

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

January 2004



Siebert Team North American Swiss Champions

Brothers David Siebert and Allan Siebert, playing as a pair in a national championship event for the first time in five years, teamed with Texans Nagy Kamel and Greg Hinze to win the North America Swiss Teams championship in New Orleans November 28–30. It was a repeat victory in this event for the Sieberts, who won

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.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. ↔

in 1988. Both are Grand Life Masters with more than 20,000 total masterpoints. David and Allan are members of LRDBC.

Playing together as a team, but not as partners, David and Allan also finished 5/8 in the North American Senior Knockout Teams earlier that week.

At the conclusion of the Fall NABC Allan was 11th in total masterpoints won, with 258.64, and David 20th, with 224.55.

David held this hand when Allan opened 2♣:

♠ x
♥ K Q J 10 9 x
♦ K J x x
♣ x x

David responded 3♥—showing 4+ HCP and 6+ ♥s in their system—and Allan rebid 4♥. David now had several choices for his rebid. 4♠ or 5♦ would show at least second-round control of that suit bid but might draw a roadmap for the opponent's opening lead, and the Sieberts could be off a slam by 2 ♣ tricks. Another possibility was to gamble with a 6♥ bid and hope the opponent didn't find a ♣ lead. David decided to take a more scientific approach and bid 4NT (Roman Key Card Blackwood, asking for the number of Aces plus the ♥K). He expected Allan to respond 5♣, showing 0 or 3 controls. If right hand opponent doubled 5♣ (an artificial bid asking for a ♣ lead, which would indicate that the doubler held the ♣A), David planned to bid only 5♥. As expected, Allan responded 5♣, but right hand opponent passed instead of doubling, so David bid 6♥. Left hand opponent thought a long time before leading, but didn't lead a ♣.

As it turned out, right hand opponent held the ♣A but failed to take the opportunity to double and tell partner what to lead. That lead would have set the contract because the opponents held both the ♣A and ♣K. ♠

Wednesday Game is a Winner

The new Wednesday morning game, which starts at 9:30 and is concluded by 12:30, has attracted an enthusiastic group of new and veteran players. The game is limited to those with fewer than 300 masterpoints. If you are looking for a relaxed and friendly approach to duplicate bridge, this may be the game for you. Listed below are all players who earned masterpoints at the Wednesday game during 2003.

Wednesday morning players will have two special games in January—a Club Tournament game January 21 and a Sectional Tournament at Club (STaC) game January 28. ♥

Karen Anderson.....	1.01	Kris Baber.....	1.24	Gwen Briscoe.....	2.60
Norma Campbell.....	2.07	Somers Collins.....	0.54	Julie Dempsey.....	0.28
Connie Ellingson.....	1.93	Roger Ellingson.....	1.93	Bonnie Fincher.....	1.51
Kathi Frieberg.....	0.39	Tori Garrett.....	1.24	Glenda Gazette.....	2.04
Linda Goldsmith.....	1.04	Ruth Ann Gray.....	1.04	Fran Harp.....	1.05
Gay Hathaway.....	0.56	Carol Holcomb.....	0.39	Mary Holiman.....	0.21
Oscar Holiman.....	0.21	Jeanette Johnston.....	0.79	Carol Jones.....	0.56
Ann Kemp.....	0.48	Dora Binder Levin.....	0.39	Ann Lewis.....	2.83
Diane Lord.....	0.40	Missy McCain.....	2.11	Sheila Mehaffy.....	1.44
Barbara Miles.....	1.13	Mollie Molitor.....	0.84	Blanche Moore.....	0.46
Dot Moore.....	1.33	Charlotte Nabholz.....	0.64	Martha Nelson.....	0.79
Mary O'Brien.....	0.67	Marilynn Porter.....	2.05	Brian Quinn.....	0.39
Ginger Quinn.....	1.84	Claudia Ragon.....	1.56	Sherre Rowland.....	0.60
Vicki Scanlon.....	0.59	Fae Seay.....	0.28	Dorothy Starkey.....	0.64
Nancy Theiss.....	0.73	Jan Trotter.....	0.56	Luraette Tucker.....	1.55
Bert Turner.....	1.05	Pete Warren.....	0.28	Shirley Warren.....	0.57
Frances Westermann.....	0.39	Lisa Whitbeck.....	1.49	Gladys Whitney.....	0.28
Sherry Wortsmith.....	1.56				

Lessons on Play of the Hand

Do you want to make more contracts?

Is “Eight Ever, Nine Never” Correct?

When do you use the hold-up play?

“To pull trumps, or not to pull trumps, that is the question!”

**Monday Nights starting
January 12, 2004, 6:30 p.m.**

Eight weeks – 2 hour lesson + 1 hour supervised play

\$5 per session (+ \$15 for book) Based on Audrey Grant's *Diamond Series*

Presented by Dick Heil

Reservations Requested 753-3097

Local Leaders

2003 Under-300 Totals at December 28

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Under 10	Bill Whitten	9.04
Under 20	Bert Turner	13.93
Under 50	Diana Nagel	16.98
Under 100	Bill Cardin	18.19
Under 300	Norma Campbell	74.25

2003 Overall at December 28

Peggy Jett	128.72
Ann Ferrill	111.02
Ruth Gilliam	109.92
Helen Abbott	104.41
Tommye Davis	103.00
Bonnie Melchior	86.31
David Cockcroft	83.27
Madalyn Reinhardt	78.75
Norma Campbell	74.25
Bernice McNutt	69.69

International Fund Game January 24

The ACBL offers International Fund Games at each of the NABCs and ACBL-wide in January, May, and July to raise funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international (WBF) competition. The World Bridge Federation was founded in August of 1958 by delegates from Europe, the United States, and Australia. In 1977, it was incorporated in New York State as a not-for-profit organization.

The January game will be held at the Bridge House at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, January 24. Hand records and analysis will be provided. ♦

Life Master Party Coming Soon

Mark your calendar for February 1 for the annual Life Master Party. This game will also be a STaC game. Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Robert Downie, Carl Gray, the late Carol Jackman, and Jeanne Harlan will be honored for their achievement of Life Master status during 2003. ♣

No Siebert lessons until September. ♠

We mourn the passing of Tommy Adams.

MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

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

2004 NATIONALS (NABC)

March 18–28, Reno, NV
July 17–27, New York, NY
November 18–28, Orlando, FL

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

January 5–11, Orlando, FL
January 12–18, Honolulu, HI
January 12–18, Williamsburg, VA
January 14–18, Independence, OH
January 19–25, Biloxi, MS
January 19–25, Albuquerque, NM
February 16–22, Sarasota, FL
February 23–29, Houston, TX
April 12–18, Gatlinburg, TN
May 10–16, Oklahoma City, OK
May 24–30, Hot Springs, AR

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

January 2–4, Memphis, TN
January 9–11, Jackson, MS
January 9–11, Oklahoma City, OK
January 16–18, St. Charles, MO
January 15–18, Metairie, LA
January 29–February 1, Richardson, TX
February 6–8, Gulf Shores, AL
February 6–8, Bartlesville, OK
February 13–16, Huntsville, AL
February 13–15, DFW Airport, TX
February 20–22, Hattiesburg, MS
February 27–29, Buchanan, TN
February 26–29, Birmingham, AL
February 27–29, Branson, MO
March 5–7, Gulfport, MS (0–200)
March 12–14, Hot Springs Village, AR
March 12–14, Nashville, TN
March 19–20, Birmingham, AL (0–200)
April 16–18, Little Rock, AR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 11:00 A.M., CLUB TOURNAMENT GAME; 7:00 P.M. GAME CANCELLED

CLUB TOURNAMENT GAMES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 11:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 12:30 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 1:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 9:30 A.M. (0-300)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:30 P.M.

SECOND FRIDAY PARTY NIGHT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 7:30 P.M.

Bring snacks at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 12:15 P.M.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1:30 P.M.

LRDBC members with birthdays in January play free.

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

Will not be held in January due to STaC game.

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 12:30 P.M.

Hand records and analysis provided.

STAC GAMES

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 11:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:30 A.M. (0-300)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 11:00 A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 12:30 P.M.

Too Much Football?

Peggy Jett says "Yes!" If watching football on TV all day January 1 is not your idea of fun, grab a partner and come to the Bridge House at 11:00 a.m. for the regular Thursday day game. Peggy will direct. There will be no game Thursday evening, January 1. ♣

Unit 161 Races

As of December 8, 2003, LRDBC members held first place in several masterpoint races in Unit 161:

- Al Childs—Ace of Clubs Grand Life Master of the Year.
- Mike Compton—Mini-McKenney Regional Master of the Year.
- Dane Clay—Mini-McKenney Diamond Life Master of the Year; Ace of Clubs Diamond Life Master of the Year.
- Jane Dickey—Mini-McKenney NABC Master of the Year.
- Ann Ferrill—Mini-McKenney Bronze Life Master of the Year.
- Barbara Miles—Mini-McKenney Sectional Master of the Year.
- Alex Phillips—Mini-McKenney Life Master of the Year.
- Allan Siebert—Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year. ♠

North American Open Pairs
District 10 Finals
Jackson, Mississippi
January 10 & 11

New Year's Eve Party

Bring snacks to share at 7:30 p.m. and play bridge at 8:00. ♥

A Happy
New
Year!



Thanks to Norma Campbell and Jeanne Lloyd for the wonderful Christmas Party!

Tournament Report

MABC STaC

- Helen Abbott & Ruth Gilliam—9th in A in Open Pairs (384 pairs)
- Betsy Berry & Rick Lowens—19th in A in Open Pairs (384 pairs)
- Norma Campbell & Lou Morris—14th in B in Open Pairs (610 pairs)
- Bill Cardin & Jean Neal—8th in C in Open Pairs (821 pairs)
- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—1st in A in Open Pairs (179 pairs)
- Ann Clay & Bonnie Melchior—5th in A in Open Pairs (610 pairs)
- Mike Compton & David Siebert—17th in A in Open Pairs (610 pairs)
- Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett—1st in A in Open Pairs (403 pairs)
- Betty Hansen & Madalyn Reinhardt—4/5 in A in Open Pairs (384 pairs)
- Peggy Jett & Bonnie Melchior—4th in A in Open Pairs (513 pairs)
- Bernice McNutt & Joyce Thornton—15th in A in Open Pairs (403 pairs)

New Officers and Board Elected

A new slate of officers and class of directors were elected at the annual meeting and Christmas Party in December. Margaret Kelly is our new president and Mike Compton is the new vice president. Jo Blanchard will serve another year as Secretary and Rick Lowens continues as Treasurer. The new board members are Norma Campbell, Tommye Davis, Barbara Miles, and Art Pfeifer.

On behalf of all LRDBC members, Margaret thanked outgoing president Ann Ferrill for two years of terrific service! ♦

Dues Are Due

Annual dues of \$15 are payable now! The deadline to pay dues and be listed in the 2004 Directory is Thursday, January 15. Please provide corrections to your name, address, etc. before the January 15 deadline. You may leave a voice message on the Bridge House phone, drop a note in Jane Dickey's mail box, or email Jane at jdickey@roselawfirm.com. Please provide your email address for the Directory. ♠

National Masterpoint Races

As of December 8, 2003, five LRDBC members were ranked nationally in masterpoint races:

- Al Childs—#179 Lifetime Top Masterpoints.
- Mike Compton—#19 Mini-McKenney Regional Master of the Year.
- Alex Phillips—#17 Youth of the Year.
- Allan Siebert—#10 Barry Crane Top 500; #23 Lifetime Top Masterpoints; #9 Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year; #26 Seniors.
- David Siebert—#41 Barry Crane Top 500; #34 Lifetime Top Masterpoints; #19 Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year. ♦

Congratulations to Norma Campbell, our newest Life Master! ♣

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for 2004:
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