

KIBITZER

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President's Message

Welcome to our new/re-elected board members Sherrie Goodman, Fred Lay, Sid LeBlanc, Jackie Madden and Wayne Weisler. We had 250 members who voted in the election and the results were very close. To those who were not elected, we thank you for your willingness to run and hope that you will consider running again. We had eight outstanding candidates so we know the voting decisions were difficult. Many thanks to Bill Weiss who spent many hours making voting available. The 2014 names of the board/officers are posted on the main bulletin board.

The board would like to thank Fred and Claudette Lay for their hard work in chairing the Rosenblum tournament. They did an outstanding job. Thanks also to all who donated. We are in need of chairs for the Derby Day (May), Wes Busby (July) and Toledano (November) tournaments. If you can help, please see Jim Thornton.

Martie Sisco has been our snack buyer for the past year and is ready to relinquish that torch. If you can help the club with the purchase of game refreshments, please see me or one of the board members. It would be most appreciated!

Keenan Romig
President



Special Notices:

- Game Fees.** In response to requests from members, the Board has changed the game fees to \$7 per person, effective from January 21 through July 31, 2014. No extra fees will be collected for STAC or special events during this period. Fees will revert to \$6 per person on August 1. This new policy replaces the original plan to collect \$.50 extra per person for the entire year. The purpose of the surcharge is to pay certain expenses of the 2015 NABC that may be borne by the unit.

- Seniors Game Monday March 3rd NOON.** Must be 55 or older to play. Regulated by ACBL. No other regular games will be held that morning; PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE TO NOON.



February Events

Feb 10-16 Club Championship Week—extra points

Feb 18 Morning games Unit Club Championship—extra points

Feb 21-23 Hattiesburg Sectional

Feb 24 to Mar 2 Orange Beach AL Regional



Grand Slam Jackpot—Judy Katz and Jean Talbot
Jan 22, \$33.

Welcome to New Members

Gloria Fabacher, William McDonald, Gail Price,
Kimberly A Sissell, Dr. Dianne Thames



Rank Advancements

New Junior Masters

Maxine Henning, Ellaine Wilson

New Club Masters

Bernard Vanderlinden, Elaine Vanderlinden

New Sectional Master

Mark Greensfelder

New NABC Master

Jeannie Beaushaw

New Life Master

Karen Dugan

New Bronze Life Master

Jeffrey Perigoni

New Gold Life Master

Ann Barone



70 percent game

Ellen Lappa and Claudette Lay 70.63% MCC Ladies Pairs Dec 11

Member Achievements

Biloxi Regional Firsts

199er Pairs: *Barbara Pyburn and Mike Lappa*, Monday and Thursday AM; *Fran Lake and Patty Ungar* Tuesday aft Flight B; *Maryann Joyner and Pat Deforges*, Tuesday eve; *Carroll Wood and Sharon Matthews* Wednesday eve Flight B; *Janet Gindro and Joy Kates*, Thursday AM Flight C and Thursday aft Flight C; *Jo-Ann Couvillion and Augusta Flanagan* Thursday eve.

Tues Gold Digger Pairs: *Sandra Weber and Beverly Basha*, flight 2

Swiss Teams: *Linda Jacobs, Alan Jacobs, Jane Patterson, John Patterson* Tues eve Flight C

Sarah Pasternack, Linda Freese, Susan Guarisco, Hope Read Wed Daylight Flight B
Iype Koshy et al, Wed Bracketed Flight X in Bracket A/X

Wed Bracketed Swiss bracket firsts: *Beth Todd et al* Bkt3; *Madeline Tonti, Janell Eberhart, Lawayne Eberhart, Beth Gonzales* Bkt5; *Bill Beaushaw, Caroline Fisher et al* Bkt7; *Henry Bodenheimer, Bob Pettit, Alma Slatten, Hugh Lawson AND Sherrie Goodman, Bonnie Belanger, Cathy Alford, Carol Bagalman* tie Bkt8.

Sat AM Swiss: *Beth Todd, JF Lowenstein, Cathy McIver, Patti Harp*

Knockouts: *Jackie Madden, Ellen Lappa, JoAnn Ippolito, Karen Dugan* Mon-Tues Bracket 4; *Beth Todd, JF Lowenstein, Cathy McIver, Di Lapeyre, Patti Harp* Fri-Sat Bracket 2; *Bernie Weiss, Marvin Bernstein, Mary Regottaz, Victor Law* Fri-Sat Bracket 3

Compact KO's: *John Patterson, Jane Patterson, Linda Jacobs, Alan Jacobs* Wed-Thurs Bracket 3; *Beth Todd, JF Lowenstein, Cathy McIver, Di Lapeyre* Thurs-Fri Bracket 2; *Sherrie Goodman, Cathy Alford, Fred Lay, Claudette Lay* Fri-Sat Bracket 2.

Rosenblum Sectional Firsts:

0-20 Pairs: *William McDonald and Gerri Abbott*, Thurs AM

299er Pairs: Thurs AM: *Hugh Lawson and Paul Rosenblum* Flight D, *Stephanie Maurer and Marda Johnson*, Flight E, *Kathryn Wilson and Patricia Durel* Flight F

Thurs PM: *Terrence Marr and Lelia Wachtel*

Fri AM: *Dale Strickland and Susan Beoubay* Flight D; *Marcia Legendre and Olga Pierre* Flight F

Fri PM: *Fred Lay and Claudette Lay* Flight D
Lynne Peterson and Carolyn Abadie Flight E.

Sat AM: *Irma Dearie and Jeanine Richardson* Flight D; *Hope Read and Susan Guarisco* Flight E; *Fran Lake and Patty Ungar* Flight F

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Rosenblum firsts continued from previous column:

299er pairs cont'd: Sat PM: *William Cousins and Margaret Ellis* Flight D; *Shirley Ruckert and James Kessler* Flight E; *Judith Freeman and Sandra Freeman* Flight F

Open Pairs: Thurs AM: *James Bush and John Onstott*; *Linda Gallagher and Sylvia Kitziger* Flight B

Thurs PM: *Craig Cordes and Paul Deal*; *William Gentry and Linda Knobloch* Flight B.

Fri AM: *James Bush and Toby Bassett*; *Marcie Pick and Jean Faia* Flight B; *Linda Gallagher and Pris Daly* Flight C.

Fri PM: *Daryl Fisher and David Wolf*; *Lew Moore and Geoff Chichester* Flight B; *Linda Gallagher and Pris Daly* Flight C

Sat AM: *Craig Cordes and Carol Cordes*; *Ben McKown and Beth Todd* Flight B

Sat PM: *John Onstott and Jamie Bush*; *Karen Lea and Stephen Heffner* Flight B; *Alan Jacobs and Linda Jacobs* Flight C.

Sunday Swiss: Bracket 1 *Toby Bassett, Judy Katz, Jean Talbot, Joan Van Geffen*

Bracket 2 *Lew Moore, Geoff Chichester, Helen St Roman, Cathy Rantz*

Bracket 3 *Nelson Daigle, Hugh Lawson, Elizabeth Bolles, Henry Bodenheimer*

Jackson Sectional First Sat Eve Stratified Pairs *Paul Deal and Jan Galey* Flight A

District 10 NAP Flight B Finals Jackson MS

Nelson Daigle and Wayne Weisler, 3rd place
Stephen Kishner and David Woods, 4th place

Psychology Tips by Lillian Range

Bridge is a partnership game, so psychology can make a difference. Here are some psychology tips:

--smile; your partner really will play better.

--get to the table a few minutes early; partners have a hard time playing well after worrying about you getting there.

--bid like you absolutely @#\$\$%^&* mean it, you will be less likely to be doubled.

--if everyone is bidding strongly and it is likely that someone is lying, trust that your partner is telling the truth.

--if you are dummy, put the trumps down first because trumps are what partner is probably worrying about.

--if you are in an iffy slam contract and one person asked during the auction what kind of ace-asking system you are using, that person has the missing values.

--if a person takes a long time on opening lead and then leads a trump, that person has most of the missing values.

--handle a disaster graciously. Partner will be grateful and will play better.

--if you have an extremely good score, wait until later to compliment partner because defenders are already feeling bad.

Bagnetto on club attendance during Biloxi

There was not a big game today
The Knave of Spades has run away
With the red haired queen his favorite doxy
We think they headed to Biloxi

Adventures among the 299ers by Jim Thornton

North held 864 AT QT93 J753

East held KJT92 Q753 K T94

South held A3 K986 A7542 K8

West held Q75 J42 J86 AQ62

The bidding (dealer N, NS vul) P P 1D P 2D 2S 3D 3S P P P

Contract 3S by E

The story: South led the club 8!!!, Dummy hit and I (East) saw: Spade loser, two heart losers, diamond loser and possibly two club losers. That would be down two - non vulnerable - against their sure 3 diamond contract – maybe not so bad a result.

The disaster: Reading the 8 as a singleton and not wanting them to get clubs and a club ruff, I went up with the ace of clubs and lead a spade. South won cashed the king of clubs, led a heart to the ace and got a club ruff. She then cashed the king of hearts and gave her partner a heart ruff and he returned a diamond to her ace and got another heart ruff. **DOWN 3!!! for no matchpoints.**

The players: my partner and I will remain nameless, but the lady who led the 8 from K 8 doubleton of clubs was **Joanne Chancey who was playing with Audry Cerise. Well done ladies!!!**