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President's Message May 2022

We anticipate a good attendance for our Derby Day Tournament next week. We are providing lunch as well as lots of snacks. Wear your favorite hat and Derby Day attire and bring home a prize. You have the option of celebrating with an adult-beverage as we watch the race on TV. Masks are optional, but COVID vaccinations ARE STILL REQUIRED. Susan Beoubay is tournament chair, and Carolyn Dubois is partnership chair. Thank you for your service.

Repairs to our club are nearing completion. I am happy to report that the electrical problems and the standing water problems on the roof appear to have been completely resolved. Air conditioner repairs are scheduled and should be completed before next week's tournament. The maintenance backlog created by COVID is being addressed by Wayne Weisler. I estimate the work to cost at least \$3000, not including repair or replacement of the fans. Much of this work has been completed in the last ten days.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

May is another busy month at LBA. We begin the month with our Derby Day Tournament (May 5-7). Kevin will be here (yes, seems like old times☺) and there are lots of fun happenings on Saturday besides Swiss teams. Our favorite "bookie," Sid LeBlanc will be taking your wagers for the Kentucky Derby. You can even "buy" a horse. We will have Mint Julep Slushies for your enjoyment. There will be a hat and bowtie contest to add to the fun!

The week of May 16-20 will be Club Championship week with double points and no extra fee. The rest of the month will be Grass Roots Fund Games with double points (\$1 extra). The monies from these games go to the District to fund their NAP & GNT participants. Next month, we will host the Longest Day on Jun 24th. We will have more fun for the day, so line up your partners and make your plans to come.

We owe a big debt of gratitude to Kathy & Teddy Plauche for turning our boardroom into a lovely classroom complete with all the latest technology. It's not too late to have your friends, relatives and neighbors join her class. Thank them for their efforts by sending them new students!

At the Virtual Club:

At the virtual club, Grass Roots Fund games are the weekend of May 14-15. All games will be double points (\$1 extra). Stardust Week was a big success. Let's hope we got some new Life Masters with all those gold points floating around.

Sherrie Goodman

The Rule of 10 and 12

By Sue Himel

When defending suit contracts, we sometimes lead small from a 3-card suit. And some players make 3rd and 5th best leads (3rd from 3 or 4-card suits; 5th from 5-card or longer suits) against suit contracts. When that is the case, the Rule of 11 doesn't work.

The Rule of 10 and 12 works like the Rule of 11. Which number you use is based on your best guess about the length of the suit from which the player has led. For 3rd best leads, use the Rule of 12; for 5th best leads, use the Rule of 10. (I remember which number to use by this device: $10+5(\text{th}) = 15$, $12+3(\text{rd}) = 15$). I informally call this the Rule of 15 to help me remember which number to use. But there is another Rule of 15, so don't confuse the two.

Declarer can use the Rule of 10 and 12.

South	West	North	East	Opening lead is the 6S.
1H	Dbl	2H	All Pass	

West likely has 3 or 4 spades for his takeout double. In either case he would lead 3rd best. $12-6=6$. Then count every spade card you can see in your hand and the dummy that is higher than the 6S and subtract that from 6. The result will be the number of cards your RHO holds higher than the 6S.

Dummy S KJ97	You can see 6 spade cards higher than the 6. $6-6=0$. RHO has 0 cards higher than the 6S. You will play low and win the 7S in the dummy. Later you cash the AS and lead low toward the dummy and simply cover LHO's card. The Rule of 12 revealed the lie of the suit. There is no reason to play the J from the dummy which might give up a spade trick later.
Declarer S A82	

Defenders can use the Rule of 10 and 12.

South	West	North	East	Opening lead is the 2H.
1C	Pass	1S	Pass	
3C	All pass			

Dummy H T86	That lead should be 5 th best. If partner had only 3 hearts, declarer would have 4, unlikely on this auction. To determine how many hearts higher than the 2H declarer has, use the rule of 10 ($10-2=8$). Now count all the hearts higher than the 2 that you can see in your hand and the dummy and subtract that from 8. $8-6=2$. Declarer has 2 cards higher than the 2H. One should be the AH. If declarer also has the QH, it doesn't really matter which heart you play. But play the JH to discover whether partner or declarer has the QH. It will help you decided to continue hearts or switch if you gain the lead.
You H KJ5	

Paul's Deal of the Month

The purpose of our next series of columns is to demonstrate that it is not just high cards but also shape, sometimes referred to as "playing tricks," that produces winning hands. These hands were actually played at my table in a recent BBO ACBL tournament. I will give you our bidding and leave it up to the readers to provoke discussion. So here goes.

North	East	South	West
P	P	2C	P
2D	P	2H	P
4D*	P	5C	P
6H			

* splinter, showing at least four hearts and a singleton Diamond

None Vulnerable	
N -Dealer	
♠	Axxxx
♥	98xxx
♦	x
♣	xx
S	
♠	x
♥	AKQ10x
♦	AKx
♣	AQxx

This a classic example of dummy bidding what he thought the hand would make with that shape, disregarding the lack of hcp cards except for the sterling ace of spades. Of course, the spade ace covered opener's singleton, the hearts broke 3/2, dummy's singleton took care of the losing diamond, and the club finesse was "on," so we made seven! We consider seven to be unbidable, a real wild shot on a finesse for a Grand Slam.

So test yourselves and discuss how your bidding would have developed and what contract would have been your final word on this splendid hand.

So once again we ask, dear reader, what would your partnership have done with this interesting hand?

Mistaken Explanation vs Mistaken Bid

After an auction during which you asked for an explanation of one of the bids, you discover later – either after the dummy hits the table or at the end of the hand – that your opponent did not give you an accurate description of the bid. The director will have to sort out whether you received a *Mistaken Explanation* or a *Mistaken Bid*. Let's look at how the director must distinguish between these two situations based on the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

Mistaken Explanation: A player makes a bid in agreement with the partnership understanding, but her partner misinformed the opponents about the meaning of the bid. This explanation is an infraction of the law since opponents are entitled to an accurate description of the agreement.

Mistaken Bid: The partnership agreement is as explained. Here there is no infraction of law and no penalty since the opponents received an accurate description of the agreement. Under the laws, the non-offending side has no claim to an accurate description of the hands.

Regardless of which situation applies, the bidder knows her bid had been misinterpreted. This knowledge is unauthorized information, and she needs to be careful not to base subsequent actions on this information. If she deviates from what their agreement would require her to do, the director may award an adjusted score. This may occur because the offending bidder is required to bid her hand as she would have, not on what she heard partner say.

These complications can be avoided. Before the game starts, every partnership should review their agreements to avoid these mistakes.

Hat Lady

NEWS

THE NEW ORLEANS NABC COMMITTEE

Your local team is continuing to plan for our NABC in March 2023. The team is now complete as Jennie Sauviac volunteered to be fundraising chair. Jackie Madden and I are scheduling monthly meetings with the ACBL meeting coordinators. These will be a zoom meetings or conference calls. The national ACBL meeting coordinators will be in town in June for a site visit at the Marriott hotel. Local team members will meet them at the hotel on the afternoon of June 14th to view the facilities and negotiate many issues. I expect at least one more site visit before the tournament.

Larry Federico

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

May 5 – 7– Derby Day Sectional Tournament

May 16 – 20 – Club Championships 2X

All games for the month of May except Club Championship Week and the tournament days -- Grass Roots Fund 2X

At the Virtual Club:

May 14 – 15 -- Grass Roots Fund Games 2X

Welcome New Members

Patricia France

Cole Mills

In Memoriam



Melanie Thompson

In Memoriam



Gayle Zoller

ACHIEVEMENTS

ROAD WARRIORS

Oklahoma City Sectional

1st Place in Morning Game Larry Federico & Idell Adams –
16.16 MPS. 61.81%

2nd place Swiss Larry Federico, Idell Adams, John Federico,
Pat Brion – 10.01 MPS 78.00

Overalls:

3. Larry Federico 26.17 MPS

4. Idell Adams 26.17 MPS

30. John Federico 10.85 MPS.

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Sectional Master: Suzanne Brown

Regional Master: Matti Hietalahti

NABC Master: Quin Bates, Nancy Graham

Gold Life Master: Sid LeBlanc

GOLD LIFE MASTER



Sid LeBlanc

70 % GAMES

4/3	Swiss Open	Paul Deal and Teammates	71.00%
4/6	Club Open	Jean Talbot, Judy Katz	75.40%
4/7	Club Open	Idell Adams, Larry Federico	72.02%
4/10	Swiss Open	Paul Deal and Teammates	78.00%
4/10	Swiss Open	John Onstott and Teammates	72.00%
4/11	Open	Kathy Logue, Julius Rosenfield	71.32%
4/13	Open	John Onstott, Jacob Morgan	70.73%
4/15	Club Open	Jennie Sauviac, Larry Federico	71.03
4/24	Swiss Open	Daisy Vandenburg, Nelson Daigle, Sarah Pasternack, Matti Hietalahti	71.00%
4/26	Open	Iype Koshy, John Liukkonen	71.60%
4/26	Open	Paul Rosenblum, Henry Bodenheimer	70.95%