

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association March 2022

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President's Message March 2022

Happy Mardi Gras everyone. Covid is declining, repairs are almost complete, and we are looking forward to much better times. Our online games continue to carry the club financially, while face to face games are struggling.

We are having a number of small maintenance problems. Wayne Weisler is in charge of club maintenance. If you see something that needs fixing, please call Wayne. If it's something requiring immediate attention and you can't get Wayne, please call me. If you can't get either of us, Jackie is next in line. We must keep the club in good condition.

Work on the 2023 NABC is continuing. We will meet with all committee chairs in March. We recently had a conference call with the ACBL and District 10. I expect to have a site visit at the hotel within the next 90 days.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

What will March winds blow in???? Your board is hoping for a lot of old friends and maybe some new ones. For the month of March, if you bring in a new player or a player who hasn't been to the club since we reopened in June, you and that player play free. We are really hoping for some of our past members to decide to try us out and see if they feel safe. We are all vaccinated at the club, and the tables are pretty spread out. Those of us who are playing at the club are enjoying it and would love to see all of our old friends. So, reach out to someone who hasn't been back and you will both play free. The first four weeks will feature club championships (extra points with no extra fee), and the last week of the month is really special...we are having a Royal STAC week. These games cost an extra \$1 but they pay Double points ¼ **Gold**, ¼ **Silver**, ¼ **Red** and ¼ **Black**.

At the Virtual Club:

Our virtual games continue to thrive. If you haven't tried out Sunday Swiss, you are missing a lot of fun. We have consistently had 34-36 tables playing, and almost everyone scratches (earns points!) ACBL is hosting the NABC Robot Individual March 5-7 for those of you who like Robot play. The Spring Online Regional will be March 24-27. You have several chances to earn Gold points at these events.

For those of you going to the NABC in Reno, we wish you lots of luck and hope you bring home the gold!

Sherrie Goodman

Redoubles #2

By Sue Himel

While there are numerous conventional and advanced agreements that use redoubles, this column will discuss only the most common uses of the call.

The most frequent use of a redouble occurs after your right-hand opponent (RHO) makes a take -out double of your partner's bid:

- 1) With less than 10 points, make the same call you would make if your RHO had passed.
- 2) With 10 or more points and a four-card major, bid that major.
- 3) With 10 or more points and a 5-card suit, redouble.

Why shouldn't you redouble with a balanced hand that contains one or both 4-card majors? The suit may well be lost in the auction if you bypass the major to redouble.

Partner	RHO	You	LHO
1C	X	?	

You hold:

- 1) S QJT32 **H** K8 **D** A86 C J65 Redouble. You have enough points and a 5-card suit that you can get into the auction later. Let partner know you have a decent hand.
- 2) S KJ74 **H** A52 **D** 9432 C 83 Bid 1S. With less than 10 points, just make your normal bid.
- 3) S A3 **H** KQT5 **D** KJ93 C Jxx Bid 1H. If you redouble and left-hand opponent bids 1S, the heart suit may be lost. If the auction comes back to you, a 2H bid would promise a 5+ card suit.

Since all of responder's bids at the **1 level** are forcing, there is no danger that partner will pass your bid. Bidding a suit in this auction does not deny 10+ points. But be careful. Non jump bids at the 2 level are not forcing.

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You hold: S J8 **H** 94 **D** J76 C KQJ753 Bid 2C. This is not forcing and suggests a place to play. You should have a good suit and not much else.

Paul's Deal of the Month









This is the 2nd column in the series to demonstrate the great offensive potential of strong, shapely hands.

The opponents passed throughout the auction.

North	East	South	West
1H	P	2S ¹	P
3H	P	4D ²	P
4H	P	5H	P
6H			

¹ Strong jump shift

² Cue bid inferring secondary heart support

N Deals	
N	
	xx
	AK1098xx
	K10x
	x
S	
	AKQxxx
	Qx
	AQJ10
	x
All- Vulnerable	

If South had not done a jump shift, they could also have gotten to the same place by making a series of forcing bids.

North	East	South	West
1H	P	1S	P
2H	P	3D	P
Etc.			

It was unusual for both of our hands to hold singleton clubs, and perhaps I should have bid 6H myself, relying upon a diamond finesse if necessary. All ended well when partner held both the diamond king and a singleton club. Bidding and making 6H is double good luck, despite my timidity.

So how would your partnership have bid this difficult hand, and what would be the final contract?

Basics from the Director

FAT THUMB SYNDROME: I would like to begin every article with “DO NOT LET THE OPPONENTS MAKE THE RULING WHEN ANY INFRACTKION OCCURS.” The slightest difference could change the outcome. What if you place your bid on the table, then look down and see that it is not the bid you intended. No matter how you plead, the opponents will say you cannot change your bid—FALSE. If your partner has not bid, even though you LHO has bid, and you did not change your mind, you MAY change the bid. Your LHO may also change his bid if he desires. It is best to look at your bid before placing it on the table, but the director could save you IF CALLED.

The Hat Lady

UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Club

March weeks 1-4: Club championships (extra points, no extra fees)

March week 5: Royal STAC week-

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Virtual Club

March 5-7: NABC Robot Individual

March 24-27: Spring Online Regional

Welcome New Members

John Dubberley
Robin Dusang
Elizabeth Landis
Patricia France
Cole Mills

In Memoriam

Mike Arthur
Marian Petry
Gayle Wilson
Marie Louise Steuer
Helen Ross
Elaine Prager
Bill Sewell
Dr. Alan Jacobs

BRIDGE ADVANCEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Sectional Master: Jatinder Jolly, William Knecht

Regional Master: Debby Habig, Terry Habig

NABC Master: Lynn Flynn

Bronze Life Master: Marie Hughes

Gold Life Master: Nelson Daigle, Colleen Walker

GOLD LIFE MASTER



Nelson Daigle

Unit 134 Top 10 Masterpoint Winners for 2021

1.	John Onstott	898.31
2.	Sherrie Goodman	606.93
3.	Joan Van Geffen	561.64
4.	Jean Talbot	459.50
5.	Paul Freese	432.99
6.	Kathy Logue	355.60
7.	James Thornton	354.24
8.	Donald Daigle	350.32
9.	Jacob Karno	342.88
10.	Denise Tabor	290.77

70 % GAMES

2/3	Open	Jacob Karno & Drew Casen	70.75
2/3	199	Connie Shultz & Oma Moore	80%
2/6	Open Swiss	John Onstott & James Krekorian	74%
2/8	Open	John Onstott – Kathy Logue	72.9%
2/3	Open Swiss	Jim Thornton, Sherrie Goodman, Jean Talbot, Joan VanGeffen	70%
2/21	Open	Jacob Karno & Jacob Morgan	73.21%
2/24	Open Club	Kathy Logue – John Federico	73.33%
2/27	Open Swiss	Paul Deal	79%