

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

*A Zero Tolerance Club*

September 2004

### Bridge Lessons

#### Beginning Bridge—Dick Heil

A new series of 8 beginning bridge lessons will start Wednesday, September 22. The lessons will be based on Audrey Grant's *The Club Series—Better Bidding*. The cost for the class (which is still to be determined) will include the book. Classes will be held every Wednesday evening starting September 22 at 7:15. Dick Heil is the instructor. Sign up at the Bridge House or email Dick at reh4941@msn.com.

#### Two Over One—David Siebert

I will start my lessons on 2 over 1 on September 8 and we will go through probably the end of May 2005. We will go from the top of my convention card all the way to the bottom, including opening leads. I will be explaining why I use each of these conventions and how they are used.

We will meet every Wednesday (that I am in town

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### 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.

### Counting and Visualization

#### Allan Siebert

The importance of visualizing and counting continues this month with a slightly different and deeper twist. The hand occurred in a knockout match during the Nashville Regional in late July. You'd better not falter because the match hinges on this apparently innocuous board.

Follow along like a movie and have fun. Your hand is:

♠ J 10 8 6 x x  
♥ 10 x  
♦ A 8 7  
♣ Q 9

in second seat, vulnerable vs. non-vulnerable. Righty opens 1♠, you pass, Lefty bids 1NT, partner doubles, pass to you. What to do? (Answer before moving on.)

You better have passed for you will get slaughtered if you do anything else, undoubled or not. So you pass and partner leads the ♣ 4. Board hits with:

♠ K Q 9 7 5  
♥ A K 5  
♦ K 10 8  
♣ J 7

What now? Interesting! At this point you'd better start visualizing and counting the unseen hands the best you can. Clues to be considered:

- 1) Lefty didn't move out of 1NTX. Why?
- 2) Partner doubled vulnerable vs. non-vulnerable. What is his worst hand?
- 3) Will you lose a trick or tie up the club suit if you play the wrong club?

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Before moving on, answer these questions.

Ready? OK. Let's see. Lefty didn't run out of 1NTX, which means he probably doesn't have a decent 5-card suit or has a real good 1NT and wants to fight it out. This leads us to the second question about partner's hand—red vs. white he'd better be decent, so his minimum hand should be something like:

♠ A  
♥ Q 9 x x  
♦ ? x x  
♣ ? ? x x x

with 11–14 HCP, which now leaves declarer with at most 7 HCP and thus no decent 5-card suit, and means that his pattern is most likely:

♠ x  
♥ x x x x  
♦ x x x x  
♣ x x x x

Now to the third question, what to play? Let's see—if you play the ♣ 9 and declarer has the ♣ 10 with or without a higher honor it won't matter because he will eventually score the ♣ 10 anyway if we plan to run clubs. But does it tie the suit up if partner has ♣ A K 7 x x and the only entry is the ♠ A? Yes, it could, but we have to weigh that against partner having ♣ A 10 6 4 3, in which case, as you can see, playing the ♣ Q promotes the ♣ 8 for declarer. It's close, but because partner's entry is unlikely to be dislodged before we have a chance to clear our ♣ 9 and also hearts could be a bale-out suit the play looks to be the ♣ 9.

Whew! Having passed that test and declarer wins the ♣ K he now plays a small diamond to the ♦ K (partner signals the expected 3 diamonds). What now? Easy to slip here, but not for us because we are visualizing and have the hand pretty much counted, right? OK, then good you ducked! Because you now know declarer has at least 4 diamonds and no more entries outside diamonds. If partner only has the ♦ J declarer will now hook into that holding anyway. Now all you have to do is wait to take the third diamond, and in fact declarer does play the third diamond having shown ♦ Q J x x. We'd better take stock now. At this point you and the board are down to:

Board	You
♠ K Q 9 7 5	♠ J 10 8 6 x x
♥ A K 5	♥ 10 x
♦ —	♦ —
♣ J	♣ Q

Let's see, declarer played the third diamond with no entry. Why? Alas!! He must not have a spade, for that surely would have been his play at this time. So now we can get a real read on partner's hand. He has kept:

♠ A x  
♥ Q ? ? ?  
♦ —  
♣ A 10 x

(Ugh! Partner again bidding on nothing!) Declarer had the 5 clubs all along. Now what?

We are almost home, but watch out! Do we cash the club and play a heart or do we play a heart and wait to get in with ♣ Q to play the other heart? (Partner knows we have ♣ Q.) As long as partner has ♥ Q J and we have the ♥ 10 no problem. However, if declarer has the ♥ J we must be careful to only lead hearts (♥ 10) once for some holdings like ♥ J 8 7 x will produce a trick for him if we lead hearts twice and there is no off-setting benefit. Summary: we must not lead a spade (obvious); we must not lead hearts twice (not so obvious). Thus cash ♣ Q and lead a heart and you beat the contract and win the match!!

Here are all four hands:

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

Who said bridge was fun? We might as well be in class taking advanced calculus!

Oh, by the way, I'll admit I flunked the test and we lost the match by 2imps. I'm not ashamed! This was really hard!! ♠

which is about half of the Wednesdays) from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Bridge House. The cost will be \$10 a lesson or \$15 per couple. Sign up at the Bridge House or call David at 312-9538.

The fall dates are as follows (always subject to change): September 8, 22, and 29, October 27, and November 3 and 10.

These lessons are for intermediate players or beginners who are willing to study the lessons week after week. (It will be work to get anything out of these lessons.) ♥

## Tournament Report

### Music City Regional, Nashville, TN

- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Burla Sims—5th in C in Swiss (64 teams); 1st in Bracket 2 Compact Consolation Knockout (5 teams)
- Russ Jones & partner—6th in B in Charity Pairs (30 pairs); 6th in B in Open Pairs (34 pairs)
- Russ Jones & teammates—4th in B in Swiss Teams (56 teams)
- Cleet Judkins, Jack Tidball, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 2 Knockout (9 teams)
- Cleet Judkins & partner—4th in A & B in Side Game Series (78 pairs)
- Cleet Judkins & teammates—7th in B in Swiss Teams (56 teams)
- Margaret Kelly, Liz Parry, & teammates—5/8 in Bracket 4 Knockout (16 teams); 2/4 in C in Swiss (64 teams)
- Jeanne Lloyd & partner—5th in B in Open Pairs (56 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & teammates—1st in A in Swiss (64 teams); 2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (11 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (15 teams)

### Ozark Sectional, Bentonville, AR

- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—2nd in A in Charity Pairs (62 pairs)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, David Cockcroft, Robert Downie, & David Siebert—1st in Bracket A Knockout (6 teams); 5th in A in A/X Swiss (18

teams)

- Al Childs, Kathy Childs, Bodie Cobb, Marilyn Watt, & teammates—2nd in A in A/X Swiss (18 teams)
- Al Childs, Bodie Cobb, Marilyn Watt, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (6 teams)
- Don Gattinger, Cal Heseman, Monica Heseman, & Art Pfeifer—1st in X in A/X Swiss (18 teams)
- Cal Heseman, Monica Heseman, Art Pfeifer, & Robert Tully—1st in Bracket 3 Knockout (6 teams)

### Mississippi Valley Regional, St. Louis, MO

- Norma Campbell, Jane Dickey, Bonnie Fincher, & Burla Sims—1st in B in Swiss (87 teams)
- Jim Gauntt & Bill Jones—3rd in C in 199er Pairs (22 pairs); 5th in B/4th in C in 199er Pairs (20 pairs)
- Bill Jones & partner—5th in B/4th in C in Win-an-Entry Pairs (21 pairs); 3rd in A/2nd in B in 199er Pairs (26 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—4th in C in Open Pairs (124 pairs)
- Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Jane Teed, & Bert Turner—1st in Bracket 4 Knockout (10 teams)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (16 teams); 9th in A in Swiss (87 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (16 teams)
- Allan Siebert & teammates—3rd in A in A/X Swiss (35 teams)

### Bridge at Schools, Inc. STaC (Monday & Tuesday)

- Judy Chapman & Dave Neuschwanger—4th in A/3rd in B in 0–49 Pairs (12 pairs)
- Sam Cheesman & Kathy Miller—6/7 in A in Open Pairs (429 pairs)
- Karla Chenault & Sandra Morris—4th in B in 0–49 Pairs (12 pairs)
- Linda Goldsmith & Bill Jones—1st in A in 0–49 Pairs (12 pairs)
- Monica Heseman & Jim Williams—19th in A in Open Pairs (429 pairs)
- Russ Jones & partner—15th in A in Open Pairs (429 pairs); 18th in A in Open Pairs (429 pairs)
- Barbara Miles & Mary Puckett—14th in B/4th in C in Open Pairs (429 pairs)
- Ed Rolle & partner—3rd in A/ 2nd in B in 0–49 Pairs

# Some First Place Tournament Winners



Norma Campbell, Jane Dickey, Burla Sims, & Bonnie Fincher



Diane Lord, Bert Turner, & Ann Lewis



Allan Siebert & David Siebert



Jane Teed



Bill Jones & Linda Goldsmith

Not Pictured: Don Gattinger, Robert Tully, & Pat Riley



Art Pfeifer, Monica Heseman, & Cal Heseman



David Cockcroft, Dane Clay, Ann Clay, & Robert Downie

(12 pairs)

- Pat Riley & partner—2nd in A/1st in B in 0–49 Pairs (12 pairs) ♦

## Value of Aces for Slams

### Robert Downie

The Bentonville Sectional tournament was no disappointment. I got to play with David Siebert and with Dane Clay several times. I learned a lot, especially about signaling.

Let's say you're playing in a knockout team event with a very good partner and pick up this hand:

- ♠ A 10 x x
- ♥ A K 9 x
- ♦ A K 9 x
- ♣ x

You have 18 HCP with 5 quick tricks. Playing 2 over 1, the bidding goes:

You	Partner
1♦	2♣
2♥	2NT
?	

It looks like there could be a slam since partner was strong enough to make a 2 over 1 response, but you have a singleton club. I raised to 4NT, which was passed out, and we easily made 6. My partner perceptively pointed out that Aces are worth more like 6 points than 4 for slam purposes. I should have driven the hand to a slam once I heard the 2 over 1 response. Fortunately, the result was a push, but we missed a chance to pick up 11 IMPs. ♣

## August Board Minutes

### Jo Blanchard, Secretary

August 8, 2004. Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Tommye Davis, Ann Ferrill, Dick Heil, Rick Lowens, Barbara Miles, Bobby Morgan, Lou Morris, and Diane Tait.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rick provided a treasurer's report. The year-to-date net income as reported through July 31, 2004 is

\$10,269.76. This includes \$2,163.05 received from the profits of the Hot Springs Regional Tournament. Rick reported he has been tracking the table counts since 1995 and noted the 2004 year-to-date table count is 144 above the next best year-to-date count since 1995. It is 408 above last year's.

### New Business:

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide free coffee during the games, effective immediately.

Dick announced he would like to start another class in the fall, probably on Wednesday nights.

### Old Business:

The STaC tournament is still booked for August 23–29. All games during this week will be "open" except for the Monday night game (0–50 points) and the Wednesday morning game (0–300 points). The Master-Novice game for August will be held on the last Tuesday of the month.

The crash bar is still scheduled to be ordered and installed.

Meeting was adjourned. ♠

## Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

### 2004 Under-300 Totals at August 26

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Terri Schafer	8.95
Less Than 50	Bill Jones	17.33
Less Than 100	Bert Turner	41.45
Less Than 300	Bert Turner	41.45

### 2004 Overall at August 26

Peggy Jett .....	102.72
Bonnie Melchior.....	78.25
Tommye Davis.....	75.26
Ann Ferrill .....	70.68
Ruth Gilliam .....	69.89
Betsy Berry .....	65.49
Helen Abbott.....	65.27
Norma Campbell.....	65.07
David Cockcroft .....	63.16
Edna Savoy .....	49.12

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## ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game September 9

This game is played by all ACBL-sanctioned clubs at the same time. It is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 9. This is an open game—not limited to 0–300 masterpoints like a usual Thursday evening game. Hand analyses are provided. ♥

### MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

Check *The Bridge Bulletin* published by the ACBL or [www.acbl.org](http://www.acbl.org) for details on these and other upcoming tournaments.

### UPCOMING NATIONALS (NABC)

November 18–28, Orlando, FL  
March 10–20, Pittsburgh, PA

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

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)  
January 24–30, Biloxi, MS

### NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

September 11–12, Muskogee, OK  
September 30–October 3, Moss Point, LA  
October 1–3, Monroe, LA  
October 8–10, Metairie, LA (0–300)  
October 8–10, Jackson, MS  
October 22–24, Tupelo, MS  
October 22–24, Oklahoma City, OK  
October 29–31, Shreveport, LA  
October 29–31, Kimberling City, MO  
October 29–31, Fort Worth, TX  
November 5–7, Lake DeGray, AR

## National Masterpoint Races

At August 6, 2004, 4 LRDBC members were listed in national masterpoint races. The ACLB Top 500 is lifetime; the Barry Crane Top 500 and the “of the year” races are for 2004; and the Player of the Decade measures platinum points earned since the beginning of 2000.

**ACBL Top 500:** #24 Allan Siebert; #34 David Siebert; #186 Al Childs.

**Barry Crane Top 500:** #61 Allan Siebert; #173 David Siebert.

**Mini-McKenney Junior Master of the Year:** #9 Bert Turner.

**Player of the Decade:** #84 Allan Siebert. ♦

## 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 August 6 in Unit 161 are shown below. ACBL-wide standings are given under “National Masterpoint Races.”

### Mini-McKenney

**Rookie of the Year:** #1 Sherry Wortsmit; #2 Sheila Mehaffy; #3 Bill Jones; #6 Judy Chapman; #7 Terri Scafer; #8 Dick Adkisson.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #1 Bert Turner; #3 Gwen Briscoe; #9 Richard Chapman.

**Club Master of the Year:** #3 Diana Nagel; #9 Fran Harp; #10 Gregg Sterne.

**Regional Master of the Year:** #1 Bonnie Fincher; #2 Ann Lewis; #5 Diane Lord; #8 Mike Porta; #9 Art Pfeifer.

**NABC Master of the Year:** #3 Margaret Mathews; #4 Barbara Miles; #7 Jane Teed #9 Gerry Chism.

**Life Master of the Year:** #1 Jane Dickey; #2 Mike Compton; #3 Norma Campbell; #6 Burla Sims; #9 Margaret Kelly.

**Bronze Life Master of the Year:** #1 Deb Phillips; #9 Lou Morris.

**Silver Life Master of the Year:** #1 Ann Ferrill; #2 David Cockcroft; #4 Edna Savoy; #10 Russ Jones.

**Gold Life Master of the Year:** #3 Bonnie Melchior; #6 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; #4 Terri Scafer; #6 Judy Chapman; #7 Sherry Wortsmith; #8 Nancy Tracy; #9 Claudia Ragon.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #1 Bert Turner; #5 Gwen Briscoe.

**Club Master of the Year:** #7 Fran Harp; #10 Charles Johnston.

**Regional Master of the Year:** #3 Gene Marques; #4 Ann Lewis; #5 Dean Phillips; #6 Bonnie Fincher.

**NABC Master of the Year:** #9 Diane Tait; #10 Barbara Miles.

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