



# THE DECLARER



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New Jersey Bridge League

## WINTER SECTIONAL

March 6-8, 2015

Hungarian-American Citizens Club

95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Playing site phone: 732-634-9697

Tournament Chair: Brett Kunin at 973-243-2366

Stratified\* A: 3000+ B: 1000 to 3000 C: 0 to 1000

299ers\* A: 200 to 300 B: 100 to 200 C: 0 to 100

\*Strats may be varied based on participation



Entries: \$26/pair Friday & Saturday; \$104/team Sunday.  
We must charge an extra \$3/person for those who are not current ACBL members.

### Friday, March 6

10:00 AM:  Open Stratified Pairs  Stratified 299er Pairs

2:30 PM:  Open Stratified Pairs  Stratified 299er Pairs

### Saturday, March 7

10:00 AM:  Open Stratified Pairs  Stratified 299er Pairs

2:30 PM:  A/X (X=0-4000) IMP Pairs (open to all)

B/C/D Match Point Pairs (2500/1000/500)

Stratified 299ers Pairs

### Sunday, March 8

9:30 AM:  Light breakfast

10:30 AM:  Seven-round Bracketed Round Robin Teams. Team average masterpoints will determine your bracket, or your team may play in the top (Swiss) bracket by choice. We will have a short break in mid-afternoon for a complimentary lunch with bagels and spreads.

Between sessions Friday and Saturday, we will serve pizza for \$1/slice (cheese) or \$1.50/slice (with a topping), small salads for \$1/each, and cans of soda for \$1/each. Sunday's light breakfast is a complimentary bagel and spreads brunch; following that, we will serve complimentary food and snacks all day.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS!

We are now serving hummus and salads in addition to our famous veggie trays.

Our Pairing, Information, and Newpicate Coordinator George Browne will gladly help you find a partner or put together a team. Contact him by phone (973-819-0308) or by email (brownege4111@gmail.com). You may also find partners using [www.getmeapartner.com](http://www.getmeapartner.com), our online partnership service.

**From NJ Turnpike Exit 12:** At the tollbooth, bear to the extreme right, and keep bearing to the EXTREME right at the ramp, following the signs to RAHWAY. The off ramp will put you on Roosevelt Ave. You will pass a Holiday Inn on your right. The third traffic light (about ¾ mile) is Blair Road (there is a BP station on the SE corner). Left onto Blair Road and proceed past the first traffic light, staying on Blair Road into the Industrial Park. After about ¾ of a mile from the light, the road narrows, and you will cross a freight RR track. Shortly thereafter the road curves right. Stay to the extreme right, which is Port Reading Ave, go another two blocks, and turn right into the parking lot.

**From other routes:** NJ Tpk 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 and take the Rt. 9 North exit, to Main St. Woodbridge exit, and proceed as above.

The New Jersey Bridge League's  
**2015 AWARDS BANQUET**  
*Honoring New Life Masters*

Sunday, February 22, 2015 • 11:00 a.m.  
 The Pines Manor • 2085 Lincoln Highway South (Rte. 27)  
 Edison, New Jersey (732) 287-2222

• **Unlimited Brunch**

*Huge, scrumptious buffet that includes both breakfast and lunch dishes*

• **Awards Ceremony**

*Honoring the League's New Life Masters, the 2014 Player of the Year, and  
 2014 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners*

• **Annual Meeting**

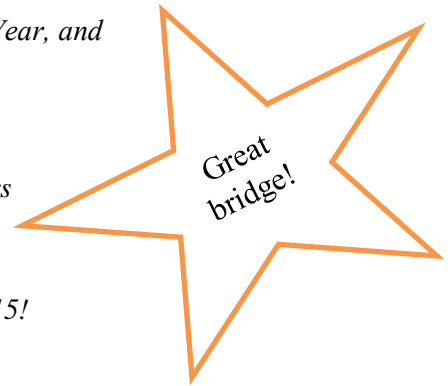
*Brief Unit 140 Annual Meeting, election of Board Members*

• **Bridge Game**

*A pairs game that counts towards Player of the Year for 2015!*

• **All for ONLY \$25**

*(\$25 for members of Unit 140, and \$35 for non-members)*



Come support your friends on the list!

A GREAT EVENT SUBSIDIZED BY UNIT 140 TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR MEMBERSHIP!

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 All entries must be pre-paid. Send this registration form with your check (payable to NJBL Unit 140) to Lynn Chapin • Box 111 • Allenwood, NJ 08720 • Phone: (732) 859-0126. PLEASE indicate your need for a NS or EW seating for the bridge game. (Non-unit members please circle your name.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

NO ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, and no funds will be accepted at the door. This will be strictly enforced, no exceptions. So please get your reservations in early: deadline is February 16, 2015.

## CLUB NEWS

### ESSEX BRIDGE CENTER

#### Cycle for Survival Charity Game

**January 20**

Morning 199 Game; Afternoon and Evening Open and 499 games.  
Extra Points, No Extra Card Fee

#### Club Championship Week

**Sunday, February 15 - Saturday, February 21**

All Open and 499 Games PLUS

499 Swiss	Wednesday, February 18	12:30pm
8 Is Enough Swiss	Friday, February 20	6:30pm
Extra Points, No Extra Card Fees		

#### STaC

**Tuesday, March 24 - Monday, March 30**

All Open and 499 Games

499 Swiss Teams	Wednesday, March 25
12:30pm	
Open Stratified Swiss Teams	Friday, March 27
6:30pm	
199 Swiss Teams	Saturday, March 28
12:30pm	
Extra SILVER Points, No Extra Card Fees	

### SPRING LAKE BRIDGE CLUB

Change of contact information:

Harold Schachter

732-255-1790

orthodoc1@optonline.net

www.jerseybridge.com/sl.html

open

### SHRINE CENTER BRIDGE CLUB HAS MOVED!

290 W. Hobart Gap Road

Livingston, NJ 07039

973-303-3232

Located in the

Livingston United Methodist Church

- Once a month we celebrate all birthdays of the month with lunch, dessert and a Club Championship game, check our website for dates.
- Play IMPs with Team Games every Thursday evening at 6:30pm.
- Supervised play Friday Mornings at 9:15am.
- Private lessons by appointment.
- Come for our Super Bowl Sunday (free) pool with prizes for each quarter and final and get home in time for the actual game.

### JERSEY BRIDGE CLUB

Club Championship Week will be Jan. 13-18.

Signup for Club Championship Swiss on Sunday, Jan. 25!

JBC will be closed on Feb. 22, to allow our members to attend the Unit Awards Brunch in Edison.

New classes are forming, both for beginners and for Play of Hand. Classes begin Feb. 23rd, and run for nine weeks. Email lessons@jerseybridge.com for more info.

### MOUNTAIN LAKES WANTS YOU!

Come play with us.  
Your first game is free.  
We play Thursdays at.  
St. FRANCIS,  
122 Diamond Spring Rd.  
Denville.  
Call first if you need a partner:  
973 966-0892.

Free brush-up lessons  
Mondays 10-12  
in Florham Park.  
973-966-0892

# ATTENTION: ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS

## NJBL DOUBLE KO EVENT FOR 2015

This is an opportunity to join the NJBL's premiere event, **The NJBL Double KO**.  
This year the event will be run in up to three brackets, subject to demand:

Open  
unrestricted

Flight B  
All team members must have less than 2500 MPs as of 12/31/2014

Flight C  
All team members must have less than 500 MP's

You may field a team in one or more brackets. 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 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 will be distributed before the beginning of the event.

Please call or e-mail Neil Jaffe (609-306-2154), njaff50@aol.com, for further information, or simply fill in the attached entry form below and mail it with the nominal \$20.00/team entry fee to Neil Jaffe, 89 Mill Pond Rd, Belle Mead, NJ 08502 (checks should be payable to "NJBL-Unit 140") by April 1st. No team will be permitted to participate until the entry fee is paid.

OPEN DOUBLE KO: Team MP's \_\_\_\_\_

Flight B: Team MP's \_\_\_\_\_

Flight C: Team MP's \_\_\_\_\_

Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addr \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_

Player #5 \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_

Player #6 \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

### RICHARD ROSS

The 2014 Player of the Year competition came down to the final events. Richard Ross emerged as the winner with solid performances in the last two events of the year. Stephen Arshan, William Esberg, and Peter Stein were in contention until the end. Dori Byrnes had the best result among the women. The top ten overall contestants and their final point totals were:

Richard Ross	75.20
Stephen Arshan	72.97
William Esberg	64.19
Peter Stein	59.40
Dennis Thompson	42.03
Dori Byrnes	40.97
Alexander Allen	35.59
Abe Pinelas	34.94
William Ehlers	31.66
Leora Dubrovsky	31.12

For each category, the top three contestants were:

Over 2500 Men – Richard Ross, Stephen Arshan, William Esberg  
 Over 2500 Women – Dori Byrnes, Leora Dubrovsky, Cynthia Schneider  
 1000-2500 Men – Gregory Gorshkov, Leonard Myers, Steve Albin  
 1000-2500 Women – Joan Brody, Julia Zucker, Myrna Smith  
 300-1000 Men – Stanley Weiss, George Browne, George Moehringer  
 300-1000 Women – Ruth Yeselson, Neeta Mone, Merle Poller  
 200-300 Men – Don Adamczyk, Fred Hankins, Xuhua Lin  
 200-300 Women – Stephanie Austin, Mary Trossello, Jane Carter, Anne Lightburn  
 100-200 Men – Jagdish Mody, Bhartkumar Shah, Richard Bindelglass  
 100-200 Women – Sherry Lieb, Julie Anderson, Kathy Arshan  
 50-100 Men – Dean Nasson, Romesh Arora, Sid Klotz  
 50-100 Women – L.Gail Knight, Mary Mulligan, Fran Meyer  
 0-50 Men – Chung-Zong Wan, Edward Josell, Zuguang Tian  
 0-50 Women – Tersea Chek, Felicia Freed, Flo Lippman

The Player of the Year awards are based on points earned by members of Unit 140 in Unit sponsored events during the year. The events include the Annual Meeting, the Four Sectionals, Autumnfest, and the Double Team Knockouts. Categories are based on member point totals at the beginning of the year. In 2014, 481 members earned 2,158 points in these events. A more detailed summary of results are on the Unit web page.

Congratulations to Richard on a well-earned victory.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Peter Stein

We have been talking feverishly among the Unit Board members and others about what to do about increasing attendance at our Sectionals. If you have any suggestions please contact me (stein193@msn.com) or our tournament director, Brett Kunin (brett54321@comcast.net).

Some nearby Units have even given up the idea of holding Sectionals – I would hate to go in that direction, but the Unit has to remain financially solvent and the Sectionals must at least cover our costs. One thing we have done to avoid increasing Sectional fees is to go online only with this publication. (I realize unfortunately some of you won't be reading this but for those who are ....).

I believe I understand many of the issues of why people don't come to Sectionals. Your local clubs provide a very comfortable congenial atmosphere with people you know and are comfortable playing with. People may only want to play one session and travel time is a concern. People don't seem to like the Woodbridge venue though I believe it's very adequate and centrally located. (We are pursuing other locations and are very open to suggestions.) We have **also** worked hard to improve the Sectionals by providing more food options, pre-dealt boards and guaranteed partners. Having said all this, I repeat what I said in an earlier article.

I encourage you to come to Sectionals to **IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE GAME!** The best way to do this is to play at a higher level of competition and play against a wider range of players. You will learn and get better just by having this experience. You will also meet new people who will be future friends and partners. Yes, sometimes you will not have great results but the times when you have a good result will be really thrilling. Bridge is the rare hobby where you can compete against the best players and still achieve good results. Imagine winning any points against Roger Federer in tennis!

Anyway, I hope this impassioned plea will resonate, and I encourage you to help keep bridge alive in the Unit and wish you success and most importantly fun playing bridge in the New Year.

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

Welcoming Youth to the World of Bridge  
By Barbara Clark

Youth bridge is sponsored by numerous volunteers and bridge clubs as well as by the ACBL. However, many more kids are interested in learning bridge than current programs can accommodate.

Bridge offers many benefits for kids:

- Develops Critical Thinking Skills
- Enhances Math and Verbal Acuity
- Improves Strategic Planning
- Promotes Socialization Skills
- Gives Kids a Chance to Have Fun

How your contributions may be used:

- To Develop and Maintain New Programs
- To Establish Camps and Innovative Programs
- For Teacher Stipends
- For Transportation to Tournaments

Your donations are tax exempt and would go a long way toward bridging the gap between student and teacher interests and program availability. Please give to this worthy cause today. Any amount – \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$1,000 or more – would be greatly appreciated.

Make checks payable to the NJ/NY Youth Bridge Association, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Send your donation to Carlos R. Munoz, Treasurer, 13 Club Pointe Drive, White Plains, NY 10605.

**IMPORTANT:** Please designate Unit 140 in the check memo. Thanks for giving to tomorrow's bridge players and champions.

Fundraising for our youth bridge charity consists of charity games sponsored by units and District 3. Additionally, monies are raised through generous gifts and donations. Contributions can also be made in the name of someone as a condolence donation or as an individual contribution.



# STEP BY STEP

## JUNIOR MASTER

Virginia Alworth  
 Rita Andersen  
 Linda Bartels  
 Cathy Black  
 Martha Chamberlain  
 Bhagya Chari  
 Howard Chen  
 Laura Daniels  
 Barbara David  
 Elizabeth Ellwood  
 Janet Glickson  
 Lucinda Good  
 Joan Guryan  
 Joan Hall  
 Gail Hecht  
 Gail Joseph  
 Mary Kallstrom  
 Terry Kearse  
 Carrie Keating  
 Kim Krauss  
 David Kreidler  
 Beverly Lawrence  
 Penny Levine  
 Jim Liotta  
 Nancy Manket  
 Sandra Marvinney  
 Joseph Masino  
 Jacqueline McGinnis  
 Robin Meyer  
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 Jerry Seasonwein  
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 Susan Woodbury  
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 Joseph Lebretore  
 Cherry Liloia

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Radu Nistor

Toby Simon

Henry Zandberg

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Virginia Commander

Josephine Corban

Toufic Hamaoui

Daniel Kim

Sarah McClanahan

Asish Sengupta

## SILVER

Richard Archambault

George Biris

Alfred Cackowski

Beau Norton

Frank Quinn

Chorng-Hour Yang

Charlene Young

## GOLD

Ernestine Cutler

Himanshu Joshi

Ruth Zowader

## WINTER DATES

**February 22**  
Annual Meeting  
and Awards  
Brunch

**March 6-8**  
Winter  
Sectional

**March 12-22**  
NABC in New  
Orleans

**March 24-30**  
Multi-Unit  
STaC

## TIPS FOR NEWER PLAYERS

### TRYING A SECTIONAL FOR THE FIRST TIME

By Roz Powell

#### What do you need to do ahead of time to attend a Sectional Tournament?

- You need to be sure you have checked the schedule carefully and know just when the event you want to enter is scheduled.
- Be sure to get there at least 15 minutes early to buy your entry.
- You and your partner each need to have a convention card filled out properly with the bidding parameters you and your partner play. A Director or an opponent may ask to see it at any time.
- Be sure to bring (or memorize) your ACBL number which you will need to put either on a paper entry given to you or into a Bridgmate or other scoring machine.

#### What will it be like at the tournament?

- The Directors will be at a table selling entries with your starting table and position (N/S or E/W) when you pay for the entry. Settle at your table before game time.
- Find your starting table and scope out the place: find the restrooms, the snacks etc. Some snacks/drinks are free, and some have a cost at a tournament.
- It will be fun to meet opponents from different clubs. Be sure to introduce yourselves.
- You may feel the atmosphere is more restrictive. It is important to keep the noise down, and it is very important to use time carefully. Tournament Directors are generally more strict than Club Directors about moving the game along.
- Most importantly, enjoy the extra energy and excitement that is unique to tournaments.

## HOLIDAY SECTIONAL REPORT

By Brett Kunin

Despite extremely disappointing attendance, I received many compliments as to the unit's attempt to offer "healthy options" in the food choices. We had hummus and salads on all three days, and I particularly want to thank several of our newer NJBL board members who assisted us in this endeavor. In addition, high praise to Barbara Clark, whose efforts led to six full tables in our youth event on Saturday, and to Sol Weinstein and Marilyn Wells who provided their usual outstanding efforts as Directors.

Although the top bracket in the Sunday Swiss was small, the quality of the field was outstanding, featuring the attendance of six National Champions from four states in the field (15% of the players), as well as other paid professional players. This is truly remarkable for a sectional tournament.

With the continuing success of the "PoG" (Partner of Guaranty) program implemented by our innovative Partnership Chairman, George Browne, the Tournament Committee will, in the near future, hope to be able to advertise our unit's willingness to guarantee partners in all Friday and Saturday events. My special thanks are extended to all the non-Board members who have previously been a PoG. If you are interested in being a PoG, please contact George Browne at [brownege4111@gmail.com](mailto:brownege4111@gmail.com).

Comparing the attendance of the last three Sectional Tournaments with those of only eight years ago, there is more than a 30% reduction in the total number of tables. Profitability of a sectional is based on attendance; our last three sectionals have been below the "break-even" point. Accordingly, we hope that many of you will make plans and ask your friends and partners to attend our first sectional in 2015, scheduled for March 6-8, which immediately precedes the Spring National Tournament in New Orleans.



**BIG NOVICE GAMES!****(must have at least five tables to qualify)**

Carol Rosen and Gloria Buxbaum	82.14
Corky Lawrence and Paul Pritchard	78.75
Brenda Cohen and Debbie Maurer-Hollaende	77.98
Barbara Gersten and Andrea Diamond	77.98
Corky Lawrence and Paul Pritchard	76.81
Frank Schlesinger and Lynn Schlesinger	76.79
Mark Pesner and Elliot Sommer	76.39
Craig Nowlin and Pamela Paskowitz	75.00
Franklin Wyman and Trina Frankel	74.76
Dionne McNamee and Pat McNamee	74.44
Debbie Schneider and Lorraine Stein	74.40
Barbara David and Carole Wiatr	74.40
Dionne McNamee and Pat McNamee	74.07
Cheryl Britton and William Ginsburg	73.33
Genellen Fenik and Jackie Horn	73.21
Harry S Katz and Howard Wolfish	73.12
George Schneider and Len Goodman	72.92
Barbara David and Carole Wiatr	72.81
Eduardo Sese and Chandu Mehta	72.62
Deb Wyman and Richard Huzar	72.35
Herb Waldman and Sally Sohigian	72.31
Nancy Smith and Lynn McLaughlin	71.83
Gregory Ferdinand and Henry Zandberg	71.82
Arthur Rogovin and Marlene Rogovin	71.76
Genellen Fenik and Jackie Horn	71.65
Nancy Walrath and Charleen Hird	71.44
Joan Frey and Lissa Anderson	71.44
Burton Mirsky and Marcia Mirsky	71.43
Genellen Fenik and Jackie Horn	71.43
Phil Hoch and Richard Bindelglass	71.13
Anne Marie Capuzzi and Chris Hildebrand	71.13
Maureen McGreal and Kelly Sandulli	71.05
Barbara David and Carol Wiatr	70.93
Enid Rothman and Terry Honigfeld	70.83
Chris Hildebrand and Anne Marie Capuzzi	70.83
Lori Oliff and Marc Oliff	70.83
Fred Malamet and Alicia Connaughton	70.83
Susan Korenstein and Nancy Mendelsohn	70.83
Deb Wyman and Richard Huzar	70.83
Cheryl Britton and David Meayer	70.83
Betsy Ford and Laura Haaren	70.78
Wendy Sands and Lewis Tompkins	70.76
Nat Hindes and Sally Hindes	70.56
JoAnne Berens and Richard Huzar	70.54
Cheryl Britton and Patricia Rodilosso	70.43
Herb Waldman and Sally Sohigian	70.24
Julie Anderson and Joseph Lebreton	70.24
Susan Korenstein and Nancy Mendelsohn	70.24
Cheryl McCabe and Lynn Petrin	70.14
Trina Frankel and Deb Wyman	70.09
Ann Hajkowski and Marilyn Adler	70.02

**REMEMBRANCES**

The Board of Directors of Unit 140 of the NJBL would like to offer its condolences to the families and friends of Iris Langdon and Elihu Nemiroff. They will be missed at the bridge tables. We would like to remember all who support and participate in this great game. Please notify Trina Frankel at [jandtfrankel@yahoo.com](mailto:jandtfrankel@yahoo.com) of any deaths or illness within our membership.

**NOVICE CORNER**

By Arnie Kohn

**Preemptive Bids Part Two**

The Weak Two Bid has emerged as a strong offensive-defensive weapon in modern bidding. There are two very different schools of thought on its usage. Some partnerships demand a six card suit headed by two of the top three honors in first or second position calls. These partnerships generally use 2NT as an asking bid for partner to show an outside feature if he possesses one. He bids the suit that holds the outside feature (i.e., 3C if the feature is in clubs, 3D if the feature is in diamonds, etc.)

Others prefer to open weak two bids on just about any holding (although vulnerability does enter into the decision). These partnerships therefore must employ the Ogust Convention as an asking bid. Here 2NT asks for the quality of the suit and the overall hand. Here are the responses:

3C suggests a poor suit and a poor hand.  
 3D relates a strong suit and a weak hand.  
 3H attests to a weak suit and a stronger hand.  
 3S is a strong hand with a strong suit (perhaps an opening bid of one might have been better).  
 3NT shows a solid (AKQxxx) suit.

No matter what your system is, values for a third hand weak two call can be well beneath the requirements for first and second position calls—perhaps even a five card suit. I do not advise weak two bids for fourth position calls.

## UNIT 140 BIG GAMES

(To qualify, the game must have at least five tables)



Harold Schachter and Carl Eastman	80.42
Carl Eastman and Bernard Mechlowitz	77.83
Judy Rothstein and Jacek Leznicki	74.36
William Esberg and Richard Ross	74.59
Nancy Robins and Caroline Weymar	74.54
Burton Schlosberg and Ronald Panitch	74.46
William Esberg and Richard Ross	74.37
Mimi Trenchard and Jeanine Mancini	74.00
Frederic Marston and Alice Tarlach	73.67
Muffie Gur and Rochelle Djmal	73.41
Lester Sokolower and Sharon Hait	73.24
Mary Mosher and Jon Wilkinson	73.17
Betty Lamborn and Michael Pisani	73.13
Barbara Tepper and Lester Sokolower	73.13
Michael Huppert and Sumner Freedman	73.08
Laureen Alcock and James Rinnovatore	72.69
Barbara Clark and Vijay Ahuja	72.40
Myrna Smith and Arnold Kohn	72.27
Caroline Weymar and Nancy Robins	72.22
Sumner Freedman and Michael Huppert	71.88
Vijay Bhise and Kenneth Powell	71.76
Josephine Cafaro and Anthony Cafaro	71.73
Michael Huppert and Sumner Freedman	71.63
Beau Norton and Dolores Ballard	71.53
Kathy Arshan and Steve Arshan	71.50
Allan Rosen and Terry Havican	71.13
Beau Norton and Dodi Ballard	71.02
Harris Bobroff and George Grehanov	71.00
Russ Pomeroy and Robert Friedman	70.83
Beau Norton and Dodi Ballard	70.83
Robert Guglielmi and Donald Lepore	70.67
Harris Bobroff and James Di Napoli	70.42
Ruth Zowader and Doree Sobel	70.40
Seshumani Das and William Golush	70.24
Fredric Weiner and Saul Blum	70.24
Marilyn Harris and Rich Harris	70.23
Foster Osborne and Duane Englehart	70.14
Harold Schachter and Pat Guadagno	70.08
Dennis Thompson and Sam Borenstein	70.05
Ann Nelson and Robert Guempel	70.00

## NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee for the Unit 140 Board presents the following people for the 2015 board:

Stephanie Austin  
Michael Hewlett  
Howard Solomon

They will be voted on at the annual meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## DOUBLE KO RESULTS

The results are in for the 2014 Double Knock-Out. We had two flights (Open and Flight B) enjoying this relaxed event throughout the year.

### Winners—Open Bracket

Eileen Brenner, Mickey Pickert, Abe Pineles, Alex Allen

### Winners—Flight B

Ed Josell, Jacques Schmied, David Goldstein, Gil Hollander, Michael Brown, Gilbert Meierhans

Full results are on our website at NJBL.net.

## THE DECLARER

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