



## Louisiana Bridge Association April 2016

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### President's Message April 2016

Congratulations to our 2015 Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. A list of winners and runners-up is posted on the bulletin board. See also p.3 of this Kibitzer for the winners. The Ace of Clubs masterpoint races are won by the player in each masterpoint category who earns the most masterpoints in club games during the year. Mini-McKenney awards are based on total masterpoints earned. Awards will be presented on Friday May 6th during our Derby day tournament.

The Finesse West traveling bridge group will be at our club on Tuesday April 12th and the games will be huge. A \$10 fee for our members includes lunch. Please sign up in advance at the club so that we can plan the hot lunch. PLEASE NOTE—BOTH THE OPEN AND THE LIMITED GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 a.m.

Our Spring 299er tournament is scheduled for April 15-17. Karen Lay and Annette Wille are co-chairs and Elizabeth Sewell is the partnership chair.

The special Swiss team mentoring game, originally scheduled for Saturday April 23, has been postponed.

### Larry Federico

PLAY NICE PLAY NICE

### April Events

**Apr 7** Unit Championship Thurs Aft  
**Apr 12** Finesse West Visitors – Unit Champ  
Tues 10:30 AM Open AND Limited  
**Apr 14** ACBL-wide Charity Game Thurs noon  
**Apr 15-17** Metairie 299er Sectional Fri-Sun  
**Apr 22-24** Lafayette 299er Sectional Fri-Sun  
**Apr 27** Inter-Club Championship Wed \$7 entry  
Extra Points  
**May 5-8** Metairie Sectional Thurs-Sun

**Reno NABC Achievements**—Overall placings in nationally rated events and firsts in other events

*Jeffrey Juster* 4th Kay Platinum Pairs,  
41st Silodor Open Pairs  
*John Onstott-Drew Casen* 17-32 Vanderbilt KO Teams,  
45th Jacoby Swiss Teams, 1st Thursday Open Swiss  
*John Onstott* 1st Friday Compact KO

### Birmingham Regional Firsts

*Lew Moore-Nelson Daigle-Geoff Chichester-Bill Beaushaw* Mon Aft Side Swiss Flt B (tie) and  
Tues-Wed KO Bkt 2

### Hattiesburg Sectional First

*Iype Koshy & Chuck Pitard* Sat Am Open Pairs

### Gulfport NLM First

*Cindy Lewis-Gail Fayard-Jean Frank-Joan Lennox*  
Sun Swiss

### Jackson Regional Transportation Note

The Jackson Regional will be May 16-22. Chuck Wilkinson points out that Amtrak Service between New Orleans and Jackson is less than \$30 round trip, and the train station in Jackson is less than one block from the hotel. See the tournament flyer for more information and the letter from Chuck posted on our bulletin board.

### 70 Percent Games

**Open Pairs** *Judy Katz & Joan Van Geffen* 71.31% Mar 1  
*Nelson Daigle & Carl Merlin* 70.42% Mar 10  
*Bob Bowers & James Bush* 71.06% Mar 11  
*David Wolf & Beth Todd* 70.0% Mar 20  
*Nelson Daigle & Sharon Henry* 71.56% Mar 29  
**299er Pairs** *Kathy Gilmore & Barbara Fitz-Hugh* 72.32%  
Mar 10

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Garoutte, Yvonne Hunter, Regina Lebeau,  
Maureen Talley

**In Memoriam**  
*Dr. Doris Gavins*

### Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpots

**Mar 9** *Bummy Rosenfield & Suzanne Baer, Juanita Heidingsfelder & Jean Talbot*  
**Mar 22** *Jim Thornton & Marcy Pick* \$15

## RANK ADVANCEMENTS

### NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

*Marva Arceneaux, Raymond Danahay,  
Stephanie Navarre*

### NEW CLUB MASTERS

*Myra Menville, Steven Plotkin,  
Frank Whiteley*

### NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

*Susan Beoubay, Sharon Ordoyne,  
David Williams, Sharon Wood*

### NEW NABC MASTERS

*Mike Anthony, David Scherer*

### NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTER

*Cindy Lewis*

### NEW LIFE MASTERS

*Audrey Cerise, Ueli Geissmann, Judy Serou*

### NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

*Audrey Cerise, Kathleen Savino*

### NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

*Carmela Wellman*

### NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

*Beth Todd*

### NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

*Guss Ginsburg, James Thornton*

## DIRECTOR SOUNDING OFF Part II by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

**Lead down** and avoid penalties.

**When your partner does not follow** with the suit lead, you are allowed to ask partner to check and be sure he/she has none.

**Cell phones** are not allowed in the playing area. Turn them off.

**Arrive at your table** before game time, and discuss your partnership agreements.

**Have a convention card** filled out with your systems and refer to it before the game starts.

**When the game is finished** bring your supplies to the director before you leave the building.

**We should consider our bridge club** an extension of our home, and always clean any mess we are responsible for before we exit the club.

**PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH.** It is difficult to accurately defend against 1NT (15-17)-P-P-P. It is even more difficult and often somewhat dramatic to defend against 1NTX (doubled). In a Baton Rouge Swiss Team event I held ♠J109 ♥10xx ♦xxx ♣Kxxx when RHO dealt and opened 1NT (15-17). The auction proceeded 1NT-P-P-X-P-(?), causing me to ponder whether to pass or pull---and with no place to run I passed. I made the obvious lead of the ♠J. Dummy appeared with ♠xxx ♥Qxx ♦Jxxx ♣Jx. Partner played low, encouraging (we play "upside-down" attitude and count signals) and declarer ducked. I continued with the ♠10, whereupon declarer, holding ♠AQxx ♥xx ♦A10 ♣AQxxx, won with the ♠Q, revealing that my partner no doubt held the ♠K. Declarer then led a low club toward dummy's jack, which won, and another club back to the queen, which I won with the king. From the table action it seemed to me that declarer held ♠AQx and partner ♠Kxxx, so I continued with the ♠9. Disaster! Now declarer made 2NTX. If I had just switched to a heart, any heart, we would have won five hearts, the spade jack and the club king, seven tricks, for down one doubled. So what went wrong with the defense, aside from my failure to switch to a heart? Our defense signals went wrong. Partner's hand was ♠Kxx ♥AKJxx ♦KQx ♣xx. My lead of the jack denied a higher honor. So partner should have played the king at trick one, to DISCOURAGE further spade leads. If allowed to hold the lead, partner should have first played the heart king, to indicate the suit she wanted lead, and then played a second spade in case I had four. Then, when I got in with the ♣K, I would have had a blueprint to lead a heart, not another spade. There are three points to be made with this sad tale of a failed defense. First, when you are the declarer in 1NTX and have seven easy tricks available to you, don't be greedy and play to make 2NT, even though declarer successfully did so in this case. Declarer actually carelessly gave me the chance to defeat an unbeatable doubled contract. Shame on declarer for giving me the chance and double shame on me for missing it---and, to make things even worse, I missed it when I could have saved partner from her chancy double and missed signalling opportunity. Second, on occasion, and this hand was such an occasion, the play of the king on partner's jack can be a discouraging signal, a most unusual situation. Third, and most importantly, caution must be exercised before doubling "under" a strong 1NT opener. The position of the high cards so often favors the bidder, whose honor cards are "over" the doubler, that it is best for the defense to simply defend 1NT undoubled and hope to beat it a trick some of the time.

ADDENDUM---Despite this reported debacle, which occurred on the very first hand of the last of six matches, we were leading the field at the end of five matches and recovered sufficiently from this disaster to preserve our lead and win the event. Maybe bridge is an easy game after all.

## 2015 Masterpoint Leaders Unit 134

No stars = Ace of Clubs competition only,  
One star = Mini-McKenney competition only,  
Two stars = Ace of Clubs AND Mini-McKenney

0 to 5 David Williams \*\*  
5 to 20 Reese Koppel \*\*  
20 to 50 Kanwal Dhir, Linda Conner \*  
50 to 100 Arnaldo Partesotti \*\*  
100 to 200 Jacob Karno \*\*  
200 to 300 Henry Bodenheimer \*\*  
300 to 500 Jonny Roberts,  
Sherrie Goodman \*  
500 to 1000 Nelson Daigle \*\*  
1000 to 2500 Paul Freese, JF Lowenstein \*  
2500 to 5000 John Federico \*\*  
5000 to 7500 Larry Federico \*\*  
7500 to 10,000 Judy Katz \*\*  
Over 10,000 Jean Talbot, John Onstott \*

**The LBA would like to thank our wonderful mentors for sharing their knowledge and time with the up and coming players in our club, at the March 30 mentoring game.**

Cathy Alford	Lillian Kirschbom
Suzanne Baer	Iype Koshy
Ann Barone	Sid LeBlanc
Phyllis Bennett	Nonie Leavitt
Henry Bodenheimer	Jackie Madden
Dick Brammell	Wayne Merkel
David Bybee	Sigurd Nordvoll
Audrey Cerise	Marcy Pick
Geoff Chichester	Mary Regottaz
Don Daigle	Roy Richardson
Nelson Daigle	Louise Ritter
Doug deMontluzin	Bummy Rosenfield
Karen Dugan	Judy Serou
Larry Federico	Susan Taylor
Theresa Federico	Jim Thornton
Linda Freese	Beth Todd
Paul Freese	Sally Toups
Bill Gentry	Ana Urrutia
Guss Ginsburg	Wayne Weisler
Sherrie Goodman	David Williams
Red Hailey	Vicki Willis
Juanita Heidingsfelder	Carolyn York
Sharon Henry	Toby Young
Judy Katz	

## Second Hand High, or the Left Jab

We are taught early on that on defense we should usually play second hand low. But this is not always true. Here are two examples where it pays to play second hand high. This notion was promulgated by Eric Rodwell (he calls it "the left jab") and Eddie Kantar (merely "second hand high"). I found these examples and discussion via Google in a note by Matthew Kidd on [lajollabridge.com](http://lajollabridge.com), an excellent bridge website. I Googled "left jab in bridge".

First consider the layout immediately below left.

♠72	
♥743	
♦AKT94	
♣654	
♠KQJ94	♠T63
♥K2	♥T865
♦Q7	♦J862
♣T832	♣97
♠A85	
♥AQJ9	
♦53	
♣AKQJ	

As West you lead ♠K against South's 3NT contract. You continue spades, East gives count, South holds up til the third round, then leads the ♦5 toward the board. South will score up his contract if he can manage 3 diamond tricks. You can hold South to 2 diamond tricks and kill the contract by going in with ♦Q. If instead you play low South puts in the ♦10 and will get at least 3 diamond tricks and make his contract.

♠AJT87	
♠K54	♠Q92
♠63	

Now consider the single suit layout at the left, where as West you know or suspect the approximate layout, and suppose dummy has no clear side entries. If South leads low toward the dummy and you play second hand low, South inserts the ♠J and gets four tricks if East takes the ♠Q, else two tricks. But if you play the ♠K at trick one, South gets one trick if he takes the ♠A. In fact, if South holds up the ♠A and tries the finesse again later, he gets NO tricks in this suit.