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Louisiana Bridge Association April 1, 2026

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President's Message:

Last month we had a very successful *8 is enough* game on Saturday, March 21st with 30 tables. Not only was it successful, it was a lot of fun and a great way to get to know members that we don't often get a chance to play with. Many thanks to Lil Range and her assistants Kathy Plauche and Theresa Federico for their hard work, to food organizer Linda Freese, and others that brought food.

Hopefully we will have our sectional Derby Day tournament April 30th to May 2nd. We are still looking for a volunteer(s) to chair the tournament; Carolyn DuBois has agreed to be partnership chair. We do plan to have race festivities after Saturday's game and we have moved the start time of the game to 9 am so that we will be finished before post time. Stay tuned; hopefully we will have more information in the near future.

And speaking of volunteers, the viability of our club is dependent on members volunteering. Everything we do happens because members volunteer. The handful of members that do most of the work would really appreciate sharing the load. If you are asked to volunteer, please say yes if at all possible or, better yet, let a board member know that you're available to assist.

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Club Manager's Report:

April brings showers of "Gold" and extra points! ACBL is holding a special charitable week called **Gold for Good**. You will receive **Gold** points for your two best scores during the week of April 20-25. This is on top of any masterpoints you get during the week. It includes both face to face and online games, but there are rules. Click [here](#) for the details and for the \$30. registration. We will have a **Wednesday Open game** on April 22 & a **Saturday Open game** on Saturday, April 25 to allow all members to have the extra day of play, by reservation, of course. This is all part of Charity Month. We will have **Charity Club Championships** the week of April 13-17 and the week of April; 20-25. These games cost \$1 but every other game goes to ACBL's Charily Fund, and the other games go to a local charity of our choice. If you have a favorite non-denominational charity locally, let Jackie Madden know, as her committee decides where the money goes. Our **Derby Day Sectional tournament** is April 30-May 2. John Federico's class on Defense continues thru Wednesday, April 22.

Our online club, LBA/LBC/ET AL, will also have Charity Fund games the week of April 20-26 on BBO and Realbridge. The April 20-25 games may also be included in your **Gold** for Good scoring on both platforms. Remember that if we don't have a game going at the time you wish to play online, and **SE Carolina** does have a game at that time, LBA receives a stipend from SE Carolina. We also receive \$1 per player for any of our members' participation in Clubhouse on BBO, and Real Deal on Realbridge. We would love for you to join us on Mondays at 5, Tuesdays at 6, and Wednesdays at 6:30 for our team games on Realbridge. You don't need a partner or teammates to play, but we will reserve a table for you if you have a whole team coming. Enjoy the **gold!**

Sherrie Goodman

April Calendar


April 1 John Federico's Defense Class
April 4 District Competition for Flight A and Flight C
April 8 John Federico's Defense Class
April 10- Free Friday lecture on Behavior at the bridge table – Wayne Weisler
April 11 – Saturday Swiss Game@ 12:30 @LBA \$8
April 13-17. Charity Fund Games @ LBA \$9
April 15 – John Federico's Defense class
April 20-25 Gold for Good \$30 Click [here](#)
April 20-26 Charity Club Championship Games @ LBA \$9
April 20-26 Charity Club Championship Games \$7 on BBO, \$6 on RealBridge
April 22 – Wednesday Open game- Charity Championship (must reserve) \$9
April 22 – John Federico's Defense Class
April 25 Saturday Open Game (must reserve) \$9
April 30- Derby Day Sectional (0-20 game on 1st day at 10:00)
Saturday May 2 – Sectional Swiss teams



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70% March 2/25-3/25

2/25	Club	Open	Judy Katz, Jean Talbot	72.6%
2/26	Club	Circle	Joe Bourgeois, Trelah Nagy	71.1%
3/10	Club	Open	James Thornton, Kathy Logue	72.0%
3/19	Club	Circle	George Kalmar, Don Engler	71.4%
3/21	Club	8 is enough	David Williams, John Christie Ellis Murov, Barbara Stott	91.7%
			James Thornton, Cheryl Hauver, Fred and Claudette Lay	86.7%
			Kathy Logue, Anne Lopinto, Jennifer Koppel, Reese Koppel	73.3%

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NEW JUNIOR MASTERS: Kate Gredil & Katherine Richardson

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NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS: Susan Doody & John Musser

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS: Yvonne Bayhi, Robert Herbert, & Gayle Martinez

NEW NABC MASTER: Beth Bayer

NEW LIFE MASTER



STEPHANIE MUSSER

8 is Enough

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, the Louisiana Bridge Association held an 8 is Enough Swiss team game. Designed to mix experienced and inexperienced players, the game used these points criteria: under 100 = 1; under 1,000 = 2; over 1,000= 3. The whole team could not exceed 8. Some teams had 2 + 2 + 2 + 2, others had 3+3+1+1, others had still other combinations. Some 1's had never played Swiss before; some 3's were over 10,000 points. Every team had a cornerstone (experienced person to help with scoring, movement, etc.).

Directed by Lillian Range and Kathy Plauche, the game had a total of 30 tables in a 6-board, 3-round movement. Teresa Federico handled caddy and other duties, and Linda Freese handled the food. The food started at 11:30, the game started at 12:45 and was over by 4:30. Kathy Plauche managed to post scores onto the television screen, so people could easily check their standing at any time.

With ducks as a theme, the point was for everyone to have a ducky time. Everyone got a painted, named rubber duck. Ducks in attendance included Avian Leigh, Duck Tracy, Honk Aaron, Hill Bill E, Michael Quackson, and Mallard Fillmore. A separate pond held the naughty ducks, such as Ducking Autocorrect. Inexplicably, all the Naughtyies disappeared by the end of the game. Everyone had a good time; the club plans to repeat the event in the fall.



Photos courtesy of Philip Luchsinger



DERBY DAY
2026 SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
THE LOUISIANA BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
2709 Edenborn Ave., Metairie, LA 70002
Phone: 504-889-0869 Sanction #: 2605327



THURSDAY, April 30th

Stratified 0 – 20 Pairs (under 5 MPs play for free).....10 am
 Stratified Open Pairs10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified 499'er Pairs..... 10:00 am & 2:30 pm

FRIDAY, May 1st

Stratified Open Pairs10:00 am & 2:30 pm
 Stratified 499'er Pairs..... 10:00 am & 2:30 pm



ABOVE GAMES ARE SINGLE-SESSION EVENTS

SATURDAY, May 2nd ALL DAY SESSION

Bracketed Swiss Teams (lunch served after 3 rounds).....**9:00 am** & TBA

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



Entry fees of \$14.00 per person. \$18 for unpaid ACBL members
\$120 for 4-member Swiss Team

STRATIFIED EVENTS

OPEN STRATIFIED:
 (A) 2500+ (B) 750-2500
 (C) 0-750

TOURNAMENT CHAIR:
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499'er STRATIFIED:
 (A) 300-499 (B) 100-299
 (C) 0-99

PARTNERSHIP CHAIR:
 Carolyn Dubois
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O-20 Events:
 A (5-20) B (0-5)

DIRECTOR IN CHARGE:
 Kevin Perkins

SATURDAY FUN!

1. Ladies Hat & Men's Bow Tie Contest
2. Place your Bets Contest
3. Mint Julep Delights



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