



Louisiana Bridge Association June 2015

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President's Message June 2015

Congratulations to all winners in our Dot Babin Derby Day tournament. Thank you to Wayne Weisler and Vicki Willis who chaired the tournament and to Sharon Henry and Carol Bagelman who served as partnership chairs.

All members are encouraged to participate in the special games on the "longest day" on June 22nd. Please see a special section on these games later in this issue. This is our biggest charity fund raiser of the year.

Our next tournament is the Wes Busby Sectional starting on July 16th. Susan Gibbens and Suzanne Baer will chair the tournament and Lil Range and Cindy Lewis will serve as partnership chairs.

Larry Federico

June Events

- Jun 1** NAOP Qualifying Game #1
10:30 AM Mon \$7.00 entry fee
- Jun 5** Unit Championship- Noon Fri
Extra points, no extra fees
- Jun 6** Worldwide Bridge Game -Noon Sat
\$7.00 entry fee, extra points
- Jun 8-14** STAC Week Mon-Sun
\$7.00 entry; all silver points/all games
- Jun 15** NAOP Qualifying Game #2
7:15 PM Mon evening \$7.00 entry fee
- Jun 22** Longest Day 8AM-10PM
- Jun 25** Unit Championship -noon Thurs
Extra points, no extra fees
- Jun 26-28** Gulfport Sectional Fri-Sun

Heads Up Wes Busby tournament **Jul 16-19**

In Memoriam

Charles McHale

NEW MEMBERS

Lloyd Armstrong, Steven Plotkin,
Karen Smith, Edythe Trail

ADVANCED RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Sandra Dubroc, Jane Goldring, Sherrie Goodman, Hugh Lawson, Christopher Young

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Janet Patterson, Christopher Young

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER

Jerrilyn Stumpf

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The Longest Day

The Longest Day--our annual effort in support of the Alzheimer's Association--is on June 22nd at our clubhouse. Games last one hour and 40 minutes but you earn masterpoints as though the games are 26 boards. The games start at 8AM and end at 10PM, with the **Pro/Am** game at 2PM. **Preregistration** is required for the Pro/Am game, and will help the organizers for other games. See the sign-up sheet online at our website or displayed at the club.

Raffle tickets for a year of free play at the bridge center (tournaments excluded) are still available. \$20 each or \$100 for six tickets. Purchase from any committee member wearing a purple button or see Sherrie Goodman. The drawing will be at 4PM on June 22; winner need not be present.

Lunch and **supper** with wine provided with **snacks** and drinks throughout the day.

Partners are guaranteed for each game.

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Anne Babington, Stephen Katz, Ellen Manshel, Winifred McCarthy, John Musser, Cecile Ruiz, J Michael Russell, Lillian Summer, Warren Summer, Polly Thomas

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Barbara Boegel, Kathy Gilmore, William Kearney, Janet Koppel, Reese Koppel, Judy Pyeate, Charles Waldrop, Carolyn Weiser

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Nancy Arthur, Frederick Bott, Marian Bourgeois, Elizabeth Cordes, Susan Danos, Mimi Groome

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

Pris Daly, Linda Gallagher

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Seventy Percent Games

299er Pairs

Babin Sectional May 1 PM Marianna Carpenter & Richard Carpenter 70.83%

Open Pairs

May 14 Ann Plauche & Paul Freese 70.1%

May 25 John Onstott & Bob Bowers 76.01%

Grand Slam Jackpot

May 13 Eileen & Dick Bagnetto, Lillian Range & Jean Talbot

Dot Babin Sectional Firsts

Thurs AM

0-20 Connie Nagim & Stephen Plotkin

299ers Ada Havener & Joy Kates; Eva Margle & Michael Margle Flt F

Open Pairs Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen; Cappy McIver & Beth Todd Flt B; Barbara Pyburn & Susan Guarisco Flt C

Thurs PM

299ers Ada Havener & Joy Kates;

Open Pairs Frances Schenk & Jason Holliday; Cappy McIver & Beth Todd Flt B; Susan Gibbens & Suzanne Baer Flt C

Fri AM

299ers Elizabeth Cordes & Linda Conner

Open Pairs Craig Cordes & Carole Cordes; Nelson Daigle & Henry Bodenheimer Flt B, Jacob Karno & Paul Rosenblum--Cindy Lewis&Gail Fayard (tied) Flt C

Fri PM

299ers Marianna Carpenter & Richard Carpenter (70.83%); David Roberts & Janis Roberts Flt E; Lynne Peterson&Polly Thomas Flt F

Open Pairs Larry Federico & John Federico; Frank Corredine & Bill Beaushaw Flt B; Dee Gerald & Gail Davis Flt C

Sat AM

299ers Judith Raggio&Cecil Raggio; Elizabeth Bolles & Mimi Groome Flt E; Frederick Bott&Mildred Bott Flt F

Open Pairs Craig Cordes& John Onstott; Sanford Sisco&Martie Sisco Flt B; Sherrie Goodman&Carol Bagalman Flt C

Sat PM

299ers Shirley Ruckert& Irma Dearie; Kanwal Dhir&Ada Havener-Myra Groome&Gerri Abbott Flt E(tie); J Michael Russell&Steven Plotkin Flt F

Open Pairs Dee Moses & Eleanor Onstott; Brady Lotridge&Leanne Lotridge Flt C

Sun Swiss

Bkt 1 Iype Koshy-Joan Van Geffen-Jean Talbot-Judy Katz

Bkt 2 Debbie Rothschild-Carol Bagalman-Jean Frank-Ruth Rosenthal

Paul's Deal of the Month. The Grand National Team qualification tournament for Class "A" players (6000 ACBL Master Points or less) in this District was held on the last weekend in April, 2015 in Jackson, MS. Eleven teams were certified as eligible to compete for the position of the one team representing District 10 in the GNT "A" finals at the Summer Nationals to be held in Chicago in the summer of 2015. The format was that all eleven teams played eight board Swiss matches against each other on Saturday. The four teams with the highest overall scores were to enter a knockout round on Sunday. My team was one of the four. We lost in the semi-final round but I was nevertheless rewarded with a once in a lifetime bidding opportunity in that match. In third seat, vul vs not-vul, I held ♠x ♥AJ1098x ♦Ax ♣AKQx, only to hear my partner pass and my RHO open 3D. I wanted to make a strong cuebid takeout but could not do so because we play that a 4D bid would have been a distributional takeout for both majors. I considered making a takeout double to show strength but I could not do that because partner would undoubtedly bid spades in response. Fortunately, we play strong single jump overcalls over preempts, and although it was something of an underbid, I was able to bid 4H to show power. My LHO passed. My partner went into a long delay. I wondered what partner could be thinking of as a passed hand. I found out when partner advanced 4NT, Keycard Blackwood (3014). I could not recall a passed hand partner ever before bidding 4NT. RHO again passed. This time I went into the tank, so to speak. What could partner have to justify producing such an aggressive bid? I reasoned that partner must surely have the ♥KQ with heart length, and ♠A, along with some uncertain additional values. Partner surely realized that I had a strong hand to justify my strong jump heart overcall but partner would never visualize the unusually powerful hand which I held. After long study I decided to ignore partner's Blackwood bid and to bid what I thought we could make if partner could justify a 4NT call. I put the 7H card on the table and closed my eyes while awaiting the opening lead and seeing the dummy faced. The opening lead was a diamond. The dummy was ♠Axx ♥KQxx ♦x ♣J10xxx, a miracle hand if ever there was one, as 7H was obviously cold. When it came time to compare I was disappointed to learn that our opponents had also bid and made 7H. It seems that on the hand preceding the 7H hand our opponents had failed to bid an easy small slam which we had bid. The player who held my partner's hand admitted that some catching up was required on his team's part, so he opened my dummy's hand 1C and raised partner's 1H response to 2H, whereupon his partner bid 7H. Our opponents had some favorable part score results, which were sufficient to beat us by eight IMPs. After carefully checking all of the scores for accuracy, we left Jackson and returned home, only to learn the next day that our opponents had lost in the finals. Just that quickly both their and our ACBL subsidized trips to the Nationals went out of the window. But the memory of the 7H bid will stay with me for a long, long time.

Hot Springs Regional Firsts

John Onstott-Drew Casen-James Krekorian-Jim Munday-Larry Sealy-Howard Parker **Mon-Tues KO**

Bkt 1 AND Thurs A/X Swiss

John Onstott-Drew Casen-James Krekorian-Howard Parker **Sat Aft Side B-A-M (tie)**

Frank Corredine-Jeannie Beaushaw-Bill Beaushaw-Allison Cappelletti **Mon-Tues KO Bkt 2**

Frank Corredine & Bill Beaushaw **Thurs Open Pairs Flt C**

Judy Pyeatte & Eddie Sisco **Fri Aft 299er Pairs**