

# **KIBITZER** ♣♦♥♠

## Louisiana Bridge Association October 2013

Editor John Liukkonen



**President's Message** Welcome to our new Kibitzer Editor, John Liukkonen. I was thrilled that John offered to take over from Peggy Allen who has done an outstanding job with our Kibitzer for many years. Thank you, Peggy, for your many years of hard work, and thank you, John, for your commitment to the club. We are so happy to have you!

Fall brings the start of many wonderful events. Following the ACBL Worldwide MP Game (October 2), we have our Fall 299er Tournament (October 4-6) which Judy Serou has graciously agreed to chair. Be sure to pick up a schedule. On Halloween night (October 31), we will have dinner and a game (so you don't have to stay home and answer the doorbell!). See posted flyers later in the month for more information.

We are now recruiting new members for our Board of Directors. We have five openings and voting will take place during the Rosenblum tournament in January. Please consider running for the board; if interested, please sign the posted "Willingness to Serve" form by the Directors' Station.

New phone directories are now available through the game director. We request a \$5 donation to the club to offset the printing expense. Updates have been made based on the changes submitted during the two month updating period that we published in the Spring.

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### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 2: **ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game**, Gold Point Event, 7:15 PM, \$7 entry fee.

October 4 – 6: **Metairie 299er Sectional**, LBA Clubhouse.

Monday, October 7: **Unit Championship**, 10:30 AM, extra points, no extra fee.

October 11 – 13: **Baton Rouge 299er Sectional**.

October 18 – 20: **Gulfport MS Sectional**.

October 21 – 27: **Club Appreciation Week**, extra points, no extra fee.

October 25 – 27: **Mobile AL Sectional**.

Thursday, October 31: **Unit Championship**, Noon, extra points, no extra fee.

Thursday, October 31, **Halloween party**. Dinner at 6PM followed by game.

Saturday, Nov 2, **NAOP Unit Final**, noon, \$7 entry fee. Prequalification required.



### Welcome to New Members

Jane B. Ard, Lloyd A. Campo, Kanwal J. Dhir, James J. Reese



### 70% Games

#### Open Pairs

*Jason Daming and Amkur Rath, 73.5%, 7/13; Peggy McCranie and Ben McKown, 77%, 8/8; Janice Henderson and Vicki Willis, 71.48%, 8/18; Larry Federico and Idell Adams, 72.96%, 8/25*

#### 299er Pairs

*Kathleen Vogel and Ellen Frischertz, 71.58%, 8/4; Linda Denechaud and Dee Eustis, 71.96%, 8/12*

#### EZ Bridge

*Ellaine Wilson and Janis Zazulak, 75%, 8/12; Nancy Murphy and Rosemary Wayman, 95%, 8/15; Lloyd Campo and Ernie Walden, 85%, 8/15; Diane Thomas and R. Strickland, 79.17%, 8/15; Gerri Abbot and Gayle Brignac 76.56%, 8/15 Joy Arcenaux and Gerri Abbott, 70.51%, 8/29*

### Shakespeare on duplicate:

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our cards but in ourselves

## Rank Advancements

### New Junior Masters

Claudine C. Cannon, Eileen Crane, Alan Goodman,  
Rayne S. Lykes, Sharon Matthews, Verline C.  
Olinde, Antoinette B. Talbott

### New Club Masters

Richard G. Crane, Esther M. Shefsky, Lise Werlein

### New Regional Masters

Mark Anthony, Margie B. Christian, Sherrie B.  
Goodman, Susan P. Guarisco, Pamela M. Marinaro,  
Stephanie M. Musser

### New NABC Masters

Gail R. Fayard, Jane R. Goldring, Jacquelyn R. Mad-  
den, Judy L. Serou

### New Life Masters

Janell Eberhart, Debbie Rothschild

### New Bronze Life Master

Tighman "Lew" Moore

### New Silver Life Master

Peggy Allen

#### Bagnetto on Bridge

If you want to be a bridge Grandmaster  
and play the dummy without a disaster,  
Count every card  
It's not very hard  
You'll play much finer and faster!

## Tournament Results

### NABC Atlanta MPs addendum

*Bill Beaushaw 10.99 Jeannie Beaushaw 1.94*

### Alexandria Sectional Firsts

*Paul Deal and Jan Gailey, Fri PM Open Pairs*

*Jamie Bush and Toby Bassett, Sat PM Open  
Pairs*

### Tunica Regional Firsts

*Gail Perry, Pat Emerson, Monday eve Chairty  
Pairs*

*Roy Richardson, Patricia Kessler, Flight B Open  
Pairs*

*Ronald Berenger, Jack Lewis, Wed PM Side  
Game, Flight B*

*Bill Beaushaw, Martha Ann Huggins, Alison  
Howard, Bruno Dellamea, Wed Eve BAM Flight B*

*Linda Fox, Nelson Daigle, Geoff Chichester, Lew  
Moore, Thurs/Fri KO Bracket 3*

*Fred Lay, Claudette Lay, Fri Gold Point Pairs  
Flight B*

*Nancy Gates, Nonie Leavitt, Jack Lewis, Nancy  
Colter, Fri PM Side Swiss, Flight B*

*Fred Lay, Claudette Lay, Sat AM 199er Pairs*

*Linda Fox, Nelson Daigle, Geoff Chichester, Lew  
Moore, Sunday Flight B Swiss, Bracket I*

### John Onstott identifies the Top Five Mistakes in Bridge

#### WHY DO I LOSE AT BRIDGE?

5. **I Don't Balance:** When they announce a fit, we have a fit. Make any excuse to balance the auction with relative shortness in their suit. It's a bidder's game.

4. **I Don't trust My Partner:** When partner overcalls, it is usually safe to raise with 6+ points and 3 trumps. Partner should not be bidding a Jxxx suit even with 10 points. It should be a suit safe enough to lead and safe enough to raise with xxx.

3. **I Confuse the Auction:** When partner opens the bidding, my first obligation is to try to find a fit and see how high we should play the contract. Don't muddy the waters. EX: Partner opens 1 heart and you hold: AQxxx, Jxx,xxx,xx. Raise hearts. You have one bid. Don't introduce the spade suit and make partner guess that you have 3 hearts. Why try to find a spade fit when you already have a heart fit?

2. **I Make Bad Preempts:** Preempts are designed to cause havoc with the opponents' bidding. When you preempt a hand that is TOO GOOD for a preempt, you cause problems for yourself, not the opponents. If you have the option to pass or bid with the holding : xx, x, AKQxxxx, xxx; Bid 1 diamond. Not 2, not 3. You are going to rebid diamonds and get out of the auction quickly but partner needs to know you have a good, leadable suit, not a busted hand.

**And the # 1 reason I lose at bridge? I Don't Evaluate My Hands Properly** Try not to depend on point count solely for evaluation. Distribution and strong suits are easily as valuable.

EX: AKQxxx,Axx,xxx,x; You open 1 spade and your partner bids 1nt. Your suit is too good with too many winners to rebid 2 spades. Rebid 3 spades and hope pard has some reason to put you in game.

EX: Partner opens 1 heart. You hold Kxx, QJxx, Kxxx,xx. Bid 3 hearts. That extra trump is golden. Let partner know you have a great hand for him if his holding is right. Faint heart ne'er won fair bridge game.