

Louisiana Bridge Association September 2016

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President's Message September 2016

Belated congratulations to Louise Ritter who celebrated her 95th birthday by winning the club championship with Susan Beoubay. I have no idea how many club championships Louise has won but I know she won one playing with my grandmother, Theresa Cuccia, more than 40 years ago.

Our mentoring games continue to be popular. The next game will be a pairs game on Wednesday August 31st.

The club will continue its tradition of serving hot dogs on Labor Day. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts.

Larry Federico

September Events

Sep 5-11 Club Membership Week

Mon-Sun Points to

ACBL Members ONLY - All Games

Sep 7 E-Z Bridge 9:30 AM

Sep 12-18 Tunica Regional Mon-Sun

Sep 17 Unit Championship Sat **

Sep 23-25 Jackson 299er Sectional
Fri-Sun

Sep 26 Unit Championship Mon AM**

** = Extra points, no extra fee

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Sarah Dabney Jacob, Lorraine Rabito

NEW SECTIONAL MASTER

Carla Burrow

NEW REGIONAL MASTER

Michel Provosty

NEW NABC MASTERS

Warrene Gambino, David Williams

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Edwina Carruth

Washington NABC Achievers

John Onstott & Drew Casen

FIRST, ROTH OPEN SWISS (national event); 3rd Wealth -a-transfer pairs; 3rd Finessing Taxation Swiss; 3/4 th John's Tax Service KO Bkt 1; 6th Wealth Transfer A Pairs

Cathy Alford

7th Thurs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs

Mimi Groome

16th Thurs Daylight Gold Rush Pairs;

3rd Second Fri Gold Rush Pairs

Reese Koppel

2nd, Thurs Daylight Swiss Bkt 4; 11th National Youth Pairs

Eleanor Onstott & Bernie Weiss

32nd Red Ribbon Pairs

Lake Charles Sectional firsts

Sat AM Open Pairs *Sally Toups & Leah Miciotto* Flt B

Wednesday Grand Slam Jackpots

Aug 10 Bummy Rosenfield & Jean Talbot

Aug 24 Bummy Rosenfield & John Liukkonen

New E-Z Bridge Class

Know someone interested in learning bridge? **E-Z Bridge** starts again **Wed Sep 7 at 9:30AM**. Spread the word! First four classes are free—\$6 per session thereafter. Further details available from **Suzanne Cliffe**.

70 pct games:

Open Pairs

Aug 1 Mon eve Larry Federico & Phantom
72.92%

Aug 11 Thurs eve David Williams & Toby Young
70.65%

Aug 22 Mon eve David Williams & Toby Young
72.81%

Aug 28 Joan Van Geffen & Jean Talbot 77.68%

99er Pairs

Aug 26 Barbara Hammett & Tom Wasson 75.0%

Did you know?

An estimated 200 million people play Bridge world wide

Warren Buffett once said: "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had 3 cellmates who were decent players"

Know the Director's Rulings

by Jennie Flynn Sauviac

"Mistaken Bid" vs. "Mistaken Explanation"

Members of the Jury, were N/S the victims of one opponent's forgetting which convention they agreed to play?

West, when asked about the meaning of East's bid, quoted the agreement stated on their convention card. Over East's bid South did not have to bid, but chose to after hearing West's explanation. During the play it became obvious, when East took most of the tricks, that West's explanation did not match the cards that East held.

N/S's lawyer could not win, after the Duplicate Laws were presented to the Jury. As the Director had ruled, East had made a "mistaken bid", the score stands. "Mistaken Bid"--the partnership agreement is explained (as shown on the pair's Convention Card), the mistake was in South's bid. Here there was no infraction of the Law since N/S did receive an accurate description of the E/W agreement. The Laws do not give them a claim to an accurate description of the E/W hands when East has forgotten the agreement stated on their Convention Card.

The verdict could have been different if it would have been a "Mistaken Explanation". If the actual partnership agreement was mistakenly explained--in other words the Convention Card showed a different agreement--this is an infraction of the law. The Laws require an accurate description of the partnership agreement. If this infraction results in damage to the non-offending side, the director shall award an adjusted score. One final important note: if the mistaken bid or mistaken explanation is given by the declaring side, they must provide a correct explanation of a bid before the opening lead is faced. If the offending side is defending, they must wait until the play ends before supplying a correction. The reason for this difference in protocol is that any attempt to correct a Mistaken Bid or Explanation by a defender before the hand is over only provides potentially Unauthorized Information to the defender's partner that may make achieving a normal result on the board impossible.

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH At a sectional tournament in our area the deal below left was played in Section "A"

♠xxx
♥QJ9xx
♦xxx
♣10x

♠109xx ♠AKJ
♥10xx ♥xx
♦xxx ♦J109x
♣xxx ♣Kxxx

♠Qxx
♥AKx
♦AKQ
♣AQJx

of an open pairs event. I held the South hand and was surprised to hear my RHO, East, in first seat open 1D. Our auction proceeded 1D-X-P-1H-P-2D-P-2H-P-2NT-P-3NT. I received the favorable opening lead of the ♠10, the trick won by my RHO with the king. After considerable thought East switched to a low club, which ran to dummy's ten. I played a second club, finessing the jack against the king and then ran five heart tricks. My RHO defended incorrectly by discarding the ♠J, one low diamond and one low club, so I took twelve tricks, for an excellent matchpoint score. I later learned that at several tables the auction went 1D-X-P-1H-P-3NT, usually making four or five, depending upon whether East saved clubs and covered the ♣10 when it was led from the dummy after declarer cashed five hearts. However, in Section "B" the north and west hands had somehow been interchanged, so that when South aggressively bid 3NT and a diamond lead was made, declarer had no winner on or entry to the board. Consequently, declarer had to lead repeatedly from his hand and, absent a defensive error, could only cash two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs, for down two. Because of the fouled board the two sections were matchpointed and scored separately in order to produce as equitable a result as

possible under the circumstances. Thereafter I chaired a lively post-game discussion group which questioned the correctness of several declarers' jumps to 3NT over advancer's 1H response to south's takeout double. I was eventually successful in convincing most of the participants that south blasting into 3NT was to be expected in a typical club level matchpoint event but that doing so was an overbid, based too much upon "points" rather than "tricks." That assertion was well proven by the differing results in the two sections. There were only three points missing from the south and east hands. When those three points and heart length were held by west, 3NT could not be made. But when they were held by north, the defense did well to hold declarer to ten tricks, as all declarers in Section "A" made four, five or six notrump, after either bidding the hand correctly or by making a lucky "blast" into game. Bridge! What a wonderful game! And yet the luck of overbidders often primes skill.