

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association March 1, 2023

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President's Message March 1, 2023

FINALLY-The NABC is less than two weeks away. We will have a successful tournament due to the tireless efforts of co-chair Jackie Madden and committee chairs Sid Leblanc, Jennie Sauviac, Sherrie Goodman, Newt Jackson, Kathy Plauche, Wayne Weisler, Nelson Daigle, David Woods, John and Theresa Federico, Terry and Debbie Habig, Sue Himel, Diana Powell, and Jim Thornton. Many others assisted in various ways.

Tournament participants must be vaccinated. We have provided the ACBL with a list of our vaccinated members, but carrying your documentation is still a good idea. When you get to the tournament, your vaccination record will be confirmed, and you will be given an identification band that can be worn on the wrist or carried. It is good for the duration of the tournament. The band can also be shown to the parking attendants at the Marriott to get the 30% parking discount. If you were unable to pick up the \$10 parking coupons at the club, lost your coupons, or forgot them, you can get them at registration, and Jackie, Sid LeBlanc, and I will have parking coupons at the tournament. There is a full schedule of events for players at all levels. Now is your chance to win some of those precious gold points.

Our club will have a regular schedule of games through Wednesday, March 8th. There will be no game from Thursday, March 9th until the club reopens on Monday, March 20th. I wish you all bundles of overtricks.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

We have a very busy month ahead of us. The Charity Fund Games are March 1-3 and March 7-9. The club will be closed for maintenance while we are playing at our NABC. Please make sure you don't leave anything important at the club. When the NABC is over and you've all won those important gold points, you will be rewarded for putting on the best NABC since Covid by receiving a week of club championships and a week of upgraded club championships. Good luck to all!

At the Virtual Club:

Our virtual club continues to support our club. If playing online, please support these games as they help to keep our club going. If you did not get enough gold at the NABC, ACBL is having another Regional online March 23-26. I personally hope that you get your gold at the NABC, and then come back to our face-to-face and virtual clubs to help us make up for the loss of closing our doors for almost 2 weeks during the NABC. Good cards and lots of points to all!

Sherrie Goodman

2023 NABC - MARCH 9-19 GENERAL INFORMATION

Diana Powell and Sid LeBlanc (Parking)

Parking:

If you are planning on driving to the tournament, and have not gotten your \$10 parking coupons, you can still pick them up at the club for 30 minutes before the games the rest of the week.

(The coupons are for LBA members only)

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: (Check the Daily Bulletin online for game locations.)

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+)

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)

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.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms:

2nd fl

There are two sets of restrooms near registration and one set near the partnership-desk.

3rd fl

There is one set of restrooms across from the 0-299 and Gold Rush rooms.

(Those on the 3rd fl can take the stairs to the 2nd or 4th floors to access more restrooms.)

Volunteers:

Checking in:

The first time you are volunteering, sign-in at the table across from registration to get your badge. Please wear it each time you volunteer. (It would be lovely if you wear it each time you play as well.) **You do not need to sign in again at this table.**

You will also sign in at your respective desks (registration, partnership, intermediate/newcomer) **each time** you volunteer. The Chairperson will let you know your role at the desk and give you the \$10 entry coupon as a thank you for your help.

Timing:

Allow a little extra time to go through the ACBL vaccination check-in and the volunteer sign-in desk for those who are volunteering in the morning the first time they play.

If you are volunteering at the 1:50-2:50 time slot, plan on getting a quick lunch.

Easiest lunch options: bring lunch

buy it at The Pantry located in the lobby

buy it from a vendor on the 2nd floor

Intermediate/ Newcomer Reception:

There is a welcome reception for you on Tuesday, March 14 between the 10 am game and 3pm game in the room where the 0-299 games are held (3rd floor). Wraps, etc. will be served.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

Have you ever seen a hand which requires a one suit squeeze and end play? Here's one for you. The auction was a simple power style:

South	West	North	East
2C	P	2D	P
2S	P	3S	P
4D	P	4S	P
5S	P	6S	P
P	P		

The opening lead was the diamond 8, suspiciously a singleton. Winning the first trick with the Ace, declarer lost

no time in running the next nine tricks, forcing East down to a holding of three diamonds, after cashing five spades, two hearts with a simple finesse and two clubs. Declarer was left holding three diamonds, K42, while North held J95, and East retained Q107. It then remained only for declarer to duck a diamond to East, who was hopelessly forced into a finishing end play, losing the last two tricks to North's diamond Jack and South's diamond King. Making 6S.

S Deals
Both Vul

N			
♠	K109		
♥	9732		
♦	J953		
♣	K7		
W	E		
♠	J7	♠	543
♥	J1053	♥	K86
♦	8	♦	Q1076
♣	Q105432	♣	J96
S			
♠	AQ862		
♥	AQ		
♦	AK42		
♣	AQ		

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

March 1-3 and 7-9: Charity Fund Games

March 20--24: Club Championships

March 27-31: Upgraded Club Championships

At the Virtual Club:

March 23-26: ACBL Regional Tournament (gold)

Welcome New Members

Selma Boukef

Celie Clark

Kirsten Knudsen

Kiki Russ

CONGRATULATIONS

Jackie Madden and Larry Federico were appointed to the ACBL Goodwill Committee.

In Memoriam



Dianne Butler



IT IS ALMOST HERE. HAVE FUN!

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Joseph Bourgeois, E Norris Robicheaux

Sectional Master: David Herting, Kelly Londeree, Linda Vining

Silver Life Master: Denise Tabor

Ruby Life Master: Steve Waldo

SILVER LIFE MASTER



DENISE TABOR

CHARITY RECOGNITION AWARD



SHERRIE GOODMAN

70 % GAMES January 25 - February 26

1/27	Open	Club	Iype Koshy, Doris Agin	70.91%
1/29	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	80.00%
2/1	Open		Sherrie Goodman and Sam Whitten	70.46%
2/2	Open	Swiss	Sherrie Goodman and teammates	81.00%
2/5	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	83.00%
2/13	50	Club	Joe Bourgeois, Ed Cohn	76.19%
2/20	Open	Club	John Federico, Judy Katz	74.17%