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

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● Stratified 299ers GRASSROOT Pairs

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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)
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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 (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 second 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I first started playing duplicate bridge in the early 1960's and anticipated my once-a-week game at the "temple" on Tuesday evening, the "JCC game" on Thursday evening, and then the occasional weekend sectional or regional. Most of my fellow players were in the 25-40 year old group and had jobs and families; that was their limit for playing. At the end of this decade, full-time clubs emerged, where one could play any evening, and there were afternoon games for those who were retired and others who had a free afternoon.

This pattern remained until the mid-1990's, when my contemporaries began to reach retirement age. The impetus then switched to strong afternoon schedules, while attendance at evening games began decreasing. The 25-40-year-olds were now the 55-70 group and there were very few new 25-40-year-old players. This pattern has continued, and the latter demographic group has a very limited number of duplicate games in which to participate, since the evening schedule is so limited.

The only method to cater to these newer players is to make our sectional tournaments more inviting for them to participate and to reach out to this group. My goal as your new leader is to make this happen, to make our clubs stronger, and to encourage overall growth.

Arnold Kohn

MURDERER'S ROWE

by Jay Korobow

Dealer: East
Vul: All

	<u>North</u>	
	♠ 104	
	♥ KJ9	
	♦ AK108	
	♣ AKQ3	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠ K983		♠ 76
♥ 1064		♥ Q875
♦ 76		♦ QJ543
♣ 10976		♣ J2
	<u>South</u>	
	♠ AQJ52	
	♥ A32	
	♦ 92	
	♣ 854	

The bidding:

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♦
Pass	3NT	Pass	6NT
All Pass			

After 1♠-2♣, it's always a quandary in a 2/1 = GF system what to rebid with a hand like AQJxx=Axx=xx=xxx that squeezed out a 1♠ opening due to watching too many expert broadcasts on BBO. If Julie Rowe, a frequent partner when I resided in NJ, is reading this, she will be quite chagrined!

For a variety of reasons, 2♣ by North does not promise five-length in 2/1 methods, and in fact some experts might have a three-card club holding on some 3-4-3-3 hands. With a regular partner, one discusses if a raise to 3♣ shows extras and what length. My random partner (North) from Syria, who agreed to 2/1 when "an expert foursome" was solicited, might think I had six, but I rebid 2♠ anyway with five. Simply, 2NT and 3♣ both seemed even more unappealing. The lack of a Diamond stopper didn't deter me from 2NT, but the shape did. If my Club and Diamond lengths were reversed, I would choose 2NT.

When next my partner bid 3♦, I was sort of forced into 3NT, even though it might be wrong-sided and I would ideally like to show my Club support somehow. As an anxious over-bidder who momentarily forgot how Julie wags her finger with the school teacher look of displeasure when I would open with a 12-count, sure enough, my partner exuberantly leapt to 6NT to fill me with regret and horror.

Even though we had 31 HCP combined (33 is recommended), 6NT was not a hopeless contract. The Spade finesse could be on, the Heart finesse could be on, Clubs could be 3-3, or the Diamond honors could be split. Unfortunately, the only thing

of the above that was true was that Julie would not like that I had opened with 11 points.

The ♦7 was led, and I could see it was such a high spot that both the ♦QJ would be offside (hopefully doubleton, if the lead was from 76543). Since I might still lose a Spade, I had no choice but to go up – even if those missing honors were somehow split. I next played the ♠10 for a finesse that lost to the ♠K ("of course," per Julie). And back came the ♦6.

Middle-of-the-night Random IMP Pairs and arthritis do not mix well, and I next misclicked the ♦8, which was quickly pounced on by East's Jack. As I clicked UNDO and typed, "Sorry, misclick, arthritis," my partner had already typed, "Fake Expert – YOU Beginner." East declined the UNDO request.

The classy table host from India sitting West – or should I say "hostess" or use a politically correct pronoun – then had to do a series of UNDOs herself to overcome East's objections before I was able instead to go up with my other high Diamond and resume play as intended.

The losing Spade finesse had not all that severely dimmed my chance for 12 tricks, as I was now entitled to four Spades, two Diamonds, at least three Clubs, and at least two Hearts for 11. If Clubs were 3-3, I had 12. If they weren't 3-3, maybe a Heart finesse for the missing Queen would produce trick #12. I could and did try Clubs right away, even before playing more Spades, to combine my chances.

But my RHO showed out on the 3rd Club, so it looked like I would need the ♥Q onside. But wait! After five Spades, two Diamonds, and three Clubs, LHO has to keep the high Club, and therefore only two Hearts. And as long as I kept the ♦10 in dummy, RHO would similarly have to keep a high Diamond and therefore only two Hearts at the end.

I would of course have to come down to the awkward ♥KJ doubleton in dummy opposite my ♥A32 if I keep the Diamond threat there. But no matter, the 3rd baby Heart in my hand would be trick #12. I decided to claim 12 tricks and typed, "Double squeeze, Hearts will run if East protects Diamonds and West protects Clubs."

They, however, made me play it out, and it materialized for 12 tricks, as predicted, for a 10-IMP gain. I then typed, mainly for North, "No, pard. Not a beginner," feeling quite smug.

To which North, probably a distant relative of Julie's, typed back, "Yes, you are. You opened 11 when you should have passed."

BIDDING, DEFENSE AND TACTICS ON DISTRIBUTIONAL HANDS

by Brett Kunin

For Advancing and Intermediate Players

There were several very instructional hands played on boards from the "Common Game" on Sunday, March 10. The first two Boards discussed here are bidding exercises.

Board 14: In first chair, you pick up

♠ Q8432
♥ KQ985
♦ —
♣ A73

an interesting 11 HCP hand, which you open 1♠. Partner bids 2NT (commonly known as Jacoby 2NT), showing four Spades and at least an opening hand. As required by the convention, you bid your shortness, 3♦, showing no more than one Diamond. Partner bids 3♥, cue-bidding the Ace. At your next turn to bid, you have a choice: do you cue bid the ♣A or bid 4♦ (which would show a void)? Since your hand significantly improved when partner bid 3♥, you should bid 4♦ and leave the next move to partner. To your surprise, partner Blackwoods with 4NT and you bid 5♣ to show one or four key-cards (the trump King counting as a key-card). Now partner bids 5♥, asking if you hold the ♠Q. RHO doubles, and you dutifully bid 5♥, which shows the ♠Q and the ♥K. Partner now bids the grand slam and tables

♠ AK1097
♥ A7
♦ 10962
♣ KJ

Even with spades 3-0, 7♠ is cold on 26 HCP. Your patient auction is rewarded, and no other pair bids the grand slam at the club. Partner's reasoning was very good, as even with the ♣A, ♥K, and ♠Q, you had to hold either the ♠Q or ♥Q to open the bidding. The hand is a good reminder that it is *shape* that takes tricks, *not* high-card points.

Board 20: In first chair, partner opens 2♣, a strong and artificial forcing bid. You hold a very good hand:

♠ 4
♥ KQ106
♦ AQJ753
♣ 98

You bid 3♦, showing a strong suit, and slam invitational. Partner bids 3NT, which should be 22-24 balanced. You now bid 4♥ (natural and, by agreement with partner, forcing to 4NT), showing your 6-4 pattern. Partner raises to 5♥, and you bid 5NT, which in this auction asks partner to choose a slam and is invitational to the 7-level (partner will "upgrade" holding the ♦K). After much thought, partner bids 6♥, and tables a very good dummy:

♠ AK62
♥ AJ94
♦ 8
♣ AKQ10

LHO leads a Spade, and you must plan the play.

When in a very good contract, you must think: *What could go wrong?* and plan accordingly. You are probably going down if Hearts are 5-0, but can you guard against a 4-1 break in the trump suit? The answer is *yes*, but the winning line may be a surprise. All you need do is play a Diamond to the Ace, then play the ♦Q, and pitch a Spade from dummy if the Queen is not covered (!). This ensures the contract, absent a horrendous break in a black suit, even if Hearts are 4-1. You may lose a Diamond, but you then have a pitch from the dummy. In this case, however, RHO covers and you ruff carefully with the ♥9. It turns out Diamonds are 3-3, with LHO holding K103, but the slam comes home despite the fact that LHO holds four small Hearts. If Diamonds are not 3-3, with the ♦K "on-side," at worst you can fall back on the Club finesse. Partner gave serious thought to 6NT, which makes because the ♣J falls doubleton on your left, but bidding 6♥ and making 7 wins all the matchpoints. Two declarers unwisely tried to draw trumps in 6♥ *before* taking the ruffing finesse in Diamonds, and went down as a result.

Board 24: This is a play problem. Partner opens 1♦ in first chair, RHO passes, and you respond 1♥ with

♠ 10864
♥ AQ102
♦ 652
♣ K5

LHO bids 1♠, partner bids 2♦, RHO bids 2♠, you raise to 3♦. LHO bids 4♠, which you intend to double, but partner bids 5♦ to end the auction. RHO leads a small Spade to LHO's Queen, which partner ruffs. He leads the ♥J, which loses to the LHO's King, and LHO forces partner to ruff Spades again. Partner now makes the key play, a Club to the King, which holds, LHO following suit. Partner leads a small Diamond from the dummy, LHO playing the King. Partner wins the Ace and claims the balance of the tricks, announcing that two Club losers "disappear" on the two long Hearts. Partner's hand is

♠ —
♥ J7
♦ AQJ109874
♣ Q62

Note that partner did not open 5♦ (using "losing-trick count," partner has a 5-loser hand), since 3NT from your side might have been the correct contract, had you held the ♠K. LHO made a good call holding AKQ72=K9=K=J9873.

However, partner has played the hand beautifully and is the only person to make an overtrick in 5♦. Unfortunately, many of those who opened 5♦ (which is cold) were doubled, and your score is only an average-plus. Nevertheless, a good auction by partner.

MILESTONES

CHANGES IN RANK: January – February – March 2019

Platinum Life Master

Cynthia Schneider	East Brunswick
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Emerald Life Master

Betty Cox	Randolph
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Sapphire Life Master

Cleopatra Guastella	Red Bank
Terrence Havican	Randolph

Ruby Life Master

James Di Napoli	Neptune
Peter Jones	N Plainfield
Stephanie Miller	Kendall Park
Beau Norton	Barneget
Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown

Silver Life Master

Stephanie Austin	West Caldwell
Donald Fraser	Milltown
Andrea Granet	West Orange

Bronze Life Master

Hannah Abeles	West Orange
Teresa Chek	Bedminster
Robert Miller	East Brunswick
Michael Perkons	Denville
Bharat Shah	Monroe

Life Master

Howard Booth	Summit
Cheryl Britton	Monmouth Bch

Advanced NABC Master

Manoj Deb-Roy	Hillsborough
Ming Li	Summit

NABC Master

Andrew Barlow	Lebanon
George Blake	Bound Brook
Jonathan Eskridge	Morristown
Joanne Moynihan	Monroe Twp

NABC Master (cont'd)

Cynthia Prell	Morristown
Janet Schoener	Maplewood
William Schoener	Maplewood

Regional Master

Julie Bernhardt	Nutley
Bob Cathcart	Barneget
Chantal Frantzen	Princeton
Michael Glogoff	Princeton
Lynn Godfrey	Middletown
Lynn Goldberg	Morristown
Carol Pedersen	Manchester
Eileen Steitz	Bridgewater
Judith Stier	Princeton
Kyle Weinfurther	Morristown
Woody Wolston	Hope

Sectional Master

Janine Beer	Livingston
Gloria Dematteo	East Brunswick
Joan Girgus	Princeton
Lawrence Gordon	West Orange
Holly Hubbell	Mantoloking
Douglas Murray	Great Meadows
Sonny Thapar	West Orange

Club Master

Veena Arora	New Providence
Judy Bonifanti	Ocean
Ruth Bronzan	Princeton
Joan Corwin	Long Valley
Thomas Cummins	Summit
Alan Gotliffe	Chatham
Elizabeth Hubbard	Point Pleasant
Marty Kale	West Caldwell
Mayda Kale	West Caldwell

Club Master (cont'd)

Jane Macan	Harvey Cedars
Nina Pardi	Summit
Dale Reyer	Summit
Lucia Rogart	West Caldwell
Melissa Rotatori	Summit
Yvonne Shepard	Flemington
Simon Thomson	Summit
Margy Whapham	Peninsula
Steven Wolf	Bridgewater
Janice Zunde	Livingston

Junior Master

Sudesh Chugh	Princeton
Davit Ciciyasvili	Morganville
Lucinda Clark	Skillman
Richard Greenberg	Monroe Twp
George Harvey	Princeton
Mark Janofsky	Monroe Twp
Lisa Johnson	Pompton Plains
Josephine Martone	Bloomfield
Betty Muller	Somerset
William Parkins	Denville
Carolyn Parr	North Caldwell
Randee Pearson	Bloomfield
Shriram Phadke	Plainsboro
Kerry Redinger	Holmdel
Herbert Rottenberg	Springfield
Zoey Sanders	Monmouth Bch
Janice Schindler	Mtn Lakes
Sylvia Schwartz	Hoboken
Dipti Sharma	Lawrenceville
Linda Smith	New Providence
Donna Stone	Randolph
Ginger Tucker-Furuya	Lawrenceville

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

ANNUAL NJBL BRUNCH – FEBRUARY 24



NEW LIFE MASTERS

Patricia Amato – Kathy Arshan – Chuck Dvorkin
 Arnold Fox – Lance Greenberg – Komal Kamat
 Michele Losman – Dennis Mondelli
 Linda Pullen – Felice Shrager

NEW LIFE MASTERS (not pictured)

Marjorie Berkley – Richard Bindelglass
 Jeremy Glaser – Thaddeus Gora – Pat Guadagno
 Prenn Gupta – Phillip Hoch – Xuhua Lin
 Satya Rami – William Robinson
 Bruce Rothenberg – William Stolgitis
 David Weinberg – Ellen Weinstock

ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS

Doug Reeves (20-50) – Esther Eisenberg (50-100)
 Martin Eisenberg (100-200) – Zenon Komar (200-300)
 Chuck Dvorkin (300-500) – Larry Youell (1000-1500)
 Wendy Lee (1500-2500) – Stephen Cooper (2500-3500)
 Donna Dulet (3500-5000) – Dennis Thompson (7500-10,000)
 William Esberg (over 10,000)

ACE OF CLUBS not pictured)

Julie Bernhardt (0-5) – Rise Meyers (5-20)
 Piotr Olszewski (500-1000) – Judy Rothstein (5000-7500)



MINI-KcKENNEY WINNERS

Gloria Gribin (20-50) – Esther Eisenberg (50-100)
 Martin Eisenberg (100-200) – Zenon Komar (200-300)
 Arnie Dorin (1000-1500) – Wendy Lee (1500-2500)
 Stephen Cooper (2500-3500) – Jiang Gu (7500-10,000)

MINI-KcKENNEY WINNERS (not pictured)

Julie Bernhardt (0-5) – Rise Meyers (5-20)
 David Weil (300-500) – Piotr Olszewski (500-1000)
 Joan Brody (3500-5000) – Dori Byrnes (5000-7500)
 Alexander Allen (over 10,000)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**ANNUAL NJBL BRUNCH – FEBRUARY 24****PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Pramod Khanna (100-300)

Jay Fisher (50-100)

Ruth Yeselson (1000-2500)

Jiang Gu (holding trophy, overall winner)
(Arnie Kohn, presentor)**PLAYER OF THE YEAR (not pictured)**

Chantel Frantzen (0-50)

Piotr Oleszewski (300-1000)

**DOUBLE KNOCKOUTS Flight A**

Jiang Gu

Alex Perlin

(Arnie Kohn, presentor)

Flight A (not pictured)

Alexander Allen – Abe Pineles – Will Ehlers

DOUBLE KNOCKOUTS Flight B (not pictured)

Jerry Seasonwein – Jeff Kaplowitz,

Kelly Kiefer – Anton Tevald

OTHERS RECOGNIZED

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(Arnie Kohn, tournament chair)



ROUGH WATERS vs CALM SEAS

by Francis Gupta

Ceding Control

[Author's note: With respect to skill, expertise, and experience, bridge players come in a wide assortment. Yet bridge can be enjoyed by all. But for those of us who wonder how players in the "rough waters" (Open section) evaluate and bid hands versus players in the "calm seas" (Non-Life Masters section), this column tries to shed some light. The objective here is to illustrate the value various bridge conventions bring to competitive bidding for players at all levels.]

Readers of the last issue of the *Declarer* might recall that my column presented a sequence of slam bidding in the minors. The communication of "controls" using cue-bids was critical to bidding the slam.

In this column we use a hand sourced from *Bridge Master* (www.bridgebase.com/v3/?bridgemaster) to illustrate how control cards are the key to making a slam contract and the optimal time to cede control to opponents, i.e., lose a trick so as to guarantee the contract.

Imagine you are sitting South and, as dealer, happen to uncover the following hand:

♠ QJ10987 ♥ A2 ♦ 432 ♣ 32

With a six-card Spade suit and 7 HCP, you open with a preemptive bid of 2♠. West passes and North jumps to 6♠. West leads Q♥ and dummy comes down with:

♠ A5432 ♥ K3 ♦ AKJ ♣ AK4

As declarer, you first assess partner's 6♠ response to your 2♠ opening. Partner has first-round control (Aces) in three suits and second-round control (Kings) in three suits. In addition, partner also has five Spades opposite your six-card suit. Partner could have investigated for keycards but, with a five-loser hand (including two in the trump suit), decided to bid a small slam on her own. (Note that partner, even after investigating keycards and finding you with just one, would have bid the small slam anyway.)

Satisfied with partner's bid, you next run through the ABC's of declarer play.

You first **Access** the situation. You need 12 tricks, and you can see 11 for sure: five in Spades, two in Hearts, two in Diamonds and two in Clubs. You have two potential losers in Spades and Diamonds. Your 12th trick must come from one of those two suits.

When you **Browse** through your options, you see obvious finesses in both Spades and Diamonds.

Looking only at trumps, with just ♠K6 missing, it is not clear that finessing for the King is best. In fact, when you lead the suit, if West follows with the ♠6, it is better to go up with the Ace and hope for the King to drop. In other words, with two missing cards, there is a slightly higher likelihood that each opponent holds a singleton, versus one of them holding a doubleton. (Thanks to Allan Schwartz for sharing this with me.)

Regarding Diamonds, if you play that suit yourself, the only way to avoid a loser is to lead a low Diamond and hope the ♦Q is trapped **onside** (in the West hand); if it is **offside** (in the East hand), you will lose to the Queen. The likelihood of the finesse working is 50/50.

Finally, it goes through your mind as declarer that if, for some reason, the bridge gods are angry and the layout is as shown below, then today they are really going to put your declarer play to the test!

		North	
Dealer: South		♠ A5432	
Vul: (not relevant)		♥ K3	
		♦ AKJ	
		♣ AK4	
West		East	
♠ –		♠ K6	
♥ QJ1098		♥ 7654	
♦ 10987		♦ Q65	
♣ 8765		♣ QJ109	
		South	
		♠ QJ10987	
		♥ A2	
		♦ 432	
		♣ 32	

[source: *Bridge Master*]

As you **Consider** the order of play, you realize that making a small slam entails losing the lead only once to the opponents. When you lose a trick, ceding control, the opponents get to lead. You must be certain that, after giving up the one and only trick you can afford, you not only regain control (win the next trick), but also win all the remaining tricks to make the contract. As declarer you always have a choice of when to give up a trick. The successful declarer knows when to give up that trick and to which of the opponents; i.e., from which direction you prefer the lead to come after you have ceded a trick.

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ROUGH WATERS vs CALM SEAS

by Francis Gupta

[concluded]

The successful declarer will play this hand to maximize the chances of making the contract irrespective of the layout of the East and West hands. In fact, if played correctly, all that South must worry about is how to play the Spades. If played optimally, the Diamond finesse is unnecessary. Here is the sequence of play:

1. Take the two Heart tricks (very likely both opponents have at least two Hearts). This makes both the dummy and your hand void in Hearts.
2. Cash the ♠AK (again, very likely both opponents have at least two Clubs).
3. Ruff dummy's third Club in your hand. Now both the dummy and declarer are void in Clubs.
4. Play a high Spade from your hand. Here are different scenarios that can transpire:
 - A. Trumps split 1-1 with **West** holding a stiff King. In this case all is well and good. You take the trick with the Ace and the ♠6 will fall from East. In this scenario, the bridge gods are smiling at you. If they really want to make your day, the ♦Q will be onside, the Diamond finesse will work, and you will make 13 tricks. **Result:** making six or seven.
 - B. Trumps split 1-1 with **East** holding a stiff ♠K. In this case, West plays the ♠6 on your high trump lead. Not knowing the split, your best play from the dummy is to go for the finesse. With trumps split 1-1, East wins the King, but this is your only losing trick. You have just ceded control to **East** which is where you would like the lead to come from. East can now play a Diamond (not a good lead irrespective of whether the ♦Q sits with East or West). Or East can lead a Heart or a Club, giving you a "ruff-and-sluff" as you ruff in your hand and discard the ♦J from dummy. **Result:** making six.
 - C. Trumps split 2-0 with **West** holding both. Not knowing the split, your best play from the dummy is to go for the finesse. In this case it will work, since East will show out. You next play the ♠A to

drop the King. (Note that if you go up with the ♠A in the first round of play because you are hoping for the drop, you will lose your second round of trump to **West**, not the opponent you would like to cede control to.) As in scenario **A**, you next take the Diamond finesse, making either 12 or 13 tricks, depending on where the ♦Q resides. Either way you make your contract. **Result:** making six or seven.

- D. Trumps split 2-0 with **East** holding both the outstanding trumps. In this case, West will show out. Your optimal play is to take the first trump trick with the ♠A and then play another round of trump, losing the trick and ceding control to **East**, which is where you want the lead to come from. Now you are back in scenario **B**, as if trumps had split 1-1 with East holding a stiff King). East must either lead a Diamond around to the AKJ in dummy, giving you three certain tricks in that suit, or else provide you with a "ruff-and-sluff." Both are painful choices for East. Either way, you make your contract. **Result:** making six.

There are two interesting lessons here. First, sometimes the obvious lines of play, such as taking finesses or pulling trumps right away, are not necessarily the best lines of play. In fact, in this hand, after working out the optimal order of play, the success of the contract does not hinge on the Diamond finesse; if that works, it may result in an extra trick.

Second, sometimes declarer has the luxury of choosing when and to which opponent to cede control. This can be used as a strategy to maximize the likelihood of making the contract. In this hand, the order of play was structured to ensure that control of the lead was ceded at the optimal time and to the optimal opponent – no doubt, a formidable task during the heat of actual play, but clearly possible with some thought and practice!

BIG GAMES

(must have 5 tables to qualify)

January – February - March

OPEN		
76.09%	Dori Byrnes / Jiang Gu	Essex
75.69%	Sid Klotz - Dave Kestner	Atlantic
75.36%	Jagdish Mody - Bhartkumar Sha	Grand Slam
74.94%	Michael Hewlett / Jackie Hewlett	Murray Hill
74.28%	Cheryl Angel / Jesse Reisman	Shrine
73.28%	Marjorie Becker / William Becker	Shrine
73.15%	Michael Jeary - Don Devine	Rumson
73.10%	Donna Dulet - Peter Stein	Freehold
72.92%	Sue Jones - Dennis Mondelli	Stafford
72.88%	James DiNapoli - Harold Schacter	Atlantic
72.32%	Himanshu Joshi / Staphen Garreffa	Shadowfax
72.20%	Arnold Kohn - Saul Blum	Grand Slam
71.76%	Stephen Garreffa / David Katzen	Essex
71.72%	Cheryl Britton - David Mayer	Jersey
71.67%	Donna Dulet - Muffie Gur	Toms River
71.63%	Judy Rothstein / Samuel Baskinger	Essex
71.46%	Burton Schlosberg - Saul Blum	Grand Slam
71.25%	Jesse Reisman / Mark Brighthouse	Shrine
71.18%	Marjorie Attalienti - Jeanne Forti	Toms River
70.91%	Burton Schlosberg - Ronald Panitch	Grand Slam
70.83%	Peter Stein / Neil Jaffe	BCCNJ
70.73%	Donna Dulet - Stephen Arshan	Jersey
70.68%	Lee Schwarz / Betty Cox	Essex
70.38%	Beau Norton - Dolores Ballard	Stafford
70.02%	Dennis Thompson / Mark Mohr	Essex
70.00%	Elaine Reamer - Harold Schachter	Toms River
70.00%	Martin Eisenberg - Ester Eisenberg	Atlantic

LIMITED/INVITATIONAL		
79.30%	Valerie Levy / Laurie Taylor	Essex
78.11%	Eddie Kaplan / Norman Friedman	Essex
77.30%	Nancy Mendelsohn / Susan Korenstein	Essex
76.59%	Virginia Pieronn / Ann Vanvoorhis	Shadowfax
76.19%	Bryan Johnson / Lisa Johnson	Essex
75.90%	Bill Parkins / Roy Knapp	Essex
74.85%	Sam Singhvi - Tehmtan Tehsilda	Princeton
74.81%	Jeff Fass / Susan Fass	Essex
74.72%	Jay Fisher / Deniuse Fisher	Essex
74.43%	Carol Rosen / Gloria Buxbaum	Essex
74.40%	Norman Friedman / Richard Ziss	Essex
74.04%	John Paltiel / Myron Greenbaum	Essex
73.70%	Diane Forman / Wendy Tucker	Essex
73.51%	Daphne Hanrahan / Felice Zalk	Essex
73.21%	Laura Wallenstein / Judith Shulman	Essex
73.14%	Kathleen Cecil / Joel Novendstern	Essex
73.06%	Bill Tyler / Lorraine Novinski	Essex
71.67%	Pat Kay / Norman Friedman	Essex
71.31%	Pamela Helmer / Richard Helmer	Essex
70.83%	Gloria Gribin - Tony Gribin	Jersey
70.83%	Adrienne Fowler / Cheryl Wachtel	Essex
70.83%	Nadine Genet / Carol Churgin	Essex
70.83%	George Schneider / Stephanie Gerstein	Essex
70.53%	Sissie Redden - Pat Drummond	Rumson
70.45%	Janet Schwartzbard / Carol Quinn	Essex
70.44%	Lorraine Stein / Debbie Schneider	Essex
70.42%	Sylvia Goldbas / George Kaufman	Essex
70.32%	Laurie Taylor / Valerie Levy	Essex
70.28%	John Paltiel / Myron Greenbaum	Essex
70.24%	Sally Sohigan / Beverly Rosen	Essex
70.14%	Bill Parkins / Roy Knapp	Shadowfax
70.06%	Sylvia Hinge / Joyce Danelski	Essex
70.04%	Ann Stone / Norman Friedman	Essex
70.00%	Bill Ayers - Kay Ayers	Jersey
70.00%	Cheryl Wachtel / Robert Wachtel	Essex

HACKENCOFF REVERSALS

by Peter Wright

Hands with 13 cards in the majors occur infrequently. There have been games in which I've played 24 boards without seeing a single 7-6, or 6-7. In the *minors*, it happens all the time, but the majors are a unicorn of a different stripe (pardon the minced metaphor, but you get my drift).

Consequently, when such hands do come along, you need a good set of tools to handle them. For these babies, I recommend the Hackencoff Reversals, the brainchild of my old pal Grigori Monteverdi Hackencoff, affectionately known as "Wiggles." Alas, dear old Wiggles: he died unexpectedly, not long after having imparted his conventional wisdom to me, having foolishly decided to interpolate his body between my shotgun and its target at the very moment I was attempting to dispatch a demented robot-partner, who had just failed to execute an automatic, triple-decker Club Sandwich Coup, blatantly obvious to anyone conversant with Cole's Law.

But you don't want to know about mundane stuff like that. You want in on the Hackencoff Reversals, known to aficionados as "HRs". They're tricky, so gird your loins. Say you've been dealt the North hand below and West (the dirty rat) opens 1♣ in front of you. I'll divulge the whole hand, so's you can see HRs firing full bore in the heat of battle.

	<u>North</u>	
Dealer: West	♠ KQ9762	
Vul: All	♥ J987532	
	♦ —	
	♣ —	
<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>
♠ AJ		♠ 1053
♥ 6		♥ KQ
♦ AJ8		♦ KQ10543
♣ KQJ8742		♣ 109
	<u>South</u>	
	♠ 84	
	♥ A104	
	♦ 9762	
	♣ A653	

The HR-riddled auction:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♣	2♣ ¹	Pass ²	2♥ ³
3♣ ⁴	4♥ ⁵	5♣ ⁶	Dbl ⁷
Pass ⁸	5♥ ⁹	Pass ¹⁰	Pass ¹¹
Dbl ¹²	All Pass ¹³		

Playing HRs, here's what the bids mean.

1. A cue bid in the opponent's minor shows (1) seven of the other minor, (2) 7-6 in the majors and either 0-6 or 29-30 HCP, or (3) a penalty double of 1♣ (but not on Tuesdays, when it's a Sport [sic] double).
2. Forcing. East's reason for living is to have partner make takeout doubles for him to leave *in* for penalty.
3. (1) Suggests a Spade lead if we declare, or (2) 3-2 in Hearts-Spades and fewer than 37 HCP; with (38+, South should raise to 3♣ right away! (On alternate Fridays, it shows 7 to 9 Diamonds, but today isn't a Friday of any sort.)
4. Natural. West has been burned too many times by East's predilection for leaving takeout doubles *in*.
5. A relay to 5♥, unless East bids 6♦, in which case South will bid an insufficient but strategic 4NT.
6. A master bid, anticipating that N-S *will* compete to 5♥, which East will pass, awaiting West's TO double.
7. This normally asks partner to pick a slam in an unbid suit, but today is Thursday, so it's for penalty. The HRs protocol requires South to scratch his head vigorously to remind partner of what day it is. Which he does. Scratch his head, that is. Vigorously!
8. Displaying a 360-degree smirk. "Overtricks: come to papa!"
9. Showing (1) all in, forgetting it's not a poker game, (2) abject panic, or (3) no clue.
10. Ooh!. Ooh! Double, partner! Please! Please! Please!
11. Curses! Partner forgot the head scratch cue, or else he thinks it's Saturday.
12. West, you see, was also adept at HRs, and *he* was aware that it *was* Thursday. Better to go for a big plus than to risk a slam and face East's recriminations for not doubling. Also, West had just finished a scorching thriller, "The Care and Feeding of Manic Partners."
13. (Especially East, now in eighth heaven.)

Epilog: Some of the above falls into the category of lies, falsehoods, prevarications, and fake news. **Fact:** HRs are permitted only in interplanetary play, just to keep the Martians happy. But the bids were real. 5♥ doubled *did make*, losing only the ♠A and a trump trick. And it *was* Thursday. Honest!

KOHN'S KORNER*by Arnie Kohn***"I Need Protection!"**

I play a few afternoons every week, More and more I have been witnessing the Director coming to the table to deal with an "I need protection" declaration.

Generally, one of the opponents has taken a little longer to Pass or Bid, than the normal amount of time. When this occurs, partner (and everyone else at the table) knows that the player had a problem and had to think about his call.

The initial question is always what constitutes a break in the normal tempo of the auction. Probably any call made

in three to ten seconds is fairly normal. The Director will probably establish this and then ask for the auction to continue. The partner of the hesitator is now under pressure to forget about the break in tempo and make a call based solely on values held.

At the conclusion of play, the non-offending side may decide to recall the director and ask for an adjusted score. The Director, upon finding that a player's bid may have been influenced by partner's break in tempo, may adjust the final result.

PLAYER of the YEAR RACE**Standings by range as of March 3, 2019**

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.

Player of the Year standings format has caught up with modern times and no longer lists separate categories for men and women. It is now consistent with the listings for Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs standings.

Masterpoint range	0 - 100	Howard Wolfish	Beverly Heights	6.06
		Jesse Cohen	West Orange	4.82
		Rise Meyers	Jersey City	3.50
	100 - 300	Jack Schrum	Bridgewater	5.98
		Martha Haviland	Bridgewater	5.98
		Lewis Lefkowitz	Edison	5.81
	300 - 1000	Komal Kamat	Plainsboro	9.26
		Chandu Mehta	Morris Plains	9.26
		Zenon Komar	Summit	8.29
	1000 - 2500	Arnold Dorin	Manalapan	12.83
		Charles Hage	Monmouth Beach	9.59
		Peter Jones	North Plainfield	9.19
	Unlimited	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	29.85
		Alexander Allen	Annandale	20.09
		Richard Ross	Highland Park	20.08

MASTERPOINT RACES

Standings by range as of February 6, 2019

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

0 – 5	Julie Bernhardt	Nutley	88.49	Julie Bernhardt	Nutley	47.19
	Joseph Zawadzki	Marlboro	30.55	Joseph Zawadzki	Marlboro	30.18
	Thomas Hennessy	Freehold	29.17	Thomas Hennessy	Freehold	23.74
5 – 20	Rise Meyers	Jersey City	54.73	Rise Meyers	Jersey City	42.43
	Stephen Hopkins	Naples, FL	46.52	Stephen Hopkins	Naples, FL	38.99
	Roy Knapp	Rockaway	45.67	Victor Silverstein	Princeton	33.62
20 – 50	Gloria Gribin	Wayside	65.69	Douglas Reeves	Union	47.35
	Graham Oakes	Montclair	61.58	Adarsh Bajaj	Princeton	41.46
	Lawrence Harte	Livingston	53.95	Lawrence Harte	Livingston	39.88
50 – 100	Esther Eisenberg	Holmdel	109.99	Esther Eisenberg	Holmdel	93.19
	Jay Fisher	Florham Park	99.78	Sheila Holderness	Montville	73.27
	Sheila Holderness	Montville	76.09	Jay Fisher	Florham Park	55.19
100 – 200	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	128.68	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	111.04
	Justine Robertson	Rumson	110.78	Justine Robertson	Rumson	100.70
	Julie Grossman	Hopewell	104.48	Chris Schwinger	Rockaway	83.27
200 – 300	Zenon Komar	Summit	178.43	Zenon Komar	Summit	109.30
	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	143.62	Romesh Arora	New Providence	85.05
	Romesh Arora	New Providence	115.50	Ira Tarnow	West Orange	82.25
300 – 500	David Weil	New Vernon	133.45	Charles Dvorkin	Manalapan	84.14
	Charles Dvorkin	Manalapan	128.21	Joseph Messina	Waretown	80.80
	Edward Andrews	Skillman	121.21	Bruce Williams	Oceanport	69.81
500 – 1000	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	579.87	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	332.97
	Stephanie Austin	West Caldwell	241.74	Foster Osborne	Summit	135.10
	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	239.59	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	120.55
1000 – 1500	Arnold Dorin	Manalapan	190.55	Larry Youell	South Orange	124.15
	Larry Youell	South Orange	156.78	Arnold Dorin	Manalapan	116.90
	Susan Atteridge	Morristown	138.54	Barbara Codispoli	Mount Arlington	93.56
1500 – 2500	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	368.62	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	173.36
	Dorothy Koernig	Summit	292.55	John Anderson	Rockaway	152.49
	Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany	250.59	Summer Freedman	Short Hills	149.90
2500 – 3500	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	516.21	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	178.72
	Nat Zucker	Monroe Township	238.22	Elizabeth Evans	Mountainside	149.19
	Julia Zucker	Monroe Township	230.41	Elyse Menashe	Deal	134.94
3500 – 5,000	Joan Brody	Livingston	564.67	Donna Dulet	Ocean	210.64
	Donna Dulet	Ocean	393.07	Muffie Gur	Leonardo	186.91
	Muffie Gur	Leonardo	277.81	Dave DuBois	Westfield	181.81
5000 – 7500	Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	525.17	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	358.80
	Alex Perlin	Metuchen	477.43	Betty Cox	Randolph	182.58
	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	456.18	Bruce Witzel	Scotch Plains	176.08
7500 – 10,000	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	946.13	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	178.55
	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	614.27	Cheryl Angel	Livingston	163.63
	Will Ehlers	West Orange	472.25	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	154.74
10,000+	Alexander Allen	Annandale	456.12	William Esberg	Long Branch	165.74
	William Esberg	Long Branch	236.04	Lester Sokolower	Verona	125.02
	Lester Sokolower	Verona	134.50	Alexander Allen	Annandale	99.05

YOUTH BRIDGE

by Barbara Clark

Our first trip to the nationals was to the 2013 Atlanta Youth NABC. This experience was made possible by the support of the Shrine Center Bridge Club with weekly instructions from Cheryl Angel and Bill Ehlers.

The Shrine Center continues to be an avid supporter through donations and bridge classes. Additionally, Essex Bridge Center and the Bridge Table make annual contributions to support the Park Avenue School Bridge Club fundraisers for the nationals.

This year, two additional bridge clubs joined us in our

endeavors to travel to Las Vegas. Glen Rock Bridge Club gave us a charitable donation. The Tenaflly Recreation Duplicate Bridge Center is also running a Charity game, Tuesday, April 30th at 7pm to support Park Avenue School's trip to the Las Vegas nationals in July.

Thanks to Unit 140 for the generous donation from the Autumnfest Charity Swiss event and to all of our donors and sponsors. Every little bit helps, and we are extremely grateful for your generosity in making these remarkable opportunities possible for the kids in Orange.

REMEMBRANCES

The Board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League offer their condolences to the family 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 Susan Atteridge at Susan.Atteridge@gmail.com of any deaths within our membership, and indicate, when known, dates of passing and club(s) attended.

J. Putnam Brodsky
d. November 20, 2018
Frequent player at Rumson

Alexander Iler
d. April 2, 2019, 2019
Frequent player
at Jersey and Rumson CC

Diane Keegan
d. March 21, 2019
Frequent player at Seabright Beach Club

STRANGELY IN THE NIGHT

by Jay Korobow

One pastime on BBO midnight imp pairs is to just kibitz or spectate. You can see world champions practice or parlay, or of course just the random sub-par performance of strangers from a strange land. There will be many “interesting” hands and plays and bids, and perhaps some really good ones. As an occasional columnist, it pains me when a deal has a certain special feature that would be missed by all and go to the BBO graveyard with nary a second thought, were I not there to note and record it for my esteemed readers:

Dealer: West Vul: All			
		<u>North</u> ♠ K1098742 ♥ 9 ♦ J963 ♣ 9	
<u>West</u> ♠ AQJ ♥ 65 ♦ K54 ♣ AQ1087		<u>East</u> ♠ 63 ♥ AKQ4 ♦ Q7 ♣ KJ432	
		<u>South</u> ♠ 5 ♥ J108732 ♦ A1082 ♣ 65	
<u>West</u> 1NT 2♦ 4♣ 4♠ 6♣	<u>North</u> Pass Pass Pass Dbl All Pass	<u>East</u> 2♣ 3♣ 4♥ 5♣	South Pass Pass Pass Pass

On this deal East became declarer in a reasonable 6♣ contract that basically requires finding the ♠K onside. North doubled the 4♣ cue bid for the lead, something often best reserved for when you have an Ace, because otherwise you may be helping the opponents bid (or play) the hand to higher efficiency, including the use of a redouble to convey extra info to their partners. Here, it probably should have warned West to pass 5♣, but when West neglected to do that, it backfired in a really spectacular way.

After South's ♠5 lead, trying the finesse will actually result in down two, with the ♠K, a Spade ruff, and ♦A all cashing for the defense. With no reason to disbelieve the double, East went up with the ♠A and pulled trump, thinking about squeezes or other possible routes to taking 12 tricks. For example, if North held four or more Hearts along with the ♠K, there would be a squeeze in the end position for a winning result. The main problem there was that a trick had to be lost to the ♦A first, in effect “rectifying the count” before the squeeze could take effect. Surely, the ♠K would score after the ♦A was yielded, so unless South had it and could not reach partner due to having started with one Spade, that line seemed doomed to fail.

If South had the singleton ♦A, along with one Spade, that would succeed as well, but math and bidding suggested that was not going to occur. So, even though it required North to have 11 cards in the majors – unlikely given the bidding – declarer attempted that squeeze scenario after pulling trump.

With the ♦7 led towards West's king at trick #4, South paused for long thought. Rising with the Ace would set up two tricks for the offense (♦KQ) with no way to reach partner's ♠K. So, South decided (accurately) to duck at least the first round of that suit. However, the long hesitation was not lost on declarer, marking South with both a singleton Spade and ♦A. Emerging from these interesting “Morton's fork” circumstances was a new and guaranteed line, as follows:

South having ducked the ♦A, Declarer could now play AKQ♥, pitching one of West's small Diamonds and leaving one Diamond in each hand. Ruffing the 4th small Heart eliminated that suit from both E-W hands, and now a Diamond to South's Ace resulted in a forced ruff-sluff that in effect granted trick #12 for an unlikely make:

		<u>North</u> ♠ K8 ♥ – ♦ J96 ♣ –	
<u>West</u> ♠ QJ ♥ – ♦ 5 ♣ Q10		<u>East</u> ♠ 6 ♥ – ♦ Q ♣ J43	
		<u>South</u> ♠ – ♥ J10 ♦ A108 ♣ –	

Well done!

Readers who know me will stop here, marvel or sigh, and move on to the Player of the Year race or some other article. **What really happened**, though, was that South was a curmudgeon who attracts a nightly BBO crowd of 100+ spectators with some funny bridge ideas (and rules) and no shyness from giving his partner lessons and criticism as the specs catcall and hoot in derision. One of South's more entertaining tenets was that you always lead the “other major” or “other minor” against suit contracts. No exceptions!

So, singleton or double be damned, the ♦A was on the table at trick #1 before you could say “Making 6.” And they moved on to the next hand as South berated North for an “awful double” without really knowing how or why it actually was!

KUDOS**Recent Unit 140 Player Accomplishments****Piotr Olszewski**

2018 Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs winner, 500-1000 MPs category
(pictured on page 16 of April 2019 ACBL *Bridge Bulletin*)

MEMPHIS NABC - 2019**Donna Dulet and Ruth Yeselson**

Placed 11th, Smith Women's Open Pairs

Jiang Gu

Placed 27th overall, NABC Fast Pairs

Placed 20th Silidor Open Pairs

Joan Brody

Placed 17th overall, NABC Mixed Pairs

Alex Perlin

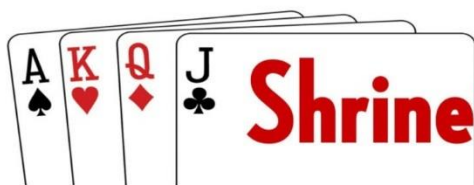
Placed 14th overall, NABC Mixed Pairs

Placed 7th overall, NAP Flight A Pairs representing District 3

Placed 14th, Silidor Open Pairs

Winner (2nd consecutive year), 3-session NABC Robot

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1,000+ MPs as of December 31, 2018

10,000+	W Schenker	3997	E Marks	2562	H Bryan	1800	G Steinberg	1443	P Benjamin	1190		
W Esberg	13680	R Djal	3903	M Trenchard	2551	N Block	1793	A Steinberger	1441	E Cave	1183	
B Tepper	11312	L Fisher	3886	R King	2542	P Blumberg	1791	S Saltus	1437	R Whitney	1181	
L Sokolower	11234	L Samuels	3811	E Petri	2509	S Krietzberg	1787	M Kremer	1431	T Archambault	1180	
Y Liu	10774	R Celler	3796	1,500+	H Neuteboom	1786	B Rose	1430	R Lowenbach	1178		
J Gu	10731	M Mosher	3702		B Dranoff	2482	S Nirody	1780	C Dweck	1423	J Aronson	1174
A Allen	10694	R Shamah	3660		A Budner	2470	S Routh	1769	D Megill	1423	D Lepore	1172
7,500+		D Standig	3646		B Wang	2464	B Eaton	1763	S Braun	1421	B Moore	1170
	C Schneider	9900	R Zonana	3639	R Pigula	2461	D Eaton	1762	D Livescu	1414	S Jones	1169
	W Ehlers	9528	R Fischbein	3622	G Jones	2456	B Stein	1761	S Weiss	1414	L Gunning	1168
	C Angel	9272	A Some	3615	M Kappel	2438	E Uiga	1760	G Browne	1410	M Kelley	1168
A Pineles	9225	E Evans	3572	M Zagajewski	2433	L Alterman	1743	A Palumbo	1403	A Cackowski	1167	
A Aukstikalnis	8985	S Cooper	3566	M Landman	2412	J Polonsky	1732	J Buell	1394	G Moehringer	1165	
J Reisman	8773	D Widman	3530	K Farkas	2399	B Friedland	1730	P Caldwell	1392	P Roura	1153	
S Kaplan	8436	L Bartholomew	3518	E Bauman	2387	J Sherman	1719	C Hage	1388	K Nodzak	1152	
E Schneider	8412	2,500+	E Sable	2383	P Mayewski	1715	S Friedenberg	1387	R Powell	1150		
D Thompson	8179		J Zucker	3478	B Rapoport	2368	W Becker	1706	C Young	1387	S White	1150
J Rowe	7850		T Havican	3465	M Demarco	2333	P Wright	1693	I Winokur	1382	A Agarwala	1148
5,000+			R Faccione	3461	N Samuels	2316	G Carmichael	1691	M Cocubinsky	1376	J Steig	1147
	D Byrnes	7444	C Guastella	3448	B Minor	2314	D Hirsch	1690	R Hersh	1363	R Amann	1143
	B Cox	7321	J Liao	3428	M Frucht	2303	J Goodrich	1689	H Ettlinger	1362	B Lehman	1142
	E Brenner	7157	M Mohr	3425	O Bello	2299	F Mirchin	1681	J Lapp	1362	H Kahn	1139
J Rothstein	7022	E King	3421	D Rowntree	2268	I Reiter	1661	I Peyser	1358	M Millard	1138	
J McCarroll	6964	L Rosenblatt	3398	A Vogel	2255	K Chera	1646	K Feddersen	1341	T Post	1133	
A Perlin	6854	K Elyakin	3370	H Gibson	2218	R Yeselson	1644	V Oudalov	1340	F Gutwillig	1128	
B Witzel	6061	L Dubrovsky	3359	R Levendusky	2211	S Gross	1641	B Lowenfish	1335	L Pavagadhi	1121	
V Ahuja	5932	I Lee	3307	P Capriotti	2195	M Nesh	1638	K Hunter	1331	P Taylor	1121	
P Stein	5902	A Schwarz	3294	J Ji	2188	H Bobroff	1632	E Baird	1323	D Gingold	1118	
S Arshan	5870	H Joshi	3292	A Powell	2184	B Nesh	1629	J Kagan	1322	B Aukstikalnis	1104	
R Imhoff	5829	R Gur	3286	R Stites	2179	R Aboody	1622	J Charkow	1319	E Becker	1103	
A Kohn	5659	P McSweeney	3286	J Gray	2168	C Malmstrom	1621	P Bronson	1313	P Pollack	1103	
M Gupta	5580	R Zowader	3209	R Bare	2145	K Zhao	1619	E Stolpen	1313	R Archambault	1094	
B Britton	5544	R Dubrovsky	3205	W Lee	2145	B Norton	1610	H Ioanid	1312	A Ern	1094	
R Geist	5509	R Kraft	3183	F Shaftel	2139	M Newton	1608	P Schoening	1308	J Prezioso	1094	
A Lohan	5504	R Panitch	3167	B Barnes	2097	D Katz	1606	S Terwilliger	1306	G Lahn	1093	
R Ross	5443	P Schwartz	3147	N Jaffe	2069	J Scheirer	1595	D Sutton	1299	S Gillett	1092	
L Schwartz	5418	L DeNotaristefani	3123	G Pineles	2065	P Corwin	1594	D Lubetkin	1297	M Becker	1091	
V Veeder	5395	A Duboff	3116	B Schlosser	2053	D Cox	1587	R Brolin	1293	D Armbruster	1090	
M Huppert	5362	N Widman	3044	A Pagan	2049	B Newton	1581	R Miller	1292	F Osborne	1085	
M Pickert	5323	R Imhoff	3039	K Bassin	2048	A Crowe	1580	R Kagan	1285	C Kelley	1078	
R Buchalter	5301	S Slusky	3027	D Stites	2044	W Golush	1579	N Rothstein	1277	G Biris	1077	
L Lerner	5296	C VanDen Heuvel	2989	M Fields	2033	T Johnson	1571	J White	1275	R Friedman	1076	
S Fulton	5169	J Ertel	2986	K Lahn	2032	A Tarlach	1570	S Blum	1274	M Bryan	1075	
A Quimson	5107	R Zeckhauser	2903	D Koernig	2022	A Dorin	1567	V Cawley	1268	N Cohen	1072	
D Dulet	5066	M Brighthouse	2818	P Fried	2004	P Hoadley	1558	B Yang	1265	J Annis	1070	
3,500+		I Golden	2808	A Iannino	1998	W Post	1555	S Robbins	1256	V Bonini	1070	
	S Manshel	4988	A Fulton	2799	A Shah	1993	E Zwick	1545	J Snyder	1256	J De Boer	1063
	B Kunin	4916	F Hymus	2791	M Rosenberg	1989	L Youell	1542	B Gurke	1255	F Reddy	1062
	M Gur	4856	E Menashe	2786	S Freedman	1972	E Hedaya	1537	B Codispoti	1248	L Steif	1060
V Bhise	4746	W Barnes	2782	S Gross	1960	D Snow Jr	1528	R Bell	1240	E Pool	1058	
M Elyakin	4618	S Albin	2760	C Yang	1956	J Wilkinson	1525	P Olszewski	1234	N Clancy	1050	
H Schachter	4575	M Deb-Roy	2759	J Anderson	1955	L Borst	1522	M Poller	1230	M Greenberg	1050	
B Clark	4563	S Gindi	2755	M Nelson	1947	W Sumner	1517	S Chang	1229	S Sussman	1049	
M Silberman	4561	B Richter	2745	M Rosen	1944	B Miller	1514	S Kessler	1223	C Good	1046	
J Brody	4485	N Zucker	2733	M Kogan	1934	T Kaufmann	1513	J Fuller	1221	R Boikess	1042	
S Borenstein	4479	S Swiss	2728	C Sit	1928	G Cable Jr	1511	D Prior	1221	L Chapin	1036	
R Hyken	4396	F Weiner	2711	H Stadelmann	1915	1,000+	V Urgo	1220	R Zak	1032		
I Katz	4381	C Adelman	2704	N Mone	1913		S Bibi	1496	E Cohen	1219	A Bressler	1030
L Blessing	4364	G Gorshkov	2699	T Griffith	1902		B Galin	1494	A Goss	1219	D Kim	1030
E Hill	4352	C Couchman	2680	J Conroy	1899		J Di Napoli	1488	E De Boer	1214	R Salovitch	1025
D DuBois	4343	T Miller	2643	R Gillett	1899	P Jones	1488	M Grossbarth	1213	J Miron	1020	
E Reamer	4325	J Portale	2633	B Klein	1897	S Miller	1480	J Owczarek	1209	C Edelbaum	1019	
J Cohan	4271	J McCaffrey	2630	F Chvat	1889	T Farina	1476	M Zwisohn	1207	G Goldberg	1017	
S Schwartz	4270	B Mechlowitz	2629	L Walsh	1883	F Nance	1470	S Atteridge	1205	J Holzer	1017	
S Garreffa	4198	T Hoi	2622	M Smith	1846	D Wasik	1458	J Cella Jr	1192	A Egger	1009	
B Silien	4062	B Vogel	2610	C Braten	1838	Y Panitch	1450	B Stein	1191	R Moy	1009	
R Olsen	4044	B Frucht	2583	J Leznicki	1807	M Lesh	1449	M Beckham	1190	J Bendock	1000	
R Dondero	4031											