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Louisiana Bridge Association MARCH 1, 2026

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President's Message

We had a fun day at the club on Mardi Gras with 55 participants. Many thanks to everyone that volunteered to bring food and beverages and make this a successful event.

We are looking for someone to oversee the Longest Day activities on Saturday June 20th. This important ACBL wide event raises funds for the Alzheimer's Association. In the past few years our club has been very successful in raising funds, but we need someone to head up this year's efforts. If you are willing to volunteer as either the head or committee member, please contact Vicki Willis and she will provide additional information.

And speaking of Vicki, Congratulations! She has been elected as president of District 10. Our local club is certainly in good hand with her leadership.

Mark your calendar for March 21st for our next Eight is Enough Swiss Game. This is a really fun game and a great way to meet and play with players that you might not normally play with. See the flyer below for additional details, hope you will join us.

And as always, your suggestions for improvements are welcome and appreciated.

Newt Jackson



Club Manager's Report

LBA is as busy as ever. Our games are healthy and growing, our Education is thriving (John Federico continues to have 45+ students in his defense class), and your new board is fast at work to continue with many new programs as we continue to keep the club fiscally responsible.

March Madness brings us **33% red** point games for no extra fee the first week of March. The 2nd week is an NABC fundraiser, so we get extra points for our extra \$1. On March 16 we have an **ACBL-wide Silver Senior Pairs** game. Lil is bringing back **8 is Enough** on Saturday 21st which will be a **Unit Team Championship** game. If you do not have a team and want to play, please let Lil know by texting (504)330-1158. There is also a signup sheet on the front table. On March 25 we are having another **ACBL-wide Charity game**. Enjoy our busy month!

Our online club will have NABC fundraiser games March 9-13 for 2x black points. Our LBA/LBC/ET AL club is having some success with our new Swiss games on Realbridge. Our Sunday Swiss and morning limited games on BBO are still doing very well. Our profit last month on BBO games was \$1.46 per player for the \$7 entry fee. On Realbridge our profit per player for the **\$6** entry fee was **\$18.40** per player. I hope if you enjoy some online time, you will consider playing on **RealBridge**. Also, if you see games listed for **SE Carolina**, we do receive a stipend for your participation in their games.

Sherrie Goodman

March Calendar

March 2-6	March Madness 33% Red
March 9-13	NABC Fundraiser F2f & Online
March 16	ACBL-wide Silver Senior Pairs
March 21	Eight is Enough
March 25	ACBL-wide Charity Game

THE LBA HAS A NEW LOGO

Congratulations to David Hoover whose design was selected as the winner. Three judges – Suzanne Baer, Trelah Nagy, and Susan Gibbens – reviewed all of the entries and narrowed the total to three. The Board of Directors then voted for a winner from the three finalists. Thanks for the many members who submitted designs.



EIGHT IS ENOUGH!!

What: A unique Swiss Team Game with 3 rounds

When: Saturday, March 21st 11:30 lunch 12:45 Games begin

Why: * To even out the experience and strength factors among teams

* To share what you have learned

* To get to know players from the “other side”

Who: All members of the club are encouraged to play.

How: Players are assigned a number 1, 2, or 3 depending on their masterpoints. Team’s total must be 8 points or less.

< 100	MPs	Counts as 1 pt
100 - 999	MPs	Counts as 2 pts
> 1000	MPs	Counts as 3 pts

Depending upon the masterpoints of the participants, these are some possible breakdowns for a 4-player team::

$$\begin{array}{lll} 3 + 3 + 1 + 1 = 8 & 3 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 8 & 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 4 \\ 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8 & 3 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 7 & 2 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 6 \end{array}$$

The 8 is Enough Committee can help match you up with teammates.

Before the game enjoy a light lunch served to all the players.

Saturday, March 21st

Please register by contacting Lil Range at:

Lrange@uhcno.edu

Text: 504-330-1158

or use the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Share the flyer on the players' entrance table with anyone interested.

Sign up online or use the signup sheet on the bulletin board.



Spring is in the air!

FEBRUARY 70% GAMES (1/29-2/24)

2/2	Club	Circle	Elizabeth Maediarmid & Diana Lewis	70.31%
2/17	Club	Beginner	Maneck Contractor & Carole O'Hare	72.50%

NEW MEMBERS

Karen Baldwin & Randy Rosenberg

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

JOHN CHRISTIE, MARSHA COLE, & MARY ANN MCQUEEN

NEW CLUB MASTER

STEVEN ZIMMER

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

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NEW NABC MASTERS

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