

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association November 1, 2025

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President's Message:

New Membership directories are now published. See elsewhere in the Kibitzer on how to obtain a printed or pdf version if you are interested.

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 12th which will be the date for the Holiday pot luck lunch this year followed by regular bridge games. Phil and Judith Luchsinger and Mary LeBlanc will be coordinating the event. The club provides the main course and players bring their favorite appetizer, side or dessert. Feel free to contribute cash to help defray club expenses if cooking is not your thing.

We are still looking for candidates to run for the board. We have several excellent candidates who have signed up so far. There are four openings, each for a 3-year term. Please sign the "Willingness to Serve" form on the director's table if you are interested in being a working board member and having a voice in board actions. Nominations close December 1 and voting takes place during the week of January 5th. If you have any questions, please see a board member or a Nominating Committee Member (Kathy Logue, Larry Federico, Carol Jambon).

Happy Thanksgiving!

Keenan Romig

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

NEW DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. A HARD COPY COSTS \$7 (CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD) AND CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE GAME DIRECTOR. A PDF VERSION IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE THROUGH KEENAN. EMAIL HER AT KEENANROMIG@BELLSOUTH.NET AND PUT "DIRECTORY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. NO OTHER TEXT NEEDED

Club Manager's Report:

Fall is in the air and those Masterpoints are falling on us like the leaves of the trees. We have several Unit Championships this month, including Wednesday nights. Check the calendar to make sure you don't miss them. There are Centennial Red points on Thursday, November 6 and there are Centennial Gold points on November 24, 25, and 26. All games on those dates will receive 50% Red and 50% Gold. The week of November 10 is Club Championship Week. No extra \$1 all month!

In the virtual club, we have NABC Fundraiser Games on November 12-16. These games are \$1 more so that we can help those having the next NABC. We well remember how much that extra \$1 from the clubs helped us with our NABC. We continue to have 150% GNT games for all our Swiss events. As you know, our Thursday night Swiss and Sunday afternoon Swiss are very popular, but we have Monday night and Wednesday afternoon games that need your support. These are all on BBO, but the new platform with ACBL sanctioned games is having Tuesday and Wednesday night Swiss GNT games and they are quickly growing. The software on RealBridge is so much better for Swiss teams. My mailbox is filled with accolades on the new platform. We had 11 tables on the 2nd night of Tuesday Swiss. For those of you who are supporting these games, I would like to thank you. It is becoming harder to support the club with only the BBO games. If you have not done so already, please sign up for an account at realbridge.online. There are several of you who find it difficult to come to the club on Edenborn. If you are going to play online, please support our games. It helps to keep LBA in the black on our financial report.

At the end of the year, we are losing a director (or two). If you are interested in becoming a director, please let me know. If we have no director, we have no game. And speaking of Directors, please do not be disrespectful to them. They are working hard to try to keep the games moving.

I would like to thank our newer players for participating in our recent Swiss mentoring game. I was so proud of you for playing in our Tournament Swiss game. I hope you all had fun! The tournament participation for Swiss was terrific; we had 28 teams—the highest in a very long time!

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

New Junior Master

DORIS O'SULLIVAN

New Club Masters

THOMAS MAY & JOHN MUSSER

New Sectional Master

CAROLYN STOLZ

New Regional Masters

BARBARA STOTT & ELLAINE WILSON

New NABC Masters

JULIE ESSICK, LARRY FERTITTA & NANCY SANDIDGE

LIFE MASTER



NANCY ARTHUR

LIFE MASTER



WILLIAM VARNEY

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



MARVIN BERNSTEIN

SILVER LIFE MASTER



CHARLES WALDROP

**OCTOBER KIBITZER EDITORIAL ERRORS
ON RANK ADVANCEMENTS**

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS SHOULD HAVE READ AS:

DIANA CASEY AND FAYE THOMAS

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS SHOULD HAVE READ AS:

**HANS JONASSEN, DEB LLOYD, GARY LLOYD,
ELLIS MUROV, AND ANTOINETTE TALBOTT**

**MATTI HIETALAHTI RANKED FIRST IN A THREE
DAY ROBOT ONLINE TOURNAMENT WITH A 77%
GAME OUT OF 4276 PLAYERS!!!!**

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KATHERINE RICHARDSON
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SWISS THIS YEAR

By Lil Range

This is my annual report on the online Sunday Swiss. This report covers October 6, 2024, through September 28, 2025. In Sunday Swiss online this past year, the highest number of tables, 56, was on January 19, 2025 (too cold for many outdoor activities). The lowest number of tables, 22, was on April 22, 2025 (Easter). The average number of tables was about 41.5 (41.62), as compared to an average of 42 last year (42.04). This year's numbers were helped slightly by Christmas falling mid-week. Overall, the number of tables of Sunday Swiss has remained steady over the past year. Will that continue? It is hard to know.

Of the 52 games during this one-year period, 31 were special games (extra points), including all the games October 6, 2024, through February 23, 2025. The average number of tables for the special games was almost 44 (43.87). The average number of tables for the regular games was 39 (39.24). This number may be deceptive, however, because winter is a boon time for online bridge. Making it a special game may increase the size of the game, but the jury is still out. Sherrie Goodman (504 329 7411), our club director, is diligent in taking advantage of all special points opportunities.

The online Swiss has many local teams, but also teams from across the country. For example, one team of regulars from Wyoming is called the Wyoming Crew. (They spell krewe the non-Louisiana way.) Babs Henry from the Jackson Mississippi area has a group called the Regulars, who are negotiating an endorsement contract with All Bran Cereal. If you want to bring a team, you would be most welcome. If you need help in forming a team, text or call Lil, 504 330 1158, or Dave, 419 575 4513. If you need help in deciding on a name for your team, text or call Lil.

OCTOBER 70% THRU 10/27
(compiled by Jim Thornton)

10/9	Club	Circle	Tom May, Carolyn Stolz	76.19%
10/9	Club	Circle	Robin Dusang, Trelah Nagy	73.81%
10/15	Club	Open	Doris Liukkonen, Derek Westwood	73.81%
10/16	Club	Circle	Susan Klees, Jane Vaudry	74.56%
10/17	Club	Open	Bill and Jean Weiss	71.82%
10/23	Club	Circle	Clare Brown, Liz Talbot	75.60%
10/23	Club	Open	Ralph Chesson, Mary LeBlanc	73.01%
10/27	Club	Open	Jean Talbot, Jerrilyn Stumpf	70.00%



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NAP District competition is November 22 for Flights A and C, and January 3 for Flights B and Championship.

- Flight C - Players with fewer than 750 masterpoints (MPs) who are not Life Masters
- Flight B - Players with fewer than 3000 MPs
- Flight A - Players with fewer than 6000 Mps
- Championship Flight - Open to any player in the limited flights, no player may have more MPs than the upper limit of the flight

To register for the A and C flights, registration is due November 15. For Flights B and Championship Flights, registration is due by December 15.

To register, send your name, BBO name, ACBL # and the flight you are competing in, and the same for your partner. The cost is \$30 per person for the 2 session event. It will take place on BBO on the above dates.

November Calendar

November 4 – Unit Championship

November 5 Unit Championship for the Night game

November 6 – Centennial Red on Realbridge

November 10-15 Club Championship

November 12-16 NABC Fundraiser on BBO & RealBridge

November 17 Unit Championship

November 19 Unit Championship for the Night game

November 24-26 Centennial Gold

All month the Swiss games are GNT 150% ½ Red

November 30 Deadline for Candidates for the Board

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