

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

February 2006

Your Bid and Play

Don Gattinger

WARNING: This is a tough hand, but it should get you thinking. You should examine the possibilities, especially when you are playing IMPs.

VUL: None

DLR: North

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

How do you think auction should go? Suggested auction:

N	E	S	W
1♠	P	2♠	P
4♠	All Pass		

Bid Analysis: 2♣ opening is debatable. This is a 20 HCP hand with singleton and doubleton, but if partner can't support one of my majors, it has at least 4–5 potential losers. Then again, if partner has 4 spades and 2 hearts and spades break 2–2, it can make 5 even if partner has 0 HCP. (Note: If partner bids 1NT, then I probably rebid 4♥). South bids 2♠ showing 6 to a bad 10 HCP, so that's enough for game and North bids it.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead: heart queen.

Lead analysis: Top of touching honors. Generally speaking, don't lead trumps. If you lead trumps, it had better work! Top of a sequence will get you more match points in the long run.

Plan your play. Play analysis: If spades are 3–2 and hearts are 3–2, you lose 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club. But it looks like hearts are 4–1, so what now? If East has 3 spades, we can't avoid 4 losers (1 club, 1 spade, and 2 hearts). West can over ruff dummy's trump hearts. But if West has 3 spades, we have a chance. Diamond queen to king, lead a heart from South. If West ruffs, play low, call trumps when back in lead, and ruff a heart. If West doesn't ruff (best defense), then give up a heart and you can ruff the fourth heart. If West over ruffs with a natural trump trick, so what? Lose 1 spade, 1 heart, and 1 club.

Question: Is another potential auction opening 1♥ with the intention of reversing to 2♠ to show a good hand?

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 (0–50) *	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.

**LITTLE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
January 1—December 31, 2005**

INCOME:

Club Games	Tables	Entries	Directors	Net
Sunday	358.5	\$ 4,318.00	(\$ 527.00)	\$ 3,791.00
Monday	543.0	6,905.50	(542.00)	6,363.50
Monday Night	301.0	3,872.50	(604.00)	3,268.50
Tuesday Night	355.5	4,446.00	(546.00)	3,900.00
Wednesday	372.0	4,435.00	(696.00)	3,739.00
Thursday Day	558.0	7,337.50	(516.00)	6,821.50
20-300	382.5	4,550.50	(614.00)	3,936.50
Friday	305.0	4,015.50	(455.00)	3,560.50
Saturday	<u>237.5</u>	<u>3,612.00</u>	<u>(436.00)</u>	<u>3,176.00</u>
Total Club Games	3,413.0	\$43,492.50	(\$4,936.00)	\$38,556.50

Prepaid Entries	\$ 4,060.00
Over / Short (Entry Fees).....	(94.75)
Concessions	331.05
Coke Machine.....	868.25
Beer / Wine.....	8.00
Dues	3,685.75
Memorial Donations.....	5.00
Interest	18.21
Supplies sold	71.48
Miscellaneous.....	<u>866.53</u>
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$48,376.02

EXPENSES:

Rent to The Bridge House	\$24,000.00
ACBL Monthly Fees.....	2,324.95
ACBL Other Fees	3,527.34
Newsletter.....	3,297.66
Internet Access.....	603.93
Bridge Supplies.....	1,603.36
Other Supplies.....	1,479.55
Maintenance/Repairs.....	0.00
Concessions	297.28
Coke	475.66
Beer / Wine.....	0.00
Parties	1,350.50
Miscellaneous.....	<u>1,719.79</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$40,680.02

NET INCOME..... \$ 7,696.00

Congratulations to Jan Trotter, our
newest Life Master!

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Answer: When you are 5–5, always open the higher ranking suit. A jump shift shows a strong hand just like a reverse. A reverse doesn't have to have the strength of a jump shift. If you open 1♥ and then bid spades, it shows more hearts than spades.

Summary: 4♠ by North. Should catch 10 tricks. ♠

Racing by the Numbers

New ACBL masterpoint race criteria will be in effect in 2006. Races will be defined by number of points and not rank. For example, you could still be an NABC Master with 300 points because you don't have the required Gold Points to become a Life Master. In this case, you would not be allowed to compete in the NABC Master Race but instead in the race for those with 300–500 points. ♥

ACBL-wide Senior Pairs

Date & Time: 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 27.

Masterpoints: 80% sectional rated black.

Overall Awards: 1st, 20; depth of awards, 10 places;
District Winners: 1st, 10; depth of awards, 5 places.

Hand records and analyses.

Winners recognized on ACBL web site and in the ACBL Bridge Bulletin.

Open to any player 55 years of age as of the day of the event. ♦

February is Junior Fund Month

Masterpoints: 100% sectional rated black.

Most of the Bridge House sessions in February will be held as Junior Fund Games. Players earn extra masterpoints while helping the junior program for youth up to age 26. ♣

President's Letter

Art Pfeifer

Your club is in fine condition, thanks to the efforts of so many and especially Margaret Kelly. With her outstanding leadership in 2004 & 5, table count has increased year after year and we finished the year with

money in the bank!

It looks like this year will be an exciting one at your club. Our sectional tournament may be at risk this spring and have to be postponed till fall. The hotel is not quite as flexible as they were last year so there is more work to do. More later.

Dick Heil has a new class just starting on Wednesday night. Over twenty new players are in that class! Many limited games have had the upper limit increased, hoping more members will be able to play. For example, the Thursday night tradition of 0–300 has been increased to 0–500! So y'all come on back!

Check the February calendar—it is chocked full of exciting games for you. In addition to STaC games, the ACBL Junior Fund games offer sectional black points (usually more than double the usual awards) and there is a Junior Fund game for everyone with extra opportunities for those who play in the limited games.

So, all you regulars and especially those members we have been missing: LET'S PLAY! ♠

2005 Total Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

Peggy Jett	142.07
Bill Jones	117.94
David Cockcroft	117.19
Ruth Gilliam	115.08
Betsy Berry	113.99
Ann Ferrill	108.35
Helen Abbott.....	104.53
Tommye Davis.....	97.66
Norma Campbell.....	95.87
Jack Tidball.....	94.25
Bonnie Melchior.....	93.11
Edna Savoy	87.51
Deb Phillips.....	79.77
Al Childs	78.81
Walter Ely	72.71
Bert Turner	70.97
Marilyn Drinkwater	58.46
Lou Morris	58.20
Art Pfeifer	57.31
Bernice McNutt	57.07

Peggy Tops 2005!



2006 Board

Top Row: Ruth Gilliam, Somers Collins, Liz Perry, Deb Phillips, Art Pfeifer, Dick Heil
 Bottom Row: Margaret Kelly, Diane Lord, Rick Lowens, Ann Lewis
 Not Pictured: David Cockcroft, Kay Loss, Bert Turner



2005 Life Masters

Bill Jones, Jane Teed, Frances Westermann, Dick Heil, Ann Lewis, Bert Turner, Diane Lord. Not Pictured: Jan Turner

Tournament Results

Holiday Regional, Kansas City, MO

- Russ Jones & teammates—1st in Bracket II Knockout (12 teams); 1st in Bracket II Knockout (12 teams)
- Russ Jones & partner—2nd in X in Flight A Pairs (56 pairs)

Nate Silverstein Sectional, Germantown, TN

- Barbara Blaine & Nancy Tracy—1st in A&B in 199er Pairs (11 pairs)
- Ann Clay, Dane Clay, Gerald Koonce, & Bonnie Melchior—1st in Bracket I Knockout (7 teams)
- Mike Compton & Bonnie Fincher—2nd in A in Speedball Pairs (21 pairs)
- Jane Dickey & Jack Tidball—1st in A in Speedball Pairs (21 pairs); 3rd in B in Open Pairs (37 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—1st in C in Open Pairs (44 pairs)
- Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Missy McCain, & Sheila Mehaffy—4/5 in Swiss (38 teams)
- Sheila Mehaffy & Sherry Wortsmith—3rd in C in Speedball Pairs (21 pairs); 3rd in A in 199er Pairs (14 pairs)
- David Siebert & Suzanne Siebert—1st in A in Open Pairs (44 pairs)
- David Siebert, Suzanne Siebert, & teammates—6th in A in Swiss (38 teams)

Section 138 Mid-Winter Sectional, Jackson, MS

- Barbara Blaine & Betty Peden—4/5 in A&B in 199er Pairs (10 pairs)
- Kathy Childs & Christine Foy—6th in B in Open Pairs (54 pairs)

Music City Regional, Nashville, TN

- Barbara Blaine & Virginia Young—2nd in AB&C in 299er Pairs (25 pairs); 1st in AB&C in 299er Pairs (22 pairs)
- Gwen Briscoe & Sheila Mehaffy—3rd in A&B/1st in C in Side Game (34 pairs)
- Bodie Cobb & Marilyn Watt—5/6 in A in Side Game (36 pairs); 6th in A/2nd in B in Side Game (30 pairs)

- Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, Bonnie Fincher, & Langdon Jones—2nd in Bracket IV Knockout (16 teams)
- Mike Compton & Langdon Jones—5/6 in B/4th in C in Side Game (33 pairs)
- Jane Dickey, Jack Tidball & teammates—3/4 in Bracket II Knockout (13 teams)
- Carol Holcomb, Jane Teed, Jane Trotter, & Sherry Wortsmith—1st in Bracket V Knockout (15 teams); 8th in A/4th in B/2nd in C in B/C/D Swiss (57 teams)
- Ann Lewis & Diane Lord—6th in A/5th in B/2nd in C in Side Game (34 pairs)
- Allan Siebert, David Siebert, & teammates—1st in Bracket I Knockout (9 teams); 4th in A in A/X Swiss (17 teams)
- Suzanne Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracket II Knockout (9 teams); 5th in B in B/C/D Swiss (57 teams); 3/4 in Bracket C Swiss (8 teams)

LRDBC Friday Night Potluck Cookbook

Deb Phillips

We've talked about it and now we are going to do it. Yes, the Friday Night Potluck is going to publish a cookbook.

Whenever you come on Friday night, if you will just write out your recipe, we will publish it in the cookbook. It may take some time to do it, but it will happen. Recipe cards will be available at the club, you can write it out on any piece of paper or recipe card, or you can email the recipe to armidwife@aol.com.

We have been having WONDERFUL gourmet meals on Friday nights and we would like to share the recipes with those of you who haven't been able to join us. Best idea yet!! Join us for these wonderful meals!! And such desserts!!

Included in this cookbook will be Helen's meringue pies, Tommie's slaw, Edna's gumbo, Walter's Turkish dishes, Bill's desserts, Ann's appetizers, Deb's lasagna, and Norma's salads, just to mention a few.

So bring your dish, your recipe, and your appetite. Friday night is Party Night at LRDBC. ♥

January Board Minutes

Ann Lewis

The January Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the LRDBC was called to order by President Art Pfeifer. Those in attendance were Somers Collins, Dick Heil, Margaret Kelly, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Rick Lowens, Kay Loss, Liz Parry, Art Pfeifer, Deb Phillips, and Bert Turner.

Art welcomed the new Board members and stated that the Board is scheduled to meet on the second Sunday of the month. The meetings will start promptly at 12:15 p.m.

Ann Lewis read the minutes of the Annual Meeting, held December 11, 2005, and the minutes of a special called meeting held on December 12, 2005. Both minutes were approved unanimously.

Art stated that the format for the meetings will be:

1. Reports
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. General Discussion

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens gave the Treasurer's Report (copy attached). The total income for the year 2005 is \$7,696.

Rick gave Deb Phillips an up-to-date list of the people who have paid their LRDBC dues for 2006. He asked Deb to remind the game directors to charge \$1 extra for non-members.

The LRDBC has insurance with Ramsey, Krug, Farrell & Lensing. There were questions about game director liability and if the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge House is covered under our policy. Art will check with our insurance agent and give a report at the February meeting.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly announced that the New Life Masters party will be held Sunday, January 22, 2006.

STaC's will be held the week of January 30—February 5. All games are open except the Wednesday night game.

Grand National Teams will be held at the LRDBC on

February 18. This will be a two-session event.

ACBL Senior Game is on Monday, February 27.

Margaret sent a letter and money to ACBL to get the Wednesday night game sanctioned.

MENTORING PROGRAM

Bert Turner announced that there are 15 to 20 pairs participating in this program. Art thanked Bert for initiating this program.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dick stated he had sent 167 letters announcing the changes in the Monday (0–300), Wednesday (0–20), and Thursday (0–500) night games.

Dick will start teaching two classes (Club and Diamond Series) at the Little Rock Athletic Club this month. He has already taught one session of the Club Series at the LRAC. He had 17 participants.

A new Club Series class was started tonight at the LRDBC.

OLD BUSINESS

Margaret is making a new sign-up poster for Master/Novice night. It was suggested that a note at the bottom of the poster read "Do not sign-up with the same master in consecutive months" and "Please call master before game".

Somers Collins volunteered to be in charge of New Life Master party. Kay Loss will assist her. The party will be potluck with the LRDBC furnishing a cake. The date is Sunday, January 22, and will start at 12:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Deb Phillips moved that coupons cannot be used at special games—any game where the fee is over \$3.50. Dick Heil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dick will re-do the coupons to reflect this change.

Dick Heil moved that the Thursday night games be changed to 0–500 on a trial basis from February 1—May 1, 2006. Art Pfeifer seconded the motion. There followed much discussion. Art called for the question. The vote was 5 in favor and 4 against. The motion passed. It was decided table count will determine whether this trial change is successful.

The month of February is ACBL Junior Fund Month. During this time, for an extra \$1 (\$4.50), sectional tournament black points will be awarded. After some discussion, Kay Loss moved that we have the ACBL Junior Fund game just the week of February 19—25 and that all 0–500 games (Monday night, Wednesday morning, and Thursday night) be allowed to have these games the entire month of February. Dick Heil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. ♦

ACBL Amnesty

The ACBL Board approved an amnesty program for previous members. Between January 1 and June 30, 2006, upon payment of membership dues or service fees, people whose ACBL membership has lapsed will be credited with all masterpoints earned during the lapsed membership period. All lapsed members of the ACBL are urged to rejoin and support the ACBL and bridge. ♣

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