

KIBITZER ♣♦♥♠

Louisiana Bridge Association July 1, 2025

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President's Message:

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We are off to a "bang!" this week with our Wes Busby Firecracker Sectional Tournament on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please note that Swiss Teams will take place on Wednesday and pairs games will be held on July 3rd and 4th.

We had a very successful Longest Day event, raising close to \$14,000 to date for Alzheimer's. More details are elsewhere in the Kibitzer. The clear Lucite box will remain on the director's desk for the next several weeks in case you have not yet donated and wish to do so (cash or check payable to Alzheimer's Assn). I will check it frequently. Such tremendous generosity from our members! We are very appreciative.

We are going to start working on a new bridge phone directory this month. A draft version will be on the front table shortly. Please check that any information you want included is correct, or add it if you or some of your information is missing. Hopefully we can publish sometime in August.

Mary Belcher is spearheading the effort to create a Partnership Board at the club to facilitate your efforts in finding partners when needed. More information forthcoming.

Keenan Romig

Club Manager's Report

My deepest gratitude to Linda Freese for helping me to bring back her Member Board that she did during her Presidency. I know I have bugged you all to collect your photos for this project, but it needed Linda's brilliant touches to bring it to fruition! If you are not on the large bulletin board, please let Linda, Phil Luchsinger or me know so we can add you to the board. Now if you have a Senior moment and can't remember someone's name, just take a peek at the board. Also, Linda did a wonderful job on our deceased members in the hallway. Take time (not during play!) to share memories of all these special people.

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

The big event this month is the Instant Matchpoint game. It is ACBL wide and the top N/S & top E/W in every section will receive a **Gold Point**. Depending on how large the game is, there could be 2-4 N/S players and 2-4 E/W players receiving gold points. Make plans with your favorite partner to play Wednesday, July 16 at 12:30. We also have NAP games July 7-11, July 14-15 & July 23-24. The Board has decided to leave the Wednesday 750 game alone, so the only qualifier for the 750 NLM "C" bracket will be on Fridays, July 11, and July 25. The Friday 12:30 game on those days will be for NLM 750 instead of for 499ers. I have posted the current list of members who have qualified so far to compete in the District online competition on the bulletin board between the restrooms. If you haven't qualified yet and would like to play in the district game, please play as often as you can these two weeks. You will have 2 weeks in August to continue to try.

Online this week is an NABC Fundraising week, so all games Monday thru Sunday are double points! Then for 2 weeks, July 14-July 27 are NAP games and there will be extra games for A , B & C Nap Strats offered. Championship is over 6000, A is under 6000, B is under 3000, and C is under 750 NLM. Call Sherrie at 504-329-7411 for further explanation.

JULY CALENDAR

July 1-6	NABC Fundraiser (online)
July 2-4	Wes Busby Firecracker Sectional Tournament (silver points)
July 7-15	NAP games
July 14-27	NAP games online
July 16	ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game (gold points)
July 23-24	NAP games

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Clare Engler

Club Masters: Nancy Gadsby & Pat G. Gernon

Sectional Masters: John M. Cumberland & Richard Jeansonne

NABC Masters: Anthony Pastor, Judith G. Rowley & David F. Wright

Advanced NABC Master: Jane F. Reynolds

LIFE MASTER



Myra Menville

LIFE MASTER & BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Susan P. Guarisco

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Sarah T. Pasternack

RUBY LIFE MASTER



Jean Faia

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER



Paul Freese

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER



Larry Federico

ACBL BRIDGE RANKINGS

ROOKIE (0-5)
JUNIOR MASTER (5+)
CLUB MASTER (20+)
SECTIONAL MASTER (50+)
REGIONAL MASTER (100+)
ADVANCED NABC MASTER (200+)
LIFE MASTER (300+) **
BRONZE LIFE MASTER (500+)**
SILVER LIFE MASTER (1000+)
RUBY LIFE MASTER (1500+)
GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500+)
SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER (3500+)
DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000+)
EMERALD LIFE MASTER (7500+)
PLATINUM LIFE MASTER (10,000+)
GRAND LIFE MASTER (10,000+) *
* and a national championship win
**varies-see 7/1/24 Kibitzer

THE LONGEST DAY

THANK YOU

Our Longest Day fundraiser on June 21st was very successful and has raised \$13,800 to date for Alzheimer's. It was heartwarming to see such a community event and so many people working together and generously opening their wallets for the cause. Our hospitality committee kept us well fed, aided by donations from our members and assistance throughout the day—including clean up after the event! Our Silent Auction raised \$2,070 thanks to that committee and their beautiful presentation, member and vendor item donations and everyone who bid on the Auction. Our great raffle salespersons resulted in a total of over \$5,000 raised for that raffle alone (won by Mary LeBlanc). Our two 50/50 raffle winners were Bill Wright and Irene Labiche and those raffles netted almost \$700. Thanks to contributing vendors Acme Oyster House, Antoine's, FQR Realtors, Langenstein's, Martin's Wine Cellar, Maurice French Pastries, Michael Joyner Catering, Perino's, Tastee Doughnuts, Trader Joe's, Zea's and Zuppardos.

The donation box will remain available at the director station for the next several weeks for anyone who has not yet made a contribution and wishes to do so. Online donations through ACBL are available through <https://act.alz.org>. Be sure to donate under our team name (Aces Against Alzheimer's) so your donation is credited to our club.



NEWS

NEW MEMBER

CHARLES E. MELANCON

70% GAMES

May 28-June 24

By Jim Thornton

5/28	Swiss Open	Sherrie Goodman, Juanita Heidingsfelder David Williams, Jean Talbot	70%
6/1	Swiss Open	Guss Ginsburg & teammates	73%
6/19	Swiss Open	Lillian Range, Kathy Logue and teammates	74%

