



THE DECLARER



Summer 2013

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Pat Berkowitz, Editor

SPRING SECTIONAL REPORT

by Brett Kunin

I am pleased to report that eight National champions (including the two residing in our unit (Michael Kamil and William Esberg) attended, with numerous top players from New York, south Jersey and Pennsylvania. In addition, for the first time in many years, we had 20 tables (two full sections) in the 299'er bracket on Friday afternoon. The players with whom I spoke enjoyed the tournament, savoring the pizza (at a small fee) served between sessions on Friday and Saturday, our popular "veggie trays" served all three days (in addition to snackables, and free coffee and tea), and the full bagel lunch (with various spreads) served at the bracketed Swiss teams on Sunday afternoon. Our current format on all 3 days finishes by 6 p.m., still permitting all to enjoy dinner at a reasonable hour. I extend my thanks to the many people, including those on the Board and other volunteers, who ensured the Spring Sectional's success.

We hope that many of you will make plans to attend our next sectional in July, and the NJBL Board welcomes any comments or suggestions you may have to improve the tournament and attendance.

Calendar of Events

July 12-14	Sectional	Woodbridge, NJ
Aug 19 - 25	Regional	Fairfield, NJ
Sept 6 - 8	Sectional	Philadelphia, PA
Sept. 27 - 29	Sectional	Allendale, NJ

President's Message

By Peter Stein, Unit 140

First, let me say that I am honored to be the new President of Unit 140. I've been a member of the Unit since 1978 and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the other board members to continue to improve the Bridge events in our Unit.

Please feel free to contact myself or any other board member with suggestions for improving our Sectionals and other events.

We had a very successful Sectional in May with attendance up 20 tables from the previous year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Woodbridge in July and be on the look-out for information about our new location for our November Sectional.

NJBL SUMMER SECTIONAL

July 12 - 14

Hungarian American Club

95 Port Reading Avenue • Woodbridge, NJ 07095

PLAYING SITE TELEPHONE No. (732) 634-9697

Tournament Chair: Len Myers 847-445-2056

****\$26 per pair per session for ACBL members****

Stratified Flights*:

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

299er A=200-300 B=100-200 C=0-100

(*Strats may vary based on participation)

Silver Points!

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FRIDAY, July 12

10:00 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers

2:30 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers

SATURDAY, July 13

10:00 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers

2:30 Open A/X (no point limitations - open to all)

B/C/D Matchpoint Pairs (2000/1000/500)

Stratified 299ers

(During Friday and Saturday breaks: Plain Pizza \$1 per slice, with topping \$1.50 and Soda \$1 per can)

SUNDAY, July 14

9:30 Lite Breakfast (*bagels - butter & spreads*)

10:30 7 Round Bracketed Round Robin Teams (\$104 per Team)

Bracketed by total MasterPoints.

Bracket 1 will be played as Swiss Team open to everyone.

Food available all day; short break for brunch midday.

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Carlotta Niles

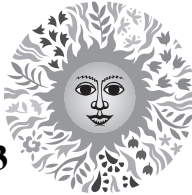
Turns 100 doing what she loves, playing bridge at the Jersey Bridge Club, story page 3



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for all the latest news and tournament results for Unit 140.

District 3
Summer
Regional
Aug. 19-25, 2013



Crowne Plaza

690 Route 46 East • Fairfield, NJ 07004 • 973-227-9200
Room rate is \$119 single/double plus taxes
Cut off is August 5.

Tournament Manager:

Deborah Wasik 973-699-5902 dwasik@metrographusa.com

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From NYC - Lincoln Tunnel to Rt. 3 West to Rt. 46 West. Hotel is 5/2 miles ahead on left. Use Passaic Ave. exit for the U-Turn onto Rt. 46 East. From GW Bridge - Rt. 80 West to Exit 52. Right turn under bridge. Follow Passaic Ave. onto Rt. 46 East. Hotel on right.
From Garden State Pkwy. northbound - Exit 153B puts you on Rt. 3 West. Follow directions above from NYC.
From Garden State Pkwy. southbound - Exit 159. Follow signs to Rt. 80 West. Follow directions above from GW Bridge.
From Connecticut/upstate NY - Rt. 287 West over TZ Bridge or NY State Thruway South into NJ. Take Rt. 287 South to Rt. 23 South to Rt. 46 West and follow directions above from NYC.

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Monday, August 19
NEW! Fast Pairs (Quick Break).....5 pm & TBA
Light supper available between sessions
Side Game Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, August 20
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 & 7 pm
Top bracket played as Swiss* - Open to all teams
Side Game Series I (2nd & 3rd)..... 1 & 7 pm

Wednesday, August 21
Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Senior Swiss Teams 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 pm
One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) 1 pm
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd) 1 & 7 pm

Thursday, August 22
Golden Opportunity Pairs
750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm
Strat. Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) 10 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 & 7 pm
Top bracket played as Swiss* - Open to all teams
Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th) 1 & 7 pm

NEWPLICATE GAMES (Red) (0-200 MP)

One-session Pair Games
Tues. and Wed. - 10 am & 3 pm
Sun. - 10 am & 2:30 pm
Play both sessions Tues. and Wed. and get free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions. No Newplicate games on Thurs., Fri. and Sat.
Play in the **Golden Opportunity Pairs** and win **GOLD** points.
Contact: Cheryl Porter-Garofalo 201-641-8055
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Friday, August 23
Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Pairs
750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) ... 1 & 7 pm
One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) 1 pm
Side Game Series III (1st & 2nd)..... 1 & 7 pm

Saturday, August 24
Bracketed Compact KO Teams†* ... 9 am & 1 pm
Golden Opportunity Pairs
750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) ... 1 & 7 pm
One-Session Open Swiss Teams (red) 1 pm
Side Game Series III (3rd & 4th)..... 1 & 7 pm

Sunday, August 25
Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10:30 am
Flight A/X Swiss* unlimited/4000 Separate (7 8-board matches — short break for lunch)
Flight B: Bracketed Round Robin Teams 0-2500 (7 7-board matches — short break for lunch)

All Pairs stratified: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)
All team strats based on average for the team.
In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's MP total may exceed that upper limit.
Compact KO Teams - 4 players only
*Mid-Chart (except multi) permitted in top flight
†In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped

SOLLY SPEAKS

Mon. Aug. 19, 1:30-3:30 pm

National Tournament Director
Sol Weinstein will hold a Q&A for directors, club managers, and anyone who wants to know more about the fine points of ACBL rules and regulations.

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- M. Brighthouse - C Angel 76.49%
J Rowe - R Olsen - 75.56%
S Dickson - M Schwebel - 74.24%
J Rothstein - S Baskinger -
74.03% - 70.83% - 70.60%
L Sokolower - C Angel - 73.18%
S Gindi - E Menashe - 72.50%
L Lerner - R Hyken - 71.43%
D Lepore - B Gugliemi - 71.09%
G Levine - A Rosen 71.01%
& 71.21
J DiNapoli - D Ballard - 70.89%
R Geist - D Goldstein - 70.86%
V Bhise - J Rothstein - 70.83%

Our Superstars!



70% or Higher!

- D Byrnes - M Gupta - 70.75%
B Kunin - S Borenstein - 70.74%
C Dweck - R Shamah - 70.45%
R Geist - B Clark - 70.25%
D D'Andrea & C Ewald - 70.14%
R Harris - W Carr - 70.06%
A Rosen - O Bello - 70.05%

Volunteers are needed for the Summer Regional. Please contact Betty Cox if you can help out. 973-895-3506 or bcox10@optonline.net

CLUB NEWS

ESSEX BRIDGE CLUB Club Championship Week will be held Monday, July 22 - Sunday, July 28 for all Open and 0-499 Games. Our Swiss Team events will be held on: July 26 - Fri. Evening - 6:30 (Open Bracketed); Aug 16 - Friday Evening - 6:30pm (8 Is Enough); Sept 20 - Fri. Evening - 6:30pm (Open Bracketed). All Fri. Evening Swiss Team events begin with a Lite Pizza Supper at 6:00pm. Pre-registration is required. NAP Qualifier games: July 8 - Monday Aft (Open and 499); July 18 - Thurs Evening (Open and 499); Aug 13 - Tues. Aft (Open and 499); Aug 30 - Fri. Afternoon (Open); Aug 31 - Sat Aft (Open). All Fri. Aft (Open), Sat Aft (Open) and Sun Aft (Open and 499) games begin with a Free Lite Lunch at Noon, game starting at 12:30pm.

JERSEY BRIDGE CLUB Club Championship week July 15 - 21 (ending with Swiss Teams Sun, July 21, 6:30 PM!). All Sun 12:30 Open Games offer bagels, egg and tuna salad, light lunch. Come early to grab a bite before the game. Visit www.jerseybridge.com for our schedule and events.

DEAL BRIDGE CLUB will be starting on Wednesday, June 19th and continuing for 11 weeks until Mon., Sept 2nd, Labor Day. Mon. Wed, & Fri. @ 12:30PM and Sun @ 1:00PM. Location 395 Deal Road, (917) NOTRUMP or (917) 668-7867. Lunch starts a half hour before game time.

MOUNTAIN LAKES offers a great game every Thursday! We're looking forward to a summer of fun. We meet at 12:30 at St. Francis Assisted Living, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville. All are welcome. Need a partner? Call BJ Moore at 973 966-0892.

SHRINE CENTER BRIDGE Larry Cohen returns to the Shrine Center Bridge Club on Monday Sept. 30, 2013. Pre-registration is required. Check our website for more details.www.shrinecenterbridge.com. Spread the word, Easybridge is coming to the Shrine Center in September. Come for our new Mentor sessions and Play - N - Learn Games on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Thurs. evening, we have Stratified Swiss teams twice a month.

THE NOVICE CORNER

By Arnie Kohn

Overcalls Versus Doubles

So many times I hear "I had too many points to just overcall." Overcalls are made primarily to suggest a lead, but, they can be an offensive weapon.

For one to double first and then bid his own suit, he should have a minimum of six cards in the suit and the ability to take eight tricks for example;

♠AKJxxx ♥AQx ♦Ax ♣xx.

Overcalls can be made with minimal values. Overcall an opening bid of 1♣ with 1♠, not vulnerable, with

♠AQxxx ♥Qxx ♦xxxx ♣xx

Takeout doubles are based on shape. One should have at least three card support for all unbid suits to make a double, forcing partner to bid. The better the shape and the shorter you are in the opponents suit, the fewer the high card point requirements. The classic minimum requirement is thirteen high card points. However, I would not hesitate to make a takeout double of an opening bid of 1♣ with

♠Axxx ♥KJxx ♦Kxxx ♣x.

Another example; after an auction of 1♣- PASS-1♥, I would double with

♠AJxxx ♥xx ♦KQxxx ♣x.

Point count should not be the only criteria when making the decision to overcall or double.

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CARLOTTA NILES SCORES A PERSONAL GRAND SLAM AT HER 100TH BIRTHDAY BASH

By Phil Roura

The day started out as it usually does in towns across the U.S. on Memorial Day -- with prayers, marches and salutes to our nation's military -- and it was no different in West Long Branch, N.J., on May 27, 2013.

But this holiday celebration was a little different for Carlotta Niles and dozens of her friends and relatives who gathered at the Jersey Bridge Club.

Niles -- natty in a bright summer outfit, her hair in her trademark bun -- turned 100 punctuating a remarkable career that has included hot air balloon trips over Europe and Africa, safaris in Kenya, a flight to Buenos Aires when she was 98 "because I wanted to learn how to do the tango properly." And, of course, duplicate bridge.

To say that Carlotta Niles is unique is to describe Mount Rushmore as a merely interesting rock formation. The Shrewsbury woman is more than remarkable, she is a state treasure beloved by all who know her -- as witnessed by the huge turnout on a holiday when most people are either at the beach or scoffing down burgers at backyard barbecues.

"She is an amazing woman and I am proud to call her my friend," said Mary Mosher, herself a longtime beloved Monmouth bridge director.

But while Niles smiled and accepted the accolades with her customary graces, she was more than anxious for everyone to sit down and play bridge -- and after an hour of sips, nibbles and watching a montage of her life on screen, that's what everyone did.

Still vibrant and essential, the daughter of silent film star June Elvidge walks ramrod straight into a room -- in three-inch heels, no less -- and immediately commands attention. She goes to the gym three times a week, cooks for relatives and plays bridge with a fierce determination that belies her warm smile. Besides her family, Niles's other passions have included tennis, which she played into her mid-90s, and traveling. She trekked to Mongolia a few years ago "because I've never seen the Gobi Desert."

She still travels to New York to view new museum shows, plays and musicals -- but frowns at some of today's stage productions. "Some of it I simply don't understand," she told a friend. But give her a musical with a Gershwin beat and she is there. "Nice Work If You Can Get it' was just darling," said Niles.

To put her life in some sort of perspective, consider that she predates both World Wars and the Ford assembly line began cranking out cars. Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford were also born the same year as well as Rosa Parks, Vince Lombardi and Hedy Lamarr.

But Carlotta Niles has trumped them all.

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THIS and THAT

By *Glenda Calkins, District Director*

When I wrote my last article for The Declarer, I was having serious health problems, and Joan Gerard was an incredible source of support; every morning she was in contact with me or Barkley to see how I was progressing. I greatly valued her concern and support during that difficult period, and could not have envisioned that I would soon be on the road to recovery and she would have passed away. I miss her greatly, as a friend and as my primary mentor on bridge world doings. Not only has District 3 lost a treasure, but so also has the ACBL, the US Bridge Federation, and the World Bridge Federation. There was an impressive turnout for the memorial service for Joan on April 7, and there will be a remembrance service for her in Atlanta at the August NABC.

Our summer regional will begin August 19. We will be back at Crowne Plaza in Fairfield, NJ. We will open Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with "Solly Speaks," an opportunity to have Sol Weinstein answer any questions you may have about ACBL rules and regulations. An added bonus for this event will be the presence of Robert Hartman, CEO of ACBL. Robert will be with us Monday and Tuesday, August 19 & 20. He is looking forward to opportunities to visit with many of the players in District 3.

On Saturday, August 24, we will have a special Youth Fun Game. For more information, please contact Betty Cox or Barbara Clark. We are able to offer this opportunity to the Youth in our District due to the success in fundraising of our new 501c3 organization, The NJ/NY Youth Bridge Association. Our sincere thanks to Unit 140 for its successful fund raising drive for the Association. Other units are also coming on board to support our youngest players, the future of the game we love.

Personally, I am thoroughly enjoying being back at the bridge table. I hope to see many of you at Atlanta and Fairfield.

c/o Deborah Wasik
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Remembrances

The board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League would like to offer our condolences to the family of Pat Murray. It's a loss to the bridge community. Please notify Dottie Koernig at 908-277-0174 or dkoernig@verizon.net of any deaths or illness within our membership. We would like to remember all who support this great game.