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Louisiana Bridge Association December 1, 2023

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President's Message December 1, 2023

Thanks to all of the hardworking volunteers who helped with the 8 is Enough Swiss Team Game. Attendance far exceeded projections so there were a few problems, but I think most players enjoyed the game.

Our annual holiday party is Friday December 8th at noon. The club will provide the entrees and we rely on members to contribute appetizers, side dishes and desserts. There will probably be some delay in the 12:30-499er game, but the 1:00 open game should start on schedule.

Voting for new board members will occur before and after games January 2nd through January 5th and before the game on January 6th. A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD BETWEEN SESSIONS ON JANUARY 6TH and voting results will be announced at that time.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

With our cool weather comes some cool games. On December 5, there will be an ACBL-wide International Fund Game which starts promptly at 11:45 on Tuesday. This will be in place of the 12:30 Open game, so be there early! We have several Unit Championships which give extra points with no extra fee. There is a special STAC week December 11-16 called a **Royal STAC**, and yes, Saturday is included.. These games pay double + points and consist of $\frac{1}{4}$ Gold, $\frac{1}{4}$ Silver, $\frac{1}{4}$ Red, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Black! Our Holiday Party on December 8 is our favorite covered dish event. The club provides the main course, and we get to each make our favorite side, salad, dessert, or libation (i.e., water, soft drinks, iced tea, eggnog, whatever.) A new twist on this event is our first ever **Ugly Sweater Contest!** The sky's the limit, so go digging in your closet, attic, thrift store, whatever! The rest of the month will be upgraded club championships, so triple points are awarded with no extra fee. Every Saturday in December has either a Royal STAC game or an upgraded club championship.

At the Online Club:

For our online players, every Swiss game will be a GNT Qualifier game. This means there will be double points, $\frac{1}{2}$ Red & $\frac{1}{2}$ Black. Our Swiss games are Sunday @ 2pm, Thursday at 6:50 pm & we have a brand new 499er **Swiss game** on Tuesday morning at 9:45. This game is for 99ers, 199ers, 299ers, or 499ers. If you play both online and at the club, you will be finished this Swiss game in plenty of time to play in the 299er game at the club! This is a great place for you to play what Wayne refers to as "Real Bridge." There is also the Winter Wonderland Online Regional on December 19-22. You may be able to win Gold points in these games. Lots of rewards for playing in December.

Sherrie Goodman

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At The Club

Dec. 5 - International Fund Game - 11:45

Dec. 8 - Christmas Party at noon (Ugly Sweater Contest)

Dec. 11-16 - Royal STAC Week (2x pt - $\frac{1}{4}$ G, $\frac{1}{4}$ S, $\frac{1}{4}$ R, $\frac{1}{4}$ B)

At The Virtual Club

Tuesday Mornings - New Swiss Game (99ers, 199ers, 299ers,
499ers)

Dec. 19 -22 - Winter Wonderland Online Regional (**Go for Gold**)

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Margaret Adams
Kathleen Cafiero
Mary Devereux
Donald Engler
Mike Magner
Vicki Oster
Brooks Trotter

NEW DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

Many thanks to Keenan Romig for updating the membership directory. Pick up a hard copy at the club for \$5.00. You may also email her for a copy of the pdf file for your computer at keenanromig@bellsouth.net Put "Directory" as the subject.



ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Masters: Jim Boudreaux, Thomas Hasselle, Lisa Tompkins

Regional Masters: Angela Buck, Julie Essick

Silver Life Masters: Jane Goldring, Keenan, Romig,

Gold Life Master: Lawayne Eberhart

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Keenan Romig

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Jane Goldring

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



ACHIEVEMENTS

70 % GAMES October 26-November 28

10/26 Club Circle Margie Christian, Lucinda Steutz	77.08%
10/30 Club Open Jean Talbot, Jerry Stumpf	71.67%
11/2 Swiss Open Iype Koshy, Guss Ginsburg and team	72.00%
11/9 Club Circle Daphne Lesage, Laurie Hart	72.17%
11/10 Club Open Iype Koshy, Doris Agin	72.37%
11/16 Swiss Open Nelson Daigle, David Woods and team	72.00%
11/17 Club Open Diana Powell, Janice Zazulak	70.83%
11/20 Club 199 Anthony Pastor, Beth Bayer	70.24%
11/20 Club Open John Federico, Judy Katz	71.00%
11/26 Swiss Open Ernie Levinson and teammates	77.0%
11/28 Club Beg Linda Milazzo, Anne Lopitino	s75.0%

