

# KIBITZER

## Louisiana Bridge Association November 2022

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### President's Message November 2022

I am happy to report that we continue to see small increases in our face-to-face games especially on Thursday and Friday. The Saturday games are not doing well but will be continued for now. There is now a Tuesday night game. It will be continued if attendance warrants.

Our Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament is November 3-5, 2022. There is a stratified 0-20 game on Thursday morning at 9:30, and 0-5 players play free. There are stratified 499er games and stratified open games on Thursday and Friday morning and afternoon. Saturday's game is bracketed Swiss teams, and we will do everything possible to make sure we have two brackets. Susan Beoubay has done a wonderful job chairing recent tournaments but is taking this one off. I am her replacement. Sherrie Goodman and Theresa Federico have volunteered to assist.

**Larry Federico**

### At the LBA Face-to-Face:

November starts off with a bang. We hope you have lined up your partners for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for the Dottie Toledano Sectional tournament. If you need a partner, contact Newt Jackson ([newton.jackson@cox.net](mailto:newton.jackson@cox.net) or 504-228-0012), our Partnership chair for this tournament.

We will have Upgraded Club Championships for 2 weeks, November 7-19 (3X pt. - no extra fees!) This includes Saturday, Nov. 12 and 19 (monthly Swiss.)

As LBA's games continue to grow, we are rapidly approaching full speed! We are asking all players to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to game time. This will allow the director to collect fees and give out seat assignments in a timely manner. Our hope is for this to become the new normal with no players turned away due to late arrival and games that start and end on time.

### At the Virtual Club:

The virtual club continues to grow and support us. We have 17 clubs in our pool, all District 10 except Pensacola. There are plenty of partners for everyone, so don't worry if you don't have a partner for a game. Everyone online is very happy to pick up a partner at the partnership desk. Lil's Sunday Swiss continues to be the largest in the virtual clubs. We truly have a good time on Sunday afternoons. Come join us!

**Sherrie Goodman**

## WHAT TO DO?

This is from a Vubridge Lesson that was sent out to subscribers as a hand of the week in October. David Wolff put an interactive lesson together using the game from a "regional Swiss at the San Francisco Nationals." North /South quickly reached game in hearts.

S Deals – N/S Vul

N	
♠ A85	
♥ 6432	
♦ K542	
♣ 74	
W	E
♠ Q6	♠ J1074
♥ AJ95	♥
♦ AJ93	♦ Q1086
♣ J109	♣ K8632
S	
♠ K932	
♥ KQ1087	
♦ 7	
♣ AQ5	

South	West	North	EAST
1H	P	3C*	P
4H	P	P	P

\* Bergen raise – 4 or more hearts with less than 10/11.

West led the ♣J. East played low giving declarer the trick with the queen. He led the ♦7 and West went up with the ace and exited with a ♦. Dummy took it with the king and threw a low spade. He started on trumps with the 2. Bad news. East is void. Declarer plays his ♥K taken by West's ace.

Does declarer have a plan now that he knows West still has the ♥J95 behind him. Maybe? He takes West's ♣10 with his ace and ruffs a club.

Declarer can only lose one more trick to make his contract. He needs to reduce the number of trump in his hand without leading trump. He plays a ♦ from Dummy and ruffs it. He plays the ♠K and another spade to the ♠A. He ruffs the last diamond in his hand.

Each player has 3 cards left with declarer in the lead. He has reduced his trump to one less than his opponent.

<b>North</b>	
♠ 8	
♥ 64	
<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
♥ J95	♠ J10
	♣ K
<b>South</b>	
♠ 9	
♥ Q10	

N	
♠ A85	
♥ 64	
♦ 54	
♣	
W	E
♠ Q6	♠ J1074
♥ J95	♥
♦ J9	♦ Q10
♣	♣ K
S	
♠ K93	
♥ Q1087	
♦	
♣	

He plays the spade and West has to play a trump – 5. West is end played. Whatever he leads, declarer will take that trick and capture his last trump. Well done!

## Paul's Deal of the Month

I am occasionally asked whether it can ever be right to bid game in a minor at matchpoints. Not often. But hand 14 of the club tournament game on July 7th came close to being such a hand. When asked how that hand should be bid I suggested:

East	South	West	North
1NT	P	2C	P
2H	P	3C	P
4C	P	5C	P
P	P		

Hearts broke favorably, so perhaps 4H could be bid and made on the 5/2 split, but I don't really see how it could be bid at the table. It is really rare for five of a minor to be the best contract at matchpoints, but that hand fits the mold.

Do you have the feeling that the hands provided by the ACBL to the clubs are not absolutely random deals? I do, but I'm in no way certain about it.

E Deals  
None Vul

N  
 ♠ 72  
 ♥ KQ3  
 ♦ KJ9653  
 ♣ J2

W  
 ♠ KJ104  
 ♥ J6  
 ♦ Q  
 ♣ Q109865

E  
 ♠ A3  
 ♥ A8542  
 ♦ 102  
 ♣ AK43

s S  
 ♠ Q9865  
 ♥ 1097  
 ♦ A874  
 ♣ 7

## NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

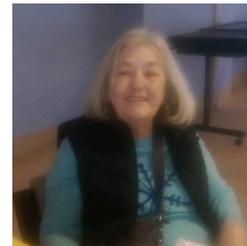
**In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton**  
 March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

**At the Club:**  
 Nov. 3-5 - **Toledano Sectional Tournament**  
 Nov. 7-19 – **Upgraded Club Championships**  
 (3x pt. – no extra fees)

### Welcome New Members

Doug Davidson  
 Susan Doody  
 George Guarino  
 Ellis Murov  
 Barbara Stott

### In Memoriam



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## **What's the Split?**

By Lil Range

“What’s my strata?” is a question that occasionally arises in Swiss team events. For Swiss team games, the ACBL and BBO divide the teams so that there are about equal numbers of teams in A, B, and C flights. So, how the teams are split will depend on the points of all the teams in the field in that particular event.

For example, in recent online Swiss games, the number of teams in the field was in the mid 20’s. The winners in C flight had players with 200 to 1300 points on the team, the winners in B flight had players with 900 to 3300 points on the team, and the winners in A flight had players with 2,000 to 32,000 points on the team (points rounded to protect the guilty). In general, the larger the field, the closer the teams will be in total points.

Using the total team points encourages players with a higher number of MP to form teams with those with fewer points. At times, the person with fewer points will bring the team’s total down enough that the team is a B instead of an A, or a C instead of a B. Great point about scoring: B and C teams can still win overall, but they can also win their flight.

Bridge is unique in that the field will contain people of various levels of ability, unlike tennis or golf for example. So, even though you may be a beginner, you can still go up against the bridge version of Serena Williams or Tiger Woods. Come on out and play! If you want to try Sunday Swiss online, text or call Lil, 504 330 1158.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### RANK ADVANCEMENTS

**Club Master:** Lynn Lightfoot

**Regional Master:** Laurie Milani, Renee Spratt

**NABC Master:** Margie Christian

**Life Master:** Theresa Federico, Charles Waldrop

**Bronze Life Master:** Charles Waldrop

**Silver Life Master:** J. Walker Jones Jr., Nancy Linzy,  
Mae O'Neil

**Gold Life Master:** Vicki Willis

#### LIFE MASTER



**Theresa Federico**

#### LIFE MASTER BRONZE LIFE MASTER



**Charles Waldrop**

#### SILVER LIFE MASTER



**Nancy Linzy**

#### GOLD LIFE MASTER



**Vicki Willis**

### 70 % GAMES

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