



## Louisiana Bridge Association October 2015

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### President's Message October 2015

A special mentoring game will be held on **Wednesday September 30, 2015**. Players with at least 500 points (mentors) will be partnered with players with less than 500 points (mentees). **The mentors play free and extra points will be given.** The game is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. There will be a lunch break but the club is not providing lunch. There will be extra time in each round for a short discussion of the hands. The club owes a debt of gratitude of Sherrie Goodman, Suzanne Cliffe and Jennie Sauviac who have worked tirelessly to make this game possible. If this game is well received we are likely to schedule another on the next 5th Wednesday which is December 30th. The game could be made permanent on all 5th Wednesdays. There are four 5th Wednesdays next year. **THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPEN GAME ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH. I say again. THERE WILL NOT BE AN OPEN GAME ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH.**

The board always welcomes constructive input from our players. I hope no one is offended if I say that my service on this board, and other boards, has made me very slow to second guess members who donate their time and talent trying to make the organization better for all members.

Our **299er tournament** is scheduled for **October 2nd through October 4th**.

The **ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game** will be **Friday October 16 at 11:45AM**. Note slight time change. See more details on page 2 of this Kibitzer.

Our **Halloween game** will be a **club championship** and **dinner** will be served. See details on page 2 of this Kibitzer.

The **new 99er game on Friday mornings** is doing very well. We have had at least seven tables every week. As players progress through this game some will move on the the Friday noon 299er game.

Larry Federico

### October Events

**Sep 30 Mentoring Game—see President's Message for more info.**

**Oct 2-4 Metairie 299er Sectional Fri-Sun**

**Oct 5-11 Club Appreciation Week Mon-Sun \***

**Oct 16 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game**

**Fri 11:45AM. 99er and 299er games at usual times. Details p.2.**

**Oct 19 Unit Championship AM Games\***

**Oct 23-25 Jackson Sectional Fri-Sun**

**Oct 31 Halloween Unit Championship**

Sat eve. Details p.2.

\* denotes Extra points No extra fees

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Gary Bergeron

### 70 Percent Games

#### Open Pairs

Paul Freese & David Bybee Sep 8 71.29%

John Onstott & Bob Bowers Sep 21 72.92%

#### 299er Pairs

Susan Martin & Margaret Shirer Sep 25  
75.26%

**99er Pairs** Tom Wasson & Barbara  
Hammett Sep 25 73.81%

### Grand Slam Jackpot

Sep 9 David Williams & Red Hailey,  
Eileen & Richard Bagnetto

### ACTIVE ETHICS by Drew Casen

Last week at the Metairie Club one of my regular partners admitted to me that he called a revoke on himself even though no one else at the table had noticed it. He then asked me if he had acted properly and lawfully. This triggered a debate amongst several other players at the club. Some insisted that you're not guilty if you don't get caught, and that one is under no obligation to rat themselves out. Others, like myself, compared it to the game of golf, where participants are required to rat themselves out.

I went into THE LAWS OF DUPLICATE BRIDGE at the ABCL website. Law 62 states: A REVOKE MUST BE CORRECTED. A player must correct his revoke if he becomes aware of the irregularity before it becomes established. This looks to me that you simply are supposed to DO THE RIGHT THING.

It's no different from 'Are you lying if you don't tell the WHOLE truth?' Are we supposed to WIN AT ANY COST? If an opponent holds their hand in such a way that we can see their cards, do we tell them or just keep peeking? WHERE do we draw the line?

For me, the game is much more enjoyable if we don't go around trying to take unfair advantage of our opponents.

Drew Casen is an ACBL Grand Life Master and regular partner of John Onstott. He recently moved to Livingston, LA and plays regularly at our club with John and others.

## **RANK ADVANCEMENTS**

### **NEW JUNIOR MASTERS**

Raynell Bourgeois, Barbara Hammett, Adesh Jain, David Williams

### **NEW CLUB MASTERS**

Carla Burrow, Carol York

### **NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS**

Martha Baldwin, Suzanne Caver, Jo-Ann Couvillion, Shirlann Finch, Janet Gindro, Reese Koppel, Dorothy Sanderfer

### **NEW REGIONAL MASTER**

Kathleen Vogel

### **NEW NABC MASTER**

Elaine Wilczynski

### **NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER**

Claudette Lay

### **NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS**

Sylvia Kitziger, Mary Regottaz

### **NEW GOLD LIFE MASTER**

Doris Liukkonen

## **Know the Director Rulings**

**By Jennie Flynn Sauviac**

### **Warning! Sounds Serious**

The Skip Bid warning is serious and must be used properly. Players should protect their rights and the opponents' with a skip bid warning, prior to making an opening bid at the two level or higher, or prior to making any subsequent bid that skips one or more levels of bidding

1. When bidding orally by saying, "I am about to make a skip bid. Please Wait."

2. When using bidding boxes, by placing the STOP card so that LHO sees it (the skip bidder is responsible for gaining LHO's attention). The skip bid is made. The stop card is replaced in the bidding box.

The skip bid warning is not to be used to alert partner that a strength showing bid is being made or not being made. Thus the warning should be used all the time.

The tournament director may assess a procedural penalty (Law 90) for failure to comply.

When RHO has announced a skip bid, the player following the skip bidder must wait for a suitable interval (about 10 seconds). In waiting the player's manner should be one that suggests he is an active participant in the auction (the hand should be studied during the pause). Any obvious display of disinterest is most improper.

Experienced players are expected to maintain a proper tempo whether a skip bid is announced or not. After a skip bid players may ask questions but must still pause an appropriate amount of time for study.

## **Halloween Party**

Our annual Halloween party will be held at the club on Saturday evening Oct 31. Drinks will be at 5:30PM, dinner at 6PM, and the game will start at 7PM. It will be a club championship but will be one round short so that we can all leave by 10PM.

## **ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game**

The ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game will take place on Fri Oct 16 at 11:45AM at our club. There will be opportunities to come in overall beyond our club, and extra points will be awarded. Booklets with expert analyses of the hands will be provided. The 99er and 299er games will take place at their usual times 9AM and noon;

**Paul's Deal of the Month.** I cannot overly emphasize the importance of every regular partnership developing a comprehensive defensive signaling protocol to show attitude, count and/or suit preference in appropriate circumstances. Once that method has been established the next step is for the partners to develop confidence in partner's signals, which should not be ignored in the absence of better information being available to the partnership member receiving the signal. To illustrate why partner's signals should not be routinely ignored, however incorrect they might initially seem, we recently defended opponents' 4S contract, reached on the unimpeded bidding of 1D-1S-2S-3D-4S. Partner led the ♥K, which we play as conventionally showing the Ace and lower cards. The dummy came down with ♠KQJ10 ♥xx ♦AKxx ♣xxx. I held ♠Axxx ♥9832 ♦xx ♣Kxx. We play upside-down attitude signals, so I played the ♥2 to vigorously encourage partner to continue the suit. Partner continued with the ♥A, on which I played the ♥3. Declarer followed with a low heart on the King lead and the heart Queen on the Ace lead, presumably indicating that declarer held only those two hearts. So the question immediately raised in my partner's mind was "why did I play the 3, a highly encouraging card in our upside-down signaling system, when I obviously held two higher discouraging cards which I could have played to signal that we had exhausted our defensive capabilities in the heart suit?" Partner correctly then concluded that I had no other defensive possibility except hearts. Partner, holding ♠x ♥AKJxx ♦xx ♣J10xxx, also held no other promising defensive cards. Trusting my signal, after an understandable pause partner then led another heart, knowing that it would give declarer a "ruff and sluff," a play to be avoided about 99% of the time. My partner simply trusted and relied upon my signal that such a usually avoided defense was appropriate in this instance. That trust was well placed because declarer had to ruff in one hand or the other, irretrievably fatally damaging the offense. Declarer held ♠xxxx ♥Qx ♦QJxxx ♣AQ and ruffed the third heart in his hand with a low trump. But when he went about drawing trumps I withheld the trump Ace on the first and second rounds, leaving dummy with ♠J10, declarer with ♠x and me with ♠Ax. If declarer had led a third round of trumps I could have won the Ace and forced out dummy's last trump by playing another heart, and my little fourth trump would have become the setting trick. And if declarer started running diamonds I would ruff in with my low trump on the third round and then cash the Ace as the setting trick. In point of fact declarer conceded down one once I ducked the second round of trumps. But unless my partner had trusted my defensive signal and led another heart, the hand could not have been defeated.

## **Road Warriors—Tournament Successes**

**Lake Charles Sectional first.** Iype Koshy-Wayne Weisler--Judy Katz-Joan Van Geffen Bkt 1 KO

**Tunica Regional firsts.** Bill Beaushaw-Frank Corredine et al Wed Eve Side Swiss  
Lew Moore--Geoff Chichester et al Fri-Sat Eve Swiss teams Flt B AND Stratiflighted Open Swiss Flt C

## Lightner and Related Follies by Arnaldo Partesotti

The Lightner Double has been around since 1929, and it should be in the conventions arsenal of any good partnership. You will find plenty of information on the Lightner Double in the August 2015 issue of Bridge Bulletin - page 58. For those who are just learning, or live on another planet, here is a quick summary: The Lightner Double is used (mostly, but not exclusively) against slams, by the partner of the player on lead, to request:

- do not lead a trump;
- do not lead our suit, if we bid one;
- find an unusual lead/find my void, and we might beat this slam/contract.

You are a Dutch expert and find yourself in 7 Hearts on these cards:

You (South) ♠AK3 ♥AKQJ875 ♦76 ♣A Dummy (North) ♠94 ♥632 ♦AQ1054 ♣Q72

East doubles (Lightner), and West leads a diamond. What do you do? Declarer resignedly played the ♦Q expecting a ruff, and RHO scored his singleton K of diamonds. You have to psych a void to defeat the grand slam, which is otherwise cold on a show-up squeeze, on a normal spade lead (you figure it out, or check the May 2012 issue of the Bridge Bulletin - page 60) or if the A of diamonds is played. This was East's hand: ♠QJ1075 ♥109 ♦K ♣T9843. The "genius" (East) behind the Psych Lightner was George Jacobs, regular Bridge Bulletin columnist.

S	W	N	E
P	2C	X	XX
3C	3NT	P	4C
P	4H	P	6S
P	7S	all pass	

Some time later at our club, against two expert players, as dealer (South) I held: ♠void ♥Q10862 ♦10865 ♣Q1073 and the bidding went as in the box at the left. I did not know what Partner was doing; we never discussed "X" of 2C, however, you must always trust Partner (or find a new Partner.) I dutifully led a club and PARTNER RUFFED and I ended up scoring the ♣Q at the end for "two down" and a top. Partner's was not a Lightner Double but the effect was the same: it directed me to the unusual lead which beat the slam. This was the full hand

	Partner	
	♠107432	
	♥73	♠QJ965
♠AK8	♦Q97432	♥J4
♥AK95	♣VOID	♦K
♦AJ		♣KJ864
♣A952		
	Me	
	♠VOID	
	♥Q10862	
	♦10865	
	♣QT73	

# PLAY NICE