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Louisiana Bridge Association May 1, 2025

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President's Message:

Thank you to our members who helped to make our Regional a successful event and congratulations to all our winners!

This Saturday we have our Derby Day event in the afternoon with a 2 PM game (two sections if sufficient attendance) and a pot luck social hour to follow. The raffle of the lovely hat made by our member **Faye Thomas** has raised over \$300 (as of this writing several days prior to publication) and raffle tickets will be sold for several more days. The drawing will take place this Friday morning. Advance betting will also be available on Thursday and Friday.

We are starting to gear up for the Longest Day which will be held on Saturday, June 21st this year. We are particularly in need of members who have business contacts who might be willing to donate items for the silent auction. All helpers are welcome. Please see me for more information.

Certificate awards for 2024 Ace of Club and Mini-McKenney winners have been removed from the bulletin board. If you would like your certificate(s), they will be kept for a short time in a manila folder at the director's station. Mini-McKenney medallions will be awarded to winners in that category.

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Manager's Report:

Extra points and even gold points are featured this month. This Saturday we will have our Derby Day Party and Game, even though we don't have a Sectional. Horse betting will conclude as we begin the game. We will finish just in time for Mint Juleps and the Derby Race. Appetizers welcome!! Bow ties and festive hats encouraged (and someone will be the lucky winner of Faye Thomas' hat)!

Back to those glitter and extra point.....May 1 & 2 are NABC Fundraiser Games (\$9) with double points. Saturday May 3 (Derby Day) is a unit championship with double points (\$8). The week of May 5-10 and May 29-31 are Stardust games awarding ¼ gold with no extra \$1. The week of May 12-16 is Grass Roots games with double points and no extra \$1. What about silver points, you ask? May 19-21 will award silver points with no extra \$1. The rest of the days will be Club Championship games with double points and no extra \$1. Does all this sound confusing? Just plan to play every day this month and you will be rewarded with glitter and double points. Remember, we are open 3 Saturdays this month for the Derby Day and Stardust games!

Patty Tucker (remember her from Learn Bridge in a Day?) is working hard on a new program trying to get bridge into the school as a math learning tool. Every state in the union is involved except our fine state. If you have any connections at any of our public or private schools, please share them with me. The people working on this project just need an introduction. The program sells itself! We need to teach our children and grandchildren to keep this phenomenal game alive!

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

French Quarter Fest Regional

Our tournament was a tremendous success for not having had one in 12 years. For our older members, you remembered how to put on a great Regional, and for our newer members, you knew what it would take, and you all came through! We had people get their first gold points and others who added to their coffers. We even had a new Life Master!

Jim and I had a remarkable committee. Our Logistics Krewe (**Diana Powell, Mike Russell, John Hurley and Charles Waldrop**) met for months planning our move to the hotel and all the things we would need. They asked many of you to help them on moving days and you all stepped up! Thank you so much! Our Day Captains (**George & Richard Jeansonne, Pierce & Hans Jonassen, Carol & Lynn Jambon, Norris Robicheaux, Michael Maier, Trelah Nagy & Robin Dusang**) did a great job of checking the intricacies of the tournament on a daily basis to make sure everything was in order and kept as clean as possible. Our Welcome/Registration Chairs did a great job getting their committee together to cover all slots of welcoming our guests with their Southern Charm! Thank you **Sue Doody, Carol Bagalman, Cathy Alford, Robin Lunsford, and Diana Lewis** for gathering some of our friendliest members to greet our guests! **Jackie Madden**, as usual, came up with our lovely first aid kits (mine is in my purse as we speak!) and adorable stickers!

The food committee came up with a great solution to feeding us all when the hotel was unable to accommodate our needs. Thank you **Suzanne Cliffe, Suzanne Baer, Mary Belcher and Kathy Folse** for the great box lunches! Speaking of food, **Mary LeBlanc** selected great snacks for us and **Judith & Phil Luchsinger, Janet Genusa, Margaret Shirer, Dianne Chesson, Eileen Bagnetto, Margie Christian, Beth Bayer** and their helpers made sure we always had plenty of snacks. **David Woods, Carolyn Stolz, Nelson Daigle** and their committee did a great job at the Partnership Desk! **Phil Luchsinger** did his usual wonderful job of capturing moments and winners in photos so that our amazing Daily Bulletin Editor, **Louise Saik**, could keep us all well informed. Louise has a new skill set to add to her resume of tackling a new job whenever needed at LBA! You were terrific!

Thanks to our donors for honoring **Iype Koshy, Wayne Weisler, the LBA volunteers**, and the memory of **Joan Van Geffen & Mary Morgan**. Thanks to **Susan Gibbens** for running our speaker series, and thanks to **Ric Logan, Iype Koshy, Wayne Weisler, and John Federico** for sharing your knowledge and expertise with all of us. Thanks to **Kathy Plauche** for putting together Power Point presentations for some of the speakers as well as getting the equipment in place. Thank you **Sid LeBlanc and Newt Jackson** for acting as tournament treasurers.

And last, but not least, thank you to our Discipline Committee, **Larry Federico, Paul Freese, John Federico, Mike Russell, and Jean Talbot** for being on standby. Thank goodness everyone was so well behaved.....we didn't need to put you to work!

I think I can safely say the club will make several thousand when all bills are paid.

With love and gratitude,
Sherrie Goodman & Jim Thornton
Tournament Chairs

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1-2: NABC Games 2X mps \$9
May 3: Derby Day Party & game \$8
May 5-10: Stardust Week \$8
May 12-16: Grass Roots Week \$8
May 19-21: Silver Linings \$8
May 22-23, 25-28: Club Championship \$8
May 29-31: Stardust Games

NEW MEMBERS

June Foley
Erika Spengler

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Masters: Henriette Harris, Corey Lloyd, Mauri Waneka

Club Masters: Arlene Goldincastle, Susan Klees

Sectional Masters: Joe Bourgeois, Elise Read

Regional Masters: Heather Russell

Silver Life Masters: Judy Nordvoll

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Judy Nordvoll

ACHIEVEMENTS

70 % GAMES

March 25-April 27

By Jim Thornton

3/28	Club 750	Phillip and Judith Luchsinger	73.21%
3/30	Online 750	Cecile Ruiz, Hunter McFadden	78.70%
4/2	Swiss Open	Tippi Ellis and Teammates	74.00%
4/11	Club Open	Judy Katz, Jean Talbot	71.35%
4/13	Swiss Open	Sherrie Goodman, David Williams, Jean Talbot, Vicki Willis	74%
4/20	Club BEG	Marsha Cole, Barbara Gardner	70.83%
4/20	Club BEG	Chuck Meyers, Steve Johnson	75.00%
4/20	Club BEG	Christy Gardes, Liz Bergeron	75.00%
4/24	Club 199	Linda Vining, Linda Jackson	75.78%
4/24	Club 199	Jeanne and Michael Cumberland	74.58%
4/27	Club BEG	Phillip Clinton, Hank Wolf	77.56%

