

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association September 1, 2024

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President's Message:

Our Club Manager's report in this issue highlights the many activities going on this month at the club and online. We are also including the promotional pieces for our educational programs/offerings and the upcoming Intermediate/Novice Tournament. Hope you will participate—and please spread the word to friends and family about the new bridge classes starting shortly.

Heads up to some other upcoming events this Fall. We will have a Club Appreciation Game on Friday October 4th. Lunch will be served followed by a bracketed single-session Swiss Team game (5% gold points awarded) so please line up your team members. We will also be holding another Eight is Enough Event on Saturday November 2nd—always immensely popular! Feel free to ask a director or board member if you have any questions.

Fall is also the time when we start recruiting for new board members. We have four openings this year. Kathy Logue is heading up the Nominating Committee with Judith Luchsinger and David Williams. Our Willingness to Serve Form will be posted mid-month. If you love our club and wish to contribute, please consider running for the board.

Keenan Romig

At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

Our celebration of **Labor Day** at the club (Monday, Sept. 2) will be hot dogs and accoutrement for lunch (thanks **Vicki Willis**) and a **Unit Championship** for some extra free points! On Friday, September 6, you will not want to miss **John Liukkonen's** lecture "**What are the Odds.**" On Wednesday, September 11, we have another **ACBL -Wide Game** that has to begin at **12:30**, so the 0-750 game will remain at 9:15 as usual, but the Open game will be at 12:30. September 16-20 is **International Fund Games** (2X pt./+\$1). On Monday, September 16, we have a **Chat Game at 1:30**. This will help all of our newer players get ready for our 499er sectional tournament (**John Onstott I/N Sectional Tournament**). John Onstott, who passed away last year, was our club's only Grand Life Master. It's a 2-day event on September 19 & 20. Our 499ers will earn silver points at this sectional. The last week of September (23-27) will be **Club Championship Week** with extra points and no extra \$1.

Iype Koshy is doing a series called "**Play Bridge Well**" in September and October. **Kathy Plauche** is starting **Beginner Bridge Lessons** on Sept. 10. See the flyer on page 2 for details.

At the Online Club:

Sunday, September 1, will be a **Labor Day Pop Up** (½ red & ½ black for all games). The week of September 9-15 will be **International Fund Week** (2X pt.). September 23-29 is **NACB Fundraiser Week** to help Memphis with their NABC (2x pts./+\$1). **Silver Linings Week** is 9/30 to 10/6 (1.5 Silver pt.).

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

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS



BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS SEPTEMBER 2024

EXPAND THE MIND!
LEARN SOMETHING NEW!



Always dreamed of learning to play bridge? Here is your chance to fulfill that dream! The Louisiana Bridge Association is offering a 12-week set of face-to-face lessons for beginning players starting Sept. 10th. Both day and night classes are being offered. You don't need a partner but feel free to encourage a friend to learn alongside you. Each session has learning and play time. Some lessons will include guest speaker presentations given by some of the club's renowned players.



BEGINNER BRIDGE DAYTIME CLASSES

Date: TUESDAY, Sept. 10, 2024
Time: 9 – 11:30 am
Cost: \$120 package of 12
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Includes Student Manual



BEGINNER BRIDGE NIGHT CLASSES

Date: TUESDAY, Sept. 10, 2024
Time: 6:30pm – 9pm
Cost: \$120 package of 12
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Includes Student Manual

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



PLAY BRIDGE WELL presented by Iype Koshy

NEED TO IMPROVE YOUR CARD PLAY?
Iype is here to help!

Intermediate/Novice as well as Advanced Players.

Five Saturdays geared toward player level.

Sessions run from 9:30 am – 12:30

\$60 a class

Package: 3 classes \$120

Package: 5 classes \$150

Topics covered will include:

Sept. 21 st	Intermediate/Novice	PLAY OF THE HAND (Notrump & Suits)
Sept. 28 th	Intermediate/Novice	COMPLETE DEFENSE (Leads and play)
Oct. 5 th	Intermediate/Novice	THE GOLDEN RULES (Defense continued)
Oct. 19 th	Advanced	PLAY OF THE HAND (Notrump & Suits)
Oct. 26	Advanced	DEFENSE-OPENING LEADS & Play



Space is filling fast! SIGN UP NOW

Register with Iype at: iypekoshy@gmail.com or 504-812-5414
Or with Kathy Plauche: kkbridge24@gmail.com or 504-220-4815

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

LBA PRESENTS

*The John Onstott Memorial
Intermediate/Novice
Sectional Tournament
September 19-20, 2024*



THURS Sept 19

9:30A - 0-20 mps pairs (0-5 play FREE!)
10A - Stratified 499 Pairs
2P - Stratified 499 Pairs

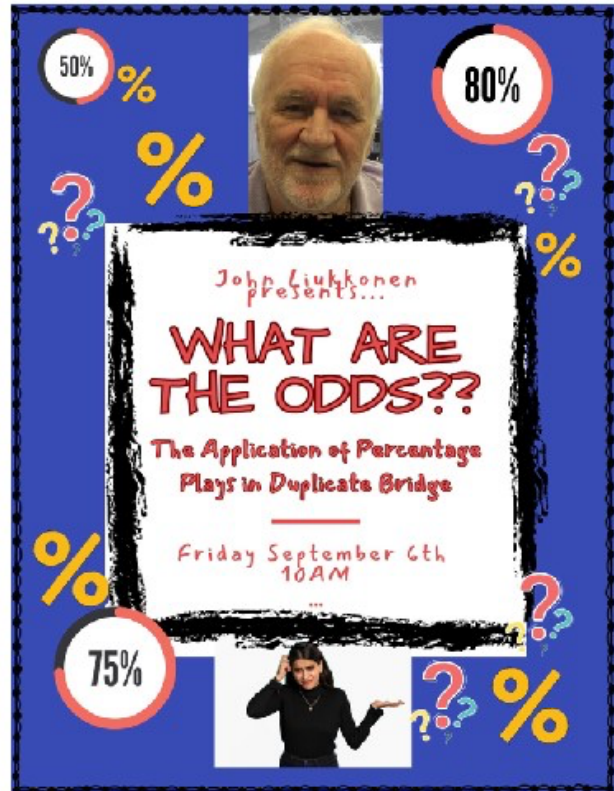
FRIDAY Sept 20

10A - Stratified 499 Pairs
2P - 0-20 mps pairs and Stratified 499 Pairs

Entry Fees Thurs and Fri - \$14 per player
Fees include lite lunch between sessions and unlimited coffee

Tournament Chair - Jennifer Holmes @
jenniferholmes2010@gmail.com or 504.261.0384
Partnership - Kathy Folse 504.722.8176 or makfolse@gmail.com
Director - Sherrie Goodman 504.329.7411 mamamiag@me.com

2709 Edenborn Ave Metairie, LA 70002 (504) 889-0869
Sanction #2409368




Jope Liukkonen
Presents...

WHAT ARE THE ODDS??

*The Application of Percentage
Plays in Duplicate Bridge*

Friday September 6th
10AM

**LBA CHAT GAME !!
MONDAY SEPT 16 @ 1:30**



QUESTIONS AND SIGNUP:
SUE GUARISCO
(504) 832-3074 OR
SUEGUARISCO@GMAIL.COM

LBA's Chat Game is a duplicate no-fee game played in a relaxed, casual style. Instruction in duplicate guidelines and scoring will be provided, along with knowledgeable mentors to assist with play. Invite a partner or let us know if we can assist you in finding one!

Bridge Club Etiquette

By Keenan Romig

In actions and words...

- Arrive early so the director can set up the game and start on time.
- Turn off your cell phone/mute/ vibrate settings only. Do not check your messages during the game to see what you have missed! (Exception on urgent call expected-inform director.)
- Greet your opponents when they come to the table-BRIEFLY. This is not an opportunity to hear about Harry's summer vacation or the latest news on the grandchildren.
- For declarer and dummy: Dummy is encouraged to say "good luck, Partner" when laying down the dummy hand. Declarer is expected to say "Thank you, Partner" after seeing the dummy (without grimacing if the dummy isn't looking too promising!)
- Criticizing your partner's bidding or play or the opponents' play is considered a Zero Tolerance infraction. This also applies to gloating about the results of a hand.
- Complimenting an opponent's play of a difficult hand when warranted is always appreciated.
- Be respectful of the director AT ALL TIMES. If the director is called to the table, do not argue. Control your temper. These are Zero Tolerance infractions. If you disagree with a director's call, you may report it to the Club Manager or President for additional review.
- Giving bridge advice to an opponent on bidding or play should not be done unless requested or without asking the player if he/she would like your opinion regarding what he/she might have done differently.
- Discussion of the hand(s) should only be done at the conclusion of the round, if time permits, and all conversation should be conducted in a low voice. Bridge is a timed event. Slow play impacts other players.
- E/W should not ask E/W players at the next table to vacate their positions before the round has been called, particularly if they are moving to a table that is still playing.
- Keep chairs pushed in to keep walkways free.
- After the game, pick up the boards, bridgemate and guide card and return them to the proper locations. The director should not have to pick up after the players!
- Be mindful of any cups, wrappers, trash, etc. Be sure to dispose of your trash properly as a courtesy to other players-before, during and after the game!

NEWS

THE LONGEST DAY FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to our Club Members and Community. Thanks to your generosity and the hard work of the team members, our final amount raised for the Alzheimer's Association was **\$19,791.45**. An article and pictures have been sent to ACBL and may appear in a future issue of the magazine, so be on the lookout.

Carolyn Dubois

UPCOMING EVENTS

At The Club:

- 9/2:** Labor Day (hot dogs+) – Unit Championship
- 9/6:** Lecture by John Liukkonen at 10 am - “What are the Odds”
- 9/10:** Beginner Bridge Lessons start with Kathy Plauche – 9 am or 6:30 pm
- 9/11:** ACBL-Wide Game at 12:30
- 9/16:** Chat Game at 1:30
- 9/16-9/20:** International Fund Games (2x pt./+\$1)
- 9/19-9/20:** John Onstott I/N Sectional Tournament (silver pts.)
- 9/21-10/26:** Lessons with Iype – “Playing Bridge Well”
- 9/23-9/27:** Club Championship Week (extra pt, no extra fee)

At The Virtual Club

- 9/1:** Labor Day Pop Up (½ red & ½ black for all games)
- 9/9-9/15:** International Fund Week (2x pt.)
- 9/23-9/29:** NABC Fundraiser Week (2x pt./+\$1)
- 9/30-10/6:** Silver Linings Week (1.5x silver pt.)

No Pets Please!

No pets are allowed at the club regardless of how well behaved. Some of our members have allergies that do not allow them to be near animals. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!



IN MEMORIUM



Elizabeth Vega

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Susan Parker
Susan Pellegrin
Michael Pellegrin

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Masters: Shelia Gernon, Cathy Kenny, Susan Klees, Polly Smith

Club Masters: John Hurley, Connie Rodgers

Sectional Masters: Maneck Contractor, Hans Jonassen, Pierce Jonassen, James Mackay,
Michael Maher

Regional Masters: Dorothy Weisler, William Wright

NABC Masters: Neil Nadler

Life Masters: Muffin Balart

Gold Life Masters: Wayne Weisler

LIFE MASTER



Muffin Balart

GOLD LIFE MASTER



Wayne Weisler

70 % GAMES

July 26-August 27

By Jim Thornton

8/1	Open Club	Guss Ginsburg, David McDonald	70.05%
8/8	Circle Club	Norm Dufour, Trelah Nagy	71.03%
8/8	Open Club	John Federico, Linda Morrison	71.66%
8/11	Open Swiss	Guss Ginsburg, Iype Koshy and teammates	89.00%
8/13	Open Club	Sid LeBlanc, William Weiss	70.83%
8/19	199 Club	Bette Marks, Jim Koch	71.43%
8/20	Open	Jim Thornton, Sherrie Goodman	70.00%
8/21	Open Club	Jean Talbot, Juanita Heidingsfelder	71.88%
8/22	Circle Club	Gail Arnold, Susan Stephens	75.00%