

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

March 2007

Bonnie and Gerald— Awesome!

Look for a picture of Bonnie Melchior and Gerald Koonce in the next issue of ACBL's *Bridge Bulletin*—the pair was the national overall winner of the November 20, 2006 ACBL-wide Charity Game with 75.34%!

Two other LRDBC pairs placed in District 10: Helen Abbott and Walter Ely were third with 66.13% and Kathy Childs and Al Childs were fifth with 64.15%, giving our club three of the top five winners in the District as well as the national championship pair. Way to go! ♠

Director's Corner

Deb Phillips

If you move a chair because you don't like the one you are sitting in, move it back into the place where your new one came from. If you move a chair to kibitz, move it back when you are through kibitzing. Kibitzers are not allowed to stand to do so. Directors should not have to move your chairs back into place for you. ♥

Zero Tolerance

We are a Zero Tolerance Club. We will be strictly enforcing the ¼ board recommendation of ACBL. But you must call us to your table at the time of the violation. If there is a violation, the director **MUST** assess the penalty. It is not at the discretion of the director to enforce or not.

There have been complaints that some people do not treat their partners with the proper respect. Please, be nice to your partner and your opponents. This is a friendly club. This is a game. ♦

March's Special Games

Club Championship—65% sectional rated black MPs

Thursday 1st 7:00 p.m. 0–500

Tuesday 6th

Saturday 10th

Friday 16th

Sunday 18th

ACBL-wide Charity—100% sectional rated black MPs; Hand records; \$1.50 extra fee

Tuesday 13th

Swiss Team

Sunday 18th

Club Membership—100% sectional rated black MPs

Monday 26th 11:00 a.m.

Master/Novice

Tuesday 27th

Hot Springs Village Tournament—Bridge House Closed

Friday 30th, Saturday 31st, Monday April 1st ♣

GAME SCHEDULE

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

Action in Sandestin, Florida

Allan Siebert

Here's how we lost a semifinal knockout match on one board and how, being among the leaders, we lost the momentum in a Swiss game on another board.

Opponents are in 3NT on this auction: 2♠ by partner—Pass—Pass—3NT—All Pass. Partner leads the 7 of spades. On the board is:

♠ K
♥ Q x x
♦ K J x x
♣ J x x x x

Your hand is:

♠ 10 2
♥ J x x x
♦ 10 x x x
♣ A x x

Do you signal you don't like it? My expert partner did with the 2! My hand was ♠ A Q 9 7 x x. As you can see that blocked the suit and declarer went plus 630 instead of minus 200. Oh! Those silly rote plays!

The next hand I was the goat. I am in 3NT against expert opponents in the fourth match of the Swiss. My hand (South) and the board (North) are:

South	North
♠ x x	♠ Q J x
♥ K 10 x x	♥ A Q x x
♦ K J x x x	♦ A 10 x x x
♣ A x	♣ x

Bidding went 3♣ by West—X by North—Pass by East—4♥ by South—All Pass. Queen of clubs lead.

I took the Ace of clubs, ruffed a club, drew trumps; East had four to the Jack. Now what? I figured West for 7 clubs plus one heart; East for 3 clubs and 4 hearts; more spaces in East hand so I went to the Ace of diamonds. East showed out. Down 150 instead of plus 420. Lost the match by 2.

Where did I go wrong? I obviously was playing West for 5 spades, 1 heart, no diamonds, and 7 clubs. What would you lead to a probable making 4♥ contract? Your lowest club to get a diamond ruff. I didn't consider that highly probably expert play and paid dearly for that.

Incidentally that was against my brother's team and David was in my seat and made the hand and they went on to come in third and we ended up totally out of it! ♠

February Board Minutes

Ann Lewis

February 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Dick Heil. Others in attendance were Ann Lewis, Ann Ferrill, Margaret Kelly, Diane Lord, Dave Neuschwanger, Rick Lowens, and Deb Phillips.

Dave Neuschwanger moved the minutes of the last Board meeting be approved as published in the *Newsletter*. Deb Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly reported the LRDBC 2007 directories are in. She asked everyone to please pick up their copy.

Deb Phillips suggested a special column be placed in the *Newsletter* showing the special games that will be held at the club during the coming month. Margaret Kelly will ask Jane Dickey to do this column.

Margaret announced a Charity game will be held on Monday, March 13th. Also, the GNT Unit Qualifying Game will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2007, in Hot Springs Village and Jonesboro.

LRDBC donated \$95.25 to the ACBL Charity Foundation during 2006.

Bill Cook, District 10 Representative to the ACBL Board of Directors, has appointed David Siebert to the ACBL Charity Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens gave the Treasurer's Report. Rick reported a net income for January, 2007, of \$5,258.17. He stated that all dues collected to date for 2007 are reported in the January statement.

EDUCATION REPORT

Dick Heil reported he will begin classes on "Play of the Hand" on Wednesday, February 21st. This is an 8 to 10 week course. Ads about this class will start in the newspaper this coming Wednesday. ACBL reimburses

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LRDBC for 75% of the ads concerning bridge lessons.

There was discussion about getting reimbursed for educational expenses by Unit 161 and/or District 10. Rick will contact Janice Van Dyke to see what steps LRDBC needs to take to get the educational reimbursements.

CHIEF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Phillips stated LRDBC is a "Zero Tolerance" club. She said all incidents must be handled at the table by the director in charge at the time of the infraction. She will ask all directors to make an announcement concerning this matter before each game.

LITTLE ROCK SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Dick Heil reported he, Somers Collins, Bert Turner, Jack Tidball, and Dick Chapman met last week to discuss the tournament. No price to play has been set.

Help is needed at the Tournament Registration desk. Diane Lord volunteered to make a sign-up sheet for workers for the registration desk.

OLD BUSINESS

Rick Lowens moved that the Club buy and install a new crash-bar apparatus. Dave Neuschwanger seconded the motion. After some discussion, Dave moved this motion be tabled. Rick seconded the motion. The vote to table was unanimous.

Diane Lord moved that everyone listed in the current LRDBC directory will receive a *Newsletter*. Ann Ferrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dick Heil reported he and Gordon Campbell had met with the Hot Springs Village people to see of their interest in a Duplimate machine. They were very interested. After some discussion, Dick Heil moved the matter of the Duplimate machine be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Ann Ferrill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSIENSS

LRDBC's STaC's policy for the last STaC's week seemed to have worked well. There was discussion about this matter, and it was decided to delay more discussion of STaC's until the Board discusses the LRDBC policies.

Dick Heil reported some club members were unsure

about the LRDBC charging to play at the 2006 Christmas party if the member had not paid their 2007 dues. There seems to be confusion about this matter, so the Board will address this matter when the policies are discussed.

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

Tournament Report

Sandestin Regional

- Allan Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (12 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockout (11 teams); 3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (12 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockout (13 teams)
- David Siebert & partner—1st in A in Senior Pairs (32 pairs)
- David Siebert & teammates—3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (11 teams); 3rd in A in Swiss (64 teams)

Districts 10 & 7 STaC

Monday Day Open (814 pairs)

- Marilyn Drinkwater & Kay Loss—20th in B
- Diane Lord & Carol Holcomb—23rd in B/9th in C

Monday Night Open (280 pairs)

- Russ Jones & partner—6th in A
- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—7th in A
- Betsy Berry & Ruth Gilliam—9th in A

Monday Night 299er (20 pairs)

- Carolyn Johnson & Richard Johnson—1st in A/B/C
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—2nd in A&B
- Ralph Vogel & Karla Chenault—3rd in A&B
- Sissy Brandon & Millie Calhoun—4th in A&B/2nd in C
- Judy Chapman & Dick Chapman—5th in A
- Barbara Blaine & Jim Gauntt—6/7 in A
- Faith Smith & Linda Faulkner—6/7 in A/5th in B/3rd in C
- George Karpoff & Bill Mattox—4th in C

Tuesday Night Open (386 pairs)

- Allan Siebert & Gerald Koonce—1st in A
- Kathy Miller & Sam Cheesman—17th in A
- George McKeown & Syed Aijaz—9th in C

Wednesday Day Open (783 pairs)

- Bonnie Fincher & Jane Dickey—1st in A&B

Wednesday Day 299er (16 pairs)

- Dave Neuschwanger & Beverly Kinneman—1st in A
- Sandy Jones & Leslie Lipke—2nd in A/1st in B&C
- Dick Chapman & Judy Chapman—3rd in A
- Linda Goldsmith & Jeanne Williams—4th in A
- Bitsy Cates & Karen Hearn—5th in A/2nd in B&C
- Ginger Quinn & Claudia Ragon—3rd in B&C
- Annadell Fowler & Charles Fowler—4th in B

Wednesday Night 0–20 (10 pairs)

- Sonny Ferguson & Mira Frosolono—1st in A&B
- Annadell Fowler & Charles Fowler—2nd in A
- Bryan Lee Williams & Rhonda Williams—3rd in A/2nd in B
- Elizabeth Howard & Dennis Clark—4th in A

Thursday Night Open (247 pairs)

- Jane Dickey & Betsy Berry—8th in A
- Bryan Lee Williams & Ed Rolle—5th in C

Friday Night Open (175 pairs)

- Bill Phillips & Dean Phillips—4th in A/2nd in B&C

Sunday Day Open (217 pairs)

- Deb Phillips & Norma Campbell—5th in A
- Bo Liu & Al Childs—6th in A
- Mary Puckett & Diana Nagel—3rd in B/1st in C ♣

Your Bid and Play

Don Gattinger

VUL Both
DEALER East

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

Suggested Auction:

E	S	W	N
2♣	P	2♦	P
2N	P	3N	All Pass

Bid Analysis: 2♣ opener followed by 2NT response shows 22–24 HCP. West bids 2♦ waiting. See responses in questions below. Over 2NT, responses by West at 3-level are the same as at the 2-level after a 1NT opening. 3♣ is Stayman and transfers are on. These bids not appropriate with West hand, so just bids 3NT.

Suggested opening lead: spade queen

Lead analysis: top of sequence

Play analysis: Declarer has 2 spades, 2 hearts, 1 club, and 1 diamond. The suit in which declarer has the best chance of developing extra tricks is diamonds, but how do you play the suit? First of all, spade king is only entry to dummy outside the diamond suit. We need to preserve that entry, so win the first trick with the ace. If you play the spade king too quick, the defense may be able to hold up two rounds in diamonds and you cannot get back to dummy. You do not need the diamond finesse, so at trick two play diamond ace, trick three diamond queen, trick four diamond 5 (Note South should hold up playing diamond until 3rd round, because if East only had two diamonds, then the diamonds will not set up). Use the spade king to get to good diamonds and you now catch four diamonds instead of one and make your contract.

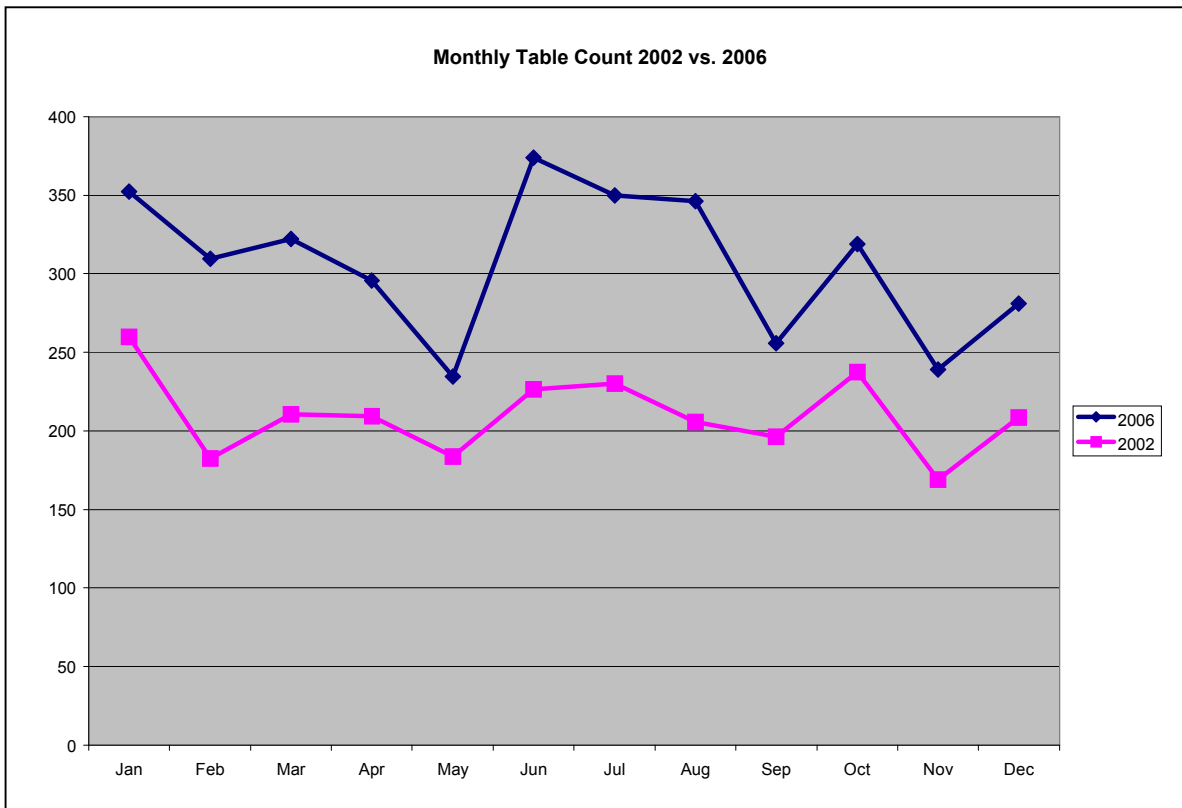
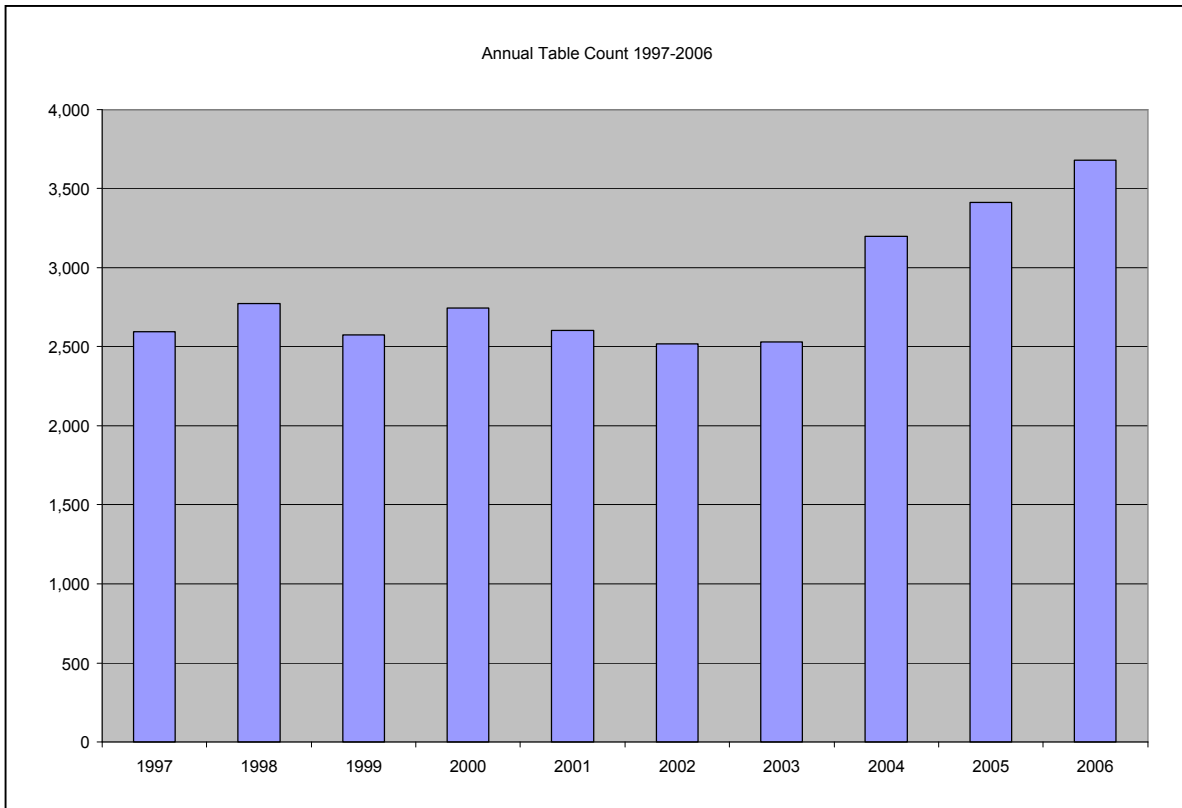
Questions: What are responses to strong 2♣ opening?

System I use

- 2♥ less than 4 HCP and no king
- 2♠ at least 5+ spades with at least 2 of top 3
- 3♣ at least 5+ clubs with at least 2 of top 3
- 3♦ at least 5+ diamonds with at least 2 of top 3
- 2NT at least 5+ hearts with at least 2 of top 3
- 2♦ none of the above ♦

Bridge House Closed
Friday March 30–Saturday
March 31–Sunday April 1
for Hot Springs Village
Sectional Tournament ♣

Table Count Shows Steady Increase Since August 2003 Move + New Monday Night & Wednesday Day Games + Plenty of Lessons + Zero Tolerance— Outstanding!



Tournament Schedule

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)

St. Louis, MO, March 8–18, 2007

Nashville, TN, July 19–29, 2007

Regionals

Gatlinburg, TN, April 9–15

New Orleans, LA, May 22–28

Tunica, MS, September 24–30

Sectionals

Baton Rouge, LA, March 1–4

Shreveport, LA, March 2–4

Rogersville, AL, March 23–25

Alexandria, LA, March 23–25

Moss Point, MS, March 23–25, 299er

Hot Springs Village, AR, March 30–April 1

Jackson, MS, April 26–29 + GNT Finals

Nashville, TN, April 26–29

Little Rock, AR, May 4–6

Birmingham, AL, May 17–20

Metairie, LA, July 5–8

Baton Rouge, LA, July 12–15

Unit 161 Grand National Teams Qualifying, BC&D

Hot Springs Village & Jonesboro, AR, March 3

Unit 161 North American Pairs Qualifying, B&C

Hot Springs Village, AR, October 27

GNT Unit Finals March 3

Unit 161 Finals for Championship, A, B, & C Flights will be a 2-session Swiss Team event on Saturday, March 3. Cost is \$40 per team. The event is being held two locations: Hot Springs Village and Jonesboro.

The flights are as follows: Championship 0–Infinity; Flight A 0–5,000; Flight B 0–2,000; and Flight C 0–NLM (and under 500). District 10 Finals for Flights A, B, & C will be held April 28–29 in Jackson, MS. Championship Finals will be May 28 in New Orleans. The Rules of Contest can be found at www.d10bridge.org and are also posted at the Bridge House.

Everyone can play—no pre-qualification required.

Earn black, red, and GOLD Masterpoints!

Hot Springs Village: playing site is Casa de Carta at the Ponce de Leon Center. The sessions are at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch. If possible please email Diana Podawiltz, VCC Games Manager, at dipody@sbcglobal.net of your intent to come to the Village OR call the Village Card Club at (501) 915-9296.

Jonesboro: playing site is the Hulin Senior Citizens Center on Church and Oak Streets. The sessions are at 10:00 a.m. and as soon as possible after lunch. A BBQ lunch is included in the entry fee. For directions call (870) 273-4620. ♠

Hot Springs Village Card Club's Spring Fling Sectional

Friday, March 30 and Saturday March 31

9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.—3-session Knockouts

9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.—Open Pairs & 299er Pairs Play-through + Newcomer Pairs (0–20; reduced entry)

9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.—Open Pairs, 299er Pairs

Open Pairs: 0–750, 750–1,500, 1,500+

299er Pairs: 0–100, 100–300

Sunday, April 1

10:30 a.m.—Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams

A=2,000+, AX=0–2,000

B=500–1,000, C=0–500

D=199ers (0–50, 50–100, 100–200)

Coffee and tea always available

Play in two sessions – free lunch Wine and snacks after second session

Little Rock Sectional Tournament Update

Somers Collins

Plans for the Little Rock Sectional Tournament are progressing well. The tournament will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 4–6, and will be held at the 4-H Center.

Committee chairs are:

Dick Heil..... Publicity and Budget
 Vicki Scanlon..... Hospitality
 Dick Chapman..... Partnerships
 Diane Lord..... Registration
 Mike Compton Table Transport

Clete Judkins has prepared the tournament flyer, which will soon be posted on our web site as well as the ACBL web site.

Volunteers are needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Somers Collins or any of the committee chairs. If you don't call us, we'll probably call you! ♥

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Rick Lowens	Treasurer
Margaret Kelly	Past President

Board of Directors

<i>One Year</i>	<i>Two Years</i>
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