

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association April 2014

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President's Message

Thanks to Gerri Abbott and Susan Martin for co-chairing our Spring 299er Tournament....and thanks also to Gerri for donating her microwave to the club—that third one often comes in handy! Ellie Brammell and Jim Thornton will be chairing our Derby Day tournament May 1st-4th. Sherrie Goodman will be Partnership Chair for that event....and be sure to put the Longest Day activities on your calendar (June 21st); Sherrie is still recruiting helpers for that.

The board has implemented new policies relative to players arriving late or leaving early. Please be sure you are knowledgeable about the new policies (posted near the directors' station and on the bulletin boards and also available as a handout on the table by the front door). These policies will be enforced and hopefully will help to keep the game running smoothly and on time.

Keenan Romig



Special Notice

We often switch out our playing cards. If you know someone/some agency that could use some of the old cards, we are happy to donate them. Please see Theresa Federico.



April Events

Mon Apr 7 – 7:15 p.m. – Unit Club Championship. Extra points

Thurs Apr 17 – Noon – Unit Club Championship. – Extra points

Apr 21–27 Club Championship Week – Extra points

AND

May 1 – 4 – Metairie Sectional
(no night games)

Welcome New Members

Virginia Daliles, Duane Donner, Ellen Manshel, Stephen Manshel, Diane Meyer, Robert Owens, Nancy B Sandidge, Earl Wattigny



70 percent games

Lilian Kirshbom and Roberta Hirsu 71.58%
Feb 27 299er pairs

John Onstott and James Bush, 71.83% Mar 14 Open Pairs



Grand Slam Jackpot

Bummy Rosenfield and Red Hailey \$41
March 19 Open Pairs



Got an idea for a Kibitzer contribution? Contact the editor at jrdbl@cox.net

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Barbara Boegel, Karen Lay, Daphne Lesage, Ann Sale, Annette Wille

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Jo-Ann Couvillion, Judith Freeman, Nancy Marks, Virginia McMurray,

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Susan Beoubay

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Cathy Alford, Mae O Neil

NEW NABC MASTERS

Ueli Geissmann, William Gentry, Sherrie Goodman, Hugh Lawson, Claudette Lay, Sarah Pasternack, Hope Read

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Carol Bagalman, Marvin Bernstein, Susan Gibbens, John Patterson, Mary Regottaz

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Catherine McIver, Louise Saik

Tournament Successes

Orange Beach Regional Firsts

Mon Eve charity Pairs Flight B *Beth Todd and J.F. Lowenstein*

Mon-Tues KO Bracket II *Dee Moses, Eleanor Onstott, Jerrilynn Stumpf, Bobbie Gattuso*

Mon-Tues KO Bracket III *Bill Beaushaw, Jennie Beaushaw, Madeline Tonti, Karen Couch*

Tues Eve Side Swiss Flight A *John Onstott, James Bush et al*

Wed Eve AX Swiss Flight X *Dianne Chesson, Ralph Chesson, Linda Freese, Paul Freese*

Wed Eve BCD Swiss Flight B *Beth Todd, Catherine McIver, J.F. Lowenstein, Frank Swan*

Wed-Thurs Compact KO Bracket I *Beth Todd, Catherine McIver, J.F. Lowenstein, Frank Swan*

Thurs Eve Side Swiss *Nancy Gates, Nonie Leavitt, Jean Talbot, Helen St. Romain*

Fri-Sat Compact KO Flight B *Beth Todd, J.F. Lowenstein et al*

Fri-Sat KO Bracket II *Beth Todd, J.F. Lowenstein et al*

Sun Open Swiss Flight A *John Onstott, James Bush et al*

Baton Rouge Sectional Firsts

Thursday PM open pairs *Chuck Pitard and Iype Koshy*

Friday AM open pairs *Paul Deal and Craig Cordes*

Sat AM open pairs *Larry Federico and Idell Adams*

Sat PM open pairs *John Onstott and Craig Cordes*

Gulfport 299er Sectional Firsts

Fri AM pairs *Clara Perry and Anita Thigpen fltC*

Sunday Swiss *Carroll Wood, Sharon Mathews, Mae O'Neil, Elaine Wilczynski*

Basics from the Director

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

HESTITATIONS OH MY!

Please people, we all need more time in some bidding sequences. Especially do not scare the 299ers. BUT, if it is a long hesitation, you are entitled to protection. Before you bid after a long hesitation, call the director and tell him. The director will inform the offender's partner not to take inference from the hesitation and to bid his hand accordingly. You will be advised to call the director back if you think the offender's partner was influenced by the hesitation and did not have his bid.. As Morris Bart says, "you could be entitled to compensation."

Tips on Discarding, Part II (advanced)

by John Federico (part I elementary in March Kib)

6. When discarding from a complete honor sequence, discard the highest card in the sequence. This promises all lower honors and denies a higher honor.

7. When discarding in a suit that you obviously do not want led, give a count signal, not an attitude signal.

8. When you want a suit led in which you are void- perhaps to obtain a ruff- discard negatively in the suit that partner is most apt to lead

9. Especially against a no-trump contract, it is often very helpful for your partner to know the card that you would have lead back to him if you had obtained the lead. Therefore, consider discarding that card at your first opportunity.

10. About squeezes and pseudo squeezes. Especially when you are broke, you can often help partner with your discards by giving a complete count in a side suit.

11. More about squeezes. Never let them see you sweat! Plan your discards to suggest that you have no problem at all.

Plan the Play Contest—Win a Free Play!

Question 1. dummy 5 5432 5432 5432
You AQ9876 A6 A6 A76

Contract is one spade. Lead K♥. What is best line of play to make the contract?

Question 2. dummy 5 5432 5432 5432
You AJT876 A6 A6 A76

Contract is one spade. Lead K♥. What is best line of play to make the contract?

Your answers should focus on how to play the spades for at least 4 tricks, and make clear why your lines work against more opposition spade holdings than other lines do. Assume no bidding info, best play by opponents, and of course you will never get to dummy!

Submit entries by April 14 with your name and contact info to the Kibitzer editor via email jrdbl@cox.net, in sealed envelope to suggestion box, in person, or to any director for relay to Kibitzer editor. All good entries will be acknowledged in May Kibitzer and a free play will be awarded to a randomly selected one of these.