

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association December 1, 2025

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President's Message:

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Our Holiday pot luck is fast approaching. Thanks to Judith Luchsinger and Mary LeBlanc for co-hosting the event. The club provides the main course and we hope you will sign up to bring your favorite appetizer, side dish or dessert. It is always a bounty!

Nominations for the board of directors have now closed. Please review pictures and bios; the nominating committee will host a "Meet and greet the candidates" on Friday the 12th at 11 AM before the Pot Luck luncheon. I hope you will take this opportunity to get to know these players who are willing to make a three-year commitment as a board member. We have four openings this year. Voting will take place during the week of January 5th which culminates in our Julius Rosenblum tournament; election results will be announced on Saturday at the Annual Meeting during the Swiss Teams lunch break. The tournament information is also in this Kibitzer.

Wishing all of you a safe and joyful holiday season.

Keenan Romig

Club Manager's Report:

December brings gifts for this holiday season. Gold points being the most desired. Our STaC week, December 8-12, is a Royal STaC awarding ¼ Gold, ¼ Silver, ¼ Red & ¼ Black with extra points. The next week is Stardust Week awarding 1/3 Gold in every game. We will have Club Championships and Unit Championships for the rest of December. What a way to celebrate this season of Giving!

Our virtual club is still helping the club stay in the black! Our presence on Realbridge.online is growing, and we still have 1999er games, and Thursday night and Sunday afternoon GNT Swiss games on BBO. On December 5-7, we have Holly Day events with 2X mps. All of our Swiss games have 150% ½ Red points. If you have not tried RealBridge.online yet, I highly recommend you sign up for one of their practice games. These are 8 board games for no fee to help you get used to the new Website.

Our Coffee & Bridge group is having a wonderful time bidding and playing hands for practice with a mentor at the table. Thanks to Carolyn Stoltz for encouraging these players to practice at the club. Thank you, Mentors, for helping with this project. As one mentor puts it, "We are having more fun than the beginners!" I think we all feel that way. Come join us any Wednesday morning at 9:30, but please let me know you are coming so that we make sure each table has a mentor. Happy Holidays to all!

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS:

BROOKS TROTTER & MICHAEL WIEGARD

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

MARTY BRANTLEY, JOHN DUBBERLEY, WANDA HOGAN & CECILE MANY

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER:

WAYNE COOPER

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS:

PIERCE JONASSEN & MICHAEL MAHER

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER



NEWT JACKSON



JULIUS ROSENBLUM SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Jan. 8th thru 10th, 2026

THE LOUISIANA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

2709 EDENBORN AVE., METAIRIE, LA. 70002

Sanction # 2501346

THURSDAY, January 8, 2026

0-20 Pairs (0-5 MPs get free play) 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 499'er Pairs.....10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 9, 2026

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 499'ers Pairs..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

ABOVE GAMES ARE SINGLE-SESSION EVENTS

SATURDAY, January 10, 2026

Bracketed Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m. & TBA

(Lunch served after 3 rounds)

Lunch provided each day between sessions and free coffee at all games.

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

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

STRATIFIED EVENTS

OPEN STRATIFIED:

(A) 2500+ (B) 750-2500

(C) 0-750

499'ers STRATIFIED:

(A) 300-499 (B) 100-299

(C) 0-99

O-20 Events:

A (5-20) B (0-5)

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Masterpoint ranges may be adjusted by director based on attendance and all pair events will be based on average masterpoints. Silver masterpoints awarded.

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LBA's Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 12th
POTLUCK @ 11:30 am

GAMES START
at 12:30 and 1 pm

*Please sign up to
Bring a side dish,
snack or dessert!*

Join us for Board Member Candidates MEET AND GREET 11am prior to Lunch.



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December Calendar

December 1-2 Unit Championships
December 3 Night game Unit Championship
December 4-5 Club Championships
December 5-7 Holly Day events on BBO & Realbridge.online 2x Mps
December 8-12 Royal STaC
December 10 Centenniel Gold with Grand Slam Swisson RealBridge!!!
December 15-20 Stardust Week 33% Gold Points
December 22-24 Club Championships.
December 25. No Game Merry Christmas!
December 25-26 Centennial Silver games on
December 29-31 Unit Championships



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THANKS, MENTORS

Most often in a successful program within an organization there are people who never get “their due”. The management glows in the benefits of the program. The program’s director receives praises and is encouraged to continue her program. The instructor gets his/her due laurels. But the everyday people seem to go unrecognized. So let me send out thanks to Mike Russell (who faithfully mentors the Thursday morning 0-20 game) and Sherrie Goodman and Carolyn Stolz (who lead the Wednesday Coffee Group) and Sue Krajcer and Maureen Richoux (who



coordinated the Beginner Class mentors). But I also send out a big **THANK YOU** to all you who mentored by serving in the trenches without recognition. Without you these continuing games and educational settings would not flourish. I am here to say your service is appreciated and crucial to our educational programs. It is a great challenge to teach this game to a room full of students whose experiences with the game run the gambit from never having played to having played years ago and often not in the duplicate bridge setting. To address all the issues and all the questions is quite a task. Especially when they go to the tables to play. I am happy to say that you have stepped up where we needed you in all the club’s venues offering mentoring.

Oh, by the way, the club will always need Mentors in future endeavors. So don’t be surprised if you get a tap on the shoulder to help once again.

Kathy Plauche

My name is Beth Bayer, and I have come up with a way for the club to earn some money for beautifications projects (specifically: new flooring, a nice paint job and some new lighting.)

A raffle will be ongoing. Feel free to bring in anything you think might sell at a raffle. Come up with a reasonable price; the money for the club to be determined by a committee. If you wish to outright donate any items, it would be welcome! When that amount of tickets is purchased, we will pull the winning ticket.

If you see something that you really like and no tickets have been purchased, feel free to buy it outright.

Questions or suggestions? Text me. (504-931-6319)

70% GAMES by Jim Thornton

10/28-11/25 November 70%

10/27	Open Club	Jean Talbot, Jerrilyn Stumpf	70.00%
10/28	1999er	Newt Jackson, Michael Mooney	74.64%
11/10	Open Club	James Thornton, Sherrie Goodman	79.76%
11/11	1999er	Greg Brown, Sheryl Thompson	77.76%
11/14	Open Club	Jean Talbot, David Williams	71.25%
11/18	Beg Club	Vera Schlesinger, Mike Vidos	75.00%
11/25	Open Club	John and Larry Federico	73.75%

