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Louisiana Bridge Association May 1, 2023

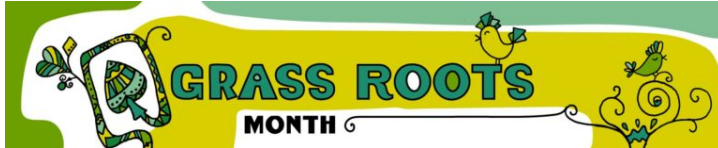
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President's Message May 1, 2023

Our Derby Day tournament is scheduled for May 4th through May 6th. There will be special activities on Saturday for the Kentucky Derby including a hat contest for ladies and a bow tie contest for men. Adult beverages will be served. Get your team together and come out and have some fun.

LBA is hosting a very special event this month. Mark your calendars and please join us Friday May 12th @ noon for a COMPLIMENTARY lunch and Pro-Am Game. We will be thanking our many NABC volunteers, welcoming our newest members, and congratulating our new life masters. Just bring yourself - partners and provisions provided. Newer players will be paired with experienced players. All participants will be limited to the conventions on the ACBL yellow card. There will be a question-and-answer session after the game.

Larry Federico



At the LBA Face-to-Face:

May is Grass roots FUNd games. Funds raised during these special games are returned to each individual district so that they can support and promote their local Grand National Teams and North American Pairs events. Several games this month will pay Double black points. On Saturday, May 6, during our Derby Day tournament, you have the opportunity to place a bet and sip mint juleps as we watch the Kentucky Derby during the break. Our next Chat game is Monday, May 8 at 12:45. If you would like to help out as a mentor, please contact Sue Guarisco - sueguarisco@gmail.com. Kathy Plauche will host/direct Circle Games (May 11), a new concept where the newest players play and learn, the intermediate players play and connect, and the more advanced players play and share their knowledge. (See the flyer on the next page.) Leave your credit cards at home on May 12 for the complimentary Pro-Am lunch and game. Larry & Jackie are using some of our leftover money from the NABC to fund the game and the celebration.

At the Virtual Club:

The virtual club will also raise FUNds for Grass Roots. Monday, May 8 though Sunday, May 14, all virtual games will have double black points! We will have extra games that week, so check your email for the schedule next week.

Sherrie Goodman

THANKS, and HERE WE GO AGAIN!

By Kathy Plauche

We concluded our Winter Beginner Bridge Class with the majority of the students completing all 12 lessons. Final day attendance for both classes was over 40!

I would like to thank all the club members who came to the lessons and "mentored" the students by giving advice as the students learned to play. Their help was vital to the success of the lessons. We are starting CIRCLE BRIDGE to help our new players feel comfortable playing in the games at the club and to help them continue to learn bridge. See the flyer below for details.

A new summer class will begin on TUESDAYS starting on May 9th with morning and evening classes as before. Please pick up a flyer from the front desk and share it with a friend who wants to learn. In addition, it would be great if you would post it on your local community board at your grocery, church, or condominium. SPREAD THE WORD and promote our game.

As always, I will need volunteers to help the students during "play time". Please share your love and understanding of our favorite game and offer your help for any of the 12 day or night classes we will be holding. You will find it greatly rewarding to help others. For me, and I hope for you also, it is a win-win situation. Mentoring helps my game as I share my knowledge and experience. All levels of players have come and helped, even beginners from last year's class. And all have said they were glad they did!

CIRCLE BRIDGE!

NEW GAME - NEW FORMAT
THURSDAYS at 9am and 6:15 pm
(starting May 11th)

- * **PRE-GAME MINI-LESSON (15 MINUTES)**
- * **12 BOARD GAME**
- * **POST GAME DISCUSSION OF HANDS**
- * **TOTAL TIME LIMITED TO 3 HOURS**

INVITING ALL PLAYERS

NOVICE
PLAY and LEARN

INTERMEDIATES
PLAY and CONNECT

LIFE MASTERS
PLAY AND SHARE



BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS

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Do something that expands the mind and keeps you cool at the same time! Come to the Louisiana Bridge Association for beginner bridge lessons. This 12-week course starts May 9, 2023 with a one-time cash of \$75. You partner but feel free to encourage a friend to learn alongside you.

SUMMER WILL BE HOT -- TRY AN INDOOR ADVENTURE!!

MORNING AND EVENING CLASSES



BEGINNER BRIDGE DAYTIME CLASSES

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023
Time: 9 – 11:30 am
Cost: \$75 package of 10
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Includes 2 free Bonus lessons #11 & #12



BEGINNER BRIDGE NIGHT CLASSES

Date: TUESDAY, May 9, 2023
Time: 6:30pm – 9pm
Cost: \$75 package of 10
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Includes 2 free Bonus lessons #11 & #12

To Register: by email: Kathy Plauche, Instructor at kkbridge24@gmail.com
or by text: Kathy @ 504-220-4815

LOCATION: LOUISIANA BRIDGE CENTER, 2709 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, LA 70002



UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Club:

- May 4-6: Derby Day Sectional Tournament
- May 8: Chat Game (12:45 pm)
- May 11: Circle Games (9:00 am & 6:15 pm)
- May 12: Lunch, Pro-A game & celebration (noon)

At the Virtual Club:

- May 8-14: Double point

CHAT GAMES

April 10th Game Photos by Philip Luchsinger

Chat games are held at 12:45 on the second Monday of the month. Newer players are invited to play and improve their game with the help of mentors, who are nearby to answer their questions as they arise. Mentors are lined up in advance.



CHAT GAMES

Continued



NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Thomas Hasselle
Lisa Lapeyre
Thomas May
Elisabeth Perino
Allison Wagner

In Memoriam



Ellie Brammell

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Beth Bayer, Maneck Contractor, Doug Davidson

Club Master: Deborah Lloyd, Gary Lloyd

Regional Master: Leslie Lanusse, Nanci Waldo

Bronze Life Master: Ueli Geissmann

HEART OF HOPE AWARD



Melanie Thompson

The award was presented posthumously to Melanie, a longtime Hotel Hope volunteer. It honors an individual who exemplifies Hotel Hope's core values of Love, Compassion, and Empowerment. Melanie's family accepted the reward on her behalf.

70 % GAMES March 25 - April 27

3/28	Club	750	Phillip and Judith Luchsinger	73.21%
3/30	Online	750	Cecile Ruiz, Hunter McFadden	78.70%
4/2	Swiss	Open	Tippi Ellis and Teammates	74.00%
4/11	Club	Open	Judy Katz, Jean Talbot	71.35%
4/17	Online	Open	Summer Steinfeld, Eric Branfman	75.00%
4/20	Club	BEG	Marsha Cole, Barbara Gardner	70.83%
4/20	Club	BEG	Chuck Meyers, Steve Johnson	75.00%
4/20	Club	BEG	Christy Gardes, Liz Bergeron	75.00%
4/23	Swiss	Open	John Onstott and teammates	79.00%
4/24	Club	199	Linda Vining, Linda Jackson	75.78%
4/24	Club	199	Jeanne and Michael Cumberland	74.58%
4/27	Club	BEG	Phillip Clinton, Hank Wolf	77.56%