

Louisiana Bridge Association May 2015

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President's Message May 2015

.Congratulations to all winners at the April 299er tournament and our sectional tournament at sea. Both tournaments were successful.

The noon game on Wednesdays has been cancelled due to poor attendance.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday May 18th. This is a week later than usual.

As usual, the club will provide hot dogs and chili on Memorial Day. Members are requested to bring salads or desserts.

Larry Federico

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May Events

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

May 4-10 Club Championship Week

May 14 noon Unit Championship

May 25 Memorial Day--Unit Championship
Note championships have extra points but no extra fees.

NEW MEMBERS

Kaki Birtel, Gilma Leask, Mike McNeil, Lorraine Rabito, Jillian Richman, Joni Plomp, Ethel Shirer

Rank Advancements

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Jennifer Dennies, Myra Menville, Tim Russell, Alison Vitter

NEW CLUB MASTER

Shirlann Finch

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Eve Kryssing, William McDonald

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Nora Ray, David Scherer, Merilee Vanderbrook

Metairie 299er Sectional Firsts

Fri AM pairs Hunter McFadden&William Sewell;
Mary Hanni&Kanwal Dhir Flt C

Fri PM pairs Paul Rosenblum&Jacob Karno; Judy Pyeatte& Adesh Jain Flt C

Sat AM pairs Sheryl Thompson & Barbara Fitz-Hugh

Sat PM pairs Kathy Gilmore & Elizabeth Cordes

Sun Swiss Sheryl Thompson-Trevor Thompson-Elizabeth Cordes-Linda Conner

LONGEST DAY HEADS UP. The Longest Day event--the ACBL wide effort to combat Alzheimer's-- will be held at our clubhouse on Monday June 22. There will be games from 8AM to 10 PM. Our Aces Against Alzheimer's group will spearhead the event and is seeking individual and business sponsors in various categories: Ace of Spades \$1,000; Ace of Hearts \$500; Ace of Diamonds \$250; and Ace of Clubs \$100. Sponsors will be recognized in our bulletin and other printed materials. Please make your check payable to: Alzheimer's Association and mail to Sherrie Goodman, Louisiana Bridge Association, 2709 Edenborn Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002. If you have questions please contact Ann Crane at 897-6755, Cathy Alford at 899-1007 or Sherrie.
NOTE: To accommodate this event, the NAOP Qualifying Game originally scheduled for June 22 has been moved to 7PM on June 15.

70 percent games

Open pairs

Apr 2 Bob Bowers&John Onstott 72.62%

Apr 16 David Wolf&John Onstott 74.31%

Apr 23 James Bush&Bob Bowers 70.59%

Apr 27 Judy Pyeatte&Louise Ritter 70.5%

299er pairs

Mar 31 Charles Waldrop&Ann Farrelly 70.08%

Apr 10 Myra Menville & Sandra Freeman 73.0%

Apr 17 Jacob Karno & Paul Rosenblum 78.33%

(this was at the 299er sectional!)

Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpot

April 22 Sid LeBlanc and Bill Weiss

Unit 134 MP leaders through end of March

(no stars = Mini McKenney only, * = Ace of Clubs only, ** = Mini McKenney AND Ace of Clubs)

0 to 5 Mary Hanni**

5 to 20 Barbara Fitz-Hugh, Shirlann Finch*

20 to 50 Linda Conner, William McDonald*

50 to 100 Arnaldo Partesotti, Betty Norton*

100 to 200 Cindy Lewis, Jacob Karno*

200 to 300 Claudette Lay, Henry Bodenheimer*

300 to 500 Sherrie Goodman, Patricia Roberts*

500 to 1000 Nelson Daigle, Susan Sommer*

1000 to 2500 J F Lowenstein, Philip Backes*

2500 to 5000 Lynn John Federico, Julius Rosenfield*

5000 to 7500 Larry Federico**

7500 to 10,000 James Bush, Judy Katz*

Over 10,000 John Onstott, Joan Van Geffen*

Know the Director Rulings

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

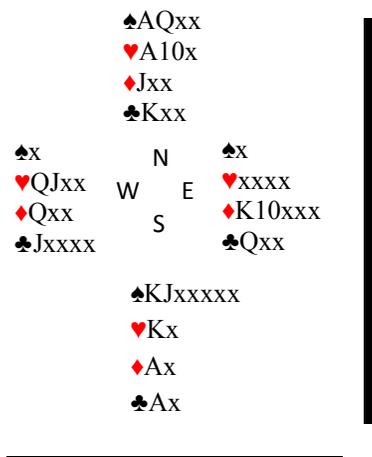
More Ways to Avoid Penalty Trouble. Make the following part of your game and you will score better as well as have a good time.

1. If your partner doesn't follow suit, ask to be sure they have none.
2. If you hesitate, you should have a choice of bids to think about. If you need time to think about your bid, decide and BID. No Bridge Law prohibits you from thinking when you have a problem. However, if you hesitate and then pass, anything your partner does is subject to Director review and possible adjustment. Partner may not take advantage of knowing you hesitated, and opponents will be very suspicious of anything that partner does. In fact, even normal actions may be subject to Director change if you hesitate and pass.
- 3) At the end of the hand do not rearrange your cards before all players agree to the final result for the board. If there is a question, having your cards in order makes determination of the final results less painful.
- 4) Opponents are not entitled to a good board because you are careless. Don't penalize yourself and your partner and the rest of the field. Remember just having the Director come to the table is a distraction that can interfere with partner's concentration and cause bad results even if the Director does not rule against you.
- 5) When the Director is needed, say "Director Please."

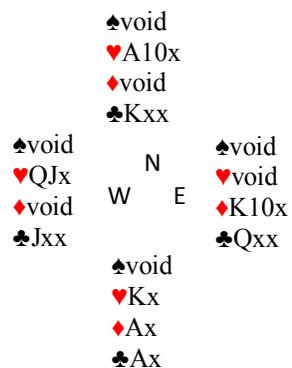
Sectional at Sea Firsts

- Sun AM Pairs** Larry Federico& John Federico; Roy Richardson&Jeannine Richardson Flt C
- Sun PM Pairs** Idell Adams&Jean Talbot; Lynne Hand&Ellie Brammell Flt B
- Mon AM Pairs** Judy Katz&Richard Bagnetto; Ruth Rosenthal&Jean Frank Flt C
- Mon PM Pairs** Eileen Bagnetto&Joan Van Geffen; Lew Moore&Geoff Chichester Flt B; Jean Frank&Ruth Rosenthal Flt C
- Wed AM Pairs** Jean Talbot&Nancy Smalley; Leslie Kolb&Connie Caffery Flt B; Ruth Rosenthal&Jean Frank
- Sat AM Pairs** Nancy Smalley&Robert Dale; Lew Moore&Geoff Chichester Flt B
- Wed PM Pairs** Joan Van Geffen&Richard Bagnetto; Jean Frank&Joan Lennox Flts B,C
- Sat PM Pairs** Roy Richardson&Richard Bagnetto
- Tues AM Pairs** Idell Adams&Larry Federico
- Tues PM Pairs** Larry Federico&Idell Adams; Lynne Hand&Ellie Brammell Flt B
- Wed AM Pairs** Eileen Bagnetto&Ellie Brammell
- Thurs AM Swiss** Larry Federico-Jean Talbot-Idell Adams-John Federico; Eileen Bagnetto-Richard Bagnetto-Phyllis Bennett-Audrey Cerise Flt B; Warren Courtade-Mae O'Neil-James Tucker-Paul Tucker Flt C
- Thurs PM Swiss** Larry Federico-Jean Talbot-Idell Adams-John Federico

Paul's Deal of the NABC In one of the knockout team events on the second to last day of the recent Nationals held in New Orleans it seems that we were destined by Kismet to lose on the final hand. Our match had been tied at the half and was still tied at the end of regulation play. Accordingly, the directors ordered a four board playoff. Three of the boards were insignificant and produced tied results. However, on the fourth and final board partner opened 1C when I held ♠KJxxxx ♥Kx ♦Ax ♣Ax. Our auction went 1C-1S-2S-4NT-5S (two keycards plus the spade queen)-5NT (we hold all five keycards plus the trump queen)-6C (specific king)-6S-P-P-P. It took considerable time to decide to stop at 6S after partner's 5C bid but I was able to determine that opener's hand was balanced and looked something like ♠AQxx ♥Axx ♦?? ♣Kxxx, with perhaps another jack but no queen. We open 1NT with 15 hcp balanced, so opener could not hold another two hcp or she would have opened 1NT. I could count twelve sure tricks but reasoned that it was highly unlikely that opener's balanced hand would produce one more trick, so I stopped at a sure 6S. The opening lead was ♥Q. Partner tabled the dummy, which was ♠AQxx ♥A10x ♦Jxx ♣Kxx. The opening lead marked LHO with ♥J, so there was nothing more to do than draw trumps and finesse the heart 10 against the jack, making seven. I thought it highly likely that the board would be tied or that perhaps we might pick up one IMP because of the favorable lead. Little did I know that disaster lurked at the other table. When we compared the four playoff scores I learned that three boards had been tied but that our opponents had bid and made 7S at the other table. I thought but did not say that leading ♥Q against 7S was too risky and that a trump lead would have been safer. Then I learned that the opening lead had in fact been a trump but was made by the defender not on lead. Opponents chose the penalty option of accepting the opening lead and making the opening bidder (the closed hand) declarer. Our teammates reported that 7S had been made on a squeeze. One of our teammates stated disgustedly that any time he can count twelve sure tricks he bids seven when there is no missing keycard because so often there is a finesse, a ruffing trick or a squeeze which did not enter the calculation until the dummy was revealed. He insisted that we should have bid and made 7S, as did his opponents. I was in somewhat of a state of shock from the loss, the unfavorable result on the 7S hand and my teammate's hostile attitude, so I said nothing to my irate teammate, congratulated the opponents and went home to bed. I couldn't sleep, so I got up, diagrammed the 7S hand and analyzed the possible play. My insomnia was finally relieved when I realized that the hand must have been misdefended. The hand in its entirety is given below left.



After the out of turn trump opening lead, which the opponents accepted, resulting in the opening bidder (north) being the closed hand, declarer first ran the seven spades, reducing the "upside-down" dummy to ♠void ♥Kx ♦Ax ♣Ax. Our East (angry player) tossed all of his little hearts and West tossed his diamonds and we arrived at the position immediately below.



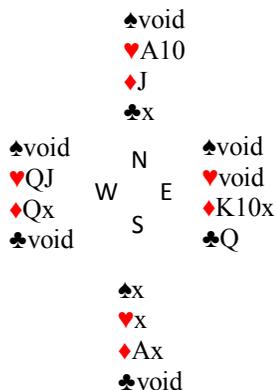
When declarer then cashed ♦A, West was squeezed out of one of his stoppers or the other. He chose to release a club. Meanwhile, East followed suit to the ♦A. But when declarer then cashed the ♥A and ♥K, East was squeezed and had to discard either his diamond or club stopper, allowing 7S to make. True, West and East were caught in a legitimate non-simultaneous double squeeze but only because West had discarded poorly. In the six card ending West needed to retain ♠void ♥QJx ♦Qxx ♣void, in which case the squeeze would have failed. East correctly retained three diamonds and three clubs but was squeezed because West had discarded all of his diamonds and had saved clubs uselessly, positionally in front of declarer's (north) club length. So what does all

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of this prove other than that in a difficult to read situation West saved the wrong suit? The answer is that it is not at all easy to correctly defend against a possibly developing advanced form of squeeze. But if parity in suit length is maintained by the hand "over" the opposing length, in most potential squeeze positions the matrix necessary for a squeeze to develop will not occur. If West had jettisoned his clubs instead of his diamonds, then the squeeze would have failed.

ADDENDUM: By the next day all of our players had calmed down. Our angry player apologized to all for his outburst and mistaken analysis of the critical 7S hand. We played together successfully in the last "loser's" team event starting on that final Sunday of the tournament and went home winners after all.

ADDENDUM # 2: Our Editor used excellent judgment and satisfied his curiosity and ours by running this complex hand through "Deep Finesse," the double-dummy software program employed in our club's dealing machine (available on the "net" at no cost at www.DeepFinesse.com). Doing so led to a stunning set of conclusions, to wit: (1) On a trump opening lead 7S is cold on a squeeze generated by the proper line of play. (2) Declarer misplayed 7S but West's misdefence allowed it to be made. (3) 7S can be defeated by a diamond opening lead, which disrupts the squeeze. Here is Deep Finesse's analysis. On the trump opening lead made at the table, declarer erred by immediately cashing all seven of South's trumps, because doing so squeezes the north hand prematurely. However, West erred by saving three hearts and three clubs. If West had saved ♠void ♥QJx ♦Qxx ♣void and East saved ♠void ♥void ♦K10x ♣Qxx, as he did at the time, no squeeze develops. But if only six spades are cashed initially, followed by the club Ace and King and the heart King, the four card end position will be as in the diagram below left.



When South then leads the carefully saved seventh spade at trick ten, West is squeezed out of one or the other of his stoppers, so West must discard a diamond because discarding a heart would immediately provide declarer with thirteen tricks. When West retains ♥QJ, North abandons the heart threat and discards ♥10. East discards a diamond. When South then leads his last heart to North's now singleton Ace, East, holding ♠void ♥void ♦K10 ♣Q, is squeezed out of one or the other of his stoppers. Making 7S is accomplished on the demonstrated progressive non-simultaneous double squeeze. So declarer and West were both the "goats" in this case because both erred. We leave it up to the reader to decide whether East was justified in saying that when declarer can count twelve sure tricks he should bid for thirteen and hope for a defensive error, an unexpected ruffing trick or a squeeze. And this column has at last reached *THE END*.