

# KIBITZER

## Louisiana Bridge Association November 2013

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**President's Message** Many thanks to Linda Freese for coordinating our Halloween dinner and game. It's hard to believe how quickly the year has gone.

Our Dottie Toledano Sectional will be held mid month (November 14-17). Suzanne Cliffe and I are co-chairing that event and welcome any assistance with food, clean up, etc.

We have five openings coming up for our Board of Directors. Nominations close December 1<sup>st</sup> and voting will take place the week of the January tournament. If you are interested in running for the board, please sign the "Willingness to Serve" form located by the directors' station. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate but needs a little persuasion, please mention it to one of the Nominating Committee Members--Vicki Willis, Suzanne Cliffe or Marlene Ruckert.

Please remember that the parallel parking spots should be left open until no other spots are available. Our lot is tight and has been the site of several mishaps. The adjacent lot (formerly the Japanese Restaurant) will continue to be available for additional parking on Thursdays and Thursdays and Fridays during tournaments.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Keenan Romig



### Upcoming Events

- Nov 2 NAOP Unit final. Prequal required
- Nov 4-10 Club Championship Week.
- Nov 14-17 Dottie Toledano Sectional, LBA Clubhouse
- Nov 20 Unit Championship, 10:30 AM
- Nov 25 ACBL Charity Game, 7:15 PM, extra points, \$7 entry
- Nov 28-Dec 8 Phoenix AZ NABC



### Heads up on Dottie Toledano Times

**Please note there are no night games in the November sectional.** The pair games are single session events at 10AM and 2:30 PM, Thursday through Saturday Nov 14-16, and the Swiss teams are a two session event at 10AM and TBA on Nov 17, with meal.



### Heads up on Holiday Parties

- Nighttime party:** Sat Dec 14 6PM, chaired by Sharon Henry
- Daytime party:** Fri Dec 20, noon—potluck

### 70% Games

#### Open Pairs

*Stephen Kishner and David Woods, 71.11%. Tues eve Oct 15*

*Joan Van Geffen and Judy Katz, 70.25%, Sat Oct 18*  
*Joan Van Geffen, Jean Talbot, 72.59%, Sat Oct 26 .*

#### Metairie Country Club

*Ellie Brammell and Betty Vega, 71.09%, Oct 10*  
**299er Pairs** *JoAnn Chancey, Carolyn Dubois, 71.58%, Tues Oct 29.*



### Grand Slam Jackpot

Oct 2 7H bid and made on board 1 by *Bill Gentry and Hugh Lawson*

### Check your masterpoints

All earned masterpoints are posted each month in the hall in two groups—Sun thru Tues, Wed thru Sat, and by special games. If you believe some of your masterpoints have been omitted please contact Jean Talbot (834-7468) with the date of the game. This is the quickest and most effective way to rectify the situation.

**Correction.** In part 2 of John Onstott's article on mistakes we make in bridge, a wrong hand appeared as example of a hand too good to preempt, in the print edition of the October Kibitzer. This has been fixed in the archived online edition. The correct example hand is xx x AKQxxxx xxx. Sorry about that!



### **Legal and Illegal Changes of Call, continued**

Once it is determined that the original call was not inadvertent, LHO now has several options. She may accept the change, in which case the auction proceeds without penalty. She may refuse to accept the change, in which case the original call stands as legal, but offender's partner must pass at his next turn. If she does refuse to accept the change, offender has the option to change his call but offender's partner must then pass throughout the auction. In addition, if LHO does refuse to accept offender's change of call, then whether the first call stands as legal or offender changes his call, there may be lead penalties if offender's partner winds up on lead.

Heavy penalties, so in sum: decide upon your call before touching the bid box, and make sure it is your turn when you do make a call.

### **Sectional at Sea Firsts, Oct 1-Oct 12**

*F Corredine*: three flight B firsts and two flight A firsts

*Janell Eberhart* and *Lawayne Eberhard* one flight B first (tie) and one Flight C first.

*Janeen Tucker* and *Paul Tucker* one Flight C first.

### **Features to appear soon in the Kibitzer**

Larry Federico on Extra Chances in Declarer Play

John Federico on Improving your Preempts

Jim Thornton on a hand at the bridge table.

### **Kipling on playing at the bridge club**

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
...If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
...If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
then you're ready to play in the LBA!

### **Reminder**

The Kibitzer seeks features on all levels and from all viewpoints. The features need only be brief, informative, and interesting. If you have an idea, please speak to the Editor.