

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

June 2003

Letter to the Membership

Jeanne Harlan

I attended my first Tournament of Roses since moving to Little Rock. I want to thank all of you who presented a first class tournament. The location was central to a lot of the out-of-towners as well as to us townies. You provided some of the best food I have seen at a tournament. It was plentiful and flowed to the point that no one could go hungry. You improved greatly upon the appearance of the site. We could not complain as we do at most hotel sites that the room was too cold or too hot. I feel you impressed the Hot Springs Village people greatly. I did not hear one complaint. Thank you Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club. I am proud to be a member. ♥

*Tournament
Chairman David
Siebert—You're
the best!*

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY 0-50	LESSON 6:40 P.M.; GAME 7:00-9:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	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. ↔

Holiday Fun

Gerald Koonce

There were lots of fun hands at our Memorial Day sectional. Here is one that stands out because I made a penalty double on 1 HCP. Bonnie Melchior was sitting West and I was East.

Matchpoints

Dir: South

Vul: Both

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

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♦	X	2♦
3♥	X*	Pass	3♦
Pass	Pass	4♥	X
All Pass			

*Maximal double (game try)

Opening lead: A♠ (Ace from Ace-King)

I declined Bonnie's game try because my hand was so weak, but when the opponents persisted to 4♥, I felt I had to take the ax to it holding 5 trumps.

On the opening lead, I played the 3♠. Since dummy had a singleton ♠, this was suit preference, asking for a shift to the lower ranking side suit, ♣s, so Bonnie

switched to the 8♣. Declarer played dummy's A♠, which I ruffed. I led a ♦ back to Bonnie, who continued with the Q♣ so we could ruff out dummy's K♣, setting up a ♣ trick for her, for down 2 or plus 500.

Here's one where we scored on the bidding (hands rotated for convenience, with Bonnie sitting South and me North):

Dir: South
Vul: N-S

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

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♥	X	Pass
4♠(!)	5♥	6♠	All Pass

Opening lead: A♥.

Some notes on the bidding: Bonnie did not open a weak 2 in first seat vulnerable because her suit was too weak and she had too much outside defense. I made a takeout double instead of overcalling in ♦s because with a 9-trick hand, I was too strong for a simple overcall. Bonnie's jump to 4♠ was a great bid, and now West's 5♥ gave me a problem. Had he not bid, I would have bid 5♥ myself to ask Bonnie to bid slam with a ♥ control, but that bid was no longer available to me. So I just went ahead and bid 6♠ myself, figuring that if his ♥s were that long, she was probably short and that she had to have an Ace for her bid.

There was nothing to the play, and we were soon racking up 1430 for a cold top. ♦

Jane Dickey & Robert Downie achieved Life Master status while playing on a team with David Cockcroft & Mike Compton in the Oklahoma City Regional Tournament.

Bridge House 2003 Under 300 Through May

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Under 5	Missy McCain	1.85
Under 10	Somers Collins	2.07
Under 50	Gregg Sterne	7.05
Under 100	Barbara Miles	16.18
Under 300	Norma Campbell	30.14

Bridge House 2003 Overall Through May

Peggy Jett	50.02
Ruth Gilliam	46.58
Helen Abbott	44.72
Ann Ferrill	44.46
Tommye Davis	43.33
David Cockcroft	40.54
Norma Campbell	30.14
Bonnie Melchior	29.41
Madalyn Reinhardt	29.29
Edna Savoy	28.50

The Hand from Hell

Bonnie Melchior

Pity poor South—what looked like a dream hand turned into a nightmare. Sometimes high cards can be more of a curse than a blessing.

The Souths who played in the Saturday afternoon pairs event of the Little Rock Memorial Day Sectional Tournament must have developed an Excedrin headache from Board 5—the South at our table certainly did. Here is his hand:

♠ A ♥ A K J 9 ♦ A K 10 8 6 2 ♣ K 4

22 points, not counting distribution—looks promising, doesn't it?

North passed as dealer and East opened 1♠. Wonderful—South has a stiff ♠, 4-card support for the unbid major, and a sturdy ♦ suit—an ideal take-out double. Over the take-out double, West bid 2♣ (a weak jump shift), and North passed. East then bid 4♠. Now what??? What would you do? North–South, incidentally, are vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents.

Two choices present themselves: Double and 5♥ ("pass" would not cross the mind of even the most timid bidder). Since 4NT would be take-out, "double" in this situation tends to be a "power" double for penalties. (A

double over 4♥ would be more ambiguous, since 4NT would lose the ♠ suit.) The South at our table chose to double, after which West, North, and East passed. Here are all 4 hands:

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

As you can see, 4♠X is cold (plus 590 to East–West). Bidding 5♥ would produce the dreaded "minus 200," since West would probably double. Although South can pitch one ♣ on a long ♥, he would still lose one ♥, one ♦, and one ♣. ♥s declared from the North hand would be even worse, since that contract, after a ♣ lead from East, would go down two tricks, resulting in minus 500.

I really don't know why Gerald Koonce and I (as East–West) got a good board, since South's decision seems eminently reasonable. Days when the Duke of Cumberland's star is ascendant are not good days to hold hands with lots of points! As Marty Bergen says, "Points Schmoits!"—and that's a euphemism in this situation. . . ♣

We mourn the passing of
Carol Jackman.

Thank You Frank, Norma & Diane!

Norma Campbell and Diane Lord sold 815 raffle tickets for the beautiful quilt made by Frank Kent, clearing a profit of \$615 for the Bridge House. Tommye Davis was the lucky winner at the drawing during the Tournament of Roses. Thanks to everyone for participating. ♦

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)

July 17–27, Long Beach, CA
November 20–30, New Orleans, LA
March 18–28, 2004, Reno, NV

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

June 9–15, Tulsa, OK
June 16–22, Jackson, MS
June 23–29, Las Vegas, NV
June 30–July 6, Fort Lauderdale, FL
June 30–July 6, San Antonio, TX
July 7–13, Rosemont (Chicago), IL
July 28–August 3, Birmingham, AL
July 28–August 3, Baton Rouge, LA
August 11–17, Saint Louis, MO
August 26–September 1, Fort Worth, TX
August 26–September 1, Atlanta, GA
August 27–September 1, Springfield, MO
September 15–21, Tunica, MS

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

June 6–8, Fort Worth, TX
June 23–29, STaC, Little Rock, AR
July 3–6, Metairie, LA
July 18–20, Gulfport, MS (0-200)
July 18–20, Tyler, TX
August 8–10, Tupelo, MS
August 15–17, Richardson, TX

Worldwide Bridge Contest

The annual Worldwide Bridge Contest is coming to the Bridge House on Friday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. The Contest will be hosted by clubs across the planet and will feature worldwide across-the-field scoring. ACBL will award masterpoints (half red, half black at sectional open pairs rating). The World Bridge Federation will award prizes based on the world matchpointing. Please note that your percentage score at the Bridge House will be different from the score at the world level since your results are matchpointed against different groups.

The Contest will also feature a booklet containing all of the deals with analyses by expert Eric Kokish. ♠

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SWISS TEAM GAME

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1:30 P.M.

WORLD WIDE BRIDGE CONTEST

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 7:30 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS CLUB QUALIFYING GAMES

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 11:00 A.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 1:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 11:00 A.M.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 12:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1:30 P.M.

LRDBC members with birthdays in June play free

SECOND FRIDAY PARTY NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, PARTY 7:00, GAME 7:30 P.M.

Bring snacks (This is also a NAP Qualifying Game.)

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT THE CLUB (STAC) GAMES

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 11:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1:30 P.M.

Tournament Report

Flying Pig Regional, Cincinnati, OH

Allan Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracketed Knockouts Flight A (9 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockouts (12 teams); 1st in A in Swiss (14 teams); 1st in A in Swiss AX (25 teams)

Illini Regional, Champaign, IL

Allan Siebert & partner—6th in Open Pairs (72 pairs)

Allan Siebert & teammates—1st in A in Swiss AX (18 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockouts (9 teams)

South Mississippi Sectional, Laurel, MS

Dick Heil & Margaret Mathews—4th in A/1st in B&C in Open Pairs (51 pairs)

OKC Spring Regional, Oklahoma City, OK

David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Robert Downie—5/8 in Bracket 2 Knockouts (16 teams); 1st in B in Flight BCD Swiss (26 teams); 1st in Bracket 2 Knockouts (7 teams)

Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—1st in A in 199er Pairs (6 pairs); 5th in A/4th in B&C in Open Pairs (18 pairs)

Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts (13 teams); 3rd in Flight AX Swiss (20 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts (11 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts (12 teams); 4th in A in Flight AX Swiss (28 teams)

Jane Teed & Jan Trotter—5th in C in Open Pairs (30 pairs)

Tournament of Roses Sectional, Little Rock, AR

Betty Adams, Tommy Adams, Jeanne Harlan, & Wen-he Lu—3rd in C in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Tommy Adams, Wen-he Lu, Ralph Vogel, & teammate—1/3 in C in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Ben Allen, Al Childs, Ann Clay, Dane Clay, & Cleet Judkins—1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts (6 teams)

Ben Allen, Jim Awalt, Al Childs, Kathy Childs, & teammate—3rd in A in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Jim Awalt & partner—6th in A in Open Pairs (20 pairs); 5th in A in Open Pairs (51 pairs); 3rd in A in Open Pairs (46 pairs)

Jim Awalt, David Siebert, & teammates—2nd in A in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Kris Baber & Laura Doramus—3rd in C in Open Pairs (22 pairs)

Betsy Berry, Bodie Cobb, Ruth Gilliam, & Marilyn Watt—5th in A in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Duane Bickings, Tom Byarlay, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 4 Knockouts (6 teams)

Marilyn Biegler, Cindy Devish, & teammates—4th in B in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Tom Byarlay & partner—4th in B/3rd in C in Open Pairs (20 pairs)

Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Barbara Miles—1st in Bracket 3 Knockouts (8 teams)

Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Barbara Miles, & Burla Sims—1st in Bracket 2 Knockouts (8 teams)

Norma Campbell, Bonnie Fincher, Barbara Miles, & Lou Morris—6/7 in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Al Childs & Kathy Childs—2nd in A in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Mike Compton, & Jane Dickey—5th in A in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie Melchior—1st in A in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Bodie Cobb & Mabel Henderson—4th in A in Open Pairs (20 pairs); 6th in A in Open Pairs (51 pairs)

Bodie Cobb & Marilyn Watt—5/6 in A in Open Pairs (35 pairs)

David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Jeanne Lloyd, & Edna Savoy—6th in A in Open Swiss (31 teams)

David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Randy Robertson, & Edna Savoy—4th in A/1st in B in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Somers Collins & Missy McCain—2nd in A in 99er Pairs (8 pairs)

Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—2/3 in A&B&C in Open Pairs (16 pairs)

Billie Corrothers & partner—5th in A/2nd in B in Open Pairs (46 pairs); 4th in A/3rd in B in Open Pairs (16 pairs); 2/3 in A/2nd in B in Stratified Pairs (8 pairs)

Tommye Davis, Robert Downie, Jeanne Lloyd, & Peggy Jett—3rd in A in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Marilyn Drinkwater, Gene Marques, Bobby Morgan, & Frances Wilson—3rd in B in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Walter Ely & Kathy Miller—1st in A in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Audra Evert & Winn Smith—5th in B in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Audra Evert, Jerry Evert, Carl Keys, & Winn Smith—1st in Bracket 2 Knockouts (6 teams)

Jeanne Harlan, Dick Heil, Mike Porta, Bill Thomason, & Jan Worden—2nd in Bracket 3 Knockouts (6 teams)

Carolyn Harman, Jean Harney, Hildegard Sherman, & Frances Westermann—5th in B in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Cal Heseman, Monica Heseman, Margaret Kelly, & Liz Parry—3rd in B in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

D.J. Jones & partner—2nd in A/1st in B in Open Pairs (20 pairs)

Carl Keys & Suzanne Siebert—3rd in A in Open Pairs (19 pairs)

Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—1st in A in Open Pairs (51 pairs); 1st in A in Open Pairs (46 pairs)

Gerald Koonce, Bonnie Melchior, Allan Siebert, David Siebert, Suzanne Siebert, & teammate—1st in A in Open Swiss (31 teams)

Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Jane Teed, & Jan Trotter—1/3 in C in Board-a-Match (22 teams)

Jeanne Lloyd & partner—6th in A in Open Pairs (22 pairs)

Gene Marques & Frances Wilson—3rd in A/2nd in B in Open Pairs (51 pairs); 5th in B in Open Pairs (46 pairs); 2nd in B in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Bernice McNutt & Lou Morris—5th in A in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Kathy Miller & Marilyn Watt—1st in A in Open Pairs (20 pairs)

Diana Nagel & partner—4th in C in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Johnnie Owen & Norman Owen—3rd in A/2nd in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (16 pairs)

Michael Parfitt & Pete Warren—6th in A/1st in B&C in Open Pairs (29 pairs)

Alex Phillips & partner—5th in B in Open Pairs (22 pairs)

Deb Phillips & partner—3rd in A/2nd in B in Open Pairs (22 pairs)

David Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (22

pairs); 4th in A in Open Pairs (46 pairs); 2/3 in Stratified Pairs (8 pairs)

Jan Trotter & Frances Westermann—6th in C in Open Pairs (51 pairs); 3rd in C in Open Pairs (46 pairs) ♠

Tournament Wrap-up

David Siebert

Thanks to the Little Rock and Hot Springs Village people for making the Tournament of Roses a resounding success. The last Little Rock sectional 3 years ago had 225 tables; compare that to 337 ½ tables this year! I attribute the good table count to the location because it is so close to Hot Springs Village. This is the first Little Rock sectional that has made money in 20 years. I want to thank the 5 people who took on the major jobs in running the tournament. Edna Savoy did an absolutely outstanding job with hospitality. Without Mike Compton I could never have gotten it done. Bobby Morgan did a good job on partnerships. Ann Ferrill, our club president, handled lots of jobs. Thanks too to Suzanne, who was helpful in many ways, including telling me what to do. ♥

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