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## NJBL BOARD NOMINEES

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**Cheryl Britton**  
**Bob Brolin**  
**Kelly Kiefer**  
**Larry Youell.**

These nominees will be approved at the annual Unit 140 Brunch on February 12, 2017 at the Pines Manor in Edison.





## New Jersey Bridge League WINTER SECTIONAL February 24-26, 2017

Hungarian-American Citizens Club  
95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
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### Friday, Feb 24

10:00 AM: • Open Stratified Pairs • Stratified 299er Pairs  
2:30 PM: • Open GRASSROOT Stratified Pairs • GRASSROOT 299er Stratified Pairs

### Saturday, Feb 25

10:00 AM: • Open Stratified Pairs • Stratified 299er Pairs  
2:30 PM: • A/X (X=0-4000) GRASSROOT Match Points (open to all)  
• B/C/D GRASSROOT Match Point Pairs (3000/2000/1000)  
• Stratified 299ers GRASSROOT Pairs

### Sunday, Feb 26

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, rye breads, spreads, salads, and hummus.

**Stratifications:** Open Pairs A (3000+) B (1000-3000) C (0-1000)  
299ers Pairs A (200-300) B (100-200) C (0-100) (May be varied based on participation.)

*In pair events, strats will be based as an average of the total masterpoints of the pair. In any event or flight with a masterpoint upper limit, no individual's MP total may exceed that limit.*

**GRASSROOT Games:** Almost 30% More Masterpoints

**Guaranteed Partnerships:** We guarantee partners for you in both the Open and 0-300 games for all Friday and Saturday sessions. You **MUST** request a partner by Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, to be guaranteed a partner. Email your request to George Browne at [brownege4111@gmail.com](mailto:brownege4111@gmail.com) or call him at 973-819-0308. In addition, please contact George if you have questions about the tournament or need help putting together a team. You may also find partners using [www.getmeapartner.com](http://www.getmeapartner.com), our online partnership service.

**Food:** Between sessions Friday and Saturday, we will serve pizza for \$1/slice (cheese) or \$1.50/slice (with a topping), small salad w/een s for \$1/each and cans of soda for \$1/each. Sunday's complimentary food includes our light breakfast, mid-afternoon lunch, and snacks throughout the day.

**NJBL Website:** Visit our website [www.njbl.net](http://www.njbl.net) to read about upcoming tournaments and events, past results, bridge clubs, the DECLARER (NJBL's online newsletter), and many other useful bridge links.

**Entries:** \$28/pair Friday & Saturday; \$112/team Sunday. We must charge an extra \$3/person for those who are not current ACBL members.

### DIRECTIONS

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 ¼ mile) is Blair Road (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, past exit 1 and NJ Tpk exit, and take the Route 9 North exit. Once on Route 9, take the Main St. Woodbridge Exit, and proceed as above.

# INTERMEDIATE CORNER

by Brett Kunin

## The Power of Distribution I

[This article was published in the Declarer some years ago. It is reprinted here along with a new, follow-up article (see next page). – Ed.]

Although high card points serve as a guide, the power of distribution can more than compensate for a lack of points (often referred to as “shape”). While playing in an Allendale sectional, I picked up ♠Q842, ♥8, ♦AQ8753, ♣A4 in first chair. I opened 1♦ at favorable vulnerability, LHO passed and my partner bid 3♦ (pre-emptive). My RHO emphatically pulled the “Stop” card from his bidding box and bid 4♥. Sitting with (at most) two to three defensive tricks, and since partner did not promise *any*, I bid 5♦. LHO now bid 5♥, partner bid 6♦, double by RHO, and all passed. The bidding had been:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	3♦	4♥
5♦	5♥	6♦	DbI

All Pass

LHO led a Heart and partner tabled a hand with four HCP but tremendous distribution: ♠7, ♥–, ♦109642, ♣KJ98765 (see complete hand at right).

I ruffed the opening Heart lead, and when the ♦10 was led from dummy, RHO played the King, I played the Ace, and LHO dropped the Jack. With Diamonds 1-1, and Clubs 3-1, I set up the Clubs with a 3<sup>rd</sup> round ruff, and got to dummy with the ♦9; the remaining four Clubs provided pitches for all of the losing Spades, and I claimed 7 for +1140, and a “top” board. Ironically, it takes a Spade lead to hold the contract to 6, despite the fact that the hands, combined, contain only 14 “working” HCP and 16 total points.

It is interesting to note that:

- 1) 4♥ by my opponents is cold.
- 2) They would have done well *not* to bid over 5♦, rather than drive us to the cold slam.
- 3) 6♥ would have been a good vulnerable “save,” despite the fact that my RHO held 20 HCPs.

	North
Dealer: South	♠ 7
Vul: E-W	♥ –
	♦ 109642
	♣ KJ98765

West	East
♠ J965	♠ AK103
♥ 97542	♥ AKQJ863
♦ J	♦ K
♣ Q32	♣ 10

South
♠ Q842
♥ 10
♦ AQ8753
♣ A4

Therefore, the lesson to be learned is, do *not* be a rigid “point counter.” Distribution can be a tremendous ally, and can compensate for a lack of HCPs, particularly with trump length in both hands and what is often referred to as the “magic of the double fit.” In this hand, note the power of the “double fit”; i.e., a combined eleven Diamonds and nine Clubs, and all the working points in the two suits, which justified partner’s decision to “bid one more.”

## REMEMBRANCES

The Board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League offer their condolences to the families and friends of the following members of ACBL Unit 140. They will be missed at our bridge tables. We would like to remember all who support and participate in this great game. Please notify Amy Durschlag at [amyd243@verizon.net](mailto:amyd243@verizon.net) of any deaths within our membership. Please indicate, when known, dates of passing and club(s) attended.

**Jim Bartow**

d. January 17, 2017

Frequent player at Monmouth County Aces, Jersey Bridge Club

# INTERMEDIATE CORNER

by Brett Kunin

## The Power of Distribution II

Some years ago, I wrote an article for this publication about a remarkable hand, in which slam was cold, and which my partner and I bid on 16 high card points. Such “freak” hands come up rarely, but I received many comments questioning the article’s relevance, and about how rare such an event occurs. That argument is belied by two hands that arose in the same evening in “The Common Game” on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

However, the saying “6/5, come alive” is important, and “shape” can be more important than HCPs.

	<u>North</u>
Dealer: North	♠ 1074
Vul: N-S	♥ J4
	♦ J72
	♣ KQ1095

<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ 985	♠ Q
♥ 10932	♥ AKQ86
♦ 8	♦ KQ10543
♣ AJ864	♣ 3

<u>South</u>
♠ AKJ632
♥ 75
♦ A96
♣ 72

On the first one (see above), I was East and opened 1♥ on a 1-5-6-1 sixteen-count (for which the singleton ♠Queen was of dubious value). I could not open 1♦ because the hand was far below values to reverse. After a 1♠ overcall, partner bid 3♥ pre-emptively, and my RHO bid 4♠. Not being blessed with 20/20 hindsight, and not being willing to defend, I bid 5♦, a lead-directing bid for partner in the event that the opponents bid 5♠, and when my LHO doubled, partner corrected to 5♥.

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	1♥	1♠	3♥
4♠	5♦	Dbl	5♥
All Pass			

Because of my two black suit singletons, and Hearts splitting 2/2, 5♥ was cold. Because partner held the ♣Ace opposite

my singleton, we can actually beat 4♠ by two tricks (although neither of us had a hand which could double the opponents for +500); +450 garnered all the matchpoints.

	<u>North</u>	
Dealer: East	♠ A6	
Vul: None	♥ 5	
	♦ 763	
	♣ AK108643	
		<u>East</u>
		♠ Q2
		♥ K10976
		♦ AK10982
		♣ –
	<u>West</u>	
	♠ 98753	
	♥ QJ832	
	♦ QJ	
	♣ 9	
		<u>South</u>
		♠ KJ104
		♥ A4
		♦ 54
		♣ QJ752

The second hand was even more interesting. I opened 1♥ with the East hand on a 2-5-6-0 twelve-count (and, again, with the doubleton ♠Queen being of questionable value). I again opened 1♥ with a poor suit, my LHO doubled, and partner bid 3♥ pre-emptively with his 5-5-2-1 shape and 6 HCPs. My RHO made the good bid of 5♣ (and against which I must lead the ♦Ace to hold the contract to 5). Again, not willing to defend, I bid 5♦, pass by my RHO, and partner again corrected to 5♥, which was doubled.

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
1♥	Dbl	3♥	5♣
5♦	Pass	5♥	Dbl
All Pass			

On perfect defense, this goes down one trick against the opponents’ cold game. The ♣Queen was led, I ruffed, and a led a trump. However, the defenders failed to find the Spade shift from KJ104, and I made the contract, for +650 and all the matchpoints when the Diamond suit allowed for pitching four of dummy’s losing spades.

The theme for this article: *the more shape you have, the fewer HCP you need to make game, and defending is generally incorrect.*



# MASTERPOINT RACES

## Top Three 2016 Winners by Masterpoint Range

**Mini-McKenney** medallions are awarded to the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn the *most total master points* during the previous year. All points of any color and source are counted. **Ace of Clubs** certificates are awarded to the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn *the most master points in club games* during the calendar year. Only black points are counted; points earned in STaCs and other special games paying "pigmented" points don't count. The awards are not mutually exclusive; it's possible to win either or both in the same year. The level you compete in is the one within which you started the year.

### MINI-McKENNEY

### ACE OF CLUBS

#### Masterpoint range

Masterpoint range	Player	Unit	Points	Player	Unit	Points
0 – 5	Bobby Willig	Princeton	53.26	Bobby Willig	Princeton	43.20
	Francis Gupta	Princeton	33.04	Sherry Kovacs	Livingston	30.80
	<u>Sherry Kovacs</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>32.74</u>	<u>Susan Harden</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>25.90</u>
5 – 20	Lewis Lefkowitz	Edison	61.39	Justine Robertson	Rumson	41.16
	Justine Robertson	Rumson	53.50	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	36.10
	<u>Lorraine Novinski</u>	<u>Mendham</u>	<u>45.32</u>	<u>Cooki Gulkin</u>	<u>West Caldwell</u>	<u>34.98</u>
20 – 50	Marc Weil	Ocean	64.99	Marc Weil	Ocean	55.07
	Joanne Moynihan	Monroe Twp	59.22	Ginny Mason	Princeton	47.64
	<u>Ginny Mason</u>	<u>Princeton</u>	<u>58.15</u>	<u>Joanne Moynihan</u>	<u>Monroe Twp</u>	<u>47.46</u>
50 – 100	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	106.21	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	67.64
	Arvind Sharma	Princeton Jct	88.88	Jean Lyons	S Plainfield	41.63
	<u>Edward Fisher</u>	<u>Manalapan</u>	<u>71.55</u>	<u>Ed Lyons</u>	<u>S Plainfield</u>	<u>41.63</u>
100 – 200	Teresa Chek	Bedminster	249.66	Chandu Mehta	Morris Plains	71.57
	Chandu Mehta	Morris Plains	154.24	Daniel Heyman	Lincroft	63.43
	<u>Joseph Messina</u>	<u>Waretown</u>	<u>105.75</u>	<u>Charles Dvorkin</u>	<u>Manalapan</u>	<u>62.93</u>
200 – 300	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	161.72	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	94.26
	Thomas Hunter	Milburn	97.85	Richard Perlman	Skillman	71.27
	<u>Rochelle Schack</u>	<u>West Orange</u>	<u>91.04</u>	<u>Bruce Williams</u>	<u>Oceanport</u>	<u>62.70</u>
300 – 500	Michael Lo	Bedminster	255.85	Foster Osborne	Summit	117.21
	Foster Osborne	Summit	203.00	Jeremy Glaser	North Caldwell	85.12
	<u>Elayne Pollet</u>	<u>East Hanover</u>	<u>126.63</u>	<u>Tina Frankel</u>	<u>Short Hills</u>	<u>81.88</u>
500 – 1000	Zhuo Wang	Jersey City	190.80	Colin Kelley	Cedar Knolls	113.29
	David Sutton	West Orange	160.25	Barbara Codispoti	Mount Arlington	104.77
	<u>Susan Atteridge</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>152.27</u>	<u>Rita Whitney</u>	<u>Kendall Park</u>	<u>99.56</u>
1000 – 1500	Neeta Mone	Livingston	385.98	Summer Freedman	Short Hills	172.52
	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	261.21	Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany	148.09
	<u>Neal Jaffe</u>	<u>Belle Mead</u>	<u>222.94</u>	<u>Larry Youell</u>	<u>South Orange</u>	<u>139.53</u>
1500 – 2500	Nat Zucker	Monroe Twp	286.56	Frank Hymus	Bridgewater	159.22
	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	235.10	Elyse Menashe	Deal	136.53
	<u>Frank Hymus</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>177.25</u>	<u>Ross Pomeroy</u>	<u>Hillsboro</u>	<u>132.91</u>
2500 – 3500	Joan Brody	Livingston	428.70	Adeline Some	Boca Raton FL	174.27
	Sam Borenstein	West Orange	383.09	Robin Shamah	Oakhurst	145.49
	<u>David DuBois</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>348.42</u>	<u>Stephen Garreffa</u>	<u>Randolph</u>	<u>129.25</u>
3500 – 5,000	Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	782.67	E. Freeman Bunn	Vero Beach FL	249.27
	Donna Dulet	Ocean	389.29	Donna Dulet	Ocean	190.17
	<u>Richard Ross</u>	<u>Highland Park</u>	<u>378.69</u>	<u>Lee Schwartz</u>	<u>Morris Plains</u>	<u>186.76</u>
5000 – 7500	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	542.86	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	336.91
	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	439.06	Marla Chaikin	Savannah GA	258.97
	<u>Alex Perlin</u>	<u>Metuchen</u>	<u>403.80</u>	<u>Jeannine Mancini</u>	<u>Verona</u>	<u>239.77</u>
7500 – 10,000	William Ehlers	Madison	723.95	Cheryl Angel	Livingston	165.27
	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	637.71	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	150.34
	<u>Alexander Allen</u>	<u>Annandale</u>	<u>531.12</u>	<u>Cynthia Schneider</u>	<u>East Brunswick</u>	<u>142.54</u>
10,000+	William Esberg	Long Branch	303.97	Lester Sokolower	Verona	223.26
	Lester Sokolower	Verona	266.00	William Esberg	Long Branch	191.83
	<u>Barbara Tepper</u>	<u>Verona</u>	<u>148.93</u>	<u>Barbara Tepper</u>	<u>Verona</u>	<u>122.40</u>

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE

## Top Three 2016 Winners by Masterpoint Range

### MEN

0 – 50	Lewis Lefkowitz	Edison	14.77
	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	10.32
	<u>Shangsan Qian</u>	<u>E Brunswick</u>	<u>10.32</u>
50 – 100	Zuguang Tian	Kendall Park	11.80
	Alan Helfman	Westfield	7.97
	<u>Pramod Khanna</u>	<u>East Windsor</u>	<u>7.30</u>
100 – 200	Chandu Mehta	Morris Plains	19.95
	Joseph Wright	Westfield	12.47
	<u>Wayne Kuan</u>	<u>Kendall Park</u>	<u>11.80</u>
200 – 300	Sen-Yuan Wu	Lawrenceville	10.32
	Kirshan Arora	Somerset	5.77
	<u>Richard Marcus</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>5.77</u>
300 – 1000	Robert Brolin	Plainsboro	26.56
	Michael Fried	Edison	20.55
	<u>Zhuo Wang</u>	<u>Jersey City</u>	<u>18.90</u>
1000 – 2500	Leonard Myers	Elizabeth	34.60
	Stanley Weiss	Livingston	31.78
	<u>Neil Jaffe</u>	<u>Belle Mead</u>	<u>30.30</u>
2500+	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	120.27
	Richard Ross	Highland Park	62.85
	<u>Dennis Thompson</u>	<u>Lake Hiawatha</u>	<u>59.02</u>

### WOMEN

Cynthia Prell	Morristown	8.67
Debbie Faigen	Lawrenceville	5.64
<u>Niobe Schabert</u>	<u>Holmdel</u>	<u>4.85</u>
Jean Lyons	S Plainfield	6.87
Ann Nelson	Mantoloking	4.85
<u>Ruth McClellan</u>	<u>Lakewood</u>	<u>3.61</u>
Teresa Chek	Bedminster	11.49
Flo Lippman	Springfield	3.50
<u>Fran Meyer</u>	<u>Wayside</u>	<u>3.14</u>
Beverly Ross	Monroe Twp	4.81
Linda Pitone	Dayton	3.46
<u>Kathy Arshan</u>	<u>Jackson</u>	<u>3.42</u>
Marlene Levitt	West Orange	11.53
189001 Arnold	Basking Ridge	8.60
<u>Susan Atteridge</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>6.07</u>
Wendy Lee	East Hanover	12.22
Ruth Yeselson	Highland Park	12.06
<u>Sharon Gross</u>	<u>Pt Pleasant Bch</u>	<u>9.43</u>
Donna Dulet	West Deal	34.65
Cynthia Schneider	E Brunswick	32.54
<u>Dori Byrnes</u>	<u>Morris Plains</u>	<u>21.34</u>

## KOHN'S KORNER #4

*by Arnold Kohn*

### Preemption: Part II

The use of *Inverted Minor Suit Raises*, where the jump raise shows 5-card (or more) support but less than 10 high card points, is an excellent method to interfere with the opponents' auctions. A jump bid in partner's Major suit opening, showing 4-card support but, less than 7 high card points, is also a preemptive tool. This is a method advanced by Marty Bergen. The bid of 3♦ over partner's opening of one of a Major now shows a limit (10-12 high card points) raise with four card support. 3♣ shows a constructive raise (7-9 high card points)

Another excellent method to preempt an auction is a jump raise of partner's overcalls. When partner overcalls an opening bid and you hold 4 or more cards in his suit, but limited values (points), make a preemptive jump bid. With a stronger hand (9 or more high card points), make a cue bid in the opponent's suit to show those values.

One of the best preemptive tools occurs when partner opens one of a Major and you hold 5-card (or more) support, very limited values, and a singleton or void in an outside suit. In this case, raise your partner's Major suit to game. You may even make your contract, but you will certainly make it very difficult for the opponents.

# NO-SUIT BRIDGE

by Peter Wright

One of the less-heralded discoveries of MER – that’s the Mars Exploration Rover for all you dummies out there – is that a variation of our game, called No-Suit Bridge, was played on the Red Planet only a couple of eons ago. This form of bridge became hugely popular, spreading from Sea to Shining Martian Sea and finally to other planets in the hood. It never made an impact on Earth Bridge but you know how stubborn we Neanderthals were (and still are!). Otherwise, No-Suit Bridge went platinum, Solar System-wise, and spawned a host of spiffy, if short-lived, bidding systems. But I digress.

## No-Suit Bridge Revealed

No-Suit contracts may be played at any level from 1 to 7 in any of the four No-Suits, which are termed No-Clubs, No-Diamonds, No-Hearts, and No-Spades.

A No-Suit contract is played like a No-Trump contract, except that the No-Suit is “forbidden”; that is, *no player may ever lead that Suit at any point in play*.

In the event that a player is on lead with nothing but No-Suit cards left – a situation as painful as it is despicable – the lead must be relinquished to the player to the left of the miscreant.

In the event that all four players are stuck with unleadable No-Suit cards, there will accordingly be fewer than 13 tricks available to the declarer and the defense, combined. Better players are adept at avoiding such traps, colloquially known as “falling into the gutter.”

In view of the possible – in fact likely – predicament cited above, players new to No-Suit Bridge should beware of bidding high-level Suit contracts, because all cards they hold in the No-Suit are losers from the get-go.

Think about it: do not bid, say, 7 No-Spades without a void in Spades, unless you are certain that partner has a long Suit suitable for pitching your Spades on.

In a No-Suit contract, a clever declarer or defender will discard No-Suit cards as early as convenient and legal, since such cards are useless nuisances.

Trick values for No-Suits are the same as for Suits, except that each “first trick” is worth 5 more points.

A No-Suit bid ranks just above the equivalent Suit bid. Thus, at the one-level, the possible range of bids, given in order of increasing rank, is as follows:

1♣, 1 No-♣, 1♦, 1 No-♦, 1♥, 1 No-♥, 1♠, 1 No-♠, 1 NT

Are you ready to see No-Suit Bridge in action? Here’s a hand from the Sol System Semis, Mars vs Jupiter, played at South Mars City on June 16, Star-Date -811,477:

Dlr: West	♠ 642	♠ AKQJ987
Vul: E-W (Jupiter)	♥ AKQ	♥ J109
	♦ 975	♦ AK2
	♣ 10742	♣ –
	♠ 1053	♠ –
	♥ 865432	♥ 7
	♦ 63	♦ QJ1084
	♣ 65	♣ AKQJ983

West	North	East	South
Pass <sup>1</sup>	Pass <sup>2</sup>	1♠ <sup>3</sup>	5♣ <sup>4</sup>
Pass <sup>5</sup>	Pass <sup>6</sup>	5♠ <sup>7</sup>	5No-♠ <sup>8</sup>
Pass <sup>9</sup>	Pass <sup>10</sup>	*&0^%\$# <sup>11</sup>	

1. Plutonians would have opened this hand 1♣, which in their Timid Club system showed a max of 0 HCP.
2. Venusian experts favored opening a hand like this with their Outlandish 1♠, showing in advance 3-card support for what they *hoped* would be partner’s 5-card Spade Suit.
3. A typically conservative Jovian opening bid. But stay tuned!
4. Martians habitually had allergic reactions to enemy Spade bids,
5. (Yawn)
6. Legend has it that this Pass was made in exquisitely proper tempo.
7. Presumptive wretch! Durst think to intimidate *moi*?
8. Yea, verily, I doth durst!
9. Did anybody order pizza yet?
10. With any other Martian, I’d raise to 7, but I’ve played with this turkey before!
11. Untranslatable. Ruled a Pass by the Uranian TD, plus a harsh 20-IMP (Interplanetary Match Point) penalty.

The Jovian West, stunned by the TD’s ruling, smartly snapped a Spade down on the table. “*Negatory!*” roared the Martians in unison. “We’re in No-Spades. You can’t lead them until the next hand, and maybe not even then!”

Don’t you love it? With Spade leads *verboten*, and absent any trumps, the Martian South (he just happened to be a *South* Martian, by the way) wrapped up an easy 11 tricks in 5 No-♠, losing only the ♦AK. Oh, what a bees knees of an improvement! And what a triumph for democracy! No longer need Spades be the tyrannical Master Suit. In one swell foop, a fatal flaw in Earth Bridge has been deflated!

Tell your friends! Join the Revolution! Write to the ACBL! Oh, and ask Larry Cohen to revise the LTT.

# MILESTONES

## Changes in Rank: November - December

### Gold Life Master

Elyse Menashe	Deal
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### Ruby Life Master

Neeta Mone	Livingston
Hans Neuteboom	Manchester

### Silver Life Master

Nancy Clancy	Chatham
Barbara Codispoti	Mount Arlington
Adrienne Ern	Lincroft
Kathleen Nodzak	Somerset
Joan Prezioso	Red Bank
Patricia Taylor	Princeton

### Bronze Life Master

Alan Blake	East Brunswick
Kirsten Deutsche	Mountain Lakes
Peggy Hall	Summit
Carol Miller	West Orange
Henry Van Handle	Succasunna

### Life Master

Dorid Lamb	Summit
Jagdish Mody	Old Bridge

### Advanced NABC Master

Chandu Mehta	Morris Plains
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### NABC Master

Judy Arshan	Kendall Park
Kathy Arshan	Jackson
Bonnie Conroy	Montclair
Trina Frankel	Short Hills
Barbara Pagos	South Orange
Stephen Riepenhoff	Skillman
John Shotliff	Tinton Falls

### Regional Master

Manoj Kanti Deb-Roy	Somerset
Suzy Gumm	Chatham
Anand Mhaskar	Succasunna
Eileen Rosen	Short Hills
Caryl Sills	Tinton Falls

### Sectional Master

Cooki Gulkin	West Caldwell
Mary Lawrence	Rumson
Lore Macdonald	Rumson
Lorraine Novinski	Mendham
Kathleen Riepenhoff	Skillman
Justine Robertson	Rumson
Herbert Shulman	Colts Neck
Qing Xia	Short Hills

### Club Master

Trevor Barnett	Monre Township
Karen Catlett	Boonton Twp
Charles Clark	Hillsborough
Gail Connolly	Pt Pleasant Bch
Molly Cotton	Cedar Grove
Millie Galligan	Fair Haven
Tony Gribin	Ocean
Joy Hochstadt	Holmdel
Louise Irving	Princeton
Laine Maurer	New Providence
Phyllis Meichel	Pittstown
Lynn Petrino	Mountainside
Janet Rotchford	Rumson
Jon Schweitzer	Scotch Plains
Carol Windfield	Livingston

### Junior Master

Jack Beekman	Tucson AZ
Carol Billet-Fessler	Springfield
Hildegard Bucking	Morristown
Cionna Buckley	Little Silver
Bill Cassano	Berkeley Hts
Joan Corwin	Long Valley
Walter Corwin	Long Valley
Leslie Degeorges	Millington
Carol Franklin	Morristown
Terry Fricker	Somerville
Jody Giedraitis	Summit
Susan Glynn	Middletown
Alan Gotliffe	Chatham
Catherine Gotliffe	Chatham
Annette Greenbaum	South Orange
Ruth Joy Koch	West Orange
Xiang Lu	Monroe Twp
Wendy Lubin	Livingston
Bernard Murphy	Little Silver
Joel Novendstern	Montclair
Giovanni Peterkin	Orange
Lisa Pollak	Flander
Judith Polonofsky	Verona
Anita Porto	Summit
Miguel Porto	Summit
Beverly Reiss	Little Silver
Dale Reyer	Summit
Joy Scally	Essex Fells
Tamar Schneider	Summit
Angela Solomon	Somerset
Susan Tarnofsky	West Orange



## WHAT'S NEW IN DUPLICATE?

By the time you read this, a representative of the Bridge Company will have given a demo of its **Bridge+More** system at the conclusion of a Unit 141 sectional event in January, 2017 at the Bala Golf Club in Philadelphia.

Here's a brief description:

- A dealing device sits on each table. There are no boards to pass.
- A central server, synched to a computer, downloads hands electronically to each dealing device.
- Cards are dealt in real time, the next hand being dealt (*quietly*, we are told) while the current hand is being played. Each table therefore needs two card decks.
- Electronic scoring and hand record generation are included
- Unspecified bells and whistles are also available for those who want to add them.

This may or may not become the system of choice for duplicate tournaments in the future. Prices for the system are not listed on the Bridge Company website.

The cost may exceed what smallish clubs can afford – or not. For larger clubs and for events at the sectional level or higher, **Bridge+More** might be what we encounter at some point before we have, uh, “shuffled” off this mortal coil.

If you want to know more, here are a few facts derived from the “About Us” tab on the company's home page:

- The Bridge Company's headquarters is in Denmark.
- It is owned by a group of private investors.
- **Bridge+More** was first used at an international tournament in January 2015 at the Copenhagen Bridge Invitational.

*This has been a Public Service Announcement. Your editor is **not** a Bridge Company investor, or even a flunky thereof. In any case, your leg is not being pulled. If in doubt, check out the following link to a site at which the company describes its system functions.*

<http://bridgecompany.com/bridge-features-2/>

## CLUB DOINGS

### Shrine Center Bridge Club

**NEW: Monday evening Stratified Pair Game** at 6:00 pm - \$8.00 entry.

Wednesday evening Stratified Pair Game at 6:30 pm - \$8.00 entry

Free Friday lecture at 12 noon

Supervised play Friday mornings at 9:30 am.

If you want to learn how to play Bridge, not just play at Bridge, call us for private lessons from the best instructors in the area.

**New Improved Swiss Teams.** Come and try our new format of Swiss.

Players are "handicapped" and given extra IMPs to compete on a more level playing field!

**CHARITY WEEK EVERY MONTH – NO EXTRA FEE, EXTRA POINTS**

**Experience the Humorous and Informative Teaching Style of Larry Cohen!** We have an amazing opportunity for you! Cohen, the 2011 ACBL Honorary Member of the Year and 26-time National Champion, will come to lecture at the Shrine Center Bridge Club on Thursday, August 31. Don't be left out – register now! Please contact [shrinecenterbridgeclub@gmail.com](mailto:shrinecenterbridgeclub@gmail.com) for information regarding this event.

**CHECK OUR CALENDAR FOR DATES AND ALL SPECIAL EVENTS**

# BIG GAMES: NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

(must have at least 5 tables to qualify)



OPEN		
75.00%	Jonathon Eskridge / Cynthia Prell	Jersey
74.11%	Cheryl Angel / Lester Sokolower	Shrine
73.50%	Beau Norton / Harold Schachter	Toms River
73.48%	James White / John Dellosso	Scotch Plains
72.54%	Mark Mohr / Dennis Thompson	Essex
72.47%	Jacek Leznicki / Judy Rothstein	Essex
71.68%	Barbara Tepper / Lester Sokolower	Shrine
71.31%	Julie Cohan / Doree Sobel	Essex
71.11%	Bill Wehrle / Roger Matthews	Murray Hill
70.45%	Jane Grewcock / Peggy Hall	Canoe Brook
70.25%	Elizabeth Evans / Bruce Witzel	Scotch Plains
70.04%	Rita Whitney / Peter Wright	BCCNJ
70.00%	John Dellosso / James White	Scotch Plains
LIMITED and INVITATIONAL		
83.20%	Bernadine David / Leslie Zucker	Essex
82.44%	George Gluck / Dolores Christy	Essex
81.55%	Alan Gotliffe / Cathy Gotliffe	Essex
77.38%	Debra Shelkowitz / Sandra Ditalia	Essex
75.89%	Loretta A. Smith / Sue Fast	Essex
75.63%	Lisa Phenev / Edith Koenig	Four Seasons
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LIMITED and INVITATIONAL		
74.75%	Laine Maurer / Diane Pereira	Essex
74.11%	Lisa Toffey / Lisa Celona	Essex
74.11%	Ellen Waldman / Herb Waldman	Essex
73.89%	Marv Reber / Suzy Gumm	Essex
73.04%	Barbara Ramsay / Page Chapman	Essex
72.77%	Phyllis Newmark / Herb Potash	Essex
72.62%	Jeff Fass / Marvin Wertheimer	Essex
72.62%	Dolores Christy / George Gluck	Essex
72.61%	Karin Devlin / Janet Wilson	Rumson
72.57%	Page Chapman / Barbara Ramsay	Essex
72.52%	Jody Giedraitis / Laine Maurer	Essex
72.21%	Diane Pereira / Laine Maurer	Essex
72.02%	Robert Levitt / Marvin Wertheimer	Essex
71.52%	Marcia Mirsky / Polly Krupnick	Essex
71.17%	Ta-Kuan Chiang / Yi-Ling Chiang	BCCNJ
71.14%	Sherry Kovacs / Debra Shelkowitz	Essex
71.14%	Martha Chjamberlain / Bev Lawrence	Rumson
71.13%	Ed Lyons / Jean Lyons	BCCNJ
70.98%	Richard Huzar / Gwen Coleman	Essex
70.83%	Mitch Firger / Wendy Bregman	Essex
70.63%	Steven Feldhamer / Eleanor Wiener	Essex
70.24%	Marvin Wertheimer / Robert Levitt	Essex

## UNIT 140 DOUBLE KNOCKOUT TEAMS

**Congratulations to top finishers!**

### Open Flight, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Steve Albin, Steve Arshan,  
Will Ehlers, Himanshu Joshi,  
Richard Ross, Dennis Thompson



### Open Flight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Leora Dubrovsky, Rich Dubrovsky,  
Howard Halpern, Arnie Kohn,  
Cynthia Schneider, Eli Schneider



### Flight B, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Teresa Chek, Howard Chen,  
Michael Lo, Chung-Zong Wan,  
Chorngour Yang

### Flight B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Amy Durschlag, Jay Eisenberg,  
Jared Everett, Trina Frankel,  
Bernadette Pilchman, Diane Radwill

# YOUTH BRIDGE

by Barbara Clark

## Investing in Our Youth

Sixteen-year-old *Eric Lou* and his brother *Tim*, age nineteen, have been awarded a \$20,000 grant by the *ACBL Education Foundation* to develop a software application to teach bridge. These two young men convinced the judges that they know how young people think.

Eric and Tim maintain that the problem with most instructional software is that it lacks sufficient interest to sustain the motivation to learn. Their proposal builds in challenges that are fun and provides awards and incentives not only for kids to learn the game but also to get them playing in clubs. Their immediate goal is to have a beta version of their online program ready to demonstrate at the Kansas City NABC, scheduled for March 9-19, 2017.

In response to a request from the Orange Education Foundation for technical assistance, the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) has committed to assisting in the development of the program, for which they are very grateful.

Further resources have been provided by expert/teacher Larry Cohen and by Patty Tucker, co-creator of the ACBL's Learn Bridge in a Day. Ms. Tucker has been especially helpful in providing beginning bridge materials for the two brothers.

Congratulations to Eric and Tim Lou and best wishes for success in their enterprise!

## Autumnfest Newpicate and Youth Pairs

Kudos to *Lynn Chapin*, co-owner of the Jersey Bridge Club, who hosted the *Autumnfest Newpicate and Youth Pairs* at her club with a touch of class and elegance. In addition to running a flawless event, she provided each participant a gift bag with convention card holder and other helpful items. The winners were:

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| 1st Place             | Maia Walzer, Santori Woolfolk,<br>Eric Lou, Kyle Lui                      |
| 2nd Place             | Sayed Bennett, Giovanni Peterkin,<br>Martha Johnson-Jackson, A'rina Black |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | Tamyra Rumble, Ibrahima Sacko,<br>Chidumebi Iherobiem,<br>Jamaal Ndiaye   |

## Winter Sectional Overall Winners

On, December 10, 2016, students from Orange participated in the *Winter Sectional Youth Bridge Tournament* at Woodbridge. A total of 30 students from around northern New Jersey participated in the competition, playing 18 hands and changing tables 6 times.

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| 1st Place | Eric Lou, Christina Wang             |
| 2nd Place | Merly Alcius, Iyahna Barrett         |
| 3rd Place | Martha Johnson-Jackson, A'rina Black |
| 4th Place | Jahiem Watson, Justin Dapaah         |
| 5th Place | Sayed Bennett, Reid Busse            |

## Winners: Autumnfest Youth Pairs



**Santori Woolfolk  
and Maia Walzer**



**Eric Lou and  
Kyle Lui**



**Martha Johnson-Jackson  
and A'rina Black**



**Sayed Bennett and  
Giovanni Peterkin**



**Tamyra Rumble  
and Ibrahima Sacko**



**Jamaal Ndiaye and  
Chidumebi Iherobiem**