

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association April 1, 2023

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President's Message April 1, 2023

TGIF, TGIF, thank goodness it's finished. The NABC was a tremendous success, and our club received many accolades for a job well done. The ACBL was hoping for 5900 tables, and we actually had over 7100. Our success was largely due to a dedicated group of committee chairs and volunteers. There were too many to name them all, but I will express my admiration for my co-chair Jackie Madden. She not only outworked me but was the continuous source of useful information.

We will have some money left from the tournament and will have a party celebrating our members who made Life Master during the tournament. Details will be finalized at our April 10th board meeting and announced shortly thereafter. I intend to recommend a pro/am game wherein experienced players are matched with new players. The meal and the bridge game should be free but the format and other details must be board approved.

Larry Federico

CLUB MANAGER

Thanks to our fearless leaders, Jackie Madden and Larry Federico, we had a very successful NABC. First of all, they selected a great committee who all worked well together. Secondly, they worked with an ever-changing staff at ACBL, and made certain we got the support we needed. All of this happened while they led our club board through a tough year of hurricane repairs and insurance issues. If you haven't thanked them, please congratulate them the next time you see them.

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

This will be another busy month at LBA. April 10-14 & April 17-21 are Club Championships. In addition, the Charity Club Championships are April 3-7 & April 24-28. We have a special ACBL-wide Charity Game on Wednesday, April 26 at 1:00. This is an extra point game with a possibility of even greater points when our scores are compared to the rest of the country. So, Wednesday, April 26 will have two separate games, a 0-750 game with a lesson from Iype Koshy at 9:00 and the ACBL-Wide Charity Game that is Open to all players at 1:00.

At the Virtual Club:

The Charity Club Championship games with 2x regular club points, 100% black, are the week of April 10-16. These games benefit the ACBL Charity Fund, but we also get to donate to a local charity. April 24-30 will be a Silver Linings week with all games **150%** regular club points, **100% silver**. We hope to see you online players at our virtual club.

Sherrie Goodman

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

All pairs reached 4S as the final contract. What could go wrong? Well, you won't make it if trumps break 5/0 or 4/1 or with East holding Ace fourth, but if West holds the trumps you can still succeed. If West holds Ace fourth and wins the first trump lead and gives declarer a ruff/sluff, take the tap in declarer's hand and discard a heart from dummy. Now take two rounds of clubs, followed by two rounds of hearts, ending up in declarer's hand. Now lead a good heart. If West follows suit, the hand is over. Assume that West will trump your good heart, so simply overtrump. Rid declarer's hand of the last heart on the good Queen of clubs. If West ducks the second spade lead, cash the hearts and clubs ending in the dummy. Now trump a small club with declarer's spade King. If West overruffs, he must either lead the fourth diamond, which declarer can ruff with the trump six or West can lead the last trump, which allows declarer to cash the high club in dummy for the tenth trick. Well played by declarer!

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N/S Vul		♠	OJ2
		♥	Q73
		♦	963
		♣	Q742
W	♠	E	♠
	A987		5
	♥		♥
	986		1054
	♦		♦
	KQ108		A754
	♣		♣
	108		J9653
		S	
		♠	K10643
		♥	AKJ2
		♦	J2
		♣	AK

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Club:

- April 10-14 & 17-21:** Club Championships
- April 3-7 & 24-28:** Charity Club Championships
- April 26:** ACBL-Wide Charity Game at 1PM

At the Virtual Club:

- April 10-16:** Charity Club Championships (2X pt.)
- April 24-30:** Silver Linings Week (1.5X All Silver pt.)

Tournaments:

- April 13-15:** Sectional in Baton Rouge
- April 20-23:** Non-Life Master 750 Regional in Gulfport
- April 29:** District GNT competition in Jackson
(You do not need to qualify for this team competition.)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sue Andrieu
Ann Butcher
Kathy Folse
John Hurley
Richard Jeansonne
Sylvia Johnson
Gayle Martiwez
Mary Morgan
Jean Sanchez
Debbie Zimmer

“ALERT”

[This is from the ACBL 2022 Alert procedure updates.](#)

“Alerts must be made verbally by saying the word “Alert” and visually by tapping the “Alert” strip or showing the “Alert” card in the bidding box. When a call has been Alerted, an opponent, at their turn to call may ask about its meaning. The preferred form of the question is a simple “Please Explain.”

There was a reminder about this in one of the Daily Bulletins at our NABC.

In Memoriam



Sara Mundie

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Ellis Murov, Jane Peuler, Barbara Stott

Regional Master: Peter Walker

Advanced NABC Master: Steve Plotkin

The recent report from the ACBL does not appear to include the rank advancements earned at our NABC. Hopefully, we will get that updated report by the end of April.

Our LBA members won lots of masterpoints at the NABC. To check it out, go to our LBA website-NABC Winners-Click here for Masterpoint Winners. Congrats to all!



70 % GAMES February 27 - March 25

2/27	199	Club	Lynn and Carol Jambon	70.24%
2/28	Open	Club	John and Larry Federico	73.13%
3/1	Open		John Onstott, James Bush	70.71%
3/1	Open		Sherrie Goodman, Elizabeth Sewell	72.22%
3/5	Swiss	Open	John Onstott and Teammates	73.00%
3/8	750		Ronald Ochmond, Michael Mooney	74.31%
3/21	Open		Sue Himel, Renee Mueller	70.60%