

# KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association October 1, 2025

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Goodman, and Jim Thornton

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## President's Message:

Welcome to Fall! We have a lot going on right now. Both Wayne and Lowen are running teaching series. (See flyers at the club, in this issue of the Kibitzer, and on the website.) We are also having a Swiss mentoring game on Monday October 20<sup>th</sup> in the hope of getting more novice/intermediate players interested in playing Swiss in our upcoming Dottie Toledano Tournament. Speaking of which.... that tournament is being held at the end of October (October 29-31) in advance of the Fall time change. Costumes are welcome for Halloween day.

We are now recruiting new board members. We have four openings this year. If interested in running for the board, please sign the Willingness to Serve form on the front table or see one of the Nominating Committee members (Kathy Logue, Carol Jambon, Larry Federico) for more information. Nominations close December 1<sup>st</sup> and voting will take place during the week of the January tournament.

The new membership directory has been delayed, but we hope to publish by the end of the month. We are looking for day captains to help with our tournaments. I will be holding an information session in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping with tournament hospitality, please contact me ([keenanromig@bellsouth.net](mailto:keenanromig@bellsouth.net) or 504-905-5215).

We are featuring some additional sponsors this month, thanks to Carol Jambon's sales efforts. Finally, thank you to Ellen Lappa for her donation of a lovely crockpot for our kitchen.

Keenan Romig

## Club Manager's Report:

It's so nice to be appreciated! ACBL **appreciates** us with extra point games this month with no extra \$1! We will have two full weeks of **Club Appreciation Games** along with a Team Appreciation game on October 20 and lunch before the last round. We also have a week of **Club Membership games** also with extra points and no extra \$1. **You must be current in your dues** to play October 13-17. The Team Appreciation game will actually be a **Mentoring Swiss** game with 2 mentors teaming up with 2 of our under 300 players. This is just in time for our Sectional tournament at the end of the month. The Swiss team game at our Sectional will be on Wednesday, October 29. We are hoping that these newly mentored Swiss team players will have enough participation to earn your very own section in our Sectional Tournament. The pair games will be on Thursday and Friday. For those who get into the Halloween spirit, there will be a costume contest. There is a special ACBL-wide **Senior Pairs game** for over 60 year-olds at 12:30 on Wednesday, October 15.

At our virtual club, we will be hosting **Club Appreciation games** October 6-12 including club appreciation team games on **Monday night @ 6:50, Tuesday & Thursday** nights at 6:50, and **Wednesday & Sunday @ 2:00**. The rest of the Swiss team games will be GNT qualifier games with 150% MPS, ½ red & ½ black. We will also host **ACBL Fundraiser games** on 10/22-10/26. A busy fall....indeed

Sherrie Goodman (504-329-7411)

### Calendar of events:

October 1 -2 Club Appreciation games  
October 3 Centennial Red game 100% mps ½ Red  
October 6, 7, 10 Club Appreciation Games  
\*October 6-12 Club Appreciation Games  
October 13-17 Club Membership week  
October 20-24 Club Appreciation Games  
\*October 22-26 NABC Fundraiser Games  
October 27-28 Centennial Silver Games  
October 29-31 Dottie Toledano Sectional  
October 31 Costume contest...Happy Halloween

\*Online games in Virtual Club

### A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTORS

**At least one person in each partnership must have a convention card. If a director asks to see your card and neither you nor your partner has one, you will be fined ¼ of a board.**

**Also, if you arrive late for a game, and the director allows you to play, you will be fined ¼ of a board for each minute that you are late. All players should be in the building 5 minutes before game time.**

## ROAD WARRIORS

### Meridian Sectional

|                                  |                                       |                  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay          | were 1 <sup>st</sup> in C and earning | 1.25 Silver mps  |
| Raphael Velazquez & Toni Talbott | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in C earning     | .82 Silver mps   |
| Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay          | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in C earning     | .95 Silver mps   |
| Raphael & Toni Talbott           | were 1 <sup>st</sup> in C earning     | .94 Silver mps   |
| Beth Bayer & Jim Mackay          | were 1 <sup>st</sup> in C earning     | 1.25 Silver mps. |

### Gulfport Sectional

|  |  |                 |
|--|--|-----------------|
| Tom Hassell & Raphael Velazquez                      | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in A & earned       | 1.85 Silver mps |
| Mike Hollis & Marty Brantley                         | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in C & earned       | 1.02 Silver mps |
| Vicki Willis, Jacob Karno, Wayne Weisler             | were 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Swiss A & earned | 6.84 Silver mps |
| Elizabeth Sewell & team                              | were 1 <sup>st</sup> in Swiss B & earned | 6.00 Silver mps |
| Dottie Stephenson , Jane Reynolds & team             | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Swiss C & earned | 1.32 Silver mps |
| Beth Bayer, Jim Mackay, Mike Hollis & Marty Brantley | were 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Swiss C & earned | .28 Silver mps  |
| Kathy Logue & Iype Koshy                             | were 3 <sup>rd</sup> in A & earned       | 4.90 Silver mps |
| Pat & Sheila Gernon                                  | were 1 <sup>st</sup> in C & earned       | 1.56 Silver mps |
| Suzanne Baer & partner                               | were 2 <sup>nd</sup> in B & earned       | 3.19 Silver mps |

**The Louisiana Bridge Association  
Presents  
Dottie Toledano Sectional Tournament  
October 29 – October 31, 2025**

2709 Edenborn Avenue Metairie, LA 70002 Phone: (504) 889-0869 Sanction # 2510385

**Wednesday, October 29**

Bracketed Swiss Teams (Meal served after 3 rounds)-----10:00 am & TBA

**Thursday, October 30 (Lunch provided between sessions)**

0-20 Mps (0-5 mps get one free play)-----10:00 am

Stratified Open Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified 499'er Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

**Friday, October 31 (Lunch provided between sessions)**

Stratified Open Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

Stratified 499'er Pairs-----10:00 am & 2:30 pm

**All sessions above are single events**

**Refreshments and free coffee at all games**

**Entry fees \$14.00 per person; \$18 for unpaid ACBL members**

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

**Open Stratified Events:**

A (2500+) B (750-2500) C (0-750)

**499'er Stratified Events:**

A (300-499) B (100-299) C (0-99)

**0-20 Events:**

(5-20) B (0-5)

**DIC: Kevin Perkins**

**Tournament Chair**

Keenan Romig (504) 905-5215

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**Partnership Chair:**

Pierce & Hans Jonassen

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**All pair and team events will be based on average master points and may be adjusted by the director based on attendance. SILVER masterpoints awarded.**

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## RANK ADVANCEMENTS

### **NEW JUNIOR MASTERS:**

MARGARET ADAMS, JOHN DUBBERLY, JULIE LAFARGUE, MAEGHAN LIVACARRI, DESLYS RUSSELL

### **NEW CLUB MASTERS:**

LORRAINE CRAWFORD, SHANNON MARTIN

### **NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS:**

HANS JONASSEN, DEB LLOYD

### **NEW REGIONAL MASTERS:**

GARY LLOYD, ELLIS MUROV ANTOINETTE TALBOTT

### **NEW NABC MASTER:**

JATINDER JOLLY

## CONGRATULATIONS

**GRAND LIFE MASTER CHRIS MOLL, FORMER LBA MEMBER, JUST REACHED 20,000 MASTERPOINTS**

September 70% (thru 9/28)

|      |             |  |        |
|------|-------------|--|--------|
| 9/18 | Swiss       | Sherrie Goodman and teammates              | 75.00% |
| 9/21 | Swiss       | Audrey Cerise, Jane Goldring and teammates | 74.00% |
| 9/25 | Club Circle | Robert Harmon, Carmel Cucinotto            | 76.70% |

(Compiled by Jim Thorton)

# INTERMEDIATE CLASSES



Need to improve your Bridge game??

**Wayne Weisler is offering a series of refresher classes including 2/1 bidding and play of the hand which will help to improve your bidding and play**

**STARTING  
Saturday,  
Sept. 27**

**WHEN: Saturdays in SEPT-NOV**

**TIME: 9:30 am - noon**

**Cost: Package of 6 lessons - \$180  
or \$35/lesson**



## **TOPICS**

- 9/27 2/1 vs Standard American**
- 10/04 FORCING NO TRUMP – Keystone to the  
2/1 System – Bidding without Game Pts**
- 10/18 Making a Plan(Counting Winners  
and Losers)**
- 10/25 Developing Tricks – Ruff or Sluff  
or Establish a Suit)**
- 11/01 Transportation – Timing and Entries**
- 11/08 Dealing with Unique Shapes**

**CASH  
or CHECK  
or VENMO**

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**October 1, 8, 22 November 5, 12, 19**

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Lowen is a highly qualified, gifted teacher and excellent bridge player.

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Please RSVP to hold your place, contact Lowen at [Lowen.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:Lowen.bridge@gmail.com)

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