

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association February 1, 2023

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President's Message February 1, 2023

I want to welcome Quin Bates, Sid Leblanc, Jennifer Holmes, and Kathy Logue to the board. I also want to express my appreciation to former board members Jim Thornton, Mary LeBlanc, Jennie Sauviac, and Diana Powell for their service. Sid Leblanc is replacing Mary LeBlanc as treasurer. The other officers are unchanged. Information about the board members is available on the website.

Attendance at our January tournament was disappointing, and that's probably an understatement. Thanks to the financial expertise of Suzanne Cliffe, we probably broke even, but the low attendance is definitely a concern. I expect the board to explore options throughout 2023. These could include, but are not limited to, fewer tournaments, fewer team games, better food, better advertising and using local directors. Any player with a specific constructive suggestion should make it known to any board member.

Plans for the March NABC are proceeding satisfactorily. Our team had a very productive site visit at the Marriott on January 4th. Our key chairmen were there along with three representatives from the ACBL and the event planner for the hotel. We resolved many of our questions about parking and other issues. Sid LeBlanc will provide details on the parking program elsewhere in this Kibitzer.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

ACBL has gotten a bug out of their Live for Clubs program, and you are now able to hit the play button on a hand and replay it to see how you might have done better on a hand. February is Education Foundation month. We will be having several games to support this fund. This is the Foundation that Reese Koppel spoke of when he was here last month. ACBL continues to give us 8 additional Club Championship weeks and 2 Upgraded Club Championship weeks each year. We are having a Chat Game for our newer plays on Monday, February 13. This is a great time to give back to the club. Come to help mentor the players. You can even play that morning in the 199er or Open game and stay for the afternoon to help these new players get started.

At the Virtual Club:

We are having a week of NACB Fundraiser Games at the virtual club this week. This helps the district to support us financially for our NABC next month. The week of February 13-19 will be Education Foundation games at the virtual club.

I would like to remind you that if you are coming down with a little cold, stay home! Please respect your fellow players by not spreading your germs.

Sherrie Goodman

Complimentary Etiquette

Lil Range

We all already know that bridge has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy, which means that you cannot say unkind things to your partner or opponents. At least, you cannot say unkind things at the bridge club. (The bridge club has nothing to say about what you do away from the bridge club.) For example, you cannot say “bad play” to anyone at the face-to-face club, or at the online table.

Now look at the opposite situation. Let’s say your partner makes a brilliant play. It seems natural to compliment your partner in this situation. For example, at the online club we often see phrases such as WDP (Well Done, Partner) or WPP (Well Played, Partner). However, opponents can hear or see these comments. They may already feel badly about the way they bid or played the hand, and the compliment may make them feel even worse.

What do to, then? The best strategy when your partner makes a brilliant play is to SAY NOTHING AT THE TABLE. Instead, wait until later to give that compliment. Wait until you are out of earshot if you are at the face-to-face club, or at the next table if you are online.

Note, at the online Swiss game or any online game, you cannot speak to your partner privately when there are cards to be played. However, when the playing is completed for the round, you can chat to the whole table, or to partner privately. Chat the compliment to your partner privately.

An implication of this guideline is that silence from partner means WELL DONE, PARTNER.

Come out and try Swiss. The online Swiss is at 2:00 Sunday and 6:50 Thursday (Central time). It lasts just over two hours, 20 boards, stratified. If you want to play or have questions, text, or call Lil, 504 330 1158.



YOU CAN DO BOTH . . .

**VOLUNTEER AND PLAY AT OUR NABC
MARCH 9-19**

Mardi Gras is just around the corner and then – YIKES – the NABC. Let's welcome people from around the country and the world to our unique city. **We need your help** to do that.

Most of the volunteers are needed an hour before the (8:50-9:50) 10am game and an hour before the (1:50-2:50) 3pm game. Therefore, you could play in both sessions and volunteer before one or both games. **If you plan to play at the tournament, please plan to help out.**

Volunteers will be offered a \$10 coupon for each hour of volunteer service to be used towards entry fees.

People are needed to help at the following desks:

Registration (Chair-Sherrie Goodman)

Partnership (Chairs-David Woods & Nelson Daigle)

Intermediate/Novice (Chairs-Kathy Plauche & Wayne Weisler)

Email Diana at [http://dspowell10@gmail.com](mailto:dspowell10@gmail.com) Please include the following:

Days & times you want to volunteer and your cell phone #.

We will contact you to work out the details. (Date, time, and assignment)

Thanks so much,

Diana Powell - Volunteer Chairman

Jim Thornton - Volunteer Chairman

2023 NABC - MARCH 9-19 GENERAL INFORMATION

Diana Powell and Sid LeBlanc (Parking)

Parking:

For the Nationals, you will receive a 30% discount on parking at the Marriott by saying you were at the bridge tournament when you check out. The discount price will be \$12 for 5 hours, \$17 for 10 hours and \$35 for overnight excluding tips for the valet. Carry your convention card just in case there is an issue.

LBA will further subsidize parking by \$10 per day. The **\$10 discount coupons** will be available in late **February at the club**. You are entitled to one coupon for each day you drive and park at the Marriott. You will receive an email notice when you can pick up the coupons.

Locations:

All games are in the Marriott on the 2nd and 3rd floors

Note: Thursday, March 9 – Events will be combined. Stay tuned for locations.

Marriott: (The location of the games will be on the back page of the Daily Bulletin.)

2nd floor:

ACBL **vaccination** check point – **required** (near escalator)

LA Wallet is accepted.

Vaccination wrist band

Keep this the whole tournament. You can tie it onto something or keep it on your wrist.

Registration (gift), Information, Prizes (one location)

Bead table & Volunteer sign-in (across from registration)

Team games/Knockouts

Partnership Desk (300+)

Special Games – i.e., Platinum Pairs

3rd floor:

Entries – Regional Pairs (Mid-flight, Top-Flight, Open)

Special Games

Regional Pairs – See Bulletin for exact location

Gold Rush (0-750), Gold Rush Swiss, Intermediate/Novice (0-299)

Intermediate/ Novice Desk - Registration (gift (0-299)) & Partnership (0-299)

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Convention Cards

Old Card - This is accepted. There will be no blank cards available.

New Card - This is accepted. These are the only cards available.

Lunch

The Marriott

Bring your lunch

Sit at the chairs found throughout the hotel.

Eat at the bridge tables after the play ends.

2nd fl.

Food vendors - Probably sandwiches. etc.

Starbucks

*Canal Street Pantry: 555 Canal St. 504-581-1000. Open 7:00

AM—2:00 AM. Breakfast sandwiches, pastries, fresh salads, sandwiches, snacks, and sweets. Fast food. Casual attire. \$

*Canal Street Burger Bar: 555 Canal St. 504-553-5681. Open 11:00

AM—7:00 PM Thu—Sat. Hamburger cheeseburger, "veggie" burger, chicken sandwiches, fries, and drinks. Fast food. Casual attire. \$

*The Sheraton

Roux Bistro: 500 Canal St. 504-525-2500 Ext. 5795. Open 6:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Classic and specialty breakfast choices. Dine-in. Casual attire. \$\$

Pelican Bar: 500 Canal St. 504-525-2500. Located in the middle of hotel lobby serving cocktails, wine, and lite bites. Dine-in. Casual attire. \$

Starbuck's Coffee House: 500 Canal St. 504-525-2500. Open 6:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Nearby

*Jimmy John's: 600 Canal St. 504-518-6615. Open 10:30 AM—5:00 PM. Counter-serve fast food chain specializing in sub sandwiches. Casual attire. \$

*Shake Shack: 333 Canal St. (Canal Place). 504-677-8001. Open 11:00 AM—10:00 PM. Counter serve chain restaurant for gourmet burgers, chicken wings, and shakes. Casual attire. No reservations. \$

(*From the Restaurant Guide by Debbie and Terry Habig)

2023 NABC
INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE PLAYERS (0-299)

Diana Powell and Kathy Plauche

Preparation

Line up partners.

Know how many masterpoints you have.

Create a convention card for each partner. (Bring blank cards if you are playing with someone new.)

If you would like help filling out a convention card, attend the **seminar** at the club on **Feb. 25**.

Games

Each game stands alone; you do not need to play in both the 10 am game and 3pm game. You can earn red points (not gold).

Location

3rd floor -Salon D (Gold Rush games are held in the same room, but they are separate.)
On the first day, March 9, the games will be in a different location. Stay tuned.

Reception

There will be a reception for you in the game room - date & time to be announced

The Gold Rush Games (0-750)- Games Thursday 3/9 thru Friday 3/17

They are held in the same room as the 0-299 games.

They are stratified. You are compared to those with your same master point level.

By playing twice in one day (10 and 3), you can earn the treasured gold points.

The intermediate/Novice Desk

It is located outside the playing area (open before the games.)

Kathy Plauche, Wayne Weisler, and volunteers will man the desk.

They will answer questions and help those who need partners.

The ACBL has an extra gift for you at the desk.

Free Lessons/Free Play

Jerry Helms and Patty Tucker, both instructors are renowned for beginner bridge education, are giving free lessons to beginners. Take advantage of these 2-hour FREE Lessons offered on Saturday, March 11th (8 am-9:45 am) and Sunday March 12th (8 am-9:45 am.) And for those who are in the 0-20 range, the lesson will be followed by a **free 0-20 masterpoint game** with only 14 boards.

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton
March 9 – 19, 2023 - **NABC Tournament**

At the Club:
Feb. 13: Chat Game for new players

At the Virtual Club:
Feb. 13-19: Education Foundation Games

Welcome New Members

Beth Bayer
Norman Dufour
James Mackay
Joyce McElveen

ROAD WARRIORS Houston Tournament Well Done!

Elizabeth Sewell: 10.8 GOLD
Steve Plotkin: 10.8 GOLD

In Memoriam



Jean Frank

In Memoriam



Aubrey Wild

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Club Master: Hans Jonassen, Pierce Jonassen

Sectional Master: Jeanne Buffat, Carolyn Herting, Peter Walker, Rose Westphal

Regional Master: Gail Duffy, Carro Gardner, Joann Kennedy, Tim Russell

NABC Master: Matti Hietalahti

Advance NABC Master: Carroll Wood

Bronze Life Master: Kathy Plauche

Silver Life Master: Mary Regottaz, Paul Rosenblum

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RANK ADVANCEMENTS

**BRONZE LIFE MASTER
KATHY PLAUCHE**



**SILVER LIFE MASTER
MARY REGOTTEZ**



**SILVER LIFE MASTER
PAUL ROSENBLUM**



70 % GAMES

December 25 – January 24 (Next issue starts with January 25)

1/1	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	71.00%
1/2	Open	Club	Judy Katz, John Federico	70.63%
1/5	0-20	Sectional	E. Norris Robicheaux, Michael Maher	71.67%
1/6	Open	Sectional	Judy Katz, Jean Talbot	70.58%
1/7	Swiss	Sectional	David Williams, Judy Katz, Jean Talbot, Eleanor Onstott	76.67%
1/10	Open	Club	Sid LeBlanc, Bill Weiss	71.43%
1/15	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	73.00%
			Ernie Levinson, Bummy Rosenfeld and teammates	73.00%
1/22	Open	Swiss	Bummy Rosenfeld, Ernie Levinson and teammates	75.00%
			John Onstott and teammates	73.00%
1/23	50	Club	Lynn and Carol Jambon	79.51%
1/24	299	Club	Lucinda Stentz, Carol Diebold	71.11%