

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association May 1, 2026

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President's Message:

We just completed a successful and fun Derby Day tournament, and we will be getting out a summary report in the near future. Thanks to Carolyn Dubois for chairing the partnership desk and for the members that brought food and drinks. And a special thanks to Beth Bayer who co-chaired the tournament and prepared the excellent food for all three days - lots of hard work and very much appreciated.

Thanks to John Federico for the outstanding training classes that he has now completed and for the assistance that Kathy Plauche provided in putting the classes together. They were very informative classes which should improve the play of those who attended. And we wish Kathy a speedy recovery from her knee surgery and look forward to seeing her back at the club in June.

We are starting to gear up for the Longest Day which will be held on Saturday, June 20th this year. Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

Wayne Weisler is putting together a training series that will be a continuation of the beginning bridge classes that Kathy teaches. More information will be sent out soon.

Newt Jackson

Club Manager's Report:

May has slipped up on us as we were so busy with our Derby Day Tournament! It's always such a fun tournament, but Beth Bayer and Newt Jackson, Tournament Chairs, along with Carolyn Dubois as Partnership Chair, have done such a great job. Beth did most of the food herself (with a little help from our Coffee and Bridge group!) Thanks to all who made the tournament such a great success! May is Grass Roots Fund month, so we will have several double point games to raise \$\$ for the ACBL Grass Roots Fund. We also have a week of NABC Fundraiser Games. ACBL has brought back the Stardust week, so we also have a week of 25% gold games.

Our Saturday Swiss game is May 16 this month, and we will have 200% mps for the Saturday game. It is by reservation so please [click here](#) to make your reservation for our fun Saturday Swiss.

Also, ACBL is rewarding our club (one of 3 clubs) for our Online and Face to Face success over the past year. Not only do we get 100% Gold on Friday, May 15, but our club received a gift certificate to Baron Barclay as another reward.

Our Online clubs are now able to win 4 MPS in a game. Remember during covid how we had 3 games in the morning and 3 games in the afternoon, and when we had 40 tables in one session (299er, 1999er and Open added together) we earned 4 MPS for the winner. If it is a double point game, we could earn 8 MPS for the winner. We are so happy to have this back. The Sunday Swiss will max out on most weeks. Our online games will also have NABC Fundraiser and Grass Roots weeks. Check the calendar for upcoming dates. Please note that our Monday night Swiss game on Real Bridge is now at 6:30 like Tuesday and Wednesday. See you at the table!

Sherrie Goodman

Mark your Calendar!
"Do What You Love to End Alzheimers"

The Longest Day fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association (renamed as above this year) will take place on **Saturday, June 20th**. Multiple games, raffles, a silent auction and lots of food may be enjoyed for a great cause! We will start selling raffle tickets shortly for our "Weekly free play for one year." Tickets are \$10 each or \$3 for \$25 (12 for \$100). This was our most popular funding source last year (prize valued at roughly \$450). Please plan to participate in this wonderful event!

Volunteers are needed to help with food and donations for food, soliciting auction items, and selling raffle tickets. If you are willing to help, please contact either co-chair George Jeansonne (504-289-3867) or Keenan Romig (504-905-5215). More information to follow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MAY 4-8** NABC Fundraiser on BBO, Real Bridge & LBA
- MAY 15** GOLD event at LBA
- MAY 16** Saturday Swiss 2X points at LBA, RSVP please!
- MAY 18-23** Stardust Week – 25% Gold all week
- MAY 25-29** Grass Roots games on BBO, Real Bridge & LBA

Your Impact on Our Community

Our members support so many ACBL programs that grow our game and strengthen the community. Here's a look by the numbers.



The Total

Our members raised this astonishing amount in 2025.

\$1,888,028



Alzheimer's Association

Through ACBL events and member-driven fundraising we support the fight against Alzheimer's through research, education, and care.

\$1,228,330



Junior Fund

Supports young players through instruction, competition, and travel, helping build confidence, skills, and a lifelong connection to the game.

\$126,550



ACBL Educational Foundation

Supports teaching tools, scholarships, and programs that introduce new players and strengthen learning at all levels.

\$117,691



ACBL Charity Foundation

Supports disaster relief and ACBL-connected charities, turning member generosity into meaningful help for those in need.

\$138,922



Grassroots

Supports local efforts to make NAP and GNT events accessible to more players and compete at the North American Bridge Championships.

\$122,147



International Fund

Supports players from the United States, Canada, and Mexico in competing at the World Championships.

\$154,388

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS:

**Janice Sccloneaux
Glenn Voss**

NEW CLUB MASTERS:

**Victor Farrugia
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(19.08 GOLD POINTS FOR WINNING THE KNOCKOUT TEAMS, BRACKET 5)**

**GUSS GINSBURG & TEAM
(22.65 GOLD POINTS FOR WINNING 2ND PLACE IN THE KNOCKOUT
TEAMS, BRACKET 2)**

GULFPORT 750 REGIONAL:

**MANECK CONTRACTOR & GAYLE MARTINEZ
(WON 4.56 SILVER POINTS)**

**PHIL LUCHSINGER & JUDITH LUCHSINGER
(WON 4.48 SILVER POINTS)**

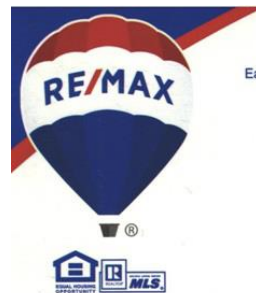


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4/1	CLUB	OPEN	JUDY KATZ, KATHY LOGUE	72.00
4/2	CLUB	CIRCLE	NORRIS ROBICHAUX, CAROL JAMBONE	72.50
4/3	CLUB	OPEN	ERIN FLEMING, LOUISE SAIK	71.10%
4/10	CLUB	OPEN	IDELL ADAMS, LARRY FEDERICO	71.50%
4/15	CLUB	OPEN	CAPPY MCIVER, DI LAPEYRE	73.10%
4/26	SWISS	OPEN	EMIE LEVINSON & TEAMMATES	70.00%

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&
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DERBY DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

THURSDAY, 4/30/26

OPEN 9.40 David McDonald, Craig Cordes
7.05 Dee Moses, Jean Talbot
499ER 2.52 Norman DuFour, John Cumberland
1.89 Kate Myers, Stephen Myers
0-20 1.03 Elizabeth Leonard, Nancy Austin
.77 Terry Olivier, Dwane Babin

OPEN 6.42 Guss Ginsburg, Elizabeth Sewell
4.82 Jamie Bush, Richard Logan
499ER 1.72 Kate Myers, Stephen Myers
1.29 Gary Lloyd, Deb Lloyd

FRIDAY, 5/1/26

OPEN 7.10 David Mc Donald, Craig Cordes
5.33 Susan Gibbens, Suzanne Baer
499ER 2.06 Gary Lloyd, Deb Lloyd
1.55 Hans Jonassen, Pierce Jonassen

OPEN 6.65 David McDonald, Craig Cordes
4.99 Lynn John Federico, Larry Federico
499ER 1.95 Beth Bayer, Jim MacKay
1.46 Susan Moody, Keith Moody

SATURDAY, 5/2/26

SWISS, BRACKET 1

13.31 Richard Logan, Lynne Logan, Jay Segarra, Michael Moses
9.98 Lynn John Federico, Larry Federico, Idell Adams, Kathy Logue

SWISS, BRACKET

5.61 Robert Sylvester, Jacquelyn Madden, Gary Bergeron, Anthony Pastor
4.21 Walter Rudd, Kathryn Tillson, Priscilla Carleton, Elizabeth Mandeville

SWISS, BRACKET 3

3.22 Sheila Boyne, Loretta Martin, Susan Chaisson, Betty Thibaut
2.42 Beth Bayer, Jim MacKay, James Woodard, Mattie Woodard