

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association
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Davis, Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Farewells, for whatever reason, are always somehow sad. But the time has come for me to say farewell.

First I want to publicly thank Mary, my wife, through sickness and injury, for giving me the freedom to be away from home to spend my time and effort at the Bridge Club during the two plus years after Katrina that allowed me to serve as your President.

Our club is well and financially sound. Our table count, assisted by a great E-Z Bridge and novice attendance, under the guidance of Doug de Montluzin, Suzanne Cliffe, and Linda Stockton, is growing close to our pre-Katrina count.

We conducted a successful Regional tournament at a downtown hotel for the first time in many years, under the leadership of Sid LeBlanc.

Our Katrina remodeling plan provided us with a well-lighted, attractive playing area and outstanding kitchen. Paul Freese did a super job of coordinating and was ably assisted by Bob Woderson, Bob Berthelot,

Anne Plauche, Keenan Romig, Sid LeBlanc, Linda Freese and everyone who helped.

We will always be grateful to Beverly Karl, who found the American Legion Post for our games from November 2005 until our return home October 2006. Beverly also assigned

directors, served as chairman of the 2007 Nominating Committee and filled a Board vacancy for part of 2007. Beverly also

served as Secretary at our annual meeting.

Our Kibitzer is up and running under the editorship of Grace Davis.

Our games, daily, special and tournaments, have gone well under the coordination of Dick Brammell, our wonderful Club Manager, Sally Toups, Jean Talbot and by the timely report filings to the ACBL by Linda Stockton who took over from Doug de Montluzin.

Our interior club decorations have been attractive under the guidance of Eileen Bagnetto, assisted by Jane and Doug de Montluzin and Anne Plauche.

Our refreshments and coffee, thanks to Keenan Romig and the "cookie lady", Jackie Madden, have been enjoyable.

Thanks to Keenan Romig for our updated telephone directory. Well done to Dianne Chesson, directors assignments, and Nancy Gates, replacing Sue Maly for sympathy and get well cards.

Well done, Jim Thornton, for our membership updates, membership of 651 and handling the voting booth. The average age of our membership is 69.4. Again, thanks for our perennial vote counters, Ann Barone and Marlene Ruckert for another job well done.

Thanks to longtime Board Members, Nonie Leavitt and Jennie Sauviac with many years of dedicated service, who resigned from the Board in 2007.

Well done to Grace Davis who translated my scribblings and put the

KIBITZER into well versed news.

Criticism is expected and welcome with the hope that we can do better. Critics are invited to run for the Board during the next election.

Let's make an all out effort to clean up after our morning games -- putting used cups, etc. in the trash cans. Often this has been my request, but not very often has this been done.

Six new Board of Directors members will attend their first board meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008:

Ellie Brammell, *Jackie Madden, *Keenan Romig, Elaine Prager. Term expires 12-31-10. Tim Calamari, Dee Moses. Term expires 12-31-09. *Incumbent.

New officers will be elected to serve for the year 2008.

- Ed Baldinger

EDITORIAL OPINION:

After Katrina, many, many people worked hard to revive our club. I'm thankful to each and every one of you. However, no one worked harder or sacrificed more than our President, Ed Baldinger. In my opinion, Ed was the glue that held our club together. And, regardless of what he says about his "scribblings", he and I have managed to publish the KIBITZER every month since February, 2007. Thank you, Ed. Working with you has been a joy and a pleasure.

- Grace Davis

Attendance at our
Tournament- Jan 2-6.

221-1/2 Tables
Chair: Dee Moses &
Suzanne Cliffe

Thurs. Aft.
Open

N/S - Ellie Miller & Bob Bowers
E/W - Jean Talbot & Ann Barone

Section C

N/S - Janet Patterson &
Bonnie Nelson
E/W - Ann Babington & Patricia
Burke

Thur. Eve.
Open

N/S - Judy Katz &
John Brumfield E/W - Jane
de Montluzin
& Jim Thornton
Section C N/S -
Carolyn York &
Betty Townsend E/W -
Jane Patterson
& John Patterson

Fri. Aft.
Open

N/S Louis Fiorella &
Jamie Bush
E/W - Michael Falcon &
John Onstott

Section C

N/S - Kathleen Savino & Marian
Petry
E/W - Jane Goldring &
Sue Balmer

Fri. Eve.
Open

N/S - Joe Gottler & Scott
Stearns
E/W - John Onstott & Michael
Falcon

Sat. Morn.
Open

N/S - Louis Fiorella & Chuck
Pitard
E/W - Jean Talbot & Joan Van
Geffen

Sat Morn. Side Game N/S - Dot
Babin &

John Brumfield
E/W - Fay Batt &
Helen St. Romain

Sat. Morn. Section C

N/S - Linda Gallagher & Pris
Daly
E/W - Jane Patterson & John
Patterson

Sat. Aft. Side Game N/S -
Kitten Haag &
Doug de Montluzin E/W -
John Sitton &
Julius Rosenfield

THURS. COMPACT K.O'S
Donald Daigle, Michael Falcon,
Carl Merlin, Dee Moses.

FRI. COMPACT K.O'S
Judy Katz, Hippo Katz, Bummy
Rosenfield, Lil Range

SUN. SWISS TEAMS

Section A

Judy Katz, Maurice Katz, Jean
Talbot, Joan Van Geffen

Section A-X

John Liukkonen, Doris Liukkonen,
John Federico, August Bagert,
Judith Ruch

Section B

Jean Russo, Beverly Karl, David
Wolf, James Thornton

Section C

Cathy Rantz, Betty Townsend,
Kathleen Savino, Carolyn York

SPECIAL CLUB EVENTS

January 14-20

Club Championship Week
All Sessions - \$6.00 fee

January 21st

Unit Championship Game
10:30 A.M. \$6.00 fee

February 2

Intl. Fund Game #1
Noon - \$6.00 fee

February 2-10

District 10 Week - All
Sessions - Shuffle & Play
Format - \$7.00 fee

February 5 - Mardi Gras

I'm sure party will be
planned

February 12

Unit Championship Game
10:30 A.M. - \$6.00 fee

AREA TOURNAMENTS

January 12-13

NAOP District Finals
Vicksburg, MS.

January 28 - thru Feb. 3

Biloxi Regional

The January Sectional was a
huge success. I want to
thank the people who made it
all possible. First of all, my
co-chair Suzanne Cliffe, and
my right hands, Jackie

Madden and Don Daigle, all
of whose experience and
expertise made my job a
pleasure. It sure makes it easy
when capable people like
these are there, eager and
willing to help with any favor
you ask of them.

Then to my day captains:
Linda Worley; Jane de
Montluzin and Larry
Federico; Mary LeBlanc and

Suzanne Wooderson; Cherryl
and John Mitchell; Keenan
Romig; Dianne Chesson; and
Peggy Allen, thanks for
agreeing to organize food
and volunteers to make sure
we were well and amply fed.

Kudos to Judy Katz, Dick
Bagnetto, Bob Berthelot,
Juanita Heidingsfelder, Lynn
Giordano, Don Daigle, and
Julie Roberts, any of whom
could get a job in a catering
company on the
recommendation of those of
us who enjoyed the red
beans, gumbo, salad or pasta
they so kindly provided for
150 of us for lunch!!

Jane Goldring was
responsible for donating the
wine on Thursday and Friday
nights in memory of

her father-in-law, Steve
Goldring and Natalie and
Julius Rosenblum, for whom
the tournament is named, in
honor of their love of bridge.
Thank you Jane!

To name all of those who
donated cash and food for
the four days of the
tournament would require an
extra page of this newsletter,
so we thank all of you for
your generosity too. We are
a hungry bunch and
everything you did was
greatly appreciated. This was
a group effort and what a
terrific group we are!

Dee Moses

70% Club
Open & Intermediate
Games

Jack Ryan &
Audrey Cerise
81.25

Kitten Haag &
Doug de Montluzin
75.89