

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

*A Zero Tolerance Club*

July 2007

### Landslide Vote

147 ballots were crammed into the Ballot Box when election proctors Peggy Jett and Walter Ely counted votes on Sunday, June 24. Two envelopes had no name on the outside so had to be discarded. Of the 145 valid ballots, the vote was 145 FOR and 6 AGAINST undertaking the project to build a new facility!

Diane Lord and David Siebert will co-chair the efforts to see this vision become a reality. ♠



### July 10 Call to Action

AT 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, the Little Rock Board of Directors will consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of construction of the new facility for The Bridge House on Indiana Avenue. City staff has recommended that the Board of Directors overturn the Planning Commission's approval and deny the right to build our new facility on this property. The staff is concerned that the increase in activity on this site could negatively impact the adjacent residences.

The Bridge House and the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club need your help! We need Club members to attend the July 10 meeting to show our support. Also, it is very important that everyone call, write, or email some or all of the members of the Little Rock Board of Directors and ask them not to overturn the action of the Planning Commission.

The names and home addresses of the Board members are printed below. You can call or write them at their home or write them at City Hall, 500 West Markham Street, Little Rock 72201. You can also send email to [board@littlerock.org](mailto:board@littlerock.org).

Erma Hendrix - Ward 1 375-2216  
P.O. Box 2644, Little Rock 72203

Ken Richardson - Ward 2 664-5306  
805 Jefferson Street, Little Rock 72204

Stacy Hurst - Ward 3 975-2730  
4901 East Crestwood Drive, Little Rock 72207

Brad Cazort - Ward 4 223-2850  
8200 Alvin Lane, Little Rock 72227

Michael Keck - Ward 5 868-4715  
#26 Hanna Lane, Little Rock 72223

### GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0-300 & 0-20)	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	9:30 A.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	7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY	12:30 P.M.
SUNDAY	1:30 P.M.

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# Siebert "Drop Dead"

**Allan Siebert**

*Handling the bad hand after partner opens 1NT (weak or strong).*

This serves to get to better (suit) contracts (majors or minors) and can on occasion uncover a good fit that leads to game or further preempts opponents. Also I have found it sometimes stymies fourth-seat opponent (not knowing whether or not you have a good hand), at least temporarily.

Following are possible auctions and follow-ups and their meanings:

1.	1NT	(P)	2♣	(P)
	2♦	(P)	2♥*	

\* (A) 2♥ = both majors. Typical hand:

♠ x x x x  
♥ J x x x (x)  
♦ x (x)  
♣ x x x

\* (B) 2♥ = hearts and clubs (you would have passed 2♦ if you had 5+ diamonds). Typical hand:

♠ x (x)  
♥ Q x x x  
♦ x x  
♣ Q J x x x (x)

If opener now bids 2♠ over 2♥ you reply 3♣ to show 4 hearts and 5+ clubs.

Or, if bidding goes:

	1NT	(P)	2♣	(P)
	2♦	(P)	2♥	(P)
	2♠	(P)	2NT*	

\*2NT = 4 hearts, 3 or 4 diamonds, and specifically 5 clubs.

2A.	1NT	(P)	2♣	(P)
	2♦	(P)	2♠*	

\* 2♠ = 4 spades with 5 or more clubs (would pass with 5 or more diamonds) or 4 spades with both minors. Opener now has three options: pass 2♠; bid 3♣ with equal minors or longer clubs; or bid 2NT asking responder to bid diamonds if equal length.

2B.	1NT	(P)	2♣	(P)
	2♦	(P)	2♠*	

\* 2♠ = 4 spades with either minor or both minors.

Again, opener bids 3♣ with longer clubs or 2NT otherwise; responder then bids his best minor. Possible hands could be:

♠ x x x x	♠ x x x x	♠ x x x x
♥ x (x)	♥ x	♥ —
♦ J x x x x (x)	♦ Q J 10 x	♦ Q J x x
♣ K x	♣ Q J 10 x	♣ x x x x x

Possible auctions that could lead to a game playing weak notrump (10–11 (12)) would be when partner bids your 4-card major and you have something like J 10 9 x (either major)—x— A J (x)—K Q 9 x x (x) (either minor) or when playing strong notrump you hold J 10 9 x—x— A 10 (9)—Q 10 x x x (x). Then you can accept game right away or invite by bidding your minor, or bid 3 of your major if don't need help in your minor (for example when you have K Q 10 9 x). Alternatively you can reserve bidding 3 of your major strictly for further pre-emption.

Your partnership may want to define how strong your minor or minors should be on some of these auctions. My recommendation through experience has been to use more liberally when playing weak notrump when not vulnerable, and a little more daring perhaps playing matchpoints or when opponents are vulnerable. The caution is, you may find yourself at the 3-level!

Be advised, if there is a possible game scenario (especially at IMPs) by all means apply the Drop Dead auction! ♥

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## Little Rock Board of Directors, continued

Doris Wright - Ward 6 565-6215  
3701 Boyd Street, Little Rock 72204

B.J. (Brenda) Wyrick - Ward 7 455-4701  
11001 Alexander Road, Mabelvale 72103

Dr. Dean Kumpuris – At Large 663-1807  
1809 Beechwood Street, Little Rock 72207

Gene Fortson – At Large 868-4664  
133 Hickory Creek Circle, Little Rock 72212

Joan Adcock – At Large 565-6098  
6808 Mabelvale Pike, Little Rock 72209

# Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

## July 2007

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## July Special Games

### Club Championship—65% sectional rated black

Thursday 5th 7:00 p.m. 0–500

Monday 9th 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday 18th 0–300

Sunday 22nd

### NAP Qualifying—100 % sectional rated 50/50 red/black

Saturday 7th

Thursday 12th 7:00 p.m. 0–500

Monday 16th 11:00 a.m.

### ACBL-wide International Fund Game #3—100 % sectional rated 50/50 red/black

Friday 20th

### Master/Novice

Tuesday 24th

*We mourn the passing of Jeanne Williams.*

## North American Pairs (NAP)

Date: June 1-August 31

Masterpoints:

- Club qualifying games 50/50 red and black at sectional rating
- One-session unit qualifying games sectional rated red; Two-session unit qualifying games include percentage of gold for overalls.
- District finals award gold for section firsts and overalls. Flight C is 25% gold for overalls. Other masterpoints in all flights are red.

Flights: A (Open), B (-2000), C (0-500 Non-Life Masters)

District winners in each flight recognized on web site

Final: Spring 2008 NABC

A highly prestigious "grass roots" event, the North American Pairs starts at the club level in June, July, and August. Club-level qualifications may be earned at any club in any unit in any district. A player may qualify as often as desired and with as many different partners

as desired. Unit 161 qualifier is held at Hot Springs Village October 27 for B & C. The District 10 final will be held after that and before the third week in January. At the district final, both players must have qualified at the club level and must be members of District 10. A fixed amount prize will be awarded in all flights as follows:

1. In districts with three qualifiers, the 1st place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 3rd place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
2. In districts with four qualifiers, the 1st and 2nd place qualifiers will receive \$700 per person and the 3rd place qualifiers will receive \$300 per person. The 4th place qualifiers will be invited to participate in the national level finals, but will not receive any prize.
3. Invited defenders will receive \$700 per person.
4. No individual may collect two concurrent prizes.

The monetary award will be available on site. Qualifiers must play in the national level event until eliminated to receive the award.

There will be no entry fee for the national level of the event. ♦

## Memorials to The Bridge House

Contributions have been made to The Bridge House in memory of Jeanne Williams by Marion Belew, Jane Cazort, Judy and Dick Chapman, Ann Ferrill, Bonnie Fincher, Peggy Jett, Margaret Kelly, Beverly and Bill Kinneman, Ann Lewis, Diane Lord, Sheila Mehaffy, Johnnie Owen, Liz Parry, Art Pfeifer, Rita Sevall, Nancy Tracy, and Lisa Whitbeck. ♣

## June Board Minutes

### Ann Lewis

June 10, 2007. The meeting was called to order by President Art Pfeifer. Others in attendance were Dave Neuschwanger, Ann Ferrill, Somers Collins, Margaret Kelly, Ann Lewis, Gerald Koonce, Margaret Mathews, Rick Lowens, and Deb Phillips.

The minutes of the May 13, 2007, LRDBC Board

meeting were read. Art stated that an addendum to those minutes be added – “The LRDBC has 255 paid members as of June 4, 2007”. Ann Ferrill moved the minutes be approved as read with the addendum. Margaret Kelly seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next the Board minutes of the LRDBC Special Meeting held on May 20, 2007, were read. A correction was made that Margaret Kelly, not Ann Ferrill, was asked to be on the committee to set the time and date for the special LRDBC membership meeting. Gerald Koonce moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Margaret Mathews seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### HEAD DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Philips reported there had been a Zero Tolerance Policy infraction, and the pair had been assessed two match points.

It was requested by the Treasurer that the game date and time (a.m. or p.m.) be put on the envelope that contains the money for a particular game.

Deb reported the results for the World-Wide Bridge Tournament, held Friday, June 1, 2007, had not been sent to the proper email address. This will be corrected.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Art expressed thanks to Ann Lewis for writing the thank you notes for the LR Sectional Tournament and for her assistance in mailing the notice and ballots for the special LRDBC membership meeting.

Art stated he will ask Peggy Jett and Walter Ely to be the “Inspectors for the Election” for the vote on the Bridge House Building Proposal. Art stated the vote will be by secret ballot. Absolutely no one will know how a member votes.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens reported there were 292 1/2 tables in May.

Rick requested that all coupons for game play be signed by the players using the coupon. Deb will notify all game directors.

#### CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly reported she had received a letter from

ACBL stating the LRDBC had enrolled 10 new members and, therefore, is entitled to have an additional Club Championship Game.

STaC's starts June 18th and runs through June 24th. This will be a District 10 STaC's. NAP games are scheduled for July and August.

The qualifying games for the Unit Team Championship will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2007. If more than 10 teams play, two teams will be eligible to play at the Unit Team Championship to be played at the DeGray Sectional Tournament.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Mentoring Program was discussed. Gerald Koonce stated that in Memphis a picture and small bio of the mentors were posted on a bulletin board.

A member has requested the LRDBC buy name tags for the membership. This matter was discussed. Margaret Kelly will contact the HSV Bridge Club about their magnetic name tags and their cost.

Jeanne Williams's family has requested memorials be made to The Bridge House.

Deb Phillips will get the names put on the Unit 161 Team Championship trophy. A request for reimbursement of this cost will be sent to the Unit 161 Board.

Dick Heil sent a letter to Art Pfeifer requesting the LRDBC pay \$285 for Dick to attend the American Bridge Teachers Association (ABTA) Seminar and Convention to be held in Nashville July 17–20th. This cost will also include two nights rooming. Dick will assume travel costs, meal costs, and some lodging costs.

Ann Ferrill moved the LRDBC pay Dick Heil \$285 for the ABTA Seminar and Convention expenses and then request The Bridge House repay LRDBC for this expense. Gerald Koonce seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. ♠

*We mourn the passing of Letha Jones.*

# Tournament Report

## District 10 STaC

- Peggy Jett & Bonnie Melchior—8th in A in Open Pairs (410 pairs)
- Ann Lewis & Bonnie Fincher—14th in A/6th in B in Open Pairs (410 pairs)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—1st in A in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Bryan Lee Williams & Millie Calhoun—2nd in A/1st in B&C in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- David Blanchard & Jo Blanchard—3rd in A in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Richard Chapman & Judy Chapman—4th in A in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Sheila Mehaffy & Nancy Tracy—5th in A in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Tom Byarlay & Betty Peden—2nd in B in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Marian Belew & Sandra Crawford—3rd in B in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Carolyn Johnson & Richard Johnson—4th in B/2nd in C in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Wendy Wheeler & John Chapman—3rd in C in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Sissy Brandon & Paul Paris—4th in C in 0–300 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Diana Nagel & Mary Puckett—4th in C in Open Pairs (295 pairs)
- Elaine Lowens & Rick Lowens—4th in B in Open Pairs (162 pairs)
- Jane Dickey & Bonnie Fincher—11th in B in Open Pairs (440 pairs)
- Marcia Henderson & Elizabeth Howard—1st in 0–20 Pairs (7 pairs)
- Sonny Ferguson & Mira Frosolono—2nd in 0–20 Pairs (7 pairs)
- Dorothy Toll & Pat Kyser—3rd in 0–20 Pairs (7 pairs)
- Mike Compton & Langdon Jones—16th in A/4th in B in Open Pairs (393 pairs)
- Charlotte Davis & Johnnie Owen—8th in B in Open Pairs (393 pairs)
- Carl Gray & Wendy Wheeler—1st in A in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Beverly Kinneman & Bill Kinneman—2nd in A/1st in B in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)

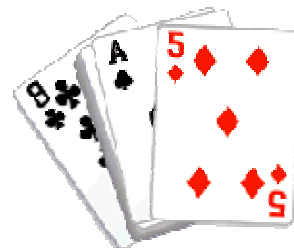
- Barbara Blaine & Jim Gauntt—3rd in A/2nd in B in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Joyce Franklin & Jane Teed—4th in A in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Nancy Tracy & Betty Peden—5th in A/3rd in B in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- George Karpoff & Bill Mattox—4th in B/1st in C in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Terri Schafer & Ralph Vogel—5/6 in B in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Donna Beard & Kay Tallant—5/6 in B/2nd in C in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Richard Johnson & Carolyn Johnson—3rd in C in 0–500 Pairs (18 pairs)
- Diane Williams & partner—4th in B in Open Pairs (97 pairs)
- Betty Peden & Marian Belew—6th in C in Open Pairs (97 pairs)
- Jim Gauntt & Barbara Blaine—3rd in C in Open Pairs (259 pairs)
- Peggy B Jett & Ann Y Ferrill—3rd in A in Open Pairs (136 pairs)
- Allan Siebert & Bonnie Melchior—6th in A in Open Pairs (97 pairs)

## Fort Worth Sectional

- Langdon Jones & partner—2nd in B/1st in C in Side Game (21 pairs); 3rd in B in Side Game (56 pairs); 3rd in C in Side Game (31 pairs)

## Las Vegas Regional

- Dick Heil & teammates—4/5 in C in Swiss (24 teams); 5/8 in Bracket 8 Knockout (16 teams)
- Jean Neal & Bill Cardin—2nd in Bracket 10 Knockout (12 teams)
- Bob Tully & partner—6th in B in Side Game (52 pairs)
- Jim Tucker, Luraette Tucker, & teammates—1st in Bracket 9 Knockout (16 teams)
- Jim Tucker & Luraette Tucker—3rd in A in 299er Paris (26 pairs)



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