

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

March 2003

2002 Final Standings

National

- Lifetime Top Masterpoint Holder: #35 David Siebert (20,245), #169 Al Childs (12,128)
- Barry Crane Top 500: #163 David Siebert (626)
- Junior Master of the Year: #17 Norma Campbell (114)
- Regional Master of the Year: #20 Alex Phillips (231)
- Life Master of the Year: #7 Deb Phillips (342)
- Youth of the Year: #6 Alex Phillips (231)
- Junior of the Year: #28 Alex Phillips (231)

Unit 161 Mini-McKenney

The Mini-McKenney race was created by the ACBL in 1974 to recognize the masterpoint achievements of all players at each level of achievement (Rookie, Junior Master, etc.).

- Rookie of the Year: #1 **Bonnie Fincher** (53), #10 Duane Bickings (13)
- Junior Master of the Year: #1 **Norma Campbell**

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OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY 0-50	7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY 0-300	7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY	7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY	12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY	1:30 P.M.

All games are stratified when possible.

All games are non-smoking. ↔

Tournament Report

San Destin Regional

- David Siebert & teammates—**1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts** (14 teams); **1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts** (9 teams), **1st in A in Swiss Teams** (9 teams), **1st in A in Swiss Teams**
- David Siebert & partner—4th in A in Open Pairs (56 pairs)
- Suzanne Siebert & partner—4th in A in Side Game Pairs (27 pairs)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Regional, Biloxi

- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—**1st in A in Side Game Pairs** (62 pairs)
- Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Bonnie Fincher, & Barbara Miles—**1st in Bracket 5 Knockouts** (16 teams); **1st in Bracket C Knockouts** (9 teams)
- Bonnie Fincher & Barbara Miles—4th in A/**1st in B in 199er Pairs** (10 pairs)
- Carol Jackman, Margaret Kelly, Liz Parry, & Frances Wilson—2nd in Bracket 4 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Cleet Judkins & teammates—**1st in Bracket 2 Knockouts** (11 teams)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—2nd in B in 199er Pairs (10 pairs); 3rd in A & B in 199er Pairs (25 pairs)
- Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Jane Teed, & Jan Trotter—3/4 in Bracket C Knockouts (9 teams)
- Jane Teed & Jan Trotter—2nd in A in 199er Pairs (10 pairs); 3rd in C in Side Game Pairs (40 pairs)
- Bill Phillips & Dean Phillips—5th in B/3rd in C in Side Game Pairs (36 pairs)

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(114), #2 Barbara Miles (66), #3 Ann Lewis (48), #9 Millie Calhoun (20), #10 Diana Nagel (19)

- Club Master of the Year: **#1 Mike Compton** (81), #2 Diane Lord (69)
- Sectional Master of the Year: **#1 Jane Dickey** (125), #9 Jane Teed (58)
- Regional Master of the Year: **#1 Alex Phillips** (231), #2 Carol Jackman (131), #5 Jeanne Harlan (87)
- NABC Master of the Year: #6 Joyce Thornton (120), #7 Cindy Devish (110), #8 Kay Loss (110)
- Life Master of the Year: **#1 Deb Phillips** (342), #2 Burla Sims (118), #5 Ben Allen (89), #6 Margaret Kelly (83), #8 Liz Parry (77)
- Bronze Life Master of the Year: #4 Ann Ferrill (128), #5 David Cockcroft (127), #8 Betty Morris (93)
- Gold Life Master of the Year: #4 Peggy Jett (171), #5 Bonnie Melchior (158), #7 Ruth Gilliam (148), #8 Helen Abbott (121)
- Diamond Life Master of the Year: **#1 Dane Clay** (116), #2 Ann Clay (107)
- Grand Life Master of the Year: #2 David Siebert (626), #3 Al Childs (102)

Unit 161 Ace of Clubs

The Ace of Clubs competition was created by the ACBL in 1984 to recognize achievement at the club level. All points won at the club level are counted in this contest with the exception of those won in STaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American Open Pairs, and the Grand National Teams.

- Rookie of the Year: #4 Bonnie Fincher (17), #10 Leah Lasley (8)
- Junior Master of the Year: **#1 Norma Campbell** (27), #4 Barbara Miles (20), #8 Millie Calhoun (16)
- NABC Master of the Year: #4 Cindy Devish (50), #6 Frances Wilson (44)
- Life Master of the Year: #4 Deb Phillips (44), #7 Ben Allen (35), #9 Burla Sims (29)
- Bronze Life Master of the Year: #5 Ann Ferrill (64), #6 David Cockcroft (58)
- Gold Life Master of the Year: #5 Ruth Gilliam (106),

#6 Peggy Jett (83), #7 Helen Abbott (82), #9 Bonnie Melchior (51)

- Diamond Life Master of the Year: **#1 Dane Clay** (10), #2 Ann Clay (8)
- Grand Life Master of the Year: **#1 Al Childs** (16), #2 David Siebert (10) ♣

February Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard, Secretary

February 10, 2003. Ann Ferrill called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Mike Compton, Don Gattinger, Dick Heil, Margaret Kelly, Leah Lasley, Rick Lowens, Bobby Morgan, Lou Morris, and Diane Tait.

The minutes of the last meeting (held in January) were read, approved, and seconded.

A formal treasurer's report was not provided for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was reported the Club Series is going well with 21 participants. Since this class is scheduled to end soon, Dick Heil will make a recommendation for the format and financial arrangements of the next class.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cup holders were recently added to some of the playing tables. Ann will look into the cost for adding them to all of the tables.

The Board was notified the Club must begin paying for the printing cost of the *Newsletters*. The cost to print the February *Newsletter* was approximately \$40. The board encourages all members with e-mail access to provide their e-mail addresses so the club can distribute *Newsletters* electronically to as many members as possible. This will save the Club printing fees and in some cases, postage fees.

Our insurance policy will lapse on May 23 and it will not be up for renewal. The current carrier no longer handles this type of policy. Mike Compton will contact other agents to obtain replacement quotes.

The lease on the Bridge House is up the end of April and the rental cost per square foot is scheduled to increase. The owner indicated if the club wants to make

improvements to the building it would split the cost 50/50 with the club. It was also reported that the dance studio next door wants to incorporate a portion of the Bridge House's space into its area. Discussion included: What square footage is necessary to accommodate playing needs and how could we remodel to make do with less square footage? What are remodeling possibilities for the kitchen, bathroom, and storage areas? What about moving the heating/cooling units to the roof? If the divider wall can be removed and is removed, what are ways to make separate areas so multiple events can be accommodated at the same time? A committee was appointed to consider the lease and remodeling possibilities and submit proposals and designs back to the board. The committee includes Mike Compton, Dick Heil, Margaret Kelly, and Rick Lowens. Other club members will be asked to join who have expertise in needed areas.

It was also recommended that lighting for the south-side parking lot and an outdoor water spigot be requested when the lease is negotiated.

The board was notified there is a need for members to volunteer to be available as an extra when a partner is needed or to make a half table complete. The board will ask for a club member to act as a "Partnership Chairman" to organize a group of volunteers to be available on a routine basis as an extra. (NOTICE to NEWSLETTER READERS, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS CHAIRMAN POSITION, PLEASE CONTACT ANN FERRILL.)

A King Cake was provided for today's monthly birthday celebration. Whoever gets the "baby" in their piece of the King Cake will be responsible for providing the birthday cake for March.

The meeting was adjourned. ♣

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- David Siebert & teammates—**1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts** (12 teams); 2nd in Bracket 1 Knockouts (10 teams); 2nd in Bracket 1 Knockouts (11 teams); 8th in A in A/X Swiss (27 teams)

Lone Star Regional, Houston

- Russ Jones & teammates—4th in X in A/X Swiss (49 teams)

- Alex Phillips, Deb Phillips, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 4 Knockouts (16 teams); **1st in Stratified Board-a-Match** (14 teams); 4th in Flight B Swiss (30 teams)

District 10 STaC

Sam Cheesman & partner— 1st in A (206 pairs).....	71.43%
Helen Abbott & Madalyn Reinhardt— 1st in A (96 pairs).....	69.26%
Russ Jones & partner—5th in A (288 pairs).....	67.26%
Robert Downie & Bonnie Melchior—10th in A (390 pairs).....	65.77%
Helen Abbott & Elaine Danesi—9th in A (206 pairs).....	65.10%
Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—4th in B/ 1st in C (206 pairs)	64.29%
Betsy Berry & David Cockcroft—12th in A (352 pairs).....	63.61%
David Cockcroft & Ann Ferrill—4th in A/ 1st in B (161 pairs)	62.47%
Marilyn Drinkwater & Burla Sims—6th in B (161 pairs).....	59.00%
Bodie Cobb & Marilyn Watt—3rd in A (16 pairs).....	58.93%
Jane Dickey & Bonnie Fincher—4th in C (390 pairs).....	57.74%
Jane Dickey & Wen-he Lu—3rd in C (161 pairs).....	56.97%
Sam Cheesman & Kathy Miller—4th in A (16 pairs).....	55.36%
Norma Campbell & Barbara Miles—4th in C (161 pairs).....	52.92%
Ann Lewis & Jane Teed—5th in C (161 pairs) ...	51.14%

- David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Randy Robertson, & Edna Savoy—**1st in A** in Swiss Teams (12 teams)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Bodie Cobb, & Marilyn Watt—2/3 in A in Swiss Teams (12 teams)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PINE BLUFF SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28—SUNDAY, MARCH 2—BRIDGE HOUSE CLOSED

CLUB SERIES LESSON

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 6:30 P.M.

DAVID SIEBERT'S 2/1 LESSONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 12, 19, & 26, 5:30—7:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 12:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1:30 P.M.

LRDBC members with birthdays in March play free

CLUB TOURNAMENT GAMES

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 11:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 7:00 P.M. (0–50)

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14—SUNDAY, MARCH 16—BRIDGE HOUSE CLOSED

EASYBRIDGE!

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 24, & 31, 7:00–9:30 P.M.

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 7:00 P.M.

Opening One No-trump

David Siebert

There are 3 ways to approach opening no-trump with a 5-card major:

1. Never open a NT with a 5-card major.
2. Never open a NT with 5 ♠s.
3. Open everything a NT with any 5-card major and a square hand (5–3–3–2).

Many of the top partnerships go with #3 (open everything a NT). This is also my philosophy.

Hands are easier to describe. The only disadvantage is missing your 5–3 major fits—which you will not miss at

game level if you use Puppet Stayman, which I have already discussed in the July 2002 issue of the *Newsletter*.

A big advantage to opening 1NT is that the opponents have a harder time getting into the auction.

Witness this hand played in the Women's World Championship last year:

		♠ A Q 10 x x	
		♥ x x x x x	
		♦ x x	
		♣ x	
♠ 9 x x			♠ Void
♥ A			♥ K 10 9 x
♦ K x x x			♦ 10 9 8 x
♣ A J 10 9 x			♣ Q x x x x
		♠ K J x x x	
		♥ Q J x	
		♦ A Q J	
		♣ K x	
S	W	N	E
1NT	P	2♥	P
3♠*	P	4♠	All Pass

*shows 4 ♠s with anything but a minimum.

Misdefense allowed them to make 4♠. However note with 1♠ opening bid West would bid 2♣. North bids 4♠ and East 5♣, making 5. This hand helped win the World Women's Pairs for Karen McCallum and Debbie Rosenberg.

Keeping the opponents out of the action is one of the big advantages of opening 1NT with any 15–17 HCP hand and a 5-card major. I have had excellent results doing this. Try it and I think you will like your results, too! Have a good month. ♠

New Life Masters

Six LRDBC members achieved Life Master status during 2002. Congratulations to Billie Corrothers, Jean Grimes, Kay Loss, Alex Phillips, Joyce Thornton, and Frances Wilson. Frances became an instant Bronze Life Master when she earned the last of her gold points! Edna Savoy reached Silver Life Master status during 2002, and David Siebert topped the 20,000 masterpoint total. ♦

When to Bid

AI Childs

Do you overcall or double on anything or do you wait and balance. I try to teach my partners that a simple overcall is an opening bid or lead directing.

Kathy and I had this hand on OK Bridge and she bid it well.

West opened 1♥ and with 5♥s and 4-4 in the minors she passed. East bid 1♠. ♠s are too good and 7 makes it too strong for a weak jump. I thought about bidding 2♦, but ruled it out because suit and hand were not strong enough. And I had an honor in other suits.

When Kathy doubled 2♠ in the pass-out seat I knew I could compete to 4♦. She added values for her void and bid 5♦.

The play is tricky. Because of the NT rebid and double I played ♦s to be 2-2 and made 6.

MP

Dir: South

Vul: E-W

♠ void
♥ Q J 5 4 2
♦ A J 4 2
♣ A 6 5 4

♠ A J 7
♥ A 10 9 7 3
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 7

♠ K Q 10 9 8 6 5
♥ 6
♦ 8 7
♣ 10 9 7

♠ 4 3 2
♥ K 8
♦ K Q 9 6 5
♣ K 8 2

W	N (Kathy)	E	S (AI)
			P
1♥	P	1♠	P
1NT	P	2♠	P
P	X	P	3♦
3♠	P	P	4♦
P	P	4♠	P
P	5♦	X	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠A Result: Made 6

Score: 650 Points: 98.65

1	West	♠A,	♦2,	8,	♠3
2	North	♦J,	8,	5,	3
3	North	♦4,	7,	Q,	10
4	South	♥8,	3,	J,	6
5	North	♥2,	♠K,	♥K,	♥A
6	West	♣Q,	4,	7,	K
7	South	♣8,	3,	A,	9
8	North	♣Q,	♠5,	♣2,	♥7
9	North	♣5,	10,	♦9,	♣J

Southern Pines Sectional

Friday, February 28–Sunday March 2

Ramada Inn & Suites Convention Hotel

Two Convention Center Plaza, 8th Street & Convention Center Plaza, Pine Bluff

870-535-3111

Tournament Chairs: Sam Cheesman (870) 536-1992 (H) (870) 534-8144 (O) email pwc@arkansas.net & Joy Hudson (870) 382-4779

Partnerships: Jack Tidball (870) 325-7295 email jdtidball@tds.net & Kathy Miller (870) 247-2990

Tournament Schedule

Friday, February 28, stratified open pairs (one session) at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 1, stratified open pairs (play through; new pairs accepted at both sessions) at 10:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 2, Stratified Swiss Teams at 10:00 a.m. & TBA, with lunch break

Stratification for all events: A=1000+, B=300–999, C=100–299, & D=0–99

Session Fees \$8.50 per person, per session, with \$0.50 per session for current ACBL members

Swiss Team Fee: \$80.00 per 4 or 5 person team, with lunch for 4

Hospitality (cocktails & snacks) Friday & Saturday following afternoon sessions.

NOTE: The location has changed from that printed on the flyers! ♠

How to Defend

AI Childs

Sometimes when you cash tricks in the right order and give count a trick may be created.

Kathy lead ♣Q, ♣K, ♣A.

I returned ♦2 showing an honor; Kathy won ♦A and returned ♦3 showing 2 or 4. With the fall of ♦Q-J, I returned ♣5 showing 3; she won ♣J and led another ♣. She now counted declarer with 6 ♠s, 2 ♦s, 3 ♣s, and 2 ♥s, one if it's a loser can be discarded on a ♦. Declarer now led ♠10 which I did not cover. He rose with ♠K which Kathy won and lead the thirteenth ♣, which I trumped with ♠J setting up her ♠8. Playing her for the ♠A could be right.

IMP

Dir: West

Vul: Both

♠ A 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ Q J 8 2

♠ K Q 9 6 4 2
♥ K 5
♦ Q J
♣ 7 6 4

♠ 10 7
♥ A Q J 8 2
♦ 10 7 6
♣ K 10 9

♠ J 5
♥ 10 9 7 3
♦ K 8 4 2
♣ A 5 3

W	N (Kathy)	E	S (AI)
2♠	All Pass		

Opening lead: ♣Q Result: Down 1

Score: 100 Points: 3.63

1	North	♣Q,	K,	A,	4
2	South	♦4,	Q,	A,	6
3	North	♦3,	7,	K,	J
4	South	♣5,	6,	J,	9
5	North	♣2,	10,	3,	7
6	East	♠10,	5,	K,	A
7	North	♣8,	♥2,	♠J,	♠Q
8	West	♥5,	6,	A,	3
9	East	♠7,	♥7,	♠9,	♠3
10	West	♠4,	8		

Hot Springs Village Card Club

Presents

A STAR-SPANGLED SECTIONAL

Friday, March 14—Sunday, March 16

Casa de Carta—Ponce de Leon Center, 1100 De Soto Boulevard, Hot Springs Village

Coordinators and Information: Jan Farnsworth (501) 922-6172 & Cindy Devish (501) 915-9990

Partnerships: Sheila Cosby (501) 915-9827 & Dolores Pilarski (501) 922-4828

Tournament Schedule

Friday, March 14

- 9:30 a.m. Open Pairs Play-through 0–750, 750–1500, 1500+
Memorial Pairs 0–100, 100–300
- 1:30 p.m. Second Session—Open Pairs
Newcomers (0–20) reduced entry fee
- 7:30 p.m. Open Pairs Games
Bracketed Knockouts—Round #1

Saturday, March 15

- 9:30 a.m. Open Pairs Play-through
Round #2 of Knockouts
- 1:30 p.m. Second Session—Open Pairs
Round #3 of Knockouts
Newcomers (0–20) reduced entry fee
- 7:30 p.m. Open Pairs Games
Bracketed Knockouts—Final Round (if needed)

Sunday, March 16

- 10:30 a.m. Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (lunch included with entry fee)

Session Fees \$8 per person, per session, with \$0.50 additional per session for non-ACBL members

Swiss Team Fee: \$92 per team, with \$0.50 additional per session for non-ACBL members

Newcomers Games: \$6 ♣

MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

Check *The Bridge Bulletin* published by the ACBL or the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org for details on these and other upcoming tournaments.

NATIONALS (NABC)

March 6–16, Philadelphia, PA
July 17–27, Long Beach, CA
November 20–30, New Orleans, LA

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

April 7–13, Gatlinburg, TN
May 12–18, Oklahoma City, OK
June 9–15, Tulsa, OK
June 16–22, Jackson, MS
June 23–29, Las Vegas, NV

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

February 28–March 2, **Pine Bluff, AR**
March 14–16, **Hot Springs Village, AR**
April 25–27, Laurel, MS
May 23–26, **Little Rock, AR**
May 29–June 1, Gulfport, MS
May 29–June 1, Nashville, TN
June 6–8, Fort Worth, TX

Defense Is Fun

Gerald Koonce

Here is a hand from the club that I enjoyed because both defenders were able to score ruffs in the same suit. I was sitting West and Alex Phillips, our newest (and youngest ever) life master, was East.

Dir.: West

Vul.: All

♠ K J 5	
♥ A 10 7	
♦ K 10 8	
♣ A Q 9 3	
♠ 7 2	♠ A 8 6 3
♥ K Q J 9 3 2	♥ 6
♦ A 6	♦ J 9
♣ 10 8 6	♣ K J 7 5 4 2
♠ Q 10 9 4	
♥ 8 5 4	
♦ Q 7 5 4 3 2	
♣ void	

W (Gerald)	N	E (Alex)	S
2♥	X	Pass	2♠
All Pass			

Opening Lead: ♥K

Declarer grabbed the opening lead with dummy's ♥A, then ditched one of her ♥ losers on the ♠A.

Because of the blockage in ♦s, declarer need to set up that suit before she could tackle trumps, so she played a diamond to her ♦Q, which I won with the ♦A.

When I cashed my ♥Q, Alex discarded the ♦J! So I led my other ♦, which he trumped.

Now Alex got out with a low ♠, which declarer won in her hand with the ♠9. When she led another ♦, I trumped it with my last ♠, then played another top ♥, forcing declarer to ruff in her hand, Alex discarding a ♣.

Now she trumped another ♦ with the board's ♠K, and Alex made a very good play by refusing to over-ruff (if he plays the ♠A, she makes her contract). Declarer trumped a ♣ back to her hand and now was in desperate straits with only one trump left in each hand. When she led a ♦ and pitched a ♣ from the board, Alex ruffed with his little ♠, pulled the rest of the trumps with his ♠A and took the last trick with his ♣K for down two.

Well done, Luke Skywalker! ♦

Books for Sale

Arlene Gordon is offering her copies of *Common Sense Bidding*, *How to Play a Bridge Hand*, and *How to Defend a Bridge Hand*, by William Root, for sale at \$25 for all three. Call her at 666-6015. ♣

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- Helen Abbott, Robert Downie, Ruth Gilliam, & Betty Hansen—2/3 in A in Swiss Teams (12 teams)
- Peggy Jett, Gerald Koonce, Rick Lowens, & Bonnie Melchior—4th in A in Swiss Teams (12 teams)
- Dick Heil, Margaret Kelly, Bobby Morgan, & David Tetkoskie—1st in B in Swiss Teams (12 teams)
- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Bonnie Fincher—2nd in B/1st in C in Swiss Teams (12 teams) ♥

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available at the
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