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November 22 - 24

NJBL HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

New Location

Tournament Co-Chairs

Len Meyers (847)-445-2056

Brett Kunin (973) 243-2366

\$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)

FRIDAY, November 22

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

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

SATURDAY, Nov 23

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, Nov 24

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.

12:30 Single Session Open Stratified Pairs Matchpoint Game

NEWPLICATE / INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS: This Swiss team format allows you to play only against opponents with approximately the same number of Masterpoints as you have.

Need A Partner? Try Our New Online Partnership Service:
GETMEAPARTNER.COM

Our Pairing, Information, and Newuplicate Coordinator George Browne will gladly help you find a partner or help you put together a team. Contact him by phone 973-819-0308 or by email at brownege4111@gmail.com.

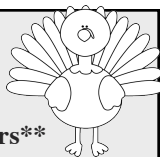
DIRECTIONS:

From East: 280W to exit 7 (Pleasant Valley Way), left onto Pleasant Valley Way. At second light, right onto Route 10. Drive 1.1 miles (past one traffic light), right onto Force Hill Road. Left Into second driveway.

From West: Using Rte 80: 80 East to 280E to exit 6 (Laurel Avenue), right onto Laurel Avenue. Bear left onto Shrewsbury Drive. Left at first light onto Route 10. Turn left immediately after Salaam Shrine Center sign onto Force Hill Road. Left Into 2nd driveway.

From West: Using Rte 78 East: When 78E divides, get into the local lanes, and stay to the LEFT; get off at Exit 50, a LEFT(!) exit, and reduce speed, as it is a difficult hairpin curve; the exit will take you directly on to Rte 24; drive about 5 miles, and proceed slowly, getting off at exit 7C, which is the exit just AFTER the entrance to the Short Hills Mall (there is a small sign saying "to 280.") This exit puts you on JFK Parkway, which becomes Livingston Ave when you get to Livingston. Drive about 6 miles, and make a right onto Rte. 10. Playing site is about 1.8 miles (past one traffic light); make a left onto Force Hill Rd and then left into 2nd driveway.

From North or South: Garden State Pkwy to exit 145 - Route 280W. Follow from East above.



Pre-duplicated Hands on Friday and Saturday!

New Game

SHRINE CENTER BRIDGE CLUB

369 East Mount Pleasant Ave.

Livingston, NJ

973-303-3232

www.shrinecenterbridge.com

The members of the Unit 140 Nominating Committee are:

Richard Ross, chair

richbross@optonline.net 732-985-3498

Muffie Gur

Joan Brody

Peter Jones

Will Ehlers

Dennis Thompson

Dottie Koernig

Board members are elected to serve 3 years in various capacities to help promote bridge in our community through tournaments and other events. The election will take place at the annual meeting in February, but the slate of candidates will be chosen by the end of the year. If you think you might like to serve on the board, or know someone who might be interested, please contact one of committee members.

AUTUMNFEST BRIDGE WEEKEND

Saturday November 9th

10 AM - **NEWPLICATE PAIRS**, 0-299,

\$13 per person - MENTORED PLAY (ask questions during play)

* * * Lunch between sessions is free * * *

2 PM - **Pro-Am** (Pro has > 300 mps), \$20 per pair

\$5 discount if you attend both events

At Jersey Bridge Club, 185 Rte 36, Bldg B, West Long Branch.

Call 732-229-1430, email jbc@jerseybridge.com

or visit jerseybridge.com

You must signup in advance

Sunday November 10th

11 AM - **OPEN CHARITY SWISS**,

7 rounds, stratified by team average,

\$26 per person

* * * Bagel brunch at 10:15 * * *

* * * Pasta dinner served after 5th round * * *

Benefits ACBL Charitable Foundation

At Shrine Center Bridge Club, 369 East Mount Pleasant Ave,
Livingston.

Call 973-303-3232, email shrinecenterbridgeclub@gmail.com
or visit shrinecenterbridge.com



District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional
Danbury CT — Oct. 7-13, 2013

The Crowne Plaza Danbury
 18 Old Ridgebury Road • Danbury CT 06810 • 203-794-0600
 \$104 Single/double plus applicable taxes.
 Reservation Deadline — September 23, 2013
 Bridge rate rooms may sell out before deadline.

Golden Opportunity Pairs
 (two-session events)
 Thursday, Friday and Saturday
 750/500/200 MPs
 10 am & 3 pm
 GOLD POINTS for Overalls
 and section tops in top strat

www.bridge-district3.org

Directions to Hotel — From the East: Rte 84 to Exit 2A. Follow Old Ridgebury Rd. around curve and up hill. Hotel will be visible on left. From the West: Rte 84 to Exit 2. Make left and then right following signs to US 202 and US 6. Make another right onto Old Ridgebury Rd. From the South: Rte 684 to Exit 9E and follow Rte 84 as above.

Tournament Info: Deborah Wasik • 973-699-5902
 dwasik@metrogaphusa.com
 Pairings: Lynn Baker lynn@lynnandjerry.com

Newplicate (Red) (0-200 MPs)
 One-session Pair Games
 Tuesday & Wednesday at 10 am & 3 pm
 Play both sessions and get a free snack, soda and a mini-lesson between sessions.
 Contact: Cheryl Porter-Garfalo 201-641-8055
 cherylmagic7nt@aol.com

Strats: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)
 All team events are stratified by average MPs
 Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket of all bracketed team events
 In all KOs Top Bracket may be handicapped

Monday, Oct. 7
NEW! Fast Pairs5 pm & TBA
Light supper available between sessions
 Side Game Series I (1st)7 pm
 Tuesday, Oct. 8
 Side Game Series I (2nd)9 am
 Stratified Open Pairs10 am & 3 pm
 Bracketed Round Robin Tms1 & 7 pm
Top bracket played as Swiss – open to all teams.
 Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm
 Wednesday, Oct. 9
 Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
 Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Open Prs1 & 7 pm
 Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd)1 / 7 pm
 One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm
 Thursday, Oct. 10
 Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500) ..10 am & 3 pm
NEW! Golden Opportunity Prs
 750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)1 & 7 pm
 Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 11
 Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
 Golden Opportunity Prs
 750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500)1 & 7 pm
 One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm
 Side Game Series III (1st & 2nd)1 / 7 pm
 Saturday, Oct. 12
 Bracketed Compact KO Tms9 am & 1 pm
 Golden Opportunity Prs
 750/500/200 MPs10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Senior Prs10 am & 3 pm
 Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500)1 & 7 pm
 One Session Swiss Tms (Red)1 pm
 Side Game Series III (3rd & 4th)1 / 7 pm
 Sunday, Oct. 13
 Open Bracketed Round Robin Tms10:30 am
Top bracket played as Swiss – open to all teams. Short break for lunch.

Thanks to District 25 (New England) for the loan of Connecticut to hold our Regional.



Our Superstars!

- M Brustein & A Feldman - 75.30%
 J Gold & J Mancini - 75.07%
 F Sutton & E Terzi - 75.30%
 F Arnett & E Nosser - 73.30%
 L Walsh & S Kaplan - 72.85%
 J Lebretore & B Kelly - 72.80%
 R Zowader & S Freedman - 72.80%
 T Havican & A Rosen - 72.41%
 J Rothstein & S Baskinger - 71.96%
 A Powell & M Baker - 71.14%
 D. Ballard & B Norton - 71.03%
 R Morgan & L Rafter - 70.63%
 M Kamil & S Slusky - 70.50%
 B Pearlman & V Ahuja - 70.41%
 J McCarroll & L Evans - 70.34%

President's Message

By Peter Stein



We've been putting thoughts in the Declarer as to why one should attend Sectionals. We know that your local bridge clubs offer excellent games with many amenities. I personally believe that the best reason to come to the sectionals is for the chance to meet and play against the best players in the Unit and surrounding areas. The best way to improve one's bridge game is to play against and interact with good players. In addition, it's an opportunity to develop relationships throughout the Unit. I've started many friendships and partnerships at the Sectionals over the last 35 years (and many of the people I've met are actually still talking to me).

We continue to be interested in your feedback on how to improve our Sectionals. Please contact myself or any of the Board members. Look forward to seeing you at the Shrine Center in November.

Novice Column - Hand Evaluation

By Arnie Kohn

The age-old parameter of thirteen points for an opening bid of one in a suit has been an axiom since Charles Goren introduced his point count system. Modern players now open the auction with twelve high card points or even less. How does one know how to evaluate a hand for an opening bid?

Many experts have introduced their own methods. Marty Bergen has his "Rule of twenty"; if the number of high card points plus the number of cards in your two longest suits equal twenty, it is an opening bid. The best new way to evaluate a hand is by estimating how many tricks one can possibly take by using Ron Klinger's "losing trick count". All Aces, Kings and Queens are winners; all suits with more than three cards in them, starting with the fourth card are winners. All other cards in your hand are losers. When your hand has seven losers or less it should be opened. Exceptions are preemptive one and two suited hands which will have a different criteria.

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DIAMOND
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Please go to
www.njbl.net
 for all the latest news and
 tournament results for
 Unit 140.



THIS and THAT

By Glenda Calkins, District Director

At the recent Regional in Fairfield, we enjoyed a visit from Robert Hartman, the new (less than two years on the job) CEO of ACBL; he was warmly welcomed by members of District 3. A big "thank you" to Debbie Wasik, Tournament Manager, and Betty Cox, Local Tournament Chair, who did a marvelous job of keeping things moving smoothly. Betty Cox, Barbara Clark and John Hogan ran a Youth game on Saturday morning with seven tables. Barbara will be happy to give you a very enthusiastic recap of the Youth NABC in Atlanta. District 3 partially subsidized the participation of 11 youth from our area. Remember that we now have a charitable fund – the NJ/NY Youth Bridge Association – which supports youth activities; contributions are fully tax deductible and are always welcome.

The Board meetings in Atlanta produced some interesting new developments:
 The 0-10,000 National event which had been introduced in St. Louis last spring was very successful; it was decided to add other 0-10,000 events which will award 10% platinum points (10 points maximum).

NAP and GNT conditions of contest have changed. As of June 2014 Flight B will now be a maximum of 2500 masterpoints in NAPs. Same change for GNTs effective as of September 1, 2013.

Don Mamula, the ACBL President, resigned for personal reasons, and Bill Cook (District 10 – Tennessee) was elected to complete his term. Bill was also elected to serve out the remainder of Joan Gerard's term as the ACBL representative to the World Bridge Federation (WBF).

The Celebration of Life for Joan Gerard on August 3rd was well attended. Her accomplishments were many and representatives from District 3, ACBL, USBF and WBF were all present and spoke about her devotion and dedication over the years. I hope to see you at our regional in Danbury, Oct. 7-13.

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White Meadow Lake BC: Rockaway; Robert Goldberg (973) 625-1208; goldbergs6@msn.com

2014 Weekly Clubs Calendar



MONDAY	THURSDAY
9:00 am Essex (0-99, LE)	9:00 am Essex (BE)
9:30 am Atlantic	12:00 pm BCCNJ
11:00 am Toms River	12:15 pm Scotch Plains
12:00 pm BCCNJ (Open & NLM)	12:30 pm Essex BC (Open & 0-499/NLM, LE @ 12)
12:30 pm Deal (summers); Jersey Bridge Club, Essex (Open & 0-499, LE @ 12); Shrine Center	Jersey Bridge Club; Mountain Lakes; Princeton BC*; Shrine Center, Stafford
5:30 pm Prudential	6:30 pm Essex (Open and 0-499/NLM, LE @ 5:45)
6:30 pm Essex (0-99, LE), Stafford, Shrine Center (Easy Bridge, BE)	Jersey Bridge Club (MP & open) Shrine Center (0 - 499, open, Swiss 2x per month)
7:30 pm Tinton Woods (0-750/NLM)	
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 am Essex (0-199, LE)	9:00 am Essex (0-299); Jersey Bridge Club (0-299)
9:30 am Shadowfax (0-199)	10:00 am Shadowfax
11:00 am Toms River	11:00 am Toms River
12:00 pm Bloomfield Rec Comm; BCCNJ; Tinton Woods (LE at 11:30, 0-750/NLM)	12:00 pm BCCNJ; Stafford; Tinton Woods (LE at 11:30, 0-750/NLM)
12:15 pm Scotch Plains	12:30 pm Deal (summers only, L); Essex (L); Shrine Center (LE @ 12:10)
12:30 pm Deal (summers), Essex (Open & 0-499/NLM, LE @ 12); Princeton BC*; Shrine Center	1:00 pm Jersey Bridge Club
6:30 pm Essex BC (Open and 0-499/NLM, LE @ 5:45); Shrine Center	6:30 pm Essex (Teams monthly)
7:00 pm Jersey Bridge Club Spring Lake	7:00 pm Westfield Women's
WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
9:00 am Essex (0-199, LE), JerseyBridge Club (0-750)	10:30 am Monmouth Aces (L)
10:00 am Shadowfax	12:30 pm BCCNJ ; Essex(L); Shrine Center (L)
11:00 am Toms River	
12:00 pm BCCNJ; Atlantic	SUNDAY
12:15 pm Scotch Plains	12:30 pm Essex (open and 0-499, L); Jersey Bridge Club (L, LE @ 12:15, Swiss Monthly) Shrine Center (L)
12:30 pm; Capital City; Deal (summers only); Essex; Jersey Bridge Club; Shrine Center	1:00 pm BCCNJ; Stafford; Deal BC (summers)
1:00 pm Jersey Bridge Club (MP)	
6:30 pm Essex BC (BE); Shrine Center (MP)	
7:15 pm White Meadow Lake	
7:30 pm Grand Slam; Scotch Plains	

Legend:
 BE - Beginning Lessons
 L - Lunch
 LE - Lesson
 MP - Mentored play (play and ask questions)
 * - Location varies - please call ahead

NAP 2013 North American Pairs District 3 Finals
 Saturday, October 26, 2013
 Guardian Angel Auditorium
 E. Allendale Avenue & 320 Franklin Tpk • Allendale, NJ 07401
FREE BRUNCH 11:30 - 12:30
 Game Time: First session - 12:30 pm • Second session - TBA
PRE-QUALIFICATION AT CLUB REQUIRED
 Flight A: OPEN • Flight B: 0-2000 • Flight C: Non-Life Master with 0-500 (as of the June 2013 masterpoint cycle)
 Gold points awarded for overalls & section tops in Flights A & B. Flight C overalls are 25% gold.
 For further information, contact Deborah Wasik - (973) 699-5902
 • dwasik@metrographusa.com - or Betty Cox - (973) 895-3506
 • bcx10@optonline.net - or visit the District 3 website at bridge-district3.org.
DIRECTIONS From the South: Rte 17 North to Allendale exit. Continue on Allendale Avenue towards Allendale to the Guardian Angel Church 1 mile on left.

MOVING UP

JUNIOR	E Lyons	M Donahoe	L Brunelle	J Ellison
MASTER	J Lyons	L Farber	M Cooper	P Guadagno
P Anderson	B Michaels	L Fell	S Decker	J Goldman
F Arnett	F Miller	E Ford	D Druker	M Grasso
R Barney	H Millin	B Gasarch	C Dvorkin	P Hoch
J Blue	M Millin	J Girgus	G Fazzini	M Hewlett
C Butler	L Moos	G Gluck	M Fazzini	S Hollyer
E Cai	N Morrow	E Goldstein	P Filippo	C Levitan
J Carr	B Nelson	A Greenberg	C Fischer	A Lieberson
L Celona	R Paltiel	M Herr	L Gartner	J Mody
D Chai	L Perl	D Heyman	F Grossman	R Macpherson
D Charlton	V Pierson	B Horowitz	B Haimson	F Malamet
P Chorman	E Pinelli	B Jeck	M Hall	B Murphy
J Clifford	C Press	R Kelly Jr	J Harris	T Noa
A Dalley	D Radwill	F Leonard	J Heimlich	R Perlman
J Davis	R Rasmussen	J Messina	P Heimlich	G Riemer
S Dols	N Rizzuto	L Mogan	J Hochman	A Ross-Payne
A Dunlap	F Russell	M Nichols	M Hornish	J Silbermann
Z Fei	G Sayia	D Otner	G Jayson	C Summers
R Ferrara	M Scarilli	E Otner	C Keating	S Tillis
R Finkel	J Schmied	M Pesner	S Katzman	H Waldrop
N Freedman	B Simpson	E Polesuk	P Knapp	R Wallach
M Friedman	S Smith	S Popkin	L Knight	E Weinstock
P Friedman	R Sutker	H Potash	S Meier	B Williams
A Fowler	L Toffey	E Salka	M Michaels	R Wirth
D Gingham	J Waller	R Sandberg	D Nasson	M Young
S Gordon	M Wells	W Schauben	E Rosen	NABC
C Hetzler	C Wiatr	R Schickler	B Salka	MASTER
L Irving	C Zeliff	J Shotliff	L Sheahan	M Berkley
G Johnson	Y Zhao	B Smith	C Tieman	M Brustein
C Johnstone	CLUB	E Sommer	P Weiner	P D'Adamo
M Kaufman	MASTER	R Steinmark	REGIONAL	C Dynes
S Kaufman	A Benz	S Vogel	MASTER	G Ferdinand
M Kearns	E Berens	R Waas	J Anderson	A Goldman
R Kelly Jr	A Borowsky	B Wallman	E Andrews Jr	C Gottlieb
A Lebersfeld	A Capuzzi	R Weber	G Austin	M Pollock
E Levy	D Christy	SECTIONAL	K Crosta	S Rami
J Levy	R Cowenhoven	MASTER	D D'Ascoli	D Schickler
B Lin	F Craven	M Brown	J Duberstein	M Trossello

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Our Condolences

Unit 140 would like to offer their condolences to the families of **Gene Cantor, Al Pollack, Harriet Popper and Carol Tarabor**. We will miss them at the bridge table.

Calendar of Events

Oct 7 - 13	Regional	Danbury, CT
Oct 14 - 20	STaCs	local clubs
Oct 26	NAP Finals	Allendale, NJ
Nov 9	Newplicate	West Long Branch, NJ
	Pro-Am	West Long Branch, NJ
Nov 10	Charity Swiss	Livingston, NJ
Nov 15 - 17	Sectional	Allendale, NJ
Nov 22 - 24	Sectional	Livingston, NJ
Dec 26 - 30	Regional	New York, NY

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