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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Arnie Kohn

I have visited a few of our multi-game clubs, during the last few months. The Shrine Club, located in Livingston, was very comfortable, with above-average competition and delicious snacks. The direction and management were superior. Essex Bridge Center, also in Livingston, had similar qualities and had an extra benefit of a non-Life Master section. One club where I had never played before was the Shadowfax club in Chester. I was surprised by the congeniality of its management and saw several players that I have not seen in many years. An added plus here was that one could purchase fresh-farm products and newly hatched eggs.

Concerning management, players should be aware that the principle of zero tolerance operates at national and other ACBL-sponsored tournaments. It also operates at regional and sectional events when announced, as it normally is. For local clubs, a zero-tolerance policy is entirely discretionary. There and elsewhere, players may be penalized for misbehavior, most often by a reduction of masterpoints. For owners and directors, however, there is no equivalent penalty for objectionable conduct. If management behaves rudely, the only recourse for players is to take their business elsewhere.



*Silver
Points*

New Jersey Bridge League HOLIDAY SECTIONAL

December 13-15, 2019

Hungarian-American Citizens Club
95 Port Reading Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Playing site phone: 732-634-9697

Tournament Co-Chairs: Kelly Kiefer (732) 425-2116 and Brett Kunin (973) 243-2366



*New
Sunday Lunch
Menu*

Friday, Dec 13

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

Saturday, Dec 14

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 IMP Pairs (open to all)
● B/C/D GRASSROOT Match Point Pairs (3000/2000/1000)
● Stratified 299ers GRASSROOT Pairs

Sunday, Dec 15

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, roll-ups, croissant sandwiches, salad, 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 Tuesday December 10th to be guaranteed a partner. Email your request to Arnie Dorin at arnied26@gmail.com or call him at 732-841-2351. In addition, please contact Arnie if you have questions about the tournament or need help putting together a team.

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, **NEW** 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 \$4/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 ¼ 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.

YOUTH BRIDGE *by Barbara Clark*



**Jerry Yao
Luke Tong**
1st Place N-S



**Martha Johnson-Jackson
Tamyra Rumble**
3rd Place N-S



**Zhao Tan
Michael Hu**
1st Place E-W

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, 24 students from the Park Avenue and Oakwood Community Schools in Orange participated in the Youth Bridge Sectional Tournament at the Jersey Bridge Club in West Long Branch. There were 35 students in all with nine tables competing for winning positions and master points. The students played seven rounds of bridge. While scores were being tallied, the participants enjoyed a delicious lunch and socialized with their friends from across the state and beyond. Each student received a gift bag with all kinds of goodies in it. The winners received magnificent trophies, all thanks to the New Jersey Bridge League (NJBL).

Many thanks are offered to the NJBL and to Lynn Chapin, owner and manager of the Jersey Bridge Club, for hosting this terrific event for the kids. Their experiences will last a lifetime!



**Mike Morocho
Denise Harlem**
3rd Place E-W



**Autumn Tarver
Aryssa Black**
4th Place E-W



**Benjamin Francis
Bernard Francis**
2nd Place N-S



**Marquis Douglas
Munachiso Iherobiem**
4th Place N-S



**Joey Shi
Chris Chen**
2nd Place E-W

MORE NEGATIVE INFERENCES AT IMPS

by Brett Kunin

In the past, I have written several articles about the use of negative inferences to assist a declarer. Another example arose at the recent NJBL Charity Swiss game.

Playing against two National Champions in the penultimate round, neither vulnerable, you pick up the following hand:

South

♠ KQ5

♥ 9853

♦ AK

♣ QJ83

You open a strong 1NT in first chair and the bidding proceeds:

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2H	All Pass		

You get the ♦Q opening lead and partner tables this dummy:

North

♠ 987

♥ K742

♦ 86542

♣ A

It appears that 1NT would have little play. You thank partner, win the ♦A, play a Club to the Ace (LHO playing the ♣7 and RHO the ♣2) and play a Diamond to your King.

Negative inference no. 1: You had expected a Spade lead at trick #1, so you place LHO with the ♠A. Therefore, you play the ♠J for a ruffing finesse. LHO follows, you pitch a Spade from dummy, and RHO follows with a suspicious ♣10 (defenders are playing upside-down count and attitude). Backing your judgment, you play the ♠K from your hand. LHO wins the ♠A and, after a short hesitation, returns a small Spade to RHO's Jack and your Queen. Since it is obvious that you have prepared the hands along crossruff lines, and since two players of their caliber know your plan of attack, you can now make:

Negative inferences 2a and 2b: The only reason for LHO *not* to play a trump at trick #5 is that (2a) LHO has either a stiff ♥A or none. In addition (2b) since the only hope of their beating the contract is to stop the impending crossruff, a National Champion would have cashed a stiff trump Ace if he held it. Therefore, you conclude that LHO is void in Hearts and that RHO holds ♥AQJ106.

You now ruff a Spade low in dummy and ruff a Diamond back to your hand. It is highly likely that, if LHO held five Spades in addition to five or six Clubs, he would have been in the auction. The hands now count themselves. LHO's distribution was 4=0=3=6 and RHO's was 3=5=3=2. RHO's original five trumps must be his only remaining cards.

Here is the position with you on lead at trick #9:

North

♠ —

♥ K74

♦ 86

♣ —

South

♠ —

♥ 985

♦ —

♣ Q8

Having won seven of the first eight tricks, you now ruff a Club with dummy's ♥7. West overruffs but must now concede one more trick to dummy's ♥K, and you make your contract.

At the other table, the contract was 1NT, which would have gone down two or three tricks on a black suit lead. Unfortunately, your teammate also led the ♦Q, and declarer played brilliantly to go down only one trick. Nevertheless, by carefully counting the hands and taking advantage of the negative inferences, you gain a hard-fought four IMPs. The full hand was:

Dealer: South

Vul: None

North

♠ 987

♥ K742

♦ 86542

♣ A

West

♠ A1062

♥ —

♦ QJ10

♣ K97654

East

♠ J43

♥ AQJ106

♦ 973

♣ 102

South

♠ KQ5

♥ 9853

♦ AK

♣ QJ83

KOHN'S KORNER

by Arnie Kohn

Declarer Competing

I am observing newer, inexperienced players toying with conventions and systematic treatments which they misunderstand and use improperly. I think pairs can improve their matchpoint scores more efficiently by learning how to compete at the two- and three-levels. When your opponents have announced that they have an eight- or nine-card "trump fit," your side has one also. Should they bid to the two-level, announcing that they hold somewhere between 19 and 23 HCP and will score +110 or +140, your side should enter the auction, perhaps

with a takeout double, and compete. Let the opponents score only +50 or +100. On a good day, your side might even fulfill your contract. When your side is vulnerable, however, have some caution when bidding to the three-level.

Another caution is that when the opponents bid to 1 NT, they are announcing that they do **not** have a fit. Therefore, your side does not have one either. Enter the auction only with a reasonably good six-card holding and an outside Ace or King.

PLAYER of the YEAR RACE

Standings by range as of September 1, 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	Lawrence Gordon	West Orange	16.33
		Julie Bernhardt	Nutley	8.09
		Howard Wolfish	Beverly Heights	7.55
	100 - 300	Steven Siegel	Mendham	16.82
		Julie Grossman	Hopewell	6.19
		Kathleen Riepenhoff	Skillman	6.19
	300 - 1000	Komal Kamat	Plainsboro	11.88
		Michael Lo	Bedminster	10.72
		Teresa Chek	Bedminster	10.72
	1000 - 2500	Michal Zagajewski	Hightstown	28.35
		Arnold Dorin	Manalapan	21.10
		Ruth Yeselson	Highland Park	17.97
	Unlimited	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	53.14
		Alexander Allen	Annandale	42.45
		Richard Ross	Highland Park	38.21

MASTERPOINT RACES

Standings by range as of October 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.

Masterpoint range

MINI-McKENNEY

ACE OF CLUBS

0 – 5	Kerry Redinger	Holmdel	20.40	Kerry Redingerh	Holmdel	16.96
	Robert Carroll	Lawrenceville	17.44	Robert Carroll	Lawrenceville	12.99
	<u>Joanne Grandits</u>	<u>Red Bank</u>	<u>13.06</u>	<u>James Brown</u>	<u>Manahawkin</u>	<u>12.67</u>
5 – 20	William Parkins	Denville	53.56	William Parkins	Denville	42.16
	Margy Whapham	Peninsula, OH	38.83	Thomas Cummins	Summit	26.28
	<u>Simon Thomson</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>32.10</u>	<u>Simon Thomson</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>25.62</u>
	Lawrence Gordon	West Orange	121.64	Lawrence Gordon	West Orange	49.12
20 – 50	Allan Schwartz	Manalapan	56.80	Joy Scully	Essex Fells	32.82
	<u>David Kestner</u>	<u>Manchester</u>	<u>42.51</u>	<u>David Kestner</u>	<u>Manchester</u>	<u>32.63</u>
	Julie Bernhardt	Nutley	91.11	Tracey Moreno	Sea Girt	42.02
50 – 100	Rise Meyers	Jersey City	59.51	Norman Friedman	Livingston	41.25
	<u>Roy Knapp</u>	<u>Rockaway</u>	<u>53.64</u>	<u>Roy Knapp</u>	<u>Rockaway</u>	<u>40.34</u>
	Steven Siegel	Mendham	141.37	Esther Eisenberg	Holmdel	96.67
100 – 200	Esther Eisenberg	Holmdel	105.26	Sheila Holderness	Montville	71.00
	<u>Sheila Holderness</u>	<u>Montville</u>	<u>82.96</u>	<u>Jay Fisher</u>	<u>Florham Park</u>	<u>48.67</u>
	Kathleen Riepenhoff	Skillman	116.56	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	105.87
200 – 300	Martin Eisenberg	Holmdel	115.89	Kathleen Riepenhoff	Skillman	79.43
	<u>Julie Grossman</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>101.42</u>	<u>Julie Grossman</u>	<u>Hopewell</u>	<u>71.61</u>
	Zenon Komar	Summit	216.78	Zenon Komar	Summit	120.96
300 – 500	Amber Lin	San Francisco, CA	191.24	Romesh Arora	New Providence	79.83
	<u>Ira Tarnow</u>	<u>West Orange</u>	<u>147.38</u>	<u>King Li</u>	<u>Summit</u>	<u>76.75</u>
	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	180.68	Jacqueline Hewlett	Bridgewater	109.49
500 – 1000	Jackqueline Hewlett	Bridgewater	133.01	Michael Hewlett	Bridgewater	109.49
	<u>Michael Hewlett</u>	<u>Bridgewater</u>	<u>133.01</u>	<u>Chung-Zong Wan</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>96.51</u>
	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	623.68	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	231.38
1000 – 1500	Foster Osborne	Summit	178.64	Barbara Codispoti	Mount Arlington	84.08
	<u>Jeffrey Halle</u>	<u>Middletown</u>	<u>138.88</u>	<u>George Browne</u>	<u>West Orange</u>	<u>65.14</u>
	Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany	228.51	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	146.70
1500 – 2500	DWendy Lee	East Hanover	225.03	John Anderson	Rockaway	142.96
	<u>Neeta Mone</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>181.43</u>	<u>Chorng-Hour Yang</u>	<u>Parsippany</u>	<u>141.30</u>
	Himanshu Joshi	Chester	157.61	Mark Mohr	Springfield	106.59
2500 – 3500	Reha Gur	Leonardo	151.87	Himanshu Joshi	Chester	90.79
	<u>Nat Zucker</u>	<u>Monroe Township</u>	<u>143.74</u>	<u>Ronald Kraft</u>	<u>East Windsor</u>	<u>83.25</u>
	Stephen Garreffa	Randolph	487.89	Stephen Gareffa	Randolph	232.90
3500 – 5000	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	412.13	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	210.04
	<u>Joan Brody</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>342.90</u>	<u>Dave DuBois</u>	<u>Westfield</u>	<u>161.06</u>
	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	472.36	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	242.92
5000 – 7500	Alex Perlin	Metuchen	320.95	Donna Dulet	Ocean	159.52
	<u>Donna Dulet</u>	<u>Ocean</u>	<u>306.90</u>	<u>Betty Cox</u>	<u>Randolph</u>	<u>127.32</u>
	Abe Pineles	Jackson	300.33	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	150.63
7500 – 10,000	Dori Byrnes	Morris Plains	289.07	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	145.35
	<u>Cynthia Schneider</u>	<u>East Brunswick</u>	<u>285.88</u>	<u>Chryl Angel</u>	<u>Livingston</u>	<u>133.34</u>
	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	749.55	William Esberg	Long Branch	126.35
10,000+	Alexander Allen	Annandale	369.17	Alexander Allen	Annandale	82.66
	Yinghao Liu	Hoboken	217.05	Lester Sokolower	Verona	62.30

ROUGH WATERS vs CALM SEAS

by Francis Gupta

Interfering Over Opponents' Opening Bids – Part 1 of 2

[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.]

Players in both the Open and Non-Life Masters sections would generally agree as to the meaning of a one-level opening bid. However, an overcall (a bid made by opponents over an opening bid) will most likely generate multiple opinions as to its meaning.

The reason for this is simple: any introductory guide to playing bridge begins with the requirements for opening a hand at the one-level (major, minor or NT) so players get an understanding of the meaning of one-level opening bids right from the start. But competitive bidding is another matter. As overcalls and other interfering bids by the opponents build upon an understanding of opening bids they are generally covered at a later stage. (For instance, Audrey Grant deals with the subject in the second book of the Bridge Basics series.) But by then most players are already bidding hands and are generally getting by using their intuition when it comes to making overcalls.

While an intuition-based approach may work sometimes, it is not ideal, since it does not allow partner to get a gauge of overcaller's hand and respond appropriately to the overcall. Bridge is a partnership game and the primary objective of a bid is to communicate your hand to partner. This communication is the key to compete effectively in an auction. And for the communication to be effective, bidding – the tool used for communication – needs to be grounded in a rules-based system that both partners agree upon. Therefore, we thought that it might be a useful exercise to summarize the meanings of all overcalls and interfering bids that can be made over a one-level opening bid based on such a system.

Note that what is presented here works in a majority of the hands and is meant to serve as a starting point. Of course, individual partnerships are always free to alter the meanings of any bid as long as both partners are in agreement and the specific meaning of any bid adopted by the partnership is consistent with the rest of the bidding approach. For the first of our two-part series, we will focus on overcalls and interfering bids over a minor suit opening at the one-level made in the first or second seat. Specifically:

North	East	South	West
1♣ or 1♦	?		

If playing a Standard American or 2/1 system, a minor suit opening in the first or second seat usually shows a hand with 12 to 21 HCP and three or more cards in the minor. It excludes the 15-17 and the 20-21 HCP range with balanced distribution. Lastly, a minor suit opening denies a five-card major.

Overcalling North's 1♣ Opening Bid

North having opened 1♣, here are the possible bids that East can make and their meanings:

1♦/1♥/1♠ shows 8 to 16 HCP and 5+ cards in the suit bid. With 17+ HCP and 5+ in any of the remaining suits, East should double first and then bid according to what transpires in the rest of the auction. Note that this double is for takeout, so if South passes, West is compelled to bid. (The bidding that follows the "17+ HCP double" will be dealt with in a future column.)

1NT shows 15 to 18 HCP, a balanced hand, and stopper(s) in clubs. Most partnerships would have 1NT systems "on" after this 1NT overcall. In other words, West can respond to East's 1NT overcall as if East opened 1NT.

2♣ is an artificial bid. Most partnerships play this as a Michaels cue bid showing 5+ cards in Hearts and Spades. HCPs differ for individual partnerships and depend on vulnerability. East should ensure that West is familiar with the full convention before using it, so that West can respond appropriately.

2♦/2♥/2♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and six cards in the suit bid.

2NT is an artificial bid. Most partnerships play this as the Unusual NT bid showing Hearts and Diamonds (the two remaining lowest suits). Point counts differ by individual partnerships and depend on vulnerability. Again, East should ensure that West is familiar with the full convention before using it.

3♦/3♥/3♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and 7 cards in the suit bid.

3NT shows a hand that can stop clubs and can run the other minor (in this case Diamonds) to take a total of 9 total tricks. This call denies a 4-card major.

4♦/4♥/4♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and 8 cards in the suit bid.

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ROUGH WATERS vs CALM SEAS

Interfering Over Opponents' Opening Bids – Part 1 of 2

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Double shows one of the following two hands:

- A. A hand with 12 to 16 HCP and having two or fewer cards in Clubs and three or more cards in Diamonds, Hearts and Spades. Examples of 13-card distributions that qualify for a double as long as they have 12 to 16 HCP are:

♠	♥	♦	♣
4 cards	4 cards	3 cards	2 cards
4	3	4	2
3	4	4	2
4	4	4	1

Any hand that is short (two or fewer cards) in any of the unbid suits does not qualify for a double in the first round of bidding, even if it has 12 to 16 HCP. It is best to wait and see how South and West bid before interfering in the auction.

- B. Any unbalanced hand with 17+ HCP.

Finally, a pass shows any of the remaining possible hands.

Overcalling North's 1♦ Opening Bid

North having opened 1♦, here are the possible bids that East can make and their meanings:

1♥/1♠ shows 8 to 16 HCP and 5+ cards in the suit bid. With 17+ HCP and 5+ in any of the remaining suits, East should first double and then bid depending on what transpires in the rest of the auction. Note that this double is for takeout, so if South passes, West is compelled to bid. (The bidding that follows the "17+ HCP double" will be dealt with in a future column.)

1NT shows 15 to 18 HCP, a balanced hand, and stopper(s) in Diamonds. Most partnerships would have 1NT systems "on" after this 1NT overcall. In other words, West can respond to East's 1NT overcall as if East opened 1NT.

2♣ shows 10 to 16 HCP and 5+ Clubs. With 17+ HCP East should first double and then bid the Clubs or raise partner's bid if able to support (need 4+ cards). Note that the HCP range for making a two-level overcall has changed from 8 to 16 HCP to 10 to 16 HCP.

2♦ is an artificial bid. Most partnerships play this as a Michaels cue bid showing 5+ cards in Hearts and Spades. Point counts differ by Individual partnerships and depend on vulnerability. East should ensure that West is familiar

with the full convention before using it, so that West can respond appropriately.

2♥/2♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and six cards in the suit bid.

2NT is an artificial bid. Most partnerships play this as an Unusual NT bid showing Hearts and Clubs (the two remaining lowest suits). Point counts differ by Individual partnerships and depend on vulnerability. East should ensure that West is familiar with the full convention before using it.

3♣/3♥/3♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and 7 cards in the suit bid.

3NT shows a hand that can stop Diamonds and can run the other minor (in this case the Clubs) to take a total of 9 total tricks. This call denies a 4-card major.

4♣/4♥/4♠ is a preemptive overcall. It shows a weak hand (5-10 HCP) and eight cards in the suit bid.

Double shows one of the following two hands:

- A. A hand with 12 to 16 HCP and having two or fewer cards in Clubs and three or more cards in Diamonds, Hearts and Spades. Examples of 13-card distributions that qualify for a double as long as they have 12 to 16 HCP are:

♠	♥	♦	♣
4 cards	4 cards	3 cards	2 cards
4	3	2	4
3	4	2	4
4	4	1	4

Any hand that is short (two or fewer cards) in any of the unbid suits does not qualify for a double even if it has 12 to 16 HCP. It is best to wait and see how South and West respond before interfering in the auction.

- B. Any unbalanced hand with 17+ HCP.

Finally, a pass shows any of the remaining possible hands.

[My thanks to Arnold Dorin for his review and suggestions for this article. Part 2 of this series, in the next issue of the Declarer, will cover interference over opponents' major suit openings.]

R2 DETOUR

by Jay Korobow

There are some legitimate concerns about robots and AI in general adversely impacting our future society. Probably, the effect on unemployment is one major aspect. Probably, the effect upon online bridge-playing, whether at 3 a.m. or other times, is not.

There is now a plethora of competitions on BBO and other sites that utilize robots, and they also are finding their way into club games to even out movements (avoiding sitouts). The skill of these bridge robots is getting better and better, and there are yearly competitions to see whose programming is the best. Defense and declarer play, at least on BBO, seem more than adequate. Zero tolerance, ethics, temperament, and fast, even-paced play are as good as it gets. Bidding is, well, somewhat lagging behind the other traits.

This could be a problem for even your favorite partner. Let's say the robot's hand is

♣ KQx
♥ K10x
♦ KQJ10
♣ xxx

and is opened 1♦. When your RHO bids 3♣ weak and you bid 3♥ forcing, the robot's only call is 4♥. Over 4NT by you, one key card is shown by either 5♣ or 5♦ depending upon agreeing to 0314 or 1430. And when you bid 5NT, what does this flat 14-point hand do now?

For starters, a good agreement to have (do you?) is that 5NT confirms all of the keycards as well as the trump Queen. It ostensibly asks about kings, and in so doing invites a grand slam. Some players actually will bid 5NT as a "courtesy" to confirm these critical cards, without really having any particular extras, and suggesting that seven may be the right level of bidding. When you are dealt the hand above and learn partner has (all of the missing) ♠A, ♥AQxxx+, ♦A, and ♣A... you can count 13 tricks if Hearts divide 3-2 or the Jack is located: three Spades, five Hearts, four Diamonds, and one Club. Whatever 5NT means (or asks), the sensible approach here is to simply bid 7NT next!

While in standard Blackwood 5NT asks for the number of Kings, in **keycard** the best agreement is that you "start" by showing your **lowest** king. The trump king of course has been shown, so it does not count. With Kxx K10x KQxx Jxx you would therefore bid 6♦, showing the King of that suit but denying the ♣K. What would you next do if you hear 6♥? Well, you do have the ♠K that you haven't shown, but with this ratty 12-count even 6♥ could be in jeopardy, since you can only "see" 11 likely tricks. If 5NT was "just a courtesy," you pass without a thought other than, "Should I have opened this garbage?" If 5NT shows extras, by agreement, and maybe your ♣J were moved to some place more promising, you would have some pondering to do.

The pondering might (and should) incorporate the form of scoring and other things. Do you need a big pickup, behind in a tight match? Are you feeling about 65-70% at matchpoints and would be satisfied with an average+ and no worse? Are you playing Zia's team and think a little luck might be just what the doctor ordered? Or are you playing some Sunday school teachers in teams that just learned the game and can barely hold their cards, much less get to 6♥?

Besides not having any of the subtle agreements in place (such as 5NT being a courtesy or not), robots are not equipped (or programmed) to perform this level of consideration. BBO has some robot mini-tournaments you can enter for 25 cents, and you play eight boards with and against all robots. 15 players enter and you are ranked duplicate style on how well you perform with (and against) the robots on the exact same deals. One presumes the robots are all equally skilled and unbiased! In practice, knowing what a robot is likely (programmed) to do in a given situation can be a huge benefit. Will they underlead an Ace? Will they lead Queen from Qx on opening lead? Talk about new dimensions in bridge play!

"My" robot – and I don't call "it" that "fondly" – actually held the North hand below. When I bid 5NT, "it" responded 6♦, as you probably would. I then "tested" it by bidding 7♦. What would you do if your favorite regular partner tried that call on you? Pass, or 7♥, or what? Hint: you "might" have held 4-4-3-2 shape for the bidding that has occurred.

With the South hand, I envisioned many less ugly hands opposite which we would have 13 tricks, and also some that would have 13 tricks in Diamonds but not in Hearts. As in the actual deal:

♠ K64	
♥ K102	
♦ KQ105	
♣ J106	
♠ Q1057	♠ J932
♥ 9654	♥ 7
♦ 9763	♦ 8
♣ Q	♣ K987542
	♠ A8
	♥ AQJ83
	♦ AJ42
	♣ A3

There is no way to get more than 12 tricks playing in Hearts, but in Diamonds you can easily score a Spade ruff for trick #13, and so that is the grand slam that makes for a highly rewarding score result: actually 100% in this matchpoint contest. Alas, what is this society coming to? For no particular reason I can imagine, "my" robot did not pass 7♦ but "took me back" to 7♥ for a 7% score result. I think my bigger regret is that it didn't "take me back" to 1970, before there were bridge robots!

MILESTONES

Changes in rank: JUL – Aug – Sep – Oct, 2019

RUBY LIFE MASTER

George Browne	West Orange
Jeffrey Halle	Middletown
Douglas Megill	Princeton
Anthony Palumbo	Brielle
Stanley Weiss	Livingston

SILVER LIFE MASTER

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Leon Goldstein	Mountain Lakes
Michael Hewlett	Bridgewater
Michael Lo	Bedminster

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Gunhild Alius	Lawrence Twp
Julie Anderson	Tinton Falls
Phyllis Kears	Millburn
Richard Loynd	Short Hills
Joseph Messina	Waretown
Susan Sussman	Livingston

LIFE MASTER

Edward Andrews Jr	Skillman
Phyllis Kears	Millburn
Zenon Komar	Summit
Ginny Mason	Princeton
Mary Newman	Montclair
Joan Rossiter	Waretown
Susan Sussman	Livingston
Renee Waas	Mountain Lakes
Joseph Wright	Westfield

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Bernard Clarkin	Morris Plains
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Neil Goldstein	Essex Fells
Cheryl Gorman	Little Silver
Grace Johnson	Chatham
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Lois Shindelman	Princeton
Steven Siegel	Mendham
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Roger Matthews	Mendham
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Thomas Newton Jr	Plainfield
Graham Oakes	Montclair
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Vincent Dominianni	Manchester
Stan Dubroff	Jackson
Laurie Erickson	Madison
Terry Fricker	Somerville
Joan Gotti	Little Silver
John Grout	Iselin
Ron Ilan	West Caldwell
Margaret Kearns	Manchester
David Kestner	Manchester
Richard Leschander	Harvey Cedars
Jacqueline Lipper	Landing
Sean Manns	Murray Hill
William Parkins	Denville
Douglas Reeves	Union
Janet Rotchford	Rumson
Robert Sandberg	Princeton
Barbara Sasson	Oakhurst
Suzanne Sayia	Mantoloking
Allan Schwartz	Manalapan
David Upton	Madison
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CLUB MASTER

Karl Barna	Manchester
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Lee Delorenzi	Bedminster
Penny Dragonetti	Manalapan
Sacka Duffy	Rumson
Sharon Glauberg	West Caldwell
Beverley Gould	West Orange
Edward Kaplan	Veroma
Patricia Kay	Westfield
Dixie Kirpalani	Princeton
Lawrence Klein	Freehold
Tobin Levy	Princeton
Valerie Levy	North Caldwell
Nancy Manket	Watchung
Priti Merchant	Livingston
Thomas Miller	Sea Girt
Lisa Molisani	Chatham
Mary Jane O'Hare	Rumson
Kerry Redinger	Holmdel
Patti Senk	Manahawkin
Karen Silver	Iselin
Joan Spielman	West Windsor
Laurie Taylor	North Caldwell
Esther Tesar	Kendall Park
Harriet Torjussen	Little Silver
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Barry Weinstein	Monroe Twp
Nancy Whipple	Chatham

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Peri-Leigh Garmson	Bridgewater
Claude George	Skillman
Bettina Heller	Monroe Twp
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Michael Hu	Plainsboro
Munachiso Iherobiem	Orange
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Laurie Kramer	East Millstone
Valerie Lavella	Toms River
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Robin Levy	Pine Brook
Warren Levy	Pine Brook
Zhengyu Mao	Towaco

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Regina McNeill	Verona
Hugh O Hare	Rumson
Ellen Ostrovsky	Livingston
Martin Parker	Bloomfield
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Neelambari Rao	Hillsborough
Paul Rodgers	Long Valley
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Abby Schenkman	Bridgewater
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Cary Silverman	Mountain Lakes
Jerome Spivack	Mountainside
Stacey Supran	Summit
Luke Tong	Princeton
Sharon Trummel	Brookside
Robert Wachtel	West Orange
William Waldorf	Hillsborough
Marcia Wasser	Scotch Plains
Donald Weber	Princeton
Joseph Wiatr	East Hanover
Derrick Zhao	Westfield

THE ENLIGHTNERMENT

by Peter Wright

Methought for many agonizing weeks that my muse had dried up. I was preparing to head for WBA (Writers Block Anonymous), there to confess my having wandered unwittingly (OK, *wit*lessly) into an inspirational desert. And then, at a club game in which we did not otherwise distinguish ourselves, cameth the Enlightnerment.

Our opponents are two of the Best Players (BPs) in the Unit, way above my pay grade. I suspect I'm not the only one to cringe inwardly when encountering BPs, but I try to pump myself up on such occasions. If they whap us on the beezer, that's just a plain Darwinesque expectation, with no shame attached. But every now and then *we* get to whap a *BP's* beezer. And *that* churning hope is what keeps us coming back to the club, day after week, *n'est-ce pas*?

But back to the Enlightnerment. With all two of my senses on full alert, I take note of North's thrilling expert bid of 1♠. The synapses synchronize, the neurons normalize, and I deduce with a jolt that he has . . . an opening hand! Man, am I wired, or what? As East, I hold:

♠ —
♥ 2
♦ KQ109764
♣ J8642

With coyote-like cunning, I unfurl the arcane CohenBerg Convention, according to which you add three to the number of cards in your *shortest* suit, multiply by *one*, and bid your *longest* suit at the level of the resulting product; hence, 3♦. South, clearly annoyed by my presumptive intrusion into what every BP expects to be an uncontested auction at any table graced by his Presence, ponders for a full 1.38 seconds before skewering me with an expert 3♥. Partner, chuckling at my cheekiness, passes. (No, not *out*, silly; he just passes.)

North registers his disdain by bidding *four* of my suit, though how he expects to make ten tricks with a void in Diamonds is a mystery only a BP can fathom. Having already trespassed on the opponents' reservation, I now beat a hasty retreat. South one-ups his partner in the disdain department by bidding *five* of my suit. Perhaps he anticipates that the play of his mighty ♦A will cause *all* the defense's Diamonds to tumble out in one ginormous trick.

North repeats his Spade bid, in case South missed the first one, but South persists to 6♥, followed by two passes. South, on the verge of laying down his hand with a claim, darts a contemptuous glance at me when I fail to acknowledge his magnificence with an abject Pass. *I*, however, am absorbed by an infinity of questions galumphing through my cranial cavity.

1. If I make a *Lightner Double*, asking for the lead of dummy's first-bid suit, will partner recognize it?
2. If he recognizes it, will he trust me and lead a Spade?
3. If he trusts me and I *do* get a Spade ruff, might declarer still make the contract?
4. If I double, might South run to 6♠ or even 6NT?
5. If not *now*, *when*?

Summoning up a giant dollop of devil-may-care gumption, I double. (Bet you never saw that coming!)

South, expecting by divine right to take 13 tricks, considers bidding 7♥ and daring me to double that. Or maybe he'll redouble, since 12 tricks, to the BP mind, are a triple-gold-plated certainty. In the end, though, he passes, deciding that making a minimum of 12 tricks *doubled* will rate top billing.

The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♠	3♦	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♠	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All Pass	

Dealer: North
Vul: All

North
♠ AQ875
♥ 973
♦ —
♣ AK1053

West	East
♠ K9632	♠ —
♥ K54	♥ 2
♦ J32	♦ KQ109764
♣ 97	♣ J8642

South
♠ J104
♥ AQJ1086
♦ A85
♣ Q

Partner dutifully (he'd *better*!) leads a Spade. Dummy comes down and I'm in eleventh heaven. Declarer tanks and comes up with a "winning line." He'll take the ♠A (BPs *always* spurn finesses, you know). To that he'll add three Club tricks (pitching two Spades), the ♦A, two Diamond ruffs in dummy, and five Heart tricks for a total of twelve. Mission accomplished! Instead: WHAP! I ruff at trick #1 with my miniscule, miniature, min*ute*, and extremely singleton ♥2. How sweet is that?! (Final result: down two: West ruffed the third round of Clubs and still had the ♥K coming.)

HOW TO BID LIKE AN EXPERT

by Brett Kunin

You are playing in the Flight A Swiss team game in the Fairfield Regional when, in first seat, you pick up a strong, unbalanced hand:

♠ K
♥ 73
♦ A
♣ KJ10976543

You open 1♣, LHO passes, and partner bids 1♥, RHO passes, and you have a difficult call, since there is little question that you will force this hand to game.

3♣ is a gross underbid, and 4♣ is not only unilateral, but bypasses 3NT. Accordingly, although partner cannot know you have such a Club suit, you make an "artificial reverse" and bid 2♦. LHO passes, and to your surprise, partner bids 3♣, showing 3-card support, a game-forcing hand, and also tending to deny a holding of five Hearts. (2NT by partner would have been artificial, and the only way for partner to sign off by passing your required 3♣ bid over 2NT.)

RHO passes, and you make whatever bid would be a Blackwood equivalent. With this particular partner, you play Minorwood, so you bid 4♣. To your pleasant surprise, partner shows three Aces, and you bid the grand with confidence. Dummy tables:

♠ A65
♥ A952
♦ Q92
♣ A82

The opponents at the other table rest in 6♣, so with good cooperative bidding, you have created a much needed "swing" for your team on an auction containing only six calls prior to your bidding the laydown grand slam.

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣ ¹	Pass	4♥ ²	Pass
7♣	All Pass		

1 Minorwood 1430

2 Three or zero keycards

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.

Don Fraser

d. July 5, 2019

Frequent player at North Brunswick

Mary Nissinoff

d. 2019

Donnie Wernick

d. 2019

Marsha Wilkie

d. August 29, 2019

Frequent player at Shadowfax

Roz Wittlin

d. July 23, 2019

Frequent player at Essex Bridge Center

KUDOS

Unit 140 player achievements

FAIRFIELD SUMMER 2019 REGIONAL

July 8	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Steve Cooper	3 rd overall
	Open Pairs	Dori Byrnes	3 rd overall
	Open pairs	Alexander Allen, Richard Ross	5 th overall
July 9	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Arnie Dorin, Joel Salinger,	3 rd overall
	Peter Stein, Steve Arshan		
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 2		
July 10	Round Robin Teams, bracket 3	Alan Blaker	1 st overall
	Open Pairs	Stephanie Austin, Ming Li,	1 st overall
	Open Pairs	Zenon Komar, Dorothy Koernig	
July 12	Open Pairs	Steve Gareffa	2 nd overall
	Open Pairs	Vijay Ahuja, Neeta Mone	3 rd overall
	Open Pairs	Robert Zeckhauser	4 th overall
July 13	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Ira Tarnow, Renee Waas, David Weill	1 st overall
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Jiang Gu	1 st overall
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 2	Michael Hewlett, Jackie Hewlett	1 st overall
July 14	Round Robin Teams, bracket 3	Churng-Hour Yang, Chung-Zong Wan	1 st overall
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 4	Dennis Mondelli, Beau Norton,	
	Open Pairs	S. Jones, Dodi Ballard	1 st overall
July 15	Open Pairs	Susan Sussman, David Sutton	1 st overall
	Open Pairs	Dori Byrnes	3 rd overall
	Open Pairs	Linda Nitabach	4 th overall
July 16	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Neeta Mone, Vijay Ahuja	5 th overall
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Dori Byrnes	1 st overall
	Round Robin Teams, bracket 2	Abe Pineles	2 nd overall
July 17	Open Pairs	Rosalind Powell, Irene Reiter	1 st overall
	Open Pairs	Barbara Lowenstein, Susan Craig	
	Open Pairs	Steve Gareffa, David Katzen	3 rd overall
July 18	A/x Swiss Teams	Sam Borenstein, Brett Kunin	4 th overall
	A/x Swiss Teams	Jiang Wang	5 th overall
		Alex Perlin, Igor Savchenko	2 nd overall
July 19		Dori Byrnes, Joan Brody	5 th overall

DANBURY FALL 2019 REGIONAL

July 17	Round Robin Teams, bracket 1	Dori Byrnes	1 st overall
July 18	Open Pairs	Joan Brody	5 th overall
	Open Pairs	Dori Byrnes	6 th overall
	Swiss Teams, bracket 1	Xuhua Lin	2 nd overall
July 19	Open Pairs	Alex Perlin, Igor Savchenko	6 th overall
July 20	A/x Swiss Teams	Dori Byrnes	2 nd overall
	A/x Swiss Teams	Sam Borenstein, Bretty Kunin	6 th overall

LAS VEGAS SUMMER 2019 NATIONAL

0-2500 Life Master Pairs	Jacek Leznicki, Piotr Olszewski	2 nd overall
0-6000 Life Master Pairs	Muffie Gur, Reha Gur	3 rd overall
Wernher Open Pairs	Alexander Allen, Abe Pineles	26 th overall
Wernher Open Pairs	Zhu Liu	38 th overall
Von Zedwitz Open Pairs	Steve Weinstein	24 th overall
Von Zedwitz Open Pairs	Walter Schenker	38 th overall
Von Zedwitz Open Pairs	Alex Perlin	63 rd overall
Von Zedwitz Open Pairs	Linda Nitabach	84 th overall
Freedman Mixed Board-a-Math Pairs	Jiang Gu	2 nd overall

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Om Singh
Nat Zucker**

FULL FIRST TERM

**Susan Atteridge
Brett Kunin**

SECOND TERM

Kelly Kiefer

BIG GAMES

(must have 5 tables to qualify)

July – August – September - October

OPEN		
80.36%	Alexander Allen / Donna Dulet	Little Silver
78.46%	Beau Norton / Dolores Ballard	Stafford
77.08%	Lester Sokolower / Cheryl Angel	Shrine
77.04%	Richard Ross / William Esberg	Little Silver
76.56%	Harold Schachter / Mark Savedoff	Four Seasons
76.52%	Stanley Weiss / Gregory Gorshkov	Essex
76.33%	Lynn Chapin / Donna Dulet	Little Silver
75.50%	Beau Norton / Marc Lipman	Stafford
75.42%	Cynthia Schneider / Eli Schneider	Shrine
75.12%	William Hait / Sharon Hait	Essex
74.88%	Cho-Wei Sit / Eric Sit	Shrine
74.85%	Dori Byrnes / Ruth Zowader	Essex
74.72%	Karen Hoffner / D. Hoffner	Stafford
74.17%	Eleanor Wiener / Steven Feldhamer	Essex
74.07%	Ed Hill / Bruce Witzel	Shadowfax
73.43%	Alexander Allen / Richard Bare	BCCNJ
73.21%	Stephen Arshan / Peter Stein	Jersey
73.11%	Abe Pineles / Donna Dulet	Jersey
72.58%	Peter Olszewski / Jacek Leznicki	Essex
72.40%	Donna Dulet / Muffie Gur	Toms River
72.25%	Elyse Menashe / Rochelle Djmal	Jersey
72.16%	Frieda Sutton / Norma Shamosh	Deal
72.02%	Jacek Leznicki / Piotr Olszewski	Essex
71.85%	Renee Geist / Larry Youell	Shrine
71.83%	Richard Levendusky / John Gimblette	Four Seasons
71.78%	Richard Ross / William Esberg	Jersey
71.73%	Dolores Ballard / Beau Norton	Toms River
71.69%	Susan Slusky / Ruth Yeselson	BCCNJ
71.67%	Martin Fox / Robert Wink	TomsRiver
71.60%	Sharon Hait / William Hait	Essex

OPEN (cont'd)		
71.48%	Marc Lipman / Beau Norton	Stafford
71.47%	Ira Tarnow / Jay Fisher	Essex
71.43%	Agnes Barenti / Jeanne Forti	Westlake
71.43%	Ester Eisenberg / Martin Eisenberg	Atlantic
71.30%	Piotr Olszewski / Foster Osborne	Essex
71.26%	Ruth Zowader / Roberta Satin	Essex
71.25%	Mark Savedoff / Harold Schachter	Leis Village
71.25%	Sonia Bibi / CherylDweck	Deal
71.13%	Lee Schwartz / Betty Cox	Essex
71.02%	Muffie Gur / Donna Dulet	Jersey
70.95%	Harold Schachter / Mark Savedoff	Leis Village
70.90%	Sharon Hait / William Hait	Essex
70.83%	Jackie Hewlett / Michael Hewlett	Murray Hill
70.83%	Jim Buell / Endel Uiga	Shadowfax
70.83%	John Gimblette / Richard Levendusky	Four Seasons
70.67%	Lee Schwartz / Betty Cox	Essex
70.67%	Dolores Ballard / Beau Norton	Toms River
70.54%	Judy Rothstein / Piotr Olszewski	Essex
70.54%	Bruce Williams / Beverly Silien	Jersey
70.51%	Glenn Robbins / Jiang Gu	Essex
70.49%	Josephine Cafaro / Tony Cafaro	Four Seasons
70.35%	Sandy Manshel / Peter Stein	Shrine
70.24%	Burrell Humphreys / Doree Sobel	Essex
70.24%	Zelig Mestel / Harold Schachter	Toms River
70.24%	Elyse Menashe / Rochelle Djmal	Jersey
70.19%	Peter Stein / Arnold Dorin	Princeton
70.14%	Susan Schwartz / Ed Hill	Shrine
70.14%	Sharon Hait / William Hait	Essex
70.03%	Laurie Franco / Elizabeth Sarway	Westlake
70.00%	Bernie McKenna, Jr. / Stan Dubroff	Westlake
70.00%	Mary Scardilli / Joan Kitchen	Atlantic

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BIG GAMES

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July – August – September - October

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84.52%	Lorraine Stein / Debbie Schneider	Essex
80.65%	Cheryl McCabe / Lynn Petrino	Essex
79.76%	Hank Rottenberg / Ilene Rottenberg	Essex
79.11%	Jared Egerer / Graham Oakes	Essex
78.33%	Stacey Supran / Rich Rosenzweig	Essex
77.10%	Caroline Moore / Cathy Diehl	Bay Head
76.99%	Nadine Genet / Anita Rao	Essex
76.53%	Sheela Sonalkar / Ranjan Sonalkar	Essex
76.25%	Susan Harden / Steven Feldhamer	Essex
75.60%	Eddie Kaplan / Norman Friedman	Essex
75.60%	Laine Maurer / Leslie Degeorges	Essex
74.40%	Patricia Einbender / Eileen Wolkstein	Essex
74.17%	Jim Koppel / Nancy Koppel	Essex
73.81%	Myron Greenbaum / Eddie Kaplan	Essex
73.81%	Merrill Dennis / Sarah Leonard	Essex
73.29%	Gloria Gribin / Tony Gribin	Jersey
73.21%	Leslie Degeorges / Laine Maurer	Essex
73.21%	Gin Triner / Bill Triner	Essex
73.21%	Marilyn Jessourian / Sandra Dick	Essex
72.99%	Nancy Manket / Larry Gordon	Essex
72.62%	John Paltiel / Myron Greenbaum	Essex
72.50%	Janice Shindler / Carol Gebauer	Essex
72.50%	Linda Patton / Joseph Zawadzki	Jersey
72.45%	Dolores Christy / Sally Sohigian	Essex
72.32%	Peggy Cox / Ujwal Anniegeri	Essex
72.26%	Arlene Oberst / Judy Schatzberg	Essex
72.02%	Wayne Naylor / Gail Bressman	Essex
72.02%	Susan Fess / Pat Sperling	Essex
71.88%	Karen Fels / Reva Oren	Essex
71.87%	Robin Sue Levy / Warren Levy	Essex
71.43%	Virginia Disch / Mary Ann Moore	Essex
71.43%	Debbie Schneider / Lorraine Stein	Essex
71.28%	Leslie Degeorges / Laura O'Rourke	Essex
71.16%	Carol Rosen / Gloria Buxbaum	Essex
71.11%	Graham Oakes / Jared Egerer	Essex

LIMITED / INVITATIONAL (cont'd)		
71.09%	Robin Sue Levy / Warren Levy	Essex
70.98%	Barbara David / Carole Wiatr	Essex
70.98%	Ann Stone / Norman Friedman	Essex
70.83%	Jocelyn Shadforth / Cary Silverman	Essex
70.83%	Helga Brooks / JoAnn Sharkey	Essex
70.83%	Marion Syracuse / Beverly Gould	Essex
70.83%	Betsy Mark / Rona Machlin	Essex
70.83%	Candace Selwyn / Rob Selwyn	Essex
70.83%	Janet Schoener / Susan Harden	Essex
70.83%	Bill Parkins / Roy Knapp	Shadowfax
70.83%	Rhonda Shelman / Marcia Wasser	Essex
70.83%	Joanne Grandits / Richard Hall	Jersey
70.83%	Tracey Moreno / Ellen Hall	Spring Lake
70.72%	Ellen Comerford / Jay Fisher	Essex
70.72%	Lisa Toffey / Lisa Celona	Essex
70.67%	Patricia Pritchard / Justine Robertson	Rumson
70.56%	Daniel Hoberman / Conrad Kirby	Essex
70.56%	Marcia Wasser / Wendy Tucker	Essex
70.54%	Cindy Goldstein / Leanne Rettig	Essex
70.47%	Laurie Taylor / Valerie Levy	Essex
70.33%	Ellen Robinson / Irene Goldberg	Jersey
70.32%	Les Cadigan / John Grout	Jersey
70.27%	Joanne Grandits / Richard Hall	Jersey
70.24%	Phil Silverberg / Stephen Wildstein	Essex
70.24%	Cary David / Sandy Smith	Essex
70.24%	Trudy Sarver / Sheila Grant	Essex
70.21%	Vicky De Muth Linda Roscoe	Essex
70.21%	Tracey Moreno / Barbara Sasson	Jersey
70.09%	Cindy Goldstein / Leanne Rettig	Essex
70.09%	Eli Levy / Elinor Danon	Essex
70.09%	Beverly Jack / Dolores Cranley	Essex
70.05%	Pamela Clark / Lynn Chermuchin	Essex
70.05%	Henry Acselrod / David Atkin	Princeton
70.00%	Linda Palazzolo / Lois Bhatt	Essex



The New Jersey Bridge League's
2020 AWARDS BANQUET
Honoring New Life Masters

Sunday, February 23, 2020 • 11:00 a.m.
 The Pines Manor • 2085 Lincoln Highway South (Rte. 27)
 Edison, New Jersey (732) 287-2222

- **Unlimited Brunch**

Huge, scrumptious buffet that includes both breakfast and lunch dishes

- **Awards Ceremony**

*Honoring the League's New Life Masters, the 2018 Player of the Year,
 and 2018 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners*

- **Annual Meeting**

Brief Unit 140 Annual Meeting, election of Board Members

- **Bridge Game**

*A "Unit-Wide" rated pairs game. This game counts towards the
 Player of the Year for 2019!*

- **All for ONLY \$25**

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

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

All entries must be pre-paid. Send this registration form with your check (payable to NJBL Unit 140) to
 Cheryl Angel • PO Box 162 • Livingston, NJ 07039 • Phone: (973) 303-3232. **PLEASE** indicate your need
 for a NS or EW seating. (Kindly circle the name of any non-Unit 140 member.)

Name: _____ ACBL # _____

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NO ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, and no funds will be accepted at the door. This will be strictly
 enforced, no exceptions. Please get your reservations in early! Reservation Deadline: February 20, 2019.