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Louisiana Bridge Association July 2022

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President's Message July 2022

The Wes Busby Firecracker Tournament is scheduled July 7th through July 9th. The Saturday game will be a two-session bracketed Swiss team game. All players are encouraged to play as much as they can. Lunch and snacks will be provided. As part of our effort to boost participation, we are going to start a Swiss team game on the third Saturday of every month. The first game will be at 1:00 on Saturday July 16th. After much discussion, the board voted to keep the 750-master point limit in place indefinitely for the Wednesday games except for STAC weeks. The Wednesday game will be open and stratified during STAC weeks.

Hurricane Ida repairs are about 96% complete. We have received the final payment from our insurance company. We will not pay the final \$14,000 we owe until all of the work is completed. Our out-of-pocket cost will be slightly less than \$18,000.

Wayne Weisler is in charge of maintenance. He hires licensed and insured contractors. All work must be authorized in advance by Wayne, Jackie, or me. Work over \$1000 should be bid if at all possible. At the last board meeting a suggestion was made that we can save money by getting a volunteer to buy and install our air conditioning filters every month. My understanding is that we have nine filters, mostly of different sizes, and they are in our ceilings. Climbing a ladder will be required. Does anyone wish to volunteer?

Larry Federico

Many thanks to Linda Freeze for chairing such a successful "Longest Day" event. More about the day on page 4 of this issue. Please preregister for the upcoming sectional July 7-9. You can sign up at the club or by clicking [here](#). Susan Beoubay, the tournament chair, needs to know how many to prepare for. We are happy to have any side dishes or desserts.

We are having "Back to the Club" games from now until our Sectional. These are Upgraded Club Championships that the ACBL is gifting us to welcome you back to the club. There is no extra fee, but triple points!

Our NAP games (Double points ½ red/ ½ black) will be July 11-15. The week of July 25-30 will be our NABC Promotional games. Clubs in District 10 will be having these games to help defray LBA's costs of the NABC in March. We will have extra points for an extra \$1.

At the virtual club, our NAP qualifiers are July 1-7 & July 18-24. Huntsville will be joining our virtual club on July 1. Please welcome them when they come to your table.

Sherrie Goodman

FOR THE I/N CROWD
Slam Bidding, The Power Slam Part 1
 By Sue Himel

No, I am not going to teach you Roman Keycard or Minorwood. Let's talk about how to decide if slam is a good possibility.

When you and partner have combined assets of 33 high card points or more, you should probably bid a small slam.

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

You hold: S AQ76 H KQ5 D QJT C A83

This is easy. Partner has 15-17 points, you have 18 Points. Your side has 33-35 high card points so you bid 6NT. You don't have enough for a grand slam (38-40 points). Don't bother with Stayman on this hand, just bid the NT slam. It scores better than a major suit slam which is important when playing pairs (matchpoint scoring).

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	?

You hold: S AT76 H KJ5 D QJT3 C AJ

This one is not so easy. You may or may not have enough points for a slam with your 16. How can you find out if partner is on the top or bottom of his 1NT bid? Bid 4NT. After a direct opening bid of 1NT, 4NT is not any form of Blackwood. It is what we call a quantitative bid. It asks partner if they are on the top or bottom of their opening bid. With 15 high card points, opener should pass. With 17 high card points, opener should bid 6NT. With 16, opener should consider bidding a slam if he has a 5-card suit or extra good spot cards and controls.

When opener's first bid or last bid is some number of NT, responder's 4NT bid is quantitative and does not ask for aces, with one exception. If you want to ask for aces use Gerber.

The exception:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1NT	Pass	4H!
Pass	4S	Pass	4NT

You hold: S KQT964 H 6 D AK543 C 8

After a Texas Transfer, a bid of 4NT asks for aces.

If opener has 2 aces, you should certainly bid a small slam. If he has 3 aces, you might want to bid a grand slam. When you are planning to play in a suit and you play some form of Keycard Blackwood, you will be able to find out if your trump suit is good enough to be in a slam.

Paul's Deal of the Month

Your RHO opens 2S, weak in first seat. You pass, as does LHO, and your partner reopens with a takeout double. Opener passes. What do you do? Partner could hold many different hands to reopen, so your action is not clear. You could bid 3C, which shows moderate values, or 2NT Lebensohl, which forces to 3C weak, but if partner has a strong hand with a running suit, you could miss 3NT. With two sure tricks in your hand, you could pass and defend on such favorable vulnerability, but that could result in minus 790 if they make it. At matchpoints, why not try for a top and pass. The result will surprise you; passing seems best to achieve a good score. So here goes--pass it is. You lead your doubleton diamond, which seems to be the safest lead when trying for a ruffing trick, and you strike gold. The result? A stunning +500! Who would not feel safe opening 2S with East's hand? The European experts, who avoid weak two bids even at matchpoints.

E Deals
E/W Vul

N			
♠	3		
♥	AQ76		
♦	AQ75		
♣	J1054		
W	E		
♠	52	♠	AQJ1098
♥	10864	♥	K32
♦	KJ106	♦	942
♣	KQ6	♣	7
S			
♠	K764		
♥	J9		
♦	83		
♣	A9832		

HESITATIONS

My left-hand opponent took time to THINK before bidding. Now his partner knows he is trying to show the best descriptive bid of the cards in his hand.

Should this be allowed?

Solution: When you need a little time to decide on your bid, your partner should not make a call or play that was demonstrably suggested by the hesitation; he must make his call based on the cards he holds. You should always try to bid in a timely manner. If a hesitation results in unauthorized information, and the opponents have been damaged by the infraction, the Director should award an adjusted score.

Finally, please remember that novice/intermediate players need a little extra thinking time; the right bid or play doesn't come to them as readily as it does to a seasoned player. Allowing then a little leeway, if they occasionally bid or play out of tempo, will earn their appreciation.

The Hat Lady

THE LONGEST DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all players who came out to support our fundraiser for Alzheimer's. Participants enjoyed a fabulous lunch contributed by Mary Ann Joyner and Michael Joyner Catering. Thanks also to Sherrie and Wayne for contributing their time and expertise to running our morning and afternoon Longest Day games. And finally, thank you to all our members who donated generously to support the Alzheimer's Association. We collected over \$5500!!

Linda Freeze

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

July 1-6: Back to the Club games. 3x points

July 7-9: Wes Busby Tournament

July 11-15: NAP games (Double points ½ red/ ½ black)

July 16: Swiss game

July 25-30: NABC Promotional games

At the Virtual Club:

July 1-7 & July 18-24: NAP Qualifying Games

(2X points – ½ red & ½ black)

Welcome

New Member

Michael Maher

**WANT TO HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL?
NAME A GAME OR A DAY AT OUR
NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MARCH 9-19, 2023 Marriott/Sheraton



Naming days for Regional-rated games at the NABC is as easy as taking a finesse. You may simply purchase the “NAMING RIGHTS” (fee schedule and explanation below). Games and Days are sold on a first-come basis.

Days are frequently named by local businesses. Sponsorships give them a unique audience. Games are often named by players in honor of their partners, family, or friends. It might be to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, rank advancement or just to show appreciation for one’s friendship. These games are available **NOW** for **YOU** to recognize someone special. It’s a kindness to show your gratitude for anything meaningful to you.

If you act by 09/15/2022, we can add your event name to the NABC program schedule. This schedule will be posted online, and copies will be made available throughout North America. Sponsorships sent after September 15 may be added to following monthly bulletins. Sponsorships sent before February 15, 2023, will be added to the on-site program with the previous sponsorships.

Choose the Level of Naming Rights to Fit Your Wishes and Your Budget!

Four Levels available: Spade, Heart, Diamond, or Club as Follows:

- ♠ \$100.00 Naming rights for one single session Regional-rated event
- ♥ \$200.00 Naming rights for one 2-session Regional-rated event
- ♦ \$400.00 Naming rights for on 4-session Side Game Series
- ♣ \$1000.00 Naming Rights for a Daily Sponsorship (Name a Day)

**Checks should be made
payable to
Louisiana Bridge Association
Tournament Account**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NAMING AN EVENT OR A DAY PLEASE CONTACT THE

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ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Bronze Life Master: Gary Bergeron

Silver Life Master: Brad Sheftoe

Gold Life Master: Linda Freeze

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



GARY BERGERON

SILVER LIFE MASTER



BRAD SHEFTOE

GOLD LIFE MASTER



LINDA FREEZE

70 % GAMES

June 1-25 (Next issue starts with June 26)

6/5	Open Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	83.00%
6/6	Open Club	Janet Patterson – Bonnie Nelson	72.62%
6/11	Open Club	John and Larry Federico	76.98%
6/12	Open Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	71.00%
6/13	Open	John Onstott – Jacob Morgan	70.28%
6/19	Open Club	Judy Katz – Jean Talbot	73.02%
6/21	Open	Kathy Logue – John Onstott	71.46%
6/22	Open	John Onstott – Craig Cordes	74.75%
6/23	Open	John Onstott – Jim Krekorian	70.10%
6/24	Open	John Federico – Rick Logan	70.14%
6/24	499 Club	Carl Koppeis – Pamela Marinaro	70.00%
6/24	Open Club	Kathy Logue – James Thornton	74.75%
6/24	Open Club	Linda Freese – Jeannie Sauviac	71.27%