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Louisiana Bridge Association June 1, 2023

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President's Message June 1, 2023

Our pro/am game on May 12th was a huge success. We had 16 tables and lots of food. I heard many accolades and not a single complaint. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the game a social success. The event was funded with unspent money from the recent NABC, so there was no adverse impact on our LBA budget.

Our club is doing a little better financially as our losses are getting smaller, but we are still expecting a significant net loss for the year. I know some of you now prefer to play online, and you have choices when you do. If you play in the BBO games, our club gets no revenue. Zero. Nada. When you play in the LBA games, we get at least \$2.20 and sometimes as much as \$2.60. The club is in no danger of closing in the foreseeable future, but no organization can function indefinitely with continuous losses.

PLEASE, PLEASE Consider playing in the LBA games whenever you play online. Your club needs your support. Thank you.

Larry Federico

At the LBA Face-to-Face:

"June is Bustin' Out All Over" new students, continuing students, more special events, and the good news is our table counts at our Face-to-Face club are up! Our Chat Games and Circle Bridge Games have been a welcome addition. The upcoming lesson series with Lowen and many others to follow add to our education program. Kudos to all who are involved.

We begin June with a STAC week. There are double Silver Points from June 5-11. The Wednesday game will be **Open** on June 7th only, and we are adding a Saturday game. Our NAP (North American Pairs) qualifying games are back for two weeks each month this summer. See "News" for details. The Longest Day (June 23) events award double points. Please plan to play with us from morning until night.

At the Virtual Club:

Monroe and Meridian have joined our club bringing our total member clubs to 19. We are **#5 Nationally**, only behind the "Big 4" privately owned clubs. We are the leaders of the member owned clubs. Our contemporaries all over the country and Canada consult us to learn how we have managed to grow our online club to this extent. The NAP games will also be online for two weeks each month this summer. The Longest Day games are June 24 and 25 (double points, \$1 extra for the Alzheimer's Association.)

Sherrie Goodman

THE LONGEST DAY

By Jennifer Holmes

Please join LBA on June 23rd as we host a full day of games, activities, meals, and a raffle (*1 free play per week for one year!!*) in support of "**The Longest Day**".

The Longest Day is a nationwide fundraising event to support the fight against Alzheimer's disease. The event spans the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice, and symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. **ACBL's bridge community has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to raise almost \$9 million over the past ten years!**

Bridge is uniquely suited for The Longest Day because studies have shown that playing strategic games, like bridge, help keep your brain healthy. *The Alzheimer's Association has even included playing bridge on its list of [10 Ways to Love Your Brain](#).*

Come earn elevated masterpoints all day while supporting a great cause (fees go directly to the Alzheimer's Association). Games run from 9 am to 8 pm - schedule posted soon!

See Phil and Judy Luchsinger and other on-site volunteers throughout the month to purchase the raffle tickets (\$10 for single ticket, \$30 for 4 or \$50 for 6.)

Donations are welcome (and tax deductible!) Please give at the club or use LBA's direct link @ https://act.alz.org/site/TR/LongestDay2023/TheLongestDay?team_id=807553&pg=team&fr_id=16164

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LBA's CIRCLE BRIDGE IS A HIT!!

By Jennifer Henry

Sharks in training and Sharks with big smiles and generous hearts come together for Circle Bridge every Thursday at 9 am and 6:15 pm.

Circle Bridge was developed through a joint collaboration between LBA's education and publicity committees. Much time, energy, thought, bridge love and fun was put into crafting a game with the perfect balance to appeal to experienced and new players alike.

Circle Bridge is an OPEN game with points available for ALL players with paid ACBL membership. The game is played at a slower pace with extra time and TLC for tables to quietly discuss hands at the table after they're played. A lesson from our very own Kathy Plauche kicks off the game; we throw in some lagniappe Q&A after the game for more in depth analysis.

Think you're too advanced for Circle Bridge? Think again. Think you're too inexperienced? Think again!! We've been having a ball... (and the newbies have been winning!)

If you're looking for a lighthearted, fun game where you can both learn AND help, be competitive AND relaxed ---- we've got just the thing for you.

For everyone who has ever said, "I didn't have a beginner game when I first started!" or "you don't get better unless you play with better players" or "you get more points in an open game" This game is for you.

For everyone who has ever said, "I don't want to play with the sharks//on the dark side" or "they're too intense for me over there. I can't compete" or "I don't care about points - I just want to have fun!"...This game is for you.

Join us soon for Circle Bridge at LBA - Thursdays at 9 am and 6:15 pm.



NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At the Club:

June 5-11: STAC week (double silver pt.)

June 7: Open game

June 23: Longest Day (double pt.)

At the Virtual Club:

June 24 & 25: Longest Day (double pt., extra \$1 for Alzheimer's Association)

NAP GAMES (NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS)

If you score 50% or better in an Open game this summer, you will qualify to compete at the district-level NAP game. The top 3 pairs of the district-competition not only earn the right to compete, but they receive a stipend to help defray the cost of competing at the National level. It has been a while since our club has sent anyone to Nationals for this competition, but the time is now! While qualifying, the NAP games reward double points (1/2 red and 1/2 black). It's a great time to catch up on your color points.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Terry Fisher

Steve Johnson

Carolyn Stolz

In Memoriam



Verna Williams

In Memoriam



Mickey Bott

THANKS

Jennie Sauviac and Carolyn Dubois send thanks to all those members who donated plants, flowers, planters, and a beautiful blue vase to help make our club a welcoming place.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

This is a commercial for the Rusinov opening lead convention that calls for the lead of the second highest of touching honors. Leading the higher of two shows a doubleton (on opening lead only.)

On this hand the bidding by E/W was a simple 1S-2S-4S. South led the heart King followed by the heart Queen but was disappointed when North did not overtake the Queen and give him a ruff. But they were not playing Rusinov, and it was not clear to North that he should overtake. All was

well as long as South, stuck with the lead, switched to a diamond in order to break up the double squeeze about to befall the defenders. Without a diamond lead at trick three, when declarer runs all of the trumps, South must guard the clubs, North must guard the hearts, and neither will be able to hold two diamonds when the club Ace is played at trick eleven.

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♠ Q	
♥ A9832	
♦ KJ87	
♣ 1093	
W	E
♠ J85	♠ AK87432
♥ 1064	♥ J75
♦ A432	♦ 9
♣ J84	♣ A5
S	
♠ 106	
♥ KQ	
♦ Q1065	
♣ KQ762	

ACHIEVEMENTS

MINI-MCKENNEY AWARDS 2022

0-5	Lynn Lightfoot
5-20	Pierce Jonassen
20-50	Peter Walker
50-100	Catherine Favret
100-200	Bill Varney
200-300	Gloria Tisdale
300-500	George Wilson
500-1000	Newt Jackson
1000-1500	David Williams
1500-2500	Linda Freese
2500-3500	Sherrie Goodman
3500-5000	John Federico
5000-7500	Kathy Logue
7500-10,000	Larry Federico
Over 10,000	John Onstott

HELEN SHANBROM ACE OF CLUBS 2022

0-5	Lynn Lightfoot
5-20	Pierce Jonassen
20-50	Peter Walker
50-100	Laurie Hart
100-200	William Varney
200-300	Gloria Tisdale
300-500	George Wilson
500-1000	Diana Powell
1000-1500	Lynn Giordano
1500-2500	Linda Freese
2500-3500	Sherrie Goodman
3500-5000	Paul Freese
5000-7500	Kathy Logue
7500-10,000	Larry Federico
Over 10,000	John Onstott

Ace of Clubs - the most MPs won at the club and online.

Mini-McKinney - the same except it also includes tournament points.

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Selma Boukef, Susan Doody, Robin Dusang, Jamie Huard, Laura Johnson, Kirsten Knudsen, James Mackay

Sectional Master: George Jeansonne, Susan Stephens

Regional Master: Glenn Barnett, Cheryl Hauver, Dabney Jacob, Carol Jambon, Bette Marks, Toni Nadler, Rose Westphal, David Wright

NABC Master: Ellen Manshel, Stephanie Musser, William Varney, Cily Winkeler

Advanced NABC Master: Mary Belcher, Lynn Flynn Myra Groome

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Life Master: Newt Jackson, Elizabeth Sewell

Bronze Life Master: Greg Browne, Linda Conner, Elizabeth Cordes, Newt Jackson

Silver Life Master: Ronald Omond

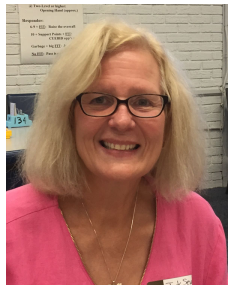
Diamond Life Master: John Federico

LIFE MASTER & BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Newt Jackson

LIFE MASTER



Elizabeth Sewell

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Greg Browne

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Linda Conner

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Elizabeth Cordes

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Ronnie Omond

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER



John Federico

ACHIEVEMENTS

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70 % GAMES April 28 - May 24

4/28	Open	Club	Doris Agin, Iype Koshy	72.87%
4/30	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	71.00%
5/1	Open		Jean Talbot, Elenore Onstott	71.67%
5/4	Open	Sec	Idell Adams, Larry Federico	71.31%
5/6	Brac 1	Sec Swiss	Vicki Willis, Wayne Weisler, Iype Koshy, James Bush	71.67%
5/6	Brac 2	Sec Swiss	Molly Silva, Lynn Flynn, Cappy McIver, Barbara Fitz-Hugh	71.67%
			Margie Christian, Jennifer Holmes, David Wright P. Quin Bates	71.67%
5/7	Open	Swiss	John Onstott and teammates	71.00%
5/9	Open	Club	John and Larry Federico	71.00%
5/11	Open	Club	Judy Katz, Jean Talbot	70.67%
5/11	BEG	Club	Caroline and Edward Trapp	72.67%
5/12	Open	Club	Doris Liukkonen, Jean Ann Whittington	72.42%
5/15	199	Club	Jeanne and Michael Cumberland	71.55%