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Louisiana Bridge Association OCTOBER 1, 2026

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President's Message:

Last month we had a very successful *8 is enough* game on Saturday, September 26 with 16 tables. Not only was it successful, but it was a lot of fun and a great way to get to know members that we don't often get a chance to play with. Many thanks to Lil Range and her assistants, Kathy Plauche and Theresa Federico, for their hard work and to others that brought food.

Mark your calendars for the Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament October 29 to 31. Many thanks in advance to Lucinda Stentz and Gayle Martinez who are co-chairing the tournament which is very much appreciated. Don't forget that the 31st is Halloween, and we'll be having a costume contest that day. Be careful driving home; the kids will probably be out trick or treating by then.

We have started the process for nominations for the Board of Directors. Nominations will be open until December 1, and elections will be held during the second week of January and conclude on Saturday, January 16. A signup sheet will soon be posted on the front bulletin board with more details. Hans Jonassen is the chair of the nominating committee; he along with the rest of the board can answer any questions you might have.

We are hosting a Regional Tournament next spring, April 12 through 16. It takes a lot of work to setup and run a regional tournament. Please volunteer some of your time. Please contact Vicki Willis, Sherrie Goodman or myself, and we will be glad to discuss volunteer opportunities with you. We will be holding the tournament at the Jefferson-Orleans. It's a couple of blocks away from our club towards the interstate on Edenborn. The lighting is significantly better than the Copeland Towers where we had our last regional, and they will be providing an option for you to purchase lunch, probably po'boys and salad. The new hotel that is currently being built is right next door and should be completed in January. We're still trying to get the name of a contact person for the hotel, so we can hopefully get a block rate for the out-of-town players.

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Club Manager's Report:

October is one of my favorite months. It is **Club Appreciation** Month when ACBL lets us know how important we are to them. They usually give us 2 weeks of double black points with no extra fee, but this year they are giving us Club Appreciation games for the whole month! We also have an **ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint** game on Wednesday, October 21 which awards a **Gold** point for the top North/South team and the top East/West team in each section. If we have enough participation, we could award 8 Gold points! A few years ago, Joann Ippolito got her Life Master playing in this game! I would like to remind the 750 game that they can play in both the 750 game at 9:30 and the 1:00 Instant Mathpoint game, if they so choose on Wednesday, October 21. I am pretty sure your Club Manager will have some snacks for the afternoon game.

We are having a **Mentoring Swiss** on Saturday, October 10 at 12:30 to help us all get ready for our Sectional tournament. This game will be by reservation, so please sign up on the list at the club, or RSVP to Sherrie at mail@la-bridge.com or text 504-329-7411. Come with your favorite partner, and we will help you form a team!

Our **Dottie Toledano Halloween Sectional Tournament** will be October 29-31. There will be a 0-20 game on Thursday at 10:00 for our newer players. Saturday, the Swiss teams game promises to be a "Spooktacular" event. Some of our members may be decked out in their spooky finery. This game is always a lot of fun, so I hope some of our newer players will participate. If there are enough of you, you can have your own section!

Our virtual club will have **Club Appreciation Games** from October 5 to October 11. All games are double points with no extra fee. All our Swiss games online are **GNT 150% with ½ red and ½ black points**. October 26-31 will be **Tricky Treats!** Each game online will have 10% Red, Silver or Gold! The treat will be revealed when you get your results! Who doesn't love Halloween!!!

Sherrie Goodman

October Calendar

October 1-28	Club Appreciation Games
October 1-29	GNT Swiss All online Swiss games
October 5-11	Online Club Appreciation Games
October 10	Mentoring Swiss Game
October 21	ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game
October 26-31	Tricky Treats Online
October 29-31	Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament

The Louisiana Bridge Association Presents Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament October 29 – October 31, 2026

2709 Edenborn Avenue Metairie, LA 70002
Phone: (504) 889-0869 Sanction # 2610360

Thursday, October 29 (Lunch provided between sessions)

0-20 Mps (0-5 play for free)-----10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Stratified 499'er Pairs-----10: 00 am & 2:30 pm

Friday, October 30 (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

Saturday, October 31

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

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)

499'er Stratified Events:

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

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

Tournament Chair

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DIRECTOR: 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.

Hotel: Comfort Inn and Suites

**at Copeland Tower 2601 Severn Avenue
Metairie, LA 70002**

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ask for: LA BRIDGE CENTER ROOM BLOCK RATE

**Halloween Day
Costume Contest**



RANK ADVANCEMENTS

JUNIOR LIFE MASTERS

Susan Mulderick, Terry Lynn Olivier, Debbie Zimmer

CLUB MASTERS

John Christie, Kate Gredil, Corey Lloyd, James Riley

SECTIONAL MASTERS

Marty Brantley, Mary Hevron, Elizabeth Macdiarmid

REGIONAL MASTERS

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Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sunday: Closed



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SEPTEMBER 70% GAMES (thru 9/27)

9/8	299	Club	Shannon Martin, Connie Rodgers	70.83%
9/10	Circle	Club	John Christie, Kay Richardson	74.31%
9/14	199	Club	Norm Dufour, Trelah Nagy	77.50%
9/14	199	Club	Caroline Stolz, James Koch	72.98%
9/17	Open	Club	Kathy Logue, Judy Katz	73.81%'
9/17	Circle	Club	Kathryn Dubos, Anne Sanders	72.22%
9/17	499	Club	David Wright, Carol Jambon	72.00%
9/24	499	Club	Mike Schlosser, Albert Solomon	70.00%



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JUDGMENTS in BRIDGE

Fridays in the Fall



**Learning how to use
sound judgment in
getting to the best bid
and the best results.**

WHEN: FALL 2026 – 3rd Friday each month
Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, & Dec. 18th
TIME: 9:30 to 11:30 am
Cost: \$25 each lesson

TOPICS

- ***Getting to Game***
- ***Do we have slam?***
- ***Tips for Play of the Hand***
- ***Exploring all your options***
- ***And MORE***

STARTING
Friday,
Sept. 18th

To register: Contact Wayne Weisler or Sue Guarisco

Wayne cell: 504- 417-6369

Sue G: cell: 504-722-2578 email: sueguarisco@gmail.com

Payment must be cash, check or VENMO to Wayne Weisler

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