

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

*A Zero Tolerance Club*

January 2006

### **New Game Schedule for Under 20 MP and Under 300 MP Crowd**

Attention all non-life master players! New games are available at the Bridge House just for you.

First, your favorites are still in place: games for players with under 300 masterpoints Wednesday mornings starting at 9:30 and Thursday nights starting at 7:00.

The Monday night 7:00 game has been changed to 0–300 masterpoints.

A new game for players with under 20 masterpoints has been scheduled for Wednesday nights starting at 7:00.

The evening games on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be preceded with a “mini” lesson, starting at 6:30. The lessons are free and open to all.

Don't have a partner? Not a problem! Partners are guaranteed at all three of these evening games. ♠

### **LRDBC Mentoring Program Is Here!!!**

**Bert Turner**

The LRDBC mentoring program is designed to match less experienced players with more experienced players to help both improve their bridge skills. The mentoring program builds on Master–Novice night, but it is more of a tutoring program and is not just for novices. Mentors don't have to be life masters and mentees could be life masters. While primarily to help newer players, the mentoring program is intended to help players at all levels increase their success and satisfaction at the bridge table.

For mentees, the program is an opportunity for you to gain knowledge, confidence, and assistance to enjoy your bridge even more. For mentors, it is an opportunity for you to share your love of the game, to pass along your experience, and to help grow our club.

The basic program has a few simple guidelines:

- ❖ The mentor should have at least 100 more masterpoints than the mentee.
- ❖ Mentors and mentees will commit to playing as partners at least twice a month for six months.
- ❖ Your mentoring partnership can play in any game for which both partners are eligible.
- ❖ Regular game fees apply for both mentor and mentee and are paid individually.
- ❖ Discussions/tutoring at the table should be minimal and as a courtesy should include the opponents.
- ❖ The mentor should tutor only one mentee at a time under this program.

### **OPEN GAMES**

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0–300) *	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (0–300)	9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (0–20) *	7:00 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.

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Some possible goals the mentee may be trying to reach include:

- to feel more comfortable playing up,
- to become more tournament tough,
- to learn and practice new conventions,
- to learn play of the hand techniques.

More information is available on the club's bulletin board. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the sheet at the Bridge House. Sign up both players if you have worked out an agreement or check the block and the program coordinator will match you up with a mentor or mentee. Thank you for your interest and commitment. For more information, contact Bert Turner at 753-7578. ♥

If you make a notation on the traveler to indicate that someone has made a scoring error, the director will never see it. Take the time yourself to ask the person who scored incorrectly about the error. When the director is running a list of scores into the computer, s/he never sees question marks, circles, etc. ♣

## From the Director's Corner

**Deb Phillips**

### SLOW PLAYERS CAN'T TALK

It is fine to take as long as you want to play a hard hand—or any hand as far as that is concerned. No one ever complains about the pensive bridge player. But lots of people complain about having to wait for the slow player. Some hands are hard. They do require more time. But most hands don't. If slow players would not be long talkers also, they would not hold up the game. When a hand is hard and we want to discuss it after the round, that is not a problem unless we are behind in our play. Try to keep up. If you find yourself playing slow for whatever reason, don't chat about the

hand also. Mark it and chat about it after the game. There are complaints about the games running long and thus we are going to be giving more late plays so the majority of the club can leave on time. This actually holds up the directors longer than if no late plays were given at all. With the results on the web site, no one has to stay late to find out the results. We can always hold your pot money for you if you have to run home to your beauty sleep.

As directors, we know who are the slow players. They are the ones who say they aren't slow, or who always blame the other pair for slowing them up. Slow players will never admit to being slow; they probably don't even realize they are slow. So here are a few hints to help you recognize if you are one of the slow players of our club.

You are probably a slow player if...

- ❖ you are still playing the hand when the director calls the next round.
- ❖ you are still playing when the director announces "slow players catch up!"
- ❖ the others at your table have folded up their hands and placed them on the table while you decide what you are going to do.
- ❖ the person following you is always trying to boot you out of your seat.
- ❖ the person following you is always lurking around your seat.
- ❖ the next table is getting a couple of boards so they can start the next round while you are still playing the last board of the previous round.
- ❖ you are trying to get a bid on the table before the director calls the round, so you don't have to take a late play.
- ❖ you often have a late play.
- ❖ the whole room is finished playing except everyone is waiting on your final score to go into the computer so they can see what the final results are.

So if you find one or more of these points to describe you, try to talk less so as to speed up the game and make your opponents happy.

Don't make us name names! ♦

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																	
<p>1</p> <p>1:30 PM Swiss Team Game</p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-300 Game</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 AM 0-300 Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini-Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-50 Game</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-300 Game</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM <i>Margaritas &amp; Mexican Potluck</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p>																																																																																																	
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## Very Special STaC, Districts 7, 10, 16, & Part 9

A total of 12,131.11 masterpoints were earned by 5,976 players in the Hurricane Relief Sectional Tournament at Club held December 12–18, 2005. Listed below are the winners playing in games at the Bridge House. In the overall top 200 were LRDBC members #18 David Siebert, #20 Gerald Koonce, #36 Allan Siebert, #72 Ruth Gilliam, #73 Peggy Jett, #74 Bill Jones, #142 Jane Dickey, #162 Jim Gauntt, #185 Suzanne Siebert, and #196 Walter Ely.

- David Siebert & Suzanne Siebert—3rd in A (151.5 tables) 68.80%
- Walter Ely & Ruth Gilliam—4th in A (144 tables) 67.95%
- Allen Childs & Bo Liu—5th in A (151.5 tables) 66.67%
- Gerald Koonce & Allan Siebert—5th in A (281.5 tables) 66.67%
- Peggy Jett & Gerald Koonce—3rd in A (244.5 tables) 66.31%
- Ruth Gilliam & Madalyn Reinhardt—5th in A (195.5 tables) 65.28%
- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—2nd in A (60 tables) 64.81%
- Bonnie Melchior & Allan Siebert—13th in A (151.5 tables) 64.52%
- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—8th in A (195.5 tables) 64.35%
- Jane Dickey & Diane Williams—18th in A/9th in B (185.5 tables) 63.87%
- Gerald Koonce & Allan Siebert—15th in A (151.5 tables) 62.91%
- Jane Dickey & Jack Tidball—10/11th in A (184 tables) 62.50%
- Ann Ferrill & Edna Savoy—13th in A (144 tables) 61.86%
- Jim Gauntt & Bill Jones—10th in B/2nd in C (151.5 tables) 61.73%
- Allen Childs & Bo Liu—20th in A (184 tables) 60.91%
- Margaret Kelly & Liz Parry—19th in A/7th in B (144

tables) 60.58%

- Bill Jones & Bert Turner—13th in B/6th in C (184 tables) 60.00%
- Judy Chapman & Richard Chapman—3rd in C (151.5 tables) 59.30%
- Gene Marques & Rita Sevall—5th in B/1st in C (60 tables) 57.41%
- Jim Gauntt & Bill Jones—3rd in C (151.5 tables) 56.78%
- Bill Jones & Bert Turner—3rd in C (60 tables) 53.94%
- Margaret Mathews & Diana Nagel—4th in C (60 tables) 51.16% ♠

### 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 30–April 9, Dallas, TX

### REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

January 23–29, Nashville, TN

February 6–12, Houston, TX

February 20–26, Sarasota, FL

April 17–23, Gatlinburg, TN

May 1–7, Oklahoma City, OK

**May 15–21, Hot Springs, AR**

### NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

January 6–8, Germantown, TN

January 13–15, Oklahoma City, OK

January 13–15, Jackson, MS

January 13–15, St. Charles, MO

January 26–29, Richardson, TX

**January 30–February 5, Districts 7 & 10 STaC**

**February 9–12, Birmingham, AL**

**February 17–19, Hattiesburg, MS**

February 24–26, Branson, MO

February 24–25, Norman, OK (0–300)

February 24–26, Grapevine, TX

March 2–5, Baton Rouge, LA

March 17–19, Hot Springs Village, AR

March 20–26, Las Vegas, NV

April 21–23, Kansas City, MO

April 21–23, Houston, TX

# Your Bid and Play

**Don Gattinger**

VUL: E-W

DLR: North

<p>♠ K J 6 3 ♥ 8 3 ♦ A J 3 ♣ A J 9 7</p>	<p>♠ 9 8 ♥ A K 10 ♦ K 8 7 6 5 ♣ K 8 5</p>
<p>♠ 4 ♥ Q 9 6 5 4 ♦ 10 9 2 ♣ Q 4 3 2</p>	<p>♠ A Q 10 7 5 2 ♥ J 7 4 ♦ Q 4 ♣ 10 6</p>

How do you think auction should go? Suggested auction:

N	E	S	W
1♦	1♠	P	4♠
All Pass			

Bid Analysis: East has the bottom end of a red vs. white overcall. If you don't bid 1♠, you may not get a chance to bid. It may be at 4♥ when it gets back to you and you don't know whether to bid 4♠ or not. If you overcall 1♠, partner has the decision whether to bid 4♠ or not. West has 14 HCP, a doubleton, and 4-card support. East may not have an opening hand, but if he can't make game with this dummy, he probably shouldn't have overcalled 1♠.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead: Diamond ten.

Lead analysis: Lousy top of sequence in partner's bid suit. A case could be made for an attacking lead away from a queen, but who knows which one is right.

Plan your play. Play analysis: Declarer's winners off the top are six spades, one diamond, and one club. You can ruff a heart for an extra spade and force out the diamond king to develop an extra diamond trick. Your losers are two hearts (after you trump one), one diamond, and one club. Your club loser can go on the third diamond.

Summary: 4♠ by East should catch 10 tricks. ♥

# Masterpoint Races at December 6

## National

**ACBL Top 500:** #23 Allan Siebert, #31 David Siebert, #199 Al Childs.

**Barry Crane Top 500:** #34 Allan Siebert, #134 David Siebert.

**Ace of Clubs Sectional Master of the Year:** #30 Bill Jones.

**Ace of Clubs Grand Life Master of the Year:** #45 Al Childs; #83 David Siebert.

**Mini-McKenney Sectional Master of the Year:** #9 Bill Jones.

**Mini-McKenney Regional Life Master of the Year:** #68 Bert Turner.

**Mini-McKenney Grand Life Master of the Year:** #19 Allan Siebert; #51 David Siebert.

**Senior of the Year:** #4 Allan Siebert.

**Player of the Decade:** #89 Allan Siebert.

## District 10 Mini-McKenney Top 10

**Rookie of the Year:** #4 Virginia Young.

**Junior Master of the Year:** #4 Jim Gauntt; #10 Barbara Blaine.

**Club Master of the Year:** #7 Sherry Wortsmith.

**Sectional Master of the Year:** #1 Bill Jones.

**Regional Master of the Year:** #7 Bert Turner.

**Grand Life Master of the Year:** #1 Allan Siebert, #6 David Siebert, #10 Al Childs.

## District 10 Ace of Clubs Top 10

**Junior Master of the Year:** #4 Jim Gauntt, #9 Dave Neuschwanger.

**Club Master of the Year:** #6 Linda Goldsmith.

**Sectional Master of the Year:** #1 Bill Jones.

**Grand Life Master of the Year:** #3 Al Childs, #7 David Siebert, #10 Allan Siebert. ♦

# 2005 Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

## Under 300 at December 29

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Ed Rolle	6.69
Less Than 50	Marion Belew	24.38
Less Than 100	Linda Goldsmith	55.12
Less Than 300	Art Pfeifer	57.83

## Overall at December 29

Peggy Jett .....	145.41
Bill Jones.....	124.13
David Cockcroft .....	119.94
Betsy Berry.....	116.74
Ruth Gilliam.....	115.08
Ann Ferrill.....	110.81
Helen Abbott.....	103.83
Tommye Davis .....	100.65
Norma Campbell.....	100.52
Jack Tidball .....	98.90

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