

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association February 1, 2024

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President's Message:

Thanks to all the players who came out to vote for new Board members. As you may already know the newly elected members are Mike Russell, Vicki Willis and myself. Information about the new board is found on the website. A special thank you to those candidates who were willing to serve but were not elected (Beth Bayer, Greg Browne, Erin O' Sullivan, and Deborah Skorlich). Please consider running again in a future election. And finally, much thanks to departing board members Suzanne Cliffe, Jackie Madden and "Lowen" Lowenstein for their hard work and years of service.

We were excited to learn that attendance at the Rosenblum Tournament was up significantly over last year's January tournament. We hope to see a continued increase in our face-to-face games this year for all levels. Please encourage this when you have an opportunity to do so.

The club will hold a game on Mardi Gras Day. Game time will be 10:00 AM and there will be two sections if attendance warrants. Please sign up at the front table if you plan to play so we can plan food accordingly. Our parking lot will be roped off for the bridge players. Following the game, we will celebrate with hot dogs, chili, potato salad, and king cake.

Our next Eight is Enough Swiss game will have a St. Patrick's Day theme and will be held on Saturday March 9th. Please see the flyer or website for more details and get a team together for the event. You don't want to miss out!

Keenan Romig

At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

The month of February is Education Foundation Month and many of our games will raise funds for this worthy organization. The ACBL Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides grants for programs and projects that recruit new bridge players and build community. To view some of their grants, [click here](#). We are having several **Education Foundation Games**, including the Unit-wide one on Mardi Gras Day beginning at 10:00 am. February 5-10 will be STAC Week, so there are plenty of silver points to be won, even on **Saturday!** We have an **ACBL-wide International Fund Game on February 17** at 1:00. You not only receive double points at the club, but you have a chance to get a lot more points with overalls! Check the **Upcoming Events** (page 3) for the dates of our Education Foundation Games.

At the Online Club:

The virtual club has had an unbelievable month in January. We had **2044** tables during Silver Linings week alone. Lil reached new heights with a **66 table Swiss team game**. We broke the master point engine and ACBL had to repair it. The special events this month are: **Junior Fund Games** February 1-3, **NABC Fund Raiser** week February 4-10, and **Education Foundation Games** February 12-18. All will be double black points. Our last **GNT qualifier Swiss games** will be on Sundays, February 11 & 25th, as well as Thursday night, February 22 and 29th. Good luck to all and call me with questions.

Sherrie Goodman, Club Manager-(504-329-7411)

CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

Write a caption for this Charles Schulz cartoon.

Charles M. Schulz



Guidelines

1. Limit the caption to 15 words or less.
2. Email your entry along with your name to Diana Powell - [http://dspowell10@gmail.com](mailto:dspowell10@gmail.com)
(Use Cartoon Caption for the subject of your email.)
3. Submit your entry by noon on Sunday, February 18.
4. Diana will collate all of the entries (without the names) and forward them to the judges.
5. The winning caption will be announced in the March 1 issue of the Kibitzer. The winner will receive a free play at the club.
6. All of the entries will be listed in the issue as well.

HAVE FUN!

(Much thanks to Jennifer Holmes for suggesting the contest and providing the cartoon.)

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At The Club

Feb. 1, 16, 19-24, 26 & 27: Education Foundation Games (2x pt.)

Feb. 5-10: STAC Week (silver pt.)

Feb. 13: 10 am on Mardi Gras- Unit Wide-Education Foundation Game (2+x pt.)

Feb. 17: 1 pm ACBL-Wide International Fund Game (2x pt.)

At The Virtual Club

Feb. 1-3: Junior Fund Games (2x pt.)

Feb. 4-10: NABC Fund Raiser Week (2x pt.)

Feb. 12-18: Education Foundation Games (2x pt.)

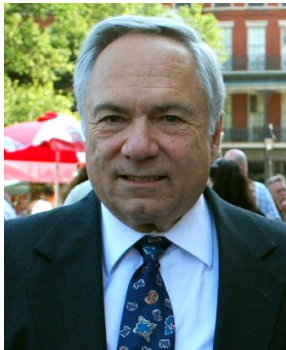
Feb. 11, 22, 25, 29: Last GNT qualifier Swiss Games

WELCOME NEW

MEMBERS!

Shelia Gernon
Jennifer Koppel

IN MEMORIAM



Chuck Pitard

IN MEMORIAM



Linda Fox

IN MEMORIAM



Lallie Garg

ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Masters: Pat Ehlinger, Terry Fisher, Arlene Goldincastle, Douglass Matthews

Club Masters: Claiborne Brown, Edward Cohn, James Mackay, Raphael Velazquez

NABC Masters: Linda Morrisson, Stacey Williams

Bronze Life Masters: Sheryl Thompson

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



Sheryl Thompson



ACHIEVEMENTS

70 % GAMES December 28 – January 28

12/28	Open Club	Larry and John Federico	72.50%
12/31	Open Swiss	Ernie Levinson, Kathy Logue and teammates	77.00%
1/2	299 Club	Lynn Lightfoot, Judith Rowley	71.35%
1/4	499 Club	George Jeansonne, Bill Wright	70.40%
1/8	Open Club	John Federico, Judy Katz	71.00%
1/11	Open	Ernie Levinson, Paul Freese	70.65%
1/23	Open Club	Sherrie Goodman, Carol Bagalman	70.28%

