

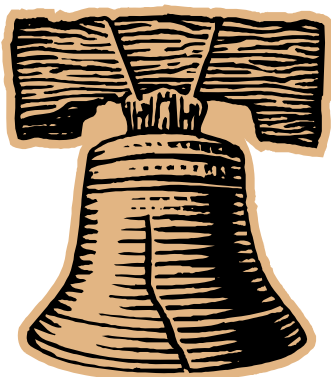
Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

July 2004



Independence Day Party

Sunday, July 4

Swiss Teams

Food at 1:00, Game at 1:30 p.m.

A Little Piece of Americana

The Club will provide hot dogs.

Hot Dog—It's Bridge!

OPEN GAMES

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0-49) *	7:00 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.

* Free mini-lesson at 6:30 p.m.

All games are stratified when possible.

All games are non-smoking.

Back to Back

By Gerald Koonce

Supposedly, an early bridge TV show had an insurance policy with Lloyds of London for \$500,000 should there be consecutive grand slams. I was wondering where Lloyds was after Bonnie Melchior and I played boards 26 and 27 in the Flight A pairs at the Hot Springs Regional. I was North and Bonnie was South.

Board 26

Vul: Both

Dir: E

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

Bidding:	E	S	W	N
	P	1♥	P	1♠
	P	3♥	P	4NT
	P	5♣	P	5♦
	P	6♥	P	7♥
	P	P	P	

4NT was Key Card Blackwood in hearts, and 5♣ showed 0 or 3 key cards. 5♦ asked about the Q♥ and 6♥ said Bonnie had it, but no outside king. I figured she had to have one of the minor suit queens for her jump to 3♥, so I bid the grand. When East showed out on

the first trump, I said to myself “uh oh”, but West’s 5 trumps were no problem.

Board 27
 Vul: None
 Dir: S

<p>♠ J 9 8 4 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 6 5 ♣ 8 6 5 3</p>	<p>♠ K 6 3 ♥ 10 4 ♦ 9 7 4 ♣ Q J 9 7 4</p>
<p>♠ 5 ♥ K 9 7 6 5 3 ♦ A K 2 ♣ A 10 2</p>	
<p>♠ A Q 10 7 ♥ A Q J ♦ Q J 10 8 3 ♣ K</p>	

Bidding:

S	W	N	E
1♦	P	1♥	P
1♠	P	2♣	P
3♥	P	6♥	P
7♥	P	P	P

2♣ was Fourth Suit Forcing, an artificial game force. My 6♥ bid was probably a little rash, but Bonnie’s jump to 3♥ showed good 3-card support with a maximum hand, and I did have A K x in her first-bid suit. Since she had an ace to spare for her bidding, it was no problem for her to make this our second straight 7♥ contract. Note that I have 14 tricks.

In both instances we could have made 7NT, but the grand slam bidder each time chose hearts because with a singleton king, he or she thought a ruff in the short hand might be needed to come to 13 tricks. We thought that might affect our score, but no one else in our section bid either grand slam. ♠

Tournament Report

Gateway to the Ozarks Regional, Springfield, MO

- Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Jane Teed, & Bert Turner—2/3 in C in Swiss Teams (26 teams); 1st in Bracket 3 Knockout (9 teams)
- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—2nd in A in Side Game (18 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in

Bracket 1 Knockout (9 teams); 2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (9 teams)

- Allan Siebert & teammates—2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (9 teams); 1st in Flight A Swiss Teams (10 teams)

District 10 Summer STaC

- Helen Abbott & Tommye Davis—4th in A in Open Pairs (109 pairs)
- Helen Abbott & Bonnie Melchior—2nd in A in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Kathy Adkisson & Dick Adkisson—1st in 0–50 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Ben Allen & Al Childs—3rd in A in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Betsy Berry & David Cockcroft—1st in A in Open Pairs (346 pairs)
- Karen Briggs & Frances Wilson—4th in A/1st in B in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Gay Hathaway—5th in 0–50 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Sheila Mehaffy—2nd in C in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Millie Calhoun & Jeanette Johnston—3rd in C in Open Pairs (109 pairs)
- Norma Campbell & Jane Dickey—3rd in B in Open Pairs (109 pairs)
- Bill Cardin & Jean Neal—4th in 0–300 Pairs (17 pairs)
- Jane Cazort & Jeanne Williams—2nd in 0–50 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Sam Cheesman & Kathy Miller—2nd in A in Open Pairs (296 pairs)
- Al Childs & Bonnie Melchior—4th in A in Open Pairs (296 pairs)
- Bodie Cobb & Marilyn Watt—5th in A in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Ann Clay & Bonnie Melchior—20th in A in Open Pairs (425 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—7th in B in Open Pairs (346 pairs)
- Sandra Crawford & Jeannine Hill—3rd in 0–50 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett—3rd in A in Open Pairs (292 pairs)

- Marilyn Drinkwater & Joyce Thornton—3rd in B in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Cathy DuPont & Mitzi Moran—2nd in 0–300 Pairs (17 pairs)
- Jim Gauntt & Bill Jones—4th in 0–50 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Ruth Gilliam & Peggy Jett—15th in A in Open Pairs (346 pairs)
- Ruth Gilliam & Rena Riley—21st in A in Open Pairs (506 pairs)
- Bonnie Harden & Lavern Kellar—7th in C in Open Pairs (506 pairs)
- Fran Harp & Bert Turner—3rd in 0–300 Pairs (17 pairs)
- Peggy Jett & Bonnie Melchior—6th in A in Open Pairs (109 pairs)
- Russ Jones & partner—3rd in A in Open Pairs (193 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—5th in 0–300 Pairs (17 pairs)
- Jeanne Lloyd & partner—1st in A in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Kathy Miller & Jack Tidball—6th in A in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Kathy Miller & Marilyn Watt—2nd in A in Open Pairs (292 pairs)
- Bobby Morgan & Diane Tait—2nd in B in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Diana Nagel & Mary Puckett—4th in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (21 pairs)
- Nancy Tracy & Jeanne Williams—1st in 0–300 Pairs (17 pairs) ♥

Grind for Every Trick

David Siebert

For those of you who play mostly IMP games (team games), you are missing the purest part of bridge, which is matchpoints. The difference between bidding 2♠ and making 2 or 3 can be the difference between an average and a top.

I was playing this simple hand the other day and turned an average into almost a top. I was in 2♠.

As you can see, you should lose 2 hearts and 3 clubs, so let's see what we can do to increase our chances for

an overtrick.

♠ x	
♥ J x	
♦ A J 10 9 x	
♣ J 10 9 x x	
♠ J x x	♠ x x x
♥ A x x x	♥ K x x x
♦ Q x x	♦ K x x x
♣ A Q x	♣ K x
	♠ A K Q x x x
	♥ Q x x
	♦ x
	♣ x x x

There is no magic in this hand. Just grinding for an overtrick.

West led ♥A and another heart to the ♥K. East returned a spade and I drew 3 rounds of trumps and got the good news. Now you want to put the pressure on the opponents. Lead another spade to see if you can get anyone to throw a club. No one did (durn). Another spade and no club by an opponent even though I had thrown 2 clubs (durn) so I decided to lead my last spade and see what would happen—would an opponent make a mistake? My left hand opponent threw a club.

I now led a club. My left hand opponent won the ♣Q, cashed the ♣A, and led a heart, letting me win my last club.

Bad defense? Yes, but I gave them a chance.

Three lessons to learn from this hand:

1. Grind for every trick.
2. Be leery of an opponent throwing away a suit like the clubs. She may be trying to get you to throw yours away.
3. The most important lesson from this hand is one of my favorite sayings: Both sides lead same suit; one side making big mistake (and I will bet it's not me). Reference the opponent winning the ♣Q and cashing the ♣A. ♦

Attendance Up Over 25%

The table count at the Bridge House for the first five months of 2004 is 1,220.5, up from 972 in the same period last year! ♣

Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

2004 Under-300 Totals at June 28

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Claudia Ragon	8.45
Less Than 50	Sheila Mehaffy	11.90
Less Than 100	Bert Turner	31.28
Less Than 300	Bert Turner	31.28

2004 Overall at June 28

Peggy Jett	74.50
Tommye Davis	64.11
Bonnie Melchior	63.88
Ruth Gilliam	59.10
Norma Campbell	50.73
Ann Ferrill	49.90
Helen Abbott	49.75
Betsy Berry	48.32
David Cockcroft	41.34
Deb Phillips	37.98

Unit 161 Masterpoint Races

The Mini-McKenney races recognize the calendar year masterpoint achievements of all players at each level of achievement (Rookie, Junior Master, etc.) and the Ace of Clubs races recognize calendar year achievement just at the club level. The standings at June 6 in Unit 161 are shown below. ACBL-wide standings are given under "National Masterpoint Races."

Mini-McKenney

Rookie of the Year: #1 Sherry Wortsmith; #2 Sheila Mehaffy; #3 Judy Chapman; #4 Bill Jones; #5 Barbara Blaine; #9 Beverly Kinneman; #10 Dick Adkisson.

Junior Master of the Year: #1 Bert Turner; #4 Gwen Briscoe; #5 Richard Chapman.

Club Master of the Year: #3 Diana Nagel; # Fran Harp; #10 Gregg Sterne.

Regional Master of the Year: #1 Bonnie Fincher; #2 Ann Lewis; #5 Mike Porta; #6 Diane Lord.

NABC Master of the Year: #4 Barbara Miles; #8 Gerry Chism.

Life Master of the Year: #1 Mike Compton; #2 Jane Dickey; #4 Norma Campbell; #6 Burla Sims.

Bronze Life Master of the Year: #1 Deb Phillips; #7 Lou Morris.

Silver Life Master of the Year: #1 Ann Ferrill; #2 Edna Savoy; #4 David Cockcroft.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #3 Bonnie Melchior; #8 Peggy Jett; #9 Ruth Gilliam; #10 Helen Abbott.

Diamond Life Master of the Year: #2 Dane Clay; #3 Ann Clay.

Grand Life Master of the Year: #1 Allan Siebert; #2 David Siebert; #3 Al Childs.

Ace of Clubs

Rookie of the Year: #1 Sheila Mehaffy; #3 Judy Chapman; #5 Dick Adkisson; #7 Sherry Wortsmith; #8 Claudia Ragon; #9 Beverly Kinneman.

Junior Master of the Year: #1 Bert Turner.

Club Master of the Year: #5 Fran Harp.

Regional Master of the Year: #3 Ann Lewis; #5 Gene Marques; #7 Diane Lord; #8 Dean Phillips; #9 Curtis Finch.

NABC Master of the Year: #4 Diane Tait; #6 Gerry Chism.

Life Master of the Year: #3 Norma Campbell.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #5 Peggy Jett; #6 Helen Abbott; #7 Bonnie Melchior; #8 Ruth Gilliam.

Diamond Life Master of the Year: #2 Dane Clay; #3 Ann Clay.

Grand Life Master of the Year: #1 David Siebert; #2 Al Childs. ♠

National Masterpoint Races

At June 6, 2004, six LRDBC members were listed in national masterpoint races. The Barry Crane Top 500 and the "of the year" races are for 2004; the Player of the Decade measures platinum points earned since the beginning of 2000.

Barry Crane Top 500: #41 Allan Siebert; #98 David Siebert.

Junior Master of the Year: #10 Bert Turner.

Grand Life Master of the Year: #24 Allan Siebert.

Youth of the Year: #42 Alex Phillips.

Player of the Decade: #78 Allan Siebert.

Lifetime Masterpoints: #23 Allan Siebert; #33 David Siebert; #187 Al Childs. ♥

Counting and Visualization

Allan Siebert

Counting is absolutely essential to play effective bridge!!!! You must visualize hands from the bidding and counting in declarer play and on defense to be effective!!!

Vul: Both
Dir: S

♠ x x
♥ A K x x
♦ K J 10 9 x
♣ x x

♠ K Q x
♥ x x
♦ x
♣ A K 10 x x x x

Bidding:	N	E	S	W
			1♣	1♠
	X	2♠	3♣	P
	3♠	P	3NT	P
	P	P		

Opening Lead:	♥Q,	♥A,	♥x,	♥x
	♣x,	♣x,	♣A,	♣J
	♦x,	♦Q,	♦K,	♦A
	♠x,	♠K,	♠A,	♠x
	♠x,	♠x,	♠x,	♠Q
	?			

Analysis: At this point the whole hand hinges on your play in clubs—to hook or lay down the ♣K. What do we know so far? That West probably has 5 spades from the bidding and one diamond from the play of the ♦Q. It's beginning to look like he probably has another club but let's see if we can investigate further. So we play a heart to the ♥K and East shows out, and we play ♦J and West shows out. Now all of a sudden we have a 100% play to hook a club. Why? Because West has 5 spades, 6 hearts, and 1 diamond, thus only 1 club. Wow!

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MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

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

UPCOMING NATIONALS (NABC)

July 17–27, New York, NY
November 18–28, Orlando, FL
March 10–20, Pittsburgh, PA

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

July 26–August 1, Nashville, TN
August 16–22, St. Louis, MO
August 31–September 6, Atlanta, GA
August 31–September 6, Richardson, TX
September 13–19, Tunica, MS
November 4–7, Baton Rouge, LA (0–300)
December 26–January 1, Kansas City, MO

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

July 1–4, Metairie, LA
July 9–11, Tyler, TX
July 15–18, Baton Rouge, LA
July 17–18, Fort Worth, TX (299er)
July 23–25, Kansas City, MO
July 24–25, Austin, TX (nlm)
July 30–August 1, **Bentonville, AR**
August 5–8, Lake Charles, LA
August 13–15, Huntsville, AL
August 13–15, Lawton, OK
August 13–15, Houston, TX
August 27–29, Slidell, LA

Friday Night is Party Night

Due to the low table count on Friday nights, we began the Potluck Party theme. We now have up to 8 tables every Friday and there's always a good game. Join us for a relaxed, fun time. Bring a dish and a partner and come prepared to eat supper. There is a theme for most Friday night dinners.

- First Friday of every month is Margarita Night. Bring a Mexican dish and be prepared to have a really good time.
- Second Friday is Italian Night.
- Third Friday is All-American.
- Fourth Friday is Cajun. ♣

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS QUALIFYING GAMES

MONDAY, JULY 19, 11:00 A.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 9:30 A.M. 0-300
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 11:00 A.M.
THURSDAY, JULY 29, 7:00 P.M. 0-300
FRIDAY, JULY 16, 7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, JULY 31, 12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1:30 P.M.

JULY 4TH PARTY & SWISS TEAM GAME

SUNDAY, JULY 4, PARTY 1:00, GAME 1:30 P.M.
Bring food to go with hot dogs.

INTERNATIONAL FUND GAME

FRIDAY, JULY 9, PARTY 7:00, GAME 7:30 P.M.
Bring food to share.

BOARD MEETING

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

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 1:30 P.M.
LRDBC members with birthdays in July play free.

MASTER/NOVICE GAME

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

June Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard, Secretary

June 13, 2004

Mike Compton called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Norma Campbell, Tommye Davis, Ann Ferrill, Rick Lowens, Barbara Miles, Bobby Morgan, Art Pfeifer, and Diane Tait.

Rick provided a treasurer's report. The year-to-date net income as reported through May 31, 2004 is \$4,318. (Last year, the year-to-date net income as reported through May 31, 2003 was \$936). It was also noted that the membership has increased substantially from last year and is almost up to 300. Rick reported the profit for the Little Rock tournament was approximately \$1,250 (not included on the income report). Mike reported the club is scheduled to receive a \$1,000 reimbursement

from the District for education expenses. It was also reported that the club will receive a share of the profits from the Hot Springs Regional Tournament.

New Business:

A motion was made and approved to grant Jane Dickey free plays for her exceptional service as editor of the *Newsletter*. The free play covers the club's fee for basic play. Deb will be asked to notify the directors.

The board agreed to send a letter to the Unit 161 president opposing a recent ruling to change the structure of the Unit's nominating committee.

Old Business:

A motion was made and approved to setup and maintain a web site for one year provided the fees do not exceed \$75 for the initial setup and \$35 per month. It was reported Fran Harp has volunteered to be the club's webmaster.

The crash bar for the door was discussed. A motion was made and approved to spend up to \$400 to add this.

Meeting was adjourned. ♠

Congratulations to Pat Monroe for achieving Bronze Life Master (500 MP).

Thursday Night Game

The Thursday night game is restricted to players with fewer than 300 masterpoints. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. A partner is guaranteed, but if you would like to call to arrange your own partner, here's a list of all the players in this game during 2004 who are still eligible.

Dick Adkisson	Kathy Adkisson
Karen Anderson	Kris Baber
Pat Baker	Phyllis Baltz
Rusty Baltz	Teresa Benson
Gerald Berry	Barbara Blaine
David Blanchard	Jo Blanchard
Gwen Briscoe	Tom Byarlay
Millie Calhoun	Bill Cardin
Jane Cazort	Judy Chapman
Richard Chapman	Karla Chenault
Sandra Crawford	Lolita Daniel
Pat Dodson	Rosemary Dyke
Karen East	Connie Ellingson
Roger Ellingson	Sarah Fike

Bonnie Fincher
 Jim Gauntt
 Fran Harp
 Dick Heil
 Barbara Hope
 Richard Johnson
 Lew Johnston
 Sandy Jones
 Bill Kinneman
 Ann Lewing
 Leslie Lipke
 Tom Little
 Wen-He Lu
 Barbara Miles
 Diana Nagel
 Dave Neuschwanger
 Art Pfeifer
 Karen Proetz
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 Ann Lewis
 Doris Little
 Diane Lord
 Sheila Mehaffy
 Sandra Morris
 Jean Neal
 Michael Parfitt
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 Karen Raber
 Lynn Roberts
 Mary Schneider
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