

Newsletter

of the

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

JULY 2018



Our annual "All American" party will be held on Wednesday, July 4, with open and limited games.

Festivities will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The club will provide the main course

(fried chicken) and players are asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts, for a potluck around noon. Sign up at the directors' desk. Let's fill every table!



Bill Phillips is a Silver Life Master! (see Bill's story on Page 2)



CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW LIFE MASTERS! **Betty and Jerry Carter** (see their story on Page 3)



Gwen Gaston is a Bronze Life Master!

(from Page 1) **Bill Phillips** – “On a warm summer Saturday in Lebanon, Tennessee I was babysitting two small boys while my John Deere colleague and his wife went shopping. When they returned, it was suggested they invite a neighbor over to cook burgers and play Bridge. That was the evening I was introduced to both Dean and the game of Bridge. Dean has been a wonderful mother and partner for 55 years, and I am still trying to learn the game!”



July Games

<i>Club Championship</i>	<i>1, 2, 4</i>
<i>Charity</i>	<i>8, 11, 12, 20, & 21</i>
<i>ACBL Instant Matchpoint</i>	<i>9 (note start time)</i>
<i>Unit-wide</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Tournament of Roses</i>	<i>13, 14, 15</i>
<i>Inter-Club Championship</i>	<i>19, 24</i>
<i>North American Pairs</i>	
<i>Club Qualifying</i>	<i>22-28, 31</i>
<i>Club Membership</i>	<i>29</i>



For detailed information regarding games, please check the July calendar on page 5, or visit www.bridgewebs.com/littlerock

Members Reaching Masterpoint Milestones!

Junior Masters (5 masterpoints)

Debbie Bass
Mindy Morrell

Club Masters (20 masterpoints)

Anne Maxey
Addie Morris

Sectional Master (50 masterpoints including at least 5 silver)

Minnie Thomas

Regional Master (100 masterpoints including at least 15 silver and 5 red, gold or platinum)

Richard Straley

NABC Master (200 masterpoints including at least 25 silver and 20 red, gold or platinum, of which 5 must be gold or platinum)

Jade Sierra

Life Masters (500 masterpoints including at least 75 silver, 75 red, gold or platinum – or 300 masterpoints if grandfathered prior to new requirements)

Betty Carter

Jerry Carter

Bronze Life Masters (Life Master with 750 masterpoints – or 500 if grandfathered prior to new requirements)

Gwen Gaston

Sandy Popkin

Silver Life Master (Life Master with 1,000 masterpoints including at least 200 silver, red or platinum)

Bill Phillips



Sandy Popkin is a Bronze Life Master!



Thank you, Judy! The plants and landscaping at our club look great because of the hard work of Judy Chapman and her volunteers. Looks like she recruited another great volunteer – no, wait, that’s our lead director!

(from Page 1) Betty and Jerry Carter – Jerry began playing Bridge at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. During his senior year, he and his roommate represented the University and won the Regional Duplicate Bridge College Tournament. He continued to play duplicate for about two years until he and Betty married. He then taught Betty the Goren system and they played party Bridge. After several years, they found some old duplicate boards and organized a six table, dinner party duplicate club that met once a month. They were living in Elaine, Arkansas, population 898.

In 1970 they moved to Little Rock for Jerry to attend UALR for 92 hours of pre-med. They continued to play party Bridge occasionally after Jerry finished Medical School.

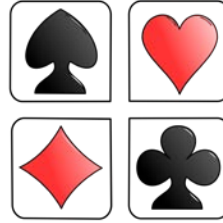
Betty continued to play party Bridge and finally played at LRDBC. After Jerry retired in 2008, he joined her at the club.

Jerry and Betty have been Bridge partners for 63 years. They both enjoy the game and the social contacts they have at LRDBC. Bridge is now a very important part of their lives.

They both earned the needed gold points at the Regional Tournament in Oklahoma City, to become Life Masters at the same time!



Jerry Helms is returning for a two-day seminar on November 13 and 14. The cost is \$149 for members, and \$169 for non-members. LRDBC members have first priority to register.



Open registration will begin on July 13 (at the *Tournament of Roses*). Payment is due when registering.

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Kaye Stanley

Mark your calendar and line up partners for the Sectional Tournament on July 13, 14, and 15. The Friday and Saturday games (9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.) will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club, and the Sunday Swiss Teams game will be held at The Curtis Finch Bridge House (beginning at 9:30 a.m.).



For more details (pre-registration, partnerships, etc.) contact Kaye Stanley, Pam/John Mueller, or Pat Phillips.

Notice From The Bridge House and LRDBC Boards

The Curtis Finch Bridge House has security issues that need to be addressed. Due to frequent alarms being set off accidentally, the Little Rock Police Department has warned The Bridge House that there will be significant charges for future such occurrences. Therefore, changes are necessary.

Effective immediately, only currently active directors and TBH instructors will have access to the external code for the back door. Both front and back doors will be unlocked 45 minutes before game time.

70% Games at the Club:

Jim Proctor & Allan Siebert, 74%, 5/27 (open game)
Gerald Koonce & Allan Siebert, 71.15%, 6/5 (open game)

Renee Shackelford & Bill Golden, 72%, 6/8 (0-500 game at the Regional Tournament in Jonesboro)

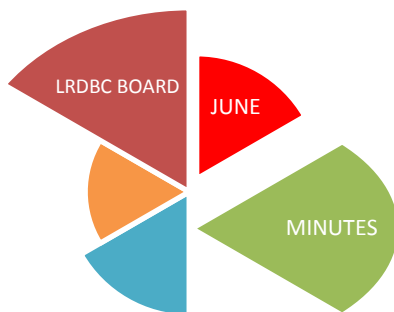
Lou Casteel & Kearney Dietz, 77.75%, 6/6 (0-50 game) and 70.83%, 6/13 (0-50 game)

Gary Evans & Mary Anne Wildman, 70.63%, 6/13 (0-50 game)

Bonnie Melchior & Becky Bien, 73.15%, 6/15 (open game)

Becky Gilbreath & Kay Swanson, 70.63%, 6/20 (0-500 game)

View Game Results/Information at
<http://www.bridgewebs.com/littlerock>



The June meeting of the LRDBC Board was called to order on June 10, 2018, by President Fran Cockcroft. Present at the meeting were Vice-President Carolyn Stowers, Secretary Cheryl Floyd along with Board Members Leslie Hollingsworth, Roger Amick, John Mueller, Dick Heil, and Renee Shackelford. Also in attendance were Ginna Young and Becky Bien. The May minutes were approved by voice vote.

Fran Cockcroft reported that the NABC will be held in Memphis next year, and ACBL is soliciting sponsorships for some of the events. The Board agreed with Dick Heil's suggestion that the discussion be tabled until we have a treasurer's report next month.

John Mueller suggested that the club train and have available backups for Dick Chapman and Rick Lowens. Renee Shackelford agreed to help John and to enlist Steve Turner. John will set up a meeting for discussion with Dick, Rick, Renee and Steve.

Ginna Young reported that the Joint Marketing and Education Committee met and reviewed a printout of newer players to invite to an open house on June 7, and to play in the 0-20 game at 7 p.m. It was the first time the 0-20 game made. Pat Phillips has volunteered to be the Partnership Coordinator for 0-20 players.

Fran Cockcroft reported that Jay Lucas is working on better speakers and microphones for the playing rooms. Renee Shackelford suggested that we get a larger screen TV for the Peggy Jett Room, and move the smaller TV to the Mike Compton Room. Dick Heil said that the Board had given approval in a previous meeting for Jay to make these changes.

Dick Heil reported that to-date we are 54 ½ tables behind last year's total. The 0-500 players make up 75% of our membership and 61% of our year-to-date attendance. He suggested that we have practice sessions immediately following beginning classes for four weeks and then help those players transition into a game. At our last meeting, Ginna Young stated that there should be 12 students to hold a class. Several classes did not meet that minimum and were held anyway. The Board was concerned about how to subsidize a class when fewer students enrolled. Dick Heil said that we can apply to the District for reimbursement up to \$350 per course for teacher compensation, and Ginna Young stated that the Education Committee will be working on submitting this to the District.

Because the Fourth of July falls on a Wednesday this year, the Board approved that there would be one game only that day, beginning at 11:00 a.m. In addition to the 0-500 game, there will be an open game and a 0-50 game. Dick Chapman will be directing. Fried chicken will be furnished by the LRDBC, and a signup sheet to bring sides will be available at the club.

The Board approved to have an open STaCS game on Wednesday, June 20th at 1 p.m.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

July 2018

Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:30 Swiss Teams (Eight is Enough) Club Championship	2 11:00 Open & 0-300 Club Championship 7:00 0-500 Club Championship	3 1:00 Open Club Championship 6:30 Open Club Championship	4 Independence Day Party 11:00 Open 0-500 0-50	5 11:00 Open & 0-750 7:00 0-750 & 0-20	6 11:00 0-500 6:30 Potluck 7:00 Open	7 1:00 Open
8 12:00 Board Meeting 1:30 Open Charity N	9 12:05 ACBL Instant Matchpoint Open 7:00 0-500	10 1:00 Open Unit Wide 6:30 Open Unit Wide W807161A	11 9:30 0-500 Charity L 1:00 0-50 & 0-20 Charity N 6:30 Open 6:35 Mini-lesson 7:00 0-100 Charity L	12 11:00 Open & 0-750 Charity N 7:00 0-750 & 0-20 Charity L	13 Club closed 14 Club closed <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">LRDBC Tournament of Roses Sectional Pleasant Valley Country Club 9:30 & 2:00 Open 0-500 0-50</div>	
15 Club closed <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">LRDBC Sectional Curtis Finch Bridge House Stratiflighted Swiss Teams</div>	16 11:00 Open & 0-300 7:00 0-500	17 1:00 Open 6:30 Open	18 9:30 0-500 1:00 0-50 & 0-20 6:30 Open 6:35 Mini-lesson 7:00 0-100	19 11:00 Open & 0-750 Inter-Club Championship 7:00 0-750 & 0-20	20 11:00 0-500 Charity N 6:30 Potluck 7:00 Open Charity L	21 1:00 Open Charity N
22 1:30 Open NAP	23 11:00 Open NAP & 0-300 7:00 0-500 NLM NAP	24 1:00 Open Inter-Club Championship 6:30 Open NAP	25 9:30 0-500 NLM NAP 1:00 0-50 & 0-20 6:30 Open NAP 6:35 Mini-lesson 7:00 0-100	26 11:00 Open NAP & 0-750 7:00 0-750 & 0-20	27 11:00 0-500 NLM NAP 6:30 Potluck 7:00 Open	28 1:00 Open NAP
29 1:30 Open Club Membership	30 11:00 Open & 0-300 7:00 0-500	31 1:00 Open NAP 6:30 Open				

THE LOOOOOOOOOOOOOONGEST DAY

LRDBC celebrated the annual "The Longest Day" fundraising event (a partnership between ACBL and Alzheimer's Association) on June 23rd. There were seven 12-board games played, with total contributions exceeding \$2,000! All proceeds will support Alzheimer's disease care and research.



Karen Proetz and Leslie Lipke, Co-Chairs



Byron Southern Rejoicing
Partner (Becky) Finally Made a Contract!



Linda Raff Wearing Purple on Her Fingernails
(A New Fashion Trend)

Our club's participation in this event gives tribute to more than 35,000,000 people worldwide who are living with Alzheimer's, AND to the countless number of caregivers who face this disease.

Thank you, LRDBC members, for combining a day of fun with giving to such a worthy cause.



JULY



... To You, and You, and You!

Connie True	1
Sidney McMinn	2
Mim Hundley	3
Helen Buchanan	4
Amy Pollard	4
Evon Coleman	5
Nancy Hawking	5
Jeanne Lloyd	8
Noel K.Hall	9
Joyce Thornton	9
Norma Martine	10
Bert Turner	12
Carolyn Stowers	13
Jerry Carter	14
Kearney Dietz	14
Ralph Cash	16
Marilynn Porter	18
David Blanchard	19
Zada Koen	19
David Menz	19
John Anthony	20
Marion Fryer	20
Becky Gilbreath	20
Janna Winchester	21
Susan Martin	22
Richard Straley	22
Rick Lowens	23
Kay Quinn	23
Mary Thompson	23
Nathan Atkinson	24
Marianne Thompson	25
Jo Blanchard	26
Ralph Cotham	28
Claire Ellefson	29
Jane Cazort	30
Judy Graves	31
Don Rebsamen	31

We gratefully acknowledge the following monetary contributions to The Bridge House:

In Memory of Bernice McNutt by:

*Bodie Cobb
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Pam and John Mueller*

In Memory of Jim Hansen by:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

**Candy Anderson
Bob Griffin
Janet Harney
Beverly Harp
Marc Hixon
Carol Keys
Beverly Yocum**

From the Editor

Becky Bien

In describing the life of a professional football player, Sonny Jurgensen (retired quarterback, now 83 years old) says you are “either in the penthouse or the outhouse every day.”



Would your partners feel the same about you?



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