



Louisiana Bridge Association August 2014

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President's Message The President has been in North Carolina on vacation and has little to say. Thank you to Lil Range and Cindy Lewis for co-chairing our July sectional.

We are trying to offer a **499er game on Wednesdays**. Attempts to offer a game at the same time as the 10:30 open game have not worked out very well and we are now looking at having a 499er game at noon on Wednesdays instead. Please check your email and club bulletin boards for updates. Note that Life Masters are not eligible to play in that game.

A new **EZ Bridge Class** will be starting on **September 11**. Start thinking about your friends that you would encourage to attend and spread the word.

Finally, please note that the **\$1 per game surcharge** to support the upcoming NABC has ended, and as of August 1, the fee for ordinary club games returns to \$6 per person.

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Tournament Successes

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August Events

Aug 8 noon NAOP qualifying game
Friday – August 15 – Noon games – Unit C.C. – Extra points – No extra fees
August 18 – 24 – Club Championship Week – Extra points – No extra fees
Tuesday – August 26 – Morning games – Unit C.C. – Extra points – No extra fees
August 30 noon NAOP qualifying game

70 percent games

Jun 30 *Beth Todd & Lowen*, Crested Butte CO
80.56%
Jul 1 299er *Edward Spooner & Hunter McFadden*
71.0%
Jul 7 *Joan Van Geffen & Judy Katz* 70.54%
Jul 22 *Joan Van Geffen & Nonie Leavitt* 72.69%

Welcome to New Members

Carolyn Abaunza, Janice Kishner, Lynne Stern, Susan Thompson, Marilyn Wilson, John Wittenberg

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Metairie Sectional Firsts

Sunday Swiss
Bracket 1 *Larry Federico, Idell Adams, Fred Woodruff, Iype Koshy*
John Liukkonen, Doris Liukkonen, David Bybee, Daryl Fisher Flight X
Bracket 2 *Madeline Tonti, Leslie Kolb, Jerrilyn Jones, Susan Sommer*
Bracket 3 *Jacquelyn Madden, JoAnn Ippolito, Ellen Lappa, Karen Dugan*

Metairie Sectional Firsts

Thurs AM

0-20 *Virginia Dabbs and Linda Vining*
Open *Ann Barone and Jean Talbot*
Dee Moses and Eleanor Onstott Flight B
Sherrie Goodman and Sharon Henry Flight C
299er *Hope Himel and Pat Duplessis*

Thurs PM

Open *Jerrilyn Stumpf and Bobbie Gattuso*
Dee Moses and Eleanor Onstott Flight B
Fred Lay and Claudette Lay Flight C
299er *Judy Serou and James Kessler*
Hope Himel and Pat Duplessis Flight E

Fri AM

Open *Phyllis Bennett and Elaine Prager*
Fred Lay and Sherrie Goodman Flight C
299er *Amy Cox and Barbara Martin*
Mike Lappa and Barbara Pyburn Flight E
Dale Strickland and Susan Beoubay Flight F

Fri PM

Open *Dee Moses and Jerrilyn Stumpf*
Eileen Bagnetto and Richard Bagnetto Flight B
Fred Lay and Claudette Lay Flight C
299er *Om Garg and Lallie Garg*
Margaret Ponseti and Gigi Matthews Flight F

Sat AM

Open *Guss Ginsburg and James Morton*
James Hailey and Daisy Vandenburg Flight B
Stephen Kishner and David Woods Flight C
299er *Linda Worley and Lilian Kirshbom*
Anita Thigpen and Clara Perry Flight E

Sat PM

Open *Carl Merlin and Douglas De Montluzin*
Dee Moses and Eleanor Onstott Flight B
Jacquelyn Maddena and Ray Gandolfi Flight C
299er *Susan Martin and Gerri Abbott*
(Sunday Swiss at bottom of left hand column)

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Jerry Boyd, Edgar Bullard III, Augusta Flanagan

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Gordon Clay, Myra Groome, William McDonald, Mary Ellen Roy

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

John Clement, Bonnie Holmes, Libby Padwa, Richard Velleman

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

G Price Crane, Warren Gambino, Gail Perry, Billie Sturrock

NEW NABC MASTER

Sandra Weber

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Fred Lay

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Fay W Batt, Geoff Chichester, Martie Sisco

Unit Masterpoint leaders through July 7

Ace of Clubs:

0 to 5: William McDonald 15.40; Anita Thigpen 7.30; Augusta Flanagan 7.22
5 to 20: Sharon Mathews 13.09; Nancy Arthur 9.72; Gerri Abbott 9.62
20 to 50: James Mayfield III 17.32; Judith Bostwick 13.35; Gregory Blum Sr 12.27
50 to 100: Jacob Karno 32.46; Ada Havener 21.53; Christine Beesley 15.55
100 to 200: William Cousins 31.54; David Scherer 21.06; William Weed 20.93
200 to 300: Margaret Ellis 22.67; Carol Bagalman 19.60; Barbara Satterlee 18.59
300 to 500: Susan Sommer 64.83; Patricia Roberts 31.61; Jonny Roberts 31.61
500 to 1000: Jeffrey Perigoni 34.70; Lawayne Eberhart 34.01; Beth Todd 33.59
1000 to 2500 : Paul Freese 61.30; David Bybee 59.34; Donald Daigle 57.07
2500 to 5000 : Lynn John Federico 60.22; Nonie Leavitt 55.50; Dr Julius Rosenfield 53.75
5000 to 7500 : Larry Federico 90.98; Bob Bowers 68.38; Kitten Haag 38.03
7500 to 10,000 : Judy Katz 67.38; James Bush 25.28
Over 10,000: Joan Van Geffen 99.42; Jean Talbot 87.71; John Onstott 71.55

Mini-McKenney:

0 to 5: William McDonald 24.66; Anita Thigpen 9.42
Clara Perry 8.86
5 to 20: Mary Ellen Roy 31.14; Sharon Mathews 22.31
Gerri Abbott 15.90
20 to 50: Judith Bostwick 19.10; James Mayfield 17.32
Betty Norton 16.92
50 to 100: Jacob Karno 44.25; Mae O Neil 30.47; Ada Havener 30.13
100 to 200: Cathy Alford 81.99; Sherrie Goodman 68.40; Henry Bodenheimer 61.89
200 to 300: Jeannie Beaushaw 75.80; Fred Lay 64.66
Hugh Lawson 51.62
300 to 500: Catherine Mclver 102.95; Susan Sommer 87.48; Mary Regottaz 59.70
500 to 1000: Beth Todd 222.74; Bill Beaushaw 111.76
Madeline Tonti 84.40
1000 to 2500: J F Lowenstein 222.22; Paul Freese 121.00; Dee Moses 101.51
2500 to 5000: Paul Deal 210.69; Jeffrey Juster 107.01
Lynn John Federico 88.69
5000 to 7500: Larry Federico 165.79; Bob Bowers 143.48; Iype Koshy 80.41
7500 to 10,000: James Bush 223.55; Judy Katz 104.66
Over 10,000: John Onstott 427.93; Jean Talbot 206.53; Joan Van Geffen 151.80

Basics from the Director

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT. No matter how you plea, playing a card on the table is different from the bid rule. Here is where careful is urgent. Declarer must play a card from his hand if it is "held face up, touching or nearly touching the table." Different if declarer calls for a card from dummy. Until his partner has played a card, declarer may change an unintended card IF he does so without pause for thought. If an opponent quickly followed they would rule against the change. BUT the Director would allow your change and allow your opponent to change his card if he so desires. A defender's card must be played if "held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face." When you call the director on this one, request he bring a tape measure!

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

Baton Rouge Sectionals are among my favorites because they are nearby and afford three days of keen matchpoint events and end with a Sunday Swiss, allowing the field to practice up on their IMP tactics. I had the opportunity of playing with one of my favorite but only occasional Baton Rouge resident partners when I held a hand on which I was sure that varied tactics would be used by the field. As dealer in first seat, all vulnerable, I held Axxx=K1097xx=void=10xx and elected to pass because the hand contained three flaws: (1) I avoid opening a weak two bid in first seat when holding a void, (2) particularly when that bid is complicated by a decent four card holding in the opposite major, and (3) on equal vulnerability with only one top honor in the weak two bid suit. My pass was followed by my LHO passing and my partner, wouldn't you just know it, opened with 1D, my void. I was somewhat surprised by my RHO also passing, the opponents' silence creating an inference that my partner must be holding quite a good hand. I responded 1H. Sure enough, LHO passed again but partner awoke with a bang and made a strong jump shift to 3C. Both opponents passed throughout. Over partner's 3C I considered showing my spade stopper just in case partner's strong bidding was based upon a solid diamond suit and nothing in spades but I chose to re-bid 3H when that holding for partner seemed unlikely, plus the chance that my first heart bid had improved his hand. Sure enough, partner then raised to 4H. Our auction had been P-P-1D-P-1H-P-3C-P-3H-P-4H-P-(?), at which point it was up to me to decide whether (A) a slam was possible or, (B) I should pass and stay out of trouble. Well, years of experience have taught me that matchpoint tournaments are seldom won by cautious bidding, so my natural inclination was to take another bid. The problem was "What bid?" Close bidding calls on highly distributional hands can often be decided on the basis of counting possible "losers" rather than on "points" held, which I endeavored to undertake with my Axxx=K1097xx=void=10xx holding. Let's see, two losers each in spades and hearts and three in clubs meant that with partner's heart support my hand held only seven losers, the same number many balanced 13 hcp openers also hold. Partner's strong jump shift bidding indicates an average loser count of only five and maybe even just four in his hand, so our combined loser count seemed to be 12 or even as few as 11. For those of you not familiar with the "loser count" methodology of hand evaluation, the trick is to subtract your estimated combined loser count from twenty-four, the difference representing the probable number of tricks the hand will produce, assuming normal suit splits. So our estimated trick total was twelve or thirteen, a sign that slam was biddable, although I doubted that we would experience normal suit splits when I thought about my own hand distribution. Nevertheless, I plodded onward by cuebidding 4S, whereupon partner bid Roman Keycard Blackwood, I responded 5H (two keycards without the trump queen--I did not show the void in partner's primary suit, a detriment rather than an asset), and partner bid 6H. The opening lead was the club King. Partner tabled the dummy of x=AQJ=AK10xxx=AJx, which covered my three losing clubs, while the Ace of spades and a cross-ruff provided the remaining ten tricks, for a result of 6H making seven. A trump lead would have stopped seven. ADDENDUM: I acknowledge using "poetic license" to tell you what should have happened. The truth was that in his exuberance partner bid all the way to 7H, which I could have made but for the fact that I finessed the heart 7 against the missing 8, which would have dropped, in the three card end game---down one. SECOND ADDENDUM: Despite the disappointing result in the 7H hand, we still won the event, giving this sad story a happy ending.