

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – January, 2013

Peggy Allen, Editor

New Player Initiative

The Board has done an abbreviated long-range strategic planning exercise. We wrote the mission of the club and posted it on the bulletin board. We wrote up the club’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. We decided the number one long term strategic issue for the club was the need to increase new players. We are OK today, but given the age of the members in the club, we need replacements for those of us who will no longer play. If we wait five years it will be too late. I should note the ACBL did a similar exercise this year and set the same goal as number one. You all know bridge players who don’t play here. We need your help to invite them here.

EZ bridge is the best vehicle to bring new members into the club. Please get the word out about EZ classes. **Mike Lappa** put together a new player’s packet for those who finish EZ bridge or other new members. We added two new initiatives to help bring in new players. The first is free plays for anyone who has not played here before and their partner. So give these out to anyone you know with any interest. Give a stack of the free plays to any social bridge group you know. Better yet, invite them to play with you.

The second is “transition to duplicate” lessons. These are aimed at players who know how to play bridge, but have not played duplicate bridge. Lessons will emphasize differences between rubber and duplicate. **Louise Saik** has graciously agreed to give these lessons. They will begin January 16th and continue on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:30. These lessons will be free and will involve a half hour lesson and 1-1/2 to 2 hour game.

We also want to push **Jennie Sauviac’s** idea of Bronze Life Masters playing with 299ers. 299ers are reluctant to play on the open side and this gives them an introduction. It is free for the open player when you do this.

Invite your social bridge-playing friends to LBA, give them the free plays and tell them about the lessons, both EZ and transition. When we do have newer players or 299ers on the open side, please be friendly and tolerant of any mistakes they make. Intimidating or uninvited lessons are a sure way to keep them away.

--The Board.

President’s Message

Thanks to **Jim Thornton** for handling the nighttime Christmas party and **Suzanne Cliffe** for the daytime party. **Jackie Madden** did a great job with the boutique and silent auction. It raised about \$3,700 for the regional. Many thanks to all who contributed and participated..

Tell your friends about the free plays for new players and the “transition to duplicate” class beginning in January.

Sid LeBlanc



Tournament Results

**Fall NABC, San Francisco CA
November 22-December 2, 2012**

Firsts:

Beth Todd & J. F. Lowenstein: Thu Stratified Mixed Pairs, Flight C.

**Baton Rouge LA Sectional
December 6-9, 2012**

Firsts:

Michael & Elizabeth Arthur: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Debbie Rothschild & Astrid Clements: Fri AM Pairs, Flights B & C.
Jean Talbot & Jeffrey Reilly: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Michael & Elizabeth Arthur: Fri Aft Pairs, Flights B & C.
Doris Liukkonen & Vicki Willis: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Paul Deal: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.
Vicki Willis, John Liukkonen, Doris Liukkonen & David Bybee: Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.



Memorial Game

The annual Memorial Game will be held on Saturday, January 19 during the tournament. If you would like to have a deceased member added to the Memorial plaque, donations should be submitted by Wednesday, January 2nd. Give them to Elaine Prager or to the game director. Members we have lost in 2012:

- Clare Albert
- Dorothy “Dot” Babin
- Violet S. Bobo
- Roy Breerwood, Sr.
- Tim Calamari
- Anne Z. Dunn
- Walter Frey
- Carl Kemmerly
- Mary Lee
- Katherine Ann Melius
- Louis Neveu
- John H. Petry, Jr.

If there is someone else that I don't know about, they can certainly be added to the plaque. Please let me know.
--Elaine Prager (394-4562)



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

John P. Clement
 Ginger Jones
 Stephen E. Katz
 Merle A. Segura
 Stephen Schollnick
 Pamela G. Tanner



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Gayle Z. Brignac
 Robert Morgan
 Bernard Vanderlinden

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Suzanne S. Caver
 Roxanne G. Estrada
 Joseph S. Gaudette
 Ada R. Havener
 Andree K. Herrington
 Denise H. Nagim
 Patty C. Ungar

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Henry J. Bodenheimer
 Marylou C. Gilligan
 Maryann T. Joyner

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Maureen C. Richoux

NEW NABC MASTER

Carol D. Bagalman

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Bill Beaushaw
 Neal Frey

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

The Minor Penalty Card

An inadvertently exposed single small card (9 or smaller) only dropped accidentally or shown by accidentally playing two cards to a trick qualifies as a Minor Penalty Card.

As with a Major Penalty Card, a minor penalty card must be left on the table face-up.

However, what rights does Declarer have when a Defender has a minor penalty card? Are these the correct rulings?

1. When the "offender" is on lead, he can keep the minor card on the table and lead another suit. YES
2. The "offender" may lead an honor in the same suit before playing the minor penalty card, and if he wishes, he can play an entirely different suit if he is on lead and leave the minor penalty card for later play. YES
3. If the "offender" cannot follow to the play of another suit, must the offender play the minor penalty card before discarding from any other suit? NO
4. If "offender's" partner is on lead he can be made to lead, or not lead, the suit of the minor penalty card. NO
5. Can "offender's" partner ignore the minor penalty card and lead whatever he wants? YES
6. Must the players at the table call the Director whenever there is an exposed card? YES

Next month we will discuss Major Penalty Cards. Remember always to call the Director for ANY infraction to protect your rights.



In Memoriam

Clare Albert
 Mary K. Lee



Upcoming Special Events

Friday, January 4: Unit Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

*January 11-13: Jackson MS Sectional and NAP District Finals**.

*January 17-20: Metairie Sectional, LBA Clubhouse.

*January 21-27: Sandestin FL Regional.

January 21-27: STAC week, silver point awards, \$7.00 entry fee.

*January 28-February 3: Houston TX Regional.

*February 4-10: Nashville TN Regional.

*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.



70% Games

- 11/08 Dale Aronson & Janet Koppel 70.00%
- 11/08 Myrle Dey & Jeanette Ploger 80.00%
- 11/13 Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry 70.00%
- 11/15 John Onstott & Craig Cordes 75.46%
- 11/16 Dianne Butler & Barbara Pyburn 70.83%
- 11/17 Doug De Montluzin & Joann Ippolito 73.00%
- 11/19 Joan Van Geffen & John Brumfield 70.05%
- 11/20 John Patterson & Jane Patterson 70.00%
- 11/29 Celia Deininger & Gretchen Wheaton 73.78%
- 11/30 Patricia Burke & Muffin Balart 70.00%
- 12/09 Sharon Henry & Carol Bagalman 70.00%
- 12/15 Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot 72.40%

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.



Yarboroughs and Super Yarboroughs

On occasion, everyone gets a Yarborough – a hand with no honor cards, not even a 10. This happens one time in 1828, on average.

But Monday evening October 29 at the club I caught this Super Yarborough: ♠765 ♥62 ♦542 ♣76542. This was the North hand on Board 11. Theory tells us that you will be dealt a hand with no card higher than a 7 only one time in 254,498, on average.

Masochists may want to contemplate being dealt a hand with no card higher than a 5. On average this will happen less than one time in a billion.

Note: Yarboroughs are named for the second Earl of Yarborough, who offered 1000 pounds to anyone who put up 1 pound and immediately dealt a Yarborough. Because Yarboroughs happen only one time in 1828, the Earl was on safe ground for the long haul.

--John Liukkonen

