

KIBITZER ♣♦♥♠

Louisiana Bridge Association October 1, 2025

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President's Message:

Welcome to Fall! We have a lot going on right now. Both Wayne and Lowen are running teaching series. (See flyers at the club, in this issue of the Kibitzer, and on the website.) We are also having a Swiss mentoring game on Monday October 20th in the hope of getting more novice/intermediate players interested in playing Swiss in our upcoming Dottie Toledano Tournament. Speaking of which.... that tournament is being held at the end of October (October 29-31) in advance of the Fall time change. Costumes are welcome for Halloween day.

We are now recruiting new board members. We have four openings this year. If interested in running for the board, please sign the Willingness to Serve form on the front table or see one of the Nominating Committee members (Kathy Logue, Carol Jambon, Larry Federico) for more information. Nominations close December 1st and voting will take place during the week of the January tournament.

The new membership directory has been delayed, but we hope to publish by the end of the month. We are looking for day captains to help with our tournaments. I will be holding an information session in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping with tournament hospitality, please contact me (keenanromig@bellsouth.net or 504-905-5215).

We are featuring some additional sponsors this month, thanks to Carol Jambon's sales efforts. Finally, thank you to Ellen Lappa for her donation of a lovely crockpot for our kitchen.

Keenan Romig

Club Manager's Report:

It's so nice to be appreciated! ACBL **appreciates** us with extra point games this month with no extra \$1! We will have two full weeks of **Club Appreciation Games** along with a Team Appreciation game on October 20 and lunch before the last round. We also have a week of **Club Membership games** also with extra points and no extra \$1. **You must be current in your dues** to play October 13-17. The Team Appreciation game will actually be a **Mentoring Swiss** game with 2 mentors teaming up with 2 of our under 300 players. This is just in time for our Sectional tournament at the end of the month. The Swiss team game at our Sectional will be on Wednesday, October 29. We are hoping that these newly mentored Swiss team players will have enough participation to earn your very own section in our Sectional Tournament. The pair games will be on Thursday and Friday. For those who get into the Halloween spirit, there will be a costume contest. There is a special ACBL-wide **Senior Pairs game** for over 60 year-olds at 12:30 on Wednesday, October 15.

At our virtual club, we will be hosting **Club Appreciation games** October 6-12 including club appreciation team games on **Monday night @ 6:50, Tuesday & Thursday** nights at 6:50, and **Wednesday & Sunday @ 2:00**. The rest of the Swiss team games will be GNT qualifier games with 150% MPS, ½ red & ½ black. We will also host **ACBL Fundraiser games** on 10/22-10/26. A busy fall....indeed

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

Calendar of events:

October 1 -2 Club Appreciation games
October 3 Centennial Red game 100% mps ½ Red
October 6, 7, 10 Club Appreciation Games
*October 6-12 Club Appreciation Games
October 13-17 Club Membership week
October 20-24 Club Appreciation Games
*October 22-26 NABC Fundraiser Games
October 27-28 Centennial Silver Games
October 29-31 Dottie Toledano Sectional
October 31 Costume contest...Happy Halloween

*Online games in Virtual Club

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTORS

At least one person in each partnership must have a convention card. If a director asks to see your card and neither you nor your partner has one, you will be fined ¼ of a board.

Also, if you arrive late for a game, and the director allows you to play, you will be fined ¼ of a board for each minute that you are late. All players should be in the building 5 minutes before game time.

ROAD WARRIORS

Meridian Sectional

Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay	were 1 st in C and earning	1.25 Silver mps
Raphael Velazquez & Toni Talbott	were 2 nd in C earning	.82 Silver mps
Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay	were 2 nd in C earning	.95 Silver mps
Raphael & Toni Talbott	were 1 st in C earning	.94 Silver mps
Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay	were 1 st in C earning	1.25 Silver mps.

Gulfport Sectional

Tom Hassell & Raphael Velazquez	were 2 nd in A & earned	1.85 Silver mps
Mike Hollis & Marty Brantley	were 2 nd in C & earned	1.02 Silver mps
Vicki Willis, Jacob Karno, Wayne Weisler	were 3 rd in Swiss A & earned	6.84 Silver mps
Elizabeth Sewell & team	were 1 st in Swiss B & earned	6.00 Silver mps
Dottie Stephenson , Jane Reynolds & team	were 2 nd in Swiss C & earned	1.32 Silver mps
Beth Bayer, Jim Mackay, Mike Hollis & Marty Brantley	were 3 rd in Swiss C & earned	.28 Silver mps
Kathy Logue & Iype Koshy	were 3 rd in A & earned	4.90 Silver mps
Pat & Sheila Gernon	were 1 st in C & earned	1.56 Silver mps
Suzanne Baer & partner	were 2 nd in B & earned	3.19 Silver mps

**The Louisiana Bridge Association
Presents
Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament
October 29 – October 31, 2025**

2709 Edenborn Avenue Metairie, LA 70002 Phone: (504) 889-0869 Sanction # 2510385

Wednesday, October 29

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Meal served after 3 rounds)-----10:00 am & TBA

Thursday, October 30 (Lunch provided between sessions)

0-20 Mps (0-5 mps get one free play)-----10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified 499'er Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, October 31 (Lunch provided between sessions)

Stratified Open Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified 499'er Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

All sessions above are single events

Refreshments and free coffee at all games

Entry fees \$14.00 per person; \$18 for unpaid ACBL members

Entry fee for SWISS: \$120 for 4-member Swiss Teams

Open Stratified Events:

A (2500+) B (750-2500) C (0-750)

Tournament Chair

Keenan Romig (504) 905-5215

Keenanromig@bellsouth.net

499'er Stratified Events:

A (300-499) B (100-299) C (0-99)

0-20 Events:

(5-20) B (0-5)

Partnership Chair:

Pierce & Hans Jonassen

piercehans@aol.com

504-220-5485

DIC: Kevin Perkins

**All pair and team events will be based on average master points and may be
adjusted by the director based on attendance. SILVER masterpoints awarded.**

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NEW JUNIOR MASTERS:

MARGARET ADAMS, JOHN DUBBERLY, JULIE LAFARGUE, MAEGHAN LIVACARRI, DESLYS RUSSELL

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

LORRAINE CRAWFORD, SHANNON MARTIN

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS:

HANS JONASSEN, DEB LLOYD

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS:

GARY LLOYD, ELLIS MUROV ANTOINETTE TALBOTT

NEW NABC MASTER:

JATINDER JOLLY

CONGRATULATIONS

GRAND LIFE MASTER CHRIS MOLL, FORMER LBA MEMBER, JUST REACHED 20,000 MASTERPOINTS

September 70% (thru 9/28)

9/18	Swiss	Sherrie Goodman and teammates	75.00%
9/21	Swiss	Audrey Cerise, Jane Goldring and teammates	74.00%
9/25	Club Circle	Robert Harmon, Carmel Cucinotto	76.70%

(Compiled by Jim Thorton)

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES



Need to improve your Bridge game??

**Wayne Weisler is offering
a series of refresher classes
including 2/1 bidding and play of
the hand which will help to
improve your bidding and play**

**STARTING
Saturday,
Sept. 27**

WHEN: Saturdays in SEPT-NOV

TIME: 9:30 am - noon

**Cost: Package of 6 lessons - \$180
or \$35/lesson**



TOPICS

- 9/27 2/1 vs Standard American*
- 10/04 FORCING NO TRUMP – Keystone to the
2/1 System – Bidding without Game Pts*
- 10/18 Making a Plan(Counting Winners
and Losers)*
- 10/25 Developing Tricks – Ruff or Sluff
or Establish a Suit)*
- 11/01 Transportation – Timing and Entries*
- 11/08 Dealing with Unique Shapes*

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Wednesday's 1:30PM - 3:30PM

October 1, 8, 22 November 5, 12, 19

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