

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association December 2022

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President's Message December 2022

Thanks to Sherrie Goodman for donating a wonderful brunch on October 29th. She prepared all the food, and I heard nothing but compliments. Thanks also to Jennifer Holmes who leads a dedicated group committed to increasing attendance at our face-to-face games. Our informal chat game on November 14th drew eight tables. Kudos to Sue Guarisco for her role in making that a success. The turnout was very encouraging and exceeded my expectations. We will probably do that again.

Our November sectional tournament was our most successful since Covid. Our table count was up about 10%, and we had a positive cash flow of nearly \$1000. Since we are a non-profit club, you will never hear me say we had a profit. In 2023, I expect that our sectional tournaments will continue to be Thursday through Saturday. Sunday was not our best day even before Covid.

On Thursday, December 15, we will have our traditional holiday party at noon followed by games at 1. This will be the first since Covid. The club will provide the entrees and we will rely on our members for side dishes, salads, and desserts. Please participate and bring something if you can.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

Season's greetings! We have a lot to celebrate. We will have many unit-championship games at the club this month. They are extra point games without an extra fee. Also, December 5-9 will be another STAC week with double silver points and the possibility of placing in the overalls in our district.

There is a signup sheet at the club for the Dec. 15th Xmas party, and I will send an email for those who want to signup online. Please let us know you are coming so that we have plenty of food. A little birdy told me some of our old friends who have not been back yet will show up to see everyone. We could all use a little time with friends, especially at this time of year.

At the Virtual Club:

Hot off the press: We are being blessed with a fundraising week online the week of December 12-18. This was just decided to help fund the NABC, so you'll have to stay tuned for the details. Also, we will have several fundraiser-weeks next year. Happy holidays!

Sherrie Goodman



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are getting excited about the spring NABC (North American Bridge Championships) being held in our great city: Wednesday, March 8 – Sunday, March 19. To make this a success, we need your help. It is fun to be part of this effort.

If you would like to volunteer, please email Diana at [http://dspowell10@gmail.com](mailto:dspowell10@gmail.com)

Please include the following:

Name, email, cell phone, and the best way to contact you. If someone has already asked you to work at a particular desk, please include that information.

For example:

Diana Powell, dspowell@gmail.com, 504-554-1036. I prefer texts or email. I have committed to work at the partnership desk.

We will contact you to work out the details. (Date, time, and assignment)

Thanks so much,

Diana Powell - Volunteer Chairman

Jim Thornton - Volunteer Chairman

How to Form a Swiss Team

By Lil Range

The answer is pretty obvious, huh? There are only two steps to forming a Swiss team and one more step to playing on a Swiss team.

Step one is to get a partner for yourself. Lots of partners will work; find someone you like to play with, and when they accept, you are half way there.

Step two is to find teammates. Lots of teammates will work. You can ask someone you like to play with, or a pair you like to play with, or even someone or a pair you have played against. If you play online, there is still another possibility for finding teammates. You can text or call Lil, 504 330 1158. I will find you teammates if you need them for the online Swiss game. I try to get people of roughly the same level.

Step three is actually playing a Swiss game. In the face-to-face game, go to the bridge club, or the tournament venue, and find your partners. Get there a little early, visit, and sign up. Your team is ready to play.

In the on-line game, find the Swiss game and register with your partner. When your partner accepts your invitation to play, your names will appear under SELECT TEAMMATES. When your partners register together, their names will appear under SELECT TEAMMATES as well. When you see their names, invite them by clicking onto the blue box that says INVITE. When they accept, all four names move to ENTRIES. Your team is ready to play. Register 15 minutes early so your teammates are not worried about where you are.

Don't let timidity stop you. The principle is: people like to be asked, so go ahead. Take these three steps. You will like Swiss.

For comments, questions, or suggestions for future Swiss columns, contact Lil, 504 330 1158.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

This deal did not make it into the tournament on July 7th because the limited field did not require 32 boards. However, it presents the interesting possibility that any N/S pair that reached a contract of 7NT, 7S or 7H would make it if they received a neutral club lead, as would anyone who bid game or six. Some who receive an aggressive diamond opening lead and only bid 6 might not try for the extra trick. Here's why. The only way to make seven is to take the club finesse, but those who did not bid seven might well elect to "shoot" in reverse by assuming that seven would not make and that making six, whether bid or not, might be the best available score. Unfortunately, we will never know what would have happened because the hand simply was not played in the tournament..

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		♥ AK84	
		♦ 632	
		♣ 7	
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♠ 2		♠ 10754	
♥ Q6		♥ 93	
♦ Q985		♦ K1074	
♣ 1098643		♣ K52	
		S	
		♠ KQJ	
		♥ J10752	
		♦ AJ	
		♣ AQJ	

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

Dec. 5-9 – **STAC week – 2X Silver points**

Dec. 15 - **Xmas party at noon (games 1pm)**

Unit Championship Games

(Dates to be announced)

At the Virtual Club:

Dec. 12-18 – **Fundraising week for our NABC**

Welcome New Members

Pat Gernon

Wayne Henderson

Judith Myers

In Memoriam



James (Red) Hailey Jr.

In Memoriam



Ed Spooner

In Memoriam



Oddion Stanley Chiocchio

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Sectional Master: William Buffat, Carla Seyler

Regional Master: Evelyn Laureal

NABC Master: Fran Early, Deborah Skorlich

ACBL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

(Published in Nov. each year)

#32	John Onstott	32,246.74	
#140	Joan Van Geffen	20,487.30	(MP as of Oct.6)
#154	Jean Talbot	19,583.48	

70 % GAMES

October 27 – November 25 (Next issue starts with November26)

10/29	Open - Club	Idell Adams, Larry Federico	72.02%
10/31	50 - Club	George Jeansonne, Pat Gernon	76.67%
11/6	Open - Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	70.00%
11/7	199 - Club	Ellis Murov, Barbara Scott	71.28%
11/7	199 – Club	Elaine Wilson, Diane Shore	71.75%
11/7	Open – Club	Judy Katz, John Federico	70.41%
11/17	Open – Club	Sid and Mary LeBlanc	71.34%
11/17	750	Jatinder Jolly, Robert Dennis	70.37%
11/19	Swiss -Club	Jim Thornton, Sid Leblanc, Sherrie Goodman, Carol Bagelman	100.00%
11/20	Open – Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	72.00%