

# KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association September 1, 2023

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## President's Message September 1, 2023

The Intermediate/Novice tournament will be on October 12th and 13th. This was an annual tournament that gave our newer players an opportunity to win silver master points while playing only against their peers. It has not been held recently, partly because of Covid, partly because of Hurricane Ida, and partly because of limited participation by our newer players. This tournament has now been named the **John Onstott Memorial Tournament**. If you are eligible, please plan to play. We want to continue this tournament every October.

Congratulations to Sherrie Goodman and Jean Talbot, the winners of the Claire Meyer award for 2022. Claire Meyer left a bequest of \$3000 to our club with instructions that the money be invested, and interest paid annually to the two ladies who won the most master points each calendar year.

We continue to see gradual increases in attendance at our face-to-face games. These increases, along with the \$1.00 increase in playing fees, gives me confidence that we will avoid the large financial losses once predicted for 2023.

**Larry Federico**

### At the LBA Face-to-Face:

To keep up with all of the events at the club, check the website or the newly designed calendars in the hall, created by **Beth Bayer**. Thanks, Beth, for keeping us informed! It is **International Fund** month, which supports our ACBL players who compete at the international level. We will be having several games to support this Fund and earn extra points. We will also have **Membership Week**, with all games being extra points with no extra fee. For these games you must currently be an ACBL member, so please make sure your dues are current.

We need lots of volunteers for the **John Onstott Memorial Intermediate/Novice** tournament next month. If you want to get involved and help make the tournament a success, contact the Tournament Chair, Susan Beoubay (205-305-4055.)

Please tell all you family and friends who might like to learn to play this wonderful game of bridge that a new **Beginner Bridge** class starts September 12. Kathy depends on the help of mentors when the students practice bidding and playing the hands. If you are free on a Tuesday morning or evening during the 10-week course, let **Maureen Richoux** (504-957-1476, mcr1229@gmail.com) know that you would like to help. It is fun and rewarding.

### At the Virtual Club:

We will find out shortly if we will be able to host **Grand National Team** fundraising games. We had 42 tables at the Sunday Swiss game last week thanks to our wonderful director, **Lil Range!** Since ACBL has lifted the guest policy, we have had many new guests. They are putting money in our club's treasury. We are planning a fund-raising charity event in memory of **John Onstott**. John supported our virtual club almost to his dying day. He brought a much-needed competition to our open games. Stay tuned for more information on this event.

**Sherrie Goodman**

## OBSERVATIONS OF A BEGINNER

by Richard Jeansonne

In my first article I wrote about my reluctance to get trumps out. In the second article, I wrote about my three major mistakes and my attempts to improve my game.

My bridge partners are threatening to write a separate article called "Richard does not practice what he preaches."

In the beginning of my playing bridge, a more experienced player introduced me to Bridge Base Online (BBO)

Playing BBO on my phone has made me a more patient fellow. I am more patient in a doctor's office, its big waiting room, and its small waiting room. I am more patient waiting for my wife to come out of Perlis or Langensteins, Costco or Walmart. (Uptown ladies only go to a Walmart when it is near their second home.)

Now, I prefer playing online with Bridge Mentor. It allows you to touch the bids and conventions with your cursor, giving you an explanation of their meaning. It has an *undo* button that allows you to back up the cards and the bids. The idea is to back up a card played, or a bid made and to experiment with different choices.

Bridge Mentor also has a *replay* button. I realized that after I play a hand and go down by one or two tricks, I can replay it, focusing on where I made mistakes and now make additional tricks. It works well for me. In the last two months, my focus has been on counting winners and losers. I can now count winners and losers on Bridge Mentor without the pressure of three other people waiting for me to play.

**Word problem of the day:** If Johnny is 81 years old and has 10 master points and averages 1 master point a month, how old will Johnny be when he becomes a Regional Master? Write your answer on the back of a \$20.00 bill and drop it off for me at the club.

## NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**At the Club:**

Sept.4-8: **Membership Week** (extra points/no extra fees)

Sept: **International Fund Month** (extra points)

Oct.12 & 13: **John Onstott Memorial  
Intermediate/Novice Tournament**

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jim Boudreaux

Pat Ehlinger

Arlene Goldincastle

Helen Guidry

Eric Holden

Sidney Pulitzer

Lisa Tompkins

Kelly Wolf

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### RANK ADVANCEMENTS

**Junior Master:** Richard Jeansonne, Connie Rodgers, Sarah Smith

**Club Master:** Delores Heglar, Elizabeth Rhodes, Antoinette Talbott

**Regional Master:** Michael Schollosser, Gloria Tisdale

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### WINNERS OF THE CLAIRE MEYER AWARD - 2022



**Jean Talbott**



**Sherrie Goodman**

### 70+ % GAMES July 26-August 25

7/27	Club	Circle	Marsha Cole, Barbara Gardner	<b>83.33%</b>
8/3		Open	Jim Thornton, Paul Freese	72.45%
8/10		Open	Paul Freese, Henry Bodenheimer	<b>80.56%</b>
8/10	Club	Circle	Quin Bates, Kathy Plauche	78.49%
8/10	Club	Circle	Gail Marie Arnold, Susan Stephens	<b>80.81%</b>
8/14	Club	Open	Charles Waldrop, Newt Jackson	76.25%
8/20	Swiss	Open	Jean Talbot, Jim Thornton, Sherrie Goodman, Kathy Logue	71.00%
8/22	Club	Open	John Federico, Larry Federico	72.26%