

Louisiana Bridge Association June 2014

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President's Message The most important June event will be The Longest Day on Saturday, June 21st. This is a fundraising event for Alzheimer's that is promoted by ACBL. Sherrie Goodman and her awesome committee have planned lots of games that day (upgraded master-points!) as well as yummy food and a raffle for one year of free bridge plays at our club. Please get all the details from the Kibitzer and other postings in the club. Don't miss it!

Thanks to Sid and Mary LeBlanc for coordinating food for the Memorial Day Holiday. We will also have a July 4th pre-game luncheon. Our Wes Busby Sectional Tournament will take place the following week (July 11-14). We are looking for someone to handle club decorations; if interested, please let me or a board member know. Thanks.

Keenan Romig

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June Events

Saturday – June 7 – Noon – World Wide Bridge Contest – Extra points

June 13 – 15 – Gulfport Sectional

June 21—**Longest Day Event** clubhouse

June 19 – 22 – Baton Rouge Sectional

Saturday – June 28 – Noon – Unit C.C. – Extra points

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Some Longest Day Details

1. Eight twelve board games, starting every hour and forty minutes at 8AM on June 21. Full 26 board points for each game, entry \$10. Pro-am game at 1:30 PM. Sign up on posted sheets near club entrance or online at <http://goo.gl/K11Ybn>. Partners guaranteed for all games, so you can come alone.

2. Buy \$25 raffle tickets for year of free play. Tickets available from committee members wearing purple "Longest Day" buttons: Carol Bagalman, Judy Serou, Sarah Pasternack, Sharon Henry, Ann Crane, Cathy Alford, Sue Guarisco, Louise Saik, &

70 percent games

299ers: *Cathy Alford and Sherrie Goodman*, 71.95%, May 5; *Wanda Hoffmeister and Betty Parke*, 71.71% May 20

Open Pairs: *Cappy McIver and Patti Harp*, 70.83%, May 13 Tues eve

Grand Slam Jackpot

Bummy Rosenfield and Lil Breen May 7 \$35

**Think before you bid
or play**

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Tournament Successes

Derby Day Sectional Firsts (Dot Babin prize money in brackets)

Thurs AM flight A *Jack Lewis and Doris Liukkonen*; flights B,C *Linda Gallagher and Pris Daly* 0-20 *Evelyn DeLaureal and Lydia Scanlon*

299er Flight D *Eugene Eblen and Jerry Bates*; flights E,F *Eva Margle and Michael Margle*

Thurs PM flight A *JF Lowenstein and Jean Talbot*; flight B *Patricia Kessler and Roy Richardson*; flight C *Ana Urutia and Sarah Pasternack*

299er flight D *Alma Slatten and Robert Pettit*; flight E *Gail Davis and Toni Sardisco*; flight F *Eva Margle and Michael Margle*;

Fri AM flight A *Larry Federico and John Federico*; flight B *Ben McKown and Beth Todd*; flight C *Henry Bodenheimer and Hugh Lawson*

299er flight D *Wanda Hoffmeister and Betty Parke*; flight E *Cathy Alford and James Kessler*; flight F *Eva Margle and Michael Margle*

Fri PM flight A *Idell Adams and Larry Federico*; flight B *Irby Jones and Marth Jo Jones*; flight C *Jackie Madden and JoAnn Ippolito*

299er flight D *Bettie Parke and Wanda Hoffmeister*; flight E *Cathy Alford and James Kessler*; flight F *Eva Margle and Michael Margle*

Sat AM flight A *Jack Lewis and Ronnie Bergenger* [\$200]; flights B,C *Janet Patterson and Bonnie Nelson* [\$190]

299er flights D,E *Mae O Neill and Elaine Wilczynski* [\$120]; flight F *Virginia McMurray and Myra Groome* [\$30]

Tournament Successes cont'd next page

ARE YOU HIGHLY COMPETENT WITH WEBSITES? The club wants to update and improve maintenance of its website and needs advice on how to proceed. We need to know what expertise we have within the club. Please call Jim Thornton at 430-8568 if you can help us out. You need not sign on for any actual technical work or for a long term commitment.

Tournament Successes continued

Derby Day Sectional cont'd.

Sat PM flight A *Jean Talbot and Joan Van Geffen* [\$150]; flights B,C *Ray Gandolfi and Stephen Kishner* [\$160]

299er flights D,E *Gerhard Faleide and Susan Picone* [\$120]; flight F *Eva Margle and Michael Margle* [\$30]

Sunday Swiss Flight A *Paul Deal, Jan Galey, Walter Lewis and Jay Segarra*;

Flight X *K Boagni, Losi Boagni, Kathleen shiff and Audrey Darlington*; Bracket 2 *Keenan Romig, Suzanne Cliffe, Lynn Giordano, and Juanita Heigingsfelder*; Bracket 3 *Jerrilyn Jones, Barbara Zelenka, Barbara Satterlee, and Susan Sommer*

Jackson Sectional Firsts

Sat PM Open Pairs *Paul Deal and Jan Galey*

Sunday Swiss *Paul Deal, Jamie Bush, Jan Galey and Curtis Carpenter*

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Shirlann Finch, Marilyn Martin, Vicky Michel, Robert Owens, Clara Perry, Joyclyn Yuja

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Gerri Abbott, Judee Flotron, James Kiser, Sharon Mathews, Ronnie McGehee

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Gregory Blum, Betty Norton, Susan Seago

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Bonnie Belanger, Virginia Corrigan, Elaine Wilczynski

NEW NABC MASTER

Patricia Burke

Paul's Deal by Paul Deal

In a hand from the recent sectional you hold K10=AKQxx=Kxx=xxx. I suggest opening 1NT, not 1H, because of potential rebid problems. Partner bids 2H, a transfer to spades, which you accept by bidding 2S. Partner raises to 4S, a mild slam try, which you reject. Lho leads a small heart against 4S. Dummy holds AJ98xx=J=10xxx=Ax. The correct safety play is to win the heart jack and then play a low spade to finesse the ten against the queen. If it loses, lho cannot attack the diamond king, so lho will make a neutral exit. However, the ten holds. The proper play is to then cash the king and try to run the hearts, discarding the small club and as many diamonds as possible from dummy. Rho held Qxxx and only three hearts but declarer can get rid of the little club and two diamonds from dummy before rho ruffs in and leads a diamond. Of course, the diamond ace was held by lho, so declarer loses two diamonds and one spade but picks up the outstanding spade queen when dummy ruffs in after the two diamonds are cashed. Declarer makes four spades. Any other line of play loses and declarer goes down one.

The Kibitzer needs YOUR contributions: interesting hands, observations, stories, etc. Contact the Editor.

Basics from the Director

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

I WILL TAKE THE REMAINING TRICKS IN THIS ORDER. Say this BEFORE "I have the rest." Your opponents do not have to ask you to state your line of play. It doesn't count if you knew what you should do. You must say it BEFORE "I have the rest" or the director plays your cards to the best advantage of the opponents. SNIFF!

THINKING OF JOINING THE BRIDGE CLUB? By Paul Freese

Make new friends, have lots of fun,
take your brain on a long distance run.
Sound good so far? Interest is real?
Here's a few things to help seal the deal.
Parking's no problem, spaces galore,
just be sure to show up one hour before.
There's cookies and snacks if you're into grazing,
watch the food disappear, it's simply amazing.
We have A/C and heat to satisfy players,
but consensus is lacking so dress in layers.
There are restrooms too; the women's are nifty,
the men's are circa 1950.
Turn off your cell phone, lead face down,
free pizza on Tuesdays with Ben McKown.
Be kind to your partner, set yourself apart,
unless you've bid spades and partner leads a heart.
The "computer hands" nearly caused a riot,
so if you like them you'd best keep quiet.
Using the bidding box is another duty,
But exceptions are made if your first name is Judy.
When you've played a while, perhaps a year,
go over to the dark side, overcome your fear.
Know your master point total, count every game,
it looks good on your headstone next to your name.
Be a Bridge Mate expert, Internet too,
if you master web movements hooray for you.
And finally, give credit where credit is due
to the Board, Directors, and Theresa too.

Plan the Play Contest. Paul Deal submitted a correct entry and wins a free play plus \$20. We repeat the questions.

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.

Paul's Solution: Holding AQ9876 opposite singleton five, play the ace first. If nothing interesting falls, it makes no difference what you lead next if the opponents' spades split 3/3. But the six outstanding spades will tend to split 4/2. There is once chance that the king will be doubleton. But there are two chances that either the jack or ten will be doubleton. Therefore, the odds favor leading the queen next. Holding the AJ10876, lead the ace first and then the six, seven or eight in order to drop the king or queen doubleton. Once again, if the spades split 3/3 it doesn't matter what you lead after the ace. NOTE: With either holding by declarer if the ace fails to drop K,J or 10 in case one or the Q or J in case two and the spades split 5/1 or 6/0, declarer loses three tricks.

Official Solution: appears on p.3 (online/email editions) and supplies more details and exact probabilities.

Official Solution to Plan the Play Problem

Answer to question 1. You are missing KJT432 of spades, of which only KJT are threats to win tricks. You must be sure that these three cards do not score separately. If the spades divide 6-0 you cannot succeed against best play. If the spades divide 5-1 where the singleton is a low spade again you cannot succeed against best play. But if the spades divide 5-1 where the singleton is a threat card you can guarantee success by banging down the ace of spades at trick one. If the spades divide 3-3 you can guarantee success by playing the ace at trick one and spades at each opportunity; because the hearts are 3-3 there will be no overruff and the threats will be gone by trick three.

The critical case is when the spades divide 4-2. We must look closely at the doubleton. If the doubleton consists of low spades you cannot succeed against best play, and if the doubleton consists of two threats you guarantee success by playing the ace at trick one. So we are left with the doubleton consisting of one threat and one low card. If the doubleton is Kx you must play ace and a low spade to pop the king and have the Q left to kill one of the remaining threats. But if the doubleton is Jx or Tx you must play ace and the queen at trick two to kill the threat in the doubleton. Since there are twice as many layouts with doubleton Jx or Tx as layouts with doubleton Kx, best shot at 4 spade tricks is to play A,Q and then a low spade. Numbers below.

Answer to question 2. Analysis the same as for question 1, but now the missing cards are KQ9432 of which KQ9 are threats. Again the critical case is when spades divide 4-2, and now there are twice as many layouts with Kx or Qx as layouts with 9x, so best shot at 4 spades is to play A, then a low spade hoping to pop K or Q, and if that happens you have JT left to kill the 9.

Here are some relevant numbers:

For **question 1** there are 924 opposition layouts, of which 2 involve a 6-0 spade break, 72 involve a 5-1 spade break, 450 involve a 4-2 spade break and 400 involve a 3-3 spade break. Of the 5-1 breaks 36 involve a threat as singleton. Of the 4-2 breaks 90 involve a Kx doubleton, 180 involve either a Jx doubleton or Tx doubleton and 90 involve a doubleton with two threats. Thus the recommended line will succeed for 706 of the 924 layouts, for a success probability of .764069. Playing the A and then a low spade works for 616 cases.

For **question 2** a similar analysis yields a success probability of .764069 for playing A and then a low spade.