

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association October 2022

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President's Message October 2022

I am happy to report that our table count is slowly increasing, and I anticipate we will have a positive cash flow for the last quarter of the year. Our annual election of LBA board members is scheduled in January. Willingness to serve forms will soon be available throughout the club. If you are willing to donate your time and talent please sign a form. The deadline for signing is November first.

Our Saturday game is not doing well, but I expect to continue the games through at least the end of October. We must have four or five tables for the games to be viable. We still have members who have obligations during the week, and we want to have an enjoyable game for them. I encourage everyone who can to play on Saturdays. The board is considering starting a night game. You can express your views to any board member.

Plans for the March NABC are continuing. Jackie Madden and I had a very constructive conference call with the ACBL this morning.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

October is an exciting month around our club. This week we have another **ACBL Promotional Games Week** (extra \$1) to help defray our expenses involved in hosting the NABC tournament (March 9-19th, 2023.) Most of the clubs in District 10 are having the games to benefit us! **Club Appreciation Games** are the 2nd and 4th weeks (extra points, no extra fees.)

We are going to try a **Saturday game** every Saturday this month, so if you really want a Saturday game, please support these games by showing up and encouraging your friends to play. The last Saturday of the month, October 29th at 12 Noon, your **Club Manager** wants to show you how much she appreciates you. I will personally prepare a "We really appreciate you" Brunch. When your bellies are good and full, I hope you will stay over and play in the Club Appreciation Game. A little birdy told me **Jim Thornton** may show up with his famous "Milk Punch!"

And last, but not least, be on the lookout for our first **Night Game** since covid.....Night games can really be fun. Sometimes, someone shows up with a nice bottle of wine or their favorite brownies.....you never know with this Krewe!

At the Virtual Club:

Another club is joining our pool.....Please welcome Hot Springs Village. This brings our total clubs to 17! We almost have all of District 10 and we are the 5th largest virtual club! A gentle reminder.... playing in ACBL BBO games does not help our club, playing in **LBA/LBC/ET AL** or at **2709 Edenborn** is the only way to support your club.

Sherrie Goodman

P C BRIDGE
(Politically Correct Bridge)
By Sue Himel

Put your played card faceup on the table.

Do not turn your card toward the table then turn it over. Place it face up on the table, flat so that everyone can see it.

Chat with your partner and the opponents after all of the boards have been played. 30 seconds here and there add up to being late to finish the round.

Before you write down the contract, LEAD face down.

The face down lead prevents leading out of turn. And it means I will not have to announce those five options at your table. Leading before you write down the contract saves a bit of time... important in a timed event.

Read the Bridge Mate screen before you accept the score.

This saves the director many late night phone calls asking for corrections.

Insist on calling the director when an irregularity occurs.

Duplicate bridge fairness depends on equal playing conditions across the field. Allowing someone at the table to make their own ruling at the table destroys that fairness. It is not rude to call the director.

Give your opponents compliments on their play or defense. Compliment your partner away from the table.

Sometimes you do well when the opponents make a mistake. Don't compliment partner when that happens. Just wait until the round is over and your opponents cannot see what you say.

Ethics are important.

More on Active Ethics next month.

Paul's Deal of the Month

Does this hand seem capable of producing a Grand Slam? At first glance certainly not. But look again. If the heart Jack is held by West, the heart nine is held by East, the spot cards are appropriate and the heart split is favorable so that the heart suit will deliver five tricks, a Grand Slam will be made. The difficult thing to recognize is the distribution of the spot cards so that the Jack can be finessed as the nine is smothered. It appears that North must hold the heart eight unless the division is 3/3 with both the Jack and nine being third in line. This was board 8 in the Thursday morning session on July 7th at the recent club sectional tournament. Perhaps it should be noted that no one bid and made 7NT.

W Deals
None Vul

		N		
		♠ K43		
		♥ AKQ83		
		♦ AJ		
		♣ K94		
W			E	
♠ 10			♠ J9752	
♥ J542			♥ 95	
♦ 76543			♦ 1098	
♣ J87			♣ Q32	
		S		
		♠ AQ86		
		♥ 107		
		♦ KQ3		
		♣ A1065		

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

1st week - **ACBL Promotional Games Week**

2nd and 4th weeks - **Club Appreciation Games**

Saturdays – Games each week this month

Oct. 29 (Saturday) - Club manager - brunch before game

Welcome New Members

Yvonne Bayhi

Trelah Nagy

Timing is Important

By Lil Range

Timing is important in duplicate bridge, but there are some interesting additional considerations in Swiss (both face-to-face and online versions). One aspect of timing is when you show up to play.

In duplicate, your partner is expecting you. In Swiss, however, in addition to your partner, there are two teammates also expecting you. With one partner in duplicate, it is easy to text “I am almost there” for those times when you are pushing the start time. In Swiss, in contrast, three people are getting anxious by the minute when you are not there. Being anxious about partner or teammates getting there does not make for good bridge. So, Recommendation #1 LEAVE IN PLENTY OF TIME TO GET THERE (face-to-face), or SIGN ON IN PLENTY OF TIME (online). We all know that life is life, which leads to Recommendation #2: If you are going to be there but not until close to start time, LET PARTNER AND TEAMMATES KNOW. Recommendations 1 and 2 are for the person who is experiencing life.

Recommendations 3 and 4 are for the partner and teammates of this life-experiencing person. Recommendation #3: ACT. If you are waiting but have not heard from your partner or teammates by 15 minutes before start time, text or call partners or teammates who are not there. Start this texting/phoning at 15 minutes before start time. What if partner does not respond to the text or answer the phone? Recommendation #4: LET THE DIRECTOR KNOW. In online bridge, notify the director 5 minutes before start time; start asking other pairs. Maybe you will get lucky and find another pair who are in the same situation.

Recommendation #5 is for everyone: HAVE A GOOD TIME.

Note. This article is the first in a series about Swiss. If you have a question, comment, or suggestion for future articles, text or call Lil, 504 330 1158.

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Hans Jonassen
Michael Maher
Sectional Master: William Wright
Regional Master: Neil Nadler
NABC Master: Jane Reynolds
Silver Life Master: Molly Silvia
Dr. Elaine Wilczynski

SILVER LIFE MASTER



70 % GAMES

August 26 – September 25 (Next issue starts with September 26)

8/28	Open Swiss	Sherrie Goodman, Julius Rosenblum and teammates	77.00%
9/2	499 Club	Quinn Bates, Lucinda Stentz	71.03%
9/3	750	Adesh Jain, Meryl Rosenbloom	72.50%
9/8	Open Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	70.00%
9/13	Open Club	John and Larry Federico	71.25%
9/16	499	Maureen Richoux, Denise Nagin	74.07%
9/16	Open	John Onstott, James Krekorian	70.14%
9/25	Open Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	73.00%