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Louisiana Bridge Association July 1, 2026

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President's Message:

We had a very successful Longest Day event last month; a significant amount of funds was raised for the Alzheimer's Association. A full report is included below. The event was chaired by Keenan Romig and George Jeansonne, and we are very thankful for their hard work that made this a successful event.

We will be celebrating Independence Day a day early at the club on July 3. Hot Dogs, baked beans and coleslaw will be served. So put on your red, white, and blue and join the fun.

The Wes Busby Firecracker sectional tournament will be held July 23 through 25. We are very fortunate to have Arlene GoldinCastle and Cathy Kenny volunteer to co-chair the tournament with Carolyn Stolz volunteering as the partnership chair. This is the first time for them to chair so please support them.

The Board of Directors has approved an increase in game fees to \$10 effective July 1st. The fee will be the same for regular and special games; tournaments are excluded. The club's operating and maintenance expenses continue to increase. Despite seeing more players at our Face-to-Face games, attendance remains approximately 35% below pre-Covid levels (a loss of roughly \$55,000 per year). Until recently, online play generated much-needed revenue to offset in-person losses. However, changes in online games have resulted in diminished revenue so that is no longer the case. As a result, the increase in game fees is necessary for the club's financial stability. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

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July Calendar

July 1-7	Nap games at LBA
July 3 11:45	Hot dogs served before the game
July 5	NAP on RB & BBO
July 8	Handicap Game by Reservation
July 18	Swiss Mentoring game
July 11-19	33% Silver on RB, BBO, & at LBA
July 20-31	NAP on BBO and RB
July 22	ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game
July 23-25	Wes Busby Sectional
July 20-31	NAP Games online at RB & BBO
July 27-31	NAP games at LBA

Club Manager's Report:

Our \$10 Game Entry fee begins this month. All games are \$10, but the good news is: we have so many special games this month that will NOT cost an extra \$1. We have two weeks of Nap games with extra points, ½ Red and ½ black. (More on this later.) We will be serving **Hot Dogs** on **Friday, July 3rd** before the games at 11:45. We are having the July handicap game on Wednesday, July 8. There will be extra points for this game. On July 22 is the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game, so in place of the 750 game we will **all** strive to win those gold points! Depending on how many sections we have, there will be a Gold point for each N, S, E, and W in each section. There is also the possibility of more Gold if you place in the District or National pools. Our Wes Busby Sectional tournament is July 23-25. Carolyn Stolz has set up a partnership request board in the hall across from the kitchen. Please put up your request here or look for a partner.

Now for the big news! Our club is now part of the **Community Club** with ACBL. The clubs included in this Community are BBO **Clubhouse** games, RealBridge **Real Deal** games, all **in person** games at the clubs, and all virtual clubs (**LBA/LBC/ET AL**) included. What this means is whenever ACBL has glitter points (Gold, Red, & Silver) in the Community games, we all get to have them and there is no extra table fee! For July, we will have **33% silver** in **all** games from July 13-19. This is during the NABC, so if you can't go to Minneapolis, you can still win some special glitter points right here at **LBA**.

At the virtual club, LBA/LBC/ET AL on BBO and RealBridge will be having 33% from July 11-19. We will also have Nap Games on BBO and RealBridge on July 5 and July 20-31. We hope you will play often and earn the 150% ½ red and ½ black MPS.

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)



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Thanks to All...

...for a super successful Longest Day Fundraiser to benefit Alzheimer's. As of this writing, we have received \$16,330. Thanks to our Corporate Sponsors in the Silent Auction: **Luis Colmenares** (who donated the metal lamp and two paintings), **Martin's Wine Cellar** (the large wine basket) and **Trader Joe's** (shopping smorgasbord).

We were overwhelmed by our members' generosity. Many unnamed members donated cash to pay for all the wonderful meals served throughout the day and several members opted to skip playing and handle kitchen service. Some of our members also purchased/donated items for our silent auction. And, of course, we want to thank everyone who came out to play and who supported our raffles and auction. Our club came together to ensure a great event and we can't thank you enough.

On the Longest Day, we had 31 tables overall. The weekly free play for one year was won by Mary LeBlanc (who won this last year as well). Roughly one-third of our donations are attributable to that very popular raffle and our enthusiastic ticket sellers. The 50/50 raffle winners were Philip Luchsinger (winning \$300) and Faye Thomas (\$360).

We are super appreciative of your support for this worthwhile cause.

George Jeansonne & Keenan Romig

**THE 70% GAMES FOR JUNE WILL BE
PUBLISHED IN THE AUGUST KIBITZER
ALONG WITH JULY'S.**

**WES BUSBY FIRECRACKER
2026 SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
JULY 23RD THROUGH JULY 25TH
THE LOUISIANA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
2709 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, LA 70002
Phone: 504-889-0869 Sanction #: 2607318**

THURSDAY, July 23rd

Stratified 0 – 20 Pairs (under 5 MPs play for free).....10 am

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 am & 2:30 pm

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

FRIDAY, July 24th

Stratified 0 – 20 Pairs10 am

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 am & 2:30 pm

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

All sessions above are single events.

SATURDAY, July 25th ALL DAY SESSION

 **Swiss Teams (lunch served after 3 rounds).....10:00 am & TBA**

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

**Entry fees of \$14.00 per person. \$18 for unpaid ACBL members
\$120 for 4-member Swiss Team**

OPEN Stratified Events:

A (2500+) B (750-2500) C (0-750) D (0-20)

499'er Stratified Events:

A (350-499) B (200-350) C (0-200)

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by director based on attendance and
all pair events will be based on
average masterpoints. Silver
masterpoints awarded.*

