

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

July 2005

How the Heck Did We Reach This Contract!

David Siebert

Playing recently in a knockout match in a regional in Las Vegas I had this hand:

♠ x
♥ 9 7 x x
♦ A Q J x x
♣ x x x

The bidding went as follows (everyone vulnerable):

S	W (partner)	N	E (me)
1♠	X	2♠	3♥
4♠	5♥	All Pass	

And I saw this hopeless dummy:

♠ A
♥ A Q x x
♦ x x x x
♣ A 10 x x

In my opinion 5♥ was not a good bid by partner because there is a much better chance of setting 4♠ than making 5♥. The opening lead was a spade.

My first thought was "Why me, Lord?" I decided I'd better go for damage control. At least we were not doubled. And I don't ever give up on a contract if there is a way.

Best case, I have 2 club losers and a heart loser. Down at least one. So I lead a diamond to my Ace (I felt the King was probably off side) and a good thing happened—the singleton King fell from left hand opponent's hand. (How lucky!) Now a heart to the board and another King falls from left hand opponent. Looks like 2 heart losers now but nothing I can do about it so I lead the heart Queen and left hand opponent plays the Jack. (Wow!) Only one heart loser. Now I can make the hand if one opponent holds KQ doubleton of clubs or they make a mistake. (These are good players but even good players make mistakes.)

So I lead 2 rounds of diamonds and then the Ace of clubs. No King or Queen of clubs. (Well, down one isn't bad). And now I lead a low club. The club King wins and defender leads a spade for a ruff and sluff—making 5!

See, even good players fall asleep. The defenders' hands were:

LHO	RHO
♠ Q J 10 x x x x x	♠ K
♥ K J	♥ 10 x x
♦ K	♦ 10 x x
♣ K x	♣ Q J x x

As you can see if the left hand opponent throws the King of clubs under my Ace I have no play.

Don't ever give up—miracles do happen. Isn't bridge a great game. ♠

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.

2005 Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

Under 300 at June 29

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Richard Kalkbrenner	5.29
Less Than 50	Jim Gauntt	17.90
Less Than 100	Linda Goldsmith	25.64
Less Than 300	Bill Jones	63.22

Overall at June 29

Peggy Jett	65.10
Bill Jones	63.22
Ruth Gilliam	60.04
Betsy Berry	56.64
Ann Ferrill	53.55
David Cockcroft	50.47
Helen Abbott	48.97
Jack Tidball	46.07
Edna Savoy	43.45
Norma Campbell	41.11

If you have borrowed or stolen a book from the Bridge House library, please return it.

June Board Minutes

Jo Blanchard

June 12, 2005. Margaret Kelly called the meeting to order. The attendees were Jo Blanchard, Norma Campbell, David Cockcroft, Mike Compton, Ann Ferrill, Ann Lewis, Rick Lowens, Bobby Morgan, Art Pfeifer, and Bert Turner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. A change was noted—the playing cards are scheduled to be changed on the first Tuesday night of each month (instead of the first Monday of each month).

Rick provided a treasurer's report. The net income for May, 2005 is \$44. The table count for May was down (but the club was closed during the LR tournament and one Tuesday night when the power was out.) The total year to date net income through May, 2005 is \$5,875.

NEW BUSINESS:

STaC Games are scheduled during the week of June

20th. It was decided to schedule and participate in the International Fund Game on Friday, July 22nd.

Questions were asked about Unit games. Discussion was tabled until further information is obtained.

Fran and David Cockcroft created a flyer-type handout with a schedule of our games.

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Memorial Weekend tournament was a success. The board recognized and thanked Mike Compton, our Tournament Chairman, for his great job. The estimated net income from the tournament is approximately \$1,900 to \$2,000. The tentative date for next year's tournament is April 21st.

A motion was made and approved to hire an electrician to permanently relocate the heat & air thermostats to the new locations and to install ceiling fans. Art will contact the electrician.

Arrangements were finalized for the appreciation party/lunch to recognize our working directors. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th. The club will supply meat and drinks and members will be asked to bring side dishes.

The charity game in April raised \$48 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The website is getting a lot of traffic. A summary report indicates an average of 52.9 visitors per day.

The meeting was adjourned. ♥

Tournament Report

Crossroads of the South Regional, Jackson, MS

- Barbara Blaine & Nancy Tracy—4th in A in 199er Pairs (10 pairs)
- Barbara Blaine, Nancy Tracy, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout Teams (12 teams)
- Gwen Briscoe, Fran Cockcroft, Sheila Mehaffy, & Diane Lord—5/8 in Bracket 4 Knockout Teams (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout Teams (10 teams)
- Bill Jones, Jack Tidball, Bert Turner, & teammate—3/4 in Bracket 2 Knockout Teams (16 teams)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—3rd in A & B in 199er Pairs (10 pairs)

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- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—4th in A in Open Pairs (70 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & partner—1st in A in Open Pairs (50 pairs)
- Jane Teed & Sherry Wortsmith—3rd in C in Open Pairs (60 pairs)
- Jan Trotter & Frances Westermann—1st in A, B, & C in Side Pairs (16 pairs)
- Jan Trotter, Jane Teed, Frances Westermann, & Sherry Wortsmith—6th in A/1st in B & C in Stratified Swiss Teams (31 teams)
- Jane Teed & Frances Westermann—6th in B/3rd in C in Side Pairs (37 pairs)
- Jan Trotter & Sherry Wortsmith—4th in C in Side Pairs (37 pairs); 4/5 in A/3rd in B/1st in C in Side Series (14 pairs)

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- David Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockout Teams (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 1 Knockout Teams (12 teams)

District 10 STaC

- Ken Aeberman & LaQuita Crowell—11th in B in Open Pairs (337 pairs)
- Sam Cheesman & partner—8th A in Open Pairs (172 pairs)
- Karla Chenault & Sandra Morris, 3rd in A & B in 99er Pairs (12 pairs)
- David Cockcroft & Jack Tidball—7th in A in Open Pairs (337 pairs)
- Fran Cockcroft & Linda Goldsmith, 6th in C in Open Pairs (395 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—3rd in A/1st in B in Open Pairs (221 pairs)
- Lee Cress & Rosemary Dyke, 4th in B in 99er Pairs (12 pairs)
- Jane Dickey & Ann Ferrill, 6th in A in Open Pairs (395 pairs)

- Ruth Gilliam & Rena Riley, 17th in A in Open Pairs (395 pairs)
- Linda Goldsmith & Jeanne Williams, 4th in A in 99er Pairs (12 pairs)
- Carol Holcomb & Ann Lewis, 12th in B in Open Pairs (395 pairs)
- Bill Jones & Bert Turner, 4th in C in Open Pairs (395 pairs)
- Kathy Miller & Marilyn Watt, 9th in A in Open Pairs (395 pairs); 14th in A in Open Pairs (315 pairs)
- Dave Neuschwanger & Virginia Young, 2nd in A & B in 99er Pairs (12 pairs)
- Kelly Parker & Pat Riley, 1st in A & B in 99er Pairs (12 pairs) ♦

We mourn the passing of Ben Allen

National Masterpoint Races

At June 6, 2005, 7 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, #190 Al Childs.

Barry Crane Top 500: #39 Allan Siebert, #172 David Siebert.

Ace of Clubs Sectional Master of the Year: #17 Bill Jones.

Ace of Clubs Grand Life Master of the Year: #21 Allan Siebert.

Mini-McKenney Sectional Master of the Year: #7 Bill Jones.

Points Won at 2005 Sectionals: #79 David Siebert, #135 Bonnie Melchior; #148 Gerald Koonce.

Youth of the Year: #29 Alex Phillips.

Player of the Decade: #90 Allan Siebert. ♣

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)

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

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

August 8–14, Tulsa, OK
August 15–21, St. Louis, MO
August 30–September 5, Richardson, TX
September 19–25, Tunica, MS
September 30–October 2, Metairie, LA (0–300)
October 24–30, Mobile, AL
October 24–30, Bossier City, LA

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

June 30–July 3, Metairie, LA
July 14–17, Baton Rouge, LA
July 15–17, Tyler, TX
August 4–7, Lake Charles, LA
August 19–21, Huntsville, AL
September 2–5, Birmingham, AL
September 24–25, Fort Worth, TX (0–300)
September 30–October 2, Monroe, LA
September 30–October 2, Tupelo, MS
October 1–2, Muskogee, OK
October 6–9, Moss Point, MS
October 14–16, St. Charles, MO
October 20–23, Nashville, TN
October 21–23, Fort Worth, TX
October 21–23, Oklahoma City, OK
October 28–30, Kimberling City, MO
November 4–6, DeGray, AR

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 June 6, 2005 in District 10 are shown below. District 10 includes Alabama, most of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and most of Tennessee.

District 10 Mini-McKenney

Rookie of the Year: #22 John Chapman.

Junior Master of the Year: #3 Dave Neuschwanger, #15 Barbara Blaine, #20 Jim Gauntt, #25 Marion Belew.

Club Master of the Year: #3 Gwen Briscoe, #5 Sheila Mehaffy, #9 Somers Collins, #10 Missy McCain, #20 Sherry Wortsmith, #22 Jeanne Williams.

Sectional Master of the Year: #1 Bill Jones.

Regional Master of the Year: #17 Bert Turner.

NABC Master of the Year: #7 Ann Lewis.

Silver Life Master of the Year: #21 Ann Ferrill.

Gold Life Master of the Year: #17 Bonnie Melchior.

Diamond Life Master of the Year: #16 Dane Clay; #17 Ann Clay.

Grand Life Master of the Year: #2 Allan Siebert, #4 David Siebert, #8 Al Childs.

District 10 Ace of Clubs

Rookie of the Year: #11 John Chapman.

Junior Master of the Year: #4 David Neuschwanger, #6 Jim Gauntt, #19 Blanche Moore.

Club Master of the Year: #2 Gwen Briscoe, #8 Linda Goldsmith, #11 Sheila Mehaffy, #14 Sherry Wortsmith.

Sectional Master of the Year: #1 Bill Jones.

Regional Master of the Year: #12 Bert Turner.

NABC Master of the Year: #11 Ann Lewis, #15 Diane Tait.

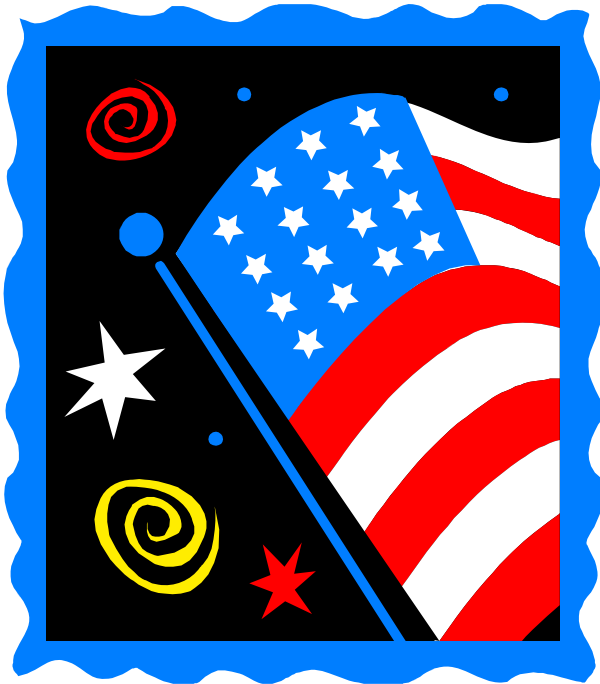
Gold Life Master of the Year: #21 Ruth Gilliam, #22 Peggy Jett.

Diamond Life Master of the Year: #18 Dane Clay, #20 Ann Clay.

Grand Life Master of the Year: #3 Al Childs, #8 David Siebert, #12 Allan Siebert. ♠

**Congratulations to Frances
Westermann on achieving Life
Master status!**

Independence Day Party
Monday, July 4
11:00 a.m.
Pot Luck
Open Game



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