

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

February 2012



New Member Appreciation Party

Sunday, February 19

Free Play—Delicious Food—Prizes

The welcome mat is out! Save the date—Sunday, February 19—for our New Member Appreciation Party, where the emphasis is on getting to know those who joined the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club in 2011 and 2012.

Like last year, we will be playing an individual movement that will enable you to meet and mix with

many of our newer members (as well as many older ones) in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. No partner is needed.

So that we may get an accurate count for food, a sign-up sheet is at the club for both new and older members. If you are not able to sign up in person before the party, please call Diane Lord, 661-9515, Fran Cockcroft, 225-9902, or the Bridge House, 666-9841, to get your name added to the appropriate list.

Two years ago we had 16 tables; last year we had 23 tables. Make plans now to join the fun and let's have a record setting table count! ♠

A Slip of the Mouse

Gordon Campbell

So here I am all alone in Calgary with nothing but cool weather and a laptop, while Ginna is warm on a ship cruising the Caribbean with our good friend Sissy Neuschwanger. I hadn't played in a couple of months so I logged onto BBO, and soon picked up:

♠ K x, ♥ A K Q x x, ♦ A x x, ♣ Q 10 x.

I opened 1♦, Partner bid 1♠, and I jumped to 2NT.

Then, I noticed that my mouse slipped from the 1♥ box. Yes, really! My mouse was independent, even before I replaced his leash with a USB transmitter. He was always sensitive at being clicked on demand, and now he defiantly pointed at 1♦ just at the wrong time. The mouse had also been drinking a little too much vino.

No subsequent heart bid by me would convince partner I had bypassed a 5-card major suit! Anyway, I was back in charge now. I double checked all remaining bids, and used the touchpad instead! It didn't help!

After my 2NT rebid, Partner bid 3♦ (forcing), so of course I bid 3NT.

GAME SCHEDULE

Monday		11:00 a.m.
Monday (0-300)		7:00 p.m.
Tuesday		1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	MASTER/NOVICE 4TH TUE.	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday (0-300)		9:30 a.m.
Wednesday (0-20)		1:00 p.m.
Thursday		11:00 a.m.
Thursday (0-500)	SWISS TEAM 1ST THUR.	7:00 p.m.
Friday (0-200)	RELAXED BRIDGE	11:00 a.m.
Friday		7:00 p.m.
Saturday	FREE SNACKS @ 12:30	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	8 IS ENOUGH SWISS TEAM 1ST SUN.	1:30 p.m.

Partner bid 4♦, so of course I bid 4NT (signoff).

Partner bid 6♦, RHO Doubled, so of course I bid 6NT.

“Shriek,” said the mouse. “Oh crikey,” said I.

For the first time we agreed on something—that this was the worst auction either of us had seen in a very long time. I hoped the contract would have better play!

Dummy put down:

♠ A x x x x
♥ —
♦ K Q 9 x
♣ K 9 x x

and, repeating my hand for ease:

♠ K x
♥ A K Q x x
♦ A x x
♣ Q 10 x

It could be worse perhaps? I definitely need 3 club tricks, and then I would be up to 11 tricks. The diamond suit is not 3–3 after RHO’s double of 6♦.

Early on, I saw a glimmer of hope as LHO held exactly club Ace-Jack doubleton. As LHO holds short clubs and short diamonds, he must hold lots of cards in the majors. We all know when you are one trick short of your contract, a squeeze is often the only hope.

LHO held: ♠ Q J x x, ♥ 9 8 x x x x, ♦ x, ♣ A J

RHO held: ♠ 10 x, ♥ J 10, ♦ J 10 8 x x, ♣ x x x x

After knocking out the club Ace, and cashing 3 club winners and 2 diamond winners, we arrive at this 7-card end position:

♠ A x x x x	
♥ —	
♦ 9 x	
♣ —	
♠ Q J x	♠ 10 x
♥ 9 8 x x	♥ J 10
♦ —	♦ J 10 x
♣ —	♣ —
♠ K x	
♥ A K Q x	
♦ A	
♣ —	

We have 6 of these last 7 tricks but we need all 7. Now, when the diamond Ace is cashed, West is squeezed.

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!

Newsletter Delivery

Want your *Newsletter* delivered a different way? Contact Dick Chapman at rwc2223@comcast.net or 225-0585, or place your request in his box.

He cannot pitch without giving us an extra trick. He is sandwiched between North’s spade suit and South’s heart suit. Slam making. Summary: South was mouse-challenged, East was silly to double 6♦. North was aggressive. West was completely innocent but by the end was forced to concede the winning trick. So sad. ♥

YNABC

Once again, the ACBL requests your help in spreading the word about the 2012 Youth North American Bridge Championships (YNABC) held the last weekend of the Summer NABC in Philadelphia, July 19–21. The ACBL wants us to make sure everyone in our local area is aware of the event.

You can find more information about the event at www.youth4bridge.org. ♦

Post-Game Chit-Chats

Gordon Campbell

Immediately following the Saturday afternoon games on February 4 & 18:

- Gordon will be live (!) but giving a free post-mortem session.
- Come and discuss the hands.
- Hear what your partner should have done but didn’t.
- Hear how you were blameless.
- Laugh at Gordon’s jokes, or pretend noisily.

Play on Saturday, and then come for a fun post-game chit-chat afterwards. Wine included. ♣

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Bella Bella Belladonna

David Cockcroft

The great Italian Blue Team (il Squadra Azzura) dominated the bridge world for almost two decades, winning ten consecutive Bermuda Bowls and two Olympiad Teams—a record likely to never be surpassed. This six-man team had three players still considered among the greatest of all time: the unflappable Neapolitan banker, Pietro Forquet; the Florentine jeweler and bridge wizard, Benito Garozzo; and the suave Roman showman, Giorgio Belladonna, who still holds the record for most World Championship victories with sixteen.

Their technical precision in declarer play, uncanny accuracy on defense, and modern bidding systems—unlike any in the world—certainly accounted for much of their success, but these were coupled with imagination and a flair for deception that resulted in brilliant coups and spectacular plays at the highest levels of world competition.

One of my favorite hands from their vast catalogue is Giorgio Belladonna's mesmerizing declarer play as South on the following hand:

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

In the other room his opponents played 4♥ by South, down one after the lead of the spade King. Declarer tried to develop his club suit but was forced to ruff spades and eventually lost trump control and his contract. Belladonna also received the lead of the spade King but his contract was 5♣. As you can see, South must get rid of his spade loser to avoid defeat since he is missing the Ace and King of trumps.

Belladonna won the spade Ace, unblocked the diamond

Queen, and went to dummy with the heart 10, planning to discard his spade loser on a high diamond. When he led the diamond Ace, East ruffed with the club 2 and Belladonna overruffed with the 4. He then attempted to play high hearts to discard dummy's losing spade, but West ruffed the third heart with the club 8 and Belladonna overruffed with dummy's 9. Another high diamond was played from dummy and East ruffed with the 3, overruffed by declarer with the 5.

All the defenders' low trumps had now been extracted and when Belladonna led his club Queen the Ace and King fell on the same trick. The defenders won their spade trick in the end but the contract was made. Try explaining that to your teammates when you compare scores. ♠

ACBLscore Class

Unit 161 will present an educational program on advanced ACBLscore at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 18, at the Club.

The training program will be for Club Directors and Managers who are familiar with basic ACBLscore, but may need assistance in certain areas such as:

- Setting up Swiss teams
- Multi-session and multi-section games
- Edmov
- Setting up and running Unit-wide games
- Reporting game results to Unit or District Web sites
- Howell and Mitchell movements for ½ tables
- Corrections
- Updating databases
- Special reports

The program will last 3 hours. Lunch and refreshments will be served.

It is requested that all attendees bring a laptop with the most current version of ACBLscore pre-loaded.

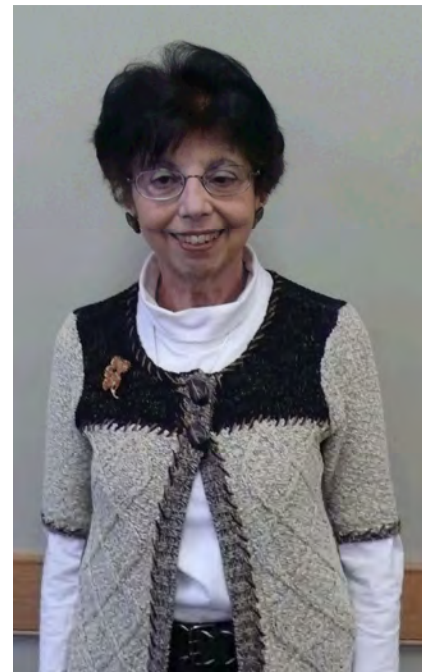
Reservations are required. Please contact Dick Heil at heil@sbcglobal.net. ♥

**We mourn the passing of
Diana Nagel.**

Life Master Party Celebrates 2011 Achievements



New Life Masters Bryan Lee, Lew, & Richard



New Diamond Life Master Bonnie



New Bronze Life Masters Luraette, Jim, Fran, Lew, Betty, & Linda



New Gold Life Masters Ann, David, Jeanne, & Cherry

Masterpoint Milestones

- Linda Nichols is a new Junior Master (5 MPs).
- Andy Collins, Stephen Dickason, Connie True, and Karen Potts are new Club Masters (20 MPs).
- Arleen Gordon is a new Sectional Master (50 MPs; 5 silver).
- Beth Howard is a new Life Master (300 MPs; 50 silver, 25 red or gold/platinum, and 25 gold/platinum).
- Byron Southern and Jim Tucker are new Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs).



LRDBC January Board Minutes

Betty Peden

January 8, 2012. The meeting of the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club was called to order by President, Diane Lord. Board members present were: David Blanchard, Fran Cockcroft, Richard Kalkbrenner, Beverly Kinneman, Jeanne Lloyd, Rick Lowens, Dixie Martin, Bernice McNutt, Deb Phillips, Burla Sims, and Jim Tucker. Art Pfeifer was present as liaison for The Bridge House.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Diane Lord welcomed the new members to the board as well as the members who will serve another year.

Diane brought to the board's attention that the signature card on our bank account has not been changed in several years. The old names will be removed and Diane's name will be added, along with that of Rick Lowens.

Diane noted that we have many of our members reaching life master goals this year. New Life Masters: Marian Belew, Tom Byarlay, Skip Henry, Beth Howard, Lew Johnston, Richard Kalkbrenner, Bill Mattox, Byron Southern, Bryan Lee Williams, and Virginia Young. New Bronze Life Masters: Becky Bien, Fran Cockcroft, Lew Johnston, Bo Liu, Betty Peden, Linda Raff, Byron

Southern, Jim Tucker, Luraette Tucker, Robert Tully, and Bert Turner. New Silver Life Masters: Audra Evert, Kay Loss, and Frances Wilson. New Gold Life Masters: David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Jeanne Lloyd, and Cherry Starling. New Diamond Life Master: Bonnie Melchior. Congratulations to all.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rick Lowens stated that 2011 was a very good year for the LRDBC. The club had approximately 4,800 tables in play for 2011, compared to approximately 4,400 in 2010. Most months, the club set a record for tables in play. In December we had 410 tables in play, compared to 335 in November.

We had 361 paid members for 2011. Thus far, we have 285 paid members for 2012.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Deb Phillips stated that we have two members who have completed the required sessions and have taken the directors' examination. Burla Sims and Byron Southern are official Club Directors of the LRDBC.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Beverly Kinneman gave the report for the Education Committee. New classes are now in session. Introduction to Bridge is a ten-week class on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 with instructor Dick Heil and on Wednesday nights at 7:00 with Jane Dickey as the instructor.

Basic Bridge Defense is a ten-week class taught on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 by Burla Sims and Wednesday nights at 7:00 by Bryan Lee Williams.

Intermediate/Advanced Defense is an eight-week class on Monday evenings with instructors David and Fran Cockcroft.

We have 96 students taking these classes—72 in the beginning classes and 24 in the intermediate/advanced class.

Workshops for Newer Players are scheduled the second Saturday of each month.

GAME DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Dixie Martin reported for the Game Development Committee. The Committee stated that some of the newer members have requested a 0–20 Game. The game would be scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday

and would be completed by 3:30. Burla Sims has agreed to direct this game. A motion to add a 0–20 game was presented to the board for approval by Jim Tucker and seconded by Richard Kalkbrenner. The motion carried.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jane Teed is Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee; however, the Committee has not met for 2012.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bernice McNutt stated that we had four new members joining this month (actually we have ten new members for 2012; however, six joined in October and are considered 2012 new members).

EVENT COMMITTEE

Fran Cockcroft is the new Chairman of the Event Committee. Fran stated that the first event coming up in 2012 is the Life Master Party to be held January 15. This will be a cake and ice cream party.

CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT

Burla Sims is the new Club Manager. Burla stated that she will be presenting to Jane Dickey the calendar for 2012. This will be printed in the 2012 Membership Directory. Burla requested approval from the board that if certain dates conflicted with the regularly scheduled games, that we would just cancel that event for that month. As an example, the Eight-Is-Enough Swiss Team is held on the first Sunday of the month and there will be conflicting events for this game during 2012. Jeanne Lloyd made a motion that if there was a conflict with the Eight-Is-Enough Swiss Team game that instead of moving the game to a different Sunday the game will be cancelled. This motion was seconded by David Blanchard and the motion was unanimously passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Bryan Lee Williams was at the board meeting to bring the board up to date on the upcoming Little Rock 299er Tournament to be held in Little Rock January 20, 21, and 22. Bryan Lee said that everything is ready for the tournament. However, volunteers are needed to bring cookies and finger food. Also, volunteers are needed for clean-up, etc. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS

As we have discussed in the past, some members keep asking/requesting that the BridgeMates show the percentage after each board at all open games. Some members stated that you should either have the percentages all of the time or not at all. The board again discussed the situation. There are many members who want the percentages shown and many who do not want them. To be fair to the complete membership the board voted unanimously to keep the percentages as we voted in the past. The BridgeMates will show percentages on the Monday morning game, the Tuesday night game, and the Friday night game.

Diane Lord passed out estimated color printing expenses of the LRDBC compiled by Dick Heil. Diane asked Jim Tucker, Equipment Committee Chairman, to have the committee investigate the purchase of a color laser printer.

THE BRIDGE HOUSE

Art Pfeifer stated that The Bridge House has good news for its members. The mortgage of \$121,000 should be paid off by December 2016. The financial report for The Bridge House is available for all members and is posted on the Bulletin Board for review.

For the new members, Art explained that The Bridge House is a complete separate entity from the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club. The Bridge House is a tax-exempt teaching school and the Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club leases the facilities of The Bridge House to hold its bridge games. Any donations made should be made to The Bridge House.

NEW BUSINESS

When we have tournaments or large parties, we are presented with the problem of not having enough BridgeMates. John Chapman discussed with the board the pros and cons of renting BridgeMates for these occasions. His suggestion was that the LRDBC should purchase four more BridgeMates for our Club. A motion was made by Deb Phillips that we purchase four more BridgeMates. Burla Sims seconded the motion and the motion passed; however, with some opposition.

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned. ♦

Tournament Report

Memphis, TN Sectional

- Beth Howard & partner—2/3 in C in Open Pairs (34 pairs)
- Byron Southern & Ellen Coffield—6/7 in B/4th in C in Open Pairs (24 pairs)

Jackson, MS Sectional

- Allan Siebert & partner—2nd in A in Open Pairs (54 pairs); **1st** in A in Open Pairs (57 pairs); **1st** in A in Open Pairs (44 pairs); **1st** in A in Open Pairs (18 pairs)
- David Siebert & partner—4th in A in Open Pairs (57 pairs); 4/5 in A in Open Pairs (18 pairs)
- Kathy Gates & Dan Graham—2nd in C in Open Pairs (57 pairs); 5/6 in C in Open Pairs (44 pairs)
- Beth Howard & Rosemary Dyke—5th in C in Open Pairs (57 pairs)
- Becky Bien, Somers Collins, & teammates—6th in A/4th in B in Open Swiss (24 teams)

Little Rock, AR 299er Sectional

- Norma Bishop & Dan Graham—**1st** in A&B in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 4th in A/3rd in B in 299er Pairs (45 pairs)
- Bart Gray & Carolyn Gray—2nd in A&B/**1st** in C in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 3rd in C in 299er Pairs (20 pairs)
- Jimmie Miller & partner—4th in A in 299er Pairs (44 pairs)
- Betty Scaife & Ti Davis—5th in A in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 6/7 in A in 299er Pairs (20 pairs)
- Bankie Holley & Bill Adams—5th in B/2nd in C in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 4th in C in 299er Pairs (45 pairs)
- Vicki Scanlon & Vickie Metrailler—6th in B/3rd in C in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 5th in C in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Kaye Stanley & Ellen Coffield—6th in B/3rd in C in 299er Pairs (44 pairs); 3rd in C in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Lillian Freeman & Linda Keaton—**1st** in A&B in 0–20 Pairs (11 pairs)
- Charlie Conklin & Jackie Conklin—2nd in A&B/**1st** in C in 0–20 Pairs (11 pairs); 2nd in A&B in 0–20 Pairs (8 pairs); 2nd in A&B in 0–20 Pairs (10 pairs)
- Pam Mueller & Debbie Doan—3rd in A in 0–20 Pairs (11 pairs); 5th in A/4th in B/2nd in C in 299er Pairs

- (20 pairs); **1st** in A in 0–20 Pairs (8 pairs)
- Bitsy Cates & partner—2nd in A/**1st** in B in 299er Pairs (45 pairs); 4th in A in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Linda Nichols & Pat Camp—3rd in A/2nd in B in 299er Pairs (45 pairs); **1st** in A&B in 299er Pairs (20 pairs); 2/3 in A/**1st** in B in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Carolyn Borneman & Gene Borneman—6th in A/5th in B/**1st** in C in 299er Pairs (45 pairs); 6th in C in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Jetta Hickman & Dennis Clark—5th in C in 299er Pairs (45 pairs); 5/6 in C in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Ann Loveless & Carolyn Stowers—**1st** in A&B in 0–20 Pairs (8 pairs); 2nd in A/**1st** in B in 0–20 Pairs (8 pairs)
- Marsha Biggs & Pat Rice—2/3 in A in 299er Pairs (20 pairs)
- Karen Proetz & Lynda Cross—4th in A/3rd in B in 299er Pairs (20 pairs)
- Fae Seay & Margaret Barros—**1st** in A in 299er Pairs (9 pairs)
- Ti Davis & Marsha Biggs—3rd in A in 299er Pairs (9 pairs)
- Sandy Swegle & Norma Bishop—4th in A in 299er Pairs (9 pairs)
- Blanche Moore & Ti Davis—**1st** in A in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Helen Buchanan & Lea Patterson—4th in A in 299er Pairs (53 pairs); 2/3 in A in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Sandra Crawford & George Ballard—5th in A in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Anna Hayden & Shane Lind—2nd in B in 299er Pairs (53 pairs); 6th in B in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Charlotte Nabholz & partner—3rd in B/**1st** in C in 299er Pairs (53 pairs); 4th in C in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Claudia Ragon & Jan Van Ness—5th in B/2nd in C in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Sandra Morris & Arleen Gordon—5/6 in 299er Pairs (53 pairs)
- Melissa Hawkins & Sheb Fisher—4th in A&B in 0–20 Pairs (10 pairs)
- Susan Woodyard & Sandy Jones—**1st** in A in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Connie True & Stephen Dickason—4/5 in A/2/3 in B/**1/2** in C in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Dileep Vyas & Kokola Vyas—4/5 in A/2/3 in B/**1/2** in C in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Maybian Wardlaw & Fred Hunt—6th in A/4th in B in

- 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Judy Graves & Annette Connaway—5th in B/3rd in C in 299er Pairs (52 pairs)
- Mary Boudreau & John Gilleland—3rd in A/2nd in B in 0–20 Pairs (8 pairs)
- Betty Scaife, Pat Rice, Marsha Biggs, & Ti Davis—1st in A in Swiss (13 teams)
- Helen Buchanan, Carolyn Rhinehart, Vickey Metrailler, & Vicki Scanlon—2nd in A/1st in B in Swiss (13 teams)
- Susan Woodyard, Margaret Barros, Sandy Jones, & Fae Seay—3rd in A/2nd in B in Swiss (13 teams)
- Ellen Coffield, Connie True, Stephen Dickason, & Kam Harrell—4th in A/3rd in B/1st in C in Swiss (13 teams)
- Karen Davis, Nita Eve, & teammates—5th in A/4th in B/2nd in C in Swiss (13 teams)

Biloxi, MS Regional

- Jane Dickey, Suzanne Siebert, & teammates—1st in A&B in Senior Swiss (20 teams); 6th in A/1st in X in A/X Swiss (34 teams)
- David Siebert, Allan Siebert, & teammates—5/6 in A/X Swiss (28 teams); 3/4 in Bracket I Knockout (10 teams); 2nd in Bracket I Compact Knockout (6 teams)
- David Siebert & teammates—1st in Bracket I Compact Knockout (11 teams); 2nd in A in Single Session Swiss (16 teams) ♠

Donations to The Bridge House

The Bridge House gratefully acknowledges the following gifts, including honorary and memorial monetary contributions:

In memory of Van Chapman (Dick's father): Jeanne Lloyd, Anonymous

In memory of Donna Duggan: Anonymous

In memory of Roger Ellingson: Carol Holcomb

In memory of Walter Ely: Bonnie Melchior, Betty Peden, Sam Cheeseman, Jeanne Lloyd

In memory of Flo Franklin: Sheila Mehaffy

In memory of Langdon Jones: Byron Southern, Cherry Starling, Dixie Martin, Carol Holcomb, Betty Peden, Ellen Coffield, Elaine & Rick Lowens, Bonnie Fincher, Jeanne Lloyd, Leslie Lipke, Diane Lord

In memory of Betty Karnes: Carol Holcomb, Anonymous

In memory of Kent Lloyd (Jeanne's son): Betty Peden

In memory of Bill Martin: Mary Butts

In memory of Diana Nagle: Sheila Mehaffy, Ann Lewis, Leslie Lipke, Anonymous, Diane Lord

In memory of Gordon Smith (Betsy's brother): Jeanne Lloyd

In memory of Billy Swatek: Betty Peden

In honor of David Blanchard: Billie Corrothers

In honor of Art Pfeifer: Billie Corrothers

In honor of Byron Southern: Ellen Coffield

The Bridge House regrets that it is unable to accept donations of ANY personal property other than bridge books. ♠

The 70% Club

- Gerald Koonce & Bonnie Melchior—74.60%, Monday day, January 2
- Jim Proctor & Bonnie Melchior—70.06%, Thursday day, January 5
- Jim Proctor & Dane Clay—71.58%, Tuesday afternoon, January 24
- Lillian Freeman & Linda Keaton—73.12%, Wednesday afternoon 0–20, January 25
- Betsy Berry & Jeanne Lloyd—70.83%, Thursday evening, February 2 ♥

LRDBC's Newest Members

Teresa Benson	Jennifer Bethel	Don Carvalho
Cita Cobb	Judy Conley	Marian Crawford
Sheb Fisher	Eric Gross	Christi Headlee
Lisa Hope	Melanie Lamkin	Glenda Lewis
Susan Long	Anne Marie Maddox	Melinda Martin
Richard Meyer	Linda Newburn	Breda Ryan
Pat Sanders	Shelly Tucker	Jean-Noel Willk



First Place Winners From Jackson, Little Rock, & Biloxi



Allan



Bitsy



David



Carolyn & Ann



Carolyn & Bart



Debbie & Pam



Connie & Stephen

Need a Partner?

Contact 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 Dixie or Diane know.

Junior Fund Month

February is Junior Fund Month. These special games award masterpoints at 70% sectional rated black. Players earn extra masterpoints while helping the junior program for youth up to age 26. Junior players have their own special events as well. Check them out at Youth4Bridge.org. ♦

February Special Games

Club Championship—65% sectional rated black

Wednesday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. (0–300)

Friday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.

Club Membership—100% sectional rated black

Sunday, February 26, 1:30 p.m.

Junior Fund—70% sectional rated black

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. (0–200 Relaxed)

Monday, February 13, 11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 19, 1:30 p.m. (New Member Appreciation)

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. (0–500)

Saturday, February 25, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. (0–300)

Wednesday, February 29, 9:30 a.m. (0–300)

Master/Novice

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

District 10 STaC—100% sectional rated silver

Every game Monday, January 30, through Sunday, February 5; all games open except Monday, 7:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Unit-wide Championship—85% sectional rated black

Tuesday, February 7, 1:00 p.m.



Average Table Count for 2011 was 400.29!

February Birthdays

Dane Clay..... 1	Carl Gray..... 3
Tom Byarlay 4	Cherry Starling..... 5
Sue Myatt 6	Bill Phillips 7
Kaye Stanley 8	David Cockcroft 9
Annette Connaway 9	Margaret Ann Watson... 9
Bill Jones 12	Lester McKinley 13
Tom Walton 13	Jennifer Bethel..... 14
William DeBusk 14	Elaine Lowens 16
Oscar Holiman..... 17	Mary O'Brien 17
Jan Worden 20	Gerald Berry..... 21
John Mueller 21	Betty Herron..... 23
Lisa Hope 23	Margaret Kelly..... 23
Judy McClendon..... 23	Carol Holcomb 26
Fran Cockcroft..... 27	Ann Lewis 27

President's Letter

Diane Lord

On January 15, our club honored our new life masters. We celebrated with cake and ice cream and presented each honoree with a Life Master pin. We had ten members achieving the rank of Life Master in 2011: Marian Belew, Tom Byarlay, Skip Henry, Beth Howard, Lew Johnston, Richard Kalkbrenner, Bill Mattox, Byron Southern, Bryan Lee Williams, and Virginia Young. We also honored nineteen members reaching higher masterpoint levels. New Bronze Life Masters are Becky Bien, Fran Cockcroft, Lew Johnston, Bo Liu, Betty Peden, Linda Raff, Byron Southern, Jim Tucker, Luraette Tucker, Robert Tully, and Bert Turner. Audra Evert, Kay Loss, and Frances Wilson reached Silver Life Master. We have four new Gold Life Masters: David Cockcroft, Ann Ferrill, Jeanne Lloyd, and Cherry Starling. The club presented Bonnie Melchior with a

Diamond Life Master pin signifying a 5,000 point level of achievement. Congratulations to each of you; we are proud of your accomplishment.

LRDBC hosted our third 299er sectional tournament on January 20, 21, and 22. Bryon Lee Williams was Tournament Chairman and Byron Southern was Co-Chairman. The weekend was lots of fun and highly successful. Everyone was smiling and I heard so many compliments from the players. The club extends a huge thank you to Bryan Lee and his committee who worked so hard during the tournament. I am always amazed at the large number of members needed to make our tournaments run smoothly. David Blanchard came to the rescue and replaced parts in the ladies restroom the day before the tournament!! David Cockcroft and David Siebert gave lectures during the lunch break on Friday and Saturday. And, as always, members brought delicious goodies for our players to enjoy during the tournament.

The first STaC for 2012 begins Monday, January 30, and continues through Sunday, February 5. STaC games are fun and always bring out big crowds. Please make plans to play and earn silver masterpoints in all club games that week.

The new member appreciation party will be held February 19. It will be a special day for us to honor our new club members for 2011 and 2012. The club will provide lunch at 12:30 and the game will begin at 1:30. Byron Lee Williams will direct the game using an individual movement which means just come—you don't need a partner. During the game, we will change partners every round so we will have the opportunity to meet and play with many different people that afternoon. So what a deal—come have lunch, play free, play with many different partners, meet new people, and have lots of fun. See you the 19th. ♣



Pat, Marsha, Ti, & Betty



Susan & Sandy



Ti & Blanche



Vicki & Vickey

First Place Winners From Jackson, Little Rock, & Biloxi



Ellen & Kam



Helen & Carolyn



Jane & Suzanne



Lillian & Linda

Not pictured: Carolyn Borneman, Gene Borneman, Pat Camp, Charlie Conklin, Jackie Conklin, Charlotte Nabholz, Linda Nichols, Dileep Vyas, and Kokola Vyas



Margaret & Fae



Norma & Dan

Tournament Schedule

North American Bridge Championships (NABC)

Memphis, TN, March 15–25

Philadelphia, PA, July 12–22

Regionals

Oklahoma City, OK, March 5–11

Sectionals

District 10 STaC, January 30–February 5

Birmingham, AL, February 9–11

Nashville, TN, February 16–18

Shreveport, LA, February 17–19

Hattiesburg, MS, February 24–26

Baton Rouge, LA, March 1–4

Springfield, MO, March 2–4

Hoover, AL, March 8–10 (0–500 NLM)

Hot Springs Village, March 9–11

Gulfport, MS, March 9–11 (0–300)

Fort Worth, TX, March 10–11 (0–500 NLM)

Richardson, TX, March 29–31

Alexandria, LA, March 30–31

Metairie, LA, March 30–31 (0–300)

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