

KIBITZER



Peggy Allen, Editor

President's Message

August 2013

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Welcome back to the Club after the Regionals. The tournament was very successful and many compliments were received. We had 1,062 tables over the seven day period, exceeding our budgeted figure of 984 tables. We want to thank co-chairs Jackie Madden and Patti Harp as well as all the Committee Chairs: Dick & Ellie Brammell (Registration), Paul & Linda Freese (299ers), Sid LeBlanc (Treasurer) & Mary LeBlanc (Hospitality), "Lowen" Lowenstein & Colleen Walker (Partnership), John Federico (Appeals) and Jennie Sauviac (Caddies). Thanks also to Theresa Federico who made the duplicate boards for the tournament, printed the daily bulletin, and was her usual jack-of-all trades. And thanks to all the volunteers who helped arrange for the borrowing of card tables, bridgemates, and bid boxes from other clubs, assisted in transporting and set up/dismantling, or helped with any of the myriad of other jobs involved.

Check out the new bulletin board in the hallway near the soft drink machines. Thanks to Lil Range who made the board to showcase local member news published in the ACBL Bulletin.

New EZ Bridge classes start in September. Be sure to tell your friends! Suzanne Cliffe will be starting her classes on Thursday morning September 12th; the first four lessons are free.

While the club was closed, our janitorial service spent three days thoroughly cleaning the carpet and also did some "Spring cleaning" for other areas of the club. New electrical wiring will allow us to update our coffee system. The board is reviewing club expenses; we have been able to negotiate better prices from our coffee vendor and have received a more competitive quote for our kitchen & janitorial supplies and subsequently changed that vendor. We will continue to investigate other possible areas of cost savings. We ask that you do your part—please don't be wasteful with coffee, cups, etc. Write your name on your cup and reuse it. Leave your pencils at the club. Small things add up to big savings.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers go out to our Kibitzer Editor, Peggy Allen, who is very ill as of this writing. Tippi Ellis and Ben McKown have teamed up to fill in for Peggy.

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Achievements

New Junior Masters

- Jo-Ann Couvillion
- Joan Dubrey-Ducre
- Mary F Hillery
- Kathryn D Wilson
- Patricia S. Dure

New Club Masters

- Gayle Z Brignac
- Shirley H Buisson
- John P Clement

New NACB Master

- Robert Petit

New Life Master

- Jeffrey Perigoni

New Silver Life Master

- David Wolf

Upcoming Special Events

Aug 1–11: Atlanta Nationals.
Aug 1–4: Lake Charles Sectional
Aug 14: Unit Championship
Aug 16,24,31: NAOP Qualifier
Aug 23-25, 2013 Tupelo Sectional

National Open Pairs

www.acbl.org/play/special-events-info.php

Tournaments

<http://tournaments.acbl.org/display.php>

Our New Members

Elise F. Lapeyre Helen E Farris Susan C Bateman Winnie R Banks

REGIONAL 1ST PLACE FINISHER

Team Game Winners

- David Wolf, James Thornton, Mickey Groggel, Ray Lytle
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- Guss Ginsburg, Betty Schwall, Bobbi Long, Henry Corwin
- Idell Adams, Jerrilyn Stumpf, Dee Moses, Eleanor Onstott,
- Robert Wooderson, Suzanne Wooderson, Mary LeBlanc, Sid LeBlanc
- Linda Freese, Paul Freese, Dianne Chesson, Ralph Chesson
- Pat Ellis, Di Lapeyre, Patti Harp, Catherine McIver
- Sandra Dubroc, Margaret Lipps, William Weed, Mae O'Neil
- Tom Clarke, Paul Munafo, Toby Bassett, Jean Talbot
- Ben McKown Jr, Stephen Kishner, Paul Freese, David Bybee

Pair Game Winners All Events, (all strata)

- Ankur Rathi, Jason Daming
- Astrid Roy Clements
Debbie Rothschild,
- Catherine McIver, J F Lowenstein
- Cathy Alford - Sherrie Goodman
- David Woods, Stephen Kishner
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- Delphine Butler, Claudine Cannon
- Denise Fuselier, Ben McKown
- Elizabeth Sewell, William Sewell
- George Runyan, Charles McHale

- Grady Gravel, Robert Pettit
- Hope Read, Susan Guarisco
- Iype Koshy, Vicki Willis
- John Liukkonen, David Bybee
- Linda Freese, Louise Blanchard
- Lise Werlein, Betty Vega
- Margaret Ponseti, Gigi Matthews
- Margaret Ponseti, Lynn Flynn
- Margie Christian, Mary Dorsey
- Marlene Ruckert - Shirley Ruckert
- Nelson Daigle - Ray Gandolfi,
- Nelson Daigle - Sharon Henry
- Patricia Burke, Muffin Balart
- Patricia Kessler, Helen St Romain
- Sherie Linzy - Margie Christian

Legends of Bridge: Local Bridge Team

Challenges World Champion Dallas Aces

Dateline: Friday, January 15, 1971

A New Orleans Bridge Team led by Sidney Lazard and Julius Rosenblum will meet the Aces at the Rivergate , in two weeks Friday through Sunday for a 4 set challenge match.

Dateline: Saturday, February 6, 1971.

The Challengers lead the match 42-41 after the first session Friday. The local team consists of Julius Rosenblum, Sidney Lazard, Col. Bill Christian, Richard Greene, Louis Gurvich, Frank Hoadley, Morton Nelson, and Jack LaNoue.

Dateline: Sunday, February 7, 1971

The match at the Rivergate ushered contract bridge in as a spectator's sport. Because of the innovative use of closed circuit TV, giant view screens and a raucous home town audience, journalist, Frank Schneider declared: "...New Orleans is a 'BRIDGE TOWN!'" And, Julius Rosenblum reported: "I've traveled all over the world for bridge matches; ...No where in the world have I seen anything like this!"

Dateline: Monday, February 8, 1971

The Challengers gained ground on the Aces, the 6 Texans won the four session match e 49-31 VP's. Aces' Team Coach, Joe Musumeci, stated that New Orleans has pioneered bridge into a new era...an era where spectators can root and cheer their teams.

Contributed by Ben McKown, Jr.