

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

October 2004

We're Invited

It's a party! Allan Siebert is hosting a party at his house on Saturday night, October 9, from 6:30 until around 10:00. Everyone is invited together with spouse or significant other. Allan lives in Little Rock at 44 Chenal Circle. To get there turn west off Chenal Parkway onto Chenal Valley Drive (this is a left turn unless you turned onto Chenal Parkway from Highway 10), then turn right onto Chenal Parkway from Highway 10), then turn right onto Chenal Circle. You can go either way on Chenal Circle. Allan's house is at the far end of the circle. ♠



OPEN GAMES

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| 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.

Tournament Report

BridgeAtSchools, Inc. STaC (Wednesday—Sunday)

5,292 players won masterpoints during the August BridgeAtSchools, Inc. STaC. Kathy Miller was #7 overall with 22.58 masterpoints and Marilyn Watt was #12 with 21.35. Ann Ferrill and David Cockcroft also won more than 10 masterpoints.

- Ken Aeberman & LaQuita Crowell—20th in B in Open Pairs (687 pairs)
- Marion Belew & Sandra Crawford—6th in A/4th in B/1st in C in 0-300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Betsy Berry & Madalyn Reinhardt—8th in A in Open Pairs (440 pairs)
- Bill Cardin & Jean Neal—5th in C in Open Pairs (250 pairs)
- Judy Chapman & Dot Moore—5th in A/3rd in B in 0-300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Al Childs & Kathy Childs—10/11 in A in Open Pairs (250 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Bonnie Fincher—17/19 in A/8/9 in B in Open Pairs (687 pairs)
- Mike Compton & David Siebert—7th in A in Open Pairs (312 pairs)
- David Cockcroft & Ann Ferrill—3rd in A in Open Pairs (440 pairs)
- LaNell Duell & Betty Karnes—22nd in B in Open Pairs (687 pairs)
- Linda Goldsmith & Ruth Ann Gray—1st in A & B in 0-300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Carol Holcomb & Jackie Sanders—2nd in A in 0-300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—12th in A in Open

Pairs (265 pairs)

- Barbara Miles & Lou Morris—14th in A in Open Pairs (312 pairs)
- Kathy Miller & Marilyn Watt—1st in A in Open Pairs (440 pairs)
- Marilyn Porter & Lisa Whitbeck—4th in A in 0–300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Ginger Quinn & Claudia Ragon—5th in B in 0–300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Sherri Rowland & Luraette Tucker—2nd in C in 0–300 Pairs (21 pairs)
- Nancy Tracy & Jeanne Williams—3rd in A/2nd in B in 0–300 Pairs (21 pairs)

Atlanta MABC Regional, Atlanta, GA

- Allan Siebert & teammates—2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (10 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (12 teams); 4/5 in A/X Swiss (40 teams)

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game

- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchoir—1st E/W 62.75%
- Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett—2nd E/W 62.63%
- Rathin Basu & Bruce Byrne—3rd E/W 61.50%
- Jim Tucker & Luraette Tucker—1st N/S 56.17%
- Margaret Mathews & Barbara Miles—2nd N/S 53.21%

Delta Dealin' Regional, Robinsonville, MS

1,017 players earned masterpoints at the Tunica Regional Tournament. In the top 150 overall were #17 David Siebert 64.70, #18/19 Allan Siebert 64.39, #104 Kay Loss 29.95, #127 Alex Phillips 27.16, #134 Suzanne Siebert 26.51, and #146 Joyce Thornton 24.84. In the 0-300 top 100 were #14 Bonnie Fincher 23.13, #38 Barbara Miles 13.87, #46/47 Bill Jones & Bert Turner 13.28, #50/51 Ann Lewis & Diane Lord 12.58, and #86/87 Jane Teed & Jan Trotter 9.43.

- Rathin Basu, Kay Loss, Joyce Thornton, & teammate—6/8 in B/3/4 in C in B/C/D/ Swiss (37 teams)
- Marilyn Biegler & teammates—5/8 in Bracket 4 Knockout (16 teams)
- Barbara Blaine & Nancy Tracy—5th in A/3rd in B & C in 199er Pairs (23 pairs)
- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—5th in C in Choice Pairs (96 pairs)

- Mary Butts, Hildegard Sherman, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & Bonnie Fincher—3/4 in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Bonnie Fincher, & Barbara Miles—1st in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Somers Collins & Missy McCain—3rd in A & B in 199er Pairs (22 pairs); 1st in A & B in 299er Pairs (30 pairs)
- Billie Corrothers & partner—6th in B in Side Game (26 pairs); 4th in B in Side Game (36 pairs); 1st in A & B in Side Game (52 pairs)
- Karen Davis & Rita Sevall—3rd in C in Side Game (26 pairs)
- Ann Ferrill, Deb Phillips, Edna Savoy, & Suzanne Siebert—5/8 in Bracket 3 Knockout (16 teams)
- Margie France & Sherry Wortsmith—4th in B/3rd in C in 199er Paris (15 pairs)
- Dick Heil & Jan Worden—4th in A/2nd in B/1st in C in Side Game (50 pairs)
- Doyle Johnson & Carolyn Valdez—4th in A/2nd in B & C in 199er Pairs (14 pairs); 2nd in A/B/C in 199er Pairs (14 pairs)
- Bill Jones, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, & Bert Turner—3/4 in Bracket 6 Knockout (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout (12 teams)
- Bill Jones & Bert Turner—6th in A in 199er Pairs (23 pairs)
- Russ Jones & teammates—2nd in Bracket 3 Knockout (16 teams)
- Margaret Kelly, Kay Loss, Bobby Morgan, & Liz Parry—5/8 in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—3rd in A/1st in B & C in 199er Pairs (14 pairs)
- Kay Loss & Joyce Thornton—2/3 in C in Side Game (40 pairs)
- Kay Loss, Alex Phillips, Joyce Thornton, & teammate—3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout (16 teams); 2nd in Bracket 3 Knockout (11 teams)
- Alex Phillips & partner—4/5 in C in Side Game (48 pairs)

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Think before you Leap

Allan Siebert

To continue with the counting theme, this month I've come up with yet another hand I "blew." This was from the recent Tunica Regional. My blunder turned this match around and we lost in the second round to the Cappelletti team.

It was a very interesting hand and serves as a good learning point. With me sitting South, both sides vulnerable:

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|--------|--------------|----------|---------------------------|----|-----|----|
| North: | ♠ x x x x | Bidding: | N | E | S | W |
| | ♥ Q 9 6 x | | | | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| | ♦ x x | | 2♥ | P* | 2NT | P |
| | ♣ A x x | | 4♥ | P | P | X! |
| | | | P | P | P | |
| South: | ♠ A Q x | | * perceptible hesitation. | | | |
| | ♥ K 10 8 7 x | | | | | |
| | ♦ K J | | | | | |
| | ♣ K Q x | | | | | |

Opening Trick: ♠ J, ♠ x, ♠ K!, ♠ A

OK! It's time to count and visualize. What do we think we know? Well, it looks like West has something close to:

- ♠ J 10 9 x x
- ♥ A J x x
- ♦ A Q ?
- ♣ ? ?

(Warning! West, Mike Cappelletti, Jr., is known to be extremely wild and makes frequent gambling bids!) I wondered if Mike was trying to throw me off and in fact had a void in hearts (after all, we are limited: 1♥—2♥ and then game try accepted means probably no more than 28 high card points). However, after some thought I decided that even he with only:

- ♠ J 10 x x x
- ♥ —
- ♦ A Q x x
- ♣ J x x x

(8 HCPs) would not dare double. I correctly played the ♥ K and sure enough found West (Mike) with ♥ A J x x. He ducked. Now what? To assess my losers it looks like I have 1 spade, 1 heart, and 2 diamonds—down 1 unless I can somehow endplay Mike at the end to lead

diamonds into me, right? Right!

After playing the third heart toward the ♥ Q, Mike took the ♥ A and played back his last heart. East threw 3 clubs and 1 diamond. Now time to do more counting. East clearly has 12 minor cards with probably no more than ♠ K and a minor J in his hand. (What in the world was that hesitation about? Being red and barely any points, probably has big distribution, huh?)

Anyway, I now realized I had Mike! All I had to do was to cash all my clubs (he can't have more than 3) and come down to:

| | |
|--|----------|
| | ♠ x x x |
| | ♥ — |
| | ♦ x x |
| | ♣ — |
| | ♠ 10 9 x |
| | ♥ — |
| | ♦ A Q |
| | ♣ — |
| | ♠ A x |
| | ♥ x |
| | ♦ K J |
| | ♣ — |

I can now cash the heart and he has to discard. If he discards a spade I play ♠ A and ♠ x and he has to play into my ♦ K J. If instead he throws a diamond I play ♦ J from hand and my ♦ K is good. Victory! Right? Wrong!! The cad in fact had only 4 spades and no ♦ Q!!! That hesitation by Righty now came to light. He and Mike had:

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|------------|---------------|
| Mike | Righty |
| ♠ J 10 x x | ♠ K x |
| ♥ A J x x | ♥ — |
| ♦ A x x x | ♦ Q x x x x |
| ♣ x | ♣ J x x x x x |

I was classically careless. I could have had the same ending and landed on the board. Duh!! I only needed to cash my heart first and then go to the board and play out clubs and play a diamond from the board when he didn't throw a spade. Just in case he made another one of his ridiculous bids?!? Think before you leap!! Will I ever learn this game? The answer is clear—NO!

P.S. I wonder whether that hesitation prompted the horrendous double.

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- Alex Phillips, Jane Teed, Janet Trotter, & teammate—3/4 in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Dean Phillips & partner—6th in C in Side Game (76 pairs); 3rd in C in Side Game (52 pairs)
- Lewis Sams & partner—4th in A/2nd in B/1st in C in Side Game (28 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockout (14 teams); 1st in A in Stratified Swiss Teams (51 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (9 teams)
- Suzanne Siebert & partner—2nd in B in Open Pairs (62 pairs)
- Suzanne Siebert & teammates—1st in B in B/C/D Swiss (37 teams)
- Jim Tucker & Luraette Tucker—6th in B/4th in C in 199er Pairs (36 pairs)
- Diane Williams & partner—6th in B in Side Game (38 pairs)
- Diane Williams & teammates—5th in B in B/C/D Swiss (37 teams) ♦

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

Mini-McKenney

Rookie of the Year: #1 Bill Jones; #2 Sherry Wortsmith; #3 Sheila Mehaffy; #6 Linda Goldsmith; #7 Nancy Tracy; #8 Dick Adkisson; #9 Beverly Kinneman; #10 Jeanne Williams.

Junior Master of the Year: #1 Bert Turner; #3 Gwen Briscoe; #5 Richard Chapman; #7 Lisa Whitbeck.

Club Master of the Year: #3 Diana Nagel; #7 Fran Harp; #10 Gregg Sterne.

Regional Master of the Year: #1 Bonnie Fincher; #2 Ann Lewis; #3 Diane Lord; #6 Art Pfeifer; #8 Mike Porta.

NABC Master of the Year: #3 Barbara Miles; #4 Jane

Teed; #5 Margaret Mathews; #8 Gerry Chism; #9 Cal Heseman.

Life Master of the Year: #1 Jane Dickey; #2 Norma Campbell; #3 Mike Compton; #5 Burla Sims; #7 Margaret Kelly; #9 Monica Heseman.

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

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

Gold Life Master of the Year: #3 Bonnie Melchior; #5 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 Bill Jones; #5 Nancy Tracy; #6 Terri Scafer; #7 Judy Chapman; #8 Beverly Kinneman; #9 Sherry Wortsmith.

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

Club Master of the Year: #4 Fran Harp; #9 Diana Nagel; #10 Charles Johnston.

Sectional Master of the Year: #10 Bill Cardin.

Regional Master of the Year: #2 Ann Lewis; #3 Gene Marques; #5 Dean Phillips; #7 Bonnie Fincher; #8 Art Pfeifer.

NABC Master of the Year: #5 Barbara Miles; #7 Gerry Chism; #8 Diane Tait; #9 Jane Teed.

Life Master of the Year: #2 Norma Campbell.

Bronze Life Master of the Year: #8 Deb Phillips.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #4 Peggy Jett; #6 Bonnie Melchior; #7 Ruth Gilliam; #8 Helen Abbott.

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

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

Record-setting Month

The August table count of 322.5 tables set a record for the highest monthly count since records have been kept at the Bridge House. ♥

Club Appreciation Games

Check the calendar for the Club Appreciation Games scheduled during the month of October. Extra masterpoints are awarded at these games.

Black points are awarded at unit open pairs rating (85% of sectional open pairs) for the Club Appreciation pair games. For the Swiss Team game on Sunday, October 17, the club awards 5% gold masterpoints to a maximum of 0.25 per player. The remaining masterpoints are to be sectional-rated black points. ♠

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)

November 18–28, Orlando, FL
March 10–20, Pittsburgh, PA
July 21–31, Atlanta, GA

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

November 4–7, Baton Rouge, LA (0–300)
December 26–January 1, Kansas City, MO
January 24–30, Biloxi, MS

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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 15–17, St. Charles, MO
October 22–24, Oklahoma City, OK
October 29–31, Mobile, AL
October 29–31, Shreveport, LA
October 29–31, Kimberling City, MO
October 29–31, Fort Worth, TX
November 5–7, Lake DeGray, AR
November 11–14, Metairie, LA
November 11–14, Richardson, TX
May 21–30, Little Rock, AR

North American Pairs Unit Qualifying Game

The North American Pairs contest started at LRDBC during the summer. Everyone who qualified may now go to the next stage—a 2-session qualifying event to be held at Hot Springs Village on Sunday, October 10. The sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. The Hot Springs Village Card Club will provide drinks.

Players are divided into three categories: Open, Under 2,000 Masterpoints, and Under 500 Masterpoints Non-Life Master. The top half of the field in each category at Hot Springs Village will qualify to compete at the District level.

The District Finals will be held in Jackson, MS, January 14–16. The District Finals determine the top three pairs in each category, which advance to the National Finals at the spring NABC in Pittsburgh, PA, in March 2005. Winners of each flight receive reimbursement for airfare and hotels, with other awards available. ♦

*We mourn the passing
of Bruce Whitten.*

National Masterpoint Races

At September 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: #23 Allan Siebert; #31 David Siebert; #186 Al Childs.

Barry Crane Top 500: #44 Allan Siebert; #143 David Siebert.

Mini-McKenney Junior Master of the Year: #6 Bert Turner.

Ace of Clubs Junior Master of the Year: #19 Bert Turner.

Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year: #26 Allan Siebert.

Player of the Decade: #84 Allan Siebert. ♣

Allan Siebert Tops 25,000 Masterpoints

Allan Siebert passed the 25,000 masterpoint milestone while competing in the Delta Dealin' Regional Tournament in Tunica September 13–19—making him one of only 23 persons to ever reach this goal.

Congratulations Allan! ♠



Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

2004 Under-300 Totals at September 26

| Total Masterpoints | Name | Points |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|
| Less Than 10 | Jackie Sanders | 7.97 |
| Less Than 50 | Bill Jones | 18.68 |
| Less Than 100 | Bert Turner | 44.33 |
| Less Than 300 | Bert Turner | 44.33 |

2004 Overall at September 26

| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Peggy Jett | 117.93 |
| Tommye Davis | 88.28 |
| Bonnie Melchior..... | 88.27 |
| Ruth Gilliam..... | 77.87 |
| Ann Ferrill..... | 77.47 |
| Helen Abbott..... | 75.13 |
| David Cockcroft..... | 68.76 |
| Betsy Berry..... | 67.59 |
| Norma Campbell..... | 67.42 |
| Madalyn Reinhardt | 53.92 |

September Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard, Secretary

September 12, 2004.

Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Norma Campbell, Mike Compton, Tommye Davis, 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 August 31, 2004 is \$11,495. The year-to-date table count is 322.

New Business:

Dick Heil's beginning bridge class is scheduled to begin on September 22. Ann Ferrill's intermediate class is scheduled to begin on September 29. David Siebert's two over one class started last Wednesday, September 8.

A nominating committee was formed to make recommendations for the officer and board member positions which will become open in 2005. The nominating committee includes Norma Campbell, Tommye Davis, Carl Gray, Barbara Miles, and Lou Morris.

Old Business:

An emergency release bar was installed on the door. The cost is \$0. (Thanks to Mike Compton.)

Coupon books which can be purchased to allow 6 plays for \$20 or 12 plays for \$40 were discussed. It was decided a coupon style form rather than a punch style card would be easier to use and track. Dick was asked to produce a sample.

The website has been setup and is operational. It can be accessed at LittleRockBridgeHouse.org. Mike was asked (with Carl's assistance) to obtain a modem so scores can be loaded to the site. Additional items to be added to the site include the ACBL logo, map, and the equal opportunity disclaimer.

Meeting was adjourned. ♥

Halloween Party

Don your most outrageous costume for the Bridge House Halloween Party, Friday night, October 29, starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a spooky dish to share for the Anything Goes Potluck. ♦



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