

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

May 2010



LRDBC's Newest Members

Mary Burton

Pat Johnson

Tournament Report

Gatlinburg, TN Regional

- David Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket I Knockout (16 teams); 2nd in Bracket I Knockout (8 teams); 2nd in Bracket I Knockout (16 teams); 6th in A in A/X Swiss (52 teams)
- Barbara Miles & Jan Trotter—2nd in C in Side Game (88 pairs); 6/7 in C in Side Series (122 pairs)
- Barbara Miles, Jan Trotter, & teammates—8/9 in B in Swiss (74 teams)
- Leslie Lipke & Becky Bien—2nd in A/1st in B&C in 0–300 Pairs (37 pairs)

Jackson, MS District 10 Grand National Teams

- Jane Dickey, Elaine Lowens, Rick Lowens, Suzanne Siebert, & Burla Sims—2nd in B (13 teams)

President's Message

David Cockcroft

Thirty-three new members since the start of the year put us on target to add another 100 new members by year end, almost a 33% annual growth rate. The LRDBC is moving ahead by offering more classes and services to new and existing members, expanding our game schedule to fit their needs, and making vast improvements in technology to speed up and improve the enjoyment of the game for all. Each of us has a part to play. Just by being warm and encouraging to new members who venture out to play in our open games goes a long way toward making them feel a genuine part of the club. Thanks to all of you, our best days are still ahead of us.

You probably just learned about our new relaxed bridge game on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., starting May 7. This game was the result of many weeks of discussion by a special committee consisting of George Ballard, Dixie Martin, Karen Proetz, Tricia Chaffin, Georgia Quinn, and Helen Buchanan, Chairman. Be sure to thank them for their efforts on behalf of the club. Dixie Martin has also volunteered to assist Diane, Connie, and Roger on the Partnership Desk. Her phone and e-mail address are listed elsewhere in the *Newsletter* and posted on our Web site.

The Master/Novice game on May 27 was a terrific success. At 16 full tables, it was by far the biggest game of the month and certainly the biggest Master/Novice game in many months. Margaret Kelly's bourbon-soaked bread pudding was just the right touch to keep the game convivial and upbeat. Everyone had a really good time. It was so encouraging to see the Master/Novice game become once again the vibrant and special part of our game schedule it should always be. Let's all make the effort required to duplicate this success over and over again. Thanks to everyone who

GAME SCHEDULE

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| Monday | | 11:00 a.m. |
| Monday (0–300) | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday | | 1:00 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 (0–200) | RELAXED BRIDGE | 11:00 a.m. |
| Friday | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | | 12:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | | 1:30 p.m. |

participated.

The Hot Springs Regional Tournament starts Monday, May 17, and continues through Sunday, May 23. Please note that the LRDBC will be closed Monday evening, May 17, through Sunday, May 23. It's already time to form your partnerships and teams to bring home the gold points. As the first year we'll have our new name tags, don't forget to wear yours. Get ready to smile for Jane when she snaps your picture in the winner's circle.

It is also not too early to form teams for our Summer Sectional on July 7–9. The Eight-is-Enough Swiss on the first Sunday of each month is an excellent opportunity to practice for the event.

Enjoy this great weather while it lasts. July and August are just around the corner. ♠

TBH Mortgage Drops Below \$200,000!

Dick Chapman

It's time again to thank the wonderful supporters of bridge education and competition in central Arkansas. When the building program and capital campaign of The Bridge House started three years ago, the building committee and board of directors envisioned a debt as high as \$450,000, and we were facing 30 years of mortgage payments. However, because of the generosity of so many who made gifts large and small, we were able to hold the original mortgage to \$250,000. Now, because of the lease with the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club, the generosity of the club in its lending policies, the prudent fiscal policies of both TBH and the LRDBC, and new gifts that continue to be made, The Bridge House has reduced its mortgage to under \$200,000: our payment in April brought the principal balance down to \$199,756.82. Because the principal payments to the bank are being made as if the mortgage were \$450,000, the payoff date has been greatly accelerated.

If you were not a part of the original campaign, you are invited to be a contributor to this great effort. Contact Dick Chapman to discuss general gifts or gifts in memory or honor of someone. Let's make some plans for a mortgage-burning party—that happy day is still a few years away but at least we can dream. ♥

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!

May Special Games

Club Championship—65% sectional rated black

Saturday, May 1, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., 0–300

Wednesday, May 26, 9:30 a.m., 0–300

Eight is Enough Swiss Team

Sunday, May 2, 1:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, May 13, 11:00 a.m.

Club Membership—100% sectional rated black

Tuesday, May 25, 1:00 p.m.

Unit-wide Championship—85% sectional rated black

Friday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Charity—300% sectional rated black

Thursday, May 6, 11:00 a.m.

Every game Sunday, May 9, through Saturday, May 15 except Thursday, May 8, 11:00 a.m.; all games open except Monday, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Thursday, 7:00 p.m., and Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 31, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, May 31, 7:00 p.m., 0–300

Bridge House closed May 17 (evening game) – May 23 for Hot Springs Regional Tournament

Master/Novice

Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.

Board Minutes

Barbara Blaine

April 11, 2010. Board members present: David Cockcroft, Helen Buchanan, Dick Heil, Jack Tidball, Barbara Blaine, John Chapman, Rick Lowens, Sheila Mehaffy, and Bill Kinneman.

Dick Heil moved and Jack Tidball seconded the motion that the minutes of the March meeting be approved as

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 1:30 PM Eight is Enough Swiss Team | 3 11:00 AM Open 7:00 PM Club Championship 0-300 | 4 1:00 PM Open 7:00 PM Open | 5 9:30 AM 0-300 | 6 11:00 AM Charity Open 7:00 PM 0-500 | 7 11:00 AM 0-200 Relaxed 6:30 PM Mexican Potluck 7:00 PM Unit-wide Championship Open | 8 12:30 PM Open | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 1:30 PM Charity Open <i>Mother's Day</i> | 10 11:00 AM Charity Open 7:00 PM Charity 0-300 | 11 1:00 PM Charity Open 7:00 PM Charity Open | 12 9:30 AM Charity 0-300 | 13 11:00 AM ACBL-wide International Fund Open 7:00 PM Charity 0-500 | 14 11:00 AM Charity 0-200 Relaxed 6:30 PM Italian Potluck 7:00 PM Charity Open | 15 12:30 PM Charity Open | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 12:15 PM Board Meeting 1:30 PM Open | 17 11:00 AM Open | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">HS Regional</div> | 24 11:00 AM Open 7:00 PM 0-300 | 25 1:00 PM Membership Open 7:00 PM Master/Novice | 26 9:30 AM Club Championship 0-300 | 27 11:00 AM Open 7:00 PM 0-500 | 28 11:00 AM 0-200 Relaxed 6:30 PM Cajun Potluck 7:00 PM Open | 29 12:30 PM Open | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 1:30 PM Open | 31 11:00 AM Charity Open 7:00 PM Charity 0-300 <i>Memorial Day</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

published. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Cockcroft presented the three newly bound volumes of *Newsletters* for our review and thanked Jane Dickey for her work in having this done.

He mentioned the success of the new member game held in March. All in attendance enjoyed the session. He thanked Dick Chapman, Bryan Lee Williams, Sheila Mehaffy, Judy Chapman, and Fran Cockcroft for their work in organizing the event. Jack Tidball recommended that we be careful not to schedule this game during an ACBL National Tournament.

The board discussed the Sunday Eight is Enough Swiss team game. David brought attendance records from July 2009 to the present which showed an average of eight tables per session. If the Easter session had been excluded from the average, the average table count would have been nine, a significant increase compared to previous Sunday Swiss sessions. The board considered the stratifications of this team game but took no action. If needed, further discussion of this issue will be at a later date.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens reported our table count is up for the year. We set a record for March with a total of 396 tables.

The quarterly treasurer's report reflected a total income of \$25,820.80 and expenses of \$19,097.13, for a net income of \$6,723.67. We have a total of \$41,568.55 in the bank.

Jack Tidball moved and Dick Heil seconded the motion to accept the report. The board approved it.

Dick Heil moved and Jack Tidball seconded a motion to authorize Rick Lowens to coordinate a \$12,600 rent prepayment to The Bridge House. The motion carried.

GAME DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Kinneman reported that the Intermediate / Novice Subcommittee has been working diligently. Members of this group are: Helen Buchanan (Chair), George Ballard, Tricia Chaffin, Karen Proetz, Ginger Quinn, and Dixie Martin.

The Subcommittee has recommended that we begin a 0-199 masterpoint game to be held on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Dick Heil made the motion to have this game. Barbara Blaine seconded and the motion carried. Dick Heil will direct the game which will begin on May 7.

The board considered options for future new member games. The format will be studied and future dates will be set.

A recommendation was made that more novice education be provided through director reminders, *Newsletter* articles, etc. The board also discussed the option to add an intermediate / novice member to help our current partnership volunteers.

The board considered different ideas to improve the Master/Novice game. David Cockcroft encouraged all board members to participate in this monthly event.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

John Chapman stated his ideas about our aging computer and printer as well as improving our power surge protection. He also said we will need a server upgrade in the near future.

Dick Heil moved and Jack Tidball seconded the motion to authorize the expenditure, as needed, of up to \$1,500 for a new computer, dot matrix printer, and power surge protection. The motion carried.

David Cockcroft reported a few members have expressed their desire to leave the percentage display on that shows the individual percentage after the hand has been played. These members plan to circulate a petition to that effect. John Chapman stated that this committee has unanimously recommended that this feature be turned off and gave the reasons for their action. Dick Heil noted this committee had been previously authorized by the Board to be responsible for the proper implementation and operation of the BridgeMate. Bill Kinneman was called away from the meeting and John Chapman had to leave to direct. With no quorum, no additional action was suggested or taken. The electronic traveler will not be displayed for now.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. ♦

The 70% Club

- Elaine Lowens & Helen Abbott—70.14%, Tuesday afternoon, April 27



Relaxed Bridge

Starting Friday,
May 7

10:30 a.m. Mini-lesson
0–200 Game at 11:00 a.m.

Guaranteed partner!!!
Game ends not later than
2:30 p.m.

Call Dick Heil at 529-
6404 or email
heil@sbcglobal.net for
additional information.



NewKomer's Korner

Dick Heil

Last month we briefly reviewed counting winners (no trump contracts) and losers (suit contracts). We also reviewed "sure tricks": you have the Ace in the suit—1 sure trick, the A K in a suit—2 sure tricks, etc. In suit contracts we need to identify "quick losers": you do not have the Ace in a suit, and "slow losers": you have the Ace in a suit but also have other smaller cards. Here are two examples:

No Trump Contract (3NT)

Dummy

♠ A x x
♥ K Q x
♦ J x x x
♣ x x x

Declarer

♠ K x x
♥ A x x
♦ K Q x xx
♣ K x x

Five "sure tricks"

2 spades, 3 hearts
no diamonds, no clubs

Lead: 2 of Spades

As declarer, your goal is to develop more winners (no trump) or to eliminate losers (suit contracts). Three basic methods exist for accomplishing your goal: (1) promotion/length, (2) finessing, and (3) trumping (suit contracts only). Let's look at the example hands. In the no trump hand, we need to develop four tricks. What suit gives you the best chance of getting the tricks that you need? The diamond suit looks promising—play diamonds until the diamond Ace is played and you will win four diamond tricks. Note if your right hand opponent (RHO) has the diamond Ace and leads a club, you may be in for an interesting day! If your left hand opponent (LHO) has the diamond Ace, all is well.

In the 4♥ example hand, you have one too many losers. You cannot do anything about the "quick losers"; the opponents are going to win the diamond Ace unless

Suit Contract (4♥)

Dummy

♠ A x
♥ K Q x x
♦ J x x x x
♣ x x x

Declarer

♠ K x
♥ A x x x
♦ K Q x
♣ A x x x

One "quick loser" & three "slow losers"

no spades, no hearts
(assumes 3-2 split),
1 diamond (quick),
3 clubs (slow)

they fall asleep! But you have a couple of opportunities to reduce your "slow losers." You can pull trumps and then drive out the diamond Ace to discard a club on the fifth diamond in dummy.

So, after counting your winners and losers and discovering your partner has overbid again, one of the first places you should look to develop additional tricks is the longest combined suit in your hand and dummy.

Did you ever wonder why your partner is called dummy? ♣

From the Director's Corner

Deb Phillips

Many have asked for a few words on proper etiquette when playing at the Bridge House and especially when playing at tournaments.

It is very important not to "fondle the bidding box." Don't have your hand on the bidding box while you are thinking about bidding or not. This gives unauthorized information to your partner and the whole table. At the club we are more lenient about this than they would ever be at a tournament.

If you take too long to think about bidding or not, your partner may be barred from bidding. Again, hesitation gives your partner unauthorized information. Many will say that they are slow in bidding because they have to think of the proper bid. The law says that hesitations can imply information and that if you bid, your partner can do whatever she wants. If you pass, however, your partner must be sure that he has his bid in his own hand, not counting on you for anything.

When you are on lead, make your lead first before writing down the contract on your score sheet to speed the game along better. While the declarer is thinking about her line of play, you can note the contract. Better to lead first, then write.

Also, don't talk while declarer is thinking. It is discourteous for us to talk while others are trying to think.

The law says that once all four cards are turned over, they may not be turned back over. In other words, asking to see the cards once all four are turned over is not allowed. Most of the club members do not observe this but we should try to do better. It would never be allowed at a tournament. ♠

Need a Partner?

Contact Connie & Roger Ellingson (phone 664-0385 or email ubsldtel@sbcglobal.net), Dixie Martin (phone 786-0183 or email dixmartin@hotmail.com), 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 Connie, Roger, Dixie, or Diane know.

Newcomer Fun N' Frolic

Mark your calendar now for May 17 through May 23 for the Resort City Regional in Hot Springs at The Arlington Hotel. This tournament will be one of the most fun times you will have this year! Special registration gifts are available just for newcomers.

All of the Newcomer games (0–300) have special prizes for the top placers in each section, in each direction. In addition, there are very special prizes for the overall top 0–20 players in the newcomer games.

This tournament is for you!

Special games, special prizes, and special game discounts are also available for 0–20 and 0–5 players.

Outstanding speakers for the Novice / Intermediate players will make presentations every day after lunch; including the player holding the third highest Masterpoint ranking in the ACBL, a six-time National Champion, and a winner of the Olympics of the Mind in Utah. Each presentation is designed to help the newer players improve their game and to help them have more fun at the bridge table.

Make new friends! Make new memories! Laugh a little! Earn gold points! Earn red points!

Flyers are at the front desk at the Bridge House to provide more information, or you can call Dick Heil at 529-6404 or e-mail heil@sbcglobal.net.

A special FREE tournament preparation training session will be held on Saturday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m., designed to introduce you to the world of tournament bridge. Sign-up sheets will be on the Bulletin Board at the Club. ♥

*We mourn the passing
of Don Gattinger.*

Caution! Obstruction Ahead

David and Fran Cockcroft

Don't you hate it when you hold a good hand like Q J x, A 10, A K x x, A J 10 x and open 1♦, planning to jump rebid 2NT over partner's response when Wham! Bam!—your LHO bids 2♠? Are you confident you and your partner are ready to continue bidding correctly after this kind of interference? Have your opponents ever bid an unusual 2NT to obstruct your auction? Were you prepared to handle it effectively? Since turn-about is fair play, are you ready to return the favor some day?

Most bridge players devote the early years of their bridge education focusing on constructive bidding and learning new conventions to improve their constructive auctions. That's how it should be. But the more you play in competitive open games and tournaments, the more you'll be faced with handling all types of interventions into your auctions.

Fran and David Cockcroft are offering a 6-week course, **Competitive Bidding – Part I**, starting Wednesday, June 2 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., ending on July 7, just in time to help you prepare for the LRDBC's sectional tournament that starts July 9.

A more detailed flyer and sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board at the Bridge House. ♦

May Birthdays

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|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Jim Awalt..... | 31 | Judy Chapman | 5 |
| Kathy Childs | 20 | Pat Dodson | 14 |
| Linda Goldsmith | 21 | Esther Jones..... | 28 |
| Pat King..... | 4 | Shannon King | 25 |
| Nathan Koller | 12 | Bo Liu | 20 |
| Bill Mattox..... | 14 | Blanche Moore | 17 |
| Charlotte Nabholz | 27 | Deb Phillips | 15 |
| Mary Lee Puckett | 11 | Mary Schneider | 3 |
| Burla Sims..... | 28 | Dileep Vyas | 22 |
| Betty Weaver..... | 11 | Frances Wilson..... | 1 |

ACBL-wide International Fund Game

Date: Thursday, May 13, 11:00 a.m.

Masterpoints: 50/50 red and black at 100% sectional rating

Overall Awards: 1st, 20; depth of awards, 10 places

District Winners: 1st, 10; depth of awards, 5 places

Hand records and analyses

Winners recognized on web site and in the ACBL *Bridge Bulletin*.

These games raise funds to defray the expense of North American participation in international competition. ♣

Unit 161 Team Championship

It's not too early to start forming your teams to participate in the June 26 Qualifying game for the Unit 161 Team Championship. The Championship is held on Sunday of the DeGray tournament each year. Teams will be established on an 8-point basis, utilizing the following point-count system:

- A: 2,000+ masterpoints3 Points
- B: 500 to under 2,000 masterpoints2 Points
- C: Under 500 masterpoints1 Point

Each team is limited to only one A player.

The purposes of the Unit Team Championship are to increase novice participation and to promote mixing more experienced and less experienced players. The Team Championship game will be a tournament event and will qualify for pigmented points, calculated on the basis of total participation at the club level. Unit President Ned Irving encourages the 2,000+ MP players to recruit teams.

Masterpoint qualification for the team championship is determined as of January 1, 2010.

The Little Rock Club Qualifying game is a 2-session event scheduled for Saturday, June 26. If 1–6 teams participate in our qualification game, one team from our club will compete in DeGray; if 7–12 teams participate in qualification, then two teams will compete in DeGray; with more than 12 teams participating, three teams will

compete in DeGray. Also, the more teams we have participating June 26, the more sliver points the DeGray championship game will pay.

The Unit Championship will be at DeGray on Sunday, November 7.

Let's bring the trophy back to Little Rock where it belongs!

These are the possible team combinations:

1 A + 2 B's + 1 C = 8 Points

1 A + 1 B + 2 C's = 7 Points

1 A + 3 C's = 6 Points

3 B's + 1 C = 7 Points

2 B's + 2 C's = 6 Points

1 B + 3 C's = 5 Points

4 C's = 4 Points

See page 9 for a list of all of our club members in each bracket. ♠

Tournament Schedule

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)

New Orleans, LA, July 22–August 1

Orlando, FL, November 25–December 5

Regionals

Oklahoma City, OK, May 9–15

Hot Springs, AR, May 17–23

Austin, TX, June 29–July 5

Nashville, TN, July 12–18

Birmingham, AL, August 5–8 (0–300)

St. Louis, MO, August 9–15

Tulsa, OK, August 22–28

Richardson, TX, August 31–September 6

Tunica, MS, September 20–26

Sectionals

Arlington, TX, May 1–2 (0–nlm)

Nashville, TN, May 7–9, ABA/ACBL

Richardson, TX, May 27–31

Fort Worth, TX, June 4–6

Gulfport, MS, June 11–13

District 10 STaC, June 14–20

Little Rock, AR, July 9–11

Tyler, TX, July 16–18

Tupelo, MS, August 20–22

Hot Springs Village, AR, August 27–29 (0–300)

DeGray State Park, AR, November 5–7

Districts 7 & 10 STaC, December 13–19

First Place Winners From Gatlinburg



David



Becky & Leslie

2010 Unit 161 Team Championship Brackets

A—2,000+ masterpoints—3 Points

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Helen Abbott | David Cockcroft | Bernice McNutt | Cherry Starling |
| Jim Awalt | Ann Ferrill | Bonnie Melchior | Janet Tetkoskie |
| Betsy Berry | Peggy Jett | Deb Phillips | Jack Tidball |
| Al Childs | Gerald Koonce | Madalyn Reinhardt | |
| Ann Clay | Jeanne Lloyd | Allan Siebert | |
| Dane Clay | Bo Liu | David Siebert | |

B—500 to under 2,000 masterpoints—2 Points

| | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Barbara Blaine | Audra Evert | Margaret Kelly | Dean Phillips |
| Guy Borden | Gerald Evert | Beverly Kinneman | Rena Riley |
| Lillian Borden | Curtis Finch | Ann Lewis | Edna Savoy |
| Norma Campbell | Bonnie Fincher | Diane Lord | Hildegard Sherman |
| Dick Chapman | James Gauntt | Kay Loss | Suzanne Siebert |
| Judy Chapman | Carl Gray | Elaine Lowens | Burla Sims |
| Kathy Childs | Jean Grimes | Rick Lowens | Janet Stern |
| Bodie Cobb | Carolyn Harman | Margaret Mathews | Diane Tait |
| Somers Collins | Dick Heil | George McKeown | Jane Teed |
| Mike Compton | Mabel Henderson | Barbara Miles | David Tetkoskie |
| Billie Corrothers | Evelyn Hodges | Bobby Morgan | Joyce Thornton |
| Jane Dickey | Carol Holcomb | Lou Morris | Janet Trotter |
| Robert Downie | Bill Jett | Diana Nagel | Frances Wilson |
| Marilyn Drinkwater | Bill Jones | Johnnie Owen | |
| Lanell Duell | Langdon Jones | Liz Parry | |
| Walter Ely | Muriel Jones | Arthur Pfeifer | |

C—Under 500 masterpoints—1 Point

Everyone Else



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