

Louisiana Bridge Association April 2015

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President's Message April 2015

Congratulations to all of our winners at the March NABC. Several of our members won multiple events. A big thank you to team Onstott/Moses and all of their volunteers who worked so hard to make the NABC a huge success. A special section on the NABC is included later in this Kibitzer.

A special thanks to Wayne Weisler. His participation in the tournament was limited because of the hours he spent at our club scheduling and supervising repairs and renovations. Work included general cleaning, repairs to carpets and water and sewer lines, and much else. The sewer work was expensive as it required excavation and tunneling. The installation of steel beams to support our sagging roof was completed just prior to the tournament.

The survey on game times was reviewed at the March Board meeting. A slight majority of our members wanted no change. After extensive discussion and two votes the Board decided not to make any changes to our game times.

Awards for the 2014 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners will be distributed at the Derby Day Tournament in May. Your president will contact the winners and ask they be present to receive their awards.

Some members have been parking on the lawn on the west side of the building. There are several water and sewer lines under the lawn and a sewer clean out and a water meter at the surface of the lawn. **Please avoid parking on the lawn unless the parking lot is full. If the lot is full and the lawn is the only available space please avoid the sewer clean out and the water meter.**

Increasing operating costs, increasing maintenance, and increasing reliance on caterers to provide food for tournaments have caused a negative cash flow for the past several months. This is not an immediate concern because we still have significant financial reserves, but if the trend continues, the board will have to consider options for either increasing revenue or decreasing costs.

Larry Federico

April Events

Apr 3-5 Gulfport Sectional

Apr 6 7:15PM Unit Championship
extra points no extra fees

Apr 12-23 ACBL Sponsored Bridge Cruise

Apr 17-19 Metairie 299er Sectional

Apr 24-26 Jackson Sectional

Apr 30-May 3 Dot Babin Derby Day Sectional
Metairie Clubhouse

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Lou Adragna, Robert Dewell, Marcelle Frischhertz, Janet Genusa, Barbara Hammett, Bruce Hanni, Athena Kontaxis, Barbara Le Gardeur, David Montegut, Wendy Sack, Marion White

70 percent games

Feb 27 Open Pairs Idell Adams&Larry Federico
71.15%

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Carolyn Abadie, Duane Donner, Mary Hanni, Claire Webb

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Linda Conner, Denise Nagim, Sharon Wood

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Frances Middleton, Stephanie Reaves, Paul Rosenblum, Sheryl Thompson

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Juanita Heidingsfelder

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Paul Freese

Wednesday Grand Slams

Mar 4 Jacob Karno&Hans Jacobs, Julius Rosenfield&John Liukkonen,

Bill Weiss&Sid LeBlanc, Eileen&Richard Bagnetto

Mar 11 Juanita Heidingsfelder&Jean Talbot

In Memoriam

Bob Berthelot

New Orleans NABC Results

I/N Pair firsts

Linda Conner&Lynn Flynn **Int'l Fund 299er Pairs**
Ed Madden 299er Pairs Margie Christian&Mary Dorsey
Flt B; William McDonald&Shirlann Finch Flt C
Dorothy Middleton Pairs Cindy Lewis&Ann Sale
John Federico 299er Pairs Molly Silvia&Barbara
Fitz-Hugh Flt C
Wed Aft 299er Pairs Frederick Bott&Mildred Bott
Wed Aft 49er Pairs Delphine Butler&Claudine Cannon
Theresa Federico 299er Pairs Claire Stahel&Anne
Babington Flt C
Wes Busby 299er Pairs David Roberts&Janis Roberts;
Ruth Rosenthal&Jean Frank Flt C
Wes Busby 49er Pairs Delphine Butler&Claudine Cannon
Flt B
Elaine Prager 299er Pairs Frederick Bott&Mildred Bott
Flt C

Swiss Firsts

Sue Maly DEF Swiss Edgar Taylor et al Flt F
IDGAS ABC Swiss Dee Moses-Eleanor Onstott-Jerrilyn
Stumpf-Bobbie Gattuso Flt C tie for first
Mary Jane Dale ABC Swiss Vicki Willis-Idell Adams et al
Flt C
Mary Jane Dale DEF Swiss Cathy Alford-Sherrie Good-
man et al
Sun CD Swiss Beth Todd-JF Lowenstein et al
Sun Gold Rush Swiss Linda Gallagher-Janet Patterson-
Pris Daly-Bonnie Nelson; Carol Bagalman-Jane Goldring-
Ruth Rosenthal-Jean Frank Flt 3
Sun Senior Swiss Paul Deal-Jan Galey-Bill Cook-Carson
Arnett

NABC Acknowledgments

This national tournament was an outstanding success, thanks largely to the selfless contributions of so many of our local members. First, the structure of the committee chairs shifted slightly due to John Onstott's health problems and to changing needs. Many, indeed most of the chairs worked long hours fulfilling their responsibilities, and some pitched in beyond their responsibilities to help others. Next the army of volunteers organized by Louise Saik came through big time, often changing their own plans, car pooling where needed, etc., all to see that essential needs were covered. Many people not in the official help structure contributed in the preliminary stages—with publicity, obtaining sponsors, lining up prizes, and the like. Others helped out by bringing boxes, equipment etc to the site and then taking them away after the event. Still others helped by covering desks when planned staffing fell short. All in all a massive effort in which everyone came through and fulfilled their responsibilities, and many went way beyond their responsibilities. To acknowledge these contributions properly we supply names on page 3 of this Kibitzer.

Goofs. In acknowledging all the contributions of our members to the success of the NABC, and listing all the achievements of our members there, it is not only possible but **guaranteed** there will be errors and omissions. Please advise the editor of these and we will try to fix them next month.

Regional Pair firsts

Mon Daylight Gold Rush Pairs William Gentry&Audrey
Cerise; Molly Silvia&Elizabeth Cordes Flt 1
Wed Daylight Gold Rush Pairs Linda Conner&Molly
Silvia Flt C
Thurs GR Pairs Reese Koppel&Cindy Lewis Flt 3

KO firsts

Educational Foundation KO Bkt 2 Stephen Heffner-Diane
Schwartz-Arnaldo Partesotti-Doris Liukkonen
Fri-Sat KO Bkt 5 Nelson Daigle-Sharon Henry-Carol
Bagalman-Sherrie Goodman
Sun-Mon KO Bkt 1 Larry Federico-Bob Bowers-Iype Koshy-
Fred Woodruff
Sat-Mon Morning KO Bkt 3 Henry Bodenheimer-J Walker
Jones-Robert Pettit-Hugh Lawson
Tues-Wed Morning Cpt KO Bkt 3 Ueli Geissmann-Tom
Dunn et al
Tues-Wed KO Bkt 2 Iype Koshy-Fred Woodruff-Idell Adams-
Larry Federico
Eleanor Onstott KO Bkt 3 Jack Lewis-Ronald Berenger-Paul
Freese-Arnaldo Partesotti
Fri-Sat Morning Cpt KO Bkt 2 Henry Bodenheimer-Hugh
Lawson-Susan Gibbens-Suzanne Baer

National Event Achievements

NOTE: Q = QUALIFIED FOR FINAL OF EVENT

Lehbar Imp Pairs Iype Koshy&Tim Joder 8th; James
Bush&Elaine Said **Q**
10K Swiss Guss Ginsburg et al **2nd**; Dianne Chesson-
Ralph Chesson-Kathy Logue-Abe Jakob **Q**
Norman Kay Platinum Pairs Franklin
Merblum&Jeffrey Juster **14th**
Leventritt Silver Ribbons Pairs Jean Talbot&Curtis
Carpenter **38th**
Vanderbilt KO John Onstott-Drew Casen-Bruce
Ferguson-Magdalena Ticha-Richard Ritmeijer **17/32**
Jacoby Open Swiss John Onstott-Drew Casen-Bruce
Ferguson-Magdalena Ticha-Richard Ritmeijer **43rd**;
Guss Ginsberg et al **Q**
NABC+ Fast Pairs Bob Bowers& James Bush **Q**
Machlin Women's Swiss Teams Jean Talbot-Judy
Katz-Joan Van Geffen-Leigh Ives **Q**

Know the Director Rulings

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Ways to Avoid Penalty Trouble. Make the following part of your game and you will score better as well as have a good time.

1. Always lead face down after asking "May I lead?"
2. Look before you bid to make sure it is your turn.
3. Look at all the other bids at the table so that you don't miss a bid.
4. When you take your bid out of the bidding box, look at it before you place it on the table; you can correct it at this time.
5. If your partner does not follow suit, ask to make sure they have none.

More ways to avoid penalty trouble next month.

NABC Credits and Paul's Deal of the Month
appear on pages 3-4.

Roll the NABC credits!

Event chairs: John Onstott honorary chair, Eleanor Onstott and Dee Moses, co-chairs

Committee chairs: Bobbie Jean Gattuso, pre-tournament hospitality; Jerrilyn Stumpf, tournament event coordinator; John and Theresa Federico, I/N and 299ers; Paul Freese, parking; Colleen Walker, partnerships; Lowen, partnerships; John Liukkonen, Daily Bulletin liaison; Jackie Madden, hospitality; Dick Brammell, registration; Ellie Brammell, registration, Jennie Flynn Sauviac, caddies; Jim Thornton, finance; Louise Saik, volunteers, and Sherrie Goodman, publicity.

The Volunteers: Gerri Abbott, Madonna Abrams, Idell Adams, Carol Bagalman, Susan Beoubay, Ronnie Berenger, Marian Bourgeois, Audrey Cerise, Joanne Chancey, Dianne Chesson, Mary Ann Chesson, Ann Crane, Price Crane, Nelson Daigle, Pris Daly, Irma Dearie, Karen Dugan, Joy Eigher, Tippi Ellis, Gail Fayard, Larry Federico, Jean Frank, Linda Gallagher, Ray Gandofi, Sherrie Goodman, Myra Groome, Sharon Henry, Vivian Hill, George Hill, Alan Jacobs, Linda Jacobs, Jim Kessler, Trish Kessler, Lilian Kirshbom, Sylvia Kitziger, Di Lapeyre, Ellen Lappa, Mike Lappa, Claudette Lay, Fred Lay, Marcia Legendre, Cindy Lewis, Gail Lewis, Jack Lewis, Leanne Lotridge, Virginia McMurray, Peggy McCranie, Wayne Merkel, Jane Meyer, Nancy Murphy, Bonnie Nelson, Sarah Pasternack, Janet Patterson, Lynne Peterson, Diana Powell, Barbara Pyburn, Lil Range, Hope Read, Jim Reese, Mary Regottaz, Jeannine Richardson, Roy Richardson, Bummy Rosenfield, Ruth Rosenthal, Judy Serou, Dale Strickland, Jim Thornton, Beth Todd, Daisy VanDenburgh, Rita Ward, Vicki Willis, Cily Winkeler, David Woods, and Bonnie Zakotnik

Special thanks to: Joanne Chancey, her husband Bill and son Clay, who carted in 5000 decks of card into the bag stuffing area the day before. Mary Ann Joyner for supplying sandwiches, Pat Desforges, dessert, and to Dick Brammell and Jim Reese our luggers and tuggers on the day of stuffing the bags and to Jim Kessler and John Federico for loading the many boxes and bringing them to the Marriott. Mary Ann McDougal who helped with the restaurant guide for Nationals and for the many gift certificates she alone solicited from the restaurants. Jim Kessler and Mike Lappa for moving all of the registration and novice gifts to the Marriott. With a rented U-Haul truck because of the rain, all gifts were moved in a two hour period. Suzanne Alford gave Sherrie important PR leads. Linda Freese helped with event naming and banner art work. Jim Thornton and Louise Saik put in a lot of extra time at registration. Eleanor recognizes great general help from Jerrilyn Stumpf and help from Wayne Weisler on WWL. Thanks also to Paul Rosenblum and Ben McKown for help on the extended Julius Rosenblum profile. Apologies to all whose contributions we have inadvertently omitted or bungled.

Paul's Deal of the Month. In recent months this column has stressed the need for every regular partnership to develop a comprehensive defensive signaling protocol. Partnerships should be equipped to send appropriate signals concerning attitude, count and suit preference when defending. This need was aptly demonstrated in a recent accelerated one session Swiss Team (all teams play the same 24 boards in four six board matches) on the very first hand we played in the event. Our opponents bid 2NT-3H-3S-3NT-4S, against which contract my partner thought for a few seconds and then made the apparently neutral opening lead of the ♣T. The dummy came down:

	<i>Dummy</i>	
	♠Qxxxx	
	♥xx	<i>Me</i>
<i>Pard leads ♣10</i>	♦Tx	♠xx
	♣KJxx	♥Kxxx
		♦9xxxx
		♣Ax

Regretting that my ♣A had been dislodged before I had enough information to be certain of how to defend, I took a bit more time than usual to decide what to play next, prompting declarer to politely but firmly complain that I was taking too much time to think and play to trick two. So I now suggest to the readers that they take all of the time needed to figure out what your next play should be and why your choice would be logical and correct. Make your choice before reading on. HAVE YOU MADE YOUR CHOICE AND ARE YOU READY TO PROCEED? If so, here are my thoughts made at the table. First, I remembered that there is a true scoring premium earned when declarer makes or defenders defeat a "close" game contract at Swiss Team IMP scoring, so if there is a possible way to defeat the contract defenders must seriously try to find a way to do so. Second, I had one trick in hand, the ♣A, and needed three more to set the 4S contract, which seemed unlikely. Third, there were two points of weakness in the dummy, i.e., both red low doubletons. I had to speed up my play to accommodate declarer's request, while at the same time deciding which card in which red suit to play. Fourth, I settled on the ♥K as the best continuation if a set was to be possible. My reasoning? I would probably have to lead twice through declarer's closed hand if a set was to be possible. I hoped that partner would hold the ♥A so that I could retain the lead in order to
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switch to a diamond and develop a fourth defensive trick in that suit. Partner could signal for me to switch to a diamond if she held the ♦K or could signal to continue hearts if the best we could do was hold declarer to no overtricks. Luck was with me, as partner miraculously held both the ♦K and the ♥A. Declarer, holding ♠AKJ ♥QJx ♦AQJ ♣Qxxx, was forced to take the losing diamond finesse when I switched to a diamond in response to partner's signal not to continue hearts. So as unlikely as it seemed to be possible, we took the first four tricks on defense when partner won the ♦K and immediately cashed the ♥A for the setting trick. CONCLUSION--Note that a diamond at trick two could also have defeated the contract but how would partner know it was essential to immediately cash the ♥A and ♥K after winning the ♦K? Perhaps the lead of the highest spot card from ♦9xxxx would have put partner on notice to cash the ♥A but who knows what might have happened. My playing the ♥K first in order to obtain partner's signal showing how to continue made partner's defense much simpler and easier. Partners always appreciate having the path to a defense made clear. The point of this report is to remind all aspiring players that making the play clearer for partner is a worthy goal in defending. In this case the proof was in the pudding, as the correct defense was not made at the other table. That game swing on the very first hand led to our winning the first match and ultimately the bob-tailed event. P.S. Because the hearts split 4/4 3NT was makeable but both pairs elected to play 4S in this case.