

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

February 2005

Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House for 2004

2004 Under-300 Totals

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Ginger Quinn	8.51
Less Than 50	Nancy Tracy	25.90
Less Than 100	Fran Cockcroft	40.27
Less Than 300	Bert Turner	66.88

2004 Overall

Peggy Jett.....	154.90
Bonnie Melchior.....	115.38
Tommye Davis.....	113.40
Helen Abbott.....	99.33
Ruth Gilliam.....	97.75
Ann Ferrill.....	96.37
David Cockcroft.....	92.94
Norma Campbell.....	88.34
Betsy Berry.....	84.95
Edna Savoy.....	69.27

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.

Down One

Jack Tidball

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies. This is a frequent lament heard at the end of a session of bridge. The following hand is a good example of the saying.

I opened with 2♠ (weak) and the bidding proceeded as follows:

N	E	S	W
	P	2♠	4♥
6♠	All pass		

Dummy came down with a beautiful hand:

Dummy
♠ K Q x
♥ x
♦ A K x x x
♣ A Q 9 7

I held:

Declarer
♠ A J 10 9 x x
♥ x x
♦ x x
♣ J 10 8

West led the ace of hearts and after seeing dummy shifted to a diamond. I was sure West held the king of clubs for her 4♥ bid and I felt very good about the contract. I called for a high trump and west showed out. Annoying! I wanted to ruff my last heart in dummy before drawing trumps and taking the club finesse. With no convenient way back to my hand to ruff the heart, I called for the high diamond which was ruffed by East. Down one on a hand that should always make six.

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I was so preoccupied with having dummy ruff my losing heart that I forgot to count my tricks. With the club finesse working I had six spades, two diamonds, and four clubs for a total of 12 tricks. I didn't need to ruff the heart. Don't get so preoccupied with part of the hand that you lose track of the goal of the hand. Make the contract. ♠

ITALIAN SOUP

Monica Heseman

This recipe is for the soup Monica and Cal brought to the New Year's Eve party. It's their farewell gift to all of their friends at the Bridge House.

- ½ lb. mild Italian sausage (I bought Johnsonville mild Italian Brats, slit the casing lengthwise and then pinched off small pieces, rolling into small balls)
- 1 small onion, diced
- 3–4 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1 cup celery, sliced
- ¾ cup carrots, small dice
- 2 cups green cabbage, large dice
- ½ cup zucchini, small dice
- 1 (28 oz.) can diced Roma tomatoes, with juice (may have to cut into small pieces)
- 2 qts. chicken stock or broth—**reserve 2 cups**
- ¾ cup white rice, uncooked
- 3 Tbsp Italian flat leaf parsley, chopped
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste

Brown small balls of sausage in a skillet, turning frequently. Transfer the sausage to a large soup pot. Add onion, garlic, celery, carrots, cabbage, and zucchini and simmer covered on lower heat until the vegetables are softened (about 20 minutes).

Stir tomatoes into mixture and add chicken broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer another 15 minutes. Stir in rice and simmer another 20 minutes until rice is cooked, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. If soup is too thick or the rice is not completely cooked, add some or all of the reserved chicken broth and simmer a little longer. Adjust seasoning with salt & pepper. Best if made a few days before serving.

Before serving, add the fresh parsley. Ladle soup into bowls and sprinkle each serving with the grated cheese. ♥

ACBL-wide International Fund Game

Date: Saturday, January 29, 12:30 p.m.

Masterpoints: 50/50 red and black at 100% sectional rating

Winners are recognized on ACBL's web site and in the Bridge Bulletin. Hand records and analyses are provided. These games raise funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international competition. ♦

Grand National Teams Unit Qualifying Game

Date: Saturday, February 19, 10:00 a.m. and TBA (2 sessions).

Lunch: Bring a sack lunch.

Cost: \$10

Masterpoints: Points are sectionally rated and are 20% Gold/80% Red for Flight A, 10% Gold/90% Red for Flight B, and 5% Gold/95% Red for Flight C.

Flights: Championship: Open; A: under 5,000; B: under 2,000; C: under 500 and not a Life Master. All masterpoints and Life Master status are determined as of the August 9, 2004 cycle.

Teams: Players qualify as a team at the unit level and may consist of 4, 5, or 6 members.

Replacements, Substitutes, etc. At least two members of the team participating at the District Final must have been on the original team at the Unit Final. For more details see the District 10 web site.

The top 50% of the field (plus ties) will be eligible for the District 10 Final. If a qualifying team elects not to compete at the district level, the qualification will extend downward until the position is filled.

The District 10 Final will be held on April 29–May 1, 2005, in Laurel, MS. Play for Flights B & C will begin on Friday at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with Swiss qualifying and will continue with Knockout matches on Saturday and Sunday. The Championship Flight and Flight A will begin on Saturday afternoon with Knockout matches with the final being held on Sunday. ♣

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

February 2005

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Tournament Report

District 10 Finals—North American Open Pairs, Jackson, MS

- David Cockcroft & Ann Ferrill—4th in Flight B (14 pairs)

Hawaii Regional, Honolulu, HI

- Alex Phillips, Deb Phillips, & teammates—4th in Compact Knockout (15 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 2 Knockout (14 teams)

Nate Silverstein Sectional, Germantown, TN

- Marion Belew & Nancy Tracy—1st in A, B, & C in 199er Pairs (10 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Shelia Mehaffy—4th in A/3rd in B in 199er Pairs (17 pairs)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie Melchior—2nd in Bracket 1 Knockout (6 teams); 2nd in A in Open Swiss (37 teams)
- Somers Collins & Missy McCain—5th in A/4th in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (20 pairs); 2nd in A & B in 199er Pairs (17 pairs)
- Don Gattinger, Margaret Kelly, Liz Parry, & Art Pfeifer—2nd in Bracket 2 Knockout (7 teams)
- Bill Jones, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, & Bert Turner—1st in C in Open Swiss (37 teams)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—5th in C in Open Pairs (20 pairs); 3rd in C in Open Pairs (36 pairs)
- David Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (36 pairs)

Mid-Winter Sectional, Jackson, MS

- Dick Adkisson & Somers Collins—3rd in A in 199er Pairs (8 pairs)
- Fran Cockcroft & Dick Heil—3rd in C in Open Pairs (49 pairs) ♠

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 January 6, 2005 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 Sheila Mehaffy; #5 Sherry Wortsmith; #6 Linda Goldsmith; #7 Nancy Tracy; #8 Dick Adkisson; #10 Judy Chapman.

Junior Master of the Year: #1 Bert Turner; #3 Richard Chapman; #5 Gwen Briscoe; #8 Somers Collins.

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

Sectional Master of the Year: #10 Rita Sevall.

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; #10 Margaret Mathews.

Life Master of the Year: #1 Norma Campbell; #2 Jane Dickey; #3 Mike Compton; #5 Barbara Schlesinger; #6 Burla Sims; #8 Joyce Thornton; #9 Margaret Kelly; #10 Kay Loss.

Bronze Life Master of the Year: #1 Deb Phillips; #8 Lou Morris.

Silver Life Master of the Year: #2 Ann Ferrill; #3 David Cockcroft; #6 Russ Jones; #7 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.

Junior Master of the Year: #1 Bert Turner; #8 Richard Chapman; #10 Gwen Briscoe.

Club Master of the Year: #5 Fran Cockcroft; #8 Diana Nagel.

Regional Master of the Year: #4 Ann Lewis; #6 Diane Lord; #7 Art Pfeifer.

NABC Master of the Year: #6 Barbara Miles; #10

Diane Tait.

Life Master of the Year: #1 Norma Campbell; #4 Barbara Schlesinger; #8 Cindy Devish.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #7 Peggy Jett; #8 Bonnie Melchior; #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 Al Childs; #2 David Siebert. ♥

National Masterpoint Races

At January 6, 2005, 5 LRDBC members were ranked 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; #188 Al Childs.

Barry Crane Top 500: #53 Allan Siebert; #147 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: #9 Bert Turner.

Ace of Clubs Junior Master of the Year: #27 Bert Turner.

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

Player of the Decade: #85 Allan Siebert. ♦

ACBL-wide Senior Pairs

Date: Monday, February 28, 11:00 a.m.

Masterpoints: 80% sectional rated black

Hand records and analyses will be provided. Winners are recognized on ACBL's web site and in the Bridge Bulletin. The game is open to any player 55 years of age as of the day of the event. ♣

Congratulations
Diane Lord
Our newest Life Master!

How to avoid partnership misunderstandings

David Siebert

Discuss with your partners what you do over reverses (what's forcing and what's not).

I have a suggestion—use 2NT as a possible signoff auction. Everything at the 3-level is forcing to game.

You pick up:

♠ x x
♥ K J 10 x x x
♦ x x x x
♣ x

Partner opens 1♣, you bid 1♥, partner bids 2♠, you bid 2NT, partner bids 3♣ (forced), you bid 3♥, partner would pass most hands. Without this understanding partner would treat a direct 3♥ as forcing.

Here are three more examples:

Your hand:	Bidding:	
♠ x	Partner	You
♥ Q J x x x	1♦	1♥
♦ x	2♠	2NT
♣ Q J x x x x	3♣ (forced)	P

Your hand:	Bidding:	
♠ K x	Partner	You
♥ K Q x x	1♦	1♥
♦ K x x x	2♠	3♦ (forcing)
♣ x x x		

Your hand:	Bidding:	
♠ Q J 10 x x x	Partner	You
♥ x x	1♦	1♠
♦ x x	2♥	2♠ (forcing 1 round)
♣ Q x x	3♣	3♠ (not forcing)

STAC'S WEEK: MONDAY,
JANUARY 31-SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 6



2004 Life Masters

*Margaret Mathews
Barbara Miles
Cal Heseman
Bonnie Fincher*

LITTLE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

January 1 – December 31, 2004

INCOME:				
	Tables	Entries	Directors	Net
Club Games				
Sunday Day	351.5	\$ 4,643.50	\$ 554.00	\$ 4,089.50
Monday Day	512.0	7,224.00	573.50	6,650.50
Monday Night 0-50	218.0	3,094.00	442.00	2,652.00
Tuesday Night	366.0	5,026.50	535.00	4,491.50
Wednesday Day 0-300	396.5	5,341.50	743.00	4,598.50
Thursday Day	475.5	6,770.00	525.00	6,245.00
Thursday Night 0-300	432.5	6,121.00	581.00	5,540.00
Friday Night	259.5	3,743.00	438.00	3,305.00
Saturday Day	185.5	2,594.50	410.00	2,184.50
Total Club Games	3,197.0	\$44,558.00	\$4,801.50	\$39,756.50
Concessions				804.97
Coke Machine				813.50
Beer / Wine				166.75
Dues				4,422.50
Memorial Donations				255.00
Interest				9.01
Supplies sold				153.00
Miscellaneous				2,110.85
TOTAL INCOME				\$48,492.08
EXPENSES:				
Rent to The Bridge House				\$24,000.00
Insurance (Pro-rated)				166.68
ACBL Monthly Fees				2,181.35
ACBL Other Fees				3,462.00
Bridge Supplies				1,350.68
Other Supplies				839.57
Maintenance/Repairs				11.58
Concessions				285.22
Coke				460.16
Beer / Wine				126.05
Parties				660.92
Miscellaneous				2,953.04
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$36,497.25
NET INCOME				\$11,994.83

January Board Minutes

Bobby Morgan for Jo Blanchard

January 11, 2005.

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Kelly. Those present were Norma Campbell, David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Tommye Davis, Ann Ferrill, Ruth Gilliam, Ann Lewis, Rick Lowens, Barbara Miles, Bobby Morgan, and Burt Turner.

The minutes of the November board meeting were approved as printed in the *Newsletter*.

The existence of two entities—the LRDBC and the Bridge House—was discussed. The LRDBC pays rent to the Bridge House which is our teaching entity. Improvements in the heating delivery are being done by the Bridge House. It was also reiterated that only directors should change the settings on the heat or air.

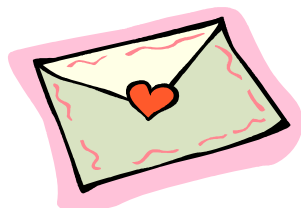
It was discussed that if we advertise for new students for upcoming classes or if we advertise for new ACBL members we can get advertising credit from ACBL. Applications from new members need our club number on the application. If the name of a particular instructor or director is used and there are sufficient new members there is a monetary reward for that director.

The proposal to mail the *Newsletter* to all members was discussed and it was decided to try this plan for one year.

The Master-Novice Game was discussed. It is felt that there are too many boards played to allow for any discussion between the partners. Twenty-one boards and a three hour maximum time are recommended by the Board.

Following comments from novice players it was decided to buy software to produce hand records and analysis for some of the games (Deal Master software from ACBL). Burt Turner will coordinate this effort.

Safety dictates that the door of the club should be kept locked during games for safety. ♠



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)

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

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

May 9–15, Oklahoma City, OK
June 6–12, Jackson, MS
August 8–14, Tulsa, OK
August 15–21, St. Louis, MO
September 19–25, Tunica, MS
October 24–30, Mobile, AL
October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

February 10–13, Birmingham, AL
February 18–21, Huntsville, AL
February 25–27, Buchanan, TN
February 25–27, Branson, MO
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 (+ District 10 GNT Finals)
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
October 28–30, Kimberling City, MO
November 4–6, DeGray, AR



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

1:00 P.M.

GAME AT 1:30 P.M.

BRING SNACKS TO SHARE ♥

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Tanglewood Shopping Center, Suite 122
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