

# District 10 Bridge News



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Please welcome our new District 10 President, Vicki Willis, as she leads us into the next years of growth for our district. It is the love of the game and one's bridge journey that inspires us to stick with it, and Vicki is no different. She began playing bridge in 1972 learning from her parents and grandparents before her and bringing her then boyfriend (and later husband) into the world of duplicate. After her mother convinced him he needed to learn and play with the family, they all started playing. While some players begin with party bridge, Vicki and her family have always played duplicate and only occasionally played party bridge at home.

ACBL membership is a part of being a duplicate player, and Vicki joined the ACBL in 1974. She remembers that "it's I just loved it; it's a fun thing once you start duplicate, but you won't want to play

party bridge anymore once you discover duplicate because party bridge is not competitive." Competition is not a bad thing, per say. Confucius said that "The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." The same is true for bridge players who become students of the game. Vicki wants to encourage veteran players to visit with novices and make them comfortable. She urges us to remember that getting more people in and playing amongst their peers is how we will sustain the game. Units and clubs who want to focus on recruitment and education are encouraged to check out resources on [ACBL](#) and to contact our District 10 Education Liaison, [Karen Jennings](#). While Vicki has recently been elected to be our president, she has been

## Welcoming A New President:

### A message from Vicki Willis

on the District 10 board for 15 plus years. Vicki recalls that Gulf Coast Bridge Association member, Lynn Logan, nominated her to be vice president years ago. "I was so nervous about the role, but I learned from Chuck Wilkinson, the president at the time, and with his help learned how to fulfill the role. She must have learned very well because she was later elected as the President and worked with Larry Sealy was her Vice president. She has stepped into the role a second time and her leadership will bring us into the future. Vicki's message is about supporting our newest players. She aims to bridge the gap between novices and more experienced players.

Every bridge player can think back

to what it was like to start as a novice and being scared to death—Vicki wants to remove the fear and encourages District 10 members to mentor new players. As a member of the Louisiana Bridge Association, Vicki has seen first hand how mentor games are one good way for units/clubs to encourage new players. Vicki suggest that clubs/units who want to establish mentor games contact Sherrie Goodman in Homa to learn about he mentor approach she has established in New Orleans.

Vicki shares that "My vision is to work on making novices to feel comfortable. I don't want them to be afraid to play on the big side".



*Vick Willis, recently elected District 10 President*



**LOUISVILLE**  
2024 SPRING NABC  
MARCH 14-24, 2024

*Congratulations!*

- **Larry Sealy, Owens Cross Rds., AL: 113.46**
- **Chuck Said, Nashville, TN: 108.61**
- **Hjordis Eythorsdottir , Huntsville, AL: 101.59**
- **Elaine Said, Nashville, TN: 83.61**
- **Gary Schwartz, Huntsville, AL: 63.62**
- **Mark Jones, Birmingham, AL: 58.**
- **Ishmael Del'monte , Baton Rouge, LA: 49.52**
- **Eli Jolley, Auburn, AL: 49.22**
- **Bryan Howard, Nashville, TN: 48.61**
- **Paul Munafo, Huntsville, AL: 47.99\**
- **William Nicolai , London, TN: 47.39**
- **David Birnbaum , Pegram, TN: 46.41**
- **Arthur Lowen, Nashville, TN: 39**
- **Jay Segarra, Ocean Springs, MS: 36.98**
- **Stella Rainey, Tuscaloosa, AL: 35.99**
- **Joe Rickman, Maryville, TN: 34.27**
- **Michael Weir, Madison, AL: 33.48**
- **Cappy McIver, New Orleans, LA: 32.70**
- **Di Lapeyre , New Orleans, LA: 32.70**
- **Ritambhar Burman Memphis, TN : 32.21**
- **Thomas Turgeon, Memphis TN; 29.67**
- **Richard Logan, Diamondhead, MS: 25.21**
- **John Albanese Hazel Green, AL: 28.71**
- **Molly Silvia, New Orleans, LA: 25.18**
- **Barbara Fitz-Hugh, New Orleans, LA: 25.18**
- **Charles Durrin, Madison, AL: 25.00**
- **Patrick Williams, Greenbriar, TN: 23.99**
- **Karen Kendrick, Nashville, TN: 23.99**
- **Roy Martin, Vestavia Hills, AL: 22.96**
- **Guy Martin, Montgomery, AL: 22.96**
- **Andrew Collins, Little Rock, AK: 22.53**
- **Bill Cook, Jr., Madison, MS: 18.02**
- **Russ Kirkpatrick, Mobile, AL: 16.83**
- **Deanna Stewart, Hattiesburg, MS: 16.83**
- **Martha Shapiro, Germantown, TN: 16.70**
- **Barbara Woodard, Germantown, TN: 16.70**
- **Bob Heller, Knoxville, TN: 16.42**
- **Ann Caldwell, Germantown, TN: 14.00**
- **Nancy Rosenberg, Memphis, TN: 14.00**
- **George Wilson, Nashville, TN: 13.47**
- **Gregory Browne, New Orleans, LA: 13.47**
- **Robert Brylawski Knoxville, TN : 13.30**
- **Brooks McNeely Knoxville, TN : 13.29**
- **David Spring, Maryville, TN: 13.05**
- **Joy Conkwright, Whites Creek, TN: 12.89**
- **Thomas Cox, Mount Juliet, TN: 11.87**
- **Mimi Groom, New Orleans, LA: 11.00**
- **Nadejda Drenska Baton Rouge, LA: 10.00**

- **David Chandler, Chatanooga, TN: 10.00**
- **Charles Kelly Anniston, AL: 9.99**
- **Leon Galecki Brownsboro, AL: 9.99**
- **Tammy Milligan, Jefferson City, TN: 9.96**
- **Leslie Milligan, Jefferson City, TN: 9.96**
- **Kevin Wilson, Knoxville, TN: 9.20**
- **Linda Murdock, Nashville, TN: 9.14**
- **John Bondurant Memphis, TN: 8.94**
- **Jerry Kizer Jr Jackson, TN: 8.94**
- **Mary Hamlett, Nashville, TN: 8.90**
- **Sherry Howell, Nashville, TN: 8.90**
- **Alan Greer, Germantown, TN: 8.90**
- **Tom Ebers, Memphis, TN: 8.90**
- **Jeanne Campbell, Hot Springs, AR: 8.45**
- **Linda Locke, Cookeville, TN: 7.95**
- **Shari Parker, Hixson, TN: 7.05**
- **William Golden, Little Rock, AR: 7.05**
- **Kaye Stanley, Little Rock, AR: 7.05**
- **Travis Atteberry, Little Rock, AR: 7.05**
- **Janice Atteberry, Little Rock, AR: 7.05**
- **Mary Anne Wildmon, Little Rock, AR: 7.03**
- **Vicky Metrailer, Little Rock, AR: 7.03**
- **Mindy Morrell, Little Rock, AR: 7.03**
- **Renee Shackelvord, Little Rock, AR: 7.03**
- **Phillip Lawes, Greenwood, MS: 7.01**
- **Kimberly Lawes, Greenwood, MS: 7.01**
- **Ed Pierce, Nashville, TN: 6.92**
- **Cindy Sealy Owens Cross Rds, AL: 6.80**
- **Dean Cameris, Franklin, TN: 6.57**
- **Barry Watkins, Franklin, TN: 6.57**
- **Jerry Toman, Franklin, TN : 6.57**
- **Jim Foster Vestavia, AL: 5.98**
- **William Flanagan Murfreesboro, TN: 5.79**
- **Noel Stewart, Hot Springs, AR: 5.77**
- **Martha McAlister, Hot Springs, AR: 5.77**
- **Marianne Dethardt Hot Springs, AR: 5.77**
- **Elizabeth Farris Hot Springs, AR: 5.68**
- **June Harter, Hot Springs, AR: 5.52**
- **Brenda Durand Hot Springs, AR: 5.52**
- **Janice Luce Kodak, TN: 5.35**
- **Janet Chumney Dandridge, TN: 5.35**
- **Kathy Logue Metairie, LA: 5.24**
- **Douglas Clink Orange Beach, AL: 5.13**
- **Laurie McNeece Sevierville, TN: 5.08**
- **Kathy Welch Sevierville, TN: 5.08**
- **Julia Cavalier Gulfport, MS: 4.69**
- **Wendell Cavalier, Gulfport, MS: 4.69**
- **Sue Rolfe Rogers, AR: 4.60**
- **James Rich, Nashville, TN: 4.50**
- **James Ray, Nashville, TN: 4.50**
- **Stephanie Threckeld, Germantown, TN: 4.24**
- **Susan Stockman, Birmingham, AL: 3.93**
- **Katie Fagan, Huntsville, AL: 3.50**
- **Thomas Fagan, Huntsville, AL: 3.50**
- **Phil Clayton, Bentonville, AR: 3.50**
- **James Redheffer, Knoxville, TN: 3.33**
- **Brian Hengerty, Knoxville, TN: 3.33**
- **Carol Schnaars Nashville, TN : 3.27**
- **Pamela Dow Springdale, AR : 3.23**
- **Jordan Canevari Memphis, TN : 3.16**
- **Beth Simpson, Memphis, TN: 2.92**
- **Susan Ray, Germantown, TN: 2.92**
- **Joy McKenzie-Smith Knoxville, TN : 2.73**
- **Glenn Reider Louisville, TN : 2.73**
- **Linda Green-Whitten Southaven, MS : 2.56**
- **Sam Whitten Southaven, MS : 2.56**
- **Carol Bond Andersonville, TN : 2.15**
- **Richard Brenner, Knoxville, TN: 2.04**
- **Ken Creed Knoxville, TN : 2.04**

- **Bruce Wachsmann *Germantown, TN* : 2.03**
- **Jerry Drennan *Germantown, TN* : 2.03**
- **Buddy Massey *Gulfport, MS* : 1.98**
- **Robert Reich, *Mandeville, LA*: 1.98**
- **Pat Robichaux *Lebanon, TN* : 1.93**
- **Mary Kremer *Nashville, TN* : 1.93**
- **Kristina Oliver *Birmingham, AL* : 1.80**
- **D Keith Henderson *Birmingham, AL* : 1.80**
- **Rebecca Lowen *Nashville, TN* : 1.73**
- **David Forell *Germantown, TN* : 1.63**
- **Luanne Forrell, *Germantown, TN*: 1.63**
- **Ann White *Hot Springs, AR* : 1.60**
- **Glen Okui *Memphis, TN* : 1.50**
- **Gary Goodwin *Huntsville, AL* : 1.59**
- **Jenny Hornby *Huntsville, AL* : 1.59**
- **Winnell Goodner *Hixson, TN* : 1.33**
- **Jacqueline Curtiss *Loudon, TN* : 1.32**
- **Jane Peabody *Knoxville, TN* : 1.32**
- **Starr Campbell *Monteagle, TN* : 1.28**
- **Diane Schwartz *Covington, LA* : 1.26**
- **Clerk Shaw *Knoxville, TN* : 1.24**
- **Jennifer Webster *Coldwater, MS* : 1.20**
- **Dianne Mall *Memphis, TN* : 1.04**
- **Jim Wilkins *Little Rock, AR* : 1.02**
- **Gail Davis *Little Rock, AR* : 1.02**
- **Susan Schwartz *Memphis, TN* : 1.00**
- **Sheryl Gorden *Memphis, TN* : 1.00**
- **Betty Sue El Gammal *Hoover, AL* : .98**
- **Lindajo McKim *Germantown, TN* : .96**
- **Linda Sherrell *Collierville, TN* : .96**

- **Trey Wright *Jonesborough, TN*: 92**
- **Jane Bermudez *Baton Rouge, LA* : .88**
- **Harriet Gaiennie *Baton Rouge, LA*: .88**
- **Elaine Frisbie *Baton Rouge, LA*: .89**
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- **Kathy Adamek *Baton Rouge, LA*: .88**
- **Steven Greil *Nashville, TN* : .88**
- **Richard Gross *Owens Cross Rds, AL*: .75**
- **Amy Houston *Birmingham, AL*: .63**
- **Edward Muldoon *Huntsville, AL*: .49**
- **Kirsten Muldoon *Huntsville, AL*: .49**
- **James Wicht *Bristol, TN* : .44**
- **Janice Sardina *Mount Juliet, TN* : .44**
- **Peter Sardina *Mount Juliet, TN*: .44**
- **Shaneka Cunningham *Memphis, TN*: .40**
- **Vicki Empting *Germantown, TN* : .24**
- **Stacy Hancock *Germantown, TN* : .24**

*Missed the Spring 2024  
NABC in Kentucky? Check  
out this summer's NABC in  
Toronto.*



# NAP RESULTS

## District 10 Represents

### CONGRATULATIONS TO NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS (NAP) DISTRICT 10 FINALS WINNERS

District 10 had a **record participation** in the D10 NAP Finals. A total of 78 pairs played in the two-session event on October 22. The players were from 11 of our 14 Units. The top three pairs in Flight A and the top four pairs in Flights B and C qualified to play in the North American Finals in the Louisville Kentucky North American Bridge Championships in March 2024.



**Art Lowen and David Birnbaum** represented District 10 in Flight A in the Baldwin North American Pairs.. This duo had a strong game and earned platinum to bring home with them. Congratulations!

In Flight B, **Russ Kirkpatrick and Deanna Stewart** (siblings) played in the Golder North American Pairs Event and qualified for both days of play. This pair brought home gold for their success in the NAP.

**Charles Durrin and Owen Lynch** also played in the Baldwin North American Pairs in flight A and brought home platinum of their own. Congratulations!



**Jim Wilkins and Gail Davis** along with **Bruce Waschman and Jerry Drennan** all played in the President's Cup North American Pairs representing Flight C and had a great result bringing home the red!

# CLUB NEWS

HAPPENINGS IN DISTRICT 10

## ***Hot Springs Village Celebrates Achievements***

The Village Card Club in Hot Springs Village, AR held a Share the Love Celebration on February 12 to recognize the rank achievements of all its members in both Duplicate Bridge and Competitive Cribbage during 2023. There were many individuals who achieved new levels and five members that became Life Masters in Bridge during 2023. Those five members are Ginna Domm, Catherine Landers, Martha McAlister, Ann Palculict and Noel Stewart. In addition, Wayne Kittelson achieved the Bronze level in Competitive Cribbage and Brock Lee achieved the Gold level with over 4,000 lifetime grass roots points.



New Life Masters (l to r) Ann Palculict, Martha McAlister, Ginna Domm, Catherine Landers and Noel Stewart.

## ***LBA: A REAL TEAM EFFORT By Diana Powell***

What made the Eight is Enough Swiss Mentoring Game run so smoothly? One key: weeks before the game Lil Range asked a number of players to be a “cornerstone” for a team. I understood this to be like a team captain/organizer.

I agreed to be a cornerstone but needed two newer players to make a team. She sent me two names and we had a team. Deborah Skorlich and Sherrie Goodman worked very hard to help put teams together as well. (32 teams-WOW!) Linda Freese helped Lil with the planning. Having lunch before the game helped get things moving. Although lunch was at 11:30, a lot of people arrived early and registered their teams. Jennifer Holmes looked for the cornerstones to let them know they were the ones to register for the team. Each cornerstone received an envelope with name tags for his/her team. There was never a long line or a feeling of being rushed. Lunch went smoothly thanks to several volunteers. There was a little extra time after lunch to allow teams who missed lunch to register. Sherrie Goodman and Kathy Plauche assisted Lil throughout the game and Theresa Federico worked hard as the caddy. The game got off to a quick start because Theresa premade the boards for the 1st round (no need to shuffle.) Jennifer Holmes added interest to the day announcing the winners of the limerick contest. To eliminate the usual confusion of trying to find your next table, the North/South players stayed at their original tables; the East/West pairs moved after each round. It was calm – no chaos. My partner and I agreed that we thoroughly enjoyed the day. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to make the event such a success.

**THE WINNING TEAM**



Gigi Matthews, Margaret Ponseti, Erin O' Sullivan, and Louse Saik

# CLUB NEWS

HAPPENINGS IN DISTRICT 10



## North Alabama Unit 231

### MENTOR/MENTEE CELEBRATION GAME

The Huntsville Bridge Club celebrated the end of our six-month Mentor/Mentee games with a Sunday afternoon meal and game on Sunday, February 25. The club provided the main course, the mentees provided sides and desserts, and mentors came with their appetites. We had 11.5 tables of fun. Thank you to our mentors for providing expertise, encouragement, and time to help our newer players improve their bridge skills. Thank you to our mentees for being willing to learn new bridge skills, play with more experienced players, and for bringing your enthusiasm to our club. And a big thank you to our photographers Emily Saile and Barbara Hitt for these beautiful pictures. HBA will continue to offer opportunities for mentoring newer players throughout the year. A new formal Mentor/Mentee program will begin in the fall.



## Success in Southwest Louisiana: Unit 221

According to Tom Hatfield, "We had 20 people attend, 16 were new people. They all seemed to have a good time and the interest level in getting more involved was high. Almost all of the people who attended were encouraged to attend by a member of the club."

The end-of-the-day survey results were outstanding: Comfort and suitability of the locations, 5.0; Length and pacing, 4.9; Quality of the material, 5.0; Quality of instruction, 5.0; Value of the practice exercises, 5.0; Value of the notebook, 4.8; Value of the PowerPoint presentation 4.4; Value of playing practice hands, 5.0. Can't do much better than that!



February 2024

## Little Rock Duplicate Bridge Club

### Successful NLM Sectional



Jackie Sanders and Jim Hathorny, Friday and Saturday Section Winners



Vince Vialkas and Robert Stapp (above) <500 Point Winners



Linda Godden and Donna Smith (below)



0-100 Winners  
Susan Santa Cruz and Alan Epps (Left)



Randy Rheem and Gordon Thornberry (right)

# CLUB NEWS

HAPPENINGS IN DISTRICT 10

## *MS Gulf Coast Bridge*

### *Robert “Bobo” Shearer is On Top of the World*



For the second time in his bridge career, Bobo has won the top scoring player in the 3500-5000 MP race.; not only did he win in District 10, Region 7 and ACBL, but he won both times for the top world player. Congratulations, Bobo!



## *Unit 214: Hub City Bridge*

The 2024 sectional in Hattiesburg saw an increase in tables from the previous year, and Unit 214 couldn't be happier and more grateful. Tournament coordinators, Deanna Stewart and Sherry Kinkopf, decided to use the opportunity to support the Unit's Mission of charitable work by creating a "Split the Pot" drawing each day. The idea came to them from attending an NLM in Lake Charles in the summer of 2023 where that club used the "Split the Pot", so the Hub City borrowed the concept to raise funds for a local breast cancer awareness group: The Pink Ribbon Fund. The event raised \$258.00 for charity and gave two lucky players \$125.00 each: Michael Longmire of Meridian and Val Ramsey of Hattiesburg.



Members of Unit 214 pose for a photo at the presentation of the donation to The Pink Ribbon Fund.



# DISTRICT 10 TOURNAMENTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER



DATES	CITY
May 2-4	Metairie, LA Open Sectional
May 3-4	Birmingham, AL I/N Sectional
May 9-11	Huntsville, AL I/N Regional
May 9-11	Huntsville, AL Open Sectional
May 16-19	Montgomery, AL Open Sectional
May 31-Jun 2	Gulfport, MS Open Sectional
Jun 13-15	Birmingham, AL Open Sectional
Jun 21-23,	Flowood, MS I/N Sectional
June 26-28	Shreveport, LA Open regional

## D10 STaC Tournaments in 2024

DATES	Type	MP AWARDS
Jun 3-9	Royal STaC	Masterpoints 1/4 gold, 1/4 silver, 1/4 red and 1/4 black
Aug 26—Sep 1	STaC	Sectional Awards (Black and Silver)
Dec 2-8	Royal STaC	Masterpoints 1/4 gold, 1/4 silver, 1/4 red and 1/4 black

All tournament data was current when written, but schedules can change. Please check your District 10 website [here](#) or the ACBL website [here](#) (search on District 10) for the latest information.

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO ACHIEVED A NEW RANK!**

### **New Junior Masters**

Betty Tully	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Christine Spaid	College Grove	TN
Daniel Kesselring	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
David B Mundie	Nashville	TN
Deborah Price	Huntsville	AL
Diane E Webster	Huntsville	AL
Frank Zawada	Madison	AL
John M Stallings	Germantown	TN
Judith E Cook	Diamondhead	MS
Mary G Jabaley	Madison	MS
Norma A Zeringue	Baton Rouge	LA
Renee Furr	Baton Rouge	LA
Susan E Scogin	Memphis	TN

John E Barnes	Ruston	LA
Michael E Book	Baton Rouge	LA
Stephanie Craft	Montgomery	AL
Mary Crocker	Collierville	TN
Jeffrie L Duberville	Sulfur	LA
Karen Furini	Hattiesburg	MS
Robert L Herbert	Metairie	LA
Jennifer L Jones	Meridian	MS
Gerald A Kilpatrick	Collierville	TN
Mary Wills H Lecroy	Birmingham	AL
Sally McDougall	Nashville	TN
Debbie Minyard	Memphis	TN
Jane Polson	Foley	AL
Vicki L Stringfellow	Bryant	AR
Teri Thomas	Huntsville	AL
Rebecca C Walker	Baton Rouge	LA



"Bridge is the most entertaining and intelligent card game the wit of man has so far devised."

– W. Somerset Maugham

***You've taken the early steps in what may be a lifetime of fun playing a great game!***

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Jodie Davidson	Hoover	AL
Glen Finch Teofan	Rossville	TN
Beth T Harrington	Shreveport	LA
Patricia Helm	Mandeville	LA
Jane H Hicks	Hoover	AL
Robin Lunsford	New Orleans	LA
Michael B Mattox	Brentwood	TN
Annalies L Pearson	Clinton	MS
Sophie E Ryan	Montgomery	AL
Lewis Schulman	Birmingham	AL
Robert D Smith	Little Rock	AR
William D Stanley	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Phyllis E Stovall	Franklin	TN
Susie P Thiemonge	Nashville	TN
Dr Jack Ward	Shreveport	LA

Susan Adams	Bossier City	LA
Willis Armstrong	Lawrenceburg	TN
Jeffrey N Cook	Meridian	MS
Pat Ehlinger	Metairie	LA
Terry F Fisher	Metairie	LA
Bob Fletcher	Huntsville	AL
Arlene Goldincastle	New Orleans	LA
Beth Grant	Collierville	TN
Patti J Hammond	Hoover	AL
Beth Harper	Shreveport	LA
Robin C Hopp	Nashville	TN
Douglas Matthews	Metairie	LA
Robert J Mattson	Hoover	AL
Anne McGugin	Nashville	TN
Corey O Melia	Brownsboro	AL
Ella M Redkevitch	Nashville	TN
Doll Vines	Monroe	LA

**THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF  
LOSERS  
THOSE THAT ALWAYS PULL  
TRUMP AND THOSE THAT  
NEVER PULL TRUMP**



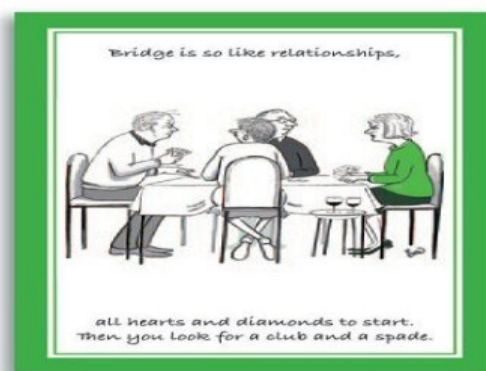
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### **New Club Masters**

Katherine Bolander	Madison	AL
Claiborne W Brown	Mandeville	LA
Edward P Cohn	Metairie	LA
Karen Collins	Brandon	MS
Margaret B Culbertson	Baton Rouge	LA
Cathy Duncan	Cordova	TN
Frank L Fogarty	Point Clear	AL
Juanita W German	Montgomery	AL
Kay Kuser	Corinth	MS
James Mackay	New Orleans	LA
Diane McNabb	Ruston	LA
Nina Pate	Monroe	LA
Don Rydberg	Warrior	AL
Emily P Saile	Huntsville	AL
Susan M Santa Cruz	N Little Rock	AR
Betty Sheeler	Ruston	LA
Cheryl G Sobul	Huntsville	AL
Jay Strickler	Ruston	LA
Betty B Thibaut	Baton Rouge	LA
Raphael A Velazquez	Harvey	LA
Carol A Yaffe	Memphis	TN

Diana Casey	New Orleans	LA
Jane Deits	Oak Ridge	LA
Richard Jeansonne	New Orleans	LA
Linda S Nagle	College Grove	TN
Kirk Wiles	Huntsville	AL



### **New Sectional Masters**

Carol O Bourke	Baton Rouge	LA
Christopher A Brown	Vestavia Hills	AL
James R Garnett	Helena	AL
Murray G Hamilton	Tullahoma	TN
Julie C Latham	Lena	MS
Allen Perez	Bessemer	AL
Dominique Piot	Franklin	TN
Robin B Shaffer	Shreveport	LA
Martha K Coleman	Maumelle	AR
Polly G Goslin	Shreveport	LA
Lou McWhorter	Ruston	LA
Susan A Yelderman	Point Clear	AL

**“No matter where I go, I can always  
make new friends at the bridge table.”**

**– Martina Navratilova**

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John W Babcock	Memphis	TN
Karla B Bailey	Meridian	MS
Beth Bayer	New Orleans	LA
Amy H Cate	Nashville	TN
Diane D Fayard	Mobile	AL
Paula C Johns	Shreveport	LA
Pam Marks-Shulman	Nashville	TN
Brenda J Parnell	Fairhope	AL
Jim Parnell	Fairhope	AL
Randy Steil	Baton Rouge	LA
Paul C Stumb	Lebanon	TN
Susan Turner	Huntsville	AL
Rekha R Vankineni	Huntsville	AL
Becky Wilson	Hattiesburg	MS
Beverly H Wilson	Nashville	TN



**New Regional Masters**

Ruth C Casey	Clarkville	TN
Randall L Gammill	Hot Springs	AR
Sabrina B Hearn	Hoover	AL
Gay Graves	Gulfport	MS
Mary Klompus	Hot Springs	AR
Joyce M Toney	Birmingham	AL
Jane M Bermudez	Baton Rouge	LA
Janie Caplan	Brentwood	TN
Robert A Clark	Montrose	AL
Ruthie Davis-Jones	Meridian	MS
Alan Greer	Germantown	TN
Kimberly L Lawes	Greenwood	MS
Wally Loveless	Little Rock	AR
Julie Malott	Nashville	TN
Linda McDavitt	Brentwood	TN
David Menz	Little Rock	AR
Lynne Peterson	Metairie	LA
James A Rich	Nashville	TN
Paul Snow	Madison	MS
Stephanie Threlkeld	Germantown	TN
John H Wagner	Memphis	TN

HOW SHOULD YOU HAVE  
PLAYED THAT HAND?



UNDER AN  
ASSUMED NAME

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Douglas W Clink	Orange Beach	AL
Thomas L Guffin	Auburn	AL
Linda L Morrisson	Metairie	LA
Stacey Williams	New Orleans	LA
Roger Amick	Little Rock	AR
Darrell W Berry	Little Rock	AR
Donna Bolander	Madison	AL
Judith D Conley	Little Rock	AR
April E Cook	Conway	AR
Anne Costello	Lafayette	LA
Chitra K Desai	Hoover	AL
Maxine R Doyle	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Sue W Fess	Little Rock	AR
Stacy O Hancock	Germantown	TN
Leslie H Hollingsworth	Little Rock	AR
Ann Jennings	Lafayette	LA
Vicki P Kellum	Baton Rouge	LA
Patricia C Luzzi	Little Rock	AR
Colin A P McNease	Jackson	MS
Jim Pfeiffer	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Patty Pyle	Little Rock	AR
Lynn S Stuart	Hattiesburg	MS
Glenn L Thompson	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Vincent Vinikas	Little Rock	AR
Brookie H Walker	Shreveport	LA
Rebecca D Wright	Nashville	TN

Deborah Culler	Gulfport	MS
Laurie C Godshall	Lafayette	LA
Michael A Hickman	Lake Charles	LA
James E Ray	Nashville	TN

### New Advanced NABC Masters

Nell W McAnelly	Baton Rouge	LA
Cheryl V Upchurch	Birmingham	AL
Gary G Goodwin	Huntsville	AL
James E Hathaway Jr	Little Rock	AR
Sherry K Kinkopf	Hattiesburg	MS
Joyce M Stroud	Hot Springs	AR
William L Varney	Metairie	LA
Jordanka Zlatanova	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Jenny F Hornby	Huntsville	AL
Yong-Dong Wang	Memphis	TN
Judith E Zartman	Nashville	TN

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**New Life Masters**

Louise Blanchard	Montgomery	AL
Perri R Mann	Pass Christian	MS
Phillip Mingola	Little Rock	AR
Larry T Stafford	Opelika	AL

Jean Hendrix	Little Rock	AR
Tim Kauffman	Arkadelphia	AR
James C Mitchell	Biloxi	MS
Jacqueline Sanders	Little Rock	AR
Vicki H Scanlon	Little Rock	AR

Jeanne M Campbell	Hot Springs	AR
April H Fontana	Lafayette	LA
Cece Spain	Mobile	AL
Janet R Williams	Pelham	AL

**New Bronze Life Masters**

Janice C Medlin	Greenwell Spgs	LA
Steven N Morford	College Grove	TN
Sheryl Thompson	Metairie	LA

Kay Swanson	Jacksonville	AR
Suzanne J Torrence	Nashville	TN
Tom E Young	Dothan	AL

Delores V Courtney	Mobile	AL
Marcia L Hixson	Little Rock	AR
John E Jones Jr	Hendersonville	TN
Samuel L Love	Olive Branch	MS
Martha McAlister	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Steven R Plotkin	New Orleans	LA
Cece Spain	Mobile	AL
Michael Weinzimer	Nashville	TN



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### New Silver Life Masters

Donna D Evans	Jackson	MS
Carrol W Kleinschmidt	Franklin	TN
Arthur T Watson	Montgomery	AL
Susie M Wilke	Cullman	AL
Lana M Foot	Little Rock	AR
Marilyn Halcomb	Birmingham	AL
Carolyn F Carter	Birmingham	AL
Russ Kirkpatrick	Mobile	AL
Randy S Laney	Silverhill	AL
Jane H Shurden	Hattiesburg	MS
Carolyn G Singletary	Fairhope	AL
Reveland M Wheat	Brandon	MS



### New Ruby Life Masters



Wally Johnson	Hot Springs Vlg	AR
Mary C LeBlanc	Kenner	LA
Lynn S Quinlan	Huntsville	AL
Molly H Silvia	New Orleans	LA
Rebecca A Barton	Eads	TN
Henry J Bodenheimer	New Orleans	LA
Doyle R Johnson	Little Rock	AR
Robert S Reich	Mandeville	LA
Elizabeth L Rice	Madison	MS
Howard M Sandler	Nashville	TN



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**New Gold Life Masters**



Larry S Adler	Memphis	TN
Alison Gembar	Nashville	TN

Kathy B Bost	Memphis	TN
Ernest D Levinson	New Orleans	LA
Delane H Small	Spanish Fort	AL

Sharon L Ohsfeldt	Germantown	TN
Judith T Shore	Germantown	TN



**New Sapphire Life Masters**

Diane Schwartz	Covington	LA
Byron S Southern	Little Rock	AR



**New Diamond Life Master**

Robert S Moorman Jr	Huntsville	AL
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**New Emerald Life Master**

Dana B Hastings	Baton Rouge	LA
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*"It's a game of a million inferences. There are a lot of things to draw inferences from — cards played and not played. These inferences tell you something about the probabilities. It's got to be the best intellectual exercise out there. You're seeing through new situations every ten minutes. Bridge is about weighing gain/loss ratios. You're doing calculations all the time." Warren Buffet*

# IT HAPPENED TO ME

By Deanna Stewart

Dealer: N Vulnerable: Both	<b>North</b> ♠ Kx ♥xxxxx ♦ KQJxx ♣ x	
<b>West</b> ♠ xxx ♥ QJx ♦Axxxxx ♣ x		<b>East</b> ♠Jxx ♥AKx ♦ x ♣ KQ9842
	<b>South</b> ♠ AQ10xx ♥ xx ♦ x ♣ A10xxx	

I am South. The bidding goes pass, 1c, 1s, 3d X. East then bids 4 clubs. I doubled. West made a weak jump shift. That implies that they can not play anything but diamonds. Yes, you have six clubs in the east; but running on-ly increases the level of play. Sometimes you get doubled and go down. Unless you have a clue that the other suit is the place to play, pass and go down two in three diamonds doubled instead of down three in four clubs doubled. PASS. You can't run far enough with this bidding sequence!



What is the most memorable hand you've played recently? Submit your hand and analysis to Sherry Kinkopf at [skinkopf@yahoo.com](mailto:skinkopf@yahoo.com) for consideration in an upcoming District 10 Newsletter.

# Did You Know?

A Little History of the Game



*One of Dwight D. Eisenhower's favorite pastimes was playing bridge. Here he's playing sometime after World War II, around 1946-48, in Fort Myer, Virginia. The man from Abilene, Kansas, continued playing after he was elected president in 1952.*

A quote verbatim from an ACBL capsulation of the greatest female player of all time:

Helen Sobel Smith

"In my lifetime — said Edgar Kaplan, former editor and publisher of *The Bridge World*, "she is the only woman bridge player who was considered the best player in the world. She knows how to play a hand." Smith learned to play bridge while a chorus girl in the Marx Brothers' *Animal Crackers* and won her first national title, the Women's Pairs, in 1934. She became Life Master #25 in 1941. Smith's style was frisky and aggressive — so aggressive that "some of her male partners were intimidated," Kaplan said. "These guys felt they were playing in the Mixed Pairs and they were the girl."

1944 was a banner year for Smith — she won the Vanderbilt, the Spingold, the Women's teams and the Master Mixed Teams and placed second in the Reisinger. By 1948, she had amassed the greatest number of masterpoints of any woman, taking over the top spot from Sally Young, and holding it until 1964. She won 35 national titles — the Vanderbilt twice, the Spingold five times and the Reisinger four times — and the McKenney Trophy.

She often played with Charles Goren who was considered the King of Bridge. When another chorus girl asked her what it felt like playing with such an expert? Helen replied: I don't know. Ask him.

She married Stanley Smith in 1966, (her fourth husband) and retired for two years. She died in a Detroit hospital at the age of 60 after a long battle with cancer. The monthly ACBL Bulletin remembered her as a player "without a peer among women and very few peers among men. Helen played like a man, it was true. But she also played like a lady." [9]



Billy Seamon, Harold Ogust, Charles Goren, Helen Sobel, Rufus Miles, Jr, Peter A. Leventritt, Boris Koytchou. \

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