website coordinator and *Kibitzer* editor; **Jennie Sauviac**, intermediate/novice chair, *Kibitzer* contributor; **Jean Weiss**, bridge supplies; **Eleanor Onstott**, directors; **Suzanne Cliffe**, EZ Bridge; **Theresa Federico**, tournament flyers, preparation of boards, anything else that needs doing; **Keenan Romig**, kitchen and janitorial supplies; **Leanne Lotridge**, decorations; **Dee Moses**, hall calendar; **Ann Barone**, outside gardens, responder to alarms (**Ronnie Haag** is backup); **Ray Gandolfi**, youth bridge; **Sharon Henry**, flower arrangements; **Lil Range**, hall of fame; **Jackie Madden**, 2013 regional; and the tournament consulting committee: **Jim Kessler, Patti Harp, Colleen Walker, Jackie Madden, Dianne Chesson, Keenan Romig** and **Suzanne Cliffe**.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your contributions of time, effort or money. You have made the club a more pleasant place to play.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

Mobile AL Sectional October 26-28, 2012

Firsts:

John Onstott: Fri PM Pairs, Flight A.
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Flowood MS Sectional October 26-28, 2012

Firsts:

Paul Deal: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Metairie LA Sectional November 15-18, 2012

Firsts:

Joan Van Geffen & James Bush: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Helen St. Romain & Fay Batt: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Wanda Picarella & Roy Richardson: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Ann Crane & Linda Worley: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
John Estes & G. Price Crane: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
Roxanne Estrada & Maryann Joyner: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
John Onstott: Thu PM Pairs, Flt A.
Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry: Thu PM Pairs, Flts B & C.
Muffin Mahorner & Nancy Murphy: Thu AM 0-20 Pairs, Flight A.
Antoinette Talbott & Jane Robinson: Thu AM 0-20 Pairs, Flight B.
Jean Talbot & Toby Bassett: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.

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Audrey Cerise & Lilian Kirshbom: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Marian Bourgeois & Nancy Murphy: Fri AM 0-20 Pairs, Flight A.
Steve Katz & Pamela Tanner: Fri AM 0-20 Pairs, Flight B.
John Onstott & William Weiss: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Mary Regottaz & Sue Kachtik: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.
Dianne Butler & Barbara Pyburn: Fri AM 299 Pairs, Flights D & E.
Ann Crane & G. Price Crane: Fri AM 299 Pairs, Flight F.
Om Garg & Lallie Garg: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Dianne Butler & Barbara Pyburn: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
Terrence Marr & Irene Labiche: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
Ann Barone & James Glynn, Jr.: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flt A.
Linda Gallagher & Pris Daly: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flts B & C.
Katsumi Sohma & Evelyn Randall: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flights D & E.
Mildred Bott & Frederick Bott: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flight F.
Douglas De Montluzin & Joann Ippolito: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight A.
Red Hailey & Marilyn Kelly: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight B.
Carl Merlin & J. F. Lowenstein: Sat Open Pairs, Flts A & B.
Michael Arthur & Elizabeth Arthur: Sat Open Pairs, Flight C.
Henry Bodenheimer & Hugh Lawson: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flights D & E.
Bob Bowers, Fred Woodruff, Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.
Linda Freese, Paul Freese, Dianne Chesson & Ralph Chesson: Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.
Nelson Daigle, Sharon Henry, Hugh Lawson & Henry Bodenheimer: Sun BC Swiss, Flights B & C.



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Judith Bostwick
- Marcia F. Buisson
- Edgar J. Bullard III
- Marymargaret Chauvin
- Eileen Crane
- Sharon Mathews
- Diane Schwartz
- Dee A. Sharp
- Alvin E. Sheasby
- Dale C. Thompson



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

- NEW JUNIOR MASTER**
Leslie H. Rome
- NEW REGIONAL MASTER**
Fred M. Lay
- NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER**
Beth Todd
- NEW LIFE MASTERS**
Fay W. Batt
Sylvia K. Kitziger
Ellen H. Lappa
Catherine C. McIver
- NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER**
Fay W. Batt
- NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER**
James L. Glynn, Jr.
- NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER**
Ronald A. Berenger

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

A Bridge Player's Holiday Wish List! (and Directors', Too)

A mysterious letter was found in the mailbox at the Club today. It was addressed to "Santa Claus, c/o Jennie Flynn Sauviac." Since I wasn't sure that I could depend on the mail to get to the North Pole in time, I opened it and found that the author also was unsure if it would make it to Santa Claus. Still, the writer said that he knew that a bridge player like Saint Nick was sure to have a subscription to the Kibitzer. The editor has kindly consented to print the author's gift list: "Please, Santa,

I want a perfect game! In a troubled world what I ask for may sound trivial, but hear me out. I know that you can bring it to me if you will only bring the following items to our Club (and any other club in the U.S. that I might decide to play in).

Snap-free cards so that players will no longer feel compelled to make that annoying snapping sound every time they play a card – especially those players who snap and sneeringly grin when they win a trick.

An end to hesitations followed by passes. The only members given special forgiveness for this breach of the Laws should be novices who frequently have trouble knowing what to do (and a few older club members whose thought processes have slowed with age.)

A ban on rehashing a board until all boards for a given round are completed. Further, socializing between boards should come to an end.

A ban on lessons during the round unless someone asks for a partner's or opponent's advice (once all boards are completed).

Completely filled-out convention cards for all players accompanied by good memories for what's on the cards.

A spell that will guarantee that all opening leads are made face down.

And, while we're on spells –

One that will mute all conversation at the table to a quiet whisper so that other players who still are trying to concentrate on a hand will not be disturbed.

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One that will transform all Director calls into the polite, "Director, please."

One that will prevent any conversation during the bidding or play of a hand.

One that will make all players play their cards in such a way that all at the table can see them without asking to see the full trick after the fact.

One that prevents players from touching their bid boxes until they have made up their minds about the bid that they want to make.

One that will improve players' hearing so that when a round is called:

- A. they will promptly pass boards to the next table by placing them on the floor beside North,
- B. they will move to the next table without delaying the pair waiting to take their seats at the table,
- C. they will not interrupt another table by reaching into the middle of it for boards for another table or by tapping player at the next table on the shoulder with the boards that they are passing,
- D. and they will have time to make sure when they arrive at the new tale that they are sitting in the right direction and have the correct boards.

One that will cause all players to arrive at least 10 minutes before game time.

One that will cause players to accept any lead out of turn (since if the player leading doesn't know whose lead it is, he probably doesn't know what to lead either!)

I'm sorry that this list is so long, Santa, but if you could see your way to grant it, everyone would certainly enjoy the games at our Club more completely whether they win or lose.

Sincerely,

A bridge lover"

May the holiday season bring all the best to you and yours ... and at least a few of the wishes expressed above when you are at the Club!



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Seven made seven (after bidding it, of course) on October 31: **Dee Moses & Jerrilyn Stumpf, Margaret Booth & Elaine Duplantier, Sally Toups & Red Hailey, Debbie Rothschild & Patti Harp, Bill Weiss & Sid LeBlanc, Doris Liukkonen & David Bybee and Carol Bagalman & Jackie Madden.**

And for the third month in a row, **Dick and Eileen Bagnetto** captured a Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpot, splitting \$21 with two other pairs – **Keenan Romig & Bobbi Long** and **Al Sheasby & Roberta Hirsu** – on November 14. – *Linda Freese, Director.*



Upcoming Special Events

Wednesday, December 5: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

***December 6-9:** Baton Rouge LA Sectional.

Saturday, December 15: Xmas Party, 7:15 PM, extra points, no extra fee.

Friday, December 21: Xmas Party, Noon, potluck dining, extra points, no extra fee.

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



70% Games

70% Games will return in next month's Kibitzer, where we will have room to recognize all the November and December 70%ers.

