



Louisiana Bridge Association July 2014

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President's Message Congratulations to Sherrie Goodman and her terrific committee for the great success of The ACBL -sponsored/Longest Day fundraiser. Highlights of the event are covered in this newsletter.

In response to requests from our novice/intermediate players, a 499er game will be implemented on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM starting July 9th; the game will be held on a trial basis to determine if attendance warrants its continuation.

Join us for an early lunch on July 4th and bring your favorite salads, eggs, fruit or dessert to share. Watch for the signs at the club. Our Wes Busby Sectional Tournament will be held July 10th-13th. Many thanks to Lil Range and Cindy Lewis for agreeing to co-chair that event.

The \$1 entry surcharge to help defray the expenses of the Nationals in March 2015 will be discontinued as of August 1st. Entry fees for regular events will return to \$6; we will continue to charge \$7 for STAC games, NAOP qualifying games, and other special events. Thank you for supporting our club.

Keenan Romig

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July Events

July 4 Lunch served. Unit C.C. Extra points
July 10 – 13 Metairie Sectional-no night games
July 14 10:30 Unit C.C. – Extra points
July 17 Thurs noon NAOP Qualifying Game
July 26 Sat noon NAOP Qualifying Game
July 17 – 27 Las Vegas Nationals
July 31 – August 3 Lake Charles Sectional

August NAOP Qual Games are Aug 8, Aug 30

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70 percent game

299ers: June 24 *Katsumi Sohma and Evelyn Randall* 72.32%

Grand Slam Jackpots

June 4 Richard and Eileen Bagnetto, \$21
June 11 Larry and John Federico; Jean Talbot and Dee Moses; Jenny Flynn Sauviac and Roy Richardson
June 18 Bagnettos, Giordano-Daigle, McHale-Freese, Sauviac-Breen

In Memoriam
Bella Goldman

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Tournament Successes

Gulfport Sectional Firsts

Fri Aft *John Onstott and Jamie Bush* open pairs
Sandra Weber and Amy Nolan 299er pairs
Sat Am *Christine Beesley and Louise Echavarria,*
Flight B open pairs
Sherrie Goodman and Cathy Alford 299er pairs
Sunday Swiss *Jeffrey Perigoni et al* Brkt 3

Baton Rouge Sectional Firsts

Thurs AM *Iype Koshy and Chuck Pitard* tie for first, open pairs
Susan Ipsey and Sherrie Goodman 299er pairs
Fri AM *John Onstott and Jamie Bush* open pairs
Fri PM *Paul Deal and Iype Koshy* open pairs
Sat AM *Paul Deal and Jan Galey* open pairs
Sat PM *Toby Bassett and Jean Talbot* open pairs
Wanda Hoffmeister and Betty Parke 299er pairs
Sunday Swiss *Paul Deal, Craig and Carole Cordes,*
Jan Galey Flight A
Vicki Willis, Sally Toups et al Flight X

Longest Day Highlights

- Nine twelve board games from 8AM to 9PM, including Pro-Am game
- Over \$16,000 raised for the Alzheimer's Association
- Year's Free Play Raffle won by John Clement
- **More Details** in Sherrie Goodman's letter of appreciation to club members being sent out separately to all member email addresses. This letter will be reprinted in archived online edition of the Kibitzer.

More Tournament Successes

STAC firsts

Monday AM *Joy Eigher and Dee Eustis*
299er pairs

Tuesday AM *Carolyn Dubois and Joanne*
Chancey 299er pairs flight A

Margaret Shirer and Marcelle Pfister 299er
pairs flights B,C

Shirley Rhode and Chuck McMurry 99er pairs
flight A

William McDonald and Shirlann Finch 99er
pairs flights B,C

Thursday AM *Norma Gist and Gail Perry*
open flights A,B

Thursday PM *Patricia Burke and Muffin*
Balart 299er flight A

Richard Velleman and Cleo Velleman 299er
flight C

Friday AM *Joann Warder and Colette*
Greer 99er pairs flights B,C

Friday PM *Patricia Burke and Muffin*
Balart 299er pairs flight A

Pat Desforges and Maryann Joyner 299er
pairs flights B,C

Friday eve *Frank Corredine and Robert*
Woodyard open flights A,B

Sunday LBA Swiss *Jackie Madden, Ellie*
Brammell, Joann Ippolito and Vicki Willis

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTER

Winnie Banks

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Nancy Arthur, Susan Martin, Rachael
Plaisance

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Denise Fuselier

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Linda Knobloch

NEW NABC MASTER

Henry Bodenheimer

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTER

JoAnn Ippolito

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Suzanne Cliffe

Rose Colored Glasses by Paul Freese

Doctor B looked at his hand,
Saw eight clubs, started thinking grand.

So he bid his clubs, saw partner's reply,
Things were looking good, my oh my.

A twinge of caution went unheeded,
For sure partner had the cards Doc needed.

So he bid the slam, but then came the trouble,
The red card we dread, the penalty double.

The cards Doc expected were in the wrong hand,
Down three's no good when you've bid a grand.

Basics from the Director

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

FAT THUMB SYNDROME. I would like to begin every article with "DO NOT LET THE OPPONENTS MAKE THE RULING WHEN ANY INFRACTION OCCURS." The slightest difference could change the outcome. You place your bid on the table, then you look down, it is not the bid you intended. No matter how you plead, the opponents will say you cannot change your bid—FALSE. If your partner has not bid, even though your LHO has bid, and you did not change your mind, you MAY change the bid. Then your LHO may also change his bid if he desires. It is best to look at your bid before you place it on the table but the real director could save you IF CALLED.

Ed.Note: changing played cards is different—see next month.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH by Paul Deal

Playing in the Saturday afternoon finals of a Sectional Open Pairs with an experienced and adventurous distaff partner who was learning and playing the currently faddish "Two Over One Game Forcing" bidding method and the expert level "Minorwood" keycard asking bid convention used in strong minor suit auctions, as dealer in first seat I picked up a hand which potentially could involve both of partner's bridge interests of the moment. Looking at $x=AKxx=Kx=AQJ10xx$, I was reminded of my view that as much as a forcing 1C system might provide a bidding advantage at IMP scoring for its accuracy in slam bidding, I was gratified to be playing natural club suit bidding in a matchpoint event, in which the club suit, every part score hand and each overtrick is as important as are the big slam hands. I opened 1C, to which partner responded 1S, a call which did nothing to improve the potential for my hand. Facing the choice of emphasizing the quality of the club suit or showing the overall strength and pattern of the hand, I chose to rebid 2H, a "reverse," which is a one round force and promises at least one further descriptive bid, even if partner is weak. To my pleasant surprise partner responded with 4C, a game forcing, slam invitational jump preference. I immediately thought that this auction would afford partner a real chance to practice her Minorwood responses, so I keycard asked with 4D. Many partnerships play a simple form of Minorwood in which any bid of four of the trump suit minor in a game forcing auction is a keycard ask, an inferior method which has the flaw of often making the wrong hand do the asking, as would have been the fact in our auction. Using responder's jump to 4C as a natural call allows partner's powerful hand to take control of the auction by using "kickback," the cheapest available non-trump call, to institute Minorwood, in this case the 1430 response version. Over 4D partner responded 4S, the second step, showing three or zero keycards, obviously three in this case. As partner held the spade ace, the diamond ace and the club king, and I held the other two aces and the club queen, our only potential losers were the two small hearts. How do we find out whether we have a heart loser? Help arrived in the form of the follow-up Minorwood asking bid of 5H, which requires partner to show any control in that suit. Partner responded 5S, the first step over 5H, which showed a doubleton heart, third round control, exactly what was needed. My bid of 7C proved to be a laydown when partner tabled the dummy of $Axxx=xx=Ax=Kxxxx$, a split top which only one other pair reached. Coincidentally, we played that hand against our intended partners for the next day Sunday Swiss. When the final scores were tabulated we had beaten our Swiss partners by just a fraction of one matchpoint, 67+% over 66+%. With a touch of bitterness our partners congratulated us for our win as we all enjoyed a good dinner but all ended well when the next day our team took first place in the Sunday Swiss, leaving all of us quite happy and anxious to get on to the next tournament.

Practice Active Ethics

A Love Letter to LBA

Dearest Club,

Love letters cannot be short because the more love.....the better!

You are the dearest club! Yes, we had a very successful event on the Longest Day! I am told that per capita, our club raised the most money for this dreaded disease in the country - over \$16,000 and climbing. I am so proud of us!! Some people have said it wouldn't have happened without me, but I believe they are wrong. I will take credit for putting together an unbelievable committee, but the committee not only said yes, but they encouraged me to the very end. When I would come to the meetings and say I don't believe we can do such and such, they would reply, "Why not? Of course, we can!"

The success did not stop with the committee. Our wonderful directors stepped in and said, "Of course, we will help, what else do you need?"

The real star in our event was, of course, the Pro-Am Game. We asked our Pros to join in the fun, and most of them showed up, paid their money, and patiently had a good time. Our "Ams" who came had a really good time and hopefully learned a lot about the "Dark Side" and that it's not so scary afterall.

I have a few special hugs, and please forgive me if I leave anyone out.

Cathy Alford, our Food Chair, not only worked tirelessly for weeks getting all of our food, (along with the help of **Sharon Henry, Mary Ann Joyner, Jane Goldring, Sue Guarisco, and Diana Powell**) and wine donated, but never sat down from 6:30 am until she crawled in bed Saturday night. She helped us to get sponsors to underwrite the games, she decorated the club (with the help of **Judy Serou**, and **Susan Martin** who provided all the beautiful flowers), and as we were crawling in our cars Saturday night she asked me what we were going to do for next years event. Talk about the "Ever Ready Bunny!!!"

Sharon Henry was our Publicity Chair and got us great coverage in the media.....still more to come. She also got sponsors for the event and food donations too. She even gave me free counseling and encouragement along the way.

Louise Saik put the Pro-Am together and made my dream come true.....it was fabulous! This was the most difficult to do, as there were so many last minute pairing, but she did it without a hitch and everyone benefitted from her tireless efforts.

Ann Crane was our Sponsors chair and did an amazing job getting underwriters for each of our games and our meals! She also rolled up her sleeves and sold raffle tickets and was always volunteering to help each of us get our jobs done. I even saw her replenishing toilet paper and dealing with trash.

Eleanor Onstott was our Prize Chair and added so much fun to the event by rewarding random people for coming out and supporting us with such fun extra treats! She also reminded us several times during the day why we were there and how important our work is for Alzheimers. She also added lots of humor and fun to those of us who stuck it out to the end of the night, (not to mention becoming the Clean-up Krewe!)

Our committee did a fabulous job selling raffle tickets. **John Clement** is the lucky winner and will enjoy a year of free play at LBA. Thanks **Sarah Pasternack, Carol Bagalman, Judy Serou, Cathy Alford, Sharon Henry, Ann Crane, Sue Guarisco, Diana Powell, Kathy Gilmore** and **Eleanor Onstott** for all the sales!! (I apologize if I left anyone out.)

Our directors were wonderful and donated their services for the day. Thanks **Wayne, Doug, Tippi, Lil, Keenan, Linda, Jennie, Ben & Jack** for donating your services to make this such a success and trying to keep us on schedule! A special thanks to **Linda** and **Wayne** for figuring out the scoring for this complicated day and for being there before the rooster's crow to get everything set-up! **Theresa Federico** worked tirelessly to make sure we had enough boards so that everyone could play the same hands in each event.....not an easy task!

And last but surely not least, thank you all for coming out and supporting this event, and for those of you who were unable to attend, thanks for purchasing raffle tickets. If you were unable to attend and would still like to contribute to the event, you can go to:

http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=5860&pg=team&team_id=205404 or send a check before July 16, to:

attn. Sherrie Goodman	or	Direct Mail Processors, Inc.
The Longest Day		Attn: Alzheimer's Association
1604 Third Street		The Longest Day
New Orleans, LA 70130		1150 Conrad Court
		Hagerstown, MD 21740-5905

Our club's team name is Aces Against Alzheimer's.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for making this event so special and for doing our part to help to end this dreaded disease.

xoxo

Sherrie Goodman