

KIBITZER



Louisiana Bridge Association – July, 2013

Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

Searching for inspiration, I looked to see what was said in the President's Message last year at this time and received no help as it starts "The President's Message is on vacation this month." So ... briefly:

Please read the announcements in this *Kibitzer* about the upcoming Regionals July 8th-14th and the results of The Longest Day Fundraiser held on June 21st. **Sherrie Goodman** did an outstanding job coordinating that event and it was very successful. Our members were most generous.

Hot dogs and chili will be served on July 4th starting at 11:15 AM before the regular noon games.

See you at the Hilton!

Keenan Romig



Tournament Results

Gulfport MS Sectional

June 7-9, 2013

Firsts:

David Wolf & Nancy Watkins: Fri PM Pairs, Flight B.

Linda Stockton & Colleen Walker: Sat AM Pairs, Flight B.

Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight C.

Bob Bowers, Paul Deal & Fred Woodruff: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.

James Thornton, David Wolf & Beth Todd: Sun AX Swiss, Flight X.

Baton Rouge LA Sectional

June 13-16, 2013

Firsts:

Iype Koshy & Fred Woodruff: Thu AM Pairs, Flight A.

Iype Koshy & Fred Woodruff: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Lew Moore & Geoff Chichester: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight B.

Jane Rakigjija: Thu Aft Pairs, Flight C.

Iype Koshy & Fred Woodruff: Fri AM Pairs, Flight A.

Debbie Rothschild: Fri AM Pairs, Flight C.

Iype Koshy & Fred Woodruff: Fri Aft Pairs, Flight A.

Madeline Tonti: Sat Aft Pairs, Flight B.

Margaret Shirer & Marcelle Pfister: Sat Aft 299 Pairs, Flt A.

Paul Deal: Sun AX Swiss, Flight A.



Upcoming Special Events

Thursday, July 4: July 4th Party, Unit Championship, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

***July 8 – 14:** New Orleans LA Regional.

Tuesday, July 16: Unit Championship, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

****Thursday, July 18:** NAP Unit Qualifying Game, Noon, \$7 entry fee.

July 22 – 28: Club Championship Week, extra points, no extra fee.

****Wednesday, July 31:** NAP Unit Qualifying Game, 10:30 AM, \$7 entry fee.

***August 1 – 11:** Atlanta GA Nationals.

***August 1 – 4:** Lake Charles LA Sectional.

*See <http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php> for complete information about upcoming tournaments.

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



Heartfelt Thanks...

To all who participated in our club's Longest Day Events "Aces Against Alzheimer's" on Friday June 21st. The club donated all game proceeds, directors donated their fees, and our members were extremely generous in their special donations to the Alzheimer's Association. You opened your hearts and pocketbooks to raise **over \$5,000!**

Our Longest Day events brought many surprises ... in addition to your overwhelming generosity, the 299ers took some top fields in the Special Open game held that morning.

This is a special cause for me so I was happy to chair the event. Sally Goodman was diagnosed with Alzheimer's at the age of 60, and she lived for 20 years with this dreaded disease. Ben Goodman was the most wonderful caregiver, visiting her daily and giving her love and encouragement. When Dad was not with Mom, he was here at the Bridge Club, gathering up all the love and encouragement from all of you to keep going and enjoying his life right up to the age of 99. We are grateful to this Bridge Center for being there for Dad.

Thank you, **Suzanne Cliffe**, for helping me get this off the ground. Thanks to the Directors who generously donated their fees that day. Thanks also to **Louise Saik** for the Transition to Duplicate event. Thanks to all who helped: **Carolyn Dubois, Irene Labiche, Sharon Henry, Cathy Alford**, our wonderful Board of Directors, and to all of you who gave your time and energy to spend the "Longest Day" with us.

Thank you for every dollar raised to further Alzheimer's care, support and research. Thank you for showing the millions living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers – those close to you and those you'll never meet – they are not alone.

-- Sherrie Goodman



Conversation at the Director's Desk

Director (checking): "You gave me \$12, right?"

Bridge player: "No, I gave you \$22 and you gave me \$10 back."

Director: ...

--Contributed by Lil Range



Unit Masterpoint Milestones

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Janet C. Koppel
Leslie A. Lanusse

NEW CLUB MASTERS

James A. Mayfield III
Joanna L. Suravitch

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Sherrie B. Goodman
Mae V. O'Neil
Charles Rosen II
Sheryl Thompson

Robert J. Whann III
Elaine L. Wilczynski

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Dianne P. Butler

NEW LIFE MASTER

Beth Todd

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



70% Games

- 06/01 Ben McKown & Beth Todd 70.03%
- 06/03 George Runyan & Wayne Weisler 72.92%
- 06/14 Paul Freese & Don Daigle 71.02%
- 06/18 Derek Westwood & David Bybee 73.61%
- 06/21 Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz 71.88%
- 06/21 Gretchen Wheaton & Renee Peck 71.53%

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.



July Regional Tournament Update

A huge “thank you” to all who participated in the Christmas Auction with either a donation or purchase or both. The money raised has allowed us to purchase a great welcoming gift for our tournament attendees and pay expenses for moving our card tables to the Hilton.

If you plan to participate in the Regional Tournament to be held at the Hilton Riverside on Poydras between July 8 - 14, there are two garages available for parking: one is the original Hilton garage and the other is the old WTC garage which is now Hilton property. Either garage will accept the vouchers for discounted parking. When entering either garage, simply take the ticket from the machine and go to the reception area on the second floor of the Hilton and see Mary LeBlanc. The table will be marked for you and further detailed instructions will be given to you.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013 AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013.

-- Jackie Madden, Tournament Co-Chair

July Regional Notes: (1) The correct range for the C bracket is 0-299. It had been listed as 0-199 on some of the printed flyers. (2) **PLEASE BRING IN PROMISED CARD TABLES BEFORE July 8.** Mark them underneath with your name, telephone number, and “Unit 134”.



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Legends of Bridge: Local Team Challenges Omar Sharif’s Professional Team

Dateline: August 18, 1968, NOLA

New Orleans Bridge Team challenges the reigning world champions. The Sharif Circus professional European bridge team will wind up their North American tour this weekend at the Roosevelt Hotel. The local players are Julius Rosenblum (playing captain), Sidney Lazard, Morton Nelson, Louis Gurchich, Frank Hoadley, Richard Green, Bob Pitard and John Toledano. They face captain Omar Sharif (Dr. Zhivago), Benito Garozzo and Giorgio Belladonna (*Squadra Azzurra-Italian Blue Team*) and Claude Delmouly and Leon Yallouze (French and Egyptian champions, respectively). The 4-session match will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel August 24 and 25. Open and closed room sessions will be viewable on a special overhead projector screen with post mortem commentaries by Messrs. Rosenblum, Lazard and Sharif. Admission is \$1.50 per session.

Dateline: August 25, 1968, Live and direct from the Roosevelt Hotel.

NOLA Team wins the first three matches over the visitors. Mr. Sharif, an Egyptian movie star, formed the Sharif Circus team in a joint venture with the Italian automaker Lancia. The Circus is on the last leg of its five city North American Tour.

Several women offered one of the host’s bridge caddies monetary tokens to substitute for him, running boards and scores into Dr. Z’s closed playing room. In a *States-Item* interview Mr. Sharif said, “I make movies to earn enough money to play my favorite game.”

Dateline: August 26, 1968.

Before a packed audience and trailing, the Sharif company mounted an overwhelming charge in the final session to tie the local team in victory points. Mr. Sharif reported that this New Orleans team was a stern competitor. Mr. Sharif promised a future rematch in New Orleans.

Contributed by Ben McKown



Happening Online This Month

July 13-20: watch Vugraphs of the matches to select two senior teams and two women’s teams to represent the U.S. at the 2013 Bermuda Bowl competitions later this year at www.bridgebase.com.



Know the Director’s Rulings

Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Right Score – Wrong Score

At the end of each game you are handed the Bridgmate to accept the score. You accept the score, without checking to see if it is correct. Later you look at the scores and discover an error. If a player has a correction for a game, the LBA policy is: The correction must be reported to the director of the game within 24 hours, with the director’s latitude to extend that if they wish. This would not be necessary IF you would look at the score before you accept it. Check the score BEFORE accepting it.



Wednesday Jackpot Report

Roy Richardson and Jennie Flynn Sauviac won a Grand Slam jackpot of \$20 on June 12.

-- Linda Freese, Director

