

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association August 2022

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President's Message August 2022

Thanks to Susan Beoubay, chair of our July tournament, Sherrie Goodman, Theresa Federico, and all others who worked so hard to make this tournament a success. I'm sure we did better than in May, but due to rising costs for food, directors, etc., the board decided to charge \$14 per session for future sectional tournaments.

The LBA schedules a 499er tournament every October. This year's dates are October 6th to the 8th. The board seriously considered canceling the tournament due to very limited participation by intermediate/novice players in our recent tournaments. I expect this year's tournament to be held as scheduled, but low attendance may kill the tournament in future years. This tournament is a good thing for the LBA. If you agree, please encourage your eligible friends to participate.

We are seeing a slight easing of food restrictions at the club. If you must eat, please do so away from the playing tables and avoid greasy or sticky foods. Jackie Madden is currently negotiating with our vendor for the installation of a smaller snack machine with a very limited, carefully selected, variety of snacks. It's a thankless job, and I'll be happy if she can please most of the players most of the time.

Larry Federico

We hope you enjoyed the extra points last week for the NABC fundraiser. There will be 2 more weeks of these games in the coming months to raise much needed funds for our upcoming NABC in March, so please play as much as you can. We have Club Championship (2x points – not extra fees) games **August 1-5** and **August 29-31**. In addition, we are having a week of **upgraded** (3x points- no extra fees) Club Championships **August 15-20**. Please let a director know if you need a partner or teammates for the **Saturday Swiss** game on **August 20**. Our last NAP Qualifiers for 2022 will be **August 8-12** and **August 22-26**. We would like to request that each of you who are playing face-to-face at the club reach out to someone who has not yet come back. Let them know that we miss them and would enjoy their company.

At the virtual club, our only extra point games for August are NAP Qualifiers (2x points, ½ **red** and ½ **black**, extra \$1) **August 1-7** and **August 15-21**. **Huntsville**, the newest addition to the pool, brings several other clubs in Alabama to our virtual club. Although our pool now includes clubs from 3 states, all of the players in these clubs are in District 10. They are people you will see at nearby sectionals and regionals, not to mention our upcoming NABC. If you have not had a chance to play with a player from a different city, give it a try. Some of my favorite partners are from other District 10 clubs.

Sherrie Goodman

FOR THE I/N CROWD
Slam Bidding, Splinter Bids Part 2
 By Sue Himel

Sometimes you and partner do not have a combined 33 or more high card points, but you have only 1 or 0 losers. These distributional slams can be bid if you can visualize partner's hand during the auction. There are some bids that I recommend you add to your convention card that will allow you to visualize partner's hand and assess your slam possibilities.

The first of these bids is the Splinter Bid. When you or your partner are short in a suit, it is a control if you are playing in a suit contract. It controls that suit for you without you or partner having to hold the Ace or King in that suit, thus reducing the number of points you actually need to bid and make a slam.

If you have 4 card trump support for partner's major, an opening hand and are short in another suit, jump to 4 of the suit in which you are short.

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| Partner | You | You hold: S A987 H QJ87 D KJT5 C 6 |
| 1H | ? | Jump to 4C to show your trump support, opening hand and club shortness. |

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| 1S | ? | You hold: S KQ62 H A87 D 7 C A9853 |
| | | Jump to 4D to show your trump support, opening hand and diamond shortness. |

The one exception (isn't there always one?):

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| 1H | ? | You hold: S 8 H KJ43 D AT983 C KQ7 |
| | | Jump to 3S to show your shortness in spades, trump support and an opening hand. Since 4S would push you past game, the bid is modified to 3S for spade shortness over an opening heart bid. |

Opener can also use splinter bids when responder bids a major suit. Opener should have good 4 card trump support, shortness in a side suit and a game forcing hand.

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| You | Partner | You hold: S KJ54 H 8 D AQ7 C AKQ95 |
| 1C | 1S | Jump to 4H to show your trump support, game forcing hand and shortness in the heart suit. |
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More on evaluating your hand for a slam when partner makes a splinter bid in next month's column.

SWISS STRATEGIES

By Lil Range

Many people enjoy Swiss teams, a form of bridge in which there are 4-person teams, instead of the typical 2-person pairs (duplicate). In both forms of bridge, Swiss and duplicate, the idea is to play your best game. There are some small variations in Swiss, however. Here are some Swiss recommended strategies:

- First, play your normal best game, and believe your partner. In duplicate, your score is against the whole field. In Swiss in contrast, your score is against one team. One of the fun aspects of face-to-face Swiss is talking to your teammates about what happened at their table. You can have this same fun in online Swiss by calling your opponents after the game or chatting to them on BBO.
- Second, if you are in a dilemma about whether to bid 3 or 4 of a major, or whether to bid 3 of a minor versus 3NT, go for the game, especially if you are vulnerable (red). The payoff is great in Swiss, whereas in duplicate accuracy is most important. In Swiss, do not languish in 3D and bring back a score of 110 or 130 when your partners need you to say 400 or 600. Go for the game bonus, your partners will be really grateful. If it is wrong, it is likely to be what the other side did as well.
- Third, be really careful about doubling 2 or 3 of a major, or 3 or 4 of a minor. If the opponents are already in game, double if you think you can set them. If they are close to game, however, double only if you are positive that you will set them in your hand.
- Fourth, take overtricks if you can, but take no chances of losing your contract. Go for the safest part score possible. The corollary to this point is take any chance to set the opponents.
- In a large game, such as Sunday's Swiss, having fewer points than your teammates can be an advantage because the team average is what determines whether your team is A, B, or C flight. If you can bring your team from A flight to B flight, or B flight to C, your team has more chances of winning.
- Seventh, most important, HAVE FUN.
- We have a Swiss game in our virtual club every Sunday at 2:00 Central time, and every Thursday at 7:00. In New Orleans, we have started a once-per-month Face to Face Swiss game on Saturdays at 1:00. Come on and play. If you want a partner or teammates for online Swiss on Sunday, text or call Lil 504 330 1158. If you want a partner or teammates for online Swiss on Thursday, text or call Sam, 662 671 4673. If you want a partner or teammates for face-to-face Swiss at the New Orleans Bridge Club, text or call Sherrie, 504 329 7411.

**WANT TO HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL?
NAME A GAME OR A DAY AT OUR
NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS**



MARCH 9-19, 2023 Marriott/Sheraton

Naming days for Regional-rated games at the NABC is as easy as taking a finesse. You may simply purchase the “NAMING RIGHTS” (fee schedule and explanation below). Games and Days are sold on a first-come basis.

Days are frequently named by local businesses. Sponsorships give them a unique audience. Games are often named by players in honor of their partners, family, or friends. It might be to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, rank advancement or just to show appreciation for one’s friendship. These games are available **NOW** for **YOU** to recognize someone special. It’s a kindness to show your gratitude for anything meaningful to you.

If you act by 09/15/2022, we can add your event name to the NABC program schedule. This schedule will be posted online, and copies will be made available throughout North America. Sponsorships sent after September 15 may be added to following monthly bulletins. Sponsorships sent before February 15, 2023, will be added to the on-site program with the previous sponsorships.

Choose the Level of Naming Rights to Fit Your Wishes and Your Budget!

Four Levels available: Spade, Heart, Diamond, or Club as Follows:

- ♠ \$100.00 Naming rights for one single session Regional-rated event
- ♥ \$200.00 Naming rights for one 2-session Regional-rated event
- ♦ \$400.00 Naming rights for on 4-session Side Game Series
- ♣ \$1000.00 Naming Rights for a Daily Sponsorship (Name a Day)

**Checks should be made
payable to
Louisiana Bridge Association
Tournament Account**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN NAMING AN EVENT OR A DAY PLEASE CONTACT THE
FUND RAISING CHAIRS: Jennie Flynn Sauviac, sauviac28@gmail.com, 504-250-0045**

OR

Sid LeBlanc, sideblanc@gmail.com, 504-453-1381

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Jackie Madden, jmem1963@aol.com, 504-888-4245**



NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

In New Orleans at the Marriott & Sheraton

March 9 – 19, 2023 - NABC Tournament

At the Club:

August 1-5, 29-31 – Club Championship Games

August 15-20 – Upgraded Club Championship Games

August 8-12, 22-26 – NAP Qualifiers

At the Virtual Club:

August 1-7, 15-21 – NAP Qualifiers

Welcome New Members

Richard Deichmann

Martha B Gunther

E Norris F Robicheaux

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Master: Diana Casey

Regional Master: Karen Boquet, Ray Nolan

NABC Master: Wayne Wells

Diamond Life Master: Janice Henderson

Platinum Life Master: Judy Katz

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER



Janice Henderson

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER



Judy Katz

Reaches 10,000 MP

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ACHIEVEMENTS

BARRY CRANE TOP 500 (Masterpoints - 2021)

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| 27. John Onstott | 898 | 266. Paul Freese | 433 |
| 104. Sherrie Goodman | 607 | 434. Kathy Logue | 356 |
| 139. Joan Van Geffen | 562 | 442. James Thornton | 354 |
| 217. Jean Talbot | 460 | 460. Donald Daigle | 350 |
| | | 482. Jacob Karno | 343 |

70 % GAMES June 26 – July 25 (Next issue starts with July 26)

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| 6/29 | 750 | Charles Waldrop – Newt Jackson | 70.00% |
| 7/4 | Open Club | James Thornton – Sherrie Goodman | 70.83% |
| 7/4 | Open Club | Judy Katz – John Federico | 70.83% |
| 7/7 | 499 | Marva Arceneaux – Penelope Randolph | 72.87% |
| 7/10 | Open Swiss | Vicki Willis and teammates | 76.00% |
| 7/11 | 1999 | Janice Zazulak – Diana Powell | 71.30% |
| 7/17 | Open Swiss | Paul and Linda Freese, Ralph and Dianne Chesson | 71.00% |
| 7/24 | Open Swiss | Paul Deal , Ric Logan and teammates | 72.00% |