

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

August 2009

### Bridge House Installs Life-Saving Equipment—Volunteers Needed

John Chapman

In late July, The Bridge House installed an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). If someone at the club were to suffer a sudden cardiac arrest, this equipment would become essential to their survival. According to the American Heart Association, AED programs (such as ours) raise survival rates from a dismal 5% to a much more encouraging 74%. Of course, the presence of this equipment is only part of the story; we need trained users.

Our goal is to maintain CPR/AED training for approximately 10% of our membership, or around 35 individuals. The club is sponsoring training for all game directors and asking for other club members to participate in the training. It is suggested that a contribution in the amount of \$45 be made to The Bridge House for this training. The course takes only 3 hours and will be held at the Bridge House. Upon completion of the course, you will be CPR-certified,

understand the operation of AED's, and be familiar with our club's particular AED model.

I am also asking those of you already CPR/AED-certified to both register with the club and attend a brief "in-service" presentation on our AED model. There is no cost for this presentation, which lasts less than an hour.

Lastly, for those of you not interested in becoming CPR/AED-certified, you are encouraged to attend an "in-service" presentation. While no certification is awarded for this presentation, your familiarity with the equipment could well aid in saving someone's life.

Both certification classes and "in-service" presentations are scheduled prior to games both on Saturday, August 15 and Tuesday, September 1. Registration sheets are available at the club. Contact John Chapman with further questions.

Please give serious thought to becoming a certified lifesaver. You could save the life of a good friend. In bridge parlance, your investment of time could be the most important "sacrifice" you ever take. ♠



### 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.

### Deception at the Bridge Table

Allan Siebert

On Tuesday evening August 4 at 6:00 p.m., Allan Siebert will present an hour long program on Deception at the Bridge Table. He will discuss false-carding both as declarer and as defender. Some of the other topics will include "Play the card you are known to have", "Don't give 'em a road map!", "The nine, the nine, my

kingdom for a nine!" (apologies to the Bard), and other topics that will make us feared defenders and better declarers. A donation to The Bridge House of \$5 is requested. The regularly scheduled Open Game will start at the conclusion of the talk.

Bring your favorite partner! ♥

## Record Smashed!

409½ tables played in June is an all-time record for LRDBC. It's the highest monthly total for ANY month since Rick Lowens has been keeping records. Last June's 390 was the previous record high. ♦

## Our Club

Dick Heil

409½ tables in June. An all time record!

Why did this happen?

Because we have a world class facility to play our favorite game.

Because we have game Directors like Peggy Jett, Fran Cockcroft, Deb Phillips, Ann Ferrill, Dick Chapman, Mike Porta, Suzanne Siebert, Jane Dickey, Bryan Lee Williams, John Chapman, and Gerald Koonce who make the coffee and ice tea and run the games for our enjoyment (whenever I start listing people I just know I have inadvertently forgotten somebody—my apologies in advance).

Because we have games designed to meet the needs of our members—starting & ending times, MP level, etc.

Because we have one of the finest education programs in the area, with instructors like David Siebert, Fran & David Cockcroft, Beverly & Bill Kinneman, Gordon Campbell, Allan Siebert, and Bonnie Melchior.

Because we have mini-lessons designed to help the newer players with the nuances of the game and to increase their knowledge and enjoyment of the game. These lessons are given by Carl Gray and Bryan Lee Williams.

Because we bring each other birthday cakes.

Because we call and send cards to our friends who are not feeling well.

Because we care about each other. ♣

## Directory Changes

Send to Rick Lowens at [rick.lowens@arkansas.gov](mailto: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!

## July Minutes

Ann Lewis

Sunday, July 12, 2009. The LRDBC Board meeting was called to order by Dick Heil, President. Others present were Margaret Kelly, David Cockcroft, Deb Phillips, Dick Chapman, Sheila Mehaffy, Diane Lord, Richard Kalkbrenner, Sherry Wortsmith, Rick Lowens, Bill Kinneman, John Chapman, and Ann Lewis.

Dick asked for approval of the agenda. The proposed agenda was approved unanimously.

David Cockcroft moved and Bill Kinneman seconded the June Board minutes be approved as published. The vote was 10 for and one no.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Rick Lowens stated the LRDBC had set a record for table count in June—409 ½. This is the highest count in the history of the LRDBC. As of the end of June 2009, the LRDBC is 19 tables ahead of this time last year.

The net income for June was \$1,816.52. June's total included a Charity Week and a STaC's tournament week. Richard Kalkbrenner moved and Sherry Wortsmith seconded the financial report be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Margaret Kelly reported there will be an ACBL-wide International Fund Game on July 24, 2009.

Margaret asked if the Tuesday day game starting time had been permanently changed to 1:00 p.m. If so, she needs to make change this with ACBL. It was suggested that a decision be made in September about this game.

### CHIEF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Phillips gave a report on director's compensation. After much discussion, David Cockcroft moved that a free play for use at another game be given to a non-

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playing director. These directors will also receive \$2 per table. Rick Lowens seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Deb wants to clarify LRDBC's Charity Week. She stated it is supposed to be the second week of the month but sometimes this week starts on the first Sunday. Dick Heil asked Margaret Kelly and Deb to meet about this matter.

#### DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

Ann Lewis reported the committee had looked into the matter of buying a picnic table. It was the decision of the committee not to buy a table at this time, mainly due to sprinkler and grass issues.

She also reported LaHarpe Furniture and the manufacturer of our bridge chairs have agreed to replace these chairs, at no cost, with new chairs. Rick Lowens suggested the committee make sure the 10-year warranty will also apply to the new chairs.

#### SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Diane Lord reported LRDBC has scheduled a 0-299'er tournament for January 22, 23 & 24, 2010, to be held at the Curtis Finch Bridge House. Dick Heil will be the chairman. The tournament has been sanctioned by ACBL. Volunteers are needed to chair the tournament committees.

Other tournaments planned are a Sectional—July 9, 10 & 11, 2010. This tournament will be held at Congregation B'nai Israel. A 0-299'er will be held at Curtis Finch Bridge House January 21, 22 & 23, 2011, and a sectional tournament will be held July 8, 9 and 10, 2011, at Congregation B'nai Israel. The 0-299'er tournament to be held in January, 2010, has been sanctioned by ACBL. The two sectional tournaments also have been sanctioned, but the 0-299'er tournament to be held in 2011 has not been sanctioned by ACBL. Margaret Kelly will get the ACBL sanction for this tournament.

#### RENTAL PREPAYMENT

Rick Lowens reported there is \$32,288.92 in the Metropolitan National Bank MMA. He suggested the LRDBC prepay three months rent. Dick Chapman suggested the LRDBC prepay three months rent and TBH would give the LRDBC a promissory note for this amount. A motion for the LRDBC to prepay three

months rent and be given a promissory note for this amount was made by Rick Lowens and seconded by David Cockcroft. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NEW MEMBER PAMPHLET

Sheila Mehaffy presented a mock-up of a pamphlet to be given to new and prospective members. Suggestions and corrections were made. Sheila suggested that a list of all classes with a description of each class be printed. This will be given to all new and prospective members. Dick Heil will be in charge of this list.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A teacher's workshop will be held at TBH on Saturday, August 8, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

A newcomer's tournament orientation workshop will be held Saturday, August 15, 2009, 9:30 to 12 noon.

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

## Tournament Report

#### Champagne, IL Regional

- Russ Jones & teammates—3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (12 teams); 1st in A in Side BAM Teams (17 teams); 10th in A in Swiss Teams (48 teams)

#### Las Vegas, NV Regional

- Johnnie Owens & Charlotte Davis—7th in B/1st in C in Senior Pairs (64 pairs); 13th in A/5th in B/1st in C in Open Pairs (56 pairs)

#### West Des Moines, IA Regional

- Karen Anderson & teammates—4th in B in Swiss Teams (21 teams)

#### Tyler, TX Sectional

- Bob Tully & partner—2nd in C in Side Game (12 pairs)

## The 70% Club

- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—72.92% Tuesday evening, June 30
- Lutine Vogel—95% Monday evening 0-20 Individual, July 20



# Fall Education Program

Starting in the last week of August, The Bridge House will have a comprehensive Education Program designed to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of our game. There will be classes for the absolute beginner to the very advanced player and all levels in between. Here is a listing of the classes:

## Fall 2009 Education Program — Corrected

### Basic Level Courses

Day	Time	Starting Date	Instructor(s)
<b>Bidding in the 21st Century (Basic Bidding)</b>			
Thursday Mornings	10:00 a.m.	August 27	Dick Heil
Thursday Evenings	7:00 p.m.	August 27	George Ballard
<b>Basic Defense</b>			
Wednesday Evenings	7:00 p.m.	August 26	David & Fran Cockcroft
<b>Play of the Hand</b>			
Tuesday Evenings	7:00 p.m.	September 15	Beverly & Bill Kinneman
<b>Major Suit Raises</b>			
Alternate Saturdays	9:45 a.m.	September 5	Bryan Lee Williams

### Intermediate/Advanced Courses

<b>Intermediate/Advanced Defense</b>			
Monday Evenings	5:30 p.m.	August 24	David Cockcroft
<b>Advanced Declarer Play</b>			
Wednesday Afternoons	1:00 p.m.	September 9	Jack Tidball
<b>Gordon's Flavour of the Month</b>			
One Saturday per month	9:45 a.m.	September 12	Gordon Campbell

**Note: Additional Bidding and Play of the Hand Courses may be scheduled based on demand.**

There are sign-up sheets on the Bulletin Board for the Basic and Advanced Defense and the Advanced Declarer Play courses.

Due to changes in the ACBL Advertising reimbursement program, there will not be any advertising in the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* for the Play of the Hand course, however there will be *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* advertising for the Bidding in the 21st Century (basic bidding) course.

For additional information or to sign up for any of these outstanding programs contact either the instructor or contact Dick Heil (753-3097). ♥

## First Place Winner From Las Vegas + July Birthdays



Charlotte (Johnnie not pictured)



Happy Birthday!



July Birthdays Joyce & Bobby



July Birthdays Helen, Rick, Jeanne

## Master Gardener

Jeanne Lloyd

A big thank you to Judy Chapman for the beautiful landscaping around our Bridge House. Entering The Bridge House grounds is such a delight, and our front entry with the beautiful potted plants Judy planted and nurtured make our home away from home look like something out of *Better Homes and Gardens!*

Thanks, Judy, for giving so graciously of your time and talent to give such a beautiful and impressive entrance to The Bridge House. ♦



A sample of Judy's creations

**LITTLE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE  
January 1 – June 30, 2009**

INCOME:

Club Games	Tables	Entries	Directors	Net
Monday Day	309.5	\$ 5,061.00	\$ 276.00	\$ 4,785.00
Monday Night	209.5	3,208.50	336.50	2,872.00
Tuesday Day	122.5	1,835.00	249.00	1,586.00
Tuesday Night	184.5	2,847.00	335.00	2,512.00
Wednesday Day	141.5	2,387.00	297.00	2,090.00
Wednesday Night	87.0	1,356.00	256.00	1,100.00
Thursday Day	303.0	5,260.50	268.00	4,992.50
Thursday Night	240.0	3,726.00	446.00	3,280.00
Friday Night	129.0	2,143.50	250.00	1,893.50
Saturday	128.5	3,112.00	280.00	2,832.00
Sunday	195.0	3,112.50	345.00	2,767.50
Total Club Games	2,050.0	\$34,049.00	\$3,338.50	\$30,710.50
Prepaid Entries Sold				\$ 5,477.50
Over / Short (Entry Fees)				-31.50
Concessions				259.75
Coke Machine				606.50
Beer / Wine				0.00
Dues				6,420.00
Memorial Donations				0.00
Interest				134.73
Supplies sold				64.00
Miscellaneous				306.00
TOTAL INCOME				<u>\$43,947.48</u>
EXPENSES:				
Rent to The Bridge House				\$25,200.00
ACBL Monthly Fees				1,549.66
ACBL Other Fees				2,348.00
Newsletter				666.18
Internet Access				370.00
Bridge Supplies				341.04
Other Supplies				915.94
Maintenance/Repairs				0.00
Concessions				173.38
Coke				452.72
Beer / Wine				0.00
Parties				434.24
Miscellaneous				1,631.52
LRDBC Charity Fund				582.00
TOTAL EXPENSES				<u>\$34,664.68</u>
NET INCOME				<u>\$ 9,282.80</u>

## Donations to The Bridge House

The Bridge House gratefully acknowledges the following memorial contributions:

In memory of Tommye Davis:

Betty Peden

In memory of Madeline Lowens:

Hildegard Sherman

## Need a Partner?

Contact Connie & Roger Ellingson (phone 664-0385 or email [ubsldtel@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

## August Birthdays

Susan Blair..... 10  
 Marsha Boss ..... 18  
 Ken Burns ..... 16  
 India Cheairs ..... 20  
 Ti Davis ..... 7  
 Cindy Devish ..... 21  
 Ann Ferrill ..... 15  
 Ruth Gilliam ..... 20  
 Marceline Giroir ..... 24  
 Kam Harrell ..... 15  
 Richard Johnson ..... 31  
 Carol Jones ..... 5  
 Beverly Kinneman ..... 17  
 Pat Kyser ..... 19  
 Marilyn Moores ..... 11  
 Sandra Morris ..... 2  
 Christi Oliver ..... 4  
 Pat Patterson ..... 15  
 Ginger Quinn ..... 29  
 Johnna Rice ..... 14  
 Sue Rolle ..... 3  
 Kay Swanson ..... 6  
 Bryan Lee Williams ... 12  
 Doug Wood ..... 15  
 Sherry Wortsmith ..... 17



## LRDBC's Newest Members

Margo Bushmiaer      Ti Davis      Arleen Gordon  
 Ann Loveless      Wally Loveless      Pat Patterson  
 Barbara Wood      Betty Young

## Masterpoint Milestone

Langdon Jones is a new Silver Life Master.  
 Outstanding! ♣

## Table Counts Since January 2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2001	190.50	225.50	189.75	212.00	230.50	253.50	241.50	264.00	209.00	216.00	196.00	174.00	2,602.25
2002	260.00	182.50	210.50	209.50	183.50	226.50	230.00	205.50	196.50	237.50	169.00	208.50	2,519.50
2003	206.50	188.50	185.00	206.50	185.50	232.50	211.50	214.50	219.50	243.00	193.50	243.50	2,530.00
2004	270.50	221.00	255.50	250.00	223.50	297.00	307.00	322.50	263.00	265.50	235.00	286.50	3,197.00
2005	307.50	279.50	325.00	250.50	226.50	302.50	294.00	314.50	295.00	318.50	216.50	283.00	3,413.00
2006	352.50	309.50	322.00	295.50	234.50	374.00	350.00	346.25	256.00	319.00	239.25	281.00	3,679.50
2007	340.50	313.00	278.00	300.75	292.50	323.50	315.00	340.50	261.00	354.50	289.00	346.50	3,754.75
2008	344.00	329.00	357.50	333.00	278.00	390.00	351.50	363.50	315.00	375.50	271.00	312.00	4,020.00
2009	299.00	337.00	362.00	304.00	338.50	409.50							2,050.00

## ACBL Official Visits

A new pair dropped by the Bridge House Friday night, June 26. They were too late to join the game, but were offered food (of course) and the chance to play 3 boards with Gerald Berry and David Tetkoskie during their sit out. Much to the surprise of all, one of the visitors was ACBL's Treasurer, Craig Robinson, from Lansdale, PA. Craig and his partner were in route from Memphis to Hot Springs Village to visit friends, and wanted to see our club since they had heard so many wonderful things about it. Craig is the ACBL Board member from District 4, which is comprised of central New York, eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware, and southern New Jersey.

Welcome, Craig! ♠

## Tournament Workshop August 15

Starting Friday 28 thru Sunday 30 Hot Springs Village will be hosting a 299er Sectional Tournament. This Tournament is designed for the newer player to have an opportunity to win those needed silver points to attain their Life Master rating.

Our club will be have a FREE Tournament Workshop to familiarize our newer players with playing in tournaments. Coffee & doughnuts will be available prior to the start of the Workshop.

The schedule for the Tournament Workshop to be held on Saturday, August 15, appears on the following page.

All attendees will be given a copy of the SAYC Standard Yellow Card and also a copy of the pamphlet *Swiss Team Tactics*. ♥

## August 15 Tournament Workshop Schedule

Time	Subject	Instructor(s)
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome and review of the program	D. Heil
9:45 – 10:00	Registration procedures at the Tournament; Hospitality Room; Types of tournaments; ACBL Masterpoint plan (Gold, Red, Silver, Black); Types of games (Pairs, Knockouts, Swiss)	B. & B. Kinneman
10:00 – 10:30	Personal convention cards and Yellow SAYC cards	J. Chapman
10:30 – 11:45	Knock-out Teams paperwork and tactics; practice team game	D. Cockcroft
11:45 – 11:50	Your friendly Director	C. Gray
11:50 – ?	Questions & Answers	All

## Teacher Workshop

On Saturday, August 8, The Bridge House will host a Bridge Teacher Workshop. This will be an opportunity for all the bridge teachers in Unit 161 and the surrounding area to get together and share ideas and perhaps find solutions for mutual problem areas. Anyone may attend that is interested in being a bridge teacher or may be able to help us become better teachers.

	Item	Presenter
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome	Dick Heil
10:05 – 10:10	Entertainment	Beverly & Bill Kinneman
10:10 – 10:40	Sharing of Good Ideas	All
10:40 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 10:55	Minibridge Demonstration	
10:55 – 11:40	Three Break Sessions (20 minutes per session)	
	1. Combining "Hands On" with Powerpoint	Beverly & Bill Kinneman
	2. Using DealMaster Pro with Your Classes	Carl Gray & Dick Heil
	3. Easy Bridge Program	Cathy Irving
11:40 – 11:45	Closing	

## Tournament Schedule

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

### Regionals

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  
 Baton Rouge, LA, November 12–15 (0–300)

### Sectionals

Richardson, TX, August 6–9  
 Jackson, MS, August 21–23  
**Hot Springs Village, AR, August 28–30 (0–nlm)**  
 Alexandria, LA, September 11–13 (0–500/nlm)  
 Richardson, TX, September 11–13 (0–nlm)  
 Shreveport, LA, September 18–20  
 Monroe, LA, October 2–4  
 Nashville, TN, October 8–11  
 Biloxi, MS, October 16–18  
 Lafayette, LA, October 23–25  
 Mobile, AL, October 30–November 1  
**DeGray, AR, November 6–8**

# August Special Games

Eight is Enough Swiss Team

Sunday 2nd 1:30 p.m. (Charity)

Charity Week—300% club rated black

Every game Sunday 2nd through Saturday 8th; all games open except Monday 7:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., and Thursday 7:00 p.m.

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

See calendar!

Club Championship—65% sectional rated black

Tuesday 11th 1:00 p.m.

Sunday 16th 1:30 p.m.

Friday 21st 7:00 p.m.

Club Membership—100% sectional rated black

Friday 14th 7:00 p.m.

Master/Novice

Tuesday 25th 7:00 p.m.

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