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Louisiana Bridge Association September 1, 2025

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President's Message

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Our Fall Beginner Bridge Classes start this week on Tuesday (morning and evening). If you know someone who might be interested in learning more about our wonderful game, please let them know. The first two lessons are free for those who aren't sure about making a commitment for the full 12 week series.

We are holding a CHAT game on Monday afternoon September 15th, open to players with no more than 50 masterpoints. Seasoned players will serve as mentors at each table. See flyers at the club for more details or contact Sue Guarisco (504-832-3074). Advance sign-up is encouraged to arrange for enough mentors.

Ilye Koshy's final two classes have been moved to this Friday and Saturday (September 5 and 6) due to the Labor Day weekend. He is also holding a free makeup class on Saturday September 13th for anyone who has paid for multiple lessons and been unable to attend one or more of them.

Congratulations to Jean Talbot and Judy Katz who are the Claire Meyer Award recipients for 2024. This is a cash stipend awarded to the two women who are the top masterpoint winners each year in our Club games. This award is generally recognized at the May Derby Day tournament which did not take place this year due to the Regional.

Keenan Romig

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The Board of Directors

Club Manager's Report

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We start off September with a wonderful Labor Day event with Lunch by Beth Bayer, our newest board member. Beth has requested and gotten the support of the club to invite the 0-20 members to have a special "Silver points" game on Monday and join in on the festive lunch by Beth. Thanks, Beth! This week's games are all **STaC games**, or Sectional Tournaments at the Club. They award double **Silver** points with the possibility of more points if you make the overalls with the rest of the District.

This month we also support the **International Fund** at ACBL with double black points on 8 days. There will be 2 **Stardust events** at the club on September 11 & 12 paying 1/3 gold points. We will also have a week of **Club Championship** Games, so check the calendar for all these special games.

We welcome the "Coffee House" group to Wednesday mornings and encourage other beginners or beginner graduates to join them for casual play with a mentor on hand to answer your questions. They meet at 9:30 and everyone plays the same hands at the same time, sometimes with group discussion after each hand.

At the virtual club, September 17-21 is double points International Fund games. Also, all Swiss games from now until the end of February will be GNT qualifiers with 150% masterpoints and ½ red and ½ black. We hope you will play in our virtual club when not playing at our face to face club.

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

Sheila Gernon & Michael C. Hollis

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS:

George L. Guarino, Connie Rogers, & Albert Solomon

NEW REGIONAL MASTER:

James Mackay

NEW NABC MASTER:

Rose M. Westphal

NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER:

Nancy D. Graham

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER:

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BEGINNER BRIDGE LESSONS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Come learn a great game!

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 September 2, 2025. First two lessons are free. 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 as well as a manual for each student. Hands-on playing time will include "at the table" mentoring by many of our club's experienced players.



BEGINNER BRIDGE DAYTIME CLASSES

Date: TUESDAY, Sept. 2, 2025
Time: 9 – 11:30 am
Cost: \$150 package of 12 lessons
First 2 lessons are free
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Package Includes a free Student Manual



BEGINNER BRIDGE NIGHT CLASSES

Date: TUESDAY, Sept. 2, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm – 9 pm
Cost: \$150 package of 12 lessons
First 2 lessons are free
Classes are each Tuesday, same time
Package Includes a free 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



August 70% (7/28-8/28)

7/31	Club	Circle	John Dubberley, Kate Gredi	75.00%
8/14	Swiss	Open	Gus Ginsburg & teammates	70.00%
8/14	Club	Circle	A.J.Freidman, Wanda Hogan	78.57%
8/18	Club	199	Robin Dusang, Diana Casey	71.00%

(Compiled by Jim Thornton)

September Calendar

September 1 – Labor Day Lunch by Beth Bayer
September 1-5 STAC Games double Silver points \$9
September 8-9 & 15-19 – International Fund Games double black points \$9
September 11 & 12 Stardust games with ½ Gold \$8
September 12-14 Gulfport Open Sectional
September 17-21 International Fund games in Virtual Clubs 2X Black points \$6
September 22-26 Club Championship games double points \$8
September 1-February 28 GNT Qualifier Games 150% ½ red & ½ black on BBO \$6

IN MEMORIAM



STEVE PLOTKIN