

Louisiana Bridge Association June 2016

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President's Message June 2016

June is a month full of special events. We have a charity game on June 4th, a STAC week beginning June 6th, a whole day of special games on June 20th for our Longest Day fund raiser, and finally, a Swiss team mentoring game on June 29th. Details can be found later in this kibitzer, on the calendar in the hall, or on our website.

Eileen Bagnetto, Jackie Madden, and Jeannine Richardson did a great job chairing our Derby Day tournament. Thanks, ladies. The Saturday afternoon game started at 2:00 and ended before the Kentucky Derby. This was a change from past years when the bridge game was stopped with a round to play and the game resumed after the race. Most of our players stayed to watch the race, but others welcomed the opportunity to leave earlier.

Belated congratulations to Jean Talbot and Joan Van Geffen, the winners of the 2015 Claire Meyer awards. Claire Meyer left a \$3000 legacy to the club with the stipulation that the investment proceeds were to go to the two ladies who won the most master points in a calendar year. Mrs. Talbot received \$40, and Mrs. Van Geffen received \$20. These ladies play often and well and are regular winners of the award. In the past, when interest rates were higher, the awards were more substantial.

Larry Federico

June Events

- Jun 1** NAOP Qualifier Wed **
- Jun 4** ACBL World-Wide Game Sat **
- Jun 6-12** STAC WEEK Mon-Sun **
- Jun 13** NAOP Qualifier Mon AM **
- Jun 17** NAOP Qualifier Fri **
- Jun 17-19** Gulfport Sectional Fri-Sun
- Jun 20** The Longest Day Mon(8am-10:30 pm)

\$10 per game/extra points (see p.3)

- Jun 23-26** Baton Rouge Sectional Thurs-Sun

- Jun 29** Mentoring Swiss Teams Game Wed *
Mentors Play Free

* Extra Points, no extra fee

** Extra Points, \$7 fee

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wayne Neveu, Jack Weiss

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(Derby Day firsts continued from column on right):

Sat PM

299er Pairs Carolyn Dubois & Virginia McMurray \$70; Edward Trapp & Carolyn Trapp \$60 Flt E

Open Pairs JF Lowenstein & Judy Katz \$150; Ellie Brammell & Lynne Hand \$100 Flt B; Wanda Picarella & Anne Monteiro \$60 Flt C

Sun Swiss Bob Bowers-Chuck Pitard-Jamie Bush-Guss Ginsburg; Mark Greensfelder-David Woods-Geoff Chichester-Vicki Willis Flt B; Cynthia Allen-Irma Welch-Abu Zaman-John Lane Flt C

Derby Day Sectional Firsts

Thurs AM

0-20 Pairs Gail Marie Arnold & Alfred Arnold

299er Pairs Diana Powell & Susan Martin; Mike Russell & Steven Plotkin Flt F

Open Pairs Idell Adams & Larry Federico; David Bybee & Don Daigle Flt B; Gail Fayard & Cindy Lewis Flt C

Thurs PM

299er Pairs Judith Rowley & Betty Norton; Lynn Flynn & Rayne Lykes Flt E; Mike Russell & Steven Plotkin Flt F

Open Pairs Paul Deal & Bob Bowers; Roy Richardson & Eileen Bagnetto Flt B; Jay Bourne & Beverly Baumgartner Flt C

Fri AM

299er Pairs Lynne Peterson & Polly Thomas

Open Pairs Janice Henderson & Frances Schenk; Doug De Montluzin & Emmanuel Benjamin Flt B; Sherrie Goodman & Cathy Alford Flt C

Fri PM

299er Pairs Margaret Shirer & Gerri Abbott; Lynne Peterson & Polly Thomas Flt E

Open Pairs Carl Merlin & Nonie Leavitt; Jay Bourne & Beverly Baumgartner Flt B

(Dot Babin Prize Money included in Sat results below)

Sat AM

299er Pairs Linda Conner & Elizabeth Cordes \$70; Edward Trapp & Carolyn Trapp \$70 Flt E

Open pairs Linda Freese & Paul Freese \$200; Sid LeBlanc & Mary LeBlanc \$120 Flt B; Cynthia Allen & Patricia Burke \$70 Flt C

(Derby Day firsts continued at left)

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Barbara Claiborne, Barbara M Fitz-Hugh

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Bonnie Zakotnik

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER

Ralph Chesson

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTER

Lynne Hand

NEW SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Jeffrey Juster

Jackson Regional Firsts

Rick Logan & Jean Talbot Mon Open Pairs

Sheryl Thompson & Mike Lappa Thurs Gold Rush Pairs

Rk3 AND Sun Gold Rush Teams

Vicki Willis & Janice Henderson 1st Continuous Pairs

Sherrie Goodman-Sharon Henry-Debbie Rothschild-

Carol Bagalman Tues-Wed KO Teams Bkt III

Jack & Cindy Lewis Wed A/B/C Pairs Flt C

Sally Toups & Leah Miciotto Wed-Thurs KO Bkt II

Irene Labiche & Richard Golmon Fri Gld Rsh Pairs Flt B

JF Lowenstein & Beth Todd Third Side Series AND

Sun ABC Swiss Flt B

Know the Director's Rulings

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

Forgetting Partnership Agreements

When a player forgets a partnership agreement, and his partner alerts or responds to a question with the correct explanation of the bid, that player now has unauthorized information. In this light, he is still required to continue the auction as though he had bid correctly, and not try to alert partner that he forgot their agreement by any bid or mannerism.

For example, North bids 1NT and South bids 2D. North then properly announces "transfer", and South realizes that he had forgotten their transfer agreement and really wanted to play Diamonds. South should not bid 3D hoping partner will realize his mistake. After all, partner is ethically required to treat 3D as a game forcing action showing a Diamond suit in addition to 5 hearts, since that is the standard meaning of 3D in a transfer system. Thus, you will never get to play 3D anyway.

Now, if you make a conventional bid that is consistent with a partnership agreement, and you come to believe based on partner's actions that partner has forgotten the agreement, you should still alert his bid even though he did not alert yours. If this alert "wakes partner up" the opponents are entitled to protection.

Bottom line, the Laws require that whenever a player has unauthorized information through partner's alert, response to a question, or inaction, he is supposed to continue the auction as though partner had responded correctly.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH. Bidding styles have changed over the years as experience has taught that some method revisions work consistently better than older established practices. For example, in Goren's and even more so in Roth-Stone's methods in the 1950-70 era, opening bids were sound, overcalls were weak, takeout doubles were often used with irregular distributions in order to show an overcall with opening hand or better strength, and single jump overcalls were quite strong and guaranteed long trump suits. Today most single jump overcalls are weak, although some players favor intermediate strength single jump overcalls when vulnerable, simple overcalls can be wide ranging in strength, and takeout doubles are often made with light hands but correct distribution. Strong single jump overcalls are a thing of the past, with one notable exception. It has become established current practice that single and double jump overcalls made over preemptive openings by opponents are strong bids with powerful trump suits. "Don't preempt over a preempt," caution the expert bridge commentators. Illustrating this change and admonition, in a local club game as West, I held ♠AKJ109x ♥x ♦10x ♣AK9x, vulnerable against non-vulnerable, in fourth seat. My LHO opened 2H, partner passed, RHO raised to 3H, a preemptive raise to a weak two bid, and there I was, holding a strong hand and wondering what bid I should make to show it. A 4H cuebid was "out," as it would show a strong two suiter. A takeout double could show the appropriate strength level but there was a danger that partner might jump in diamonds in response. It seemed that the closest to a correct call available in contemporary practice was a strong, single jump overcall. So I jumped to 4S, over which LHO passed and partner briefly stopped to think. With minimal delay he advanced 6S. The opening lead was the ♣10, an apparent singleton, as will appear from the hand diagram below left.

♠AKJ109x	♠Qxxx	♠xx
♥x	♥Q10xxx	♥AKx
♦10x	♦Qx	♦Axxx
♣AK9x	♣10	♣Qxxx
	♠x	
	♥Jxx	
	♦KJxxx	
	♣Jxxx	

I took the lead with dummy's ♣Q, thereby maintaining a finesse position over East's presumed ♣Jxxx holding. Anticipating a 4/1 trump break, I then took a first round spade finesse against South. Trumps did break 4/1 but it was North who surprisingly held ♠Qxxx, our only loser.

We made six spades after drawing trumps and taking the club finesse against RHO's marked ♣J. The general rule of thumb that a strong single jump overcall opposite an opening bid may produce a small slam proved to be accurate. Partner's bold slam bid when holding only two small trumps was well rewarded with success.

A Shout Out from Sally Toups

Have you noticed? If not, all the duplicate boards have been cleaned and polished, the bidding boxes have been cleaned and new cards replacing the old cards. You guessed it – it was **Theresa Federico** and some **volunteers**. THANK YOU – THANK YOU. This adds to our pleasure when we sit down to play.

Notes from Sherrie Goodman

1. Trouble accessing the new website? Call **Sherrie 504-329-7411**
2. Please note and use the **signup sheets for Thurs eve Fast Pairs and Sunday games**. At the club and also on our website. This will help to assure that these games run during the heavy summer travel season.
3. Please sign up for the **Swiss mentoring game Wed June 29**. Invest in the future of our tournament and club Swiss team games!

Grand Slams

May 18 Jennie Flynn Sauviac & Juanita Heidingsfelder (2 grand slams), Red Hailey & Bummy Rosenfield (1 grand slam)

These pairs divided a \$21 jackpot—\$14 to JFS&JH and \$7 to RH&BR.

70 percent games

299er Pairs Charles Waldrop & Irene Labiche 70.50% May 9

Jackson Regional Tues Aft Side Pairs Janice Henderson & Vicki Willis 70.20%

Open Pairs Idell Adams & JF Lowenstein 70.03% May 23



On Monday, June 20, the Louisiana Bridge Association is hosting a day of bridge games for duplicate and party bridge players alike to do what we love best.....play bridge. The games will take place approximately every 1 1/2 hours (see schedule below). The Masterpoints for each 12 board game will be extra value, so many MP's can be earned in one day. There will be lots of fun for all! All proceeds from the event will go towards research and support for Alzheimers.

Schedule of Games

8:00-9:40	Open
9:40-11:20	Open and 299er
11:20-1:00	Open and 299er
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 4:00	Individual Game
4:00 – 5:40	Open and 299er
5:40 – 6:40	Wine and Dinner
6:40 – 8:20	Open & 299er
8:20 – 10:00	Open & 299er

We are raffling off a **Year of Free Play** at the Bridge Center. The tickets are \$20 for 1 or \$100 for 6. You may purchase them at the Bridge Center (our volunteers are wearing a purple Longest Day button) or call 329-7411 and Sherrie will get them to you. Tournaments are excluded from free play. Drawing will be held immediately following the Individual Game at 4:00 on June 20. All tickets must be purchased before 2:00 pm on The Longest Day. You do NOT have to register for the games ahead of time. We guarantee a partner at all events! If you would like to register, it will help us plan the food amounts and help Theresa know how many boards to prepare for our events. All games will cost \$10 and the meals and snacks are complimentary. Extra points are going to be awarded for each of the games. The games will each be 12 boards. As long as there are enough players, 299er games will be available at all times. In the Individual Game, you will change partners every round. There will be 18 boards in this game only. It's a great chance to try different partners. It is important to pre-register for this event as the setup for this game takes some planning ahead of time. There will be sign up sheets at the club, or you can register online.