



# THE DECLARER



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## New Jersey Bridge League

### SPRING SECTIONAL

May 14-16, 2010

HUNGARIAN AMERICAN CLUB

95 Port Reading Avenue

Woodbridge, NJ 07095

#### Friday, May 14

10:00am ● Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs

#### COMPLIMENTARY PIZZA LUNCH

2:30 pm ● Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs

!! ☺ **FINISHED BY 6:00 - HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER** ☺ !!

#### Saturday, May 15

10:00 am ● Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs

#### COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH CATERED SANDWICHES

2:30 pm ● Stratified Open A/X (unlimited/3000)

● Stratified B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500)

● Stratified 299er Pairs

#### Sunday, May 16

9:30-10:30 am **COMPLIMENTARY BAGEL BRUNCH**

10:30 am Strati-flighted Swiss Teams:

● Flight A/X (unlimited/3000 & all who wish to compete) (Seven 7-board matches)

● Stratified B/C/D (2000/1000/500) (Seven 7-board matches)

● Stratified 299er (Seven 6-board matches)

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

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

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

♥♥ Drinks (other than coffee& tea) \$1.00 - at all times♥♥

Strats may be combined due to participation

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS: Carol Davis (732) 861-9488

Brett Kunin (973) 243-2366 (Eve)

INFORMATION: Kirk & Marilyn Elyakin (609) 301-8384 (Eve)

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

NEWPLICATED INQUIRIES: Dave DuBois (908) 232-5339 (Eve)

Note: New Directions for Detour:

#### PLAYING SITE TELEPHONE:

(732) 634-9697

**From N.J. Turnpike Exit 12:** After the toll booth, turn right onto Roosevelt Ave. Follow Roosevelt to third light: turn left onto Blair Rd. Stay on Blair Road until the first traffic light (Omar Avenue) - follow the detour sign, and make a right onto Omar.

Omar Avenue ends at Rahway Avenue. Make a left onto Rahway. Stay on Rahway Ave. for about 8 blocks, past the Elks Club (on your right), and make a left onto Port Reading Ave. Club is 3 blocks on your left. **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 ¼ 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. **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 AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 11 a.m.

Pines Manor

2085 Lincoln Highway South (Route 27)

Edison, New Jersey

(732) 287-2222

All Members of the NJBL (Unit 140 of ACBL), and their guests, are invited to our annual awards ceremony honoring our New Life Masters.

We start at 11 a. m. with an elegant brunch. Following brunch, we will hold a short ceremony to recognize our New Life Masters, the Unit 140 2009 Player of the Year, winners of the Unit 140 Double Knock-outs, and recipients of the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards.

After that, it's on to the bridge tables! The fun starts at 11:00 a.m. and the event will conclude by 4:00 p.m.!

Come join the fun for just \$20 per person for Unit 140 members and \$30 for non-unit members. (Unit 140 subsidizes the cost to thank you for supporting our events.)

Please note that no entries will be sold at the door. The deadline for registration and fees is June 1, 2010.

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: 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.

NJ 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.

Send this registration form with your check, payable to "NJBL Unit 140" to:

Kirk Elyakin, 115 Avignon Road, Monroe, NJ 08831

Phone: (609) 301-8384 (eve)

Unit 140 Members (\$20/ea) Non-Members (\$30)

NO ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

Deadline for reservations and fees: June 1, 2010

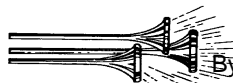
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**Calendar of Events**

April 2010 – July 2010

Apr.	9-11	Unit 106 Sectional . . . . .	Allendale, NJ
	20-25	Long Island Regional . . . . .	Smithtown, NY
	28-5/1	New England Sr. Regional . . . . .	No. Falmouth, MA
May	14-16	Unit 140 Sectional . . . . .	Woodbridge, NJ
	26-31	New York Regional . . . . .	New York, NY
June	6	Unit 140 Awards Dinner . . . . .	Edison, NJ
	7-13	Unit 140 STaCs . . . . .	Contact Clubs
	14-20	District 3 Saratoga Regional . . . . .	Saratoga Springs, NY
July	17-18	Unit 106 O-NLM Sectional . . . . .	Allendale, NJ
	22-8/1	NABC . . . . .	New Orleans, LA
	27-28	Unit 106 Sectional . . . . .	Allendale, NJ
Aug	6- 8	Unit 140 Sectional . . . . .	Woodbridge, NJ
	9-15	District 3 Fairfield Regional . . . . .	Fairfield, NJ



**THIS 'N THAT**

By Joan Gerard, District Director

District 3 always starts off the new year with the Hilton Rye Town Regional. Six days without snow helped us to increase our table count to over 2200 tables. Our new event, the Golden Opportunity Pairs, which is a Gold Point bonanza for players with 0-750 MP's, drew 91 tables! We are planning to run this event again in Saratoga Springs in June and in Fairfield in August. This is, indeed, the event to play in if you need gold points and have less than 750 MP's.

By now, many of you know that there will be an ACBL dues increase effective April 1<sup>st</sup>: \$35 to \$37 for non LM's; service fees for LMs from \$32 to \$34; and Junior fees from \$14 to \$15. New member fees will increase on January 1, 2011 from \$26 to \$28. Dues have not been increased for five years and I'm sure you are all aware that dues in the ACBL might easily be the best bargain in town!

A big issue coming before the Board of Directors in Reno is whether the age for Senior events should be raised from the current 55 years of age level. Currently, 92% of ACBL's members are eligible to play in Senior events. Internet master points and triple master points awards are two other hot topics. While I realize there are problems with bridge on the internet, we cannot bury our heads in the sand. People are playing all day and all night on the internet - our largest bridge clubs are the three internet clubs. We need to continue to support these games, or they will go off without us. On the other hand, the Triple Point Games are giving away MP's far beyond what we should have permitted. Eventually, these games are going to hurt the clubs (who don't run them for various reasons), hurt the STAC's, special games and sectionals in the unit and surrounding units, and hurt the players who advance too rapidly in overall master points.

Don't miss the opportunity to represent District 3 in the GNT Event in New Orleans by playing in the March 27<sup>th</sup> GNT in White Plains. See details on [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org). Do come to our Saratoga Springs Regional in June. You will see that it is well worth the trip. Hope to see many of you soon. ♠



**CLUB NEWS**



**ESSEX** - Eight Is Enough team games at 6:30 pm, Fridays- April 16, May 21, June 11 (during STaCs). Pre-registration is required for all Team Games. Bob Ryder Memorial Pairs, Sunday, April 25 at 12:30pm. Reservations strongly encouraged.

**MOUNTAIN LAKES** - is pleased to offer fast and friendly competition every Thursday at 12:30. We meet all year round at St. Francis Assisted Living, corner Diamond Spring Road at Pocono Road, Denville. For directions or partners, please call: B J Moore, 973 966-0892.

**PLAZA** - Enjoy a light supper & friendly duplicate bridge every Tues and Wed evenings at 6:15 pm; Wine & Cheese game every Saturday Eve at 7:00 pm; Sat & Sun light lunch & duplicate bridge; Supervised bridge play for advanced beginners every Mon at 12:30 pm and Wed at 1:30 pm. Call the Club at 973-669-7388 for further info.



**My Journey to Becoming a Good Bridge Player**

by Robert Miller

According to a book I've just finished, you must play at least 87,500 hands of bridge to have a chance to become a great bridge player, a number that I will never reach. So, I'm trying to figure out just how I can become a good bridge player.

I began playing bridge as a kid, probably because my father played bridge. Once a week he and five of his friends played Chicago at 1/20<sup>th</sup> of a cent a point, with the winnings going into a pool to take their wives out to dinner. Occasionally I sat in, knowing I was definitely not the worst bridge player at the table.

As a junior counselor, I played some bridge at lunch. (You remember - kids actually played bridge at one time.) I was playing with a very pretty junior counselor. I opened 1♠; she responded 2♠; having a very good hand I bid 3♥; she passed and saw nothing wrong with passing. That was the last time I played bridge at lunch.

At college, bridge was taken seriously only when we played for money. So I stopped playing bridge there also. Life then took over. Although reading bridge columns avidly, I played not a single hand of bridge for 45 years. One event though was of some interest. One time I played in the national college championship (I think that is what it was called.) Each hand had a "par" - what each side should bid to either make or defeat the contract. I played with a scientific genius (he was 16 as a freshman) but a novice at bridge. We probably were the only pair in the country bidding the wrong slam, and I made the hand with a squeeze.

I was reintroduced to casual bridge by a friend, who unfortunately passed away 14 months ago. I learned nothing new about what was going on since the people there were still playing the same game I had been playing at the time I stopped playing. Two hands were of interest. There was one hand we bid to 7NT. I could see from the opening lead that if I cashed the ace, king of a suit, I could squeeze my left hand opponent out of his queen. (Is this still a Vienna coup?) I was beside myself when the queen dropped doubleton, making seven. The second hand was a goulash hand. My partner, the ultimate stone age player, opened 6♠ with ace, king, queen eleven times spades, K♥, J♣. I had ♣AKxxx, ♦AKxxx, ♥Axx, and a void in spades. I raised to 7♠. Defender opened a heart, which was ruffed for down one. Of course had he opened 2♣ or even 1♠, I might have found that I could get to him in hearts; so 7NT was cold.

My friend then introduced me to duplicate bridge. My first taste of duplicate (to be absolutely honest I did play once before - remembering nothing except how to indicate each trick) was Wednesday evening at the Grand Slam in Milltown. As some of you know, if you want to improve your game and play against terrific bridge players, this is one of the places to go. ♣

# President's Message

By Mark Brighthouse, President Unit 140



Thanks again to the Board of Directors for giving me another year as President of the NJBL. 2009 was very successful and I'm hoping we can build on that for 2010, although the snow on the first day of our February Sectional didn't help! I'd like to welcome Rob Van Ekeren and Joan Brody to the Board for their first term. Joan will be working on STaCs planning and coordination and Rob on the school bridge program. We're hoping that Rob's background in the education field will enhance all the work that Barbara Clark has already done to grow our school bridge program.

The first Annual Meeting Brunch was a huge success. As usual, Kirk and Marilyn Elyakin and the Pines Manor staff did a great job- attendance was way up and the feedback on the format and food was almost 100% positive. Personally, I thought the food was excellent and I'm sure most of the attendees agreed. I think we can count on this being the format going forward, both for the Annual meeting and the Awards meeting in the summer. It was also my pleasure at the meeting to announce the 2009 Player of the Year, Alex Allen.

Those of you who attended the Friday event at the Sectional in December got to experience our new approach to that event. We moved the game times to 10:00 am and 2:30 pm and provided pizza in between sessions. This turned out to be very successful. Previously, our table count would drop dramatically from the afternoon to the evening sessions- with the new schedule this drop in table count was minimal. As usual, great ideas and a lot of hard work from our Tournament chair, Carol Davis and her support staff produced another successful Sectional.

## 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

We all had a marvelous time!!  
Come join us at our Awards  
Banquet for more of the fun!!



**Alex Allen**  
2009 Player of the Year



**District President**  
**Joan Gerard**

## 2010 Annual Meeting Results (29 Tables)

A	B	C		
			3	J Eng - S Slusky
1			4	G Jones - P Jones
2			5/6	1/2 R Levinson - P Rizza
3			5/6	1/2 B Ross - A Ross
4/5			3	P Wright - M Zeymo
4/5			4	S Saraiya - S Weiss
6/7	1		5	C Chapin - L Chapin
6/7				
	2			

## 2010 NJBL BOARD OFFICERS

President	.....M. Brighthouse
Secretary	.....T. Archambault
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2nd VP-Unit Coordinator	.....D. Wasik
3rd VP-Membership & Marketing	.....A. Kohn

## 2010 NJBL BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Reporting to the President - M. Brighthouse

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Parliamentarian	.....B. Kunin
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District Liaison	.....D. Wasik
Unit Electronic Coordinator	.....E. Cutler
Goodwill and Sunshine	.....E. Cutler
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Tournament Assistants	.....B. Kunin, A. Kohn, L. Chapin, H. Ionanid
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Refreshments & Supplies	.....C. Davis
Caddies	.....M. Kanarek**
Set-up/Breakdown:	.....T. Archambault, D. DuBois
Newpicate Events & Tournaments	.....D. DuBois (chair), B. Clark, K. Nodzak
ProAms	.....B. Clark
Food Prep	.....D. Wasik, C. Schneider**
Information	.....M. & K. Elyakin
Restaurant Guides	.....M. Poller
Pairing/Prizes	.....E. & B. Cutler
Trophies	.....R. Van Ekeren

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Charity Swiss	.....B. Clark
Pro-Am	.....M. Zeymo
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ABA Liaison	.....B. Clark
Annual & Awards Meetings	.....M. & K. Elyakin, C. Schneider**
Knockout Events	.....B. Kunin

### Reporting to the Third VP - Membership/Marketing - A. Kohn

Marketing Assistant	.....M. Zeymo
School Bridge Program	.....B. Clark
Assistants	.....A. Kohn, R. Van Ekeren
Publicity	.....B. Cutler
Education Liaison	.....B. Clark

\*\* Volunteer, Not a Board Member

# Novice Corner

by Arnie Kohn

NOVICE - Intermediate

## HELP SUIT GAME TRIES

I shudder when I hear an auction that proceeds as follows: 1♠ by the opener; 2♠ by responder; and 3♠ by opener, who intends 3♠ to be an invitational bid. So what if responder has nine points instead of six points; every one of those nine points could be useless. Instead of rebidding the spade suit, the opener should bid a suit where he or she needs "help."

Let us suppose you were dealt ♠AKxx, ♥xx, ♦KJxx, ♣AK, and the auction proceeded 1♠ -p-2♠. If your partner holds ♠Qxx, ♥KJx, ♦xxx, ♣Jxxx, you may have difficulty even making 3♠. However, if partner holds ♠Qxxx, ♥xxx, ♦Axxx, ♣xx, you are cold for game. Make an invitational bid of 3♦ ("Partner, I need help in diamonds"). Your partner will recognize the situation and bid to game with only six points.

An analogous auction occurs when the opening bid is one of a minor, responder bids 1♥ or 1♠, and the opening bidder raises to two of that suit. Responder with ten or eleven points should make a game try. Do not bid three of the major suit; instead make a *help suit try for game*. ♠

## 299'er STaCs Results - March 3-8, 2010

ESSEX WED EVE 199ERS (15.0 Tables)							
A	B	C					
1			J Skillman - S Unusan	3	J Kyrillos - M Kyrillos		
2	1	1	W Lee - E Wiener	4	B Ham - J Granderson		
3			E Rott - L Toner	5	J Iler - S Rathemache		
4	2		E Kaitz - T Cohen	<u>ESSEX FRI MORN 299ERS 17.0 Tables</u>			
5			J Dolan - M Nusbaum	1	1	I Montick - C Pollack	
6	3		G Riccardello - J Riccardello	2	2	1	K Burrick - B Robinton
	4	2	D Schultz - D Schultz	3	3		M Cohen - T Cohen
	5	3	E Braverman - E Freda	4	4		D Pompei - J Glick
		4	J Siskind - S Siskind	5/6			R May - J May
<u>CENTRAL JERSEY MORN 199ERS (16.5 Tables)</u>				5/6			R Banagan - M Asch
1	1		A Dunn - D Dunn	5			N Marion - M Menk
2	2		R Stern - H Megna	6	2		H Saffer - W Saffer
3			C Auer - P Auer	3			J Adams - L Adams
4	3	1	C Britton - J Anderson	4			L Hirschberg - B Futterman
5			R Malus - P DiMasi	<u>BCCNJ MON AFT 299ERS (4.0 Tables)</u>			
6	4		A Feldman - M Brustein	1			C Borri - T Borri
	5		P Berkowitz - L Petersen	2	1		N Holmberg - C Krueger
	6	2	K Sullivan - P Michel	3	2		J Schenkman - J Wolin

## 299er Winter Sectional Results, Feb. 27-28, 2010

<u>SATURDAY AFT 299ER PAIRS</u>				<u>SUNDAY 299ER SWISS</u>			
A	B	C		A	B		
1			V Vaughan-M Deneroff	1			B Eisner - S Unusan -
2			L Shaw-S Davidson				B Lowenstein - M Klingler
3	1	1	V Hall-S Atteridge	2			L Greenberg - D Schickler -
4	2	2	J Carter-A Lightburn				R Rim - I Hirsh
5			M Miller-D Nutkis	1			J Forbes - D Cullen -
	3		Pullen-P Bates				S Schmitt - J Clark
	4		J Sandstedt-L Pitone				

## Step By Step

Promotions in rank of Unit 140 members 0-1000 MPs  
10/31/09 - 2/01/10



### New Junior Masters (0-19 pts)

G Austin  
D Barlow  
B Blumberg  
L Blumberg  
L Boodish  
C Britton  
B Bromley  
M Brown  
H Brunet  
S Burke  
L Chiappa  
M Cohen  
J Colnaghi  
E Demsey  
S Donahue  
M Ehrlich  
M Encontro  
J Fink  
M Fink  
B Flaks  
R Greenfield  
F Grossman  
V Gupta  
D Harlem  
J Harlem  
P Harris  
F Hauer  
D Henry  
S Hindes  
F Hook  
G Houston

A Howie  
T Johnson  
J Josephson  
C Kauffman Jr  
G Kernkraut  
N Kilcoyne  
M Kilcoyne  
W Lee  
H Letterman  
M Lirov  
A Lubarsky  
E Lynette  
J Max  
S Meister  
P Miller  
H Miller  
S Muroff  
R Pfeiffeer  
B Bromley  
J Resler  
N Ross  
G Sandak  
E Sanford  
R Schickler  
S Schmitt  
D Schneider  
M Schuman  
K Schwartzman  
M Shen  
N Smith  
E Tambor  
M Wininger  
R Wurgaft  
J Zerrer

### New Club Masters (20-49 pts)

H Abrams  
W Alina  
M Atkind  
R Berger  
T Blair Cohen  
P Brudner

M Burdette  
M Campbell  
R Cane  
J Chernin  
J Cohn  
A Curreri  
P Duchin  
B Filippone  
E Gebel  
D Gerardi  
B Gerhardt  
N Himmelstein  
I Hirsh  
S Kaplus  
D Lamb  
R Langmaack  
R Lieberman  
F Marggraf  
U Marggraf  
M Nusbaum  
F Partridge  
I Perl  
S Pickard  
E Rowe  
G Russ  
S Scheckner  
A Schoenberg  
J Schwartz  
K Serbin  
M Shapiro  
R Simon  
M Szot  
B Tabachnick  
Y Tao  
R Terzi  
M Van Handle  
J Wallace  
L Weiss  
E Wertman

### New Sectional Masters

S Atteridge  
B Becker

M Berkley  
S Brandwein  
S Carle  
D Devine  
B Drittel  
B Edward Gordon  
D Fahey  
C Felberbaum  
R Friedland  
N Gordon  
J Greenberg  
M Joe  
T Keleher  
M Kilian  
M Leblond  
B Lowenstein  
K Mattran  
A McGeough  
R Mendelsohn  
I Montick  
W Moyer  
D Phillips  
S Pivko  
C Pollack  
D Pujara  
M Raymond  
M Reichman  
A Rudner  
A Saba  
M Savedoff  
M Schwebel  
M Shrager  
S Shrager  
D Slamowitz  
B Thompson  
T Weissman  
R Whitney  
R Wier  
R Wirth  
M Carroll

### New Regional Masters

M Carroll

J Cooper  
S Field  
F Marston  
P Miller  
P Overmyer  
B Papa  
R Pasqua  
L Pullen  
F Straus  
S Unusan  
V Weng  
H Zandberg

### New NABC Masters

D Armbruster  
S Davidson  
R Dworsky  
S Elkin  
G Essig  
H Kwan  
P Lazar  
S Phillips

### New Life Masters

S Leeds  
A Lukacs II

### New BronzeLife Masters

S Benisch  
D Dougherty  
J Himelman  
A Lukacs II  
S Model  
F Nathanson  
A Pearl  
M Poller  
N Robins  
S Thadani  
N Zucker

## 299er Holiday Sectional Results, Dec. 11-13, 2009

<u>FRI MORN 299ER PAIRS (12 Tables)</u>				<u>SAT MORN 299ER PAIRS (14 Tables)</u>			
A	B	C					
1	1		M Miller-D Nutkis	2	1		R Helfman-W Levy
2			M Levitt-A Levitt	3	2		S Sidorsky-J Dzwinczyk
3	2	1	P Overmyer-M Joe	4			L Levine-R Wallach
4			C Abramson-S Tauber	5	3		A Blake-M Lipman
5			J Forbes-J Dudas,	6	4		T Choma-D Tzimoulis
6	3	2	M Young-J Colnaghi				P Bates - L Pullen,
	4		B Kianese-D Pujara	5			M Symington-N Crist
	5	3	P Kearse-M Blacker	6			S Unusan-J Skillman
<u>FRI AFT 299ER PAIRS (9.5 Tables)</u>				<u>SAT AFT 299ER PAIRS (7.0 Tables)</u>			
1	1	1	G Hollander-E Schertzer	1	1		P Bates-L Pullen
2			T Arnold-C Arnold	2/3	2		S Field-P Mignon
3			A Blake-M Lipman	2/3			A Blake-M Lipman
4	2		M Miller-D Nutkis	4	3		T Choma-D Tzimoulis
5	3		S Field- P Mignon	5			E Steitz-C Shore
6			W Levy - R Helfman	4			C Borri-T Borri
	4		M Klingler-C Felberbaum				
	5	2	J Carter-A Lightburn				



## REMEMBRANCES

The Board of Directors of the NJBL Unit 140 would like to offer our condolences to the families of Tony Cacosco, Audrey Kaufman, John McLaughlin, and Harry Van Elkan.

Please notify Ernestine Cutler at 908-725-4340 or bcutler64m@aol.com of any deaths or illnesses within our membership. We would like to remember all who support this great game.

### 2009 NJBL PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALS

<b>Men - Over 2500</b>	<b>Women - Over 2500</b>
A Allen .....73.48	C Schneider .44.13
D Thompson .67.77	J Rowe .....42.86
W Esberg .....44.34	S Fulton .....41.13
<b>Men - 1000 to 2500</b>	<b>Women - 1000 to 2500</b>
P Stein .....40.02	R Dondero .31.65
N Wang .....36.24	R Djmal .....16.24
W Barnes .....32.75	L Dubrovsky .15.56
<b>Men - 300 to 1000</b>	<b>Women - 300 to 1000</b>
L Myers .....23.39	C Davis .....13.36
A Schmidt .....22.51	K Nodzak .....12.81
X Dai .....21.05	D Wasik .....12.63
<b>Men - 200 to 300</b>	<b>Women - 200 to 300</b>
V Oudalov .....9.47	J Anderson .9.17
N Zucker .....9.28	C Arnold .....7.78
D Livescu .....7.84	M Zeymo .....7.36
<b>Men - 100 to 200</b>	<b>Women - 100 to 200</b>
T Arnold .....11.39	P Mignon .....8.18
G Gorshkov .....9.65	S Field .....7.47
D Thadani .....9.25	M Miller .....7.05
<b>Men - 50 to 100</b>	<b>Women - 50 to 100</b>
S Weiss .....10.81	L Pullen .....6.22
W Kuan .....8.95	C Borri .....5.88
A Sengupta .....7.45	J Skillman .....4.96
<b>Men - 20 to 50</b>	<b>Women - 20 to 50</b>
X Lin .....10.90	J Carter .....4.17
D Sutton .....4.25	P Overmyer .....3.78
P Wang .....3.89	M Symington .3.71
<b>Men - 0 to 20</b>	<b>Women - 0 to 20</b>
Y Luo .....5.84	J Black .....3.45
Y Tao .....3.54	P McDonnell .2.46
J Borowaky .....2.62	L Petersen .2.23

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Don't Intimidate,  
Practice Active Ethics*



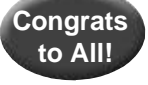
### 2009 ACE OF CLUBS FINALS

<b>0 to 5</b>	<b>200 to 300</b>	<b>5000-7500</b>
D Mondelli .32.50	E Marcus .91.07	J Reisman .466.25
J Feinberg .26.67	S Robbins .81.71	C Angel .457.76
N Himelstein .23.98	A Barenti .79.92	S Kaplan .223.71
<b>5 to 20</b>	<b>300 to 500</b>	<b>7500-10000</b>
M dePaolo .41.23	S Borenstein .181.91	L Sokolower .229.56
J Black .36.00	J Cafaro .123.81	M Kamil .15.66
L Shaw .35.19	E Buchanan .107.69	<b>Over 10000</b>
<b>20 to 50</b>	<b>500 to 1000</b>	W Esberg .228.80
J Salomon .69.06	J Eng .137.19	B Sartorius .215.32
R Pasqua .60.78	J Brody .129.70	B Tepper .149.08
K. A. Mattran .57.19	R Pomeroy .120.72	
<b>50 to 100</b>	<b>1000 to 2500</b>	
S Frankel .85.04	J Rothstein .455.60	
R Gardner .63.08	J Quinn .240.56	
C Summers .49.24	M Handler .236.11	
<b>100 to 200</b>	<b>2500-5000</b>	
R Friedman .100.93	A Rosen .403.18	
B Codispoti .74.72	S Manshel .301.42	
J Sorrenti .73.77	R Geist .255.70	



### 2009 MINI-MCKENNEY FINALS

<b>0 to 5</b>	<b>200-300</b>	<b>5,000-7,500</b>
D Mondelli .45.85	N Zucker .287.29	J Reisman .542.15
J Feinberg .29.34	S Saraiya .121.38	C Angel .540.66
I D'Amada .24.40	S Robbins .117.25	C Schneider .407.30
<b>5-20</b>	<b>300-500</b>	<b>7,500-10,000</b>
M dePaolo .58.92	S Borenstein .301.13	M Kamil .636.69
L Shaw .52.41	J Cafaro .172.02	L Sokolower .257.62
J Black .47.93	R Barlow .160.3	
<b>20-50</b>	<b>500-1,000</b>	<b>Over 10,000</b>
R Pasqua .80.68	L Nitabach .267.47	B Sartorius .461.60
J Salomon .76.06	J Brody .203.43	W Esberg .459.99
K Mattran .74.43	R Pomeroy .181.45	W Pollack .411.55
<b>50-100</b>	<b>1,000-2,500</b>	
S Frankel .116.35	J Rothstein .508.13	
M Cuno .99.82	D Byrnes .349.20	
R Malus .97.26	J Ahrens .343.04	
<b>100-200</b>	<b>2,500-5,000</b>	
D Thadani .207.77	A Rosen .444.60	
R Friedman .172.49	B Cox .385.42	
J Sorrenti .165.62	S Manshel .371.21	



### Winter Sectional Results February 27 - 28, 2010

<b>SAT AFT A/X PAIRS</b>	
A X	A Allen - J Rowe
1	J Reisman - M Brighthouse
2	D Harris - M Zagajewski
3 1	D Thompson - Y Tao
4	J Ahrens - M Gupta
5	S Maltzman - J Liss
6	L Dubrovsky - D Dulet
2	S Kanter - R Nelken
3	
<b>SAT AFT B/C/D PAIRS</b>	
B C D	S Carol - V Selph
1	C Hage - A Palumbo
2 1	T Arnold - C Arnold
3 2 1	C Davis - L Tedeschi
4	T & R Archambault
5 3	S Gross - D Wasik
6	S Saraiya - L Soanes
4 2	T Hamaoui - S Raleigh
5 3	S & R Reinhard
6 4	
<b>SUNDAY A/X SWISS</b>	
A X	DThompson - C Berenbaum
1	I Ewen - B Gwirtzman
2	H Raleigh - R Heitzman - J Rowe - A Allen
3 1	D Walker - F Baseggio - D Rowntree - S Ehrlichman
4 2	L Myers - A Schmidt - M Czebolar - D DuBois
5	C Angel - M Deneroff - MBrighthouse - J Reisman
<b>SUNDAY B/C/D SWISS</b>	
B C D	K Nodzak - A Cafaro - R Nelken - S Kanter
1	F Hymus - P Wright - M Zeymo - G Hanoob
2	J Dell'Osso - ASteinberger - G Jones - P Jones
3	J Safran - P Safran - K Smith - S Kanter
4/5 1 1	J Zucker - N Zucker - R Miller - W Golush
4/5	J Ji - W Kuan - J Yu - X Dai
6/7 2	S Slusky - R Zowader - M Trenchard - J Brody
6/7	S & R Reinhard
3/4 2/3	J & B Shinberg - S & R Reinhard
3/4 2/3	M Cuno - D Koernig - P Pivko - S Frankel
5	G Hillenbrand - G Ritter - L Bosis - J Newman

### District 3 Spring Regional



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**Monday, June 14**

Bracketed KO Tms I ..... 7 pm  
*Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Games Series I (1st) ..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, June 15**

Side Game Series I (2nd) ..... 9 am  
Bracketed Round Robin Tms ..... 1 & 7 pm

*Top bracket played as Swiss - Open to all teams*

Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series I (3rd) ..... 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 7 pm  
Side Game Series I (4th) ..... 7 pm

**Wednesday, June 16**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series II (1st) ..... 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red) ..... 1 pm  
Bracketed KO Tms II ..... 7 pm

*Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 7 pm  
Side Game Series II (2nd) ..... 7 pm

**Thursday, June 17**

Senior Prs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Tms ..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (3rd) ..... 1 pm  
Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) ..... 7 pm  
Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 7 pm

Compact Teams: 12-board matches,  
4-person teams only

**Friday, June 18**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
*NEW Golden Opportunity Prs*

750/300/100 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000) ..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (1st) ..... 1 pm  
1 Session Swiss Tms (Red) ..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III ..... 7 pm  
*Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series III (2nd) ..... 7 pm

**Saturday, June 19 — Unit 115 Day**

Senior Swiss Tms ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Side Game Series III (3rd) ..... 9 am

Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) ..... 1 pm  
Intermediate Prs (0-300) ..... 7 pm

Side Game Series III (5th) ..... 7 pm

**Sunday, June 20**

Stratified Open Swiss Tms ..... 10:30 am  
*Playthrough: 7 8-Board Matches*

*Subsidized refreshments available*

**NEW! GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS**  
(two session event) **Friday 10 am & 3 pm**  
**750/300/100 MPs Stratified Open Prs**  
**GOLD POINTS for overalls and**  
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**Stratified Games**  
A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)  
All Pair events are stratified

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NJBL SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM

This year's NJBL School Bridge chairperson, Barbara Clark, organized an after school Bridge Club at Park Avenue Elementary school in Orange NJ. The School Bridge Lesson Series is a program that is fully funded by the ACBL, the ACBL Educational Foundation and the NJBL. The ACBL supplies free textbooks (the Club Series by Audrey Grant), E-Z Deal cards that go with the textbooks, T-shirts (promoting the ACBL and bridge) and a trophy awarded to the winner of an Individual Tournament at the end of the lesson series.



Dr. Denise Harlem, the Technology Director at Park Avenue Elementary, says, "We are pleased to be participating in the ACBL's School Bridge Program. The After School Bridge Club supports and encourages the students to love the mental challenge and competition of playing bridge. They proudly wear their t-shirts and

display their trophies for all to see. The students are learning life-long academic and social skills and they're having fun too!"



The After School Bridge Club at Park Avenue Elementary is held on Wednesdays (taught by Ron Nelken) and Thursdays (taught by Robin Gillett). Robin says, "My lesson plans closely follow the text book by Audrey Grant, but the students don't want to listen to lectures about bridge, they want to play bridge." So, I use a lot of the experimental teaching techniques Audrey Grant has published in her newer Better Bridge courses."

UNIT 140 MULTI-CLUB\* OPEN GAMES STaCs RESULTS March 3- 9, 2010

(\*See your club for intra-club results)

WED AFT PAIRS (60.5 Tables)			THUR AFT PAIRS (80.5 Tables)			SAT AFT PAIRS (44.5 Tables)			MON AFT PAIRS (45.5 Tables)			TUE AFT PAIRS (50.5 Tables)											
A	B	C	1	V Veeder - W Maxymuk	1	J Beck - E Marks	1	V Veeder - W Maxymuk	1	L DeNotaristefani - L Leparulo	1	R Rothstein - J Liao	2	S Gross - D Harris	2	1	J Simon - J Michaels	2	1	H Small - P Wright	2	1	G Scholten - R Miller
2	1	R Levendusky - A Flynn	2	J Charkow - J Shaffer	3	R Imhoff - R Imhoff	3	2	1	3	2	S Shamah - J Prezioso	3	1	J Dayan - R Shamah	4	4	4	R Ross - R Kraft	4	3	O Kanarek - E Kanarek	
3	J Ertel - P Capriotti	4/5	4/5	A Budner - H Bryan	5	B Tepper - L Sokolower	5	3	6	5	3	G Salomon - C Good	5	4	C VanDenHeuvel - DByrnes	4/5	6	4	5	3	M Goldstein - A Rosen		
4	B Yohn - A Cafaro	6	2	J De Boer - E De Boer	6	B Schlosberg - R Panitch	6	4	6	4	4	C-H Yang - D Lubetkin	6	4	6	2	6	4	5	5	1	H Kahn - J Shinberg	
5	D Goecker - C Juergensen	7	7	J Ertel - P Capriotti	2	F Askin - M Askin	2	5	5	5	5	S Bibuld - S Huntley	5	1	7	2	3	5	1	6	6	K&L Ramanathan	
6	R Guglielmi - D Lepore	8	8	B & T Aukstikalnis	3	A Norton - B Norton	3	6	6	6	6	L Gordon - A Goss	6	2	9	3	4	6	2	3	3	C Good - L Rocco	
7	2	M Rafaels - S Swiss Jr	9	C VanDenHeuvel - J McCarroll	4	D Kleinert - R Mahon	4	2	3C	3C	1	S Taff - R Rosenthal	2	2	4	4	5	4	2	4	4	D Sack - T Hamaoui	
3	3	J Zucker - B Schlosberg	3	B Moore - M Moore	5	S Swiss Jr - H Freedman	5	2	2	2	2	A Ildsgaard - M Raymond	3	3	5	1	5	5	5	5	5	H Horowitz - G Salomon	
5	1	B Tropin - L Tropin	4	J Di Napoli - C Hage	6	2	R Gast - G Martino	6	2	2	2	3C	Quist - E Januskiewicz	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	N Dickson - D Rice	
6	2	J Carter - A Lightburn	5	A Vogel - E Stolpen	5	3	V Greenberg - L Greenberg	3	3	3	3	C Antebi - J Duffy	5	5	6	2	6	6	6	6	6	R Payne - M O'Mara	
3	3	J Newman - C Hughes	6	1	N Dickson - J Turner	4	M Lirov - J Phillips III	4	4	4	4	G Moliver - I Kaufman	6	6	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	J Arshan - J Sandstedt	
4	4	C Person - E Person	7	2	C Person - E Person	5	M Cooper - C Cimarusti	5	5	5	5	P Bates - L Pullen											
5	5	S Goldberg - M Goldberg	3	M Zatz - R Marcus	4	6	D Adamczyk - R Yeselson	6	6	6	6												
6	6	E Santillo - J Santillo	4	S Davidson - L Shaw	5																		
			5/6	P Eisenberg - A Eisenberg	1																		
			5/6	J McManemin - I Budz	2																		
WED EVE PAIRS (18.0 Tables)			FRI AFT PAIRS (27.0 Tables)			SUN AFT PAIRS (44.0 Tables)			MON EVE PAIRS (26.5 Tables)			TUE EVE PAIRS (36.0 Tables)											
1	C Eastman - J Quinn		1	P Caldwell - H Small	3	1	W Esberg - N Wang	1	1	J Portale - V Veeder	1	1	N Rothstein - M Kowal										
2	R Ross - S Arshan		2	A Barenti - J Forti	2	2	T Farina - B Mechlowitz	2	2	R Zak - L-J Leu	2	2	L Taylor - T Miller										
3	1	J Cafaro - G Horne	1	R Ross - P Stein	3	3	R Elk - L Helfgott	3	3	S Kaplan - A Cohen	3	3	A Rosen - T Havican										
4	J Portale - V Veeder		2	M Goldstein - J Mancini	4	4	A Allen - J Rowe	4	4	C Angel - J Reisman	4	4	B Pope - B Fine										
5	2	R Bliss - S Gross	3	R Miller - S Gross	5	1	F Hymus - M Smith	5	2	D Faber - D Kirschner	5	5	M Gur - R Gur										
6	C Angel - J Reisman		4	M Gur - L Dayan	6	2	K Elyakin - M Elyakin	6	3	J Eng - M Greenberg	6	6	J Quinn - M Handler										
3	A Cafaro - A Lukacs II		5	M Rafaels - D Colodner	2	3	S Benisch - F Nance	4	4	H Wovsaniker - A Pearl	4	4	R Levendusky - N Trobovic										
4/5	C Rubino - M Reich		6	M Wagner - E Pool	3	1	W Kaplan - T Kaplan	5	1	L McBride - M Riley	5	3	J Caruso - V Samaras										
4/5	1	N Mone - S Saraiya	4	L DeNotaristefani - F Nance	4	2	S Raleigh - T Hamaoui	6	2	J Metro - J Forbes	6	4	A Iwaszko - J Newman										
6/7	2/3	K Mattran - R Tenner	5	J Stewart - P Bates	5	3	D Coburn - S Rosenbush	3	3	S Fitzsimons - D Mondelli	5	5	C Chapin - L Chapin										
6/7	2/3	S Frankel - D Noll	6		6	4	L Greenberg - V Greenberg	4	4	P Bushnell - R Bushnell	6	6	L Saba - S Saba										
4	M Lipscomb - D Finch					5	J Stewart - J Stewart	5	5	P Felix - L Smith													
						6	D Kleingert - A Smith	6	6	D Merriam - R Rider													

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HOLIDAY SECTIONAL RESULTS

December 11-13, 2009

FRI 10 AM OPEN PAIRS (24 Tables)			4	A Allen - R Heitzman	3	J Scher - M Greenberg	6	4	G Gorshkov - N Jaffe	3	J Dell'Osso - G Jones - A Steinberger - P Jones
A	B	C	5/6	S Rudick - N Rubin	4	G Gorshkov - N Jaffe	5	1	M Leblond - W Leblond	4	H Ioanid - R Nadler - R Arton - D Livescu - T Tomsa
1	A Allen - R Heitzman		5/6	J Mancini - W Barnes	5	P Rizza - R Levinson	2/3	2/3	T Arnold - C Arnold	4	R Miller - C Pollack - D Cohen - C Hage
2	D Thompson - S Albin		1	P Rizza - R Levinson					C Nichols - W Nichols		J Liskiewicz - J Bendock
3	E Petri - A Kohn		2	W Gan - X Lin							J Prezioso - V Commander
4	A Cohen - C Eastman		2	B Cutler - E Cutler							F Hymus - G Belmonte - P Wright - M Zeymo
5	R Dondero - R Djmal		4	L Myers - W Schmidt							D Peron - J Fuller - E Buchanan - R Jones
6	R Ross - W Esberg		5	E Kanarek - O Kanarek							J Scheirer - M Scheirer - B Barcelo - G Barcelo
1	N Maulding - M Smith		4	S Benisch - M Foley							S Unusan - B Lowenstein - J Skillman - B Eisner
2	C Pollack - R Miller			D Thompson - B Gwartzman							P Berkowitz - L Petersen - J Black - H Megna
3	1	A Pearl - S Heda		J Zucker - B Schlosberg							W Kaplan - T Kaplan
4	W Stephan - R Meyer		2	H Freedman - S Swiss							J Caruso - M Fahoury
5/7	2/3	R Steinhardt - R Wier	3	J Rowe - A Allen							
5/7	2/3	F Nance - S Chang	4	S Rami - S Thakral							
5/7		N Zucker - J Zucker	5	S Fulton - P Stein							
4	R Arton - D Livescu		6	R Arton - H Ioanid							
5	S Elkin - A Bartner		3	B Rapoport - E Uiga							
FRIDAY 2:30 OPEN PAIRS (20 Tables)			4	O Bello - S Weiss							
1	D Thompson - S Albin		5	K Yellin - S Yellin							
2	R Ross - W Esberg		6	S Kovac - F Schrage							
3	R Samitt - M Gur		2								
SAT 2:30 PM AIX PAIRS (9 Tables)			B	C	D	SAT 2:30 B/C/D PAIRS (13 Tables)			SUNDAY B/C/D/ SWISS (27 Tables)		
A	X		1	1	1	1	1	1	B	C	D
1	S Thakral - S Rami		2	2	2	2	2	2	1		
2	T Hiller - S Kanter		3	3	3	3	3	3	1	K Nodzak - A Cafaro - R Nelken - S Kanter	
3	K Elyakin - M Elyakin		4	4	4	4	4	4	2	S Borenstein - C Doline - J Eng - S Robbins	
4	J Ball - M Kotkin										
5	S Fulton - W Barnes										
6	L Samuels - B Vogel										
7	E Evans - P Jones										
8	R Arton - H Ioanid										

# HAUNTING BRIDGE HANDS

by Robert Brolin

For many developing bridge players, the quest for Life Master status becomes an obsession. So it was for my ex wife, Barbara, who arrived at the Swiss teams event at the 1995 East Brunswick Regional needing a handful of gold points to attain that status. Our team, included me playing with Barbara and Ted with Vic, got off to a great start with four consecutive blitzes. After our 4th round blitz of the winners of the 1994 E.B. Swiss event, we were alone at the top of the scoreboard.

A haunting bridge hand is defined as a bad result that cannot be expunged over time, forever lingering in the memory of its perpetrators and victims. Mine occurred in our 5th match of this Regional. After several uneventful boards, against unknown opponents, came the following deal and auction:

N/S VUL vs NVUL		♠ Q9x		
		♥ 109xx		
		♦ KQx		
		♣ Kxx		
♠ J	N	♠ A10x		
♥ Void	W E	♥ QJxxx		
♦ J10xxxxx	S	♦ x		
♣ QJxxx		♣ Axx		
		♠ K8xxxx		
		♥ AKx		
		♦ Ax		
		♣ xx		

Barbara, sitting North, passed followed by 1♥, 1♠, 2NT, 3♠, 4♥, 4♠ by me (probably not in tempo), pass, pass, DOUBLE, gulp - passed out. When dummy hit the table, I immediately recognized that I was in serious trouble counting possibly five losers with East holding the missing spade honors. RHO

almost certainly held the A♣ and likely all four of the missing trump. When the J♦ was led, I was totally focused on discarding a loser on dummy's long diamond and somehow endplaying East in trump. As for West, (much like the Outlaw, Josey Wales, when queried about the "guy in the back" after gunning down 4 bad guys in about 3 nanoseconds), "I didn't pay him no mind" other than to briefly acknowledge that he had length in the minors and not many points. So, I won the A♦ and led to the K♦ to pitch a loser, RUFF by East: Q♥, A♥, RUFF by West, diamond return to my Q♦, RUFF by East. Clinging to my original plan, I pitched a club. A♠, A♣, J♥ to the K♥. No need to draw trump now - they're all accounted for. Down 2 DOUBLED, minus 500!

Not surprisingly, we lost that match plus the next three, all by double digits as Barbara's dreams of gold and becoming a Life Master flickered away. When it was over, she was inconsolable. After saying a sad goodbye to our partners, I knew what was coming as soon as the car doors were closed. The conversation was heated and of a general "how could you" nature. We didn't specifically rehash the haunting hand then or ever as I recall. Yet, I've never forgotten it.

**RESET AT TRICK 2:** One of the basic concepts repeated by bridge experts to lesser players is "never give up on a hand." Rather, envision a holding that might allow declarer to actually make the contract! A low trump to dummy's Q♣ at trick two and it's OVER whether East wins or ducks. Win the A♠ and he's endplayed in trump losing two trump and a club. Duck and declarer loses a trump, a club and perhaps a heart. Declarer must appreciate the power of dummy's heart 10-9 sequence. Coulda been the hero instead of the goat!

A few weeks later Barbara made Life Master playing in a pairs game with Ted. I made mine playing with another partner about a year later. Barbara died of lung cancer in 2008. ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

## More Swiss Teams Principles for Intermediates

by Brett Kunin

**1. WHEN TO RUN FROM A SUIT CONTRACT** - Playing in the Flight A Swiss in Rye, your partner opens 1♥, with neither vulnerable, your RHO bids 3♠, and looking at ♠AKx, ♥xx, ♦AKQxxx, ♣xx, you decide to take a shot at 6♦. LHO passes, and partner, trusting you, bids 7♦. Therefore, in order to bid 7♦, partner must have a big 2-suiter and a spade void. It goes Double by the preempter, and it is your call. In order for the preempter to Double, he must have a void. In such a situation, since you have no alternative, you must bid no-trump. You dutifully bid 7NT, and LHO leads the K♥, both following. Partner has his bid, tabling ♠void, ♥AJ9xx, ♦Jxx, ♣AKQTx. You win the A♥, lead a diamond to the A♦ both following, a club to A♣, and RHO shows out. You now claim 13 tricks, announcing that you will finesse the 10♣ (6 diamonds, 2 spades, 4 clubs and 1 heart).

**At the other table, only 6♦ was reached, and if you "sat" for the double, with 6 clubs to the ♣J9, and only 2 hearts, LHO would have no trouble finding a club lead, and you would lose 14imps. Instead you are +1520, winning 12imps, a 26imp swing.**

**2. NEVER GIVE UP AS DECLARER** - Playing at a sectional Swiss, your LHO opens 1♥ in first chair, partner passes, RHO bids 1♠, and you hold ♠Qx, ♥QTx, ♦AQJx, ♣A9xx. You double (and since you did not use a Sandwich NT, you hold an opening hand), and LHO bids 2♥. Partner, to your surprise, bids 3♥, and you dutifully bid 3NT. A smallish heart is led, and partner (trusting your bidding), tables ♠KJTxx, ♥J9x, ♦Kxx, ♣QJx.

You survey the hand, and even if the K♣ is onside, you have only 7 tricks "on top" - even if the ♣KT is doubleton, you have only 8 tricks, as your LHO must have the A♠ and six hearts to the AK♥ for his bidding. You play the Q♣, RHO covers with the K♣, and you win the A♣. Since you have nothing better to do, you run your four diamond tricks (pitching a heart from dummy on the last diamond). On the third diamond, your LHO pitches a heart, and on the fourth diamond, after obvious discomfort, pitches a club. You play a club to the J♣, and the 10♣ is doubleton on your right; your LHO "got greedy", trying to set you a second undertrick, thinking that discarding a club was without harm, holding ♠A, ♥AKxxxx, ♦xx, ♣8xxx. However, with the club pitch, you now have nine

tricks (4 clubs, 4 diamonds and a heart). In order to have any chance to beat the hand, he needed to discard another heart, AND for me to misread the position. However, since the only realistic possibility is for the KT tight in clubs, I decided to hope for the "magic lie" which would permit me to make the hand. Forseeing that even if LHO had made the expert play of discarding a second heart, I intended to throw him in with the Q♠, to make my contract (2 spades, 1 heart, 4 diamonds and 2 clubs). At the other table, my counterparts were in 2NT and conceded down one (assuming incorrectly that the KT wasn't doubleton).

**The Moral: Always permit the bridge gods to smile upon you, as on a good day, even the 2.5% contracts sometimes "come home."**

**3. THE IMPORTANCE OF CUE-BIDDING** - Playing in a Swiss in Danbury, your partner opens 1♠ in first chair, and you hold ♠AQT, ♥A8xx, ♦Kx, ♣AKTx. You bid 2♣, and partner responds 2♥. Most intermediates would raise hearts and ultimately blackwood the hand, but since you want to learn more about the hand and save bidding room, AND you can always bid hearts later, you should bid 2♠ (which is what I did). Partner now cue-bids 3♦, and you bid 3♥, each of you showing the Ace. My partner now made the good bid of 3♠ (which we play as showing either a 6th spade, or extras, as opposed to a 3NT bid, which says "tell me more about your hand") and I bid 4♣. Partner now bid 4♥ (showing the King) and I bid 5♣. Partner now makes the expert bid of 6♣, showing 3rd round club control but denying the ♥Q. Since partner did not have "extras", I know partner must have six spades, and as I can now count 13 tricks, bid 7♠ (since the two heart losers go away).

Partner had: ♠KJ9xxx, ♥KTxx, ♦Ax, ♣Q. At the other table, the final contract was 6♥, winning 13imps on the VUL Grand Slam. (It is important to note that since partner doesn't have the Q♥, our opponents bid the wrong slam, as 6♠ is far superior to 6♥, which is in jeopardy on a 4/1 heart break.)

**BEST ADVICE: With POWERHOUSE hands, DO NOT blast into a blackwood auction; keeping the auction "open" at low levels will enable you to obtain the information you need by saving many levels of bidding space.**

**ATTENTION MEMBERS OF UNIT 140**

As you know, Unit 140 will again be hosting the District 3 Summer Regional in Fairfield – August 9-15, and ...

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!**

Our unit needs to provide personnel for the Hospitality, Pairing, and Prizes desks before and after all morning, afternoon, and evening sessions beginning the evening of August 9th. Additional volunteers also are needed to assist with serving and clean-up at Newplicate lunchtime events.

You're welcome to sign up for as many slots as you wish – even if that's only ONE. The jobs are easy, and our Tournament Team will be there to make introductions and help with questions.

You'll find the complete schedule in the Summer Declarer, but if you know when you're coming, don't hesitate to contact me NOW! I guarantee you'll have fun, meet new people, and maybe even earn some free plays!!

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
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**Special Thank You to Ruth Zowader & Alan Powell**

For years, we struggled with capturing the points from all of the various Unit 140 events included in the POTY results. Last year, Ruth teamed up with Alan and together they came up with a method to track points accrued in Unit 140 events. At the beginning of the year, Alan gets a database of Unit 140 players and their previous year end MP totals. He then uses ACBL score to input the data from the POTY tournaments. Instead of doing it all by hand, Ruth can run reports by bracket and do the summary. It is a far superior method than the old manual process and extremely efficient. Ruth and Alan are not board members and we greatly appreciate their effort in tallying results, streamlining the process and continuing to spend their time calculating the POTY results on behalf of all of us.



**Tribute to John McLaughlin by Ed Sable**

John McLaughlin, a sliver life master, who won tournaments with many of us, passed away on March 2nd after a lengthy illness.

John was spirited and hard working at the bridge table and certainly inspired me to work harder and do better in bridge. John and Mary Ann used to open their home for our bridge matches - always with the best refreshments! Even when we lost, we all had a good time!

I was privileged to win events with John as my partner and teammate along with John's son John, Frank Kerfoot, Sheila Katz, Rosemary Boden, Betty Chagrin, Steve Arshan and others. One real highlight was winning the open teams at a NJ Regional. We'll miss John and our condolences go out to his family.

**SECTIONALS AT THE CLUBS (STaCS)  
Silver Point Week**

(CONTACT CLUBS FOR GAME TIMES)\*\*



- Monday - June 7 - (Morn)** Shore Bridge Club, Summit DBC, (Aft) Toms River Bridge Club, Tinton Woods Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er); (Eve) Toms River Bridge Club, Tinton Woods Bridge Club
- Tuesday - June 8 (Morn)** Toms River Bridge Club, Princeton Bridge Center, Tinton Woods Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er), Plaza Bridge Center, Canoe Brook (Inv.); (Eve) Regency At Monroe, Women's Club, Spring Lake, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er)
- Wednesday - June 9 (morn)** - Shadowfax; (Aft) Atlantic Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Capital Bridge Club, Essex Bridge Center, JCC, Plaza Bridge Center, Toms River Bridge Club; (eve) Toms River Bridge Club, White Meadow Lake, Grand Slam Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (199er), Plaza Bridge Center, Short Hills Club (Inv)
- Thursday - June 10 (Aft)** Toms River Bridge Club, Stafford Bridge Club, Princeton Bridge Center, Mountain Lakes Bridge Club, Little Silver Thursday Bridge Club, Dover Dames, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er), Plaza Bridge Center, (Eve) Essex (Open & 299er)
- Friday - June 11 (morn)** Present Day Bridge Club, Central Jersey Bridge Club (199er), Essex Bridge Center (199er), Shadowfax, Summit DBC; (Aft) Tinton Woods Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center, Plaza Bridge Center; (Eve) Toms River Bridge Club, Westfield Women's Club
- Saturday - June 12 (Morn)** Monmouth County Aces; (Aft) Toms River Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er), Plaza Bridge Center (eve) Plaza Bridge Center
- Sunday June 13 (Aft)** Toms River Bridge Club, Stafford Bridge Club, Bridge Center Of Central NJ, Essex Bridge Center (Open & 299er)

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