

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

*A Zero Tolerance Club*

May 2005

### LITTLE ROCK TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Mike Compton

It is time for final planning for our tournament. This will be the first time our tournament has been held in the Comfort Inn and Suites downtown and, in my opinion, we have moved to one of the nicest facilities in Little Rock. We are starting earlier this year to make it more convenient for our out of town players who are driving every day. We will have rolls and breakfast items with coffee and soft drinks before and during every morning session. We will provide a full lunch every day between the morning and afternoon sessions. On Friday, Edna will have her ham sandwiches, on Saturday, we will have barbecue from the Whole Hog Cafe. On Sunday, we will have an assorted food and sandwich buffet, and on Monday, we will have Adams Catfish just like last year. David Siebert will talk about the morning hands each day. After every afternoon session we will have snacks and non-alcoholic beverages in the playing area and our hospitality suite will be open serving wine,

beer, snacks, and mixed drinks. The hotel has asked that we not serve alcohol except in our hospitality suite but drinks and snacks will be in the playing area at all times. Sunday night will be fireworks for Riverfest and we are having our pizza and beer party out on the deck around the swimming pool, while we watch the fireworks. We are playing Zip Pairs Sunday night and I hope we are through playing when this starts around 9:30 p.m. Monday will be Swiss Teams with breakfast and the catfish lunch. We need volunteers in the following areas:

- **FOOD**—Chairman Edna Savoy (758-9852)—We need 3 or 4 people to help set out lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We will need cookies and homemade deserts that are easy to serve with lunch each day. I'm trying to use only disposable dishes so we don't have to wash and return a lot of items. We are going to try to use as much already prepared food as possible to reduce the amount of time our members have to spend to prepare the food. I firmly believe our tournament will be successful financially and we therefore not going to ask our members for any contribution for the food. With our members help, we are trying to find the most efficient way to serve food. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed. I need suggestions for who to use for pizza on Sunday night.
- **PARTNERSHIP**—Chairman Norma Campbell (225-5121 (H), 580-5121 (C), normatc@aol.com)—Norma has agreed to run the partnership desk for our tournament but we will need a least one volunteer each day to help man the desk which is usually just being there at 9:00 a.m. so Norma doesn't have to be there early every day. We are also trying to find a format on our website and at the club to help our club members find partners for both the pairs and knockout teams. Your ideas

### 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             | 7:00 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.

here would help.

- HOSPITALITY SUITE—Chairman Art Pfeifer (664-7370 (H), 680-1868 (C), ajpajp@swbell.net)—This room will be open after each afternoon session. We need one or two volunteers each afternoon, to bartend and set out snacks.

I'm trying to set up an easy format to print tournament labels for our out of town players and I need a few volunteers to type names into the label program. If you can type, you can do this, no exotic computer skills needed here. I would also like to take color pictures of the winners of each event and post them in the playing area. If anyone has expertise in this area, I could use your help. We will provide the computer, printer, and paper. I will also need a few people to help set up everything on Thursday night. I will have a signup sheet at the Bridge House in the next few days to help this process. Bert Turner is helping me with all of this and as I said before, YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOMED. This is our Club's tournament and our future success depends on your participation. The most valuable thing you can all do is play in as many events as possible. If you have never played knockouts, find a team and play. It is my favorite tournament event and the one that pays the most points if you win. The more teams that enter, the fairer it is. Dick Heil is helping me with our new players because we can only hold events limited to 299 points if we have enough entries. Please play as much as you can. Also, I will print labels for all of our members before the tournament so we won't need to print them during the tournament and you will be able to use them at our tournament. There will be a sample label for you to see. I just need your name and ACBL number to make a label. I will use the address in the directory unless you give me another one to use. You can email me at lrspirits@hotmail.com with suggestions and label printing information. You may call me at my store at 225-4200 and, as you know, I get to work at the crack of 10:00 a.m. each morning. I'm looking forward to this and want to thank everyone for all of their help. ♠

## Listen Listen Listen

Al Childs

Listening to what the opponents are telling you will improve your score.

Sitting West what do you lead on this auction:

|    |   |     |    |
|----|---|-----|----|
| S  | W | N   | E  |
| 1♠ | P | 1NT | 2♣ |
| 2♠ | P | P   | P  |

A spade is called for to reduce dummy's ruffing power. Trump leads are good when you have three small. Here are the hands:

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

Here is a hand from the Club:

|             |
|-------------|
| ♠ K x       |
| ♥ K J 9 7 4 |
| ♦ Q x x     |
| ♣ Q x x     |

You pass in first seat and partner opens 1♥. They overcall 1♠. You bid 2♠ asking partner how good his opening bid was. LHO doubles and partner bids 3♥. RHO passes and you do too because you know they will bid 4♠.

You think you can make 4♥ and that they can make 3♠ or 4♠. You let them push you to ♠4 and they don't save. ♥

# LITTLE ROCK'S TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

## MAY 27-30

## DON'T MISS IT!

# Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

May 2005

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday                    |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
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| 1<br>1:30 PM<br>Swiss Team<br>Game                   | 2<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-50 Game  | 3<br>7:00 PM<br>Open Game                                     | 4<br>9:30 AM<br>0-300 Game   | 5<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-300 Game  | 6<br>6:30 PM<br>Margaritas &<br>Mexican<br>Potluck<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Open Game   | 7<br>12:30 PM<br>Open Game  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 8<br>1:30 PM<br>Open Game<br><br><i>Mother's Day</i> | 9<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-50 Game  | 10<br>6:00 PM<br>Board<br>Meeting<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Open Game | 11<br>9:30 AM<br>0-300 Game  | 12<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-300 Game | 13<br>6:30 PM<br>Italian<br>Potluck<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Club<br>Membership<br>Game | 14<br>12:30 PM<br>Open Game |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 15<br>1:30 PM<br>Club<br>Membership<br>Game          | 16<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-50 Game | 17<br>7:00 PM<br>Club<br>Membership<br>Game                   | 18<br>9:30 AM<br>0-300 Game  | 19<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-300 Game | 20<br>6:30 PM<br>All-American<br>Potluck<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Open Game             | 21<br>12:30 PM<br>Open Game |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 22<br>1:30 PM<br>Open Game                           | 23<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-50 Game | 24<br>7:00 PM<br>Master<br>Novice<br>Game                     | 25<br>9:30 AM<br>0-300 Game  | 26<br>11:00 AM<br>Open Game<br><br>6:30 PM<br>Free Mini<br>Lesson<br><br>7:00 PM<br>0-300 Game | 27<br><br><br>LR Tournament of Roses   | 28                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 29<br><br><br>LR Tournament of Roses                 | 30<br><br><i>Memorial Day</i>   | 31<br>7:00 PM<br>Open Game                                    | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Apr 2005</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> |  | Apr 2005   |                             |  |  |  |  |  | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Jun 2005</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Jun 2005 |  |  |  |  |  |  | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |
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| 3  | 4   | 5   | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9                           |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 10   | 11  | 12  | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 17   | 18  | 19  | 20   | 21   | 22   | 23                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 24   | 25  | 26  | 27   | 28   | 29   | 30                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
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| 5  | 6   | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 12   | 13  | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 19   | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25                          |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| 26   | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30   |  |                             |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |



Jack, Ann, David, & Edna



Bill, Sherry, Ann, & Bert



Allan & David

*Some First Place  
Winners from the Hot  
Springs Village and  
Pine Bluff Sectional  
Tournaments*



Joyce, Jane, Mike, & Kay

Not pictured:

- Al Childs
- Connie Ellingson
- Roger Ellingson
- Suzanne Siebert



Lew & Gregg



Somers & Missy



David & Robert

# Promotion Play

Gerald Koonce

The first chapter of Louis Watson's classic *Play of the Hand* covers the important principle of the relative value of the cards in the deck. This hand from the Hot Springs Village sectional Swiss Teams provides an extreme example.

Dir: East  
Vul: None

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

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| Bidding: | E | S   | W | N   |
|          | P | 1♦  | P | 1♥  |
|          | P | 1NT | P | 3NT |
|          | P | P   | P |     |

Opening lead: ♠8

I was sitting West and had to choose the opening lead. A diamond obviously was out, and my weak heart holding made that suit unattractive. I considered attacking with the ♣K, but both North and South could hold four clubs on this auction, so I decided to lead a spade. But I didn't want my partner to think I had a good holding, so I selected my second highest spade, the ♠8, which had the happy result of smothering declarer's ♠7. (Note that had I led the ♠4, declarer just plays low from the board, and now has a second spade trick.)

The first trick went ♠8, ♠9, ♠10, ♠A. Declarer now led a small club toward the board. I rose with the ♣Q as partner gave count, showing an odd number of clubs. Partner could not hold 5 clubs; declarer would not be attacking clubs this way with only 3, so he had to have 5. Since he was unlikely to have re-bid 1NT with a

singleton heart, that meant declarer most probably had 2-2-4-5 distribution, so I continued with the ♠J, once again smothering declarer's ♠7.

The play went ♠J, ♠Q, ♠K, ♠7, and after two rounds of the suit, only the lowest five spades were left. Partner returned a club, ducked to my ♣K. When I led the ♠4, dummy had the ♠5 2 and partner the ♠6 3. Declarer covered my ♠4 with the ♠5, partner won the ♠6 and took the setting trick with the ♠3 as dummy followed helplessly with the ♠2. ♦

## 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)

July 21–31, Atlanta, GA  
November 17–27, Denver, CO  
March 30–April 9, Dallas, TX

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

May 9–15, Oklahoma City, OK  
May 16–22, Houston, TX  
June 6–12, Jackson, MS  
August 8–14, Tulsa, OK  
August 15–21, St. Louis, MO  
August 30–September 5, Richardson, TX  
September 19–25, Tunica, MS  
October 24–30, Mobile, AL  
October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

### NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

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, Tupelo, MS  
**November 4–6, DeGray, AR**

## Helpful Suggestion

David Siebert

How many times have you seen you, your partner, or your opponent pick up in fourth seat and then seen the opponents reach a better contract. (I have seen it many times.) The most costly and interesting time was when I was playing in the Vanderbilt and one of my teammates at the other table had this happen to him.

The opponent opened 1♣ and the bidding went Pass, Pass, to my teammates. He held a very weak hand with 5-5 in the majors and, instead of passing, he picked up the bidding (with a double, I think). The next thing he knew the opponents were in SIX of a minor, making. This is an extreme example, but one I have never forgotten, so here is my bridge tip:

When an opponent has opened a minor and there are two passes to you, do not protect your partner unless you have a really good hand or a good major suit.

Working with this theory in mind, I play 1NT in the pass-out seat is 15-18 HCP with systems on. This has been very effective for me during the years, because I play with aggressive partners who will bid over a minor opening in second seat with any excuse. If you want to try this just over 1♣ for a while you will see how effective this is. ♣

## Tournament Report

Star-Spangled Sectional, Hot Springs Village, AR

- Dick Adkisson, Judy Chapman, Somers Collins, & Jim Gauntt—2nd in D in B/C/D Swiss (26 teams)
- Betsy Berry & Ruth Gilliam—4/5 in A in Open Pairs (42 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Sheila Mehaffy—4th in B in 299er Pairs (57 pairs); 2nd in A/1st in B in 299er Pairs (18 pairs)
- Richard Chapman & Art Pfeifer—6/7 in A in 299er Pairs (57 pairs)
- Al Childs, Kathy Childs, & teammates—5th in A in A/X Swiss (20 teams)
- Al Childs, Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie Melchior—2nd in Bracket A Knockout (4 teams)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie

Melchior—4th in A in A/X Swiss (20 teams)

- David Cockcroft & Robert Downie—3rd in A/1st in B in Open Pairs (42 pairs)
- David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Edna Savoy, & Jack Tidball—2nd in A/1st in X in A/X Swiss (20 teams)
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—3rd in C in Open Pairs (71 pairs); 5th in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (42 pairs)
- Ann Ferrill, Edna Savoy, Jack Tidball, & teammate—1st in Bracket 2 Knockout (7 teams)
- Carol Holcomb, Bill Jones, Ann Lewis, & Bert Turner—6th in B/3rd in C in B/C/D Swiss (26 teams)
- Lew Johnston & Gregg Sterne—1st in A & B in 299er Pairs (12 pairs); 4th in B in 299er Pairs (57 pairs); 1st in A & B in 299er Pairs (12 pairs)
- Bill Jones, Ann Lewis, Bert Turner, & Sherry Wortsmith—1st in Bracket 5 Knockout (8 teams)
- Bernice McNutt & Lou Morris—3rd in B in Open Pairs (71 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Sherry Wortsmith—4th in A in 299er Pairs (57 pairs)
- Margaret Mathews & Mike Porta—4th in C in Open Pairs (42 pairs)
- Deb Phillips, Burla Sims, Joyce Thornton, & teammate—3/4 in X in A/X Swiss (20 teams)
- Deb Phillips & Burla Sims—6th in B in Open Pairs (42 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 Knockout (4 teams); 1st in A in A/X Swiss (20 teams)
- Allan Siebert & partner—1st in A in Open Pairs (71 pairs)
- David Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (71 pairs)
- Joyce Thornton & partner—6th in A/3rd in B in Open Pairs (42 pairs)

Smoky Mountain Mid-Atlantic Regional, Gatlinburg, TN

- Allan Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket 1 Senior Knockouts (9 teams); 1st in Bracket 1 Senior Knockouts (7 teams); 4th in A in A/X Swiss (20 teams)

Southern Pines Sectional, Pine Bluff, AR

- Ken Aeberman & Art Pfeifer—3rd in B in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Ken Aeberman, Somers Collins, Missy McCain, & Art Pfeifer—5/6 in B in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Syed Aijaz & George McKeown—6th in B in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Barbara Blaine & Jeanne Williams—5th in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—3rd in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe, Sandra Crawford, Katilul Perdue, & teammate—2nd in C in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Barbara Blaine, Beverly Kinneman, Bill Kinneman, & Jeanne Williams—3rd in C in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Tom Byarlay & Robert Tully—2nd in B in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Norma Campbell & Bonnie Fincher—4th in B in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Bill Cardin & Jean Neal—4th in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Sam Cheesman & teammates—2nd in A in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Al Childs & Jack Tidball—4th in A in Open Pairs (53 pairs); 2nd in A in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Al Childs & partner—4th in A in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Al Childs & teammates—1st in A in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie Melchior—3rd in A in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Bodie Cobb & Marilyn Watt—4/5 in A in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Fran Cockcroft & Bill Jones—6th in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Fran Cockcroft, Bill Jones, Ann Lewis, & Diane Lord—2nd in B in Swiss Teams (27 pairs)
- Somers Collins & Missy McCain—1st in C in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—2nd in B in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Kay Loss, & Joyce Thornton—1st in B in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Tommye Davis & Peggy Jett—2nd in A in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Connie Ellingson & Roger Ellingson—3rd in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs)
- Walter Ely & Kathy Miller—3rd in A in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Walter Ely & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (26 pairs)
- Ann Ferrill & Suzanne Siebert—1st in A in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Jean Harney & Gene Marques—5th in B/2nd in C in Open Pairs (68 pairs); 3rd in B/2nd in C in Open Pairs (26 pairs)
- Margaret Kelly, George McKeown, Liz Parry, & Lewis Sams—3rd in B in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—5th in B in Open Pairs (53 pairs)
- Lou Morris, Deb Phillips, Jack Tidball, & teammate—5th in A in Swiss Teams (27 teams)
- Dave Neuschwanger & partner—5th in C in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Terri Scafer & Ralph Vogel—4th in B/2nd in C in Open Pairs (52 pairs)
- Rita Sevall & partner—4th in B/3rd in C in Open Pairs (26 pairs) ♠

## April Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard

April 10, 2005. Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Tommye Davis, Ann Ferrill, Ruth Gilliam, Ann Lewis, Rick Lowens, Barbara Miles, Bobby Morgan, and Bert Turner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rick provided a treasurer's report. The net income for March, 2005 is \$410. The total year to date net income through March, 2005 is \$5,373. The table count for March was the highest ever (since Rick's been tracking this).

### NEW BUSINESS:

The club charity club game will recognize the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Arrangements are being made to have an appreciation dinner to recognize our working directors.

Margaret asked for updates on the club's current classes. Six sat for and passed the directors test. Our new directors are: Dick Chapman, David Cockcroft, Fran Cockcroft, Bill Jones, Jack Tidball, and Bert Turner. (Mike suggested the expenses for the director tests and books be submitted to Unit 161 for reimbursement.)

Status of our May Tournament was discussed. A church youth group has agreed to caddy. The food arrangements and partnership committee were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned. ♥

## 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 April 6, 2005 in District 10 are shown below. District 10 includes Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

### District 10 Mini-McKenney

**Rookie of the Year:** #21 John Chapman.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #7 Dave Neuschwanger, #12 Barbara Blaine, #14 Blanche Moore, #18 Jim Gauntt, #22 Marion Belew.

**Club Master of the Year:** #5 Gwen Briscoe, #19 Linda Goldsmith, #20 Sherry Wortsmith.

**Sectional Master of the Year:** #1 Bill Jones, #15 Fran Cockcroft.

**Regional Master of the Year:** #13 Bert Turner.

**NABC Master of the Year:** #4 Ann Lewis.

**Silver Life Master of the Year:** #11 Ann Ferrill, #24 David Cockcroft.

**Gold Life Master of the Year:** #24 Bonnie Melchior.

**Diamond Life Master of the Year:** #16 Dane Clay; #18 Ann Clay.

**Grand Life Master of the Year:** #2 Allan Siebert, #3

David Siebert, #11 Al Childs.

### District 10 Ace of Clubs

**Rookie of the Year:** #8 John Chapman.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #4 David Neuschwanger; #5 Blanche Moore, #12 Jim Gauntt, #23 Marian Belew.

**Club Master of the Year:** #3 Linda Goldsmith, #13 Sheila Mehaffy, #17 Gwen Briscoe, #20 Jeanne Williams, #23 Sherry Wortsmith.

**Sectional Master of the Year:** #1 Bill Jones, #9 Fran Cockcroft.

**Regional Master of the Year:** #11 Bert Turner, #18 Art Pfeifer.

**NABC Master of the Year:** #3 Ann Lewis; #8 Diane Tait, #25 George McKeown.

**Silver Life Master of the Year:** #17 Ann Ferrill.

**Gold Life Master of the Year:** #13 Ruth Gilliam, #21 Peggy Jett.

**Diamond Life Master of the Year:** #14 Dane Clay; #19 Ann Clay.

**Grand Life Master of the Year:** #3 Al Childs, #7 David Siebert, #12 Allan Siebert. ♦

## National Masterpoint Races

At April 6, 2005, 4 LRDBC members were ranked in national masterpoint races. The ACBL Top 500 is lifetime; the Barry Crane Top 500 and the "of the year" races are for 2005; and the Player of the Decade measures platinum points earned since the beginning of 2000.

**ACBL Top 500:** #22 Allan Siebert, #30 David Siebert.

**Barry Crane Top 500:** #126 Allan Siebert, #275 David Siebert.

**Youth of the Year:** #17 Alex Phillips.

**Sectional Master of the Year:** #17 Bill Jones.

**Points Won at Sectionals:** #119 David Siebert, #186 Allan Siebert.

**Ace of Clubs Sectional Master of the Year:** #15 Bill Jones.

**Player of the Decade:** #90 Allan Siebert. ♣

# Tournament of Roses Schedule

Friday through Monday, May 27—30

**Bracketed Knockouts** Friday, Saturday, & Sunday—  
Three sessions: 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., & 7:00 p.m.

**Stratified Open Pairs** Friday & Saturday 9:30 a.m.,  
2:00 p.m., & 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 2:00  
p.m.

**Zip Open Pairs** Sunday 7:00 p.m. ends 8:45 p.m.

**Fireworks Watching Party** Poolside with free beer &  
pizza, Sunday 8:45 p.m.

**Swiss Teams** Monday 9:30 a.m. with full lunch  
between sessions

- A = Unlimited
- B = 300–1250
- C = 0–300
- D = 0–50 (4 table minimum)

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