

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

July 2003

Bridge House On the Move

Mike Compton

Just a quick update to let everyone know where we are on moving into our new home. We are going to have to pay the full month's rent at our old place and are therefore working on a schedule that will have us into Tanglewood at month's end. The bathrooms are both wallpapered, and the painting is about 90% complete. The next things we are going to do is to paint the ceiling grids, as they are several different colors, and we want them bright white to match our new ceiling tiles and lights. The vents for the heat and air have to be replaced and we can then put in our new ceiling. We will be ordering bathroom fixtures this week and hope to start installing them next week. We will then pick out carpet and that will be the last thing installed. We will then begin moving our shelves and storage cases so we can move all of our supplies and stuff.

I hope everyone likes our new chairs. They came from Pleasant Valley Country Club and we are going to try to refurbish them a little before we move.

I want to thank everyone that has helped with our new club. Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas. ♣

**Independence
Day Party**
Thursday, July 3
7:00 p.m.
Pot Luck
Open Game

Tournament Report

Garden City Regional, Augusta, GA

- Allan Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 1 KO (9 teams); 5/8 in Bracket 1 KO (16 teams); 1st in A in Swiss (67 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 KO (11 teams); 1st in A in A/X Swiss (18 teams)

Tulsa Regional, Tulsa, OK

- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Bonnie Fincher—2nd in Bracket C KO (16 teams); 1st in Bracket C KO (11 teams)
- David Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Stratified Pairs (104 pairs)
- David Siebert & teammates—1st in A in Stratified Swiss (41 teams); 1st in Bracket A KO (9 teams); 1st in Bracket A KO (9 teams); 1st in Bracket A KO (9 teams)

Crossroads of the South Regional, Jackson, MS

- David Blanchard & partner—4th in A/3rd in B in 199er Pairs (16 pairs)
- Bodie Cobb & partner—4th in B in Side Series Pairs (16 pairs)

OPEN GAMES

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 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. ↔

- Margaret Mathews & Mike Porta—4th in C in Open Pairs (40 pairs)
- Margaret Mathews, Mike Porta, & teammates—1st in Bracket 3 KO (10 teams)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—3rd in B/2nd in C in Stratified Senior Pairs (32 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 KO (9 teams); 4th in A in A/X Open Swiss (10 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 KO (10 teams); 5/6 in A in A/X Swiss (22 teams)
- Jane Teed & Jan Trotter—5th in C in Open Pairs (49 pairs); 4th in C in Side Series Pairs (24 pairs) ♦

District 10 Sectional Tournament at the Club (STaC) (Monday & Tuesday results only)

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs (380 pairs)

- Marilyn Drinkwater & Mary Puckett—7th in A/3rd in B

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs (215 pairs)

- Sam Cheesman & Kathy Miller—1st in A
- Gerald Koonce & Rick Lowens—4th in A
- Jeanne Harlan & Wen-he Lu—6th in B/3rd in C
- Johnnie Owen & Norman Owen—7th in B
- Jane Teed & Frances Westermann—4th in C

June Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard, Secretary

June 8, 2003. Ann Ferrill called the meeting to order. The other attendees were Jo Blanchard, Mike Compton, Dick Heil, Leah Lasley, Rick Lowens, Bobby Morgan, Lou Morris, Burla Sims, Diane Tait, and Jan Trotter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved, and seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No formal Treasurer's report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Little Rock Tournament in May was a success!!! Rick Lowens reported the tournament netted in excess of \$3,500.

Ticket sales for the Quilt Raffle totaled \$816, netting \$616.

NEW BUSINESS:

A filing was submitted to the IRS requesting a 501(c)(3) charitable organization designation for the newly formed "Bridge House" entity. Rick will open a bank account for the Bridge House.

A 5-year lease with a 6-month out was signed for the Tanglewood 2,000 square foot facility. The monthly rent is \$1,333.33, of which \$1,000 is due each month and \$333.33 accumulates towards a remodeling / improvement balance. As the club remodels and makes improvements to the facility, the remodeling and improvement expenses are credited against the remodeling balance. Any outstanding remodeling / improvement balance is due at the time the lease ends. Mike reported electricians and carpenters have begun remodeling. Divider walls are being removed and new lighting is being added. Ann volunteered to transfer the Tanglewood utilities into the Bridge House's name. A decorating committee has been formed and includes Ann Ferrill, Kathi Frieberg, Margaret Kelly, Lou Morris, Liz Parry, and Suzanne Siebert. Others who wish to help with the decorating can sign up. Painting parties will be formed rather than hiring out the painting. Dick will look into getting signs made for the new site.

The board received a complaint against members taking cell phone calls during games. Directors will be asked to monitor and handle these situations as they feel appropriate.

A District 10 STaC is scheduled for December 8–14.

The scheduling for the next NAOP Unit Qualifying Event in Little Rock was discussed. It will include two sessions. It was agreed to book this event for October 4th.

It was mentioned that the club's computer needs to be replaced and also that additional computers could be used to develop a computer laboratory for teaching and learning bridge. It was suggested that members who are replacing home computers that are current and in good working order consider donating their old machines to the club.

Jo Blanchard will provide the birthday cake for July.

The meeting was adjourned. ♥

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARTY

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 7:00 P.M.

SWISS TEAM GAME

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 1:30 P.M.

CLUB TOURNAMENT GAMES

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, JULY 14, 11:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 12:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 1:30 P.M.

SECOND FRIDAY PARTY NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 11, PARTY 7:00, GAME 7:30 P.M.

Bring snacks

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS QUALIFYING GAMES

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 11:00 A.M.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 12:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 1:30 P.M.

LRDBC members with birthdays in July play free

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME #3

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 7:30 P.M.

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 7:00 P.M.

Siebert Lessons?

David Siebert is willing to conduct a new series of classes on his Two Over One Card, starting in September, if enough people are interested in attending. Classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of each week he is in town. The cost is \$10 for each lesson you attend. Notes are distributed after each class.

Over 25 LRDBC members have taken the lessons—some of us two or three times. Questions? Call David at 312-9538 or talk to anyone who has attended: Duane Bickings, Lyda Campbell, Norma Campbell, David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Robert Downie, Roger & Connie Ellingson, Audra Evert, Ann Ferrill,

Bonnie Fincher, Joyce Franklin, Cal & Monica Heseman, Oscar & Mary Holiman, Lucy Jackson, Sandy Jones, Ann Lewis, Kay Loss, Margaret Mathews, Barbara Miles, Bobby Morgan, Lou Morris, Art Pfeifer, Alex Phillips, Deb Phillips, Mike Porta, Marilyn Porter, Edna Savoy, Burla Sims, Jean Stockburger, John & Judy Tedford, Jane Teed, Joyce Thornton, Jan Trotter, Lisa Whitbeck, Gladys Whitney, Diane Williams, and Susan Woodyard.

Call or email Jane Dickey at 377-0312, jdickey@roselawfirm.com, to indicate your interest. Without 15 sign-ups, there won't be any classes. ♣

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

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

September 15–21, Tunica, MS

October 16–19, Jonesboro, AR (NLM)

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

July 3–6, Metairie, LA

July 18–20, Gulfport, MS (0-200)

July 11–13, Nashville, TN (0–300)

July 18–20, Tyler, TX

August 7–10, Lake Charles, LA

August 8–10, Tupelo, MS

August 15–17, Dothan, AL

August 15–17, Huntsville, AL

August 15–17, Richardson, TX

August 22–24, Slidell, LA

September 5–7, Pineville, LA

October 2–4, Moss Point, MS

October 10–12, Monroe, LA

October 16–19, Jonesboro, AR

Space Available for Defense, Play, or Bidding

AI Childs

Each hand and each suit have 13 spaces as defender or declarer. Your job is to find what is in those spaces. Often the bidding makes it easy. On this hand you hold:

♠ K J ♥ Q 10 5 4 3 ♦ 9 6 3 ♣ K 10 6 5

The opponents were playing a silly system. The bidding:

| N | E (you) | S | W |
|------|----------|-------|---|
| P | P | 2♦* | P |
| 2♥** | P | 3♠*** | P |
| 5♦ | All Pass | | |

* 11 HCP and 5 ♦s

** Asks for major

*** 4 ♠s with 17 HCP

Before you see the dummy, ask yourself what spaces are full in declarer's hand? Well, we know 9 of the 13 with 5 ♦s and 4 ♠s.

Dummy comes down with:

♠ 7 6 5 ♥ A K 7 6 ♦ J 9 8 3 ♣ Q 9

Your partner leads the ♣A, followed by the ♣7, with declarer playing the ♣4 and ♣3. Now ask yourself, where is the ♣2? Partner should have it because if he has 5♣s to start then his second card is his original fourth best.

Now we know 11 of the 13 spaces. How do we set the hand? If declarer is 4-2-5-2 or 4-1-6-2, partner will need the ♠10, so we attack ♠s. Partner had the ♠10 but then gave a ruff and sluff to cost us a match.

Using Space Available in Bidding

The bidding starts on your left:

| N | E | S | W (you) |
|----|---|------|---------|
| 1♠ | P | 1NT* | ? |

* Forcing

With none vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 9 8 ♥ J ♦ A 7 4 ♣ A K J 9 8 7

What to consider? Where are the ♥s? With them, do we have game? No. Do the opponents? They might. What is their most likely part score or game? ♥s.

How many ♣s do you bid? 3♣ might end the auction or might be doubled, but will make it harder for the opponents to evaluate their hands. Don't pass then bid 4♣ over 3♥, giving them a fielder's choice (double or 4♥), either of which turns out right.

Another Hand Against a Top Pair

The auction:

| N | E | S | W (you) |
|-----|---|------|----------|
| 1♠ | P | 1NT* | P |
| 2♣* | P | 3NT | All Pass |

* Forcing

** No 4-card red suit

What do you lead? Your hand:

♠ K 5 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ Q 6 5 ♣ Q J 5 4

It's time to fill in the spaces. Partner has 4 or 5 ♠s. You're not sure what other cards partner has. I lead the ♠K. Dummy comes down with:

♠ 10 9 8 3 2 ♥ K J 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ A 6 4

Declarer plays the ♠Q. Now it's huff and puff time. I lead the ♥10, presenting declarer with a problem as she thinks I have ♠s. She plays ♥K and leads ♠10, discarding a ♥. Partner wins ♠A and leads a ♦. ♦A wins and declarer leads another ♠. Partner wins with ♠J and returns a ♦. ♦10 wins and Declarer now plays ♥A and another ♥, trying for an end play. I cash 2 ♥s for down one.

Declarer's hand:

♠ Q ♥ A 7 6 5 3 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ K 10 9 8

Remember the space available. ♠

Cell Phones

It has been requested that those of you who have cell phones turn them off while playing bridge. If for some reason you are expecting an emergency call, when your phone rings, go outside to take the call. Thanks. ♦

Don't Be Late

The LRDBC Board would like to encourage members to be at the club at least 10 minutes before time to start playing. When numerous players come in just in time to play, it makes it difficult for the director to have the game set up, to take money, and to get started on time.

This is a courtesy both to the directors as well as to the other players. We know that sometimes being late is inevitable, but for those of you who are habitually late, please try to make an effort to come just a little earlier. Thanks. ♥

**After August 1
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