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President's Message July 2015

A big thank you to all who participated in our **Longest Day** games on June 22, 2015. Sherrie Goodman and Cathy Alford did a terrific job organizing and fundraising. Special sections later in this kibitzer provide detailed information on the games. Please note the names of the merchants who donated so generously, and remember them when you need their products or services.

This year **Independence Day** falls on a Saturday. Because we have more tables in play in the open game on Friday and because there is an Intermediate/novice game on Friday, the club will be providing limited food on FRIDAY JULY 3RD at 11:15 a.m.. The club will be providing chicken or chicken strips, potato salad and a cake. The club will also provide soft drinks and ice. We rely on donations from our members for cole slaw, salads, fruit, and other desserts. We put out whatever we get, and it's first come, first served. Please donate if you can.

There will be a regular game on July 4th, 2015. The club will put out the regular snacks and any leftovers from the previous day.

We are looking for a larger **bulletin board** for the **intermediate/novice side** of the club. The board we have is 36 inches by 24 inches, and this size is inadequate. If anyone can donate a large board or knows where I can buy a large board, please let me know. Gerri Abbott has graciously agreed to keep the board up to date.

Our **Wes Busby Sectional Tournament** begins July 16th and continues through July 19th. Please plan to play as much as you can.

For those able to travel, **Baton Rouge** has a **sectional** tournament beginning July 30th.

I wish everyone a safe and sane Independence Day.

Larry Federico

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July Events

Jul 3 Unit Championship Noon Fri

Extra points, no extra fees

Jul 14 NAOP Qual Game #3 10:30 AM Tues

\$7.00 entry fee

Jul 16-19 Wes Busby Metairie Sectional

Thursday-Sunday

Jul 21 Unit Championship 7PM Tues

Extra points, no extra fees

Jul 25 NAOP Qualifying Game #4 Noon Sat

\$7.00 entry fee

Jul 30-Aug 2 Baton Rouge Sectional

Longest Day information on pp.2-3.

Grand Slam Jackpot

Jun 3 Sanford & Martie Sisco, Bummy
Rosenfield & Lillian Range, Eileen & Richard Bagnetto,
Louise Saik & Rufus Harris

Seventy Percent Games

May 17 open Ed Baldinger & Nancy Gates 70.0%

Jun 15 eve Doug DeMontluzin & Linda Stockton
72.4%

Jun 19 299ers Gigi Matthews & Kathleen Vogel
73%

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Sally Brothers, Rayne Lykes, Ann Sale, Nancy Sandidge

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Mildred Bott, Kanwal Dhir, Ruth Rosenthal

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Joan Lennox, Hunter McFadden

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Jonny Roberts, Patricia Roberts

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Bill Geary

NEW PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

James Bush

STAC Firsts

Tues AM 299er pairs

Diana Powell & Janice Zazulak

Thurs AM 0-20 pairs Steven Plotkin & Lloyd Armstrong

Thurs PM 299er pairs David Roberts & Janis Roberts; Barbara Claiborne & Carol York flt B

Fri AM 99er pairs William McDonald & Jerry Boyd; Colette Greer & Maxine Henning flt B

Fri PM 299er pairs Cindy Lewis & Ann Sale; Marcia Legendre & Jeannine Richardson flt B

Fri Eve open pairs Robert Woodyard & Joel Wesson flt B; Amy Nolan & Robert Owens flt C

Sat PM open pairs Lynne Hand & Daisy Vandenburg flt B

Sun PM open pairs Lowen & Beth Todd Flt B

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Patricia Newman

Many thanks to all who made **The Longest Day** so successful. Our top **sponsor** this year was Schonberg & Associates, which has four assisted living and memory care communities: Vista Shores, Beau Provence, Park Provence and Ashton Manor. In addition there were many generous donors who gave in honor of their families and friends that filled our "Memory Board". Please frequent our **food donors**: Hobnobber's Cafe, Zea's Rotisserie and Grill, Martin Wine Cellar, Michael Joyner Catering, Papa John's Pizza, Jo Ann Silverblatt Catering, Whole Foods, Dorignac's Food Center, Canseco's Markets, Langenstein's Grocery and last, but not least, Maurice's French Pastries for that magnificent cake!!! We could not have gotten all those food donations without the continuous help from Mary Ann Joyner and Diana Powell. Sharon Henry worked her usual magic with the beautiful decorations. Ann Crane and Jane Goldring were very successful in soliciting donors. Sarah Pasternack and Denise Fuselier were relentless in selling raffle tickets to everyone's dismay, except our winner Larry Federico. Congratulations "Big Larry" !!! Pro/Am game coordinator Linda Freese overcame monumental hurdles to make this special game happen. Of course none of the games could be possible without our wonderful directors who donated their time: Tippi Ellis, Wayne Weisler, Lil Range, Keenan Romig, Jennie Sauviac, Linda Freese, Ben McKown, Doug de Montluzin, and Jack Lewis, aka Alfred P. Doolittle. If you missed this, you missed the best part of the day! Also, Theresa Federico spent endless hours making sure we had enough boards to cover all of the games. There were over 225 points distributed to our members for these 10 games. And a big thank you to Nelson Daigle, Carol Bagalman, Lillian Kirshbom, Gerri Abbott, Audrey Cerise, Roxanne Estrada, Margaret Shirer and Denise Nagim who all filled in when needed. But the biggest thanks go to all of the players who came to play bridge for this wonderful cause. Thanks to you we have raised over \$17,500 for Alzheimer's research. For those of you who spent the entire day with us, we are sure you got a glimpse into the life of an Alzheimer's caregiver. Each day for them is "The Longest Day!"

Many thanks, Cathy Alford and Sherrie Goodman

The Common Game The Longest Day 11:20AM game

was run in conjunction with 14 other clubs via The Common Game, a web service allowing multiple clubs to stage combined contests. To see our Common Game results go to <http://thecommongame.com/clubwebhost/221739/>. To see the Leaderboard, go here: <http://thecommongame.com/MornResults/20150622Rank.html?acblno=5182565>

If you don't feel like clicking around, here are our local heroes. In the field of 15 clubs participating in the Common Game Monday morning:

- North/South:
- 3. with 66% Linda & Paul Freese
 - 14. with 61% John Liukkonen & David Bybee
- East/West
- 2/3. with 64% James Hailey & Juanita Heidingsfeld
 - 4/5/6 with 63% Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry
 - 4/5/6 with 63% Pat Ellis & Di Lapeyre
 - 8/9/10 with 62% Judy Katz & Jean Talbot

Note that matchpointing across the 15 club field produced different results than matchpointing at our club alone. If you like the Common Game feature, please tell Larry Federico or Sherrie Goodman or put it in the suggestion box. We can do this for one game a week or for several.

More Longest Day information—page 3: a thank you letter from Joan Van Geffen, a list of points awarded for our Longest Day games, and Gulfport firsts.. Suit Combo article on page 4.

Paul's Deal of the Month. Because of the scoring method, which heavily favors bidding close games in IMP events, especially when vulnerable, it is often advisable to bid game when there is roughly a 40% expected chance of success. But the same is not true at matchpoints. When the declaring side has the advantage of holding a majority of the high card points but not enough to make it likely that the whole field will bid game, it is important to secure a plus score. Pressing for a close game and going down will produce a truly poor matchpoint score, whereas failing to bid a close (less than 50%) game which makes on a fortunate lie of the cards usually produces only a slightly below average score. In a recent weekly club duplicate game opener held ♠xxx ♥AK ♦10xx ♣AK109x. Most pairs playing 15-17 hcp 1NT bids opened 1C and rebid 1NT over partner's 1S response but a few upgraded the hand and opened 1NT. When the auction went 1C-1S-1NT-2H some upgraded the hand at that point and rebid 3S. Those who merely took a preference to 2S were at risk of missing game. Responder held a distributional hand, ♠AKxxxx ♥J10xxx ♦x ♣x. When the auction went 1C-1S-1NT-2H-2S, some responders recognized that opener could easily hold a minimum opening hand distributed ♠xx ♥xxx ♦xxx ♣xxxxx, with no play for game, so such responders passed 2S in order to assure a plus score when opener held only a doubleton spade. When both partners bid conservatively, which could be correct at matchpoints only, an easy game was missed, whereas playing IMPS either or even both partners would normally bid more aggressively and reach a makeable game. Note that opener could have upgraded the opening hand and either opened 1NT or rebid 3S over responder's 2H bid, and game would have been reached. Note also that responder, whether using point count or loser count, could have upgraded and at least make a game try of 3S or even bid 4S (with a six loser hand) over opener's 2S rebid. The key holdings were that opener held three spades, when he might have held only two, and responder held six spades, when he might have held only five. When both or even either partner bid aggressively game was reached. Only when both bid conservatively, as is often appropriate at matchpoints, was game missed. While it is true that a single hand cannot prove the correctness of a principle of bidding, it has become a virtually universal rule that a partnership should bid aggressively toward a vulnerable game at IMPS but should generally not do so at matchpoints, all because of the difference in the scoring methods.

Know the Director Rulings

By Jennie Flynn Sauviac

The majority of ACBL rules come right from the book. There are some that need King Solomon to judge the fairest ruling. Explaining the infraction to the director correctly will allow him to assess the situation. The rules that are judgment calls will be explained in the next few months.

Unintended Card played vs Unintended Bid. DECLARER places a card in a played position touching or nearly touching the table. This card must be played. DEFENDER detaches a card from his hand, and discovers it is not the card he intended to play. If the card is in a position to be seen by his partner it must be played, but if the card could not be seen by his partner he can change to the intended card.

If ANY player places a bid on the table, and discovers it is not the bid he intended to play, he may change the bid IF his partner has not bid yet. Even if his LHO bid. The LHO may change his bid also. Do NOT allow the opponents to bully you into accepting their interpretation of the rules. **Call the Director.**

THIS IS A SPECIAL **THANK YOU** LETTER TO **LINDA FREESE**, WHO WORKED SO HARD TO SET UP THE PRO-AM GAME ON THE LONGEST DAY. I HOUGHT THE GAME WAS EXTRA SPECIAL THIS YEAR BECAUSE WE CHANGED PARTNERS EVERY ROUND. I WAS ABLE TO PLAY WITH SIX DIFFERENT PEOPLE, BRIDGE PLAYERS THAT I HADN'T MET BEFORE AND EVERY ONE OF THEM WAS DELIGHTFUL. IF YOU ARE A NOVICE, YOU ARE ABLE TO COME TO THE OTHER SIDE AND PLAY IF YOU CHOOSE. BUT I GUESS IT IS A LITTLE NERVE RACKING AND MOST OF THE NEW PLAYERS DO NOT WISH TO TRY IT. THIS, HOWEVER GOT US ALL TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY INTRODUCED SOME OF THE NOVICES TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE A FEW MORE POINTS AND MAYBE THEY FOUND THAT WE ARE REAL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO HELP THEM GET USED TO THE GAME. EVERYONE THAT I MET WAS ANXIOUS TO HEAR ANY POINTERS AND I WAS NOT ONLY HAPPY TO SHARE SOME BRIDGE IDEAS WITH THEM, BUT I WAS SO HAPPY TO MEET THEM. SO A GREAT BIG HURRAH TO LINDA, WHO PROBABLY GAVE UP A FEW NIGHTS OF REST WORKING ON THIS GAME. I FOR ONE AM MOST APPRECIATIVE.

JOAN VAN GEFFEN

Longest Day Points Earned

John	Liukkonen	8.62			
Sharon	Henry	7.67	Helen	Ross	1.22
Jean	Talbot	7.23	Gregory	Ross	1.22
Judy	Katz	6.80	Gail	Fayard	1.21
Beth	Todd	6.37	Denise	Fuselier	1.19
David	Bybee	5.83	Claire	Webb	1.17
Sigurd	Nordvoll	5.80	S Reece	Koppel	1.15
Linda	Freese	5.28	Julius	Rosenfield	1.15
Audrey	Cerise	4.48	Beverly	Dupre	0.98
William	Gentry	4.48	Sylvia	Kitziger	0.98
James	Hailey, Jr.	4.37	Marcelyn	Pick	0.96
Juanita	Heidingsfelder	4.37	Robert	Pettit	0.93
Joan	Van Geffen	4.18	Diana	Powell	0.92
Christopher	Young	3.91	Pat	Ellis	0.91
Jean	Frank	3.84	Di	Lapeyre	0.91
Ruth	Rosenthal	3.84	Arnaldo	Partesotti	0.85
Amelie	LeBlanc	3.78	Musette	Buckley	0.79
Nelson	Daigle	3.37	Tom	Wasson	0.79
Doris	Liukkonen	3.30	Joanie	Quinlan	0.78
Paul	Freese	3.28	Patricia	Kessler	0.75
Vicki	Willis	3.22	Marlene	Ruckert	0.75
Ronald	Haag	3.11	Evelyn	Randall	0.74
Wanda	Picarella	3.11	Charles	Waldrop	0.74
Myra	Menville	3.10	Ray	Gandolfi	0.73
B. B.	Gordon	3.08	Rufus	Harris, Jr	0.73
Linda	Fox	3.06	Dufour	Bayle	0.71
Jane	Goldring	2.94	Idell	Adams	0.70
J F	Lowenstein	2.93	Joan	Lennox	0.70
Janice	Zazulak	2.84	Gerri	Abbott	0.58
Ben	Mckown	2.77	Margaret	Shirer	0.58
Susan	Taylor	2.72	Susan	Martin	0.57
Geoff	Chichester	2.70	Carolyn	Weiser	0.56
Suzanne	Baer	2.55	Gigi	Matthews	0.55
Susan	Gibbens	2.55	David	Williams	0.55
Gaye	Wilson	2.44	Jacob	Karno	0.53
Denise	Nagim	2.30	Jack	Lewis	0.53
Gregory	Blum SR	2.17	Cindy	Lewis	0.53
Wayne	Weisler	2.17	Ellen	Manshel	0.53
Alma	Slatten	2.04	Carl	Merlin	0.53
Alan	Jacobs	2.01	Mike	Russell	0.53
Linda	Jacobs	2.01	Lynn	Giordano	0.51
Brady	Lotridge	2.00	Bobbi	Long	0.51
Sherrie	Goodman	1.80	Carolyn	York	0.50
Janet	Patterson	1.72	Eileen	Bagnetto	0.49
Elizabeth	Cordes	1.62	Richard	Bagnetto	0.49
Sid	LeBlanc	1.62	Lillian	Range	0.48
Linda	Denechaud	1.59	Madonna	Abroms	0.45
Dee	Eustis	1.59	Anne	Monteiro	0.45
Larry	Federico	1.49	Om	Garg	0.41
Kathy	Gilmore	1.46	Lallie	Garg	0.41
Cathy	Alford	1.44	Pam	Marinero	0.41
Eileen	Bosworth	1.43	Mary	Hanni	0.40
Mary	LeBlanc	1.38	Inda	Kleinschmidt	0.40
Bonnie	Nelson	1.38	Iype	Koshy	0.40
Suzanne	Wooderson	1.38	Carol	York	0.40
Ada	Havener	1.31	Sandra	Brown	0.36
Joy	Kates	1.31	Larry	Fertitta	0.36
Leanne	Lotridge	1.25	Marcia	Legendre	0.35
Carol	Bagalman	1.23	Myra	Groome	0.34
Helen	Ross	1.22	Irene	Labiche	0.33
Gregory	Ross	1.22	Cecile	Ruiz	0.31
Gail	Fayard	1.21	Virginia	McMurray	0.24
Denise	Fuselier	1.19	Douglas	De Montluzin	0.19
Claire	Webb	1.17			
S Reece	Koppel	1.15	Trevor	Thompson	0.17
Julius	Rosenfield	1.15	Sheryl	Thompson	0.17
Beverly	Dupre	0.98	Carolyn	Abaunza	0.15
Sylvia	Kitziger	0.98	Virginia	Dabbs	0.15
Marcelyn	Pick	0.96	Susan	Glennon	0.15
Robert	Pettit	0.93			
Diana	Powell	0.92			
Pat	Ellis	0.91	Total points earned		
Di	Lapeyre	0.91			224.83
Arnaldo	Partesotti	0.85			
Musette	Buckley	0.79			

Gulfport Sectional Firsts

Fri PM open pairs Paul Deal&Jan Galey

Sat AM open pairs James Bush&Bob Bowers

Sat PM open pairs Gail Fayard&Cindy Lewis flt C

Sun Swiss Bill Beaushaw—Frank Correedine—Suzanne

Sommer—Lawayne Eberhart Bkt 2

We all want to win but

PLAY NICE.

Don't turn someone else's smile upside down. Keep this a club where we all want to play

A suit combination

Dummy Q10 Declarer A987652 Missing KJ43

This awkward trump holding arose in a recent game at the club. As all four missing trumps were with LHO declarer was bound to lose two trumps. But the question arose: in general, what would be the best way to play this suit? As with all suit combination question, that depends. It depends on what additional information on the layout you have from bidding and previous play, and on your goals for the suit in the context of the entire hand. But it is worthwhile exercise to work through the possibilities without bidding and play information, just looking at the suit. We assume that you have all the entries you need to be in either hand at any time. Note that you will lose no more than two tricks in the suit.

For a really detailed analysis, we set out below the sixteen possible layouts of this suit between the opponents. For our analysis, take each layout to be equally likely, even though they are really slightly unequally likely.

1.	KJ43	—	5.	J43	K	9.	J4	K3	13.	J	K43.
2.	KJ4	3	6.	KJ	43.	10.	J3	K4	14.	4	KJ3
3.	KJ3	4	7.	K4	J3	11.	43	KJ	15.	3	KJ4
4.	K43	J	8.	K3	J4	12.	K	J43	16.	—	KJ43

If you **MUST bring in the whole suit**, you must hope that layout 13 holds. From dummy advance the Q and run it unless covered. When the J drops on your left, return to dummy and finesse against K. But it should now be clear that escaping with no losers is very unlikely, and **the crux of this problem is to escape for one loser**. When can you do that and how can you do that?

Running the Q unless covered by K will immediately capture the K or J in cases 4,5,11 (in addition to case 13). What if Q runs and neither K nor J appears? This would be the case for 9,10,14,15,16. (It is pointless for RHO ever to cover the Q.) What then? Return to dummy and lead the T toward hand, running it unless the K or J appear from RHO. You will thus hold your losers to one in all these cases (Remember we allow you all the entries you want.) But in cases 1,2,3,6,7,8,12 running Q at trick one would lose to the offside K. The correct follow-up varies from case to case. Nothing can help in cases 1,2,3, but banging down the A at trick 2 works for cases 6,7,8 and loses only for case 12. So do bang down the ace.

We spell out this strategy in gory detail: from dummy run Q unless covered. If offside J drops under Q, run T against K to avoid losers altogether. If the running Q does not fetch K or J, then return to dummy and run T unless covered. If the running Q loses to offside K, then bang down A. We have seen this strategy loses no tricks for layout 13 (6.2%), loses one trick in cases 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,14,15,16 (70.3%), and loses two tricks in 1,2,3,12 (23.4%). It is our recommended general strategy.

A competing strategy, especially if concerned only with holding losers to one trick, is first to lead low towards QT and insert T unless J appears. This works in cases 2,3,5,6,9,10,12,13, fails altogether in cases 1,4,16 and is dependent on followup in cases 7,8,11,14,15. In cases 7,8,11 you must then bang down the ace at trick two to hold losers to one, and in cases 14,15 you must then run the Q from dummy at trick two. So play A at trick 2. In general, this strategy is inferior to the recommended strategy above. It loses one trick in cases 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 (71.8%) and loses two tricks otherwise (28.2%) **BUT IF YOU BELIEVE LHO HAS 3 OF THE MISSING 4 CARDS, OR IS VERY LIKELY TO HAVE THE K, THEN THIS COMPETING STRATEGY IS THE ONE TO USE.**

A third conceivable strategy is to bang down the A at trick one, in hopes of capturing the K or J immediately, with the hope that the suit divides 2-2 as backup. This will lose one trick in cases 4 through 13 (65.6%) and lose two tricks otherwise (34.4%). Clearly inferior to either strategy above.

Got a suit combination analysis of your own to contribute, a suit combination question, or comment on the above? Or just an interesting hand? Please contact the Editor.