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A FINE ROMANCE

Lyrics by Dorothy Field

♪ Tune by Jerome Kern ♪

*A fine romance, with no kisses,
A fine romance, my friend, this is.*

*I might as well play bridge
with my old maid aunts.*

I haven't got a chance.

This is a fine romance!





New Jersey Bridge League
SPRING SECTIONAL
May 19-21, 2017

Hungarian-American Citizens Club
95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Playing site phone: 732-634-9697
Tournament Chair: Joe Lebretoire at 732-739-9782



Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

10:00 AM: ● Open Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs
 ● Youth Bridge (19 & under, 0-50 mp's) – Trophies for Winners; Free Entries
 For further info, contact Barbara Clark at 973-736-1969
 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, May 21

9:30 AM: ● Light breakfast
 10:30 AM: ● Seven-round Bracketed Round Robin Teams. Team average master points 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 master points of the pair. In any event or flight with a master point 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, May 12th, to be guaranteed a partner. Email your request to George Browne at 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, 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 salads 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 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.

COOPERATIVE DEFENSE AT IMPS

by Brett Kunin

FOR THE ADVANCING PLAYER

Playing in a Swiss event at the last Tarrytown regional, and, with both sides non-vul, you open 1♦ in first chair, there is a 1NT overcall by your LHO, partner bids 3♦ (which, by agreement at imps, you play as constructive), and after some hesitation, your RHO bids 3♥, ending the auction.

West	North	East	South
1♦	1NT	3♦	3♥
All Pass			

You are on lead, holding:

♠ A763
♥ A52
♦ KJ53
♣ Q7

None of your lead choices are particularly attractive (although, on the faint chance that partner actually holds Kxx of clubs, you might engineer a club ruff). If you decide to lead a Diamond, which one do you lead? My partner, Sam Borenstein, tabled the ♦J! He reasoned that I very well could hold ♦A10xxx for my constructive raise – I promised 5 by bidding to the 3-level – and even if the 1NT overcaller did have the most likely holding of ♦AQx, declarer would be presented with a losing option, based on the deceptive lead. Dummy actually tabled:

♠ 92
♥ QJ7
♦ AQ9
♣ AJ963

After some thought, declarer played the ♦A, and it was my turn to play, holding:

♠ KQ84
♥ 63
♦ 108762
♣ K4

It was not too difficult to realize what partner had done, and I therefore played the ♦10, promising Spade values.

Declarer played a Spade from the board, and I played the ♠Q, which held. It was apparent that declarer was trying to ruff a Spade in dummy, so at

trick #3 I led the ♥6, which my partner ducked appropriately. A second Spade was played from the table, and I won the ♠K, and led my second trump. My partner won the ♥A, played his third trump, and our defense won 3 Spades, one Club, and the trump Ace to beat the contract by one trick. Although 2♠ may actually make (even with a Diamond ruff), it is a contract that is virtually impossible to get to with normal methods after a 1NT overcall. Interestingly enough, if partner is in 3♦, he may bring it home, holding losers to two Diamonds, one Club, and one Heart.

When we compared results with our teammates, we learned that our efforts were *not* in vain, as our N-S counterparts were in 3♣, which, with 2/2 clubs, is virtually cold on any defense for +110.

North
♠ 92
♥ QJ7
♦ AQ9
♣ AJ963

West
♠ A763
♥ A52
♦ KJ53
♣ Q7

East
♠ KQ84
♥ 63
♦ 108762
♣ K4

South
♠ J105
♥ K10984
♦ 4
♣ 10852

With 110+50=160, we won 4 imps. Note that if we had failed to beat 3♥, we would have been 110-140 = -30 for a 1-imp loss. Our cooperative defense meant a 5-imp swing. Although you will often hear that imps is played in game and slam, as opposed to matchpoints, which is played at the 2- or 3-level, at imps: (1) do not underestimate the importance of winning part-score battles; (2) bidding the limit of your hand immediately and giving the opponents the last guess is often a winning tactic; and, (3) thoughtful defense of a part-score contract is often the difference between winning and losing a match.

KOHN'S CORNER #5

by Arnold Kohn

HAND EVALUATION

You are dealt:

♠ A63
♥ A96
♦ 9432
♣ A87

and you are faced with the decision to open the hand or not. You do have 12 HCP, so according to modern methods you should open. You also have three quick tricks, and that in most methods is an automatic opening bid. The real criterion is that the hand may be worth, at most, four tricks. Ron Klinger has devised an evaluation called *losing trick count*, in which all Aces, protected Kings and Queens, and all cards after the third card of any suit are considered winners. Every other card in the hand is considered to be a loser. Klinger proposes

that only seven-loser hands or better (i.e., ones with fewer losers) should be opened. The hand above is a nine-loser hand, and he recommends that you *Pass* with it.

Marty Bergen's *Rule of 20* states that if the sum of your HCP plus the number of cards in your two longest suits equals 20 or more, you should open, so the hand above does *not* qualify as an opening bid.

The game of Bridge is based on getting to a contract, in which you collect the number of tricks you have contracted for. I think the best solution is to combine all of the hand evaluation methods and think in terms of trick-taking ability instead of just relying on point count before making a bid or passing.

NO MORE SIT-OUTS !!

Use of BBO robots and the Common Game

Clubs wishing to make their games more attractive to players may take advantage of a fairly new wrinkle in the world of duplicate bridge: the use of BBO robots to make up full tables. For players, this eliminates pre-game dread of an announcement of a sit-out round for N-S or else E-W pairs.

The setup can be for either direction; for now, we'll assume E-W. In a round in which E-W would otherwise have had a sit-out, they get to play the boards of that round against BBO (Bridge Base Online) robots. The *East* hand will be displayed on one of a pair of laptops (or tablets); the *West* hand, on the other. The bidding and play occur as you may already have experienced with BBO online play. The approach can be extended to accommodate three players who need a robot for the 4th, or a single player who needs one robot partner and two robot opponents.

The requirements, in addition to a table for the two laptops /tablets, include electronic scoring devices, a director's PC to serve as a host computer, and reliable wifi connectivity. Club directors may opt to use the

Common Game, which means, as with STaC games, that results are compared not only within a club but to results of many other players participating at clubs all over the country at the same time. Alternatively, directors may generate and upload sets of boards for exclusive use at their own clubs and still take advantage of robot players to insure that all tables are "full."

BBO robots play a basic 2/1 bidding system. They are designated "ineligible" for masterpoint award purposes, so they will never cost you a place in the final standings. (In case you wouldn't play with robots if they were the last beings on earth, you can opt for "no-play" scoring on your sit-out round.)

The system has been tried in at least one Unit 140 club but was discontinued. On the other hand, the Bridge Club of Center City in Philadelphia reports great success with it. For further info, access

<http://www.philadelphiabridge.info/>

and scroll down to "R2D2 and C3PO New Members of Bridge Club of Center City."

THE BRIDGE CONNECTION

by Rosalie Slutsky

There is so much we can learn to make our bridge game more enjoyable and fun. The following tidbits will add to your enjoyment of the “world’s most popular card game.”

Twisting the Knife Bid. Let us say you have just heard partner make a pre-emptive bid and you are looking at a ton of trumps in your own hand and typically some shortness in other suits. Provided you think you will not go down any more than two or three tricks, *raise* partner’s opening bid. The opponents want to bid and you are just *twisting the knife*, making it much more difficult for them to find their “makeable” contract. Partner must remember that you are twisting the knife – *not* inviting partner to make another bid.

Your partner opens the bidding with 1NT. What is your bid, holding:

♠ K104
♥ 3
♦ KQJ9653
♣ AQ

Answer: bid 4♣, **Gerber**, Ace-asking. You have a powerful hand and 12 tricks are very likely. You want to know how many Aces partner has. If partner answers 4♥ (showing one Ace), you can sign off in 5♦. If partner answers 4♠ (two Aces) or 4NT (three Aces), you can bid a small slam in Diamonds.

When partner opens 1NT, *always* transfer to your 5-card-or-longer major suit and – if you can use “especially” in the same sentence as “always” –

especially when holding *zero HCP*. After all, your hand is useless to partner unless your 5-card suit is the trump suit.

The **Reverse Bid**. This is a *non-jump* bid by opener which will force responder to choose one of your suits. If responder must bid at the three-level to choose your first-bid suit, you have made a **Reverse Bid**. Hence, you must have the playing strength of at least 17 HCP. By “playing strength” I am suggesting that with highly distributional hands – 6/5, etc. – you can have fewer HCP if your *honor* cards are in your bid suits.

FYI: **Reverse Bids** are made with *non*-balanced hands and the first bid suit is always longer than the second bid suit. If you have two suits of the same length, bid the higher ranking one, then the lower ranking one, even with 17 HCP. You should jump-shift with 18 or more HCP.

Your partner opens the bidding with 2NT. What is your bid, holding:

♠ J4
♥ Q73
♦ K1074
♣ AQ84

Answer: bid 4NT. This is an invitation for partner to bid slam. You have 12 HCP and partner has either 20 or 21. Slam is extremely likely and partner will accept the invitation on almost any hand except one with 20 HCP and 4-3-3-3 distribution.

POD MISBEHAVES, A-GAIN!

by Peter Wright

Kay, see, I'm North and Pod opens with a Kringading One Hot, explodin the nostrum that he alluz bids my *shorty* and alluz com-*Pounds* his erruh by holdin a shorty in my *longy*. Whatever I bid, Pod ain't gottem. Cept *this* time he *do*, or rather, *I* do.

North
 ♠ Q9742
 Dealer: South ♥ AQ42
 Vul: Both ♦ 2
 ♣ 765

But while I'm doin some lippy-lickin, Righty muddies the wawas by bangin down a 1♠ cod. Barely suppressin a con-*Temptious* snort, I ponder a dubbl, but scrub that! Pod kin never stinguish tween my penalty dubbls and those of the negatory persuasion. See, he'll mis-co-*Operate*, like alluz, an bid one a them infernal minus-suits. Charming!

So, I put on my best Sunday smirk an raise Righty to 2♠. (If Pod forgits – a-*Gain!* – an leaves this call unmolested, I will opt to play 2♠ with Righty's hand as dummy. You may consult the Laws of Duplicate Bridge – Law #94 – to learn more about this seldom-exercised, rope-a-dope strategy.)

But Lefty, he save Pod barrassment by uppın the aunty to 3♠. Pod tanks, proolly wondrin if the *Bridge Bulletin* will write him up if he makes a 4th consecutive Spayd bid. Stead, he *Pro*-duces a 4♦ cod. 4♦??? Holy guacamoly! He muss think my Q-bid was Michaels for the minus, or mebbe he's showin keycods in case my 2♠ call was Premature Blackwood. With Pod, you kin never tell.

Righty saves me a ton of frettin with a rip-snortin 4♠ cod, spite the fact I'm famous for holdin five trumps even when they have ten trumps tweenem. Silently givin thanks for the sumptuous dinner prepared before me by mine enemies, I casually extract my most penalty-oriented dubbl cod from the biddin box and let it waft ever so coyly onto the table.

Lefty makes the first pass of the hand as I blissfully begin countin mental sugarplums: 200, 500, 800 . . . Great Thunderin Hoptoads! Pod's tankin – a-*Gain!*!!

I begin broadcastin tsunami-sized brainwaves at him: *green* cod! *green* cod! I even send him an option to put down the black cod, a redubbl of my dubbl; t'ain't legal, but t'won't won't ruin my digestion.

But whoa is me! Pod, he don't hold with no ESP transmissions. See, he lives *down* to my expectations, makin what might courteously be *De*-scribed as an advance sacrifice bid, if one were *Dis*-posed to be courteous, which *I* categorically *ain't*. He *Con*-tracts for a Hot slam, while my eyeballs con-*Tract* like they aim to relocate to the back of my head.

Pod's e-*Gregious* an ob-*Noxious* slam call gets the dubbl it so eminently *De*-serves from Lefty. I give serious consideration to sacrificin in 6♠ myself, but scrub that too! Let *Pod* go down in flames, not me. I pull out a dubbl cod to show my dis-*Dain*, but mine enemies disallow it. So here's the latest episode in the series of transgressions I call *Bidding Bad*:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♠	3♠
4♦	4♠	Dbl	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All Pass			

All nonchalant-like, Pod ruffs the openin lead of the ♠A and draws two rounds of Hots. Then he starts on Dymans, cashin the Ace, and then crossruffin a pair of Spayds and a pair of Dymans. Then he claims, generously conseedin a Club, an I'm like fallin off my chair. He's makin six for a perfectly de-*Lectable* score of **1660!** (You could add it up.)

North
 ♠ Q9742
 ♥ AQ42
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 765

West	East
♠ AJ865	♠ K103
♥ 7	♥ J8
♦ 986	♦ Q104
♣ KQ32	♣ AJ1084

South
 ♠ –
 ♥ K109653
 ♦ AKJ753
 ♣ 9

Recoverin my poise with alacrity, I quickly denounce Pod for playin sloppy . . . a-*Gain!*!! He shoulda pitched 3 Clubs from dummy on his long Dymans, ruffed his Club, an made 7 for **1880**. Tsk! Fie! Tut!

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 Paul.Kiefer619@gmail.com of any deaths within our membership; indicate, when known, dates of passing and club(s) attended.

Carl Gardiner

d. March 17, 2017
Frequent player at Rumson and
Seabright clubs

Rita Rosenberg

d. March 10, 2017
Frequent player at Monroe and
Princeton clubs

Ida Halpern

d. January 27, 2017
Frequent player at Monroe clubs

Carlotta Niles

d. March 28, 2017
Frequent player at Jersey Bridge Center

Marilyn Greenberg

d. February 7, 2017
Frequent player at Shrine Center

Peter Wolfe

d. 2017
Frequent player at Shrine Center

PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE

Standings by Range as of April 1, 2017

MEN

0 – 50	William Schoener	Maplewood	4.08
	John Gimblette	Lakewood	3.95
	<u>Gilbert Meierhans</u>	<u>Metuchen</u>	<u>3.57</u>
50 – 100	Dinkar Pujara	Edison	3.95
	Bobby Willig	Princeton	3.01
	<u>Jack Schrum</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>2.56</u>
100 – 200	Pramod Khanna	East Windsor	4.60
	Jesse Cohen	Califon	2.90
	<u>Francis Gupta</u>	<u>Princeton</u>	<u>2.26</u>
200 – 300	Daniel Cooperberg	Monroe Township	4.49
	Arthur Van Blerkom	Monroe Township	4.37
	<u>Joseph Wright</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>2.91</u>
300 – 1000	Michael Lo	Bedminster	11.77
	Garry Goldberg	Scotch Plains	6.35
	<u>Michael Hewlett</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>6.05</u>
1000 – 2500	Leonard Myers	Elizabeth	27.36
	Bob Wang	Parlin	17.55
	<u>Neil Jaffe</u>	<u>Belle Mead</u>	<u>14.13</u>
2500+	Richard Ross	Highland Park	29.02
	Will Ehlers	Madison	23.63
	<u>Stephen Cooper</u>	<u>Belle Mead</u>	<u>20.65</u>

WOMEN

Janet Schoener	Maplewood	2.91
Leila Walsh	Jersey City	2.84
<u>Jo Ann Nehr</u>	<u>Skillman</u>	<u>2.24</u>
Joanne Moynihan	Monroe Township	4.37
Ginny Mason	Princeton	3.01
<u>Lois Shindelman</u>	<u>Princeton</u>	<u>3.01</u>
Jane Yarian	Princeton	3.01
Felicia Freed	Califon	2.90
<u>Helene Buckwald</u>	<u>Princeton</u>	<u>2.26</u>
Kathy Galanty	Livingston	4.49
Wendy Sands	Monmouth Beach	1.96
<u>Ellen Weinstock</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>1.28</u>
Teresa Chek	Bedminster	10.30
Stephanie Austin	West Caldwell	6.73
<u>Jacqueline Hewlett</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>6.05</u>
Rita Whitney	Kendall Park	12.15
Ruth Yeselson	Highland Park	5.56
<u>Diane Stites</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>4.81</u>
Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	23.63
Joyce Menezes	Jersey City	10.98
Betty Cox	Randolph	6.83

MASTERPOINT RACES

Top Three Leaders as of April 1, 2017

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	Douglas Reeves	Union	7.07	Douglas Reeves	Union	7.07
	Gloria Gribin	Wayside	4.68	Gloria Gribin	Wayside	4.68
	Lawrence Harte	Livingston	4.30	Douglas Murray	Great Meadows	3.25
5 – 20	Sue Mitchell	Bay Head	6.48	Sue Mitchell	Bay Head	6.48
	Wendy Bregman	Springfield	4.60	Scott Yablonowitz	East Brunswick	4.34
	Mitchell Firger	Springfield	4.60	Chantail Frantzen	Princeton	4.24
20 – 50	William Schoener	Maplewood	20.37	Robert Frantzen	Princeton	4.24
	Janet Schoener	Maplewood	16.20	William Schoener	Maplewood	9.21
	John Gimblette	Lakewood	10.00	Sherry Kovacs	Livingston	8.51
50 – 100	Ginny Mason	Princeton	18.60	Penny Dinger	Westfield	7.33
	Bobby Willig	Princeton	18.60	Justine Robertson	Rumson	7.78
	Joanne Moynihan	Monroe Township	10.00	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	7.20
100 – 200	Pamela Harding	Basking Ridge	22.57	Joseph Casale	West Long Branch	6.41
	Joseph Wright	Westfield	22.16	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	10.99
	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	18.38	Roger Matthews	Mendham	10.54
200 – 300	Arthur Van Blerkom	Monroe Township	14.99	Walter Schauben	Livingston	10.46
	Allison McGeough	Summit	14.98	John Shotliff	Tinton Falls	10.33
	Sid Klotz	Manchester	13.63	Stephen Steel	Bridgewater	8.50
300 – 500	Teresa Chek	Bedminster	28.12	Robin Simon	Pt Pleasant Beach	8.26
	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	25.56	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	18.56
	Michael Perkons	Denville	24.28	Elahyne Pollet	East Hanover	16.19
500 – 1000	Jacqueline Hewlett	Bridgewater	47.30	Piotr Olszewski	Clark	13.13
	Michael Hewlett	Bridgewater	47.30	Foster Osborne	Summit	23.25
	Foster Osborne	Summit	45.39	Michael Hewlitt	Bridgewater	19.48
1000 – 1500	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	54.40	Jacqueline Hewlitt	Bridgewater	19.48
	Peter Jones	N Plainfield	42.74	Peter Jones	North Plainfield	30.20
	Anthony Palumbo	Cranford	38.76	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	25.57
1500 – 2500	Summer Freedman	Short Hills	46.07	Peter Wright	Kendall Park	21.80
	Leonard Myers	Elizabeth	45.45	Summer Freedman	Short Hills	38.34
	Bob Wang	Parlin	43.44	Michael Rosen	Freeholed	31.05
2500 – 3500	Joan Brody	Livingston	50.62	Ross Pomeroy	Hillsboro	25.10
	Ruth Zowader	Livingston	46.78	Ruth Zowader	Madison	26.70
	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	45.77	Elyse Menashe	Deal	25.28
3500 – 5,000	Stephen Garreffa	Randolph	81.78	Ray Zonana	Deal	23.97
	Sam Borenstein	West Orange	52.77	Lawrence Lerner	Warren	32.74
	Dave DuBois	Westfield	45.27	Barbara Clark	West Orange	31.38
5000 – 7500	Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	174.10	Joyce Menezes	Jersey City	27.22
	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	60.41	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	52.63
	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	52.63	Lee Schwartz	Morris Plains	40.32
7500 – 10,000	William Ehlers	Madison	176.10	Jim McCarroll	Hampton	26.01
	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	115.37	Cheryl Angel	Livingston	35.02
	Abe Pineles	Jackson	106.25	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	32.79
10,000+	William Esberg	Long Branch	38.12	Cynthia Schneider	East Brunswick	29.59
	Lester Sokolower	Verona	33.09	Lester Sokolower	Verona	33.09
	Barbara Tepper	Verona	23.42	William Esberg	Long Branch	23.78
				Barbara Tepper	Verona	23.42

YOUTH BRIDGE

by *BARBARA CLARK*

During the current school year the Oakwood Avenue School and Park Avenue School Bridge Clubs have conducted fundraising activities such as candy and pizza sales, dress down days and collaborating with parents and members of the community. We have identified ten students from Oakwood Avenue and ten from Park to journey to Toronto for the Youth North American Bridge Championships.

Trustee Terry Zuckerman of the Ralph W. Errington Charitable Foundation made a generous donation of \$10,000 to the Orange Education Foundation for the bridge program for the express purpose of deferring some of the costs of transportation and room and board for these kids. There are no words to express the gratitude of our bridge coordinators, kids, parents

and the Orange School District for the funding which will help us to reach our fundraising goals for this worthwhile opportunity for the kids. It provides relief from the tremendous burden and hard work needed to raise the amount of money required to participate in the youth tournament and other cultural activities associated with travel to Toronto

Mr. Zuckerman wished us much success, not necessarily in winning trophies but in having this extraordinary, incredible experience that will be beneficial for a lifetime. Our trip will include a visit to Niagara Falls, the Science Museum, Thousand Island National Park and sightseeing. Many thanks to Mr. Zuckerman and the Ralph W. Errington Charitable Foundation for the continued support and commitment to the bridge program in Orange. This magnanimous donation is greatly appreciated.



James and John Kim (Scarsdale NY), Benjamin Francis (Oakwood Avenue School), Vicki Wright (coach)



A'rina Black and Martha Johnson (candy selling fund-raisers)



**James and John Kim, 2nd overall
Joan Gerard Regional, Tarrytown NY**



**Park Avenue and Oakwood Avenue Bridge Clubs
Orange NJ School District**

MILESTONES

Changes in Rank: January-March 2017

Diamond Life Master

Mani Gupta	Bridgewater
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Gold Life Master

Robert VanEkeren	Las Cruces
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Ruby Life Master

Karen Chera	Long Branch
Harold Small	Whippany
Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany
Esta Zwick	Rockaway

Silver Life Master

Joseph Cella Jr	North Arlington
Marc Kelley	Cranford
Ke Zhao	Edison

Bronze Life Master

Roger Cooley	Califon
Ruth Macpherson	Chatham

Life Master

Zoe Bylin	Skillman
Elizabeth Carlson	Summit
Mitchell Cayen	Bedminster
David Forbes	Florham Park
Sherry Lieb	Livingston
Joseph Messina	Waretown
Patricia Rodilosso	Little Silver
Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset
Ke Zhao	Edison

NABC Master

Paul Adler	Morganville
Sid Klotz	Manchester
Susan Lemkau	Summit
Mary Newman	Montclair
Arvind Sharma	Princeton Junction
Elliot Sommer	South Orange
Joseph Wright	Westfield

Regional Master

Madlyn Aaron	W Long Branch
Lorraine Brunelle	Manasquan
Joseph Casale	West Long Branch
Barbara Daly-Schpok	Manchester
Ingrid D'Amanda	Wall Township
Janet Doliner	Sea Girt
Cindy Dratch	Short Hills
Wanda Fitzpatrick	Shrewsbury
Dolores La Porta	Manchester
Loretta Standing	Chatham

Sectional Master

Carol Desmond	Skillman
Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel
Karen Friedman	Ocean
Jennifer Gilmour	Flanders
John Gimblette	Lakewood
Julie Grossman	Hopewell
Christine Hetzler	Rumson
Mohammed Khan	East Windsor
Maureen Lee	Spring Lake
David Moore	Clinton

Sectional Master (continued)

Subrahmanyam Muppalla	Princeton
William Schoener	Maplewood
Sharon Siskind	Livingston
Laurie Smith	Fair Haven
Maria Vikan	Berkeley Heights
Paul Vikan	Berkeley Heights
Herman Waldman	Parsippany
Dennis Wilcox	Manchester
Bobby Willig	Princeton
Woody Wolston	Hope
Henry Zielensky	Long Valley

Club Master

Ira Bennett	Somerset
Diane Bilicskapereira	New Providence
Sandra D'Halia	Florham Park
Patricia Drummond	Fair Haven
Chantal Frantzen	Princeton
Robert Frantzen	Princeton
Richard Gavoor	Chatham
Phyllis Gross	Newark
Joan Hall	Fair Haven
Hilda Jennings	Lawrenceville
Larry Kalmanson	Scotch Plains
Maryann Laffey	Millington
Virginia McDonald	Rumson
Sue Mitchell	Bay Head
Jennifer Mullins	Rumson
Laura O'Rourke	Summit
Rae Paltiel	Maplewood
Wendy Peterson	Verona
Carol Runyon	East Brunswick
Donald Slaght	Normandy Beach
Sonny Thapar	West Orange
Nancy Tumposky	West Orange
Scott Yablonowitz	East Brunswick

Junior Master

Norma Adams	Mount Arlington
Ellie Albertson	Westfield
Colin Campbell	Lawrenceville
Betty Cannell	Montclair
Lisa Conroy	New Providence
Carmen Federici	Bridgewater
Denise Fisher	Florham Park
Peggy Fitzpatrick	Bernardsville
Lea Garofalo	Manahawkin
Gloria Gribin	Wayside
Joan Haddad	Dayton
Lawrence Harte	Livingston
Ira Katz	Bridgewater
Lee Mathey	Point Pleasant Beach
Carol Mendelson	Summit
Tracey Moreno	Sea Girt
Douglas Murray	Great Meadows
Douglas Reeves	Union
Barbara Sasson	Oakhurst
Lynnie Sharma	Princeton Junction
Victor Silverstein	Princeton
Marsha Weaver	Montclair

BIG GAMES

(must have at least 5 tables to qualify)

January – February – March 2017

OPEN		
76.17%	Joe Casale / Ken Stensler	Jersey
75.40%	Gabby Roura / Phil Roura	Atlantic
75.33%	Beau Norton / Harold Schachter	Toms River
75.15%	Donna Dulet / William Esberg	Jersey
74.62%	David Katzen / Stephen Garreffa	Essex
74.43%	Vijay Bhise / Summer Freedman	Essex
74.40%	Leonard Myers / Stephen Cooper	Essex
73.56%	David Griegel / Jordan Lampe	Essex
73.51%	Richard Ross / William Esberg	Jersey
73.25%	James White / John Deilosso	Scotch Plains
73.00%	D Hoffner / Karen Hoffner	Toms River
72.50%	Vernie Cawley / Mimi Zwisohn	Toms River
72.45%	Barbara Tepper / Lester Sokolower	Shrine
72.22%	Susan Slusky / William Ehlers	BCCNJ
72.02%	Dolores Ballard / Beau Norton	Stafford
72.02%	William Esberg / Muffie Gur	Jersey
71.65%	Howard Chen / Chung-Zong Wan	Scotch Plains
71.13%	Tony Aukstikainis / Betty Skull	Toms River
71.06%	Leonard Myers / Stephen Cooper	Essex
71.03%	Jeff Maza / Daniel Colodner	BCCNJ
71.03%	Karen Gold / Joan Rossiter	Toms River
71.00%	Louis Rocco / Mimi Zwisohn	Toms River
70.87%	Sonia Bibi / Rochelle Djal	Jersey
70.83%	Carol Arnold / Thomas Arnold	Essex
70.83%	Cheryl Britton / David Mayer	Jersey
70.83%	Dennis Mondelli / Sue Jones	Toms River
70.75%	Steve Cooper / Russ Pomeroy	Shadowfax
70.72%	Justine Robertson / Christine Hetzler	Jersey
70.60%	Stephen Cooper / Leonard Myers	Essex
70.51%	Peter Stein / Neil Jaffe	BCCNJ
70.37%	Ronald Kraft / Clifford Wilson	Princeton
70.35%	Peter Stein / Neil Jaffe	Hillsboro
70.35%	Doree Sobel / Lawrence Lerner	Essex
70.31%	Alexander Allen / Richard Ross	Princeton
70.00%	Fredric Weiner / Saul Blum	Grand Slam

LIMITED and INVITATIONAL		
82.22%	Clarissa Willemsen / Susan Ward	Shadowfax
81.67%	Clarissa Williemsen / Susan Ward	Shadowfax
76.79%	Jeff Fass / Robert Shiff	Essex
76.67%	Ginger Lennon / Jean Huntington	Present Day
76.38%	Edith Koenig / Ted O'Keefe	Four Seasons
74.83%	Bernadine David / Linda Stark	Essex
74.51%	Bill Schoener / Janet Schoener	Essex
74.20%	Zelig Mestel / Rita Mestel	Four Seasons
74.11%	Sharon Feinsod / Rosella Berger	Essex
73.81%	Bill Schoener / James Francoeur	Essex
73.81%	David Upton / Laurie Erickson	Essex
72.92%	Maura Sache / Elise Marucchi-Soos	Essex
72.67%	Chris Bethune / Nancy Ross	Essex
72.62%	Daphne Hanrahan / Wendy Peterson	Essex
72.32%	Barry Isaacs / Emily Weinberger	Essex
72.02%	Herb Waldman / Sally Sohigian	Essex
72.02%	Betty Lake / Stephen Young	Essex
71.88%	Sharon Siskind / Jerry Siskind	Essex
71.44%	Robert Levitt / Jeff Fass	Essex
71.43%	Alan Talpalar / Steve Katzman	Essex
71.43%	Richard Huzar / Gwen Coleman	Essex
71.25%	Alison Ash / Ann Doyle	Shadowfax
70.97%	Mary Frances Stahler / Harriet Vawter	Present Day
70.94%	Tehmtan Tehsilda / Sam Singhvi	Princeton
70.83%	Debra Shelkowitz / Sandra D'italia	Essex
70.60%	Richard Levendusky / John Gimblette	Four Seasons
70.55%	Joel Novendstern / Dale Reyer	Essex
70.54%	Sam Singhvi / Tehmtan Tehsilda	Princeton
70.35%	Larry Kalmanson / Teri Layne	Essex
70.33%	Sherry Kovacs / Diane McDermott	Essex
70.24%	Audrey Parker / Frank Davis	Essex
70.09%	Laine Maurer / Diane Bilicska Pereira	Essex
70.00%	Carol Franklin / Hildegard Bucking	Essex
70.00%	Ted O'Keefe / Edith Koenig	Four Seasons

CLUB DOINGS

Shrine Center Bridge Club

!! NEW !!

**Monday evening Stratified Pairs game
6:00 p.m. – \$8.00 entry fee**

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**Wednesday evening Stratified Pairs game
6:30 p.m. – \$8.00 entry fee**

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**Friday mornings supervised play
9:30 a.m.**

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Friday lectures

12:00 noon – Free

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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.

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

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

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CHECK OUR CALENDAR FOR DATES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

**Experience the humorous and informative teaching style of
LARRY COHEN**

**We have an amazing opportunity for you!
2011 Honorary Member of the Year and
26-time National Champion Larry Cohen
will come to lecture at the Shrine Center Bridge Club
on *Thursday, August 31.***

Last year this event *sold out!*

Don't be left out. Register now!

**Please contact shrinecenterbridgeclub@gmail.com
for information regarding this event.**