

KIBITZER

Louisiana Bridge Association July 1, 2024

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President's Message:

Congratulations to Carolyn Dubois and her team members for a very successful Longest Day fundraiser. Thanks for all your hard work and thanks to all for your participation and contributions to a fun-filled and very rewarding event.

July starts with a bang (that is, our Wes Busby Firecracker Sectional) on Wednesday, July 3 through Friday, July 5. The tournament opens with Swiss Teams on Wednesday; subsequent tournaments will revert to the regular schedule. Learn about Wes Busby on page 2 of this issue.

On Monday July 15, we will offer another Chat game in the afternoon for limited point players or those new to duplicate. This is a free game with mentors at each table to assist you in making good bridge decisions. And John Federico will be offering a free Friday session later in the month-topic to be announced.

Many thanks to Maureen Richoux for helping to find partners while Deborah Skorlich was out of town. She did a terrific job! Jennifer Holmes is going to offer several Partner Finder training sessions using Pianola, the first of which will be a short segment during the lunch break of Swiss Teams on Wednesday. Also, see "News" in the Kibitzer regarding an important new game policy that will go into effect August 1.

Keenan Romig

At the LBA Face-to-Face Club:

The club will be closed on **Wednesday, July 10** for electrical work. Join us online that day if you wish. The **Thursday** afternoon limited point game is now a **499er** in hope of building attendance and getting a viable game. The game is at 12:30 followed by an Open game at 1:00.

One of my favorite events is July 9 at 12:30. The ACBL **Instant Matchpoint Game** is not only fun and has a synopsis from the experts, but it awards a gold point to the North/South pair and the East/West pair who comes in first. Who can forget when Joann Ippolito got her Life Master with that gold point! July 15-27 will be **NAP** weeks including **Saturday games for Open, 2500, and 500**. Our Tuesday 299er games will be **499er** on those two Tuesdays, and the Wednesday 0-750 will most likely be for 499ers, but please, if you have more than 500 MPS, check with Quin Bates who is polling the players. The points are double (½ red.) If you score above 50% you qualify to compete in the District NAP games. Who knows, maybe you will be invited to compete in the National NAP game like Bill Varney and Leslie Nolan!

At the Online Club:

In the virtual games, the NAP games are July 1-July7 (2X pts - 1/2 red). If you are a 499er and sign up 30 minutes early for any 499er game the first 2 weeks of July, you will receive a rebate. We are trying to reestablish our 499er games online. There are 499er games at 9:45, 1:45 and 6:50. Play often.... what have you got to lose?

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

WHO WAS WES BUSBY?

By Keenan Romig

Wesley L. Busby was always a gentleman at the bridge table; his picture/plaque in his honor hangs in the hallway outside the kitchen. Wes broke his neck in a swimming incident the summer following his senior year of high school when he was getting ready to enter one of the military academies. He was not expected to live, breathe or walk on his own. After a long recuperation, he went to Tulane University and graduated as a civil engineer. His employment at the Sewerage and Water Board was in doubt because all applicants had to take a physical exam and the doctor felt that Wes would not be able to come to work regularly. The executive director knew Wes's family and overruled the doctor. Wes worked at the Sewerage and Water Board for 33 years and retired with more than 600 unused sick days, an inspiration to his good friend at the S&WB, Larry Federico. Soon the game of hearts at lunchtime gave way to bridge until Wes doubled his boss's contract one day for a +800 score and cards were outlawed. Wes started playing duplicate bridge in the 1970s until his passing in 2005. Bridge was a very important part of his life, and he made a substantial donation to the club in his will. In return the board named our July tournament in his honor and named the building the Wes Busby Center.



RANK ADVANCEMENTS

By Diana Powell

I frequently get emails after the Kibitzer goes out asking why a person's new rank is not listed in the Kibitzer. You may know that you earned the correct masterpoints in a tournament, or you were notified by the ACBL of your new rank.

There are a few reasons for the delay.

When the ACBL rank changes occur

“On the evening of the sixth of each month, we run the “masterpoint computer cycle.”

It is at this time that masterpoints earned in the previous month are accrued and ranks change if [masterpoint rank requirements](#) are met.”

When the ACBL notifies the club

The ACBL sends out a Unit 134 report at the end of each month. I receive a copy of the report so that I can view the new members and rank advancements. I list the new ranks in the next month's issue. (The rankings listed in the May 31 report are listed in this month's Kibitzer.)

There is usually at least a month's delay from the time you earn the masterpoints until you see your rank advancement listed in the Kibitzer.

The information on the following pages comes from the ACBL website.

MEMBERS WHO JOINED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2010

Title	Masterpoints Required *
Rookie	Fewer than 5
Junior Master	5
Club Master	20
Sectional Master	50
	At least 5 are silver
Regional Master	100
	At least 15 are silver
	At least 5 are red/gold/platinum
NABC Master	200
	At least 25 are silver
	At least 20 are red/gold/platinum, of which 5 or more are gold/platinum
Life Master	300
	At least 50 black‡
	At least 50 are silver
Bronze Life Master	At least 50 are red/gold/platinum, of which 25 or more are gold/platinum†
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 500 *
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 *
	At least 200 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 *
	At least 300 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 *
	At least 500 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Diamond Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 *
	At least 700 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 350 or more are gold/platinum
Emerald Life Master	A Life Master with 5000 *
	At least 1000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 500 or more are gold/platinum
Platinum Life Master	A Life Master with 7500 *
	At least 1500 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 750 or more are gold/platinum
Grand Life Master	A Life Master with 10000 *
	At least 2000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 1000 or more are gold/platinum and at least 100 are platinum
	A Platinum Life Master with a victory in an eligible event **

(* Indicates exceptions to the colored point requirements)

MEMBERS WHO JOINED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2010

Title	Masterpoints Required
Rookie	Fewer than 5
Junior Master	5
Club Master	20 At least 5 are black
Sectional Master	50 At least are 10 black At least 5 are silver
Regional Master	100 At least 15 are black At least 15 are silver At least 5 are red/gold/platinum
NABC Master	200 At least 20 are black At least 25 are silver At least 20 are red/gold/platinum, of which 5 or more are gold/platinum
Advanced NABC Master	300 At least 50 are black At Least 50 are silver At least 50 are red/gold/platinum, of which 25 or more are gold/platinum
Life Master	500 At least 75 are black At least 75 are silver At least 100 are red/gold/platinum, of which 50 or more are gold/platinum
Bronze Life Master	A Life Master with 750 *
Silver Life Master	A Life Master with 1000 * At least 200 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Ruby Life Master	A Life Master with 1500 * At least 300 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Gold Life Master	A Life Master with 2500 * At least 500 are silver/red/gold/platinum
Sapphire Life Master	A Life Master with 3500 * At least 700 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 350 or more are gold/platinum
Diamond Life Master	A Life Master with 5000 * At least 1000 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 500 or more are gold/platinum
Emerald Life Master	A Life Master with 7500 * At least 1500 are silver/red/gold/platinum, of which 750 or more are gold/platinum
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THE LONGEST DAY

By Diana Powell

There was a lot of anticipation leading up to the Longest Day with so many lovely raffle and auction items on display at the club. When you arrived on June 21st, there was a lot of activity – people viewing the raffle items, buying tickets, selling tickets, bringing in food, working in the kitchen, etc. The day went off beautifully. So much fun and all for such a worthy cause – the Alzheimer’s Association.

“The Alzheimer’s Team would like to thank the members of the LBA for their donations and support. Final numbers are not available, but we estimate we will gross around \$16,000. Congratulations Margaret Shirer for winning the Weekly Free Game and Muffin Balart for winning the 50/50 raffle. Special thanks to my Alzheimer’s Team.”

Carolyn Dubois



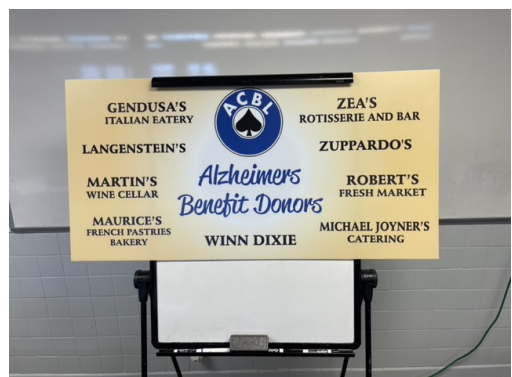
Arriving



Selecting raffle items



Morning Snacks

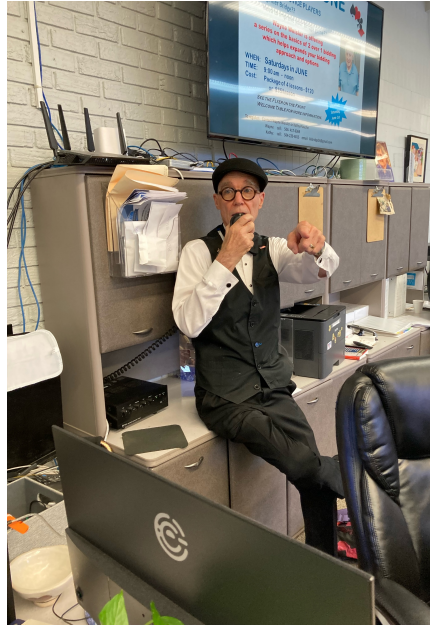


Many Thanks

THE LONGEST DAY



A Good Crowd



The Auction



A Winner



A Team Effort

NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

At The Club:

July 3-5: Wes Busy Firecracker Sectional

July 9-12:30: ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game
(1 gold pt for 1st place N/S and 1st place E/W)

July 10: The club is closed for electrical work.

July 15-27: NAP weeks (including Saturdays for open 500 and 2500 games) -The Tuesday 299er games will be 499er for these weeks. The Wednesday 750 game may change. (2X pt-1/2 red)

At The Virtual Club

July 1-7: NAP games (2X pt-1/2 red)

Game Policy Effective August 1st

By Keenan Romig

Happily, attendance is growing at our games. In order to help the director get the game started on time, the board has adopted a new policy **effective August 1st. Players must arrive at the club no later than 5 minutes before the game is due to start.** No entries will be sold to those not in line by that time so that the director can determine the movement for the number of tables and get the game set up properly in the computer. If you are delayed, please ask your partner to pay for you. Late players will be given a warning the first time it happens and offered the option to kibbitz for any future late arrivals.

IN MEMORIUM



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ACHIEVEMENTS

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Junior Masters: Wanda, Hogan, Diana Lewis, Elizabeth Macdiarmid

Club Masters: Robert Herbert, Albert Solomon

Sectional Masters: Ellis Murov

Regional Masters: Adesh Jain, Anthony Pastor

NABC Masters: Virginia Corrigan, Catherine Favret, Judith Luchsinger, Philip Luchsinger

Advanced NABC Masters: Debbie Reily

Bronze Life Masters: Warrene Gambino

Silver Life Master: Derek Westwood

Ruby Life Masters: Lynn Giordano

Diamond Life Master: Lowen

SILVER LIFE MASTER



Derek Westwood

RUBY LIFE MASTER



Lynn Giordano

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER



Lowen

70 % GAMES

May 27 – June 27

By Jim Thornton

6/2	Open Swiss	Matti Hietalahti and teammates	72.00%
6/12	750 Club	Thomas Hasselle, Raphael Velazquez	73.24%
6/13	Open	Paul Freese, Ernie Levinson	72.57%
6/22	Open	John and Doris Liukkonen	71.53%
6/27	Open Club	David Williams, Wayne Weisler	70.60%