

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

May 2006

Gordon Campbell Wins NAP—Flight A

Bridge House member Gordon Campbell and his partner, representing ACBL District 18, won the North American Pairs—Flight A at the Dallas North American Bridge Championship. It was Gordon's first NABC title. He has twice won the Canadian National Team Championship and has represented Canada several times in international events. Gordon and his partner, who play a Polish Club system, have been playing together for two years. They are planning to attend the upcoming world championships in Verona, Italy.

The North American Pairs is a grassroots contest open to all ACBL members. Players must qualify at the club, unit, and district levels to be eligible to participate in the final level at the Spring NABC.

Gordon frequently gives "mini-lessons" before the Thursday night games.

Congratulations Gordon! ♠

Wednesday Night 0–20 Future Life Master Game

The Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club has started a game on Wednesday nights specifically designed for the newer bridge player. This game features a mini-lesson starting at 6:30 p.m. that will reinforce some of the bridge basics (opening hands, responses, rebids, overcalls, take-out doubles, and play of the hand) and also start introducing standard conventions (Stayman, Jacoby transfers, Blackwood, Gerber, negative doubles, and defensive signals).

The game will begin at 7:00 p.m. will be conducted in a relaxed atmosphere that will be fun and allow time to discuss the hands and to facilitate the learning and enjoyment of bridge. It is planned that the game will end not later than 9:30. At the end of the evening the results will be posted and there will be time allowed to discuss specific hands or concepts that have arisen during the session.

No partner is required—everybody who shows up will have an opportunity to play and learn. ♥

Gatlinburg Regional

Club members Barbara Blaine, Russ Jones, and Nancy Tracy traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in April for the Smoky Mountain Mid-Atlantic Regional. With 9,564.5 tables, it was the biggest regional ever. Barbara and Nancy and their teammates won a Bracket 22 Knockout and Russ and his teammates placed 11th in A out of 40 teams in A/X Swiss.

***The Bridge House will be
CLOSED for the Hot Springs
Tournament!***

WEEKLY GAME SCHEDULE

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.

April Board Minutes

Ann Lewis

The April Board meeting was called to order by Art Pfeifer. Others in attendance were David Cockcroft, Somers Collins, Margaret Kelly, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Kay Loss, Rick Lowens, and Bert Turner.

The March minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens gave the Treasurer's Report. The table count for the year-to-date is up 72 over the same period in 2005.

Rick stated the LRDBC had close to \$40,000 in CDs. The checking account has \$29,000. Rick is finding the best interest rate for CDs and will be transferring money from the checking account to a new CD in the near future.

Art requested that he and Rick meet with Dane Clay before the end of the year to reconcile the accounts between the LRDBC and the LRDBH.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly announced she had received a check for \$286.32 from the DeGray Tournament organizers. This is LRDBC's percentage of the net proceeds from the DeGray Tournament.

She also received a letter from a participant in the NAP game held at the LRDBC November 22, 2005, stating she had not received her points for that game. Deb Phillips will rectify this matter.

Margaret summarized the minutes from the Unit 161 Board meeting held at Hot Springs Village in April.

Options for the Little Rock Bridge Tournament were discussed.

MENTORING PROGRAM

Bert Turner was asked if there was a difference between master/novice night and mentoring. There was discussion whether a mentor should play with his/her pupil every master/novice night or encourage people to play with different masters. Bert will re-read his notes and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Bert stated that the first session of the mentoring program

will end after six months. Then people will sign up with new mentors.

GAME DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Phillips stated 50% of those surveyed on Tuesday night said slow play was the main problem with the game. The players want to be finished by 10:00 p.m. She is hopeful the new timer will be helpful.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced that Jack Tidball was elected Vice President of District 10 at the Nashville Regional Tournament.

There was discussion about whether the LRDBC was an "Open Chart" Club or a "General Convention Chart" Club. This also promoted discussion about the Rules and Ethics Committee. It was decided that research will be done on these topics and more discussion will follow at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. ♦



New Members

Cindy Burns B'day Jan 29
2621 North Fillmore Street, LR 72207
663-3940 (H)
cburns@phumc.com

India C. Cheairs B'day Aug 20
1819 Shadow Lane, Little Rock 72207
664-1904 (H) 517-4143 (C)
endeah@aol.com

Linda Geddes B'day Sep 8
17 Breezewood Cove, Maumelle 72113
851-4239 (H)

Ann T. Kemp B'day Jan 28
1804 River Heights Road, LR 72202
664-2825 (H) 425-3434 (C)

Bill Phillips B'day Feb 7
320 Bull Run Loop, Cabot 72023
(501) 843-9557 (H)

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

May 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																								
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Results From the Spring 2006 NABC, Dallas, TX

- Barbara Blaine, Beverly Kinneman, Bill Kinneman, & Virginia Young—5th in A/4th in B/2nd in C in 100/200/300 Swiss (16 teams); 4th in A/3rd in B in 299er Swiss (12 teams)
- Barbara Blaine & Nancy Tracy—5th in C in International Fund 299er Pairs (34 pairs)
- Barbara Blaine, Nancy Tracy, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 10 Consolation Compact Knockout (8 teams); 5/8 in Zip Knockout (17 teams); 5/8 in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- Gordon Campbell & partner—1st in NAOP Flight A (72 pairs)
- Gordon Campbell & teammates—4/5 in A in Swiss (87 teams); 9/10 in A in AX Swiss (44 teams)
- John Chapman & Wendy Wheeler—3rd in B in 5/20/50 Pairs (12 pairs)
- Dick Chapman, Judy Chapman, Connie Ellingson, & Roger Ellingson—3/4 in Bracket 11 Knockout (12 teams); 5/8 in Bracket 5 Knockout (16 teams)
- David Cockcroft & Robert Downie—19th in Red Ribbon Pairs (202 pairs)
- Somers Collins, Don Gattinger, Missy McCain, & Art Pfeifer—4th in Bracket 8 Compact Knockout (16 teams)
- Somers Collins, Missy McCain, & teammates—1st in Bracket 8 Consolation Compact Knockout (6 teams)
- Mike Compton, Jane Dickey, & teammates—2nd in Bracket 2 Knockout (12 teams); 2nd in Bracket 5 Compact Knockout (16 teams)
- Jane Dickey, Jack Tidball, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 3 Knockout (16 teams)
- Connie Ellingson, Roger Ellingson, Carl Gray, & Dick Heil—3/4 in Bracket 9 Knockout (13 teams)
- Carolyn Johnson & Richard Johnson—2nd in A in 5/20/50 Pairs (22 pairs)
- Don Gattinger, Art Pfeifer, & teammates—1st in Bracket 2 Consolation Compact Knockout (7 teams)
- Carol Holcomb, Diane Lord, Margaret Mathews, & Sherry Wortsmith—3rd in B/1st in C in Swiss

Teams (75 teams); 4th in Bracket 9 Compact Knockout (16 teams)

- Carol Holcomb & Sherry Wortsmith—5/6 in B/3/4 in C in Side Game (42 pairs)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—3rd in A/2nd in B in 300/200/100 Pairs (14 pairs)
- Jeanne Lloyd & partner—6th in A/2nd in B in Senior Stratified Pairs (68 pairs)
- Kay Loss, Deb Phillips, Joyce Thornton, & teammate—4th in Bracket 6 Compact Knockout (16 teams); 1st in Bracket 2 Compact Knockout (16 teams); 3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout (16 teams)
- Dave Neuschwanger, Jim Tucker, Luraette Tucker, & Virginia Young—1st in Bracket 12 Knockout (12 teams)
- Allan Siebert & David Siebert—54th in Silodor Open Pairs (314 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & partner—49th in Lebhar IMP Pairs (238 pairs)
- Suzanne Siebert & teammates—6th in B in Stratified Swiss (69 teams)
- Suzanne Siebert & partner—5th in X in A/X Pairs (100 pairs)
- Robert Tully & partner—3rd in C in Fast Open Pairs (38 pairs)

Timed games

In keeping with ACBL recommendations and Hot Springs Village standards:

The rounds will be set to 20 minutes for three boards (9 rounds) or 14 minutes for two boards (13 rounds). A five minute break will be given half-way through the game. Once the two minute warning buzzer has sounded, no new hands may be bid or pulled. Average will be given on any board that you cannot play because of time constraints. After a three month probation period, if you have two boards you cannot play due to slow play, average minus will be given for both.

All club members are encouraged to help their partners to move in a timely manner, avoiding prolonged discussion of hands which is usually what causes delays.

These guidelines are a response to a survey taken of the regular Tuesday night players. ♣

RESORT CITY REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

MAY 15–21, 2006

Hot Springs, Arkansas

Sponsored by Unit 161

At the Elegant, Historic Arlington Hotel on Bath House Row in Hot Springs

- Bracketed Knockouts starting at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, continuing the next day at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Top bracket may be handicapped.

- Stratified Open Charity Game Monday at 7:30 p.m.

- Single Session Swiss Teams Tuesday through Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Stratum will be determined using team's average points; Red points only.

- Stratified Open Pairs Tuesday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

- Strati-Flighted Pairs Saturday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

- Side Game Series: Tuesday & Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m. & Friday at 10:00 a.m.

Friday at 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. & Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Must play at least 2 of the 4 or 5 sessions to qualify for overall award.

- 299er Pairs Monday at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., & 7:30 p.m.
- Stratified 299er Swiss Teams (2 sessions; lunch included) Sunday at 10:00 a.m. & TBA
- Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams (2 sessions; lunch included) Sunday at 10:00 a.m. & TBA

Partnerships Ann Ferrill 501-227-8807	Other Nearby Housing Bert Turner 501-753-7578	Entry Fees \$11.00 per session Discounts: 0-5 MP, students, 80+years old
Tournament Chairman Celinda Devish 501-915-9990	Tournament Coordinator Jan Farnsworth 501-922-6172	2-Session Swiss Teams 4 members: \$120.00 No discounts. Extra team member: \$8.00

Speakers before each afternoon session & most morning sessions

299er Games: 0–20 / 20–100 / 100–300 (as needed)

Stratified Open & Side Game Series: 0–500 / 500–1250 / 1250+

Strati-Flighted Paris & Swiss Teams: D = 0–300 / C = 300–750 / B = 750–1250 X = 0–3000 / A = 3000+

Grand National Team District 10 Championship Flight will start at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Finals will be Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The Bridge House will be CLOSED for the Hot Springs Tournament!

Strategies for Losing at Bridge

Dick Heil

1. **Criticize partner**—When a hand goes wrong, look at your partner and blame him or her for the results. This will endear you to your partner. In addition, during the next hand your partner will be concentrating so much on the last hand that he or she will probably screw up the next hand. If you are really effective at criticizing your partner, you will lose. Those who excel at embarrassing their partners will also frequently lose their partners and then have the opportunity to abuse a new partner.

2. **Don't discuss your bidding system before the game**—This strategy is easily implemented by showing up at the last minute and just immediately sitting down to play. If you do inadvertently show up early you can always go get some coffee or use your cell phone to call a friend. During the session if there is a bidding problem you can always implement strategy number 1.

3. **Don't believe your partner's signals**—If through some previous misfortunes you and your partner have actually discussed your playing system, you can quickly recover by not recognizing your partner's signals or believing them when you do inadvertently see them. Looking around the room frequently or other actions that will effectively prevent you from observing what is happening at your table can supplement this strategy.

4. **Play quickly**—The minute the dummy places her or her hand on the table, call for a card to be played immediately. There should be no evidence that you have thought about how to play the hand to make your contract, or even to get an overtrick. You can save a lot of time this way and be finished first by not thinking. If you don't make your contract you can always blame the unusual 3-2 trump split.

5. **Don't observe the bidding**—Be so involved in your own hand and the brilliant way that you are going to play your hand that you don't know or remember the bidding sequence. This can be supplemented by not looking at the opening lead or thinking about the meaning of the lead. If your partner made the opening lead and your opponents made a contract that nobody else did, implement strategy number 1.

6. **Don't analyze your results**—At the end of the game when the results are posted, do not sit down to discuss with your partner various ways that you might improve your bidding system or your defensive play. It is better to walk out the door thinking that if your idiot partner had just played better, you would have won.

7. **Be confident that you know everything**—Do not read the *Bridge Bulletin*, do not read the *Newsletter*, do not buy, borrow, or purloin any books about bridge. Rest assured that your vast knowledge of the game is beyond reproach and that you should be writing bridge articles. If you happen to get into a discussion about bridge, quickly state your expert opinion based on your excellent experience and results, then suddenly exit the area to get a coffee, call a friend, etc.

8. **Don't play up**—Continue to play at the lowest level where the competition is the easiest for you. Do not attend Master–Novice Night. Do not seek to take advantage of the Mentoring Program. Do not challenge yourself to play in any of the Open games where you may be exposed to better bidding methods or good card play. Do not ask a more experienced player to be your partner for a game or two. ♠

Your Bid and Play

Don Gattinger

VUL: None

DLR: North

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

How do you think auction should go? Suggested:

N	E	S	W
1♣	P	1♥	P
3♥	P	4♥	All Pass

Bid Analysis: North's rebid could be 2NT, but with extra values, it is often okay to support with only 3 cards. Also, 2NT would imply stoppers in the unbid suits. If North bids 2NT, then South should bid 4♥. (NOTE: The opener's second bid should generally not be no trump with a singleton or void. Most hands have a better bid available, so if you open 1 of a suit, your next bid should not be no trump unless it is the only bid available. Therefore, South would expect North to have at least 2 hearts giving N/S an 8-card major fit.) When North raises hearts, 2♥ would show 13–15 points, 3♥ would show 16–18, and 4♥ would show 19–21.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead: heart 2.

Lead analysis: Three suits to choose from. A diamond is not a good choice on this auction. I personally don't like top of nothing leads unless it is obviously the best lead. Heart looks safe. Low spade might be correct lead, although on these hands, it might not turn out good if declarer takes advantage of information.

Plan your play. Play analysis: How you play this hand depends on whether you want to catch 10 tricks or jeopardize your contract to possibly catch 12 tricks. You have a possible club loser and possibly three diamond losers. You can't afford a diamond lead from East through your king. Therefore, East is the dangerous opponent. Lead a low spade from dummy and put in the 10. After regaining lead, play the spade king, go to dummy with a heart, discard club on the spade ace, ace of clubs, and a club discarding a diamond if East plays low. This is called a ruffing finesse—if they don't cover, you sluff. If West has the club king and wins the trick, after regaining the lead, call trumps ending in dummy and discard diamonds on the good clubs. You might lose 1 spade, 1 diamond, and 1 club, but your contract is safe. You will not lose 1 club and 3 diamonds, which you would do if you take the club finesse. As it turns out, you only lose 1 spade and 1 diamond.

Summary: 4♥ by South should catch 11 tricks.

Tough hand! You probably won't figure it out on the first try. ♥

Jane Dickey and Jack Tidball placed third in District 10 in the ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs held Monday, February 27, 2006.

A crisis: When your fortune cookie contradicts your horoscope.

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 13–23, Chicago, IL
November 16–26, Hawaii

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS TO CONSIDER

May 1–7, Oklahoma City, OK
May 15–21, Hot Springs, AR
May 31–June 4, Springfield, MO
June 19–25, Paducah, KY
June 28–July 4, Austin, TX
July 24–30, Baton Rouge, LA
July 24–30, Birmingham, AL
August 14–20, St. Louis, MO
August 29–September 4, Fort Worth, TX
August 29–September 4, Atlanta, GA
September 11–17, Tunica, MS

NEARBY SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

May 5–7, Pine Bluff, AR
May 19–21, St. Charles, MO
May 25–29, Richardson, TX
June 9–11, Fort Worth, TX
June 24–25, McAlester, OK
July 7–9, Kansas City, MO
July 14–16, Tyler, TX
August 3–6, Lake Charles, LA
August 17–20, Richardson, TX
August 18–20, Nashville, TN
August 25–27, Tupelo, MS
August 25–27, Jenks (Tulsa), OK
September 23–24, Muskogee, OK
September 29–October 1, Monroe, LA
October 20–22, St. Charles, MO
October 20–22, Oklahoma City, OK
October 20–22, Flowood, MS
October 27–29, Shreveport, LA
October 27–29, Kimberling City, MO
October 27–29, Fort Worth, TX
November 3–5, DeGray, AR

2006 Masterpoints Leaders Won at the Bridge House

Under 300 at April 30

Less Than 10	Sandy Jones	4.98
Less Than 50	George Karpoff	16.01
Less Than 100	Beverly Kinneman	25.85
Less Than 300	Diana Nagel	28.18

Overall at April 30

Peggy Jett	52.78
Helen Abbott.....	41.69
Bill Jones.....	40.64
Norma Campbell.....	40.46
Ruth Gilliam.....	37.94
Ann Ferrill.....	37.83
Tommye Davis	31.72
Betsy Berry.....	31.56
Bonnie Melchior.....	31.48
David Cockcroft	30.94
Diana Nagel.....	28.18
Jane Dickey.....	27.34
Deb Phillips	25.98
Beverly Kinneman	25.85
Langdon Jones.....	25.59

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club
Tanglewood Shopping Center, Suite 122
7509 Cantrell Road
Little Rock, AR 72207

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

LITTLE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

BRIDGE HOUSE — A ZERO TOLERANCE CLUB

TANGLEWOOD SHOPPING CENTER, SUITE 122

7509 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207

(501) 666-9841

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