

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – February, 2013

Peggy Allen, Editor

President’s Message

Some of you who played bridge against me lately may not believe it, but I used to be really smart. I’m thinking about starting a third section in addition to open and 299er, that of senile. I will be the first to sign up. While **Dot Babin** would never play in that game and never had to, I expect a lot of company.

Thanks to **Nelson Daigle**, **Dan Cliffe** and **Denise Fuselier** for a great job of running the January tournament. Also thanks to **John and Jane Patterson** for chairing the Derby Day tournament. We need to recognize our four board members whose terms are expiring and express thanks for all their help and advice: **Louise Saik**, **Patti Harp**, **Don Daigle** and **Alan Jacobs**.

The board approved some changes for sectional tournaments. They will all be effective for the November sectional. We will raise the entry fees by \$1 to \$11. The ACBL costs have increased and now are almost \$5,000 for the tournament. Also as we age, it is harder to recruit members to bring food. The same members tend to bring food each time, and we ask 10-12 times per year. So we will not ask for tournaments and will buy the extra salads and deserts. If members want to bring something, that is still great. The Thursday times will be changed to 10 and 2:30 because the night game continued to decline. This will leave the same game time all four days. Finally, Saturday will be two separate games rather than a two-session game. This will increase the masterpoints awarded.

We will replace the flat part of the roof shortly. As you are aware we have had recurring leaks over the years due to the flat roof. We will add a small slope to the roof. The cost of \$39,500 will be handled from current surplus funds. We may have to close the club for a day as they do this. We will advise you as that approaches.

On an unrelated matter, I was describing the terrible problems the nation has with the deficit, the lack of political will by both parties to do anything about it, the missed chance of the fiscal cliff and future possibilities with the debt ceiling and sequestered expense cuts ... to my dog. Her reaction to these issues was to wag her tail. That was not surprising since she has been on welfare her whole life. [Ed: See “Equal Time” below for Sid’s dog’s reaction.] It also made sense since she has as much influence on these events as I do. So that should be my reaction as well.

This is my last president’s letter after four years as president and nine years on the board. I am grateful for the many members that helped in so many ways during that period. I would ask that you support the new president this year. He/she will need a lot of volunteers, so do your part.

Sid LeBlanc



Upcoming Special Events

- *January 28-February 3: Houston TX Regional.
 - *February 4-10: Nashville TN Regional.
 - Tuesday, February 12:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.
 - February 18 – 24:** Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.
 - *February 22 – 24: Hattiesburg MS Sectional.
 - Monday, February 25:** Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.
- *See www.acbl.org/play/tournaments.html for complete information about upcoming tournaments.

Unit 134 Pair Wins District 10 NAP

Stephen Kishner and **Ben McKown** went to Jackson in January and competed in the 2013 NAP District 10 finals. They placed first in the “C” bracket. Their next stop: the ACBL-wide NAP finals at the St. Louis Spring NABC in March.
--Sally Toups

[Ed: See www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php for information about the North American Pairs (NAP) games.]



Equal Time

In the interest of fairness, we interviewed Sid LeBlanc’s dog to get her response to his comments above. She indignantly avowed that she was never on welfare, but rather earned her food, shelter and health care by providing emotional support and comfort to Sid. “Everyone knows,” she said, “if you want a tough, sometimes thankless job, be the bridge club president. If you want a friend, get a dog!”



Welcome to These New Unit 134 Members

- Susanne W. Balkin
- Barbara M. Fitz-Hugh
- Virginia P. McMurray
- Linda M. Porter
- Jane R. Robinson
- Edward C. Spooner
- Carole Stribling
- Joyclyn Yuja



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

John P. Clement
Gretchen Wheaton
Janice S. Zazulak

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Sherrie B. Goodman
Terrence J. Marr
Margy S. Ruli

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Katsumi Sohma

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Barbara S. Pyburn

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



Know the Director's Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

The Major Penalty Card

Any card of honor rank or any card exposed through deliberate play (as in leading out of turn or revoking and then correcting) becomes a major penalty card. Also, when one defender has two or more penalty cards, all such cards become major penalty cards.

When a defender has a major penalty card, both the offender and his partner may be subject to restrictions. The offender whenever he is to play and offender's partner when he is to lead are subject to the following penalties:

1. Offender to play: A major penalty card must be played at the first legal opportunity, whether in leading, following suit, discarding or trumping.
2. Offender's partner to lead: When a defender has the lead while his partner has a major penalty card, he may not lead until declarer selects one of the following options: (a) Require or forbid the lead of the penalty card's suit. If declarer chooses either of these options, the penalty card is no longer a penalty card and is picked up and restored to the player's hand – or – (b) No lead restriction. In this case, the offender's partner may lead any suit and the penalty card remains a penalty card subject to the conditions in 1 above.



Tournament Results

**Gulfport MS Sectional
December 28-30, 2012**

Firsts:

Bob Bowers: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Jeannie & Bill Beaushaw: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Bob Bowers, Paul Deal, Chuck Pitard & Fred Woodruff: Sun Swiss, Flight A.

**Jackson MS Sectional
January 11-13, 2013**

Firsts:

Bethany Cooper & Merilee Vanderbrook: Fri Aft 199 Pairs, Flights A & B.

**Metairie LA Rosenblum Sectional
January 17-20, 2013**

Firsts:

Celia Deininger & Gretchen Wheaton: Thu AM 0-20 Pairs, Flight A.

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Ann Barone & Jean Talbot: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Eileen & Richard Bagnetto: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Ben McKown & Beth Todd: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Stephanie Musser & Marda Johnson: Thu Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Linda Stockton & Colleen Walker: Thu PM Pairs, Flight A.
Cathy Rantz & Ray Gandolfi: Thu PM Pairs, Flight B.
Sherrie Goodman & Sharon Henry: Thu PM Pairs, Flight C.
Ann & Chase Babbington: Fri AM 0-20 Pairs, Flights A & B.
John Onstott: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.
Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Fri AM Pairs, Flight B.
Wanda Picarella & Roy Richardson: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.
Dianne Butler & Barbara Pyburn: Fri AM 299 Pairs, Flights D & E.
Hugh Lawson & Robert Pettit: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Maryann Joyner & Pat Desforges: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
Elizabeth & William Sewell: Fri Aft 299 Pairs, Flight F.
John Onstott: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.
Elaine Prager & Phyllis Bennett: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight B.
Om Garg & Kathleen Savino: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight C.
Marcelyn Pick & Louise Post Ritter: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flights A & B.
Jacquelyn Madden & Patti Harp: Sat AM Side Pairs, Flt C.
Margaret Shirer & John Clement: Sat AM 299 Pairs, Flights D, E & F.
Chuck Pitard: Sat Open Pairs, Flight A.
Helen St. Romain & Fay Batt: Sat Open Pairs, Flight B.
David Woods & Stephen Kishner: Sat Open Pairs, Flight C.
James Thornton & David Wolf: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight A.
Ralph & Dianne Chesson: Sat Aft Side Pairs, Flight B.
Susan Gibbens: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flight D.
Edi Fedoroff & John Clement: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flight E.
Lillian Range, James Bush, Julius Rosenfield & Wayne Merkel: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.
Dee Moses, Eleanor Onstott, Juanita Heidingsfelder & Lynn Giordano: Sun BCD Swiss, Flight B.
Janeen Tucker, Paul Tucker, Sandra Dubroc & William Weed: Sun BCD Swiss, Flight C.



In Memoriam

Nancy Hoppe

Dorothy Schuber



70% Games

- 01/10 Celia Deininger & Gretchen Wheaton 72.22%
- 01/10 Frances Bruton & Myra Groome 74.08%
- 01/11 Doug De Montluzin & Evelyn Randall 73.21%
- 01/15 Sherrie Goodman & Sharon Henry 70.42%
- 01/17 Stephanie Musser & Marda Johnson 71.45%
- 01/19 Suzanne Baer & Susan Gibbens 72.08%

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.



Election Results

Four new board members were voted in at the election held during the January Rosenblum tournament. **Keenan Romig, Jim Thornton, and Vicki Willis** were elected for three-year terms and **Ben McKown** for a two-year term.

