

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

*A Zero Tolerance Club*

January 2005

### Tournament Report

Orlando NABC (November 26-End)

- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—11th in Keohane North American Swiss Teams (28 teams)

Mid-Atlantic Bridge Conference STaC

- Dick Adkisson & Somers Collins—2nd in C in Open Pairs (170 pairs)
- Dick Adkisson & Jack Pusch—5th in A in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Phyllis Baltz & Rusty Baltz—2nd in A in 0-49 Pairs (11 pairs)
- Marion Belew & Nancy Tracy—4th in A in 0-49 Pairs (11 pairs)
- Gerald Berry & Joyce Thornton—24th in B in Open Pairs (871 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Sheila Mehaffy—3rd in C in Open Pairs (434 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Nancy McKinzie—3rd in B in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)

- Millie Calhoun & Jeanette Johnson—7th in C in Open Pairs (373 pairs)
- Judy Chapman & Richard Chapman—3rd in A in 0-49 Pairs (11 pairs)
- Al Childs & Kathy Childs—12th in A in Open Pairs (228 pairs)
- Al Childs & Clete Judkins—13th in A in Open Pairs (373 pairs)
- Ann Clay & Dane Clay—4th in A in Open Pairs (170 pairs)
- Karen Davis & Rita Sevall—10th in C in Open Pairs (692 pairs)
- Linda Goldsmith & Fran Harp—4th in A in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Bill Jones & Bert Turner—2nd in A in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Russ Jones & partner—1st in A in Open Pairs (434 pairs); 1st in A in Open Pairs (63 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—1st in A in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Gene Marques & Dean Phillips—7th in C in Open Pairs (434 pairs)
- Delos McCauley & Richard McCauley—12th in B/4th in C in Open Pairs (871 pairs)
- Sheila Mehaffy & Blanche Moore—4th in B in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Dave Neuschwanger & Skip Henry—1st in A in 0-49 Pairs (11 pairs)
- Deb Phillips & Edna Savoy—8th in A in Open Pairs (228 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—7th in A in Open Pairs (373 pairs)
- Paula Tinsley & Luraette Tucker—3rd in A/1st in B in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs)
- Nancy Tracy & Jeanne Williams—2nd in B in 0-300 Pairs (16 pairs) ♠

### 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.

## Negative is Sometimes Positive

Allan Siebert

In the local bridge game last week I held these cards, non-vulnerable vs. vulnerable:

♠ A Q 8 x  
♥ Q 10 x x x  
♦ x  
♣ A 10 x

And heard the bidding:

N	E	S	W (me)
1♦	P	1♠	P
1NT	P	2♦	2♥
3♦	All pass		

♥ 2 lead.

Board came down with:

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

It went ♥ 2, J, Q, A. Next a low spade was led by declarer.

Partner showed 3 by playing low: ♠ x, x, J, Q. Now what? Declarer most likely has 12–14 HCP which leaves partner with 7–9 HCP (count the other three hands and subtract from 40). That's the positive info. Now comes the negative info—partner didn't raise hearts with his 7–9 HCP (he is usually very aggressive) so he probably doesn't have 4 hearts or 3 hearts headed by the king and partner didn't double so he most likely doesn't have super diamonds like A Q J or K Q J x. So through negative inference partner is odds on to have the king of clubs and hopefully the jack of clubs for his 7–9 HCP and thus with a fair amount of confidence I led back a small club and partner obliged with the king and came back the ♣ J (correct style) and we took 3 clubs before declarer could set up club pitches on spades.

Fun game, isn't it—positively or negatively! ♥

## 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 December 6, 2004 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; #5 Sheila Mehaffy; #6 Nancy Tracy; #7 Linda Goldsmith; #8 Dick Adkisson; #10 Beverly Kinneman.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #1 Bert Turner; #3 Richard Chapman; #6 Gwen Briscoe; #8 Somers Collins.

**Club Master of the Year:** #4 Diana Nagel; #8 Fran Harp; #10 Gregg Sterne.

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

**NABC Master of the Year:** #2 Barbara Miles; #4 Jane Teed; #9 Margaret Mathews.

**Life Master of the Year:** #1 Norma Campbell; #2 Jane Dickey; #3 Mike Compton; #6 Burla Sims; #8 Margaret Kelly; #9 Kay Loss; #10 Joyce Thornton.

**Bronze Life Master of the Year:** #1 Deb Phillips; #6 Lou Morris.

**Silver Life Master of the Year:** #2 Ann Ferrill; #3 David Cockcroft; #6 Edna Savoy.

**Gold Life Master of the Year:** #5 Bonnie Melchior; #6 Peggy Jett; #9 Helen Abbott; #10 Ruth Gilliam.

**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 Bill Jones; #4 Sheila Mehaffy; #5 Nancy Tracy; #8 Judy Chapman; #10 Beverly Kinneman.

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2005 Board

Back: David Cockcroft, Jo Blanchard, Art Pfeifer, Rick Lowens, & Mike Compton

Middle: Ruth Gilliam, Norma Campbell, Tommye Davis, Margaret Kelly, & Bobby Morgan

Front: Bert Turner, Ann Ferrill, & Ann Lewis



2005  
Christmas  
Parties



Frank and his Stockings



More chairs!



The Sunday Party Crew



Janet & Bobby auditing Peggy on Monday.

**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)**

March 10–20, Pittsburgh, PA  
 July 21–31, Atlanta, GA

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER**

January 3–9 Tampa, FL  
 January 10–16, Honolulu, HI  
 January 17–23, Albuquerque, NM  
 January 24–30, Biloxi, MS  
 June 6–12, Jackson, MS  
 September 19–25, Tunica, MS  
 October 24–30, Mobile, AL  
 October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

**NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

January 6–9, Metairie, LA  
 January 7–9, Memphis, TN  
 January 14–16, Jackson, MS  
 February 10–13, Birmingham, AL  
 February 18–21, Huntsville, AL  
 February 25–27, Buchanan, TN  
 March 4–6, Baton Rouge, LA  
 March 4–6, Gulfport, MS (0–200)  
 March 10–13, Nashville, TN  
**April 1–3, Hot Springs Village, AR**  
 April 8–10, Metairie, LA (0–300)  
 April 15–17, Lake Charles, LA (0–300)  
**April 22–24, Pine Bluff, AR**  
 April 29–May 1, Laurel, MS  
 May 5–8, Metairie, LA  
 May 12–15, Biloxi, MS  
 May 27–29, Montgomery, AL  
**May 27–30, Little Rock, AR**  
 June 3–5, Mobile, AL  
 June 30–July 3, Metairie, LA  
 July 14–17, Baton Rouge, La  
 August 4–7, Lake Charles, LA  
 August 19–21, Huntsville, AL  
 September 2–5, Birmingham, AL  
 September 30–October 2, Metairie, LA (0–300)  
 September 30–October 2, Tupelo, MS  
 October 6–9, Moss Point, MS

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**Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House**

2004 Under-300 Totals at December 26

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Bruce Byrne	9.22
Less Than 50	Nancy Tracy	25.54
Less Than 100	Fran Harp	38.72
Less Than 300	Bert Turner	64.51

2004 Overall at December 26

Peggy Jett.....	156.78
Bonnie Melchior .....	117.04
Tommye Davis .....	114.11
Helen Abbott .....	100.08
Ruth Gilliam .....	96.61
Ann Ferrill.....	96.32
David Cockcroft.....	92.09
Norma Campbell .....	87.94
Betsy Berry .....	84.39
Edna Savoy.....	67.60

***Congratulations to Barbara Miles on becoming a Life Master! ♣***

## National Masterpoint Races

At December 6, 2004, 5 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:** #22 Allan Siebert; #30 David Siebert; #189 Al Childs.

**Barry Crane Top 500:** #46 Allan Siebert; #136 David Siebert.

**Youth of the Year:** #24 Alex Phillips.

**Senior of the Year:** #122 David Siebert; #201 Allan Siebert.

**Mini-McKenney Junior Master of the Year:** #8 Bert Turner.

**Ace of Clubs Junior Master of the Year:** #22 Bert Turner.

**Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year:** #28 Allan Siebert.

**Player of the Decade:** #85 Allan Siebert. ♠

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