

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association April 1, 2025

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President's Message:

We have a very busy month ahead of us with lots of important information for you. Our Regional at Copeland Tower is fast approaching. **The club will be closed on Thursday April 10th so that tables and supplies can be moved to the tournament site. There will be regular games on Friday April 11th, but they will be held at Copeland Tower.** And, of course, the club will be closed the following week for the Regional. Lots of opportunities for points! Hope you are planning to play.

We have a new game time for the **Monday Open game** which will start when the club reopens on April 21st. That game will begin at **10:00 AM**. There will be no lunch break. You are welcome to bring your lunch and review hands with your partner after the game if you wish to do so. Hopefully this format will attract more players to this game.

Due to the Regional, we will not have a Derby Day Tournament this year. However, we **will** have a game, mint juleps, etc. on Derby Day. Stay tuned to learn more.

Keenan Romig

Manager's Report:

April has lots to offer. The first two days will be **Silver Linings**. You will receive silver points with no extra fee. April 3 & 4 will be a **red-hot** challenge awarding ½ red and ½ black points in the Thursday and Friday games with no extra fee. The 2nd and 4th weeks are **Charity Club Championship** games with \$1 extra going to ACBL Charity Foundation and to a local charity yet to be determined. But the best week will be April 14-18...our club's **French Quarter Fest Regional** where you can earn Gold and Red masterpoints. If you have not signed up to help with the tournament, please contact Sherrie at 504-329-7411. We want to show off our "Southern Hospitality! When you volunteer, you can also play! Volunteer stations are closed during the games.

We welcome Ft. Worth & Oklahoma City to our virtual club. Oklahoma City is bringing with it 3 499er games. We hope our 499ers will support these games. These games are at 6:30 on Monday and Thursday, and 10:30 on Saturday. Charity Foundation Fund games are being held the second week of April with double points and \$1 extra. Also, at the end of the month, we will have NABC Fundraiser Games with double points for \$1 extra.

Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager (504-329-741



LOUISIANA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION presents

French Quarter Fest Regional

April 14-18, 2025 Sanction # 2504117

Comfort Inn & Suites at Copeland Tower

Metairie, Louisiana

2025 French Quarter Fest Regional

Hotel Rate \$119 COMFORT INN & SUITES at COPELAND TOWER

(available rate for French Quarter Fest - Saturday & Sunday, April 12 & 13)

Complimentary Breakfast for hotel guests

Free Parking

Coffee and Snacks provided daily

Single Session \$16, 2-session \$32

0-5 Players Free

Schedule includes:

Morning, Afternoon and Evening Games

with Open Pairs and 99er games,

Gold Rush Events and Bracketed Team Games

ALSO INCLUDES ONE DAY OF ONLINE PLAY

OPEN TO MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 10!

Tournament Chairs

Sherrie Goodman

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Jim Thornton

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Partnership Chair

David Woods

dwoods.on.bell@cox.net

Director in Charge:

Kevin Perkins

STRATIFICATIONS

Bracketed Teams (by avg) - bracketed by attendance

Open Pairs (by avg) A: 5000+ B: 4999-2000 C: <2000

Gold Rush Pairs (750 by avg) A: 750-400 B: 399-100 C: <100

Regional Schedule

Monday, April 14

Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)10 & 2:30
 Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 99er Pairs (1 session).....10:00
 Evening Side Pairs (Session 1, of 4).....7:30

Tuesday, April 15

Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)10 & 2:30
 Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 99er Pairs (1 session).....2:30
 Evening Side Pairs (Session 2, of 4).....7:30

Wednesday, April 16

Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)10 & 2:30
 Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 99er Pairs (1 session).....10:00
 Evening Side Pairs (Session 3, of 4).....7:30

Thursday, April 17

Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2) ..10 & 2:30
 Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 99er Pairs (1 session).....10:00
 Evening Side Pairs (Session 4, of 4).....7:30

Friday, April 18

Bracketed Round Robin Teams (Session 1 & 2 of 2)10 & 2:30
 Open Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *
 Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 & 2 of 2).....10 & 2:30 *

ON-LINE PAIRS EVENT Saturday, April 19th

Gold Rush Pairs: 750/500/300
 Mid-Flight Pairs: 3000/1750
 Open A/X Pairs: Open/5000
 Open to District 10 Members Only!
 Conducted on BBO
 Must register for and play both sessions



*If you would like to play one session only, you can sign up for the Open Pairs (Morning or Afternoon) or if under 750 MPS, you can sign up for one session of Gold Rush. If you play only one session that day, you may win gold only if you are the top of a Section.

NOTE: To be eligible for Gold in the OPEN Evening Side Pairs, a player must play in at least 2 of the 4 evening games.

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 2601 Severn Avenue
 Metairie, LA 70002
 (504)526-4595
 Reservation by April 6, 2025

SLOWNESS AT THE BRIDGE TABLE

By Lil Range

Given that we breathe at different speeds, eat at different speeds, substitute your own analogy here, it is not surprising that we play bridge at different speeds. A consequence, then, is frequent complaints in both face-to-face and online bridge about slowness by opponents, also called break in tempo. This article covers reasons for slowness, responses to slowness, and overall recommendations for anyone frustrated by slowness.

Reasons for slowness vary. They can be mechanical: I lost a card, I have 5 suits, my card will not go fast enough to get me to the club on time, my internet is slow today. They can be cognitive: I cannot count fast when I get up to 2 digits, I am trying to remember my partner's previous bid, I am a very deliberate person. They can be extraneous to bridge: I am very interested in that strange noise in the parking lot, I want to see who just came in the door, my cat knocked my coffee cup onto my keyboard. Whether mechanical, cognitive, or extraneous, slowness is seldom deliberate.

Responses to slowness include actions from players as well as from directors. Players have 2 appropriate responses to slowness by opponents. Player Option 1 notes that people are seldom aware of their own slowness, so one polite question, such as "Kathy?," or "East?" is acceptable, though not required. Player Option 2 is to call the director. It is not appropriate for players to give multiple prompts or reprimand opponents for slowness. Directors have 5 options available to them. Director Option 1 is to extend play time, which slows the game and can frustrate many players. Director Option 2 is to warn slow players, which seldom works and often slows the game even further because the slow players want to explain that it is not their fault that they are slow. Director Option 3 is to give penalties for slow play, which frustrates slow players and may or may not make them faster. Director Option 4 is to adjust scores, which can work but can also result in challenges to the director or doubts about the director's intelligence or heritage. Director Option 5 is to take away boards, which can be frustrating for many, especially when those boards taken away are against weaker players. When players are slow online, Director Option 6 is to substitute the slow player for one board, which can be frustrating for both sides. Substitutes might be robots, or actual people.

Notably, players are poor estimators of their own tempo and will sometimes call the director for slowness when the tempo at the table resembles the tempo of other boards at that table. In online play, BBO can give the exact amount of time for each bid and play for each player. I once had a call about slowness when the response was 3 seconds.

Here are some recommendations for handling slowness. One: it is reasonable to CALL THE DIRECTOR. It is not a hardship on the director to handle a call about slowness. A big part of the director's job is to handle calls about slowness. Two: in face-to-face play, remind yourself that you will be playing a limited number of boards against these slow players, so the frustration will not last long. Three: in online play, realize that there are reasonable reasons for slowness that you cannot see: the doorbell rang, I had to sneeze, I dropped my mouse. Text or email me your most interesting reasons for slowness and I will include them in a future article. 504-330 1158, Lrange@uhcno.edu, And join us for Sunday Swiss, 2:00 Central time every Sunday.

NEWS

FYI - THE FRENCH QUARTER FEST REGIONAL

Parking: We can park in the outdoor lot adjacent to the hotel located on N. Hullen (Event Parking.)

Lunch: You may bring your lunch or buy it at the hotel.

Kosher lunches must be ordered a day in advance.

Lunches from the **regular menu** should be ordered and prepaid in the morning before you purchase your entry.

NEW MEMBERS

Ginny Baranovic
Arthur Cerniglia
Antje Hardy
Barbara Robichaux
Helen Stavros
Zannie Voss

CUP HOLDERS

If you happened to take a cupholder (stuck to your cup) and still have it, please return it to the club. We will do our best to replace them, but we have not yet found an affordable option.

DIRECTORS CORNER

To quote our “wise” director, Wayne Weisler, bridge is a timed event! Our directors have been instructed by the board to give no plays for any boards that do not have the lead card down on the table with 2 minutes left in the round. We will all be enforcing this rule. Please try to play on time and claim when you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 & 2: Silver Linings

April 3 & 4: Red-Hot Challenge

April 7-11 & 21-25: Charity Club Championship Games

April 7-11: Online Charity Foundation Fund Games

April 14-18: French Quarter Fest Regional

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Sectional Masters: Kathy Folse, Robert Herbert

Gold Life Masters: Juanita Heidingsfelder, Toby Young

GOLD LIFE MASTER



Juanita Heidingsfelder

GOLD LIFE MASTER



Toby Young

ROAD WARRIORS

Baton Rouge Sectional

Iype Koshy, James Bush, Sherrie Goodman, Vicki Willis 1st overall in Swiss 5.78 Silver
Lawrence Federico, Idell Adams, Frances Schenk & Nadejda Drenska 3rd place 3.25 Silver
Iype Koshy & James Bush 3rd in Stratified Pairs 3.87 Silver
Lawrence Federico & Idell Adams in Stratified Pairs 3rd place 3.87 Silver
Iype Koshy & James Bush 2nd in Stratified Pairs 4.30 Silver
Lawrence Federico & Idell Adams in Stratified Pairs 3rd place 3.35 Silver

Memphis NABC

Unit 134 Players in top 500

Nelson Daigle	75.28
Matti Hietalahti	55.22
Robert Reich	40.29
Iype Koshy	37.93
Vicki Willis	32.47

ACHIEVEMENTS

Memphis NABC

Nelson Daigle Fri. Bracketed Round Robin 9.05 - 2nd

Sun. Mid Flight Swiss Teams 22.75 -2nd

Tues. Bracketed Round Robin 12.77 1st

Matti Hietalahti Mon. Bracketed Round Robin team 4 10.87 1st

Wed. Mid Flight Swiss teams 27.64 – 2nd (Photo In daily bulletin)

Charles Waldrop, Gary Waldrop, Greg Browne, George Wilson 3rd place 2.70 Gold 1.34 Red
Bracketed Round Robin 8

Ilye Koshy & Guss Ginsberg 2nd NABC+ Open Pairs Saturday 9.84 Platinum

Ilye Koshy & Vicki Willis Fri. Open Pairs – 2nd place 26.63

Vicki Willis -Sun. Open Pairs 4.38 – 1st

BARRY CRANE TOP 500 CONGRATULATIONS!

#231 (536 Points)



Jean Talbot

#312 (480 Points)



Larry Federico

#314 (479 Points)



John Federico

#451 (418 Points)



Judy Katz

#496 (405Points)



Sherrie Goodman

ACHIEVEMENTS

70 % GAMES

February 23-March 24

By Jim Thornton

2/27	Club Circle	Robin Lunsford, Kathy Folse	71.65%
3/6	Swiss Open	David Woods, Nelson Daigle, Daisy Vandenburg, Colleen Walker	70.00%
3/6	Club Circle	Robin Dusang, Trelah Nagy	70.44%
3/9	Swiss Open	Gus Ginsburg and teammates	72.00%
3/11	Club Open	John Federico and Larry Federico	71.85%
3/12	Swiss Open	Sherrie Goodman, Jean Talbot, David Williams, Juanita Heidingsfelder	73.00%
3/14	Club Open	John Federico, Jean Talbot	72.67%
3/14	Club 499 D	David Wright, Larry Holbrook	72.08%

