

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association May 1, 2024

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President's Message:

We start the month off with our Derby Day Tournament. Please remember that Thursday will be Swiss Teams. Saturday is full of festivities culminating in the Derby Race and mint juleps.

We are adding a 0-299 game on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 pm in addition to the Thursday Circle Game in the morning and the open game in the afternoon. We are also trying to build the Wednesday open game at 10:30 am. Please come out and play! Regular games on Saturday have been discontinued except for special events due to low turnout.

Need a partner for a future game? Don't be afraid to ask players at your table if they might be free to play. You won't always get a "yes" on the first try, but most people are happy to find another chance to play, so keep asking! Directors and board members may have some suggestions for you as well. Jennifer Holmes will be offering some sessions at the club on how to use the Pianola partner finder. In addition, there is a link on our website (righthand side - "Looking for a Partner") to a YouTube tutorial about using the partner finder. Deborah Skorlich will continue as point person for our newer players. However, if you are truly stuck, she will be happy to help you.

Keenan Romig

At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

May flowers have arrived! Our Derby Day tournament will be the highlight of the month, starting with Thursday's Swiss team game and the morning 0-20 Pairs game. Friday and Saturday will have the 10 & 2:00 games with the 0-20 at 10 on Friday & 2:00 on Saturday. Saturday, May 4, we encourage, but don't require, the ladies to don their favorite hat, and gents to wear bowties. Besides having morning and afternoon games, we will have chances on winning the horse race pool, and we will watch the Derby together while sipping on Mint Juleps. The Derby Day games will be a blast! If you don't have your partners lined up yet, and need help, Mary Belcher will do her best to assist you.

Grass Roots Funds are distributed to the District to help support the Grand National Teams and North American Pairs from our District 10. We will have 2 weeks of Grass Roots Fund games and two weeks of Club Championships, so double points all month!

At the Online Club:

Meanwhile, the virtual games continue to bring in much needed revenue for the club. On Mother's Day Sunday, we will have ½ red and ½ black mps for all games including our wonderfully successful Sunday Swiss at 2:00. Text Lil at (504) 330-1158 if you need a partner or teammates. There will also be a week of Grass Roots Fund Games and a week of NABC Fundraiser games. It's a great month for earning Master Points!

Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager-(504-329-7411)

SAVE THE DATE

June 21st-THE LONGEST DAY

By Diana Powell

Carolyn Dubois and her committee are busy at work getting ready for the big event. Last year was so much fun – a raffle, wonderful lunch, auction items to view and a fun live auction., not to mention bridge.



Stay tuned to more information as we approach June.

“The Longest Day is an annual fundraising event held to support the fight against Alzheimer’s disease by the Alzheimer’s Association. The ACBL was an inaugural global partner for this effort, and after 10 years of participating, bridge players have raised more than \$9 million! (Funds raised in Canada are donated to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.)

“The event spans the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers.

“Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games, like bridge, help keep your brain healthy.” (ACBL Website)

KNOW YOUR AGREEMENTS



GOREN BRIDGE

Know your agreements

Today's deal was played at the National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. North-South were in hot pursuit of a victory in a National Pair event when they had a mix-up about their bidding agreements.

North intended his two-diamond bid to be natural and that he was placing the contract in the best place for the partnership. North was right about two diamonds being the best contract for his side, but South interpreted the bid as a transfer to hearts and duly bid two hearts. This created an ethical dilemma for North. South had announced the two-diamond bid as a transfer and North knew there had been a misunderstanding. The laws, however, require him to bid as though his partner had explained the two-diamond bid as natural and bid two hearts anyway. In that case, the North hand would be a suitable dummy for a heart contract and there was no reason to bid diamonds again. North did the ethical thing and passed two-hearts doubled, for which he deserves much credit. We are afraid that not all players would have done the same.

East overtook the queen of clubs lead to play a heart, allowing West to draw trumps. West led the jack

North-South vulnerable, East deals

NORTH		
♠	10 5 3	
♥	9 6 5	
♦	J 10 9 8 5 4	
♣	6	
WEST		EAST
♠	9 4	♠ A Q 8 7
♥	A K J 7 4 2	♥ 3
♦	7 2	♦ 6 3
♣	Q J 4	♣ A K 10 9 8 5
SOUTH		
♠	K J 6 2	
♥	Q 10 8	
♦	A K Q	
♣	7 3 2	

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	1NT	Dbl	2♦
Pass	2♥	Dbl	All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

of clubs, which East overtook to run his club suit. The defense took all 13 tricks — six hearts, six clubs, and a spade — for a penalty of 2300 points! North-South finished second in this event. An average score on this deal would have seen them finish on top!

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Note: Two members sent me this article. One suggested including it in the Kibitzer. I found it surprising.

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At The Club:

May 2-4: Derby Day Tournament

May 2: 0-20 MPS -10 am, Bracketed Swiss Teams- 10 am & TBA

May 3: 0-20 MPS -10 am. 499ers & Open – 10 am & 2 pm

May 4: 0-20 MPS – 2 pm, 499ers & Open – 10 am & 2 pm (Derby Day Fun)

May 6-10, 20-24: Club Championships (\$9, 2x pt.)

May 13-15, 27-31: Grass Roots Games (\$8, 2x pt.)

At The Virtual Club

May 6-12: Grass Roots Games (2x pt.)

May 13-19: NABC Fundraisers (2x pt.)

May 12 (Mother's Day): All games – ½ red and ½ black MPS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Melinda Bourgeois
Despina Christakis
Pam Granier

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Club Masters: Amy Babich, Jim Boudreaux, Robin Dusang, Kathy Folsie, George Guarino
Thomas Hasselle

Sectional Masters: Barbara Barnes, Ralph Velazquez

Regional Masters: Jeanne Buffat, Jatinder Jolly

Life Masters: Dottie Stephenson

Silver Life Masters: Betty Norton

Ruby Life Masters: Robert Reich

ACHIEVEMENTS

LIFE MASTER



Dottie Stephenson

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Betty Norton

RUBY LIFE MASTER



Robert Reich

70 % GAMES

March 28-April 26

By Jim Thornton

3/28	Circle Club	Jennifer Holmes, Quin Bates	70.08%
3/29	Open Club	Irene Crowder, James Tullos	75.00%
3/30	Open	Sherrie Goodman, Sam Whitten	70.37%
4/2	Beg Club	Doris O'Sullivan, Cappy McGiver	72.29%
4/3	Open Club	Judy Katz, Eileen Bagnatto	71.04%
4/4	1999	Denise Tabor, Joseph Lanzel	73.33%
4/8	Chat Club	Jack Ward, Arlene Goldin-Castle	72.50%
4/9	Beg Club	Susan Mulderick, Shannon Martin	75.00%
4/1	Circle Club	Gail Marie Arnold, Siusan Stephens	76.67%
4/15	Open Club	Guss Ginsberg, Kathy Logue	71.63%
4/16	Beg Club	Jack Ward, Lucinda Stentz	81.25%
4/17	Open	Brad Shefloe, Sherrie Goodman	73.33%
4/18	Open	Doug DeMontlizin, JoAnn Ippolito	74.44%
4/18	Open Swiss	Iype Koshy and teammates	74.00%
4/19	Open	Lil Range, Eleanor Onstott	75.00%
4/21	Open Swiss	Audry Cerise, Jane Goldring & teammates	71.00%
4/25	Open Swiss	Iype Koshy, Sherrie Goodman & teammates	72.50%
4/25	Open Club	Jean Talbot, Judy Katz	70.00%