

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

A Zero Tolerance Club

April 2008

Tournament Workshop

Do you want to have a great time playing bridge?

Do you want to meet new friends who share your interest in bridge?

Do you want to improve your game?

We are very fortunate; there is going to be a Regional Tournament at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs from May 5th through May 11th.

Tournament bridge is very special. Each of us will have an opportunity to play with people of the same skill level or, if you desire, you may play "up" with some of the better players.

The tournament atmosphere is a lot of fun. You laugh, you compete, you share experiences, you learn, you can't wait for the next tournament.

For those players who have never attended a tournament, or want to learn more, we are going to have a Tournament Workshop on Saturday April 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The workshop will consist of three major subjects:

Tournament Environment

- Registration
- Partnership Desk
- Hospitality Suite
- Signing up for team & pair games paperwork
- Filling out Convention Cards
- Director Calls

Explanation of Types of Games

- Knockouts—Regular & Compact
- Stratified Games
- Strati-flighted Games
- Swiss Teams
- Board-a-Match

Team Events

- IMP Scoring
- Team Tactics
- Defensive Signals (simplified)
- Practice session (1 hour)

Question and answer session

Bring your lunch and play after the Workshop. If we have enough people we will run a practice team event for the regular Saturday afternoon game. ♠

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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MAY 5–11, 2008
THE ARLINGTON HOTEL
HOT SPRINGS
DON'T MISS IT!**

March Board Minutes

Ann Lewis, Secretary

March 9, 2008. The LRDBC Board meeting was called to order by President, Dick Heil. Others in attendance were Sherry Wortsmith, Margaret Kelly, Ann Lewis, Art Pfeifer, Rick Lowens, Ann Ferrill, Jane Teed, Dave Neuschwanger, Gerald Koonce, and Margaret Mathews.

Dick announced the May Board meeting would be changed to May 18, 2008, so as not to conflict with the Hot Springs Tournament and Mother's Day.

Ann Ferrill moved the February Board minutes be approved as published. Art Pfeifer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens reported the LRDBC is in good financial shape. Net income for February is \$2,675.57 and year-to-date is \$8,604.41. Table count is also up for the period.

Gerald Koonce noted the table count for the Thursday night game during STaC's was the largest game that week. This game had been changed to an open game for STaC's week.

Jane Teed moved and Ann Ferrill seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly stated there are many special games scheduled for 2008. She received a letter from ACBL stating that LRDBC had qualified for an extra Club Championship. (Players can get better points, if they win, and the entry fee is not higher.) LRDBC got the extra game because we have 10 new paid members of the ACBL.

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Art Pfeifer reported everything for the new building was on go. The contract has been signed by Dane Clay and Dave Grundfest. David Shindler of Pulaski Bank has ordered the title work and the appraisal. All this should be finalized within the next 8 to 10 days.

Art is hopeful ground can be broken for the new building on April 1, 2008.

Directory Changes

Send to Rick Lowens at rick.lowens@arkansas.gov or place information in his box.

The question was raised as to whether the LRDBC needs to have a signed lease with The Bridge House. Dick will contact the Executive Committee of The Bridge House about a lease.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Dick Heil announced a new class will start Friday, March 14. Already 28 people have signed up to take the class. Beverly Kinneman will teach the class.

It was suggested the LRDBC offer a workshop on tournament play. Dick Heil and Ann Ferrill will look into this matter.

The question was asked if those who take the bridge course are still receiving 6 free plays. The answer is yes if they paid for the course.

Dick announced reimbursements from the unit and districts are still outstanding. Dick has asked Jack Tidball, President of District 10, to check into this matter.

Dick said he is finishing the Diamond Series and will have about 10 practice sessions with his students.

It was requested Dick talk to Dane Clay about charging a fee to returning students. This is not presently done.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Sherry Wortsmith showed the Board the new brochures and flyers that will be distributed in the community. She asked for suggestions of where to place the flyers.

Dick Heil is on the Hot Springs Regional Tournament Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Dick Heil attended The Bridge House Board meeting as an interested observer. He stated The Bridge House still owes the LRDBC \$9,750.00 for the renovations done to the present building. Art Pfeifer and Ann Ferrill second the motion that the LRDBC forgive this debt in such a manner that is most beneficial to both parties involved. This motion passed unanimously. Dick will draft a letter to Dane Clay stating the LRDBC's intention. ♥

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April Special Games

Club Membership

Tuesday 3rd 11:00 a.m.

Club Championship

Monday 7th 11:00 a.m.

Friday 18th

Tuesday 22nd 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 30th 0–300

Unit-wide Championship

Thursday 10th 7:00 p.m. 0–500

ACBL-wide Charity

Wednesday 12th 7:00 p.m.

Master/Novice

Tuesday 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Report

Detroit NABC

- David Siebert & partner—2nd in Baldwin North American Pairs Flight A

Tournament Schedule

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)

Las Vegas, NV, July 17–27

Boston, MA, November 20–30

Regionals

Shreveport, LA, March 31–April 6

Gatlinburg, TN, April 14–20

Hot Springs, AR, May 5–11

Oklahoma City, OK, May 12–18

Springfield, MO, June 9–15

Sectionals

Metairie, LA, April 11–13 (299er)

Lake Charles, LA, April 18–20 (NLM/500)

Vicksburg, MS, April 25–27

Metairie, LA, May 1–4

Montgomery, AL, May 2–4

Richardson, TX, May 2–4 (0–300)

Nashville, TN, May 2–4, ACBL/ABA Friendship

Biloxi, MS, May 15–18 (199er)

Richardson, TX, May 23–26

GNT District Final

Vicksburg, MS, April 25–27

Need a Partner?

Contact Connie & Roger Ellingson (phone 664-0385 or email ubsldtel@sbcglobal.net) or Diane Tait (phone 225-9144) to help you find a partner. If you are willing to be on the fill-in list, please let Diane, Connie, or Roger know. ♦

Our Club

Dick Heil, President

A few Monday nights ago, we had two visitors from the Chicago area (both lawyers, but they were bridge players so we forgave them their career choice). At the end of the evening I had a few minutes to talk with them and they commented on how pleasant everyone was to them. They specifically mentioned that as each new pair came to their table people introduced themselves and thanked them for visiting us. The visitors also said they enjoyed our website and were very impressed with our current facility. When I told them about our new Bridge House, they both said they will be back. Overall they were very satisfied with their experience.

As our Bridge House comes closer to reality we will be having many, many more visitors. When the Bridge House does open we will probably be swamped with visitors. Jane Teed and her committee members are working very hard to make sure that we have great events and great hospitality during our opening week. There will be food, fun, and friendship in abundant proportions. We will probably receive many “attaboys(girls)”.

But as we all know one “aw crap” will wipe out 10 “attagirls(boys)”. It will take only one person to be less than polite to destroy all the good feelings. It will take only one mean comment to our bridge partner or (heavens forbid) to an opponent to have our total Club branded as being unfriendly and earn a “I’ll never go back there again!” comment.

We have all heard the expression “You only get one chance to make a good first impression”. As Shakespeare once said “The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones;...” It will be up to each one of us, regardless of our playing accomplishments, club seniority, or age, to be on our best behavior. Regardless of our competitive fierceness or horrendous mistake by our partner (never our fault!)

RESORT CITY REGIONAL BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

MAY 5–11, 2008

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

- Compact Knockout Friday at 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. — Flight A Handicapped, Flight B 0–2000
- Single Session Board-a-Match Saturday at 2:30 p.m.
- 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 Andy Cosby 501-915-9827 adcosby@suddenlink.net	Other Nearby Housing Somers Collins 501-666-4319 moonhead99@comcast.net	Entry Fees \$11 per session Discounts: all pairs games 0–5 MP & full-time students; evening pairs games 0–20 MP
Tournament Chairman Celinda Devish 501-915-9990 celindad@sbcglobal.net	Tournament Coordinator Jan Farnsworth 501-922-6172 jangene3@suddenlink.net	2-Session Swiss Teams 4 members: \$120.00 (meal included) No discounts. Extra team member: \$8.00

Speakers before each afternoon session & most morning sessions

299er Games: 0–20 / 20–100 / 100–300 (director discretion)
Stratified Open & Side Game Series: 0–500 / 500–1500 / 1500+
Strati-Flighted Pairs & Swiss Teams: D = 0–500 / C = 500–1000 / B = 1000–1500 X = 0–3000 / A = 3000+
(A/X play separately from B/C/D)

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

we must swallow our words and just smile and forget about it.

Why am I writing this article now? The answer to that question is simple. The quicker we all practice being nice, the better we will become at it. I wish I could say that I have never been less than tolerant, but it wouldn't be true. Too many times I have told my partner "You should have", when in reality I should have said "I should have". So I promise to be a better partner, and a better tablemate. Will you also make that promise? ♣



Norma, David, Bill, & Ann
First Place, Unit 161 GNT Flight B

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