



Louisiana Bridge Association November 2014

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President's Message -November 2014

We have lots of sprucing up going on at the club with the help of board member Wayne Weisler; hope you are enjoying it as much as I am!

Thank you to the candidates who have agreed to run for the board thus far. If you are interested in serving your club as a board member, please sign the "Willingness to Serve" form on the center front bulletin board. Nominations are open through the month of November. Pictures and bios of board candidates will be published shortly thereafter.

Please note a slight change for the upcoming Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament: in response to suggestions from our members, afternoon sessions will begin at **2:15 PM** rather than 2:30 PM to tighten up the time between games and finish a bit earlier.

Club Manager Sally Toups has asked to step down after 23 years of service due to health issues. We are hoping that she will be able to return as her service has been invaluable. Jean Talbot, our other club manager, will continue with short term computer assistance from Yours Truly and we will re-evaluate the situation in the New Year. Get well, Sally!

Keenan Romig

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November Events

Nov 1 John Onstott 25K Masterpoint Party

Nov 3 – 9 Club Championship week –Every game is a club championship. Extra points – No extra fees

Nov 11 – Morning game Unit Championship – Extra points – No extra fees

Nov 13-16 Dottie Toledano Tournament (PM GAMES START AT **2:15PM**)

Nov 21 – Noon game – Unit Championship – Extra points – No extra fees

Nov 27 – Dec 7 – Fall NABC Providence RI

December Heads Ups

Dec 13 Sat eve Christmas party

We will be holding a silent auction during this party to raise money for the upcoming Nationals.

If you have donation sources or something to contribute for the auction, please contact

Jackie Madden (888-4245 or jmem1963@aol.com).

Dec 19 Fri daytime Christmas party

New Orleans NABC hotel rooms now

available. Check Travel/housing for New Orleans NABC at ACBL website for details, how to. Marriott \$160/night, Sheraton \$180/night

Road Warriors (Tournament firsts)

Alexandria Sectional firsts—Paul Deal w Jan Galey in Fri aft open pairs and again w others in Sunday Swiss

Monroe Sectional first Jamie Bush w Loretta Rivers Sat aft open pairs

Metairie 299er firsts

Fri am pairs Diana Powell&Janice Zazulak

Fri pm pairs Cleo Velleman&Richard Velleman

Sat am pairs Linda Conner&Lynn Flynn

Sat pm pairs Ruth Rosenthal&Jean Frank (flights A,B)

Irene Labiche&Susan Martin (flight C)

Sun Swiss flight A Mike Lappa, Peggy McCranie, Cathy Alford, Terry Marr

flight B Jacob Karno, Paul Rosenblum, Irene Labiche, Freida Johnson

Gulfport Sectional firsts

Suzanne Baer & Susan Gibbens flight C open pairs

fri aft AND AGAIN sat aft

James Bush & John Onstott flight A open pairs sat aft

James Bush, John Onstott, Bob Bowers, Fred Woodruff

Sunday Swiss Bracket I

Jackson Sectional first Scott Phelps & Mary Ellen

Roy Sun Swiss flight C

70 percent games

299er pairs Gigi Matthews & Lynn Flynn
Sep 11 73.35%

Jack Ryan & Denise Fuselier Oct 13 70.21%

Janis Roberts & David Roberts Oct 23 74.54%

499er pairs Fred Lay & Claudette Lay
Oct 22 72.0%

Open pairs David Woods & Stephen Kishner
Oct 18 70.31%

In Memoriam

Kitten Haag

Grand Slam Jackpot Winners

Oct 1: Jean Talbot & Juanita Heidingsfelder,
Henry Bodenheimer & Paul Freese, Joan Van
Geffen & Judy Katz

Oct 22: Sandy & Martie Sisco, Dick & Eileen
Bagnetto

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Jane Ard, Sally Brothers, Jill Lane, Michael Roux

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Sandra Broussard, Linda Conner

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Elizabeth Sewell

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Joan Vollenweider

NEW NABC MASTERS

Om Garg, Scott Phelps

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Marilyn Kelly, Paul Tucker

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Rosalind Kuchmuk

Sep 30 Unit 134 masterpoint leaders

(no stars=MiniMcKenney only, *=Ace of Clubs only. **=both MiniMcKenney and Ace of Clubs)

0 to 5

William McDonald**

5 to 20

Mary Ellen Roy, Sharon Mathews*

20 to 50

Judith Bostwick**

50 to 100

Jacob Karno**

100 to 200

Cathy Alford, William Cousins*

200 to 300

Jeannie Beaushaw, Carol Bagalman*

300 to 500

Susan Sommer**

500 to 1000

Beth Todd, Lawayne Eberhart*

1000 to 2500

J F Lowenstein, Paul Freese*

2500 to 5000

Paul Deal, Julius Rosenfield*

5000 to 7500

Larry Federico**

7500 to 10,000

James Bush, Judy Katz*

Over 10,000

John Onstott, Joan Van Geffen*

(see p.3 for more detailed standings)

Ann Barone—2015 Goodwill Member Nominee

Gold Life Master and member of our club for over 50 years. Longtime director, former board member, certified teacher. Handles gardening and outside maintenance, assists in voting tabulation each year, Up until recently, serving as the alarm company liaison, rushing to the club whenever the alarm went off. Makes great deviled eggs and dips for tournaments! Congratulations, Ann.

Welcome to New Members

Susan Glennon, Mary Hanni, Cecile Ruiz

In Memoriam from our past. Nancy Harrelson, LBA president and prominent LBA member in 1980's, then resident of Gulf Breeze, FL, has died.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

Keeping the dangerous defender off lead is a frequently occurring theme in declarer's play of the hand. Holding void=xxx=Kxx=QJ10xxxx in fourth seat, non-vul vs vul, I had little suspicion that I would not only be declarer but that "avoid the dangerous hand" would be the primary theme of the play of this hand. The auction was short but quite active and aggressive by all concerned--it went 1S-2H-4S-5C, the latter an intended save, surprisingly followed by three passes. No double! LHO led the spade 8. Dummy was 1052=AKxxx=xx=AK9. WOW! No wonder why there was no double--there's actually a chance to make 5C if the cards are well placed for declarer. STOP! Don't read on until you have decided how you'll play this hand on and after trick one. READY? ARE YOU SURE? Well, you're not ready unless you called for the spade 10 or 5 at trick one and recognized why that play, saving the insignificant little 2, was essential. You've blown the hand if you wasted the spade 2 at trick one. Here's why. Declarer's first plan was to play a heart toward dummy, a trump to hand, and another heart. If the queen appeared on the first or second heart round, let LHO hold the lead. If LHO had only two hearts, upon declarer regaining the lead the outstanding trump could be drawn (trumps split 2/1) and discards on hearts would take care of two of declarer's losing diamonds. Also, if LHO had any three hearts, trumps could be drawn and he could be saddled with the lead on the third round of hearts. That has the makings of a good plan of play. But then I thought, what if RHO has the heart queen and the third heart? Curses, foiled again! So then on second thought I took another look at dummy's spades. If RHO has only two high spades, perhaps the lead can be passed to LHO with spades if hearts don't work out. It slowly became clear that a more comprehensive plan of declarer's play was available. Start by playing the spade ten at trick one and trump when RHO covers it. Then a heart to the board and if no heart queen appears, lead the spade 5. If RHO does not cover the 5, discard a heart. If RHO covers again, trump it and try another heart to the board. If the heart queen appears, let LHO hold the lead. Unless LHO has the third heart, you're safe. If the heart queen does not appear, win the heart on the board, take one high trump and try the spade 2. If RHO has only the lowest outstanding spades left, you are home free. Just discard a heart and LHO will have to win the trick. LHO can't attack the diamond king from the west side. You still have two trump entries to the dummy to pick up the one outstanding trump, ruff the third heart lead high, establishing two good hearts in dummy, and return to cash them. So all you can lose is the diamond ace and the little spade deuce trick. LHO's hand--KJ9876=Jx=AQx=xx. RHO's hand--AQ43=Qxx=Jxxxx=x. By playing on both hearts and spades, declarer gives himself two chances to place the lead with the safe hand, LHO (west). What a lucky hand! The lowly deuce of spades is worthy of being featured in a new "All Through the Pack" type of scenario.

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UNIT 134 Mini-McKenney Standings END OF SEPT**0 to 5**

William McDonald 33.76
 Augusta Flanagan 15.66
 Robert Owens 14.48

5 to 20

Mary Ellen Roy 51.20
 Sharon Mathews 28.37
 Gerri S Abbott 27.48

20 to 50

Judith Bostwick 35.99
 Sandra Freeman 26.73
 Betty Norton 26.66

50 to 100

Jacob Karno 60.86
 Mae O Neil 44.13
 Ada Havener 40.62

100 to 200

Cathy Alford 101.06
 Sherrie Goodman 97.66
 Henry Bodenheimer 89.35

200 to 300

Jeannie Beaushaw 131.74
 Fred Lay 84.45
 Hugh Lawson 76.72

300 to 500

Susan Sommer 154.24
 Catherine McIver 110.59
 Mary Regottaz 86.18

500 to 1000

Beth Todd 248.36
 Bill Beaushaw 212.64
 Madeline Tonti 161.71

1000 to 2500

J F Lowenstein 238.99
 Paul Freese 201.90
 Dee Moses 170.24

2500 to 5000

Paul Deal 283.04
 Jeffrey Juster 240.75
 Dr Julius Rosenfield 157.67

5000 to 7500

Larry Federico 243.13
 Bob Bowers 212.06
 Kitten Haag 99.28

7500 to 10,000

James Bush 321.34
 Judy Katz 143.78

Over 10,000

John Onstott 665.59
 Jean Talbot 302.68
 Joan Van Geffen 239.90

UNIT 134 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Standings END OF SEPT**0 to 5**

William McDonald 24.50
 Augusta Flanagan 14.30
 Robert Owens 13.84

5 to 20

Sharon Mathews 19.15
 Gerri Abbott 18.26
 Myra Groome 17.58

20 to 50

Judith Bostwick 30.24
 James Mayfield 24.27
 Janice Zazulak 20.35

50 to 100

Jacob Karno 49.07
 Ada Havener 32.02
 Mae O Neil 24.32

100 to 200

William Cousins 53.72
 William Weed 35.04
 Sherrie Goodman 32.03

200 to 300

Carol Bagalman 37.45
 Hugh Lawson 36.83
 Margaret Ellis 35.77

300 to 500

Susan Sommer 94.93
 Patricia Roberts 53.57
 Jonny Roberts 53.57

500 to 1000

Lawayne Eberhart 59.85
 Nelson Daigle 58.26
 Jeffrey Perigoni 55.11

1000 to 2500

Paul A Freese 113.76
 David Bybee 109.02
 Donald Daigle 89.91

2500 to 5000

Julius Rosenfield 101.48
 Lynn John Federico 93.00
 William Weiss 85.09

5000 to 7500

Larry Federico 141.93
 Bob Bowers 121.13
 Kitten Haag 65.17

7500 to 10,000

Judy Katz 103.48
 James Bush 36.06

Over 10,000

Joan Van Geffen 172.70
 Jean Talbot 160.57
 John Onstott 120.54