

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

June 2009

Tuesday Game Change

Starting June 2 the Tuesday day game moves to 1:00 p.m. with no lunch break.

A small duplicate bridge club will be joining us to help make this a larger game.

Be sure to come play at the new time of 1:00 p.m. ♠

Tournament Report

Cincinnati, OH Regional

- Allan Siebert & partner—4th in A in Open Pairs (48 pairs)

Oklahoma City, OK Regional

- David Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket I Knockout (13 teams); 3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (9 teams); 3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (9 teams); 4th in A in A/X Swiss (21 teams)
- Allan Siebert & teammates—2nd in Bracket I Knockout (13 teams); 3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (9 teams); 1st in Bracket I Knockout (10 teams); 1/2 in A in A/X Swiss (21 teams)
- David Siebert & partner—2nd in Side Game (16 pairs); 3rd in Open Pairs (36 pairs) ♥

June Special Games

Club Championship—65% sectional rated black

Thursday 4th 7:00 p.m. 0–500

Saturday 6th 12:30 p.m.

Friday 26th 7:00 p.m.

Worldwide Bridge Contest—100% sectional rated 50/50 red/black

Friday 5th 7:00 p.m.

Eight is Enough Swiss Teams

Sunday 7th 1:30 p.m. (Charity)

Charity Week—300% club rated black

Every game Sunday 7th through Saturday 13th; all games open except Monday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., and Thursday 7:00 p.m.

STaC Week—100% sectional rated silver

Every game Monday 15th through Sunday 21st; all games open except Monday 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Thursday 7:00 p.m. open)

North American Pairs Qualifying—100% sectional rated 50/50 red/black

Too many to list—see calendar!

Club Membership—100% sectional rated black

Thursday 25th 7:00 p.m. 0–500

Master/Novice

Tuesday 23rd 7:00 p.m.



LRDBC's Newest Members

Anne Speed	Lonnie Baker	Valarie Cloud
Toni Lazenby	Sandy Turner	Ann Rowell

GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY	11:00 A.M.
MONDAY (0–300 & 0–20)	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	1:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	7:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (0–300)	9:30 A.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.

The Fascinating Art of Deception

Allan Siebert

Sometime late in June 2009 or early July, I am going to give an hour talk on this intriguing subject. As a preview, here are a couple of hands.

1. Suppose you hear this bidding:

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

¹ Wolff Signoff.

² No 3-card spades or 4-card hearts.

Dummy comes down and you hold:

Dummy	You
♠ A K J 10 x	♠ Q x
♥ x x x	♥ x x x x
♦ x x x	♦ x x x
♣ x x	♣ J 10 9 x

Partner leads the diamond Queen; Declarer takes the Ace and plays a spade to the Jack. Were you ready? Of course you play low! Why? Because first you know declarer (probably) only has two spades else he would have supported at some point. Second declarer will most assuredly go back to his hand to hook again—wouldn't you? And when he does BOOM! He'll be cut off from dummy forever!

2. Defenders don't have all the fun; take this hand as declarer for example:

S	W	N	E
1♣	P	1♥	P
2NT	All Pass		

We mourn the passing of Tommy Davis.

Directory Changes

Send to Rick Lowens at rick.lowens@arkansas.gov or place information in his box. **DO NOT** give data to Dick Heil, Dick Chapman, a Director, a teacher, or anyone else and assume it will be properly recorded!

North

♠ x x x
♥ x x x x
♦ K Q J
♣ x x x

South

♠ A Q
♥ J x
♦ A 6 3 2
♣ A K 10 9 x

Spade 5 leads, low from dummy, Jack from East, and you naturally win what???? Yes—the Ace. Go to dummy with the diamond 6 in case they're playing Smith to defeat their signaling. Play a small club to your 10 and if West wins, he will most definitely come back with a low spade to his partners' supposed Queen. Wow! You just survived a major heart attack!

Hope to see you at the upcoming talk. Thanks and good luck. ♠



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Our Club

Dick Heil

We have lost two members of Our Club this month: Tommye Davis and Quintin Jones.

Tommye played bridge with Peggy Jett for over fifty years and was one of the cornerstones on which Our Club was built. Quintin was one of our newer members and we prayed would become part of our future.

The old and the new—both extremely valuable to Our Club. At the memorial service for Tommye the pews were filled with Our Club members celebrating her life and all that she added to Our Club through her good humor and dedication to duplicate bridge. Although few of us could physically attend the memorial service for Quintin in Dallas, all of our hearts and prayers were with Esther and Langdon.

People on the outside who are not aware of Our Club believe that we just play a card game. Oh, if they only knew how much more we are. We are competitors, we are partners, we are team mates, but most importantly we are friends who share the sorrows and the joys of our lives. In times of sorrow we offer our hands in comfort and our prayers of hope. In times of joy we laugh together 'till tears roll freely from our eyes. We visit the ill and send cards filled with caring words and symbols of our love. We celebrate each other's birthdays with cakes and other goodies. As we advance through the ranks of the duplicate bridge world we have annual parties to recognize our individual accomplishments. Our names, and frequently our pictures, appear in our excellent monthly *News/letter* to extol our victories in local, regional, and national tournaments. Yes we are a club, but in many ways we are also like a family.

During May we have added new members that bring our total membership over last years' total. We have added almost 100 new friends to our ranks in the last two years. Many of our new members are just starting their journey in the fascinating and challenging world of duplicate bridge. To assist their development and learning process, we have established three 0–20 games specifically for them. There is a section of 0–20 on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (mini-lesson at 6:30 p.m.) and a section on Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. with a ½ hour mini-lesson. These

sessions are designed to increase the comfort level and to provide a comfortable environment to learn and have fun playing duplicate bridge. From the ranks of our newer players will come the future Silver and Gold Life Masters and the long-term club members to ensure the future of Our Club. ♦

We mourn the passing of Quintin Jones.

The 70% Club

- Dileep Vyas & Kokila Vyas—Wednesday morning, April 22—70.63%
- Kaye Stanley & Loyd Stanley—Wednesday evening, May 6—79.17%
- Kaye Stanley & Loyd Stanley—Wednesday evening, May 13—71.00%
- Deb Phillips & Ann Ferrill—Tuesday morning, May 19—80.00%

May Minutes

Sheila Mehaffy for Ann Lewis

Sunday, May 3, 2009. Dick Heil, President, called the LRDBC Board meeting to order. Board members present were Vicki Scanlon, Deb Phillips, Bill Kinneman, John Chapman, Rickard Kalkbrenner, Rick Lowens, Jane Teed, Diane Lord, David Cockcroft, and Sheila Mehaffy. Bryan Lee Williams was a guest.

Dick Heil asked for the approval of the April minutes as published. The motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens reported that, due to the earlier than usual date of the board meeting, a complete report was not available. He reported that the table count for the year was down 61½ including the loss of 29 tables in April. The loss of tables in April was attributed to the closing of the club the first weekend in April due to the Hot Springs Village tournament.

The 0–20 games on Wednesday morning and evening have an average of 5 tables. There will be a 0–20 game established on Monday evening. Next year the classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings in order

that students may move into those games.

A special game, Worldwide Bridge Contest, will be held at the LRDBC on June 5th. Bryon Lee Williams will make posters advertising the game. An email blast will be sent to members to encourage play.

John Chapman suggested that we have a standard communication plan for new members. He offered to work on the format.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

David Cockcroft moved that the purpose of the equipment committee be "to review, price, and evaluate capital items costing more than \$300 proposed for purchase by the board of directors of the LRDBC or members of the LRDBC and to make a recommendation to the board in regard thereto."

Richard Kalkbrenner seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

David reported that the committee discussed three purchases: Electronic Bulletin Board (cost \$1,000), wireless scoring system (cost \$2,400 for 18 units), and defibrillator and CPR training (cost \$3,000). The committee feels that the defibrillator is the top priority. No recommendation was made to purchase any equipment.

Discussion followed by the LRDBC Board concerning what equipment would be the property of The Bridge House. The Board will request a report concerning the amount The Bridge House has received as memorial contributions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Sheila Mehaffy reported that membership packets were still being sent to new members. She will mark the free play tickets in order to see if they are being used.

CHIEF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Phillips reported that the club has three new directors, Jim Gaunt, John Chapman, and Bryon Lee Williams. There will be a Directors' Meeting on May 24th. She further reported that a listing of Psych bids is being maintained. She emphasized that we are a Zero Tolerance Club and when an infraction of that policy happens a director must be immediately called to the table.

A discussion followed concerning the LRDBC's responsibility to supply medicine in the event of a

sudden illness. It was stated that the # 12 Fire Station is only a few minutes away. Art Pfeifer offered to visit the station and remind them of our club. A fire box containing a key to the building will be installed over the door and the fire extinguishers will be checked.

President Heil announced that The Bridge House will host the TAP at the LRDBC. To date 25 persons have signed up for the course. Seven of those are members of our club. The cost is \$100 per non-accredited teacher. The cost will be reimbursed when the teacher actually teaches a class.

John Chapman reported that many of the novice players would like a day game as well as the night games that are now offered. Deb said that a 0-20 game could be added to the Tuesday Afternoon Open Game.

There is no word, as yet, from ACBL concerning the Youth National Game. We may expect information after the National Tournament in Washington, DC this summer.

It was moved and seconded that a birthday party be held each 2nd Sunday of the month. A motion to table failed and the original motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Donations to The Bridge House

The Bridge House gratefully acknowledges the following memorial contributions:

In memory of Tommye Davis:

Judy & Dick Chapman, Ann & Dane Clay, Fran & David Cockcroft, Jane Dickey, Ann Ferrill, Bonnie & Bob Fincher, Ann Lewis, Elaine & Rick Lowens, Bernice McNutt, Art Pfeifer, Jane & David Teed, Hildegard Sherman, and Cherry Starling

In memory of Quintin Jones:

Judy & Dick Chapman, Ann & Dane Clay, Fran & David Cockcroft, Jane Dickey, Ann Ferrill, Bonnie & Bob Fincher, Ann Lewis, Elaine & Rick Lowens, Art Pfeifer, Jane & David Teed, Hildegard Sherman, and Cherry Starling

In memory of Madeleine Lowens (mother of Rick):

Elaine & Rick Lowens

First Place Winners From Gatlinburg, Tupelo, & Oklahoma City



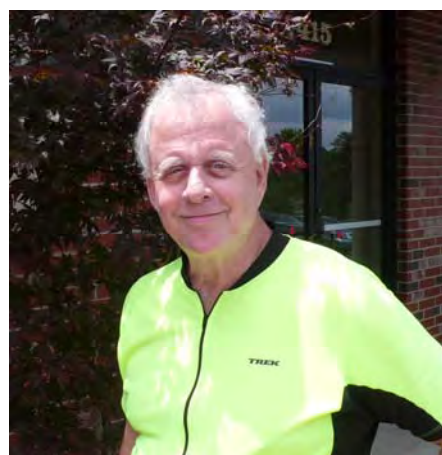
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Sheila & Fran



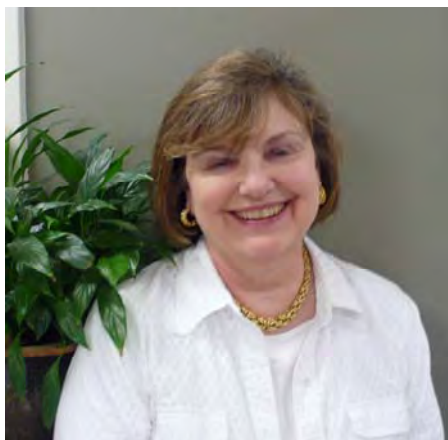
Bill & Missy



Allan



David



Diane



Bill

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.

Four Steps in Bridge Playing

Bo Liu

In one round of pair game, first hand opps had a cold 4♠ but we bid and made 5♦ which should be down one. In board 20. I was holding (sitting East): ♠ A K 6, ♥ A K J 10 9 5, ♦ 6 5, ♣ A 6. The bidding went:

S	W	N	E
	P	P	1♥
1♠	2♥	P	4♥
All Pass			

South led spade Jack. Table was: ♠ 8 7 3, ♥ 8 4 2, ♦ A J 9 7 4, ♣ 8 2.

Table played spade 3 – 2 – Ace.

Now I run 4 steps (RACP):

1. Review bidding: spade distribution should be 5–2, leading from J 10 9 5 4 and North has Q 2. South didn't bid Michaels he shouldn't have 5+ minor. Our side 24 HCP, they have 16 HCP. I didn't hear North bid 3♣ since he has 5+ clubs (they have 9 fit in clubs and South doesn't have 5+) looks like North has balance shape or low HCP.
2. Analysis of leading: safe lead, meantime searching spade defender.
3. Count winners and losers: losers first for trump game. 0–1 spades, 0–1 hearts, 1 diamond, 1 club. Winners, 2 spades, 5–6 hearts, 1–2 diamonds (or more if can clean trump and build diamond), 1 club.
4. Plan: trump have treatment to choose, play 2–2 or 3–1 (or 4–0) finesse queen, diamond has treatment, play low finesse with 9 might build one trick to pitch a black loser. Table has only one entry and it could be used to treat trump. So my plan was: cash heart Ace, play low diamond and finesse with 9 to see what happen to decide rest play.

I played heart Ace – 4 – 2 – 6. Next I played diamond 6 from hand and South put diamond King on table really fast. Now I have to change my plan. Looks like this diamond King is from K Q or singleton King, if so to

duck this diamond King will be good no matter which case. So table played diamond 4 and North followed diamond 2. South stop and thought a while then played diamond 8. Now South's diamonds are not K Q or singleton King, why he played King firstly? If this King played from K 10 8, he made a correct play (I can finesse diamond 9 to build one winner but now diamond King showed up and my plan can't operate). If so I better win table diamond Ace and take heart finesse. But can he be so strong to play King from K 10 8? Looks not, firstly he didn't know I don't have diamond Queen, secondly I believe he need some time to have this sharp judgment, thirdly he doesn't need to think any to play diamond 8 when I ducked diamond King, fourthly if he is so strong player he wouldn't let me make 5♦ in last hand. So his diamond King should be from K Q 8 or K Q 10 8. I played diamond Jack – 3 – 5. Now played diamond Ace – diamond 10 – spade 6 – diamond Queen, then fourth diamond played from table to guarantee making one over (either avoid trump guess or pitch club loser).

Whole 4 hands as following:

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



Tournament Schedule

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)
Washington, DC, July 23–August 2
San Diego, CA, November 26–December 6

Regionals

Vicksburg, MS, June 1–7
Birmingham, AL, August 3–9
Baton Rouge, LA, August 3–9
Tulsa, OK, August 10–16
St. Louis, MO, August 17–23
Forth Worth, TX, September 2–7
Tunica, MS, September 21–27

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Fort Worth, TX, June 5–7
Dallas, TX, June 11–14 (0–nlm)
Birmingham, AL, June 12–14 (0–300)
District 10 STaC, June 15–21
Columbia, MO, June 19–21
Gulfport, MS, June 26–28
Hot Springs Village, AR, August 28–30 (0–300)

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