

## Louisiana Bridge Association March 2015

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### President's Message March 2015

Congratulations to all of our winners at February Regional Tournament in Baton Rouge. Several of our members won multiple events. They are recognized later in this Kibitzer.

The Board has resolved the seating configuration issue. Tables will be rotated 90 degrees so that North/South players will have their backs to the wall. This will make it easier for East/West players to move. Placement of the tables will not change. The Board thanks all members who provided input on this matter.

Our new member Lynn Giordano has resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Paul Deal has accepted the Board's appointment to serve on the Board for the rest of 2015.

The club will be closed during the March NABC. Extensive repairs and improvements are scheduled during this closure. Information on the NABC is included later in the Kibitzer.

As many of you know, the Board is considering changing the game times on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and is seeking input from our membership. No decision has been made and we have no deadline for making a decision.

### Larry Federico

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#### March Events

**Mar 2** National Senior Pairs Monday NOON  
\$7.00 entry fee; extra points, 55 or older to participate; NOTE GAME TIME CHANGE; 299er game at usual time

**Mar 4** Unit Championship- 10:30 AM  
Extra points, no extra fees

**Mar 12-22** New Orleans NABC; club closed

**Mar 23-29** Club Championship Week  
Extra points, no extra fees

#### NABC Update

The tournament will be held Mar 12-22 at the Marriott and Sheraton Hotels on Canal Street.

**We are still seeking sponsors for named events.**

Events are available at the \$100, \$250, and \$500 levels. See the stand at the entrance to our clubhouse. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor a partner, loved one, or teacher. The honorees' names will appear in the Daily Bulletin at the tournament and also on the ACBL website.

If you are seeking a **hotel room** be aware the ACBL is making an effort to get everyone who wants one a nearby hotel room. Go to the ACBL website, New Orleans NABC, and look under Travel/Housing.

#### LUNCH AND LEARN WITH WAYNE

**499ers** - bring your lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30AM and munch while having a mini lesson with Wayne Weisler before the noon game. Note: these lessons are aimed at advancing intermediates.

#### Welcome New Members

Jackie Childress, Paula Hall

#### Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Carolyn Abaunza, Barbara Fitz-Hugh, Susan Thompson

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Elizabeth Cordes, Virginia Dabbs, Robert Owens, Nancy Rogers

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Judith Bostwick, Richard Crane, Elizabeth Luke, Susan Martin

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Dan Cliffe, Dr Carroll Wood

NEW NABC MASTER

Lallie Garg

#### Grand Slam Jackpots

**Jan 28** Julius Rosenfield & Lillian Breen, Elaine Duplantier & Fay Batt, Dee Moses & Joan Van Geffen

**Feb 4** John Liukkonen & Wayne Merkel, Suzanne Cliffe & Betty Schwall

**Feb 11** Rufus Harris & Louise Saik, Nelson Daigle & Henry Bodenheimer, Gail Fayard & Cindy Lewis

#### 70 percent game

**299er Pairs Feb 20** Richard Whann & Robert Whann 74.17%

Feb 23 Hope Read & Susan Guarisco 70.6%

## January STAC firsts

**Mon AM Open Pairs** Larry&John Federico  
**299ers Flight C** Margaret Ponseti&Lynn Flynn  
**Mon eve Open Pairs** Doug De Montluzin&Linda Stockton  
**Open Pairs Flight B** Nelson Daigle&Ray Gandolfi  
**Tues AM Open Pairs Flight C** James Dunn&Gussie Dunn  
**299er Pairs** Katsuumi Sohma&Evelyn Randall  
**299 Flight B** Joan Oppenheim&Brenda Stephens  
**Wed aft Open Pairs** Jonny Roberts&Pat Roberts  
**499er Pairs** Cathy Alford&Sherrie Goodman; Nancy Marks&Kay Perrin **Flight B**  
**Thurs aft** 299er Pairs Elizabeth Cordes& Linda Conner  
**Fri aft 299er Pairs** Barbara Fitz-Hugh&Linda Conner  
**Sun Swiss** George Runyan-Wayne Weisler-BB Gordon--Jean Talbot; **Flight B** Lillian Range-Julius Rosenfield-Price Crane-Ann Crane

## Houston Regional firsts

**Borsos Wed Swiss Bracket F** Beth Todd-Martyn Cooper-Bill Beaushaw-Sandra Dubroc  
**JGore&MThomas KO Bkt2** Beth Todd-Cappy McIver-JF Lowenstein-David Wolf

## Baton Rouge Regional Firsts

**Mon eve Charity Pairs** J.F.Lowenstein&Idell Adams  
**Tues Aft 299er Pairs** Robert Pettit&Alma Slatten  
**Gold Rush Pairs** Muffin Balart&Patricia Burke  
**Strat Open Pairs** J.F.Lowenstein&Idell Adams  
**Wed AM 299er Pairs Flt B**  
William McDonald&Shirlann Finch  
**Tues-Wed KO Bracket II** Madeline Tonti-Suzanne Somer-Janell Eberhart-Lawayne Eberhart  
**Wed Swiss Flt X--**Beth Todd-J.F.Lowenstein-Cappy McIver-DiLapeyre  
**Fri Open Pairs** Idell Adams&Larry Federico Flight A, J.F.Lowenstein&David Bybee Flight X  
**Sat Open Pairs** Paul Deal&Jan Galey Flt A  
**Evening Side Game Series** Jean Talbot  
**Sun Swiss Flt B Bkt II** Bill&Jeannie Beaushaw-William Wood-Sandra Dubroc

## Stepping up in class

One way to upgrade your game is to step up in class. If you are a 299er, play sometimes in the 499er game and occasionally in the open game. If you have an established sectional or regional level partnership, give an NABC+ event a shot. At a minimum, you should gain valuable experience and are likely to learn. If you stick with it and manage any success, you will gain confidence and that alone will help your game. greatly.

Platinum Points are awarded only in NABC+ events—i.e. in nationally rated events (including women's and senior events) with no upper master-point limits. Get your favorite partner and go for some platinum at our upcoming NABC!

**PAGE 3.** A list of current Unit 134 platinum point holdings is given on page 3 of this Kibitzer (online/email edition), along with the Unit 134 top 3 in each category for Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney. ALSO Recollections of Harry Teles.

**Paul's Deal of the Month** Playing in a recent sectional Swiss Team event, our opponents, two gracious, elderly gentlemen, announced that they used "natural bidding," involving little more than Stayman and Blackwood. Along came a deal in which that information became significant to our side. I held a modest hand, ♠Axx♥Kxxxx♦xxx♣Qx, vul vs non-vul, when my partner, in first seat opened 1NT, 15-17 hcp. Unexpected action followed. The auction proceeded 1NT-2D-2H-2S-3H-P-(?), at which point I decided that my partner's voluntary raise to 3H showed a strong enough hand that I could not resist the lure of a vulnerable game, so 4H it was. Whew! At least there was no double. LHO led the King of spades and dummy came down:

<i>My hand</i>	<i>Dummy</i>
♠Axx	♠xxx
♥Kxxxx	♥AQxx
♦xxx	♦AQ108
♣Qx	♣Ax

I won the Ace of spades. Then I counted five sure losers, two spades, two diamonds and one club. Those losers made my decision to bid 4H look awfully bad. Things looked up a tiny bit when I cashed the Ace and Queen of hearts and the trumps divided 2/2, as I expected a 3/1 split. But then I realized that I had ended up in the dummy, the wrong hand. I should have played for a 2/2 trump split and taken the Ace and King, ending up in my hand. I couldn't afford to play a spade, nor could I afford to play another round of trumps with none outstanding. But then I remembered that those two old boys played "natural" bidding, so the three diamond finesses were bound to fail for me anyway. I then played the hand out in my head over and over. I suddenly came to the remarkable conclusion that if LHO held six spades, unless I played a spade I could not go down on this hand even if I tried. I played the Queen of diamonds off of the dummy. RHO won with the King and tried to escape the apparent endplay by leading a club away from his King but my Queen held the trick. I cashed the club Ace and then endplayed RHO for the second time by putting him on lead with the diamond ten. This time he played back into ♦A8 remaining in dummy, thereby holding my minor suit losers to two and providing me with a discard for one of my little spades. Making 4H as two losers literally disappeared. It made no difference whether RHO returned a diamond or a club after winning the diamond King. He would be endplayed one way or the other no matter which he lead first. On that line I would lose two diamonds and a spade or a diamond, a club and a spade if I endplayed RHO with a club. Even more amazingly, I later realized that after drawing trumps I could have cashed the Ace of clubs, then played the diamond Queen, to be won by RHO, who could then cash the club King and then either play a club, giving me a ruff and sluff or play a diamond into dummy's A108, after which I could cash the diamond Ace and then lead the ten, discarding a spade, again endplaying RHO, who would then have to give me another ruff and sluff. On that line I would lose two diamonds and a club. Ah, bridge. An amazing and fascinating game.

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### **Unit 134 Platinum Points Lifetime as of 2/06/15**

John Onstott 2774.14

Jean Talbot 643.14, Joan Van Geffen 565.91

Jeffrey Juster 157.59, James Bush 93.50, Iype Koshy 78.19, Guss Ginsburg 37.55

5-10 Judy Katz, Jerrilyn Stumpf, Bob Bowers, Norman Leslie

0-5 Eleanor Onstott, Doris Liukkonen, John Liukkonen, Paul Deal, Julius Rosenfield, Lillian Range, Dloye Swift, Diane Schwartz, William Weiss, Jean Weiss, Linda Fox, Linda Stockton, Beverly Dupre, Marilyn Seward, Mary Regottaz

### **2014 Unit 134 Mini McKenney Leaders**

0-5 MP William McDonald, Virginia Dabbs, Augusta Flanagan

5 to 20 MP Mary Ellen Roy, Susan Martin, Gerri Abbott

20 to 50 MP Sandra Freeman, Judith Bostwick, Janice Zazulak

50 to 100 MP Jacob Karno, Mae O Neil, Ada Havener

100 to 200 MP Henry Bodenheimer, Sherrie Goodman, Cathy Alford

200 to 300 MP Jeannie Beaushaw, Hugh Lawson, Fred Lay

300 to 500 MP Susan Sommer, Cappy McIver, Jonny Roberts

500 to 1000 MP Beth Todd, Bill Beaushaw, Madeline Tonti

1000 to 2500 MP J F Lowenstein, Paul Freese, Dee Moses

2500 to 5000 MP Paul Deal, Jeffrey Juster, Julius Rosenfield

5000 to 7500 MP Larry Federico, Bob Bowers, Iype Koshy

7500 to 10,000 MP James Bush, Judy Katz

Over 10,000 MP John Onstott, Jean Talbot, Joan Van Geffen

### **2014 Unit 134 Ace of Clubs Leaders**

0-5 MP William McDonald, Augusta Flanagan, Virginia Dabbs

5 to 20 MP Susan Martin, Gerri Abbott, Myra Groome

20 to 50 MP Sandra Freeman, Judith Bostwick, Janice Zazulak

50 to 100 MP Jacob Karno, Ada Havener, Mae O Neil

100 to 200 MP William Cousins, Henry Bodenheimer, Sherrie Goodman

200 to 300 MP Carol Bagalman, Hugh Lawson, Judy Serou

300 to 500 MP Susan Sommer, Jonny Roberts, Patricia Roberts

500 to 1000 MP Fay Batt, Nelson Daigle, Jeffrey Perigoni

1000 to 2500 MP Paul Freese, Dee Moses, David Bybee

2500 to 5000 MP Julius Rosenfield, John Federico, William Weiss

5000 to 7500 MP Larry Federico, Bob Bowers, Kitten Haag

7500 to 10,000 MP Judy Katz, James Bush

Over 10,000 MP Jean Talbot, Joan Van Geffen, John Onstott

### **Some Recollections of Harry Teles**

Harry was Sarah Pasternack's uncle and will be honored by a named event at the New Orleans NABC, along with Sarah's parents Leon and Sylvia Teles. Harry owned and operated the New Orleans Bridge Studio, a rubber bridge club in the 100 block of Dryades Street.

John Federico recalls the story of a player notorious for peeking in opponent's hands. Harry put a key queen in his own breast pocket, and sure enough the player peeked in Harry's hand and took a critical finesse the wrong way. Harry produced the queen and asked, "looking for this?" Sidney Lazard recalls being mentored at age 18 by Harry and opines that Harry was the second best player in the city at that time, behind only Louis Rosen.

Charlie McHale as a young lawyer went to the club at least once a week. Once an out of town visitor joined a foursome with Charlie and Harry. The visitor fainted and Harry removed him from the game and placed him on the couch. When the game was over Harry tried to wake the visitor up but he was dead as a doornail. Another time when Harry and Charlie were playing rubber bridge they were alarmed by the loud stomping of feet coming up the stairs. It was the mother of one of the players who then grabbed her son by the ear and pulled him away from the table stating "I told you not to gamble!"