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Louisiana Bridge Association May 2014

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President's Message Hope you are planning to attend our Derby Day Tournament May 1-4. The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney 2013 awards will be presented before the 10:00 AM game on Friday.

A few things we want to reiterate:

Are we in your cell phone contacts? (Bridge Center 889-0869). Recently a player arrived very late due to an interstate accident; she had left home with plenty of time to spare. Her partner did not know if she had forgotten and could not reach her. When she arrived, she said she couldn't call because she didn't have the number. So be sure The Bridge Club is listed in your contacts. If the director knows you have been unforeseeably delayed, it makes a HUGE difference. A reminder that tardy players will cost their partnership a 3 pt penalty; additional penalties will be issued if boards cannot be played as a result.

Calling all Bridge Books for our library—if you have borrowed books from our bridge library, we ask that you please return them to the club so others may use them.

If your partner or someone you know from the club is ill, please be sure and inform Lil Kirshbom so a card can be sent. We have received feedback that the cards are much appreciated and bring a smile on an otherwise difficult day.

Keenan Romig



May Events

May 1 – 4 – Derby Day Sectional at our clubhouse. Single sessions 10AM and 2:30PM Thursday through Saturday. Swiss Teams Sunday 10AM and TBA.

May 9 – Fri Noon – Unit C.C. – extra points

May 16 – 18 – Jackson Sectional

May 20 – Tues 7 p.m. – Unit C.C. – Extra pts

May 26 – Jun 1 – STAC week - All silver points



Heads Up Longest Day June 21

Several twelve board games, special events, and raffle for a year of free play at the club! Details on next page.

Welcome New Members

Kathryn d'Hemecourt, Peggy Joffrion, Ann Mahnke, Jeffrey Juster (transfer from Dallas)

70 percent games

299er pairs: *Fred Lay and Cathy Alford* April 3

72.99% AND April 10 71.48%

Marcia Legendre and Janice Zazulak April 14

71.39%

Robert Pettit and Alma Slatten April 21 72.58%

MCC Ladies Pairs *Pat Housey and Catherine*

Clark 70.63%



2014 Unit Masterpoint Leaders (as of last report from ACBL)

no star = Ace of Clubs, * = MiniMcKenney, **=both

0-5: William McDonald**

5-20: Sharon Mathews, Mary Ellen Roy*

20-50: James Mayfield, Betty Norton*

50-100: Ada Havener, Mae O'Neil*

100-200: David Scherer, Cathy Alford*

200-300: Barbara Satterlee, Fred Lay*

300-500: Susan Sommer, Catherine McIver*

500-1000: Jeffrey Perigoni, Beth Todd*

1000-2500: Donald Daigle, J.F. Lowenstein*

2500-5000: John Federico, Paul Deal*

5000-7500: Larry Federico**

7500-10000: Judy Katz, James Bush*

10000+: Joan Van Geffen, John Onstott*

In Memoriam

Bud Murphy

PLAY NICE

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

William McDonald, Anita Thigpen, Susan Wisdom

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Patricia Durel, Dorothy Sanderfer, Kathryn Wilson

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Joseph Gaudette, Carole Leslie, Richard Whann

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Christine Beesley

NEW NABC MASTERS

Alan Jacobs, Linda Jacobs

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Naomi Moore

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Patti Harp

Tournament Successes

Dallas NABC Masterpoints:

Gus Ginsberg 20.63; Jeffrey Juster 16.37

Dloye Swift 16.14; Beth Todd 9.68;

Nelson Daigle 7.90; Geoff Chichester 7.90

Lawayne Eberhart 5.17; Jeffrey Perigoni 5.17

Scott Phelps 5.16; Mary Ellen Roy 5.16

Bill Beaushaw 3.47; Jeannie Beaushaw 2.84

Wayne Weisler 1.12; Sue Taylor 1.12

Metairie 299er firsts:

Fri AM pairs *Sherrie Goodman and Cathy*

Alford Flight A, Carol Bisordi and Joanie

Quinn Flight B

Fri PM pairs *Paul Rosenblum and Jacob*

Karno Flight A

Sat AM pairs *Linda Worley and Lilian*

Kirshbom Flight A, Irene Labiche and Louis

Mendel Flight B

Sat PM pairs *Alma Slatten and Robert Pet-*

titt Flight A, Paul Rosenblum and Jacob Karno

Flight B

Sunday Swiss *Jacob Karno, Paul Rosen-*

blum, Irene Labiche, Freida Johnson

Out of town regional firsts:

San Diego: Monday aft charity Swiss *Beth*

Todd, JF Lowenstein, Catherine McIver, Patti

Harp Flight B;

Gatlinburg: *Madeline Tonti et al Wed Din*

Bell KO Bracket 2; Bill Beaushaw et al Fri

BCD Swiss flight C

Bagnetto steps up to Haiku

Early blossom smile

My Queen of Hearts entrance me

Too high to aspire

Basics from the Director

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

ONLY IF IT'S YOUR TURN TO BID, YOU CAN ASK

Why, because if your partner is on lead, your question could easily influence his choice. You can ask partner to lead down, and then ask your question. It will be noticed if he makes an unusual lead after your question if his lead isn't already face down.

Longest Day Details

On June 21st, the Louisiana Bridge Association is holding a fundraiser to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. Last year, we contributed over \$5000 to Alzheimer's research. Sherrie Goodman is determined to increase our total and is working with her committee to achieve that goal. Eight sanctioned, 12-Board Games will be played from 9:00AM to 10:30PM including a Pro-Am Game. The Masterpoint awards will be the same as for a 26-Board Game. You can contribute to the cause by buying a raffle ticket to win a year of FREE PLAY at our Club. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The Longest Day committee members will be selling tickets. If you know of a business that may be willing to sponsor an event, with a tax-deductible donation, please contact Ann Crane, Sponsor Chairperson, at gpricecrane@bellsouth.net or 504-897-6755 to make sure you are the only one contacting that business. We will also reserve tables for social bridge players, so please encourage your associates to attend. Contact Publicity Chairperson Sharon Henry at 504-458-5336 or sharon.henry1@gmail.com to receive a flyer to post at your Club or to give to a prospective sponsor. **But most of all, mark your calendar and plan to spend the Longest Day doing what we all love to do...play bridge!!!**

March Two Queens solutions: Queen #1 Fritzi Gordon, Queen #2 Dorothy Hayden Truscott. No correct solutions were received.

Plan the Play Contest. No correct solutions were received to last month's contest so I have simplified the questions and boosted the winner's prize to a **free play AND \$20**. The answers are the same but the questions are clearer and simpler.

Question 1. You take over a hand midway through the play. Six tricks remain. Spades are trumps and dummy has ♠5 ♥65432. You are on lead and you hold ♠AQ9876. The opponents have the other 6 spades and top 6 hearts between them. Note that every trick will be won by a spade and you will never get to dummy. Assume the opponents are terrific card players and can peek in your hand. Based only on the information given here, what is the best line to bring in 4 spade tricks?

Question 2. Same question except that now your hand is ♠AJT876.

These questions should be worked out by hand, but can be checked by DEEP FINESSE. In your submissions, I do not expect probability calculations, but you should state which opposition spade holdings your line works against and which opposition spade holdings the competing lines work against, and make clear that your line works against more holdings than the Brand X lines.

Submit answers by May 12 to the editor personally, or by email, or to a director for transmission to the editor, or in a sealed envelope containing contact info in the suggestion box. All good solutions will be acknowledged in the June Kibitzer; the prize will be awarded at random to one of these. Only LBA members are eligible for prize.