

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

March 2006

### Attention to all 0–500 players of LRDBC

Dick Chapman

As part of an effort to keep our Thursday night attendance high, Dick Heil has asked Gordon Campbell to give mini-lessons from 6:30 to 7:00 for the next several weeks. Gordon has graciously consented to do this. He was a member of the Canadian team that won the World Bridge Federation's Grand Prix event in Salt Lake City in 2002 and has several other big wins as part of various Canadian teams. He is an excellent teacher and will make our Thursday night games even more enjoyable.

Gordon has promised to keep the discussion geared to topics that intermediate players would find useful. Please come out and hear Gordon at 6:30 and then join the game at 7:00.

See you Thursday at 6:30! ♠

### President's Letter

Art Pfeifer

Suspicions were confirmed that our "City of Roses" tournament would not happen this spring. Margaret Kelly and I paid a visit to the Comfort Inn to get additional information as to their new charges for use of the facility. Mike Compton was right—no way to have the tournament without financial loss due to their new rules and fee schedule. I checked the Event Center—way too big and also too expensive. Suggestions for a suitable location for our next tournament are solicited.

February looks like a banner month at the club both as to table count and masterpoint awards. I hope everyone who participated felt the STaC and Junior Fund Games were rewarding. Maybe next year we can extend the Junior Fund Games as they are available for the complete month.

Your club is participating in the first tournament at the Country Club of Little Rock. Thanks to Somers Collins who pulled the event together and to Bert Turner and Bill Jones who are co-directors for the event. Our hope is that more players from the CCLR will want to become members and players at our LRDBC.

Special thanks to Dick Chapman who is undertaking the task of distributing the *Newsletter*. Those with email will get delivery by that method; those without email will be delivered by U.S. mail. Copies will be available at the club and posted to our website. Really special thanks to Jane Dickey who does such a masterful job of producing and editing the *Newsletter*.

You will note an effort for all games at the club to be more fairly seeded. Take note of the point count table markers for starting positions. The goal is have A, B, & C players sitting both N/S and E/W and not all just one

### 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 (0–500) *	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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# February Board Minutes

Diane Lord

President Art Pfeifer called the February 12, 2006, LRDBC Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. In attendance were David Cockcroft, Somers Collins, Ruth Gilliam, Margaret Kelly, Diane Lord, Kay Loss, Rick Lowens, Liz Parry, Art Pfeifer, and Bert Turner.

## REPORTS

### Tournaments—Tournament of Roses

Art Pfeifer and Margaret Kelly met with the manager of the Comfort Inn—site of the Little Rock sectional tournament last spring. Unlike last year, the Comfort Inn now charges \$750 for the large room per day, \$300 for smaller rooms per day, and all food served must be purchased from the hotel. Because of the increased expense at the Comfort Inn and that three other tournaments are already scheduled in our area this spring, the board decided to postpone the sectional tournament until fall 2006 or spring 2007.

### Country Club of Little Rock Tournament

Somers Collins contacted the Country Club of Little Rock and asked if they would sponsor a bridge tournament. She hopes to introduce members to duplicate bridge and recruit them to our Bridge House. The CCLR Tournament is scheduled for February 25th. It will be a two-session event for Country Club members and their guests. Bert Turner and Bill Jones will direct. Bert and Bill will use the ACBL scoring program, bid boxes, and award ACBL masterpoints to ACBL members. Nonmembers who join ACBL within a year will receive credit for masterpoints earned at the CCLR tournament.

### Directory

Jane Dickey gave the final directory pages to Margaret Kelly to take to the printer. Margaret will take the pages to Sir Speedy Printing on Monday.

### Newsletter

In a move to reduce postage costs, Dick Chapman volunteered to distribute the LRDBC *Newsletter*. Bert volunteered to contact Jane Dickey and ask if that will work. If so, after Jane prepares the *Newsletter*, Dick will mail a copy to members who prefer to receive their

*Newsletter* in the mail. Members who prefer email will receive a copy by email. Copies will be available at the Bridge House for members who prefer to pick up their copy.

### Life Master Party

Art thanked Somers Collins for very successful New Life Master Party.

### Treasurer's Report

Rick passed out the January treasurer's report. He noted the income is larger because annual dues are deposited in January. He reported the table count of 352 in January was the largest in the last 10 years. David moved we adopt the treasurer's report. Bert seconded. The vote was unanimous.

### Club Manager's Report

Margaret Kelly, Club Manager, reported that ACBL Junior Fund Games being held during all novice games in February have increased table count. Junior Fund Games pay more points than regular games. All games the week of February 19th will benefit the ACBL Junior Fund and pay Sectional Point awards. February 27th is the annual Senior Game, limited to players 55 and older.

### Bridge Classes

Art reported that Dick Heil has 8 people enrolled in the Club Series at the Little Rock Athletic Club, 12 people enrolled in the Diamond Series at the Little Rock Athletic Club, and 30 people enrolled in the Diamond Series at the Bridge House.

### OLD BUSINESS

Art reported that the Little Rock Bridge House and the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club are now both named on our liability insurance policy.

### NEW BUSINESS

In response to questions about implementing stratification in all open games, Diane Lord compiled the number of A, B, and C players sitting N/S and E/W for all open games in January. The Board decided to encourage all Directors to balance the field among A, B, and C players just as we do for STaC games. Bert Turner volunteered to make laminated table markers.

There being no further business, Art thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m. ♠



best defense is to put you back on the board with spade and play low when you play a diamond from North hand. Catch 2 spades, 3 hearts, no diamonds, and 5 clubs. If defense slips, you catch 1 diamond.

NOTE: If 3NT is played by South, opening lead should be diamond queen, defense winning first 4 tricks. A spade switch at trick 5 sets the contract. A club allows declarer to finesse in hearts and keep the spade entry to North for ninth trick (ace of hearts).

Summary: 3N by North should catch 10 or 11 tricks.

Questions: Why doesn't North bid 2NT over 2♣ instead of 3NT? With a long club suit and a diamond lead, all South needs for this to make 3NT is AKQxxx in clubs (which is not enough for an opening bid). So 3NT has a better chance when South rebids 2♣ than if South rebids 1NT, showing less than 15 HCPs. 2♣ shows more potential than 1NT.

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VUL: N/S  
DLR: East

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

How do you think auction should go? Suggested Auction:

E	S	W	N
1♠	P♠	4♠	All Pass

Bid Analysis: To overcall vulnerable at the two level, you need close to an opening hand or better, so South should not overcall 2♣. There will be different opinions on what the West response should be. A case could be made for 2♦, 2♠, 3♠, or 4♠. Nevertheless, I recommend 4♠. The age old rule of thumb is this bid shows at least 5 trumps, 5-10 HCP, an ace outside the

trump suit, and a singleton outside the trump suit (so, I fudged 1 spade). I think this is the most descriptive bid and won't be misinterpreted by partner. If you bid 2♦ or 3♠, partner with a strong hand may go to slam. Or partner could pass 3♠ with a weak hand. If you bid 2♠, your partner could pass and your hand is much too good to play 2♠. West should want to be in game when partner opens, so just bid it.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead: Club king. Lead analysis: Top of sequence. You only have 2 in the sequence, but many times leading from king, queen is a good lead.

Plan your play. Play analysis: South should switch to a spade at trick two to cut down dummy's ruffing ability. Actually, North should overtake the king at trick one to lead a spade, in case South had 'K X' in spades. For declarer this is an example of not calling trumps right away. Declarer has 1 diamond and 1 heart, so needs 8 spades tricks to make the contract. You need 3 club ruffs in dummy. Win the second trick in your hand and ruff a club. Play diamond Ace sluffing a heart. Play heart ace and ruff a club. Ruff a diamond and ruff a club. Claim 3 more spade tricks, conceding 2 hearts. Making 4.

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

## Do you know?

Don Gattinger

It seems many players do not know the following: If you pull the wrong card out of the bidding box, you can change it if your partner hasn't bid. That means what it says: If your left hand opponent has bid, you can still change your bid if your partner hasn't bid. This is ONLY if you pulled the wrong card. You are not allowed to think and you are not allowed to change your mind. ♦

## Keep Your Data Up to Date for Newsletter Distribution

A member roster is kept at the front desk, marked "Desk Copy, Do Not Remove". Please bring to the attention of the Director any changes to your address, phone numbers, e-mail address, etc. so they can be noted in this roster or contact Rick Lowens directly. Your receipt of the *Newsletter* depends in large part on the accuracy of the information we have. ♣

## National Masterpoint Races

At February 14, 2006, 8 LRDBC members were ranked in national masterpoint races. The Lifetime Top MP Holders is lifetime; the Barry Crane Top 500 and the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs races are for 2006; and the Player of the Decade measures platinum points earned since the beginning of 2000.

**Lifetime Top MP Holders:** #23 Allan Siebert, #32 David Siebert, #200 Al Childs.

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

**Barry Crane Top 500:** #278 David Siebert.

**0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race:** #84 Virginia Young.

**50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race:** #99 Barbara Blaine.

**100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race:** #22 Sherry Wortsmith; #50 Carol Holcomb.

**500 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race:** #61 Jane Dickey.

**Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race:** #79 David Siebert.

**Over 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race:** #97 Al Childs. ♠

## Bridge Humor?

Submitted by Dick Chapman

A player is called away from a bridge tournament to tend to an emergency. There is one board to play. The director asks a kibitzer to take the empty seat, but the kibitzer knows nothing about the game. The other players say "Just bid what you have and follow suit." The kibitzer sits South and starts the following bidding sequence:

S	W	N	E
1♣	P	2♥	P
2♠	P	3♣	P
3♥	P	4NT	P
7♦	X	All Pass	

This is the deal:

♠ A 9  
♥ A K Q 6 5  
♦ A K  
♣ Q 10 5 4

♠ K Q 10 8  
♥ J 10 9 7  
♦ Q 10  
♣ K J 8

♠ 7 6 5 4 2  
♥ 8  
♦ J 9  
♣ 9 8 7 6 3 2

♠ J 3  
♥ 4 3 2  
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ A

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last one, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts.

When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the bidding, and got the following reply:

"I was told to bid what I have, and I have one club, two spades, 3 hearts, and 7 diamonds!" ♥

## 2006 Masterpoints Won at the Bridge House

Under 300 at February 28

Total Masterpoints	Name	Points
Less Than 10	Bill Mattox	6.58
Less Than 50	Virginia Young	10.44
Less Than 100	Beverly Kinneman	14.17
Less Than 300	Diana Nagel	19.90

Overall at February 28

Peggy Jett.....	28.72
Norma Campbell.....	25.61
Helen Abbott.....	24.42
Ruth Gilliam.....	20.70
Diana Nagel.....	19.90
Bill Jones.....	18.44
Ann Ferrill.....	18.19
Langdon Jones.....	16.31
Betsy Berry.....	16.14
Jane Dickey.....	15.95
Bonnie Melchior.....	15.86
Linda Goldsmith.....	15.68

**HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE  
CARD CLUB's**

**Spring Fling**

**March 17, 18, & 19, 2006**

Coffee and tea always available

Play in two sessions - free lunch

Wine and snacks after second session

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**Casa de Carta at the Ponce de Leon Center**

**Hot Springs Village, Arkansas**

**Bridge House will be closed**

**March 17, 18, & 19!**

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