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August 4-6, 2017
Hungarian-American Citizens Club
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Friday, Aug 4
10:00 AM: ● Open Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs
2:30 PM: ● OpenGrASS$ROOT Stratified Pairs ● GrASS$ROOT 299er Stratified Pairs

Saturday, Aug 5
10:00 AM: ● Open Stratified Pairs ● Stratified 299er Pairs
2:30 PM: ● AX (X=0-4000) IMP pairs (open to all)
● B/C/D GrASS$ROOT Match Point Pairs (3000/2000/1000)
● Stratified 299ers GrASS$ROOT Pairs

Sunday, Aug 6
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.

GrASS$ROOT 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 Tuesday, August 1st, to be guaranteed a partner. Email your request to George Brown at browngeorge111@gmail.com or call him at 732-810-0309. 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: $25/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. You will pass a Holiday Inn on your right. The third traffic light (about ¾ 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 you come to the 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, pass 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.
Perhaps the question I’ve asked most often is “Why isn’t Mike Hewlett still tabulating Player of the Year? He’s so much nicer and better looking than you.” The next most frequently asked question is “What is the Player of the Year, and how is it determined?” I know, that’s two questions, but please let that slide.

The Player of the Year (POTY) is determined by the number of MasterPoints accumulated at events hosted by our unit, Unit 140. The events we run are the Annual Awards Brunch game, four seasonal sectionals, the Autumnfest Newplicate and Autumnfest Charity Swiss, and the Double Knockouts. At the Awards Brunch, the latest POTY winners in each of several categories are acknowledged with thunderous rounds of applause. The categories are segregated by Masterpoints range and there is a Men’s winner and a Women’s winner for each range. The ranges are 2500+, 1000-2500, 300-1000, 200-300, 100-200, 50-100, and 0-50. The top overall point winner, regardless of range or gender, is recognized by a five-minute standing ovation, the winner’s name is engraved on the beautiful POTY trophy, and a cash prize of – oh wait – we spent the cash.

The POTY leaders list is linked on the unit web site http://njbl.net/ and published in issues of the Declarer.
Masterpoint range

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PLAYER OF THE YEAR RACE
Standings by Range as of July 1, 2017

Player of the Year MasterPoints are those earned in Unit 140-sponsored events only. These comprise the annual Awards Brunch game, the four sectional tournaments held each year, the Autumnfest Newplicate and Autumnfest Charity Swiss events, and the Double Knockout team matches.

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KOHN’S CORNER #6
by Arnold Kohn

Quite often a participant at any level will summon the director and ask for “protection.” This usually occurs in contested auctions when someone takes an excessive amount of time before passing. Everyone is allowed to think and evaluate, but no one should take a bid based on partner’s hesitation. It is not wrong for the opposing pair to call the director when this occurs. The director will generally acknowledge the situation and state that, if the side that asked for protection feels when the hand is over that they were injured, they should call the director back to assess the situation. The general rule is that, if the partner of the person who took extra time before passing has values not yet shown, or has a clear and concrete reason to take a bid not based on the hesitation, that partner may do so. The Director, when called, will base a decision on whether 75% of the players in the room would take the same action, with or without their partners hesitations. Do not become upset when the director is summoned. The ruling made will be fair and consistent with the laws of bridge.
BO and insomnia might result in spending a few minutes, or possibly hours, with folks from locales such as Bulgaria, Fiji, and China. Various degrees of ability and politeness largely determine how long a casual online pick-up partnership may last. A worthy (at times) diversion from insomnia, it can be entertaining from a bridge angle or from the social perspective, as much as that is possible in an online setting in your PJs (or less!).

On the illustrated deal occasion, there was a relatively capable partner opposite me, and we agreed to play “UDCA” (Upside-Down Count and Attitude), which even on BBO is getting to be more and more popular.

In the bidding, non-vul versus vul, you don’t have much to contribute as the auction proceeds:

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Of course, you did not correct to 5♥ because of your four-card Club length. However, as a result your partner is really in the dark regarding how many diamonds you actually hold. The opening lead is the ♦A, presumably from AK but not really discussed, and dummy comes down as follows:

♠ KJ1065
♥ A43
♦ 74
♣ A5

In UDCA you would play the highest you could afford to show length of three (the opposite of lowest, as in standard count and attitude.) An honor usually shows the honor immediately below, such as playing Q from QJx. It allows partner to picture the layout better, and sometimes even underlead to you for the purpose of a shift “through” the declarer. The spot card selected when doing this tells you what suit partner wants you to play next (presuming you hold the trick – not ruffed), high asking for a shift to a higher side suit, and so forth.

Whether the Jack “promises” the 10 may be a matter of partnership agreement, but as it is also the correct card to play from three using UDCA, you would be doing well to select the ♦J as your contribution to trick #1. I confess that if I were dealt J10 doubleton and were playing UDCA with a casual partner, I’m not sure if the Jack or the 10 would be expected. And if I held ♠AQ and wanted to suggest partner play that suit, would Jack from Jx or Jxx ask for that shift? Probably regular expert partnerships have the agreement that “if dummy and the bidding suggest a Spade shift is feasible, an unusually high spot card suggests the shift.” But some days you have Jack singleton. Or J10. Or J10x! Sigh!!

Anyway, the next card partner plays is the ♦9, and you are pleasantly surprised that when you overtake that with your 10, the declarer follows, and you win the trick. Now what?

If we’re on the same page, partner may be 0-2-6-5 and be asking for a Spade back to ruff for down one, the focus of the defensive goal. Or could partner just be asking you not to continue the suit, on the theory that low encourages returning the suit, and high does not? I am sure Meckwell would know for sure what applies, but a Club back seems somewhat reasonable, so let’s say we try that. And find:

North
♠ KJ1065
♥ A43
♦ 74
♣ A5

West
♠ –
♥ 52
♦ AKQ952
♠ K10972

East
♠ Q874
♥ Q8
♦ J108
♠ J864

South
♠ A32
♥ KJ10976
♦ 63
♠ Q3

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BEDTIME FOR BONZO (concluded)

In fact, a Spade back, for the set, is exactly what was wanted and called for. But life is sometimes fair for some and unfair for others. Notice that if dummy's Hearts were A63, declarer could win the Club shift and pull two rounds of trump (Spades have to be avoided until South’s two trumps are drawn), ending in dummy. Then the ♠J is passed, and when that holds the 10 as well. A third Spade to the Ace makes that suit “boss high.” Finally, a Heart to the hypothetical 6 gets you back to dummy (since the ♦A is gone at trick #3) so that South’s club loser can be pitched on the good Spade for a make.

But as South’s Heart spots were just too high, and North’s too low, even the Club shift sets the hand. No matter what variations of Heart and Spade plays you try, even finessing the ♥Q and then using the♠K as an entry after two rounds of trump are drawn, there is no way home. So lucky you!

Now here’s what actually happened. After viewing the ♦J, partner continued with another high Diamond, which of course held. Partner then proceeded to switch to a Club away from the King, hoping I held the Queen.

There are reasons (but not validated on this layout) why declarer might rise Ace, but South rather quickly and easily ducked the Club shift around to the Queen in the closed hand, then pulled trump, and only needed to “guess” the spade suit for no losers to make 5♥.

Since East had presumably shown ten (or more) cards in the minors and followed to two rounds of Hearts, one would think a Spade to the King and then finesse North for the Queen would be pretty straightforward. But this particular declarer took a different view, and played the Ace first, now finishing down one. The player sitting dummy typed “idiot” and left the table in a huff. Zero tolerance at 3AM doesn’t often get flagged!

I decided to offer my “unasked-for” commentary by typing, “If you play my ♦J to show the 10, partner, you can underlead at trick #2 and get a Spade back for a legitimate set (and as we see, even a Club back works). But partner was having none of this and replied, “Sure, and then I’m an idiot because your Jack is a singleton!” At this point, insomnia never looked so good, and I bid a good night to all!
# MILESTONES

## Changes in Rank: April - June

### Platinum Life Master
- Alexander Allen
  - Annandale

### Diamond Life Master
- Lawrence Lerner
  - Warren
- Richard Ross
  - Highland Park
- Peter Stein
  - Hillsborough

### Sapphire Life Master
- Joan Brody
  - Livingston
- Robert Fischbein
  - Short Hills
- Sidney Reinhold
  - Montville
- Ray Zonana
  - Deal

### Gold Life Master
- Chuck Adelman
  - Warren
- Colin Couchman
  - New Providence
- Arline Fulton
  - Neptune
- Thomas Hoi
  - East Brunswick

### Ruby Life Master
- Ruben Aboody
  - Livingston
- Phoebe Corwin
  - Livingston
- Wendy Lee
  - East Hanover
- Joan Sherman
  - Morristown
- Peter Wright
  - Kendall Park

### Silver Life Master
- David Armbruster
  - Summit
- Sasun Atteridge
  - Livingston
- Sandra Chang
  - Roseland
- Colin Kelley
  - Wharton
- Faith Reddy
  - Princeton
- Victor Urso
  - Middletown

### Bronze Life Master
- Jerry Dyllar
  - Mount Arlington
- Christel Dynes
  - Summit
- Dennis Hoover
  - Madison
- Carol Lepardo
  - Toms River
- Richard Reinhard
  - Marlboro
- Shirley Reinhard
  - Marlboro
- Barry Shinberg
  - Denville
- Terry Zackerman
  - Livingston

### Life Master
- Julie Anderson
  - Tinton Falls
- Teresa Chek
  - Bedminster
- Dominick D’Ascoli
  - Lake Hiawatha
- Charles Leviatan
  - Somerset
- Rochelle Schack
  - West Orange

### Advanced NACB Master
- Charles Dvorkin
  - Manalapan

### NACB Master
- Patricia Amato
  - Whitehouse Station
- Marilyn Faboury
  - Ocean
- ArnoldFox
  - Eatontown
- Lance Greenberg
  - Monroe

### Club Master (continued)
- Jane Berry
  - Roseland
- Wendy Bergman
  - Manalapan
- Nancy Coleman
  - Rockaway

### Club Master (continued)
- Dottie Finson
  - Denville
- Mitchell Figer
  - Springfield
- Diane Griffith
  - Ringoes
- Joan Guryan
  - South Orange
- Sheila Holderness
  - Montville
- Alan Jacobs
  - Short Hills
- Raj Jayaram
  - Jersey City
- Carole Jivatode
  - Morristown
- Nancy Lifland
  - Skillman
- Maureen Mclaughlin
  - Princeton
- Caroline Moore
  - Chatham
- Marsha Muison
  - Boonton
- Barbara Patafskin
  - Watchung
- Renita Pruchnicki
  - Edison
- Laurie Ruben
  - Berkeley Heights
- Lynnie Sharma
  - Princeton Junction
- Diane Weiss
  - Short Hills

### Junior Master
- David Behman
  - Summit
- Maria Black
  - Denville
- Judy Monifanti
  - Ocean
- Wendy Clarke
  - Princeton
- John Clifford
  - Sayreville
- J-F Degeorges
  - Millington
- Carol Dehne
  - Belmar
- Robin Eastern
  - North Caldwell
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Park Avenue School and Oakwood Avenue School participated in the Joan Gerard District 3 Winter Regional Bridge Tournament in Tarrytown, NY, on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Congratulations go to Sayeed Bennett and Tamyra Rumble of Park Avenue (first in section, second overall), to Justin Dapaah and Momo Sacko of Park Avenue (second in section, third overall), to Benjamin Francis of Oakwood Avenue (third in section, fifth overall), and to Jamal Ndiaye of Oakwood Avenue (third in section). Bridge coaches Pamela Venable and Denise Harlem would like to thank Barbara Clark for her dedication to youth bridge. Without her tireless support the students in Orange would not be participating in the valuable lessons or travelling to different places in North America for these outstanding bridge tournament.

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.

Betsy Bryan
d. April 2, 2017
Frequent player at Rumson club

Ernestine Cutler
d. June 26, 2017
Frequent player at BCCNJ club

Leah Moreines
d. April 10, 2017
Frequent player at Shrine Center

Ben Cutler
d. May 2, 2017
Frequent player at BCCNJ club

Melvin Klein
d. April 10, 2017
Frequent player at Shrine Center

Mimi Trenchard
d. June 20, 2017
Frequent player at Essex club
So, it’s a typical yawny Tuesday at your local BCCNJ game. I have just finished scoring a hand in which I declared an impregnable 5♣ contract after overruling partner’s idiotic attempt to play 3NT. I went down to ruinous defeat only because the outstanding trumps split 1-7. Now don’t rush to judgment; there’s a lot to be said for mini-Moysian 3-2 fits. This time it happened to be wrong, that’s all.

Next I pick up

♠ 7
♥ AKQ104
♦ A8
♣ AKQ3

and it’s, like, I’ve moved from a NVHD (Not Very High Definition) to an EVHD (Extremely Very High Definition) world. My eyeballs dart furtively around to see if anyone notices the exhaust fumes emanating from my nasal extremities. My free hand gravitates inexorably toward the 2♣ card in the bidding box. I can already feel the power surging through my arm.

But it dawns on me that it’s not my bid. My glory cannot yet be made manifest. So, in the tradition of Dr. Strangelove, I exert every ounce of my not inconsiderable mental powers to force my hand into retreat, millimeter by inch. And then something unspeakably hideous happens: partner grabs the wrong card – it should be green – and makes the egregious overbid of 1♠! I utter a “Wha?” (that’s a “What” with an inaudible “t,” the result of my having just decapitated the cigar butt in my mouth). How dare he? Or is it she? Well, this is no time to fret over gender. That oaf, or oafess, is trying to snatch immortal ity from my grasp.

After one of the fastest passes on record by RHO, I hunker down to plot how to prevent any of my three opponents from depriving me of the triumph I so richly deserve. I fake a yawn as I ponder what to do next. How shall I bid thee? Let me count the ways . . .

Timorous: 1NT. Oh dear, oh dear, I just know partner won’t have a single card in any of my suits.

Non-committal: 2♥. We might have game, but let’s go really really slow and make really really sure.

Spiteful: 2♣. OK, smartypants, if you’re going to bid stupid, I’m going to bid stupider. Nyahhh!

Vengeful: Jacoby 2NT. Let that clown dream of declaring Spades . . . until I yank the contract away at the last instant.

No-nonsense: 3NT. I’ve got seven top tricks. Surely that dummy over there can dredge up two more.


Cautiously optimistic: 4NT. If opener shows at least one keycard, I’ll consider risking a small slam.

Aggressive: 6NT. You dirty rat! I’m taking my tricks and going home.

Take-no-prisoners: 7NT. Great potential here for shutting out the opponents. (If LHO cashes the ♠A at trick #1, my next contract will be for a hit man to take out dummy.)

Future-oriented: 12NT. I expect to have 18 running tricks, five of which should be credited to our trick total in the next hand, right?

In real life, partner (South) put down

♠ AKQJ652
♥ J9
♦ K72
♣ 4

Our bidding went

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*2 keycards and the trump Q (Wow! 3 top Spade tricks!)

Eight North-South pairs bid 7NT, four bid 6NT, and one pair languished in 6♠. All 13 pairs made 13 tricks. My LHO (West) led a Diamond, giving me 18 tricks. Guess I should have bid 12NT after all.
### BIG GAMES

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CLUB DOINGS

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Monday and Friday -- just added: two new games for 0-499ers
12:30 p.m. - $8.00 entry fee

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Monday evening Stratified Pairs game
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Please contact shrinecenterbridgeclub@gmail.com
for information regarding this event.
Seldom does one find a bridge hand like the following – one can only dream until you find one like this!

Partner opens with 1NT and you are sitting with this hand:

♠ AQJ
♥ AQ64
♦ AKQJ2
♣ 5

Without falling out of your chair, you remember that partner has promised 15 to 17 HCP. So, does partner have the ♠A? Well, yes! He has to have at least the ♠AK (7 HCP), ♥K (3), ♦K (3), plus two Jacks (2) or else a Queen (2). Just bid 7NT. It is a laydown.

If you think like the above in figuring out your bids, you will be a mighty fine player! Unfortunately, there were some people who did not and found themselves in 6NT making seven. Whether you play for money or MasterPoints, you want to get to the best contract. Thinking about where your partner’s points lie is critical. I always emphasize the fact that you can’t play bridge alone. Always play with your partner.

Karen Walker, a very fine teacher, has said, “To the average player, it may seem that bridge champions have a sixth sense for finding brilliant bids. Some probably do have a natural talent for the game, but they don’t win by relying solely on their instincts. The most successful players discipline themselves to think objectively, play the odds, and justify every decision. They try never to make a blind guess or act on a hunch. What may appear to be an inspired guess is usually the result of a logical thought process.”

Some jokes recently overheard:

- A Fit is that rare occurrence when partner has more than a singleton in your good suit. Also, colloquially, what you have if you discover partner has raised you with a singleton.
- Definition of a partner: of the three opponents at bridge, the one who sits opposite you.
- The difference between genius and stupidity at the bridge table is that genius has its limits!
- Someone famous once said, “A bad day at the bridge table is better than cleaning house.”

Happy bridging everyone!