

# Newsletter

of the

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

NOVEMBER 2021



**Ruby  
Life  
Master!**

**By Pete Marvin**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**ANNE  
BAILEY!  
99??**



Masterpoint milestones are nice, and it certainly feels good to reach them. However, the real pleasure is in the pursuit: the game-by-game striving to focus, to learn from others in our wonderful club, to trudge through the (sometimes painful) postmortem hand analyses that give us the perspective needed to improve. It doesn't come easy -- if it did, we wouldn't feel the exhilaration we all feel when reaching that next level.

The real triumph this year is what all of us feel when we gather again safely inside our club . . . the chatter, laughter, and smiles we experience when we come to play.

### **"RICK & ELAINE LOWENS DAY" AT THE CLUB**

Plan to play in the Monday, November 15 game at 12:30 p.m., when we will show our sincere appreciation to Rick and Elaine for their many years of service to our club.

They are planning a move to North Carolina in January 2022.



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**Winners of the Sunday Swiss Teams Game on  
October 3  
(Bill, Mary, Kaye, Carolyn)**

## **MEMBERS Reaching New Masterpoint Ranks!**

**Junior Master** (5 masterpoints)  
**Rebecca Reed**

**Sectional Master** (50 masterpoints, with at least 10  
black, and 5 silver)  
**Robert Landgren**

**Advanced NABC Master** (300 masterpoints, with at  
least 50 black, 50 silver, 50 red/gold/platinum – of  
which 25 must be gold/platinum)  
**Marci Hixson**

**Ruby Life Master** (Life Master with 1,500  
masterpoints, with at least 300 silver/red/  
gold/platinum)  
**Pete Marvin**

**CONGRATS!!**

## **70% + GAMES**

**Barbara Fincher & Mary Rae, 71.18%, 10/8  
(0-500 game)**

**Dick Chapman & Richard Kalkbrenner,  
72.16%, 10/14  
(open game)**



**To Our New Member:**  
**Jimmy Meyer**

## **Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**OCTOBER 11, 2021**

A quorum being established, the meeting of the Board was called to order at The Bridge House at 4:00 p.m. by our club president, Pete Marvin. Officers and board members present were Kaye Stanley (Vice President, via conference call), Rick Lowens (Treasurer), Becky Bien (Secretary), Lou Casteel, Jim Hathaway, Mary Anne Wildman (via conference call), Tom Wahl, and Nancy Speer. Also present were Dick Chapman (Lead Director), Diane Lord (representing The Bridge House), and Carolyn Stowers (Game Development Committee chair). Minutes of the September 13 meeting were approved.



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Pete presented an update on the status of the covid virus in Arkansas. Statistical data compiled by Yale School of Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health and Stanford Medicine, indicate the surge of the virus continues to decline. He commented on the one breakthrough case by a club member who played in the September 13 game. All guidelines for reporting and/or eventually returning to the club were followed. Those who played in the face-to-face game on September 13 were notified in writing of the breakthrough case. The member with the active case will not come to the club prior to meeting CDC criteria for a safe return.

### **THE BRIDGE HOUSE LEGACY GIVING**

**PROGRAM:** The board reaffirmed its support for the ad hoc Legacy Committee to commence its efforts (which were interrupted by the pandemic) to provide detailed recommendations for the implementation of a Legacy Giving Program. Once detailed recommendations are prepared, they will be submitted to The Bridge House board for review and/or approval. Jim Hathaway continues to serve as chair of the ad hoc Legacy Committee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Rick Lowens distributed a statement of income and expense for January 1 through September 20, 2021, along with a report on table counts for 2003 through September 30, 2021, and a summary of LRDBC bank balances as of September 30.

**CLUB MANAGER'S REPORT:** In Dick Heil's absence, Pete reported on the special online and face-to-face games scheduled for the remainder of October and for the month of November. A special

Thanksgiving potluck lunch will be held at the club on Sunday, November 14, prior to the game which will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**THE BRIDGE HOUSE:** Diane Lord presented a status of education programs scheduled by TBH Education Committee. David and Fran Cockcroft are currently teaching a six-week course on defense. More classes will be scheduled for the fall, with emphasis on classes for inexperienced players.

**GAME DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Carolyn Stowers reported on the ongoing discussions with the leadership of the Village Card Club (Hot Springs Village) and the Hot Springs Club regarding a cooperative BBO game schedule. An outline of the proposed/tentative virtual games was distributed. If an agreement is reached to go forward with the cooperative BBO game schedule, the board agreed that a three-month trial period (beginning November 1) should provide ample time to consider if the schedule should be continued.

Because of minimal interest in the Sunday open game and Monday 0-100 game, the board voted to eliminate those two games from the online (BBO) schedule, effective immediately.

**HOSPITALITY CHAIR:** Mary Jane Weindorf has agreed to coordinate the potluck prior to the annual meeting/holiday party/game, scheduled for December 12. A hospitality chair/committee is needed for 2022, and the board members were asked to provide names of those who would be willing to serve in this capacity.

**2022 TOURNAMENT CHAIRS:** Vickey Metrailler and Vicki Scanlon will serve as co-chairs for 2022 tournaments. Ideally, the position of tournament chair(s) for 2023 will be filled as soon as possible so the new chair(s) will have the opportunity to receive proper training by Vickey and Vicki.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pete stated that the Nominating Committee (Fran Cockcroft, Jane Teed, and Helen Herr) is working on its recommendations for a slate of officers and board members for 2022-23. Pete will send the committee's final recommendations to the board members via email for review and/or acceptance. The slate of officers and board members (along with any nominations from the floor) will then be presented to the membership at the annual meeting for vote and/or final approval. \*(See **NOTE** below.)

**LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

In accordance with LRDBC By-laws, the Long-Range Planning Committee is charged with reviewing and recommending to the Board of Directors written operating policies and procedures for the management

and long-term success of the club. The committee consists of three immediately prior past Presidents, the club manager, and the lead director. The current Vice President of the Board (Kaye Stanley) serves as chair. Kaye reported on the committee's recent review of the club's Policies, Practices and Procedures. The following recommendations were provided, along with the provision that LRDBC's By-laws be updated appropriately:

- Standing committees to consist of (1) Conduct and Ethics, (2) Game Development, (3) Membership, (4) Finance (headed by the club Treasurer), (5) Nominating, (6) Hospitality (instead of a chair), (7) Local Charity Selection, and (8) Long-Range Planning.
- Current Decorating (for seasonal decorations) and Décor (for general items such as furniture, etc. for TBH) committees to fall under the auspices of The Bridge House board.
- Remove the Equipment/Technology committee from a standing committee since it consists of one person.
- Each member of the board to be assigned to at least one standing committee.
- Any member of the board missing more than 3 board meetings in a calendar year will be replaced.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the addition of a Finance Committee and Hospitality Committee, and to present a report of the board-approved amendments to the By-laws to the membership at its annual meeting which is scheduled for December 12.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting of the board will be held at TBH on November 8, at 4:00 p.m.

**\*NOTE:** Via a later email poll, the board unanimously accepted the Nominating Committee's report. The report will be presented to the membership for approval at the annual meeting on December 12.



**Winners of the Sunday Swiss Teams Game on October 17  
(Gall, Becky, Nancy, Hugh)**



# SPECIAL NOVEMBER GAME

**ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, WE WILL CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING WITH OUR "BRIDGE FAMILY." A SPECIAL POTLUCK/ GAME (open and limited sections) IS FINALLY ON THE SCHEDULE!**

**The club will provide turkey, and you are asked to bring a dish to share (appetizers, sides, salads, desserts) -- you know the drill!**

**We have missed our potlucks!! As usual, we will have an abundance of food and fun, so line up a partner, sign up at the directors' desk, and plan to play.**

**The potluck lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m., so please bring food items 10 or 15 minutes early for set up. The games will begin at 1:30 p.m.**

## 2022 DUES ARE NOW BEING COLLECTED



CHECKS FOR DUES ONLY (not combined with playing fees or coupon sheets) are preferred and should be made payable to LRDBC.

You may bring your \$20 check to a director at the club, or mail your check to Nancy Speer, 2116 Sawgrass Drive, Little Rock, AR 72212.

NOTE: The annual meeting/holiday potluck/game is scheduled for December 12. If dues are paid prior to the party, you may play free that day. You will also be eligible to put your name in the hat to win additional free plays!

## UNIT 161 THIRD QUARTER MASTERPOINT RACE STANDINGS FOR LRDBC

**MINI-McKENNEY** – First, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place leaders are determined by the members from each masterpoint category (15 total categories) who earn the most

TOTAL masterpoints during the year (includes points from tournaments, club games and online games).

0-5	____, _____, _____
5-20	____, Patty Pyle, Deborah Long
20-50	____, _____, _____
50-100	Hugh Pollard, _____, _____
100-200	Jackie Sanders, _____, _____
200-300	*Marci Hixson (also #3 in District 10), Marilyn Lyons, Mindy Morrell
300-500	Mary Anne Wildman, _____, _____
500-1,000	Travis Atterberry, Janice Atterberry, Nancy Speer
1,000-1,500	Curtis Finch, Jr., Pete Marvin, _____
1,500-2,500	Frank Swan, _____, _____
2,500-3,500	Becky Bien, Bill Jones, _____
3,500-5,000	____, Rick Lowens, _____, _____
5,000-7,500	____, _____, _____
7,500-10,000	____, Bonnie Melchior, _____
Over 10,000	*Allan Siebert



### HELEN SHANBROM ACE OF CLUBS

First, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place leaders are determined by the members from each category who earn the most CLUB-

ONLY masterpoints during the year (includes club games and club-related online games).

0-5	____, _____, _____
5-20	____, Patty Pyle, Deborah Long
20-50	____, _____, _____
50-100	____, Hugh Pollard, _____
100-200	Jackie Sanders, _____, _____
200-300	*Marci Hixson, Mindy Morrell, Marilyn Lyons
300-500	Mary Anne Wildman, _____, _____
500-1,000	Travis Atterberry, Nancy Speer, Janice Atterberry
1,000-1,500	Curtis Finch, Jr., Pete Marvin, _____
1,500-2,500	Frank Swan, _____, _____
2,500-3,500	Becky Bien, Bill Jones, _____
3,500-5,000	Rick Lowens, _____, _____
5,000-7,500	____, _____, _____
7,500-10,000	____, Bonnie Melchior, _____
Over 10,000	*Allan Siebert, _____, _____

\_\_\_\_ = From Other Club in our Unit

\*Barry Crane Top 500: (Allan Siebert #93; Marci Hixson #318)

**Unit, District, and ACBL-wide 2021 winners will be determined at year-end.**

Let's replace all the blank spaces with members of LRDBC!

On NOVEMBER 7 . . . It's



POT + LUCK!

## FRIDAY NIGHT POTLUCK AND GAME

If you want to have a fabulous meal (provided by players) along with fun while playing bridge with your friends, plan to participate in the Friday night game. We always have a wide variety of food.

The potluck begins at 6:15 p.m., and the game begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. If you don't plan to have dinner with the group, please arrive at least 10-15 minutes before 7:00 p.m. in ample time for the director to set up a fair movement.

Our director is committed to making sure the game ends by 10:00 p.m.

## REMINDER AND CLARIFICATION

By Pete Marvin



If you have close contact (\*indoor contact within 3 feet for 15 minutes) with a person (symptomatic or not) KNOWN to have a positive test at the time you were in contact, you should adhere to our Board policy to:

1. Not enter the Bridge House, AND
2. Notify an officer or director of the club.

You will be contacted privately to discuss your return to in-person play upon meeting CDC criteria. Please remember, "speculation" does not count.

\*Per CDC



## CALENDAR

Please check the calendar on Page 6 to see all the special games planned for November!

AND, check our website (or Constant Contact message) for all the new combined games on BBO with Hot Springs Village (Village Card Club) and Hot Springs Bridge House. The three-month trial period begins November 1.

**Special Note:** All games on BBO that used to begin at 9:00 a.m. are now scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

## November 2021 Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 0-750 12:30 Open and 0-500 Club Champ.	2 9:30 0-300 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ.	3 9:30 Mentoring 12:30 0-750 12:45 Open 7:00 0-100	4 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ. 7:00 0-1500	5 12:30 0-500 Club Champ. 6:15 Potluck 7:00 Open	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends 1:30 Eight Is Enough Teams Club Champ.	8 9:30 0-750 12:30 Open and 0-500 Unit-wide Champ. (W211161A)	9 9:30 0-300 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ.	10 9:30 Mentoring 12:30 0-750 12:45 Open 7:00 0-100	11 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ. 7:00 0-1500	12 12:30 0-500 Club Champ. 6:15 Potluck 7:00 Open	13
14 12:00 Thanksgiving Potluck 1:30 Open and 0-500	15 9:30 0-750 12:30 Open and 0-500 Club Champ. RICK AND ELAINE LOWENS DAY	16 9:30 0-300 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ.	17 9:30 Mentoring 12:30 0-750 12:45 Open 7:00 0-100	18 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ. 7:00 0-1500	19 12:30 0-500 Club Champ. 6:15 Potluck 7:00 Open	20
21 1:30 Eight Is Enough Teams Club Champ.	22 9:30 0-750 12:30 Open and 0-500 Club Champ.	23 9:30 0-300 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ.	24 9:30 Mentoring 12:30 0-750 12:45 Open Note: no 0-100 game this evening	25 Thanksgiving Holiday (Club Closed)	26 12:30 0-500 Club Champ. 6:15 Potluck 7:00 Open	27
28	29 9:30 0-750 12:30 Open and 0-500 Club Champ.	30 9:30 0-1500 12:30 Open and 0-300 Club Champ.	Virtual games in red F2F games in yellow highlight Note special potluck lunch and F2F Open and 0-500 game on November 14			

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

**In Memory of Carol Kruger**

Given by Jean Hendrix

Given by Dennis & Faye Barry

**In Memory of Billie Corrothers**

Given by Dick & Judy Chapman

**In Honor of Elaine & Rick Lowens**

Given by Dick & Judy Chapman

**Undesignated**

Given by The Estate of David Siebert

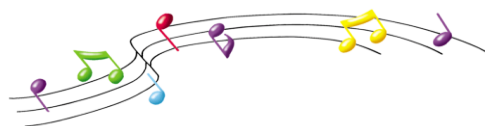


WE MOURN THE  
DEATH OF  
CAROL KRUGER



Marge Brokate	Nov 2
Carolyn Peeples	Nov 3
Julie Graham-Johnson	Nov 3
Nancy Speer	Nov 3
Gerald Koonce	Nov 4
Vickey Metrailer	Nov 4
Sharon Cissell	Nov 4
Bonnie Fincher	Nov 5
Roger Amick	Nov 7
Pete Marvin	Nov 7
Barbara Wait	Nov 8
Bill Adams	Nov 9
Cindy Alexander	Nov 10
Barbara Garot	Nov 10
Carolyn Johnson	Nov 11
Faith Smith	Nov 11
Debbie Doan	Nov 12
Dennis Barry	Nov 13
Don Boss	Nov 13
Carol Mulach	Nov 14
Pat Rice	Nov 14
Virginia Young	Nov 16
Anna Hayden	Nov 19
Lou Casteel	Nov 19
Deborah Long	Nov 19
Maybian Wardlaw	Nov 20
Susan Woodyard	Nov 24
Ann Clay	Nov 26
Joyce Harb	Nov 26
Bob Kain	Nov 28
Paul Young	Nov 29
Mary Elizabeth Mentzer	Nov 30

Mail contributions payable to  
The Bridge House  
(in honor of, in memory of, or undesignated) to:  
John Mueller  
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Little Rock, AR 72223



# From the Editor

Becky Bien



## LITTLE ROCK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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BECKY BIEN, SECRETARY      RICK LOWENS, TREASURER

### Directors

<u>One Year</u>	<u>Two Years</u>
Jim Hathaway	Lou Casteel
Nancy Speer	David Cockcroft
Tom Wahl	Richard Johnson
	Mary Anne Wildman

### Ex-Officio Board Members, Non-Voting

John Mueller	Past President
Dick Chapman	Lead Director

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Diane Lord	Board Representative, The Bridge House
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