



THE DECLARER



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New Jersey Bridge League WINTER SECTIONAL

February 27 - March 1, 2009

HUNGARIAN AMERICAN CLUB

95 Port Reading Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Playing Site and All Events are Non-Smoking

STRATA/FLIGHTS (unless otherwise indicated)

Open A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750

299er A=200-300 B=50-200 C=0-50

Friday, February 27th

1:30 pm Stratified Pairs (Open)

Stratified 299er Pairs

7:30 pm Stratified Pairs (Open)

Stratified 299er Pairs



Saturday, February 28th

10:00 am Stratified Pairs (Open)

Stratified 299er Pairs

**Free Lunch - Catered Sandwiches on Saturday
(Drinks other than coffee/tea \$1)**

2:30 pm Stratified Pairs (Open)

B/C/D Pairs (2000/750/300)

Stratified 299er Pairs (Subject to Attendance)

Sunday, March 1st

9:30-10:30 am FREE BAGEL BRUNCH!!

Play through-no break - A lot of healthy snacks!

10:30 am Strati-flighted Swiss Teams

Flight A (Seven 7-board matches)

(Flight A + all who would like to compete in A.)

Stratified B/C/D (2000/750/300) (Seven 7-board matches)

Stratified 299er (Seven 6-board matches)

♣♠\$24 per pair per session/ \$96 per Swiss Team♣♠

♦♦\$2 surcharge for non-ACBL members and members with unpaid dues♦♦

♥♥Strats may be combined due to participation♥♥

♣♠Minimum of 8 teams for 299er Swiss or teams will play with B/C/D teams♣♠

TOURNAMENT CHAIR: Carol Davis (732-861-9488)

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Pairing: Ben & Ernestine Cutler (908) 725-4340

Nuplicate Inquiries: Dave DuBois (908) 232-5339 (Eve)

(PLAYING SITE TELEPHONE NO. 732-634-9697)

DIRECTIONS: *From N.J. Turnpike Exit 12:* Continue off ramp, bearing right onto Roosevelt Ave. Follow Roosevelt to third light: turn left onto Blair Rd. Continue 2 1/2 miles until Blair merges with Port Reading Ave. Continue to the right. Club is 1/4 mile on right. *From other routes:* NJ Turnpike Exit 11, Southbound GSP Exit 129, Northbound GSP Exit 127, follow to Route 9 North. Once on Route 9, take Main St. Woodbridge Exit (Route 514). Turn right and go 1 mile to railroad overpass. Look for monument. Turn left BEFORE monument and continue on Route 514 East. Go to 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Port Reading Ave. Club is 1/4 mile on left. *From 287:* Stay southbound, past exit 1 and NJ Tpk exit, and take 514 East exit. Stay on 514 until monument in Woodbridge, and follow above directions.

NJBL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 5 p.m.

**Pines Manor
2085 Route 27 South
Edison, New Jersey**



The Annual Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. with amazing canapes and a cash bar. A sit-down dinner will follow with a choice of prime rib, grilled salmon or pasta primavera (no pre-ordering required at the Pines Manor).

Every member of Unit 140 is urged to attend – whether you have a fraction of a point or thousands. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this important and fun annual event. *This is a social event – bridge, conversation and a lot of pleasant interaction with some of the top players on the east coast!*

The business part of the evening will begin with the introduction of nominees to the 2009 NJBL Board of Directors, followed by the election. (This portion of the evening moves quickly, promise.) Then, Unit President **Deborah Wasik** will announce the *Player of the Year*.

A Stratified Open Pairs event will be held after the business portion of the meeting. There will also be a separate 299er section, subject to attendance. The cost for the entire evening, as subsidized by Unit 140, is only \$23 per person, and is payable in advance. (PLEASE NOTE: The actual cost of this event is more than \$70 a person. The NJBL subsidizes this cost as a gift to our membership, and all members are welcome to attend at the published rate. Non-NJBL members also are welcome at the per-person rate of \$75.)

No money (cash or check) will be accepted at the door.

This will be strictly enforced - with no exceptions.

Payment due by January 9, 2009.

Cynthia Schneider, Chair of this year's Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the nominees to the 2009 NJBL Board of Directors:

Ben Cutler (I)	Marilyn Elyakin (I)	Horia Ioanid
Dave DuBois (I)	Kathleen Nodzak (I)	Mirka Zeymo
Kirk Elyakin (I)		(I) = Incumbent

Garden State Parkway South: To exit 130 bearing right onto Route 1 South. Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Interstate 287 South: Follow to Exit 3 (Metuchen-New Durham). Make a left off exit onto New Durham Road. Cross over bridge, staying to your right. At the first light, make a right onto Bridge St. Follow to the next traffic light and make a right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

New Jersey Turnpike South: To exit 10. Follow signs to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Route 1 South: Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

Please complete the following reservation form and return it in advance to Kirk, with your check (\$23/per person) made payable to NJBL Unit 140. Pines Manor Telephone number: 732-287-2222

No money (cash or check) will be accepted at the door. This will be strictly enforced – with no exceptions.

**Kirk Elyakin • 115 Avignon Road • Monroe, NJ 08831
• Phone: (609) 301-8384 (Evenings Only)**

Name _____ MP's _____ ACBL No. _____

Partner's Name _____ MP's _____ ACBL No. _____

Please note that the deadline for reservations & fee is **January 9, 2009.**

NO ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

No Pre-Selection of Menu Items Necessary.



Calendar of Events

December 2008 – March 2009

December '08

Dec 5-7 Unit 140 Holiday Sectional Woodbridge, NJ
 Dec 26-30 Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional New York, NY

January '09

Jan 2-4 PCBA New Years Sectional Cherry Hill, NJ
 Jan 7-11 Keohane Individual Newton, MA
 Jan 11 Unit 140 Annual Dinner Edison, NJ
 Jan 13-19 District 3 Winter Regional Rye Brook, NY
 Jan 23-25 Unit 106 Sectional Allendale, NJ

February '09

Feb 6-8 PCBA Winter Sectional Cherry Hill, NJ
 Feb 11-16 New England Knockout Team Cromwell, CT
 Feb 27-Mar 1 Unit 140 Winter Sectional Woodbridge, NJ

March '09

Mar 2-8 Steamtown Regional Scranton, PA
 Mar 12-22 Spring 2009 NABC Houston, TX
 Mar 12-16 Non-Life Master Sectional Wilmington, DE
 Mar 25-31 Unit 140 STaCs Contact Clubs



THIS 'N THAT

By Joan Gerard, District Director

Bridge in District 3 has concluded for the year with two very successful events. The NAP held in September, organized and run by Steve Maltzman, was held in both Allendale, NJ and Schenectady, NY. Schenectady held only Flight C last year and this year we added Flight B. Flights A&B were up in Allendale while Flight C was in Schenectady but Flight B picked up the difference. Our total was 79.5 tables – a number to be proud of. Our Danbury Regional continues to be a great success – 1565 tables – about the same as last year. If you did not put this fun spot on your must-play list, be sure to consider it for next year.

For the second year in a row, I had to miss this great Regional since I was at the 1st World Mind Sports games in Beijing. These games were the brainchild of Jose Damiani, president of the World Bridge Federation. He formed a group called IMSA (International Mind Sports Games) and these mind games included Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and Xiangqi (Chinese checkers). These sports all competed at the site of the Olympics and our Juniors stayed where the Olympic athletes had stayed. There were 143 countries and regions represented; more than 3000 participants, 2000 of which were bridge players. Bridge had Open, Women, Senior Junior and Transnational team events. USA came home with a Silver medal in the Senior's and a Bronze medal in the Women's. One of our juniors, Kevin Dwyer, won Flight C in the Individual competition. IMSA hopes to be able to run this event again in 2012 following the Olympics in London. Just a question of finding sponsors for this expensive city. The goal is to be recognized by the Olympics as are the Paralympic Games which followed the Olympics in Beijing this year. I was there attending meetings and was Chairman of Appeals.

The end of another year and time to thank your unit's district representatives for their dedication and hard work for the District. Eli Schneider, District Recorder, Daily Bulletin Editor at all our Regionals and maker of those fabulous posters that you see hanging at all our Regionals; Steve Maltzman, web master of the finest web site in all ACBL land, NAP coordinator, handles all e-mail mailings and has run many of our hospitality suites along with Renee Dondero; Bill Miller who will be handling pre-tournament publicity to the newspapers and radio stations and is tournament chairman for the Fairfield summer Regional. Debbie Wasik has just become a member of the District 3 Board. We welcome her and expect that she will be working with advertising. Steve Arhsan, although not on the District Board, has taken on the task of Tournament Coordinator and we are very grateful to have his talents working for us. Unit 140 makes enormous contributions to the smooth operations of District 3. Thanks!

Time to wish all of you happy holidays and a new year filled with health and happiness from our family to yours. Start making your plans now to be with the District 3 bridge family at the Hilton Rye Town, January 13-19. You all know what a great tournament this is. Just keep your fingers crossed for no snow!!! ♥♥

MILESTONES

The Board of Directors of the NJBL Unit 140 would like to offer our condolences to the families of Steve Barbe, Dana Knox, Arsen Kazanjian and Reese Smith. Please notify Ernestine Cutler - 908-725-4340 or bcutler64m@aol.com of any deaths or illnesses within our membership. Help us remember those that support this great game. ♥



CLUB NEWS



BCCNJ - Complimentary lessons begin at 11:00 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for our newer players prior to noon games. The Mort Schultz Memorial Upgraded Club Championship Game is being held New Years Day, 1/1/09 at noon.

ESSEX - Club Championship week Mon, Dec 8 through Sun, Dec 14; 8 is Enough Team Game Fri eve, Dec 12; Intermediate Swiss Team Game (Team Masterpoint total less than or equal to 500 points) Sat, Dec 13 12:15 pm.

MOUNTAIN LAKES - Meets all year round! We have fast and friendly duplicate every Thurs, 12:30 pm, at St. Francis Assisted Living, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville. For directions or partners, call BJ Moore, 973 966-0892.

OCEAN COUNTY BRIDGE CENTER - The complimentary Thurs 9:30 A.M. Intermediate Bridge Lessons have been suspended for the winter, due to snow birds who leave for warmer climates, and will be re-instated next April. The Thurs 11:00 AM sanctioned duplicate games, however, will continue throughout the winter months, at the American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ. Partnerships are always available for anyone requiring one! If you desire to have us pair you with another player, either come early or phone 732-255-1790, 732-255-7374, or 732-462-6658, in advance.

PLAZA - Dec 8 thru Dec 13 Club championship Game, Dec 13 (Sat) 6:30 pm Evening Dinner Game; Dec 21 (Sun) 12:15 pm Holiday Party + Club Championship Game; Jan 1st, Thur at 12:30 pm New Year Day Party Game.

SHADOWFAX BRIDGE CLUB - There will be two more weekly games beginning Jan 1, 2009 on Sun Aft at 1:00 pm and Fri Morn at 10:00 a.m. Contact Jan Weber 973-919-7870 for more information.

THE NJBL DOUBLE KNOCKOUT *by Brett Kunin*

This year's double KO has been a success, with many close matches, and even an "upset" (with a team of newbies defeating the number 5 seed in the first round). Each team consists of 4-6 members, with matches being scheduled approximately once every 3-4 weeks, until the event is completed. Captains set up matches at times convenient to both teams, with the site at either a local club or someone's home. Although most matches are played nightly during the week, there are no prohibitions preventing the captains from scheduling at an alternate day and time. For all those seeking more than just "glory", the points awarded for the event (along with the results from NJBL sectionals, Annual and Award dinners, and Oktoberfest) are included in the unit's Player of the Year awards.

The format is similar to that of the College (baseball) World Series, so that no team is eliminated after one loss. It differs in that if a "lower seeded" team defeats a higher seed (just like in a major tennis championship), that winner then "picks up" the higher seeded team's ranking. Unlike many units, the NJBL welcomes participation of players from other units, who can be "regulars" on the team rosters.

What has been encouraging is that more teams, which could be categorized as Flights "B" and "C," are participating than in the prior three years; the down side is that there are fewer teams that could be considered "Flight A teams" participating. In past years, when participation was greater, the NJBL had both an "Open" and a "Bracketed" double KO, and, with the addition of 2-4 more Flight A teams, and 2-4 more Flight B/C teams, our Unit could again hold both events.

I have enjoyed being the Coordinator for the event, and the captains of the 12 teams deserve kudos for their work in getting the matches played within the allotted time parameters. For the first time in many years, the event has been completed "on schedule". Congratulations to the defending champions, the FULTON team (S Fulton, P Stein, J Rowe and M Tallman) who went undefeated, beating the KOHN team (A Kohn, M Gupta, B Kunin, M Brighthouse, D Rowntree and D Walker) in the final. Anyone who wants to see how the event has proceeded is welcome to look at the NJBL Website (www.njbl.net), on which our talented webmaster, Susan Slusky, has done an excellent job in posting the results of EVERY match in the event.

Although I am somewhat prejudiced, I believe this is the NJBL's premiere event, and a great "bargain" for the \$15.00/team participation fee. Whether you have played in the past, or are new to the event, I urge you all to consider forming teams for the 2009 Double KO. If you have any questions, please call me (973-243-2366) or e-mail me (foreclosuremave@aol.com) for further information. Information for the 2009 Double KO is on page 5 of this Declarer. Registration forms can also be obtained @ <http://www.njbl.net>. ♥

Novice Corner

by Arnie Kohn

Discards

When the Declarer is playing the hand, he sees all of his side's assets. Each defender also sees twenty-six cards, but, only thirteen of them belong to his partnership. The defenders must communicate with each other, and one of the primary ways to do so is by the cards they play when discarding.

The opportunity to discard comes up itself whenever Declarer is extracting trumps or playing a long suit. Standard practice dictates that a high card is encouraging and a low card is discouraging. There are partnerships who reverse the procedure and play their discarding signals upside down. In this method, low cards encourage and high cards discourage -- the theory being to not waste a high card. Still others play odd-even discards; odd cards (3-5-7-9) encourage and even cards (2-4-6-8) discourage. The weight of the even card can show preference for the other two suits. In other words, a two or a four would ask for the lower ranking of the other two suits.

Good defenders communicate by carefully playing their cards to give their partners as much information as possible. ♠

Step By Step

Promotions in rank of Unit 140 members 0-1000 MPs
8/1/08 - 10/31/08 ♣



New Junior Masters (0-19)	B T Ross J H Rossiter A Schoenberg D S Schultz M Shapiro A Sommers P A Thomas A C Tobias L L Turiel M Turpin J Salomon J Schwartz L Vallone P White I Wolinsky L T Yang	R Miller A Oberst R Pasqua D Paszkowski C Patt M Patt J Riddell G Riemer A Russo C Miller J Salomon J Schwartz L Schlereth R Steckelman M Tenner L Toner L Vignola C Weisberg H Zimmermann	L Bunnell V Canty L Chazanoff B Codispoti G Gorskhot A Ildsgaard M Jaclin B Kleinberg C Murray G Murray J Rothschild I Serban C-H Yang H Zieger	New NABC Masters (200-299)	A Fried J Goldberg K Haines J Israel L Lazzaro S Robbins P Safran M Zeymo T Zimmerman	New Bronze Life Masters (500-999)	E Baird G Blauth S Braun F Curcuro M Czebota L DeNotaristefani A Ern A Egger J Fuller J Kagan J Leznicki J McBurney J Mines I Peyser J Prezioso D Walker L Walsh M Wildstein ♡ ♠
New Club Masters (20-49)	A Abramowitz N Bischoff P Buckley L Blitman P Alexander M Cautin R Fried A Goldman T Kaplan W Kaplan L Kay P Ku W Ku R Ritzler V Stocker	New Sectional Masters (50-99)	New Life Masters (300-499)	E Baird C Chapin L Chapin S Das A Ern J J	New Regional Masters (100-199)	P Bates	
New Junior Masters (0-19)	M Anderson G Baurhenn M Berkley P Berkowitz M Boccia R Chandrasekar M Click D Crudup E Dickson M Di Masi M Ely G Fazzini A Finley E Flamm B Gerhardt J Gilmour J Glick N Jessen S Kaplan E Kazin J Kennedy C Kolton C Kowalski M Kowalski C R Levitan M B Levy R Macpherson J Newnham L Petersen M D Placitella P Randolph	New Club Masters (20-49)	New Life Masters (300-499)	New Regional Masters (100-199)			



Novice sessions will be held at Unit 140 Sectionals on Friday afternoon, Friday evening, both sessions on Saturday (10:00 am & 2:30 pm) and Sunday Swiss. Come out and compete!!

North's Responsibilities

by Jeff Ahrens

After hearing many complaints: the following is a review of the obligations assumed by a player who chooses to sit North.

1. You are responsible for making sure the correct boards are being played in the correct direction against the correct E/W pair.
 2. You are responsible for recording the correct contract and result on the correct line. After silently recording the result (Do not read other scores out loud: it may be insulting to an E/W that did poorly and it tells the next table what happened), you then place the traveler in the center of the table for all to view (without comment!). Finally, you fold the traveler so that the scores are not visible and secure it in the North end of the board.
 3. Your final obligation is to pass the board to the correct table. If you do not wish to assume these responsibilities, then do not sit North!!!
- East/West pairs are responsible for verifying the correct score on the correct line. ♡

NOVICE - Intermediate

NOVICE FALL STaCs

RESULTS

November 12 - 18, 2008

WEDNESDAY MORNING INV-9.0 Tables	SATURDAY AFT 299er - 7.0 Tables
A B C 1 1 1 J Wyer - Wyer 2 2 2 L Davis - P Reitzel 3/4 R Ramsey - H Bryan 3/4 3 3 A Hemphill - B Anderson 5 4 B Bryan - N Dickson 5 4 J Gardiner - M Henderson	A B C 1/2 1 A Halfin - S Halfin 1/2 S Robbins - C Doline 3 2 Chu Pollack - I Montick 4 M Klinger - B Eisner 5 3 P Overmyer - L Toner
WEDNESDAY MORNING-6.0 Tables	SUNDAY AFT 299er - 16.0 Tables
1 S Bernstein - D Gingold 2 1 1 L Alcock - L Jenkins 3 2 2 J Sell - L Ferretti 4 3 3 N Haveson - L Alcock 4 D Serebrakian - F Rode	1 C Doline - S Robbins 2 1 B Kanter - R Kanter 3 D Crisfield - K Rovick 4 J Gregson - S Craig 5 2 1 G Rosenberg - N Rosenberg 6 3 FH Bowen - R Pereira 4 2 D Russ - G Russ 5 3 M Konwiser - R Wallach 4 N Given - F Gross
THURSDAY AFT 299er - 15.0 Tables	MONDAY AFTERNOON 99er - 4.0 Tables
1 ME Asch - R Banagan 2 D Pottruck - V Cawossa 3 2 F Dworak - MF Dworak 4 C Doline - S Robbins 5/6 3 1 E Kirk - D Paszkowski 5/6 B Eisner - S Dobriner 4/5 2 A Greenwald - D Greenwald 4/5 E Waldman - J Fierstein 3 L Boodish - I Lieberman	1 CA Krueger - N Holmberg 2 1 1 B Lowenstein - A Farber 3 F Phillips - D Gill 2 2 T Tariach - L McGarry
THURSDAY AFT INV - 8.0 Tables	MONDAY AFT 299er - 12.0 Tables
1 1 1 BJ Thompson - D Monier 2 2 2 M Cottrell - W Svikhart 3 3 3 N Dickson - L Summa 4 4 L Bunnell, Jr - J Stewart 5 5 4 R Fitzsimmons - P Brodsky 5 A Iler - JM Iler	1 Ma Kessler - Mi Kessler 2 1 S Unusan - J Skillman 3 J Yawger - JK Vrba 4 2 A Halfin - E Desbrow 5 E Malone - M Grasso 6 E Curwin - E Lieb 3 Chu Pollack - I Montick 4 R Banagan - ME Asch
THURSDAY EVENING 299er - 27.5 Tables	MONDAY EVENING 299er - 6.5 Tables
1 K Morrison - B Scammell 2 1 1 L LeBental - M LeBental 3 2 S Sidorsky - J Dzwinczyk 4 3 B Drittel - S Drittel 5 S Tillis - L Pearl 6 S Borenstein - M Cuno 4 R Kline - M Lo 5 E Voorhees - R Pereira 6 P Weiss - L Lade 2 H Stein - B Goldstein 3 P Lieberman - C Weisberg 4/5 K Mattran - R Steckelman 4/5 W Moyer - P Harding	1 1 1 M Killoran - PA Scholz 2 2 2 J Riddell - S Konrad 3 3 El Doubet - Er Doubet 4 4 P DiDomenico - T Morrison 5/6 3/4 S Troy - K Santangelo 5/6 3/4 A Russo - J Rossiter
THURSDAY EVE NLM PAIRS - 9.5 Tables	MONDAY EVENING NLM - 12.0 Tables
1 1 1 E Robinson - N Robinson 2 V Commander - P Roura 3 2 S Raleigh - D Livescu 4 J Bendock - J Liskiewicz 5 K Covington - F Raleigh 6 3 2 P Weiss - L Rossin 4 3 R Carle - J Phillips III 5 4 G Braunstein - K Hackett	1/2 1 T Kaplan - Wa Kaplan 1/2 S Raleigh - D Livescu 3 2 N Metzendorf - O Lawrence 4 3 J Feuer - G Pozner 5 4 S Pope - B Pope 6 V Commander - P Roura 5 1 J Zerrer - M Seligman 2 J Toohey - A Silver
FRIDAY MORNING 199er - 36.5 Tables	TUESDAY AFT 299er - 17.0 Tables
1 1 1 E Mautner - J Park 2 2 2 M Cohen - T Cohen 3 3 J Tublitz - B Becker 4 4 3 ME Asch - B Wolfe 5 N Herling - J Herling 6 5 4 P Overmyer - M Joe 6 E Danon - B Drittel 5 L Greisman - H McNamara 6 I Montick - Chu Pollack	1 J Chernin - B Feldstein 2 M Connor - C Clayton 3 C Biel - P Sibilia 4 M Pisani - F Borghese 5 M Delano - M Gouss 6 N Weill - M Katzman 1 1 J Schwartzbard - A Brenner 2 2 ME Asch - A Parker 3 3 J Feinberg - I Lieberman 4 4 A Marin - J Max 5 M Grasso - P Abuaf
FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299er - 11.0 Tables	TUESDAY EVENING 299er - 18.0 Tables
1 1 G Pozner - B Silver 2 2 1 P Pritchard - D Monier 3 3 2 S Hollyer - R Castellano 4 4 J Fertitta - S Pope 5 J Borrus - D Van Vliet 6 5 K Jensen - P Otten 3 B McCourt - E McCoy 4 J Zerrer - M Seligman	1 1 J Dzwinczyk - S Sidorsky 2/4 2 A Feldman - J Feldman 2/4 S Tillis - O Gurny 2/4 J Gregson - S Craig 5 L Schultz - J Schultz 6/7 3/4 1 M Berkley - J Greene 6/7 3/4 L Yampolsky - N Weiss 5 N Keegan - S Bander 6 2 JM Schwartz - S Williams; 3 A Schaffer - J Needel 4 M Atkind - T Smith 5 Da Schultz - De Schultz

October Bridgefest Pro/AM Swiss October 24, 2008

- 1 Cynthia Schneider - Eli Schneider-Gregory Gorskhot-Mirka Zeymo
- 2 Dennis Thompson - William Barnes - Yan Tao - Mike Shen
- 3/4 David Harris - Leona Leyton - Bogdan Iwanicki - Polak Zbignien
- 3/4 Janet McCaffrey - George Blake - Gertrude Kivett - Beryl Blake

UNIT 140 PRO-AM RESULTS October 2, 2008

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Christopher Chapin - Bill Stolgitis | 4 Lynn Chapin - Art Stanton |
| 2 Ron Nelken-Sharon Frankel | 5 Norma Klein-Cynthia Schneider |
| 3 Dinkar Pujara-Sheila Gross | 6 David Harris-Stanley Weiss ♠ |

2009 Unit 140 Double Knock-Outs

Welcome the New Year by joining the NJBL's premiere events, The 2009 NJBL Double KO's - Open and Bracketed.* You may field a team in either or both events. It's called a "double KO" in that you must lose TWICE before you are eliminated. Matches are scheduled once every 3-4 weeks by the team captains at a site and time convenient to both teams. You may play at a local club, or at someone's home.

This is an opportunity to play IMPS in a more casual and relaxed atmosphere than at a tournament. Remember, master points earned in the events count toward the POTY (player of the year) standings. Teams are limited to 4-6 players, and players from units other than Unit 140 may participate. Conditions of contest are available upon request.

Please call or e-mail Brett Kunin (973-243-2366), foreclosureave@aol.com, for further information, or simply fill in the attached entry form below and mail it with the nominal \$15.00 team entry fee to Brett Kunin, 8 Hickory Rd., West Orange, NJ 07052 (checks should be payable to "NJBL-Unit 140"); DEADLINE is MARCH 1, 2009. No team will be permitted to participate until the entry fee is paid.

Open Double Knock Out		Total Team MPs _____	Bracketed Double Knock Out		Total Team MPs _____
Captain	ACBL No.		Captain	ACBL No.	
Address			Address		
Phone ()			Phone ()		
Player #2	ACBL No.		Player #2	ACBL No.	
Player #3	ACBL No.		Player #3	ACBL No.	
Player #4	ACBL No.		Player #4	ACBL No.	
Player #5	ACBL No.		Player #5	ACBL No.	
Player #6	ACBL No.		Player #6	ACBL No.	

*Bracketed KO will be held only if there is sufficient participation.

STAC Results - November 12-18, 2008

WEDNESDAY AFT - 79.0 Tables

A B C	89 5	J Himelman - C Gatta
1 1 1	6	MJ Mabe - L Lasala
2		V Veeder - B Swayne
3		J Reisman - M Brighthouse
4		A Rosen - Ga Levine
5 2		A Iwaszko - C Novak
6		S Reingold - L Schwartz
7 3		F Reddy - R Miller
8		M Gupta - D Byrnes
4		J Zucker - B Schlosberg
5		S Shamah - M Bryan
6/8 2		J Sherman - B Stein
6/8		K Hunter - B Schlosser
6/8		E Druker - A Frank
3		W Stolgitis - B Lum
4		E Santillo - J Santillo
5		E De Boer - J De Boer
6		S Field - P Bates

THURS AFT SIDE GAME - 3.0 Tables

1		V Ahuja - L Goldstein
2		S Fruchtman - C Ackerman

THURSDAY EVE OPEN - 23.0 Tables

1		M Elyakin - K Elyakin
2		H Bobroff - J Litterio
3 1		E Dutcher - A Pearl
4		J Rothstein - S Stantchev
5 2		J Scheirer - B Friedland
6		B Kunin - D Thompson
3		B Galin - R Fischbein
4 1		M Lasser - J Goldberg
5 2		S Gross - J Steig
6 3		F Helmond - S Engelen
4		M Reich - C Rubino
5		D Noll - S Frankel

ESSEX BC TEAMS - 14 Tables

1		A Powell - K Powell - D Paszkowski - E Kirk
2 1		R Geist - C Zimmerman - S Gross - S Rosenbush
3/4 2/3 1/2		J Rothstein - N Rothstein - M Tenner - T Simon
3/4 2/3 1/2		B Lamborn - D Peron - J Brinkmann - M Pisani
5 4		E Dutcher - J Ahrens - D Harris - S Benisch

SAT AFT OPEN - 56.5 Tables

1		S Borenstein - L Leyton
2		J Bartow - S Kim
3 1		A Dirienzo - P Dirienzo
4		B Galin - A Schwarz
5		J Rowe - R Olsen
6		L Dayan - M Gur
2		A Cafaro - J Cafaro
3 1		A Aho - R Martin
4		S Miller - B Miller
5 2		T Hamouai - S Raleigh
6/7		R Pomeroy - L Myers
6/7		P Caldwell - R Whitney
3		W Nichols - C Nichols
4		MA Wagner - J Bockius
5		S Saraiya - J Heinowitz;
6		R Tenner - A Troum

SUNDAY AFT SIDE GAME - 4.0 Tables

1		V Ahuja - S Frankel
2		H Gibson - E Marks
3		S Fruchtman - H Popper

MONDAY AFT OPEN - 81.5 Tables

1		D Byrnes - M Gupta
2		J Mancini - M Mancini
3 1		G Jones - P Jones
4		T Havican - L Blessing
5		R Shamah - C Dweck
6		J Gold - M Landman
7		B Swayne - V Veeder
8 2 1		M Jaclin - R Jaclin
9 3		R Karasik - M Rosen
4 2		C Quist - E Januskiewicz
5		M Dankis - D Powers
6		J Fuller - M Millard
3		M Foley - M Poller
4		M Lieberman - E Levene
5		G Freund - C Lemkau
6		J Sherman - B Stein

TUES EVE OPEN - 61.5 Tables

4		S Das - S Gross
5		A Fucello - D Germandsky
6		M Kelley - A Palumbo
4		D Davignon - L Davignon
5		AL Norton - B Norton
6		C Anelle - M Krawitz

TUES AFT OPEN - 73.0 tables

1		L Sokolower - S Hait
2		R Kraft - R Panitch
3		S Glassman - A Cacosu
4		N Jaffe - S Maltzman
5 1		J Moran - J Lapp
6		T Theodos - E Baird
7 2		R Salovitch - J Ahrens
8 3 1		J Polan - S Parikh
4 2		J Goldberg - M Schlesinger
5 3		G Scholten - P Robinson
6		S Braun - A Pollock

TUES EVE SIDE GAME - 3.0 Tables

1		B Clark - W Barnes
2		E Marks - S Borenstein

WEDNESDAY EVE OPEN - 20.0 Tables

1		A Cafaro - J Litterio
2 1		B Revicky - L Myers
3		R Ross - S Arshan
4		C-W Sit - P Stein
5		J Rowe - R Boikess
6 2 1		L Chazanoff-N Petschenik
3 2		G Belmonte - G Gorskov
4 3		J Routel - F Hankins
5 4		P Lear - M Auerbach
6		J Lawler - Y Panitch

FRIDAY AFT OPEN - 60.5 Tables

1		R Hyken - L Lerner
2		M Nelson - M Kappel
3		J Laing - B Witzel
4 1		L Gordon - C Sobel
5 2		C VanDenHauvel - J McCaffrey
6		S Kaplan - R Dondero
7		D Devlin - C Abramson
3		C McCarthy - D Pierson
4		C Kaufman - F Gold
5 1		N Wood - L Wood
6		C Good - L Rocco
2		J Simon - P Eisenberg
3		M Lasser - M Schlesinger
4		M Lipscomb - E Gansereit
5		C Bentley - F Haid
6		J Sherman - B Stein

TOMS RIVER SWISS - 12 Tables

1		M Baker - T Gallagher - B Mechlowitz - R Larkin
2 1		R Mechlowitz - J Dorman - A Lukacs II - R Larkin
3		K Elyakin - M Elyakin - C Rubino - J Leac

SATURDAY EVE OPEN - 6.0 Tables

1		V Ahuja - J Doris
2		E Marks - D Engelhardt
3/4		B Clark - Bob Vogel
3/4		D DuBois - D Sobel

SUN AFT OPEN - 41.0 Tables

1 1		S Adelman - A Zbik
2		Roc Imhoff - Rob Imhoff
3		B Vandervort - A Tarlach
4		J Metzger - M Huppert

MONDAY EVE OPEN - 27.5 Tables

1		J Rothstein - J-M Liao
2		B Scull - J Horn
3		J Abramovici - F Shaftel
4		S Kaplan - C Eastman
5		B Swayne - T Aukstikalnis
6 1 1		JL Safran - P Safran
2		A Bergquist - A Iannino
3		F Dworak - D Engelhard
4		J Brody - S Braun

RESULTS

October Bridgefest CHARITY SWISS October 25, 2008

A B C		K & M Elyakin- F Shaftel-D Goldstein
1 1		C & E Schneider- R Dondero-R Djmal
2		B Kunin-D Thompson- M Brighthouse-C Berenbaum
3		H Raleigh-E Heitzman-R Heitzman-M O'Connor
4		R Ross-S Arshan-W Esberg-N Wang-J Liss
5		D DuBois-D Wasik-K Nodzak-R Pomeroy
2		H Gibson-G Victor-D Sobel-J Anderson
3 1		D Harris-H Connell-S Borenstein-E Marks



Westfield Presbyterian Church was a great location for the Charity Event. Thank you to all that attended!

Proceeds of the Charity Swiss (\$300) will go to Camp Quality for children with cancer.

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Weekday Mornings

<i>Monday</i>	9:00 am	Essex (0-50), Central Jersey Bridge Club (199er)
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:00 am 11:00 am	Essex (0-99) Toms River BC, Toms River (Open)
	11:30 am	Bridge at Princeton (Open)
<i>Wednesday</i>	9:00 am	Essex (0-199); Rumson Country Club (Inv)
	9:30 am	Plaza, West Orange (Intermediate)
	11:00 am	Ocean Co. Bridge Ctr, Toms River
<i>Thursday</i>	10:00 am	Dover Dames BC, Toms River (Inv-Closed Jan) ; Monmouth County Aces BC, Freehold
	11:00 am	Ocean Co. Bridge Ctr, Toms River
<i>Friday</i>	9:00 am	Essex BC (0-199); Present Day BC, Princeton; Central Jersey BC (199er)
	9:30 am 11:00 am	Plaza, West Orange (Supervised); Toms River BC, Toms River (Open)

Weekday Afternoons

<i>Monday</i>	12:00 pm	Grand Slam BC, Milltown BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open & Novice; Novice LE -11:00); Capital City BC; Summit DBC, Short Hills (closed 6/23-8/19) ; Tinton Woods DBC, Little Silver; Toms River BC, Toms River (LE-12:00 & Open)
	12:30 pm	Deal BC, Deal (June 22-Sept. 5 -L, Strat); Essex BC, Livingston (Strat & 0-299-LE) Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat) Toms River BC, Toms River (LE-12:00 & Open)
	1:00 pm	Westminster BC (Inv - Monthly)
<i>Tuesday</i>	12:00 pm	Bloomfield Rec Comm, Bloomfield BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open; LE-11:00)
	12:30 pm	Clark Duplicate Club, Clark (Open) Essex BC, (Strat & 0-299-LE) Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat-LE)
	12:45 pm	Canoe Brook Country Club (Inv)
<i>Wednesday</i>	12:00 pm 12:30 pm	BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open) Clark Duplicate Club, Clark (Open)
		Capital City BC (open-weekly) Deal BC, Deal (June 66-Sept. 5 -L, Strat) Essex BC, Livingston (Strat) JCC, Deal (open)
		Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat)
	1:00 pm	AC Bridge, Montclair Golf Club (Inv)
<i>Thursday</i>	12:00 pm	BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Novice & Open; LE - 11:00)
		Grand Slam BC, Milltown(Strat)
	12:30 pm	Clark Duplicate Club, Clark (Open) Country Club Bridge (Inv)
		Essex BC, Livingston (Strat & 0-299-LE) Plaza BC, West Orange Thurs. Afternoon, Little Silver Thurs. Aft. DBC, Denville Bridge
	12:45 pm	Baltusrol Golf Club BC, Short Hills Bridge Club (Inv); Springfield (Inv - July & August only)
	1:00 pm	Capital City BC (Inv.-Bi-weekly); Stafford BC, Manahawkin (Open), Princeton BridgeCenter
<i>Friday</i>	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Shadowfax BC BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open)
		Tinton Woods BC, Eatontown (0-199; LE at 11:30); Summit , Short Hills (closed 6/23-8/19)
	12:30 pm	Deal BC, Deal (June 22-Sept. 5 -L, Strat) Essex BC, (Strat) Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat-LE)

Weekday Evenings

<i>Monday</i>	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prudential BC, West Orange Essex BC (0-50) Four Seasons at Lakewood Monmouth County Aces BC, Freehold Spring Lake BC, Spring Lake Stafford BC, Manahawkin (Open & 0-20; LE 6:30)
	7:30 pm	Tinton Woods, Eatontown (0-500)NLM Toms River BC, Toms River (Strat)
<i>Tuesday</i>	6:00 pm	Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat - S) Toms River BC, Toms River (Open -LE)
	6:30 pm	Commercial BC, Roseland(Invite-Bi-Weekly)
	7:00 pm	Essex BC, Livingston (Strat & 0-299 -S) LVW DBC, Lakehurst (Invite)
	7:15 pm	BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open -S) Spring Lake BC, Spring Lake
	7:30 pm	Regency @ Monroe Bridge (Residents & Invited Guest)
	7:30 pm	Monmouth Beach Club (Inv) Women's Club, Shrewsbury (Strat)
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30pm 7:00 pm	Essex BC (0-99; Inv) BCCNJ, Bridgewater(Handicapped-LE 6:30 pm), Bridge for Fun, Shrewsbury (0-10 & 0-50), Clark Duplicate Club (Open), Monmouth County Aces BC, Freehold, Plaza (Open)
	7:15 pm	White Meadow Lake DBC, Rockaway
	7:30 pm	Clark Duplicate Club, Clark (Open) Country Club Bridge (Inv) Grand Slam BC, Milltown (Strat); Short Hills; Toms River BC (Open)
<i>Thursday</i>	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rumson Country Club (Invitational) Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat)
	7:00 pm	Essex BC, Livingston (Strat & 0-299-S) LVW DBC, Lakehurst (Invite) BCCNJ (Strat 0-499; LE-6:30) Capital City BC (Monthly - Inv), W. Windsor (inv) Westminster BC (Novice & Inv-monthly)
	7:30 pm	Plainsboro DBC, Plainsboro (Open) Tinton Woods BC, Eatontown (0-299; LE at 7:00)
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Essex BC (Strat) BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Strat Individual -Inv) Essex BC (open-as announced for special events)
	7:30 pm	Bloomfield Rec Comm, Bloomfield Country Club Bridge (Inv); Monmouth Co Aces; Toms River BC, Toms River (Open) ; Westfield Women's Club BC
Weekends		
<i>Saturday</i>	10:30 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm	Monmouth Co. Aces BC, Freehold (Open) Toms River BC, Toms River (Open) BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open -L) Essex BC, Livingston (Strat - B) Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat - B)
	7:00 pm	Plaza BC, West Orange (Strat - Wine & Cheese; monthly dinner at 6:30)
	7:30 pm	Westminster BC (Inv - monthly)
<i>Sunday</i>	12:30 pm	Toms River BC, Toms River (Open) Essex BC, Livingston (Strat & 0-299 -B)
	1:00 pm	BCCNJ, Bridgewater (Open) Deal BC, Deal (Summers only, Strat) Plaza BC, (Strat - B), ShadowfaxBC, Stafford BC, Manahawkin
	7:00 pm	Westminster BC (Inv - monthly) Monmouth County Aces BC, Freehold

Schedule and contact information supplied by club owners and managers.

B=Brunch Served. L=Lunch Served. LE=Lesson. S=Supper Served. D=Desert Served.

Times reported are GAME TIMES. Meals & lessons are 1/2 hour before game time unless otherwise indicated.

****PLEASE NOTE: the above schedules are subject to change. Contact your club director for up-to-the -minute details.***

ROVIN' ROSIE

By Rosemary Boden

Playing bridge in Florida is a New World - and you don't need to be particularly "Brave." When I'm in town, I play mostly at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, a club owned by the Members (nearly a thousand of us) and governed by a Board of Directors who appoint a Manager. The Manager receives a salary - a base plus extra compensation depending on the number of tables plus a percentage of fees received from students attending classes. The Club employs a Food Service Manager (Cook) who provides hot and cold lunches 7 days a week and dinners on 2 or 3 nights for a modest charge of about six or seven dollars. It's a good place to play.

But that's not the end. Like several clubs in the area, all games now pay TRIPLE points! Yes, that's right...TRIPLE points. These are big games and it's not unusual for the winning pair to pick up 5 or 6 points for a session. Why go to tournaments? How do the clubs do it? They charge an extra dollar per head which goes to charity. It's very affordable for players because the normal entry is a typical \$5 or so.

Our club has a dealing machine which means that all sections play the exact same boards - and there are hand records (including the Deep Finesse analysis) at the end of each session. Ranking, travelers, summaries and masterpoints are posted on the internet, usually by the time one gets home. We always know when someone has a bad game because they don't hang around for results.

A neighboring club has introduced some innovations to our world. The owner/manager uses the new electronic wireless scoring device. At the end of each board, North enters the contract and result. The device displays the correct result and East must approve the result by entering his security code. The game is scored within seconds of the final result being transmitted to the host computer. Like all things new, some players love it and some hate it.

The excitement of the electronic scoring is greatly increased in a barometer game. In this, every pair in the room plays the exact same boards at the same time. Results are sent from the table to the host computer which then displays results for the entire field on a huge Vu-Graph where it can be seen by everyone. In this event, one knows how well one is doing at all stages of the game and can change strategy if one wishes. It's fun to see players rise and fall throughout the session. One afternoon, Zeke Jabbour was playing and was consistently near the bottom of the field, only to rise, like cream, to the top of the pool in the final two rounds.

The same club recently hosted a Swiss Pairs event, played barometer style. Pat Hindlin and I decided to try this event. There were about 14 tables in play. Every

table had a stack of Boards 1 - 24. We played 6 boards against our first opponents. The round was scored and the results displayed, using a 20 point Victory scale, on the Vu-Graph. We received new table assignments for Round 2. The lower your table the better you were doing. We started (by chance) at Table 1, N-S. However, we were demoted to Table 4, E-W. It was fun to see the novices moving higher and some (so-called) Experts moving down through the ranks. For Round 2, Winners played Winners and Losers played Losers. We did well enough to gain a promotion to Table 2, N-S where we remained for the rest of the session - and that's where we finished, 3rd Overall, earning 2.15 masterpoints for our afternoon's work.

Pat and I like to double and my favorite hand of the day was no exception. Pat opened 3♥ and I heard RHO double. I liked my hand: ♠AK9 ♥A86 ♦Q52 ♣Q943 so I bid 4♥. LHO Passed and RHO could not stop himself - he bid 5♦. Now, I never like to double when we have a huge fit, because we are not winning any tricks in our suit. However, I have 2 quick tricks in ♠ and I felt my Q♦ was in the right place. So out comes the X card and 3 minutes later we were plus 800 for all of the matchpoints. Here's the hand: NORTH

WEST

♠ 8653
♥ T7
♦ 64
♣ K8752

♠ T2

♥ KQJ9542
♦ 983
♣ 6

EAST


♠ QJ74
♥ 3
♦ AKJT7
♣ AJT

SOUTH

♠ AK9
♥ A86
♦ Q52
♣ Q943

Guess what? N-S can make only 3♥ so E-W were getting a good score if we go down. Plan your trip to Ft Lauderdale - play in fun events and earn mega-masterpoints. I'll pick you up at the airport. ☺

Rosemary, thanks again for remembering your friends in New Jersey. You can catch up with Rovin' Rosie's Cruise itinerary by visiting her website at: www.rosboden.com. ♥♠



Unit 140 is working on a Virtual Partnership Desk!

That's right - in the coming months we will be testing the beta version of "GetMeAPartner.com" - and ACBL-registered members will be able to use the site free of charge. So next time you find yourself wanting to go to an event and you are "partnerless," you may be able to take advantage of this new service. We plan to allow people to look for partners for specific Unit 140 events, i.e., Stacs, Sectional, etc. For details or suggestions, please contact:
Lynn Chapin at lynn@jerseybridge.com. Ben and Ernestine Cutler will still be available if you prefer speaking with someone.

What do young people do in their spare time?

by Arline Fulton

Peter Ku, 14, a scientific guru, plays DUPLICATE BRIDGE in his spare time! In January, the Discovery channel will feature Peter in a special program part of which was filmed at the Monmouth County Aces Bridge Club in Freehold, NJ. Why is Discovery TV interested in Peter? He came in third in the USA in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Now a ninth grader in Princeton Junction, NJ, he competed against tens of thousands of other students for this prestigious award. If you would like to see Peter's presentation, "Why is the sky blue?" visit <http://youngscientist.discoveryeducation.com/flashmapFinalist/index.html>. Click on the state of New Jersey. You won't be disappointed!

Peter learned bridge last summer when his father, Bill Ku, revived his bridge playing after a thirty-year absence. Peter immediately wanted in. His favorite school subject is math and he is on his school's math and science teams. Peter likes bridge because it is a mentally challenging game that requires a certain amount of math skills such as probability and counting. He also enjoys bridge because of the competition and the social aspects of the game. Peter enjoys competing with and beating his dad and others in tennis, ping-pong, Scrabble, Monopoly, and many other card and board games. He is a nationally ranked tennis player whose game has been sidetracked by a chronic knee condition. And, he is an accomplished cello player.

Right now, Peter is leading District 3 (most of New Jersey and large part of New York state) in the Mini-McKenney, which tracks how many masterpoints players have won. He is also twenty-fifth in the national youth race. In spite of all the commotion during the taping at MC Aces, Peter and his father ended FIRST overall in flight C, winning over 2 masterpoints. Most importantly, he's a nice young man. ♥♠




Peter playing with his father, Bill, while the Discovery crew swarms around them. Bob Miller of Princeton is playing East and his partner is Robert Riley of Pennington.



Bill Ku, Don Prior of Manasquan, Pete Ku, Barbara Noble of Basking Ridge. Don and Barbara encouraged Peter and his dad to try knockout events -- as teammates.



Peter with Helen Okin. She said, 'You need a picture of the youngest with the oldest.'



Harriet Polonsky, a former Unit 140 Treasurer, is very ill and has been for some time. Friends and well wishers can call, visit or send her a note at:
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400 West Blackwell Street
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2009 Youth North American Bridge

The YNABC Championship (YNABC) will be held in Washington, DC from July 30 through August 1st - the final weekend of the Summer NABC. For more details, visit the The Youth NABC web site at :<http://www.youthnabc.org>.

President's Message

By *Debbie Wasik, President, Unit 140*

This will be my last message to you as President of the New Jersey Bridge League. I have accepted a position on the District 3 Board of Directors, and feel that I cannot fulfill the duties of both positions satisfactorily, given my current schedule. I will remain on the NJBL Board until my term ends at the end of next year - you know, washing dishes, sweeping up, whatever they ask me to do.

My three years as President have been frustrating, fulfilling, and a continual education. I've been blessed with the Best Board in the World for all three years - a group of wonderful people who work hard and always bring great ideas and insight to our organization. I couldn't have asked for better. Five of these Board members - all of whom contribute mightily to our efforts - will be returning for a second term. (See page 1 for the slate of candidates to the 2009 Board of Directors).

I'd like to thank all the people who have served on the Board these past three years for making it almost easy to be President, as well as the small army of volunteers who help us on an ongoing basis - The Schneiders, Bill Miller, Mike Kanarek, Susan Slusky, Tom Komline, Ruth Zowader, and Alan Powell - along with several others members who help us when we find ourselves in need.

I'd also like to thank a vital member of the Board whose term is about to expire - Marty Czebotar. Marty has worked on the Board for the past six years, most of the time as our Treasurer. He's done that job superbly, and his down-to-earth, take-no-prisoners perspective will be missed.

Thanks for the support of so many well-wishers over the years. I look forward to working with the new Board in a different capacity, and to representing Unit 140 at the District level. ♦

SECTIONALS AT THE CLUBS

Silver Point Week

Tuesday, March 24 thru Monday, March 30, 2009

(CONTACT CLUBS FOR GAME TIMES)**

Tuesday, March 24 - (aft)- BCCNJ, Bridge @ Princeton, Clark, Essex (0-299 + open), Plaza, Plainsboro DBC, Toms River - (eve): BCCNJ, Essex, Regency @ Monroe, Toms River, Westlake DBC, Women's Club

Wednesday, March 25 - (morn) Shadowfax BC, (aft)-BCCNJ (0-99 + Open), Capital, Clark, Deal (12:30); Essex, Grand Slam, Ocean CO BC, Summit, Tinton Woods, Toms River - (eve): BCCNJ, Capital City BC, Clark, Grand Slam, Monmouth County Aces, Plaza, Stafford (0-50 + open) Tinton Woods (0-299), Toms River, White Meadow Lake

Thursday, March 26 - (aft)- BCCNJ, Bridge @ Princeton, Clark, Grand Slam, Essex, Little Silver, Mountain Lakes BC, Plaza, Princeton BC, Rumson CC, Ocean CO BC, Stafford BC, Thursday Aft Duplicate BC, Toms River - (eve): Capital (Inv), Essex, Regency @ Monroe, Plainsboro Duplicate Bridge Club, Tinton Woods, Toms River, Women's Club

Friday, March 27 - (morn) Essex (199ers), Central Jersey BC (199ers), (aft)- BCCNJ, Capital City, Deal (12:30), Essex, JCC, Plaza, Summit, Tinton Woods, Toms River - (eve): BCCNJ (-0-499), Central Jersey BC, Clark (Scotch Plains), Essex (Swiss Teams), Grand Slam, Monmouth County Aces, Plaza, Toms River, Westfield Women's Duplicate, White Meadow Lake

Saturday, March 28 - (morn) Mountain Co Aces, (aft)-BCCNJ (0-99 + open), Clark, Essex (0-299 + open & Intermediate Swiss Teams), Grand Slam, Little Silver, Plaza, Stafford, Toms River - (eve): Essex, Capital City, Plainboro, Tinton Woods (0-299), Toms River

Sunday, March 29 - (morn) - BCCNJ, Essex (199ers), Central Jersey BC (199ers) - (aft)- BCCNJ, Essex (Open & 299 Swiss teams), Plaza, Summit, Tinton Woods (0-199), Toms River - (eve): BCCNJ, TGIF BC, Toms River, Westfield Women's Club

Monday, March 30 - (morn) Rumson CC, (aft)- BCCNJ, Capital, Clark, Essex (0-299 + open), Grand Slam, Plaza, Monmouth County Aces (10:30 am), Summit, Tinton Woods, Toms River - (eve): Plaza, Prudential, Stafford BC, Tinton Woods, Toms River

♣ Some clubs had not responded to run STACs by press time, check with your club for updates & times. ♣

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Congratulations to **Barbara Sartorius** on becoming a Grand Life Master and to **Barbara Tepper** for attaining the status of Platinum Life Master. Quite an achievement, ladies!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

I would like to extend a very heart felt thank you to Tom Komline for jumping in to help me with the editing and content design of The Declarer, even when he moved to Pennsylvania and a new District. Your contributions were invaluable. Keep in touch with your bridge buddies in Unit 140 and me.

Congratulations to the District 3 NAP Finalists from Unit 140

Flight A

- 1 **David Rowntree & Dougin Walker**
- 2 **Barbara Sartorius & Robert Sartorius**

Flight C

- 1 **Gregory Gorchkov & Neil Jaffe**

**The Finals of the
2008-2009
North American
Pairs will be
played at the
Spring NABC in
Houston, Texas**
♠♦♣♥

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