

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

October 2003

Bridge House Masterpoint Winners at Tunica

David Siebert ♣ Allan Siebert ♦ Mike Compton ♥ Ann Ferrill ♠ Jane Dickey ♣ Jeanne Harlan & Wen-he Lu ♦ Deb Phillips ♥ Gerry Chism & Pat Monroe ♣ Suzanne Siebert ♠ Norma Campbell ♣ Kay Loss & Joyce Thornton ♦ Bonnie Fincher ♥ Margaret Mathews & Barbara Miles ♠ Alex Phillips ♣ Sharon Cissell ♦ Robert Downie ♥ David Cockcroft ♠ Edna Savoy ♣ Art Pfeifer ♦ Lou Morris ♥ David Blanchard ♠ Russ Jones ♣ Al Childs ♦ Gene Marques & Frances Wilson ♥ Johnnie Owen & Norman Owen ♠ Ann Clay & Dane Clay ♣ Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett ♦ Marilyn Biegler ♥ Mary Puckett & Hildegard Sherman ♠ Ben Allen ♣ Cleet Judkins ♦ Margaret Kelly & Liz Parry ♥ Somers Collins & Missy McCain ♠ Jo Blanchard ♣ Peggy Mitchell ♦ Leah Lasley & Diana Nagel ♥ Karla Chenault ♠ Ann Lewis & Diane Lord & Jane Teed & Jan Trotter ♣ Kathy Childs

In 0–300 Masterpoint Leaders, Mike Compton was #5, Jeanne Harlan & Wen-he Lu were #9/10, Gerry Chism was #15, and Norma Campbell was #21. ♣

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY 0–50	LESSON 6:40 P.M.; GAME 7:00 P.M.–9:30 P.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY 0–300	9:30 A.M.–12:30 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. ↔

Bidding Against Weak No Trump

David Siebert

I have had a lot of questions on how do you defend (meaning bid) over a weak NT.

The system I have is pretty effective.

First I use Reverse Hamilton over strong & weak NT as far as my overalls go.

1. Double shows NT—approximately 14–18 high card points (you have to shade a little on both sides, thus 14–18 rather than 15–17).

2. 2♣ shows a one-suited minor, such as:

K	x	K	x
X	x	Q	x
	x	J	
		x	
		x	
		x	

or a major and a minor, such as:

K	x	K	x
Q	x	J	
x		10	
x		x	
x		x	

You must bid 2♦ over 2♣ and if partner passes she has ♦s. If she bids 2♥ she has ♥s and a minor. If you don't like ♥s you bid 2NT to ask which minor. Same if partner bids 2♠. If partner bids 3♣ she has a one-suited hand in ♣s.

3. 2♦ shows both majors.

4. 2♥ = ♥s.

5. 2♠ = ♠s.

6. 2NT shows both minors.

7. Double by a passed hand shows ♣s, but the rest of the system described above is on by a passed hand.

Over a regular NT if partner doubles and you want to pull just bid your suit.

Over a weak NT play systems ON.

After double example:

Bidding: 1NT (weak; by Opp)—X (by your partner)—Pass (by Opp)—2♥ (transfer; by you). This might be your hand:

x	Q	x	x
x	J	x	x
x	10		
	x		
	x		
	x		

Another after double example:

Bidding: 1NT (weak; by Opp)—X (by your partner)—Pass (by Opp)—?

A	Q	Q	x
K	x	x	x
x	x	x	
x	x		

Opps Vul. & you N.V.—You would pass.

You Vul. & Opps N.V.—Bid 2♣ (Stayman).

Vul. vs Vul. or N.V. vs N.V.—your choice (you better be right).

Also another effective weapon is:

Bidding: 1NT (weak; by Opp)—Pass (by your partner)—2♣ (Stayman; by Opp)—Double by you shows a good hand just like the double over the weak 1NT immediately in the example above.

For example, you hold:

K	K	K	A
Q	Q	x	x
x	x		x
x			x

You double. The only forcing bid by partner is 3♣. In response, you start bidding 4-card suits up the line. Any jump by partner over the 2♣ doubled is invitational and a 2-level by partner bid is drop dead.

The important part of this lesson is over a weak NT and a double systems are ON and over a weak NT—pass—2♣—double shows a good hand, NOT a double of ♣s.

Try this with your favorite partner. ♦

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)

November 20–30, 2003, New Orleans, LA
March 18–28, 2004, Reno, NV

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

December 26–31, Kansas City, MO
December 26–31, Reno, NV

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

October 10–12, Oxford, AL
October 10–12, Monroe, LA
October 11–12, Fort Worth, TX (0–300)
October 23–26, Nashville, TN
October 24–26, Kimberling City, MO
October 24–26, Oklahoma City, OK
October 24–26, Richardson, TX

October 31–November 2, Lake DeGray, AR

November 7–9, Huntsville, AL
November 8–9, Baton Rouge, LA (0–NLM)
November 14–16, Shreveport, LA
November 14–16, Lake Charles, LA (0–300)
November 15–16, Jackson, MS (0–300)
December 5–7, Baton Rouge, LA

April 16–18, 2004, Little Rock, AR

Tournament Report

MABC Labor Day Regional, Atlanta, GA

- Allan Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 Knockouts (8 teams)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockouts (11 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockouts (12 teams); 1st in A in Board-a-Match (36 teams); 2nd in A/X Swiss Teams (35 teams)

Delta Dealin', Robinsonville, MS

- Ben Allen & Al Childs—5/6 in A in Senior Pairs (22 pairs)

- Ben Allen & Cleet Judkins—5th in B in Senior Pairs (24 pairs)
- Marilyn Biegler & teammates—5/8 in Bracket 6 Knockouts (16 teams)
- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—3rd in A in 199er Pairs (8 pairs)
- David Blanchard & partner—4th in B in 199er Pairs (27 pairs); 1st in A & B in 199er Pairs (17 pairs); 1/2 in A/1st in B in 199er Pairs (10 pairs)
- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Alex Phillips, & teammate—5/8 in Bracket 7 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Bonnie Fincher, Margaret Mathews, & Barbara Miles—2nd in Bracket 6 Knockouts (13 teams); 2nd in Bracket 5 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Karla Chenault & Jo Blanchard—4th in B in 199er Pairs (17 pairs)
- Al Childs & partner—6th in A in Side Pairs (29 pairs)
- Gary Chism & Pat Monroe—1st in B & C in Open Pairs (86 pairs); 6th in C in Open Pairs (99 pairs)
- Gary Chism, Pat Monroe, & teammates— 3/4 in Bracket 3 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Sharon Cissell & teammates—5/8 in Bracket 7 Knockouts (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 5 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—2/3 in A in Senior Pairs (24 pairs)
- David Cockcroft, Robert Downie, Ann Ferrill, Lou Morris, Deb Phillips, & Edna Savoy—5/8 in Bracket 3 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Somers Collins & Missy McCain—6th in A/3rd in B/1st in C in 199er Pairs (22 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—4th in C in Open Pairs (99 pairs); 2nd in B/1st in C & D in B/C/D Open Pairs (58 pairs)
- Ann Ferrill, Suzanne Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket 3 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Jeanne Harlan, Wen-he Lu, & teammates—1st in Bracket 6 Knockouts (13 teams); 2nd in Bracket 4 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Margaret Kelly & Liz Parry—5th in C in Open Pairs (99 pairs)
- Leah Lasley & Diana Nagel—2nd in C in 199er Pairs (15 pairs)
- Kay Loss, Deb Phillips, Joyce Thornton, & teammate—5/8 in Bracket 4 Knockouts (16 teams); 1st in Bracket 4 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Johnnie Owen & Norman Owen—3rd in B in Side Pairs (49 pairs)
- Art Pfeifer & partner—2nd in A/1st in B in 199er Pairs (8 pairs); 4th in B/2nd in C in Side Pairs (42 pairs)
- Art Pfeifer, Alex Phillips, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 5 Knockouts (16 teams)
- Alex Phillips & partner—3rd in C in Side Game Series (53 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—5/8 in Bracket 1 Knockouts (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockouts (11 teams)
- Alex Phillips & Art Pfeifer—6th in C in Side Pairs (68 pairs); 4th in B/1st in C in Side Pairs (29 pairs)
- Mary Puckett & Hildegard Sherman—5th in B in Side Game Series 4 of 5 (34 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & partner—6th in A in Open Pairs (99 pairs); 4th in A in Open Pairs (88 pairs)
- David Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (99 pairs)

District 7 STaC for Bridge at Schools

- Phyllis Bertsch & Diane Tait—2nd in A (8 pairs)
- Al Childs & Kathy Childs—1st in A (8 pairs)
- Sharon Cissell & partner—7th in A/3rd in B (275 pairs)
- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—3rd in A (8 pairs)
- Elaine Danesi & Rick Lowens—2nd in A (191 pairs)
- Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett—6th in A (191 pairs)
- Betty Hansen & Madalyn Reinhardt—6th in A (275 pairs) ♥

We mourn the passing of
Lawrence Witherspoon.

Unit 161 Board Election at DeGray

The annual election for Unit 161 Board members and officers will be held during the DeGray Sectional Tournament, October 31 and November 1 & 2. Ann Ferrill and Mike Compton hold the two seats allocated to our area, which includes Conway, Faulkner, and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NAOP UNIT FINAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 10:00 A.M. AND TBA; PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIRED; BRING YOUR LUNCH

SWISS TEAM GAME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1:30 P.M.

CLUB APPRECIATION GAMES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 7:00 P.M. 0-300

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 7:30 P.M. (PARTY NIGHT)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 11:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 12:30 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 12:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1:30 P.M.

LRDBC members with birthdays in October play free

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:00 P.M.

DEGRAY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BRIDGE HOUSE CLOSED

Conway Counties. David Siebert has been nominated to take the seat Ann is vacating. Be sure to go to DeGray to vote for our candidate as well as play lots of great bridge. There will be games at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. Friday October 31 and Saturday November 1 plus 3-session knockouts starting at 10:00 a.m. both days. Novice/Intermediate Stratified Pairs will be held every session if attendance warrants. Sunday there will be Stratified Swiss Teams starting at 10:00 a.m. Halloween costume contests will be held Friday and Saturday nights after the last session. ♠

**Congratulations to Jeanne Harlan,
our newest Life Master.**

Local Leaders

2003 Under-300 Totals Through Late September

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Charlotte Davis	5.21
Less Than 50	Gregg Sterne	9.87
Less Than 100	Wen-he Lu	18.99
Less Than 300	Norma Campbell	52.42

2003 Overall Through Late September

Peggy Jett	91.73
Ann Ferrill	86.39
Ruth Gilliam	77.81
Tommye Davis.....	76.38
Helen Abbott.....	74.78
David Cockcroft	72.93
Bonnie Melchior.....	56.50
Madalyn Reinhardt.....	53.41
Norma Campbell.....	52.42
Betsy Berry.....	50.80

Thanks to Betty Hansen for the additional cup holders for the tables and to Jeanne Lloyd for a contribution to the remodeling. ♣

New Wednesday Day Game

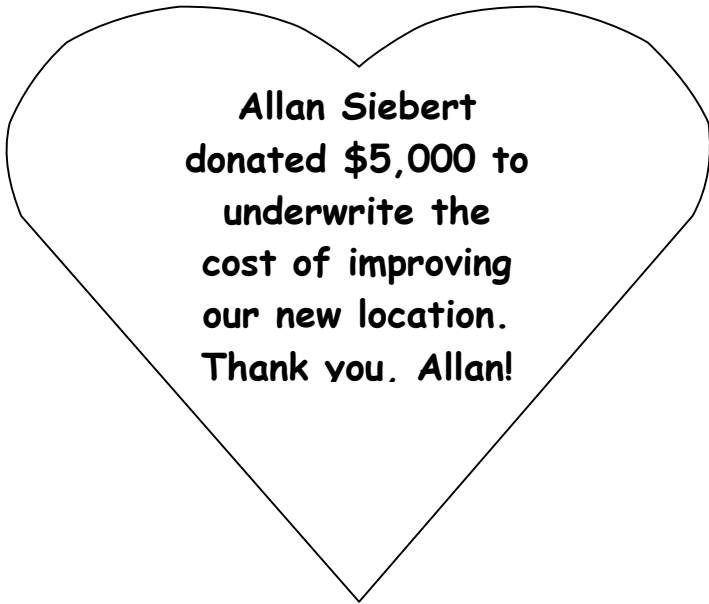
The new Wednesday daytime game is a big success — at the inaugural game there were seven full tables, 12 new Bridge House members, and new members with masterpoints. The winners were:

1st N-S:	Marilynn Porter & Missy McCain
1st E-W:	Gwen Briscoe & Glenda Gazette
2nd N-S:	Dora Binder Levin & Carol Holcomb
2nd E-W:	Luraetta Tucker & Ann Lewis
3rd N-S:	Fae Seay & Karen Anderson
3rd E-W:	Ginger Quinn & Claudia Ragon

Ann Ferrill, Bridge House President, said she was extremely pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm. She hopes the new members will spread the word about the “fun” duplicate game at 9:30 on Wednesday mornings. Ann also said special thanks should go to Karen Anderson, Ann Lewis, and Missy McCain for helping to organize this game. Also, welcome to New Bridge House members Karen Anderson, Dora Binder Levin, Cindy Burns, Catherine Cockrill, Cathy DuPont,

Tori Garrett, Glenda Gazette, Linda Goldsmith, Ruth Ann Gray, Ginger Quinn, Sheila Mehaffy, Molly Monitor, Dot Moore, Claudia Ragon, Nancy Theis, Paula Tinsley, and Luraette Tucker. Thanks to helpers: Norma Campbell, Audra Evert, Bonnie Fincher, and Barbara Miles.

Remember, if you are available on Wednesday mornings, please come and be a "partner". ♠



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