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President's Message:

Welcome to 2026! Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. As we head into the New Year, we say good-bye and many thanks to hardworking and retiring board members Sid LeBlanc and Kathy Logue. We also are sad to report that Kathy Logue no longer intends to direct. She will certainly be missed!

Voting to fill four board member openings will take place next week before all games (starting January 5). Please take time to read the candidate bios online or on the front bulletin board of the club and cast your vote. Running for the board are Beth Bayer, Denise Fuselier, Hans Jonassen, Doris O'Sullivan, Carolyn Stolz and Charles Waldrop. New board members are elected for a three-year term and will be announced at the Annual Membership meeting between Swiss Team sessions of our tournament on Saturday, January 10. Jackie Madden and Eileen Bagnetto will be supervising the voting process.

Note that the Tuesday Open Game will now start at 1:00 PM; the 299er game will remain at 12:30 PM. Also, the new Beginner Bridge series has been delayed by one week and will now start on January 13th.

This is my last President's Message as the board will elect a new slate of officers at our January board meeting. As I step down, I would like to leave you with this note: Bridge is a wonderful game for players of all levels. Please come to the club, have fun, make friends. Remember that we are ONE club and we all need to work together to make this environment the best that it can be. Respect all the volunteers who are committed to the club and support them wholeheartedly. May we have a terrific year at our club! Sayonara...

Keenan Romig



JULIUS ROSENBLUM SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Jan. 8th thru 10th, 2026

THE LOUISIANA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

2709 EDENBORN AVE., METAIRIE, LA. 70002

Sanction # 2501346

THURSDAY, January 8, 2026

0-20 Pairs (0-5 MPs get free play) 10:00 a.m.

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 499'er Pairs.....10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 9, 2026

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Stratified 499'ers Pairs..... 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

ABOVE GAMES ARE SINGLE-SESSION EVENTS

SATURDAY, January 10, 2026

Bracketed Swiss Teams.....10:00 a.m. & TBA

(Lunch served after 3 rounds)

Lunch provided each day between sessions and free coffee at all games.

Entry fees of \$14.00 per person. \$18 for unpaid ACBL members

Entry fee SWISS: \$120 for 4-member Swiss Team

STRATIFIED EVENTS

OPEN STRATIFIED:

(A) 2500+ (B) 750-2500

(C) 0-750

499'ers STRATIFIED:

(A) 300-499 (B) 100-299

(C) 0-99

O-20 Events:

A (5-20) B (0-5)

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RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

SUSIE BUMPAS, ELIZABETH LANDIS, & BARBARA LE GARDEUR

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS:

**JOHN HURLEY, ROBIN LUNSFORD, CATHERINE MCDONALD, &
TRELAH NAGY**

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS:

**MANECK CONTRACTOR, MARY BETH FINE, & MARY-MADISON
GRISWOLD**

NEW NABC MASTER:

GAIL DUFFY

RUBY LIFE MASTER



CAROL BAGALMAN

DECEMBER 70% 11/27-12/26

11/30	Swiss	Open	Ernest Levinson and Teammates	70.00%
11/30	Swiss	Open	Kathy Logue and Teammates	70.00%
12/2	Club	Open	Paul Freese, Sid LeBlanc	72.92%
12/4	Club	Circle	Norris Robichaux, Carol Jambon	73.13%
12/10	Club	Open	Judy Katz, David Williams	72.26%
12/14	Swiss	Open	Sherrie Goodman, Vicki Willis, Jean Talbot	73.00%
12/16	Club	Open	John and Larry Federico	75.83%
12/19	Club	499	David Wright, Dottie Stevenson	75.83%
12/21	Swiss	Open	Beverly Dupre, Mary Regottaz	74.00%
12/21	Club	Open	Wayne Weisler, Guss Ginsburg	71.91%
12/26	Club	499	Hope Read, Susie Bumpas	71.88%
12/26	Club	Open	Erin Fleming, MD, Louise Saik	73.01%

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WRONG!



The LBA doesn't have one. We are putting it out to our members to suggest a logo for the LBA that we can use in our advertising and promotion.

If your design is chosen, your reward will be **5 FREE PLAYS** and the undying respect of every member for your creativity.



Submit your entry to Mike Russell (jmrjcr47@gmail.com) by February 6th.



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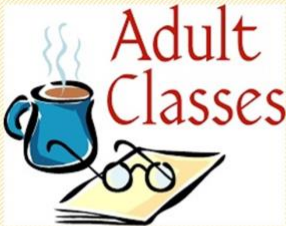
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JANUARY 2026 CLASSES



Tell all your friends to come and learn this great game!
FACE-to-FACE set of 12 lessons for those wanting to learn to play.
Instructional and play time with each lesson.



TUESDAY Mornings - 9am to 11:30 am
TUESDAY Evenings - 6:30 to 9 pm

Begins: Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026

Flyers on WELCOME DESK if you need one to give to a friend!!!
or
For more information, talk to Kathy Plauche' 504-220-4815





A bridge player at our club won a Walt Handelsman cartoon contest (Times-Picayune) this year. Kudos to Dr. Erin O'Sullivan Fleming.

Club Manager's Report

Happy New Year! I hope 2026 will have lots of good cards for you and many good friends to play with. Our month of January is busy with a new board and our Rosenblum tournament. The voting for new board members will take place next week before every game. I hope you will read the bios on our candidates and not just vote for the ones you know (as someone told me last year.) We have a strong ballot of great candidates who are willing to put in the work that makes this club so special.

Speaking of special, this month is Junior Fund month. It happens to be a personal favorite as the future of bridge lies in the hands of our Juniors. We will have 2 weeks of Junior fund games. The extra dollar goes to the fundthe extra points go (hopefully) to your personal collection! There are several area sectionals taking place this month. Please check the bulletin board in the hall; extra flyers are on the front table.

Online Club is very busy! We are in the process of moving some of our games to RealBridge. We already have Tuesday and Wednesday night Swiss games there. We are adding Monday nights next week. **Allen Smith of SE Carolina** (Not to be confused with SOUTHEAST consortium ...alias Gryphon or Knoxville... has generously featured our club on some of his games on RealBridge. He has lots of limited games and the Open game gets the benefit of having so many tables in the limited games.) Grand Slam Wednesday, we will have the benefit of all 3 games, but also on Tuesday and Thursday our 1999er games will be all ours. If you haven't tried it yet, I highly recommend you play in one of their free "Try it out" games that are 8 boards and designed to help you learn the new platform. You will feel like you are playing at the club. You are able to see and speak to the people at the table. With everything from 299er to Open games, there is something for everyone. I hope our newer players will practice playing on RealBridge, and I hope our Open players will take advantage of playing in our stacked games with 2 limited games adding to the table counts. The BBO rates will be going up to \$9 this year. Realbridge will remain at \$6. Hope to see you soon at [Realbridge.online](https://www.realbridge.online).

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

January Special Games

January 1 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO 6:50 pm CT
January 4 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @2:00 CT
January 5 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 5pm CT
January 6 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:00 CT
January 7 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:30 CT
January 8 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @ 6:50
January 8-10 Rosenblum Sectional
January 11 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @2:00 CT
January 12-16. Junior Fund Games
January 12 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 5pm CT
January 13 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:00 CT
January 14 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:30 CT
January 15 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @ 6:50 CT
January 18 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @2:00 CT
January 19 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 5pm CT
January 19-23 Junior Fund Games
January 20 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:00pm CT
January 21 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:30 CT
January 22 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @ 6:50 CT
January 25 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @2:00 CT
January 26 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 5pm CT
January 27 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:00pm CT
January 28 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on RealBridge @ 6:30 CT
January 29 GNT Swiss 150% ½ red on BBO @ 6:50 CT

New Games on RealBridge

9:15 1999er Tues., Wed, Thurs (20 boards) \$6 REALBRIDGE
2:20 299er (20 boards) \$6 - Tues, Wed, Thurs REALBRIDGE
2:30 3000 (20 boards) \$6 Wed REALBRIDGE
3:50 Open (20 boards) Grand Slam \$6 Wed REALBRIDGE
5:00 Swiss (20 boards) \$6 Mon. RealBridge
6:00 Swiss (20 boards) \$6 Tuesday on REALBRIDGE
6:30 Grand SLam GNT Swiss Wednesday on REALBRIDGE
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