

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

September 2006



Party for Peggy

In recognition and celebration of Peggy Jett's attaining Diamond Life Master rank, the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club is hosting a party in her honor on Sunday, September 10, starting at 12:30 p.m. Food and drink will be compliments of the Club; play at 1:30 will be the usual \$3.50 fee. Masterpoints will be awarded along with lots of very coveted and valuable prizes! Please RSVP to Dick Chapman at rwc2223@comcast.net or on a sign-up sheet posted at the Club (but not both) before September 7. Please list names and specify whether you will be attending just the party, playing only, or both party and play. It will be a great day of fun, so you all come celebrate! ♣

GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0-20 & 0-300) *	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 (0-500) *	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.

ACBL-Wide 49er Pair Game

Wednesday Night, September 20, will be the ACBL-Wide 49er Pair Game—a special game for players with fewer than 50 registered masterpoints on the September cycle.

Black Masterpoints will be awarded at 45% of the sectional rating.

Winners will be recognized on the ACBL web site and in the *Bridge Bulletin*. ♦

Beginning Bridge Lessons

The “Club Series”, an eight-week course of two-hour sessions for beginning bridge players, will be offered at the Bridge House beginning Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. Each lesson is designed to be approximately 50% discussion and 50% play.

The Club Series focuses on introducing the basic concepts of the game. There is an emphasis on the bidding (opening bids, responses, rebids, overcalls, and takeout doubles) but sufficient elements of play and defense are introduced to allow students to start playing hands right away.

A text that covers all of the concepts discussed in the lessons and that provides additional examples is included in the cost. The text also covers all of the activities (exercises and sample hands) discussed during the class so that the students can review them later.

Cost for the 8 lessons and text is \$60. Reservations are required. To make your reservation call Dick Heil at 753-3097 (H) or 529-6404 (C) or email him at heil@sbcglobal.net.

Tell your friends! ♥

2007 Tournament of Roses

Somers Collins

After a rather threatening few months our LRDBC Tournament has come up smelling like a rose! Your Tournament Committee is pleased to announce our new tournament location at Arkansas 4-H Center. The facility is located at 1 Four-H Way, Little Rock 72223. The phone number is (501) 821-4444. It's easy to find and conveniently located midway between the back end of Hot Springs Village and the Bridge House. It's a very spacious and attractive facility and they are excited about our Tournament and happy to have us there. Feel free to drive out and take a look . . . you will be pleasantly surprised. We have been approved for the first weekend in May 2007: Friday May 4th—Sunday May 6th. And, our highly-regarded Director, Charlie MacCracken, has agreed to serve as our 2007 Tournament Director-in-Charge. Look for more information on the bulletin board. It's only September, but already "Spring is in the Air." ♠

August Board Minutes

Ann Lewis

August 13, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Art Pfeifer. Others in attendance were: Somers Collins, Ruth Gilliam, Dick Heil, Margaret Kelly, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, and Rick Lowens.

Art asked for a motion to approve the July minutes as published. Dick Heil so moved. Margaret Kelly seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Art challenged all Board members to play several times a year in the Monday or Thursday night games or the Wednesday morning games. He stated the Board members need to meet the newer members of the Club and make them feel welcomed. It was suggested Board members wear name tags to when they play in these games. Margaret Kelly also suggested that mixers with snacks and drinks be held before some of the special open games.

The September Board meeting will be postponed to a later date since the regular date will conflict with the party for Peggy Jett.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens gave the Treasurer's report. He stated LRDBC had a good July—3rd highest table count for 2006. Reimbursements for newspapers ads have not been received from ACBL. Also Unit 161 has not sent LRDBC our share from the Hot Springs Regional Tournament held in May.

A resolution [authorizing the Treasurer to open FDIC-insured banking accounts] was read by the secretary. Art asked for approval of this resolution. Diane Lord so moved and Margaret Kelly seconded the motion. The vote was 6 for, 1 abstain.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly has contacted ACBL about joining with another district so LRDBC can have another STaC week. She has gotten permission from David Siebert,

Come Celebrate

Tommye's 80th Birthday

Cocktails & Hor d'oeuvres
Wednesday, September 6th
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

2214 Country Club Lane

Gail & Bill Davis

Diane & Fletcher Lord

please reply: 661-9515

no gifts please

casual attire

Golf carts will shuttle guests from their cars to the house.

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <caption>Aug 2006</caption> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <caption>Oct 2006</caption> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td></tr> <tr><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td></tr> <tr><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>					S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Margaritas & Mexican Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p> <p><i>Yom Kippur</i></p>
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
	1	2	3	4	5																																																																																					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																				
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																																																																																				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21																																																																																				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28																																																																																				
29	30	31																																																																																								
<p><i>3</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Swiss Team Game</p>	<p><i>4</i></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><i>Labor Day</i></p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:30 AM 0-300 Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini-Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM ACBL-wide 49er Pairs Game</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-500 Game</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Italian Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p>																																																																																				
<p><i>10</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Peggy Jett Party</p> <p>1:30 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>11:00 AM ACBL-wide Inter-Club Championship Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-300 Game</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9:30 AM 0-300 Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini-Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-20 Game</p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-500 Game</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:30 PM All-American Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p>																																																																																				
<p><i>17</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>0-20 & 0-300 Game</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9:30 AM 0-300 Game</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Club Championship Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-500 Game</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Cajun Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p>																																																																																				
<p><i>24</i></p> <p>1:30 PM Open Game</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>0-20 & 0-300 Game</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>7:00 PM Master Novice Game</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>9:30 AM 0-300 Game</p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Open Game</p> <p>6:30 PM Free Mini Lesson</p> <p>7:00 PM 0-500 Game</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Chinese Potluck</p> <p>7:00 PM Club Championship Open Game</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>12:30 PM Open Game</p>																																																																																				

President of Unit 161, to do so, and she will be contacting the District 10 President to get approval. The STaC week would be October 23rd to October 29th.

Peggy Jett became a Diamond Life Master on Friday, August 11th. Margaret announced LRDBC will host a party honoring Peggy on Sunday, September 10th. The Club will furnish the food and drinks. Peggy will be asked to invite her family and friends, and Margaret will have a sign-up sheet for the Club members. Dick Chapman will be asked to email the Club members about this party and a reminder will be placed in the *Newsletter*.

The NAP games for B and C qualifiers will be on October 21 at 9:00 a.m. in Hot Springs Village.

LITTLE ROCK BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

Somers Collins announced the tournament will be May 4–6, 2007, at the 4-H Center. Somers will sign the contract for next week. Charlie MacCracken has been asked to be the director.

It was suggested the Club Christmas party be held at the 4-H Center. Somers will check to see if the Center is available for first or second Sunday in December. The party is free but it will cost \$3.50 to play. Rick suggested that anyone who pays their 2007 LRDBC dues by the Christmas party be allowed to play free.

EDUCATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Dick Heil said the players in the 0–20 game on Wednesday night will move to Monday night and there will be two sections: 0–20 and 0–300.

Dick asked for approval from the Board to start lessons—Club Series and then the Diamond Series—on Wednesday night to begin on September 20. The Board approved his request unanimously.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Diane Lord moved the Board accept the LRDBC constitution that was sent to all Board members. Rick Lowens seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ♣

Make Travel Plans

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)

Honolulu, HI, November 16–26
St. Louis, MO, March 8–18, 2007
Nashville, TN, July 19–29, 2007

Regionals

Atlanta, GA, August 29–September 4
Fort Worth, TX, August 29–September 4
Wichita, KS, September 6–10
Robinsonville (Tunica), MS, September 11–17
Jackson, MS, January 8–14
New Orleans, LA, May 22–28

Sectionals

Lafayette, LA, September 1–3
Muskogee, OK, September 23–24
Monroe, LA, September 29–October 1
Kansas City, MO, October 6–8
Arlington, TX, October 7–8
Nashville, TN, October 12–15
St. Charles, MO, October 20–22
Flowood (Jackson), MS, October 20–22
Oklahoma City, OK, October 20–22
Shreveport, LA, October 27–29
Baton Rouge, LA November 2–5 (0–300)
DeGray, AR, November 3–5
Metairie, LA, November 9–12
Baton Rouge, LA, November 30–December 3
Germantown, TN, January 5–7
Hot Springs Village, AR, March 30–April 1
Little Rock, AR May 4–6

North American Pairs—Final Events

The unit and district levels of the NAP are coming up.

Unit 161 will hold a 2-session qualifying game include percentage of gold for overalls at the Village Card Club on Saturday, October 21, 2006.

The District 10 finals for Flights B&C will be Friday, January 12–Sunday, January 14, 2007 at the Jackson MS Regional. The finals for Flight A will be on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at the Tunica MS Regional. ♦

Your Bid and Play

Don Gattinger

VUL: N/S
DLR: East

♠ K 5 2
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ K Q 8
♣ 10 8 6

♠ A J 10 4
♥ A J 9 3
♦ J 7 4 2
♣ 7

♠ 9 6 3
♥ K Q
♦ 10 6 5
♣ A K Q J 3

♠ Q 8 7
♥ 8 7 6
♦ A 9 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

How do you think auction should go? Suggested Auction:

E	S	W	N
1♣	P	1♦	P
2♣	P	2NT	P
3NT	All Pass		

Bid Analysis: There will be disagreement about West's 1st bid. Some say show your major, but I like 1♦ for the following reasons. East's second bid should be a 4-card major even if holding 7 clubs (we're looking for an 8 card major fit!), so we will not miss out major fit. If we get the contract in no trump, we probably will not get a diamond opening lead and timing is important. As it turns out on this hand, it takes a good defensive guess to keep West from making six.

Now, reverse the heart and diamond holding and I might bid 1♥ instead of 1♦ for the same reason.

East should rebid clubs, not 1NT. Rule: DO NOT OPEN 1 OF A SUIT AND REBID 1NT IF HOLDING 15 OR MORE HCP.

To open 1 of a suit and rebid 1NT shows less than 15 HCP and West should pass with 11, if not playing swiss teams (IMPS). West makes invitational bid of 2NT and East accepts holding 15 HCP.

Your lead? Suggested opening lead: Low heart if hearts not bid. Low Spade or diamond king if diamonds not bid.

Lead analysis: If hearts are 4-3-3-3, we may have enough entries to set up 4th heart. Quite often, a lead of an unbid major against a no trump contract is a good lead. Sometimes, a lead from K Q x or Q J x in an unbid suit is a good lead if you don't have a better lead. If West bid hearts, my first choice would be low spade.

Plan your play. Play analysis: Do you want to play for 9, 10, or 12 tricks? Declarer has 1 spade, 4 hearts, and 5 clubs. If South has either spade honor and defense doesn't switch to diamonds, you can catch 3 spades instead of 1 and make 12 tricks. If they switch to diamonds, you may only catch 9 tricks if you don't cash out. If the opening lead was not a diamond, maybe they won't switch to a diamond, so I'll try for 12. If the opening lead was a spade, I would definitely try for 12, because I bid diamonds and not hearts. If North switches to club at trick 3, I catch 1 spade, 4 hearts, and 5 clubs unless I want to jeopardize contract. Watch your transportation. All this having been said, if playing IMPS, I make my contract. If second spade finesse loses, defense can set contract by switching to diamond.

Summary: 3N by West should make 9 or 12 tricks ♥

Tournament Report

Baton Rouge LA Regional

- Bonnie Alberson, Bill Phillips, Dean Phillips, & Rita Sevall—1st in Bracket 3 Knockout (16 teams)
- Gwen Gaston, Sheila Mehaffy, & teammates—3/4 in Bracket 4 Knockout (16 teams); 3/5 in A/1/3 in B in Board-a-Match Teams (14 teams)
- Gwen Gaston & Sheila Mehaffy—3rd in C in Open Pairs (50 pairs)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—2nd in C in Open Pairs (48 pairs)
- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—2nd in C in Open Pairs (50 pairs); 6th in A&B/2nd in C in Side Game (22 pairs)

Birmingham AL Regional

- Jane Dickey, Ann Ferrill, Bonnie Fincher, & Edna Savoy—8th in A/4th in B in Stratified Swiss (62 teams)

Muskegon MI Sectional

- Somers Collins, Missy McCain, & teammates—2/3 in B in Stratified Swiss (11 teams)

- Ann Lewis & partner—6th in B/3rd in C in Open Pairs (32 pairs); 3rd in B/2nd in C in Open Pairs (32 pairs)

ACBL-Wide Interclub Championship Game, July 31 (322 pairs)

- Norma Campbell & Jack Tidball—17th in A
- Mike Compton & Jane Dickey—8th in B
- Bill Jones & Bert Turner—6th in C

St. Louis MO Regional

- Barbara Blaine & Jim Gauntt—3rd in A in 199er Pairs (32 pairs)
- Barbara Blaine, Jim Gauntt, & teammates—2/4 in C in Swiss Teams (80 teams)
- Barbara Blaine, Dick Chapman, Judy Chapman, & Jim Gauntt—5/8 in Bracket IV Knockout (16 teams)
- Russ Jones & teammates—4th in Bracket I Compact Knockout (15 teams); 9th in A in Swiss Teams (77 teams)
- Allan Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket I Knockout (16 teams); 4th in A in Swiss Teams (77 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockout (13 teams); 1st in A in Swiss Teams (80 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockout (13 teams) ♠

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

WWW.LITTLEROCKBRIDGEHOUSE.ORG

Officers

Art Pfeifer 664-7370 (H)	President ajpajp@swbell.net
Dick Heil	Vice President
Ann Lewis	Secretary
Rick Lowens	Treasurer
Margaret Kelly	Past President

Board of Directors

<i>One Year</i>	<i>Two Years</i>
David Cockcroft	Somers Collins
Ruth Gilliam	Diane Lord
Liz Perry	Kay Loss
Bert Turner	Deb Phillips

Margaret Kelly 224-4045 (H)	ACBL Club Manager kclmfkelly@aol.com
--------------------------------	---

Jane Dickey 377-0312 (O)	Newsletter Editor jdickey@roselawfirm.com
-----------------------------	--

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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED