

# KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association November 1, 2024

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## President's Message:

Our Dottie Toledano Tournament will be held next week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (November 7-9). We need breakfast foods, salads, desserts, ice and soft drinks. Please sign up (front display between the entrances) if you can bring something to help. Margie Christian has a dozen committee members making pulled pork for Thursday's lunch. Please help to make our tournament a success...and of course, come out and play!

Our annual pot luck Holiday party will take place on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>—lunch followed by the usual Friday games. Please mark your calendar as this is always a fun event and everyone contributes.

We have a number of willing and talented candidates for our Board of Directors. Nominations close at the end of the month. If you are interested in running for the Board, please sign the Willingness to Serve Form (also on front display board). Voting for the four openings will take place during the week of January 6 and conclude that Saturday morning, the final day of our Rosenblum tournament.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Keenan Romig

## At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

There is a lot happening at LBA this month. We have a Unit Championship on Tuesday, November 5. If you need a partner or teammates for the Dottie Toledano Tournament, contact Mary Belcher @ 504-201-4885 or [mwbelcher@gmail.com](mailto:mwbelcher@gmail.com). We have a week of club championships 11/11 -11/16 with extra points and no extra fee. We will be having NABC Fundraiser games 11/18-23. All of these games are an extra \$1, but so many points! Looking ahead, we have a week of Royal STAC games (1/4 Gold, ¼ Red, ¼ Silver, ¼ Black) 12/2-12/7, and our Holiday Potluck luncheon and game on 12/13.

For our working players, we now have an established **Wednesday night game** at 6:50. In addition, there will be **games for 3 of the 5 Saturdays** in November. Please call or text Wayne if you plan to play in these games @ (504) 417-6369.

## At the Online Club:

At the virtual club, 11/11-11/16 is Charity Fund week with double points. On Sunday, 11/17 we have a Thanksgiving pop up game with ½ red and ½ black MPS. Looking ahead, December 16-22 will be our last Stardust week, awarding Gold points! You may want to put that on your holiday schedule!

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

## Looking over the Sunday Swiss Bridge

By Lil Range

Our club offers a mix of in-person and online games, both in pairs and Swiss format. There are Swiss games other days of the week as well, but this article focuses on the past year of online Sunday Swiss games. Swiss games are 4-person teams, and the format for Sunday is 20 boards, 5 rounds. This format (short rounds) would be impossible to do in person (too much moving, too confusing) but is smooth sailing for the BBO platform.

Some of these Sunday Swiss games were regular games, and some were special games. We have the most regular games, but there are many other special games. This past year (10/11/23-9/29/24), we had regular games (18, 34%), online grand national teams (GNT) games (12, 22.6%), and online popup games (6, 11.3%). Other games were North American Pairs (3), North American Pairs (4), Silver Linings (SL) (2), International Fund (1), Alzheimer's (1), Grass Roots (1), Stardust Week (1), Educational Fund (1), Junior Fund (1), Charity Week (1), and Club Appreciation (1). True, Swiss is not pairs, but ACBL allowed us to award extra points for that game.

Over this past year the table count for Sunday Swiss averaged 42 tables (average = 42.04), which is 168 fish in this pond. The largest game was 66 tables for a SL game on January 21, 2024. The smallest game was 18 tables for an online GNT game on December 24, 2023 (Christmas Eve). On average, the regular games were about the same size as the special games (40.44 versus 42.86). In the context of other online and in person games, Sunday Swiss game has thrived.

Regular games give black points. Special games give extra points (often doubled), or special colors (red, silver, gold), or both. ACBL caps the number of points for regular online games at 2.5, bumping that up to 5 for special online games, no matter what the attendance. At times, this rule can be frustrating. For example, even though they played 20 boards, the winners of the 66-table game earned only 5 points. If you want to complain about this cap, the person in charge of online games at ACBL is Lynn Chapin, [lynn.chapin@acbl.org](mailto:lynn.chapin@acbl.org).

We would love to have you jump in with us in Sunday Swiss. The field is wide; there are big fish and little fish. The field is also stratified, which means that your team can win against teams that are about your level. You do not have to pre-register. If you need a partner or teammates, text or call Lil, 504 330 1158, or Dave 419 575 4513.

## NEWS



We need more Game Directors at LBA. It's a great service to our club to direct the games. In addition, directors are paid for their time. What's required? You must pass a simple open book test. ACBL is offering an online director's course on November 16 & 17. LBA will be happy to reimburse you for both the cost of the course and the test if you pass the test and agree to direct a regular club game. Please send your questions to Mike Russell at [jmrjcr47@yahoo.com](mailto:jmrjcr47@yahoo.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November:

- 11/5 Unit Championship
- 11/7-11/9 Dottie Toledano Sectional
- 11/11-11/16 Club Championships
- 11/11-11/16 Charity Fund Week Online
- 11/17 Thanksgiving Pop up Online
- 11/18-11/23 NABC Fundraiser for Memphis

December:

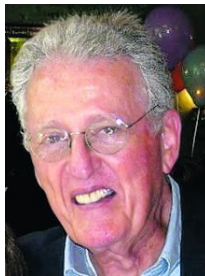
- 12/2-12/7 Royal STAC
- 12/13 Holiday Potluck Lunch and Game
- 12/16-22 Stardust (gold) week online

**April 14-18, 2025 – LBA French Quarter Festival Regional**

**WELCOME OUR  
NEW MEMBER**

Cecile Many

**IN MEMORIUM**



Ronald Haag

**IN MEMORIUM**



Curtis Carpenter

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### RANK ADVANCEMENTS

**Junior Masters:** Debra Benoit, Shannon Martin

**Club Masters:** Doug Davidson, Susan Doody, Norman Dufour, Pat Galloway, Trelah Nagy,  
Lisa Tompkins

**Sectional Masters:** Jim Boudreaux

**Regional Masters:** Raphael Velazquez

**NABC Masters:** Toni Nadler

**Life Masters:** Linda Morrison

**Bronze Life Masters:** Om Garg

**Ruby Life Masters:** Di Lapeyre, David Williams

#### LIFE MASTER



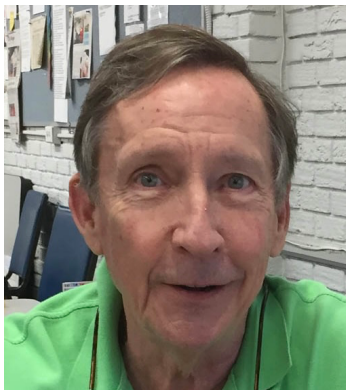
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## 70 % GAMES

September 27 – October 26

By Jim Thornton

9/29 Open Swiss Jim Thornton, Sherrie Goodman, Jean Talbot, Vicki Willis 76.00%

10/7 Open Club Larry Federico, Kathy Logue 71.50%

