



## ***President's Message***

*By Brett Kunin*



**Many notable events** have occurred since the publication of the last issue of The Declarer. More than a few NJBL members had success at the recent Providence NABC ([q.v.](#), an article in this issue), including Alex Allen and Abe Pineles, who were on the winning Truscott Senior Swiss team, and became Grand Life Masters. Joan Brody became a world champion by virtue of being on the winning Woman's KO team in the World Bridge Federation World Series of Bridge in Poland. Also, Jesse Reisman became only the 7<sup>th</sup> Platinum Life Master in Unit 140.

In addition, our Unit held its first Sectional since the pandemic began, in Edison on August 19-21, sitting 79.5 tables, a modest success, and our second Unit wide online game, an NAP qualifier, on August 28 (only 6 tables). August tournaments are rarely successful, with many people on vacation or enjoying the summer weather. Nevertheless, our Board of Directors thought it was important to offer these opportunities to the membership. The Board voted to hold our next Sectional to be December 16-18, again at the Elks Club in Edison, which I hope you will attend.

District 3 held its first Regional since 2019 within the confines of our Unit in Fairfield, and attendance was typical for Regionals nationwide at 52% of pre-pandemic levels, and the District will hold its Summer Regional at the same location in 2023. Also, D3 is planning to resume its tournament in the winter beginning on M.L. King's birthday in 2023, at a new venue in Suffern, NY.

I wish all NJBL members a great autumn, and success at the bridge tables.

# CONGRATULATIONS

*by Arnold Kohn*



**Abe Pineles and Alex Allen** made the New Jersey Bridge League very proud of them, when they won the Truscott Senior Swiss team event at the recent National tournament in Providence, Rhode Island. This was quite an achievement because the event had many nationally and world ranked players participating. Below is a hand that carried them to victory.

Abe

♠ A964 ♥ 6 ♦ KQ109864 ♣ A

Alex

♠ KJ ♥ A7 ♦ AJ7 ♣ Q109643

The Auction, with the opponents silent:

<u>Abe</u>	<u>Alex</u>
1♦	2♣
2♦	3♦
4♥ <sup>1</sup>	5♣ <sup>2</sup>
5♥ <sup>3</sup>	5♠ <sup>4</sup>
7♦	

<sup>1</sup> Ace asking

<sup>2</sup> Two key cards, no Queen

<sup>3</sup> King asking

<sup>4</sup> Lowest King

The play was simple A-K of Spades, trump two Spades with the ♦A and ♦J and then claim. Thirteen IMPs to the winners. Well bid to get to the grand slam.



Alex Allen, Meyer Kotkin, Abe Pinelles, Daniel Boye

## **Youth Bridge Youth Nationals 2022**

*By Barbara Clark and Pamela Venable*



**New Jersey had** one of the largest representations of any group at the 2022 Youth North American Bridge Championships, held July 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Providence, Rhode Island. Of the sixteen youth traveling with the Orange, NJ Bridge Club, fourteen received trophies during the tournament with many pairs receiving multiple trophies.

Preparations for the Nationals included demonstration of vaccination cards, parental consents for photography and verification of ACBL membership numbers obtained for all participants by Cheryl Angel, compliments of Unit 140.

Everyone was excited, extremely well behaved, and since most parents did not attend, our students were with our bridge coordinator, teachers, and chaperones from their schools. We utilized Academy Bus Tours for our trip to Providence and to and from the Convention

Center to our hotel, Homewood Suites by Hilton, for the competitions. Our journey commenced on the morning of July 19<sup>th</sup>, returning July 24<sup>th</sup>. We took the Discover Providence guided sightseeing bus tour on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Some of the highlights included seeing Brown University, Johnson and Wales University, Benefit Street, Historic Federal Hill, and Little Italy.



We are very proud of our Oakwood Avenue School community bridge club members which included three pair who now reside in other towns but came back for our July practice sessions for the tournament. All fourteen participants received at least one first place trophy!

Thanks to Brett Kunin, Unit President, Board members, donors and supporters for making this monumental trip possible for our NJ Youth Bridge students. Many life lessons were learned including demonstrating good sportsmanship, and knowing the importance of not gloating, but rather, showing kindness and encouraging other youth players not to give up. It was the trip of a lifetime which will benefit the kids in many ways for years to come.



## ***Significant achievements by NJBL members in NABC events in Providence***

*By Brett Kunin*



1. Kudos to Alex Allen and Abe Pineles, who were on the winning team in the Truscott Senior Swiss. Their NABC+ victory vaulted both of them to the status of Grand Life Master.
2. Other NABC winners include Alex Perlin, who won the Robot Individual event for the *third* time.
3. Larry Lerner, who won the Bruce 0-6000 Pairs.

Other overall finishers include:

**GNT, Championship Flight.** 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Alex Allen, Abe Pineles and Brady Richter

**GNT, Flight B** 5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Larry Gordon, Steve Siegel, Jason Tokuda, and Sean Casey

**Von Zedwitz LM Pairs**

53<sup>rd</sup> Alex Perlin & Igor Savchenko

**Bruce 0-6000 Pairs**

9<sup>th</sup> Muffie and Reha Gur (longtime former NJBL members)

14<sup>th</sup> Stan Weiss and Greg Gorshkov

**Young 0-2500 Pairs**

13<sup>th</sup> Ze Zhao and Bob Brolin

**Wernher Open Pairs**

31<sup>st</sup> Jiang Gu

32<sup>nd</sup> Abe Pineles

37<sup>th</sup> Joan Brody

**0-6000 Mini Spingold**

5<sup>th</sup> (tie) Larry Lerner

**Spingold National Championship**

17<sup>th</sup> (tie) Ralph Buchalter

The NJBL Board congratulates all of the above, great showing by the membership!

## ***This 'n that from your District Director*** *by Carlos Muñoz*



The ACBL Board held its Summer meetings prior to the NABC in Providence Rhode Island. Attendance continued its steady increase in the post-Covid era, reaching over 7600 tables, versus estimates between 6000 and 7000. Attendance at Regionals also is increasing but is still generally not more than 60-65% of pre-Covid levels. Masks now continue to be optional and Covid infections are not unusual, although not serious.

The Board spent four days in meetings, which continued to focus on return to face-to-face bridge, membership revival and IT issues. Funding was approved for a joint pilot program with the Educational Foundation aimed at increasing membership by working through beginning teachers and face-to-face clubs. 50 to 75 beginning bridge teachers are being selected to be provided leads by the ACBL through digital marketing techniques.

The Board also approved codification changes requiring forfeiture of masterpoints and titles for members found guilty of first degree ethical violations resulting in expulsion or suspension for two or more years. Offenders also would lose Grand Master titles and Hall of Fame status and be permanently ineligible for such titles in the future. High level ethical charges arising after February 1, 2022 now will be referred to arbitration under the newly formed Bridge division of the American Arbitration Association. Less serious charges will be handled using technology by a newly developed "EDGAR (Electronic Data Gathering and Anti-cheating Radar)" system.

Details of these and other procedural actions will be available in minutes to be published in the Bulletin shortly.

Special congratulations are due for the Truscott Senior Swiss champions, including our own Alex Allen and Abe Pineles, playing with Meyer Kotkin and Daniel Boye. Alex, Abe and Daniel won their first NABC+ title and became Grand Life Masters. Also, Jesse Reisman became a Platinum Life Master.

For the first six months of 2022, the ACBL experienced an operating loss of \$434,000, \$64,000 higher than budgeted, and the loss for the year is likely to exceed the \$850,000 budget, following the significant gains recorded last year. District 3 recorded a small profit from our first post-Covid Regional In Fairfield. As you may know, the Danbury hotel has closed and the district is reviewing potential arrangements for 2023 Regionals.



# Spot Cards

by Ken Trock



On this deal I will show you 2 possible hands and the bidding.

1. ♠ 107 ♥ AQ1087 ♦ 9532 ♣ 63
2. ♠ 107 ♥ AQ854 ♦ 9532 ♣ 63

You are West, playing Matchpoints in 1<sup>st</sup> seat at unfavorable vulnerability with this bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	3♠	Dbl	Pass
?			

I'm pretty sure we would all bid 4♥ with either of these hands, Passed around. The K♠ is led.

**Layout 1**

Dealer: Me  
Vul: Us

Partner

♠ A6  
♥ KJ62  
♦ Q  
♣ AJ8754

LHO

♠ KQJ9532  
♥ 54  
♦ K74  
♣ 9

RHO

♠ 84  
♥ 93  
♦ AJ1086  
♣ KQ102

Me

♠ 107  
♥ AQ1087  
♦ 9532  
♣ 63

**Layout 2**

Dealer: Me  
Vul: Us

Partner

♠ A6  
♥ KJ62  
♦ Q  
♣ AJ8754

LHO

♠ KQJ9532  
♥ 107  
♦ K74  
♣ 9

RHO

♠ 84  
♥ 93  
♦ AJ1086  
♣ KQ102

Me

♠ 107  
♥ AQ854  
♦ 9532  
♣ 63

On both layouts we'll assume decent defense that gets their Spade trick, Diamond trick, and Club trick along the way. As I see it, our job is to get our 2 Aces and 8 tricks in trump somehow. We can't both setup the Club suit and enjoy it. As we start our cross ruff we discover that LHO is short in Clubs, no surprise given the bidding. We'll have to ruff high each time. We can do that on Layout 1 due to those high spots in our trump suit. In fact, I believe we'll eventually have to ruff a Club with the 8♥, not knowing where 9♥ is. We're essentially finessing for it and it works. There is no such luxury on Layout 2, we are easily over ruffed in the Club suit. Try it yourself. Interesting game we play, change a couple spot cards and it affects the outcome of the contract.

Have a look at this one.

Dealer: North  
Vul: NA

<u>North</u>	
♠ xxx	♥ AKxx
♦ xx	♣ Q9542
<u>West</u>	<u>East</u>
♠ Q	♠ A10x
♥ xx	♥ xxx
♦ AKxxx	♦ QJxx
♣ AK1076	♣ J3
<u>South</u>	
♠ KJ97xx	
♥ QJxx	
♦ 10x	
♣ 8	

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Pass	Pass	2♠	3♦
3♠	4♦	Pass	5♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North starts the defense with a Spade, won in Dummy. Declarer plays 2 rounds of trump, getting a fortuitous 2-2 split. Then the ♣A and ♣K, noting South playing the ♣8 and discarding a Spade. North now holds the ♣Q95 over West's ♣1076. Not bad, but this position is so advantageous to Declarer that they can score a Club trick at the end. It's important to note that they can get back to the hand a couple times by ruffing Spades. The ♣Q covers the ♣10, the ♣9 covers the ♣7, but Declarer's ♣6 holds up against North's ♣5. In fact, Declarer doesn't have to remember all the spots. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of round Clubs and beyond, all they need to see is that LHO didn't cover and they can let the proven ruffing finesse fly. Switch the ♣5 and ♣6 in the two hands and I believe this 5♦ contract goes down.

Here is a hand where extra spot cards could make a difference in the bidding.

♠ AKJ1097 ♥ 76 ♦ K752 ♣ A

<u>Me</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>
1♠	Pass	3♠ (weak)	Pass
?			

With this chunky Spade suit we bid 4♠.

Dealer: Me Vul: They	<u>Partner</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>RHO</u>
	♠ 6542	♠ Q	♠ 83
	♥ J92	♥ KQ854	♥ A103
	♦ 64	♦ Q108	♦ AJ93
	♣ K853	♣ J974	♣ Q1062
	<u>Me</u>		
	♠ AKJ1097		
	♥ 76		
	♦ K752		
	♣ A		

The defense plays three rounds of Hearts, we ruff the 3<sup>rd</sup>. LOL, now we wish we actually had a lower Spade in our hand to lead to the board at some point to take that Diamond finesse!



# *Heavens to Murgatroyd!*

*by Jay Korobow*



	<u>North</u>		<u>East</u>
Dealer: West	♠ Q10987		♠ A
Vul: All	♥ A9		♥ KQJ10842
	♦ K2		♦ 84
	♣ A432		♣ 965
		<u>West</u>	
		♠ 542	
		♥ 7	
		♦ AJ10765	
		♣ KJ10	
			<u>South</u>
			♠ KJ63
			♥ 653
			♦ Q93
			♣ Q87

The bidding:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
2♦	2♠	4♥	4♠
Dbl	All Pass		

The famous TV cartoon character “Snagglepuss” was famous for issuing the subject title line, as well as “Exit, Stage Right” – when in grave (or comic) danger. I found myself in a semblance of grave danger when I took liberties in a recent BBO random IMP pair.... having overcalled a vulnerable 2♠ on not very much when there was a 2♦ opening in front of me.

That pushy bid did not stop East from leaping to 4♥, a contract that is actually ironclad for ten tricks and +620 despite some limited East-West values of their own. My gung-ho partner wasn’t about to miss out, so they next found the dubious 4♠ sacrifice call, which was actually going to be rewarded in that down two doubled for -500 was less than -620 for North-South.

But the most serious of all these aggressive actions turned out to be West’s double. Yes, that might have prevented us from stealing 4♠, down two for minus only -200, versus the making 4♥, +620 game, but it backfired in a way that even the Model T didn’t often rise to.

I’m not sure why East didn’t lead their solid Hearts, but they started the festivities with their ♦8, the suit their partner had opened. West rose with the Ace to try and give Partner a ruff, not realizing that it was the stiff trump Ace, anyway. This allowed me to win the second round with the ♦K and be able later to discard my Heart loser on Dummy’s ♦Q. In fact, if the strong bidder had the ♣K (onside), I might actually be making this contract with one trump loser, one Diamond loser, and just one Club loser!

When I next played a Spade towards the ♠KJ63 in Dummy, East took their singleton ♠A perforce and finally started the Hearts. I won my ♥A, pulled two more rounds of trump, ending in Dummy, and played the good ♦Q to discard my losing Heart. This was the position as I was about to lead a Club towards my Ace:

	<u>North</u>		<u>East</u>
	♠ Q10		♠ –
	♥ –		♥ QJ10
	♦ –		♦ –
	♣ A432		♣ 965
		<u>West</u>	
		♠ –	
		♥ –	
		♦ J107	
		♣ KJ10	
			<u>South</u>
			♠ J
			♥ 65
			♦ –
			♣ Q87

It was fairly clear that West was down to all Diamonds and three Clubs, and East therefore had three Clubs as well. Under normal circumstances, I would play East, the strong bidder, for the ♣K, planning to lead towards Dummy’s ♣Q and so escape with one Club loser. But why had West found the need to double, unless they were in fact looking at the ♣K, and perhaps more in that suit, as they

were otherwise as bare as Snagglepuss on Minoxidil?

It would be nice to endplay West, but my spots in Clubs (432) gave me no real options in the suit. So despite down one being a decent sacrifice against a lucky making 4♥ game, I resignedly led a Club from dummy and noted that West produced the Ten of that suit! With a holding like ♣KJ9, ducking would allow East to take the ♣10 (if they had it, over West's "ducked" ♣9) and follow with a successful defensive continuation in Hearts *or* Clubs. But if West had specifically ♣KJ10, they were a goner as long they were out of Hearts. (I

actually couldn't ruff an extra Heart to handle that possibility, as I would be too low on trump to handle the actual ending.)

And so I left West on lead with the ♣10, and either a ruff-sluff or another Club presented us a score of +790 for 14.5 IMPs, as game was actually making in the East-West direction at enough tables that this was a h-u-u-u-u-ge swing. Heavens to Murgatroyd! West could not Exit Stage Left or Stage Right, but Just Stage Wrong!

## *The Orange Wristband Brigade*

*by Mary Zwiebel*



I attended the ACBL Nationals in Providence Rhode Island in July with my real life partner Ken Trock, Editor of this newsletter. He's got over a thousand masterpoints and I've got 10, so we're not partners at the bridge table. But I wasn't bored.

Walking around Providence near the Convention Center I saw bridge players everywhere. We were all wearing orange or white bracelets (a COVID precaution). Everywhere you looked, in the hotel lobby, on the street, at a bar, you could strike up a conversation anywhere because you knew you were talking to a bridge player.

I did attend lectures and talks by known experts like Michael Berkowitz, Patty Tucker and Barbara Seagram. Picked up some hints and met a partner.

The one event I actually played in, we got masterpoints, **red** masterpoints. Yay! I'd go to Nationals again.



## ***More advice from the legendary Bob Hamman And The Power of Distribution By Brett Kunin***

Although Robert Hamman is now in his early 80's, he is still a remarkable player. I remembered some of his general advice (really, more a **rule** to remember, rather than a suggestion) during the bidding of Board 11 that occurred at the District 3 Regional in Fairfield this past June on Thursday morning, June 9th.

You sit down against one of the finest young players in the game, Joe Grue (a really good guy) and his partner. Joe plays frequently on the east coast, and we have been fortunate enough to have him frequent our NJBL Sectionals and District 3 Regionals. I have played against him often enough to know his style. Particularly at Matchpoints, his philosophy is to put maximum pressure on the opponents with limited hands.

In first chair, non-vulnerable vs. non-vulnerable, Joe, sitting South, opened 3♣ against me in 1st chair. Partner passes, your RHO passes, and it is your call looking at ♠ AK98 ♥ J862 ♦ AQ ♣ QJT, a very good 17 with a Club stopper. In such an auction, the majors often break badly, and you would much rather have that ♣QJT in other suits, with the danger of a ruff in a suit contract, should you double. When considering my call, I remembered Bob Hamman's advice: "when under pressure at the 3 level, and when in doubt about choosing a contract, choose 3NT when that is a viable option". Therefore, I bid 3NT, which also protects the Diamond tenace. Most pairs played 4 of a major and went down, when 3NT is the only makeable game against any defense.

The full deal:

	<u>Partner</u>	
Dealer: Joe	♠ QJ105	
Vul: None	♥ AK73	
	♦ K	
	♣ 8542	
<u>Joe</u>		<u>Joe's Partner</u>
♠ 4		♠ 7632
♥ 5		♥ Q1094
♦ 109543		♦ J8762
♣ AK9763		♣ -
	<u>Me</u>	
	♠ AK98	
	♥ J862	
	♦ AQ	
	♣ QJ10	

The bidding:

<u>Joe</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Joe's Partner</u>	<u>Me</u>
3♣	Pass	Pass	3NT!

Note that if you double, Partner will undoubtedly bid 4♣, asking you to bid a major, and your goose is cooked. It will go ♣A, ♣K, a Club ruff, and the opponents will still get a Heart trick. That was the auction and result at most tables. At my table, Joe led a Diamond, the best lead, but with ♥Q10xx in front of the ♥J8xx, you have 9 tricks on top. Only one other pair playing our East/West direction was in 3NT. Parenthetically note that North/South have a great save in 4♦ doubled, down only one trick, against any 3 level call!

The Power of Distribution

I have written several articles in the past few years about this subject, which arises more than occasionally. Playing in the afternoon on May 16th in The Common Game, board 22, what turns out to be a memorable hand arises.

In first chair, sitting East, you pick up what appears to be another less than mediocre hand with some shape but at unfavorable vulnerability:

♠ 6 ♥ J976543 ♦ – ♣ JT843. You pass (anyone who preempts in Hearts is a candidate for the looney bin), and your LHO opens 1♠. Partner bids 2NT, showing Clubs and Diamonds, at least 5-5 in shape. Your RHO bids 4♠, and intending to sacrifice, you chime in with 5♣. After some thought, LHO bids 5♠, and Partner, without hesitation, bids 6♣! Your RHO slams down the double card, and all Pass. The A♠ is led, and Partner tables a remarkable hand: ♠ – ♥ 10 ♦ AJT9754 ♣ AK762. You ruff in Dummy, lead a small Diamond to ruff, draw 2 rounds of Clubs, trumps are 2-1. Setting up Diamonds is trivial, even with your RHO holding ♦KQ62, you concede a Heart loser for an unusual Matchpoint score of +1540, a small slam doubled and making (this one with only 13 “working” HCPs). Only 2 pairs bid Clubs at the 5 level or higher (the other bidding exactly 5). Two pairs played in 4♠, making, and one West player never showed her Clubs and was in 5♦ doubled, down 2 for -500.

It is ironic to note that with perfect defense, 6♠ doubled is down only 2, a “save” with a 12 card fit and 26 HCPs. It is an unsubtle reminder, as Marty Bergen would say “points schmoints”, only shape matters in such distributional hands. As we see all 4 hands, some might say that LHO has a 4♠ opener.

	<u>Partner</u>	
Dealer: You	♠ --	
Vul: You	♥ 10	
	♦ AJ109754	
	♣ AK762	
<u>LHO</u>		<u>RHO</u>
♠ AKJ9732		♠ Q10854
♥ K8		♥ AQ2
♦ 83		♦ KQ62
♣ Q9		♣ 5
	<u>You</u>	
	♠ 6	
	♥ J976543	
	♦ --	
	♣ J10843	

The bidding:

<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>
Pass	1♠	2NT*	4♠
5♣	5♠	6♣	Dbl
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\* Minors

## ***Kohn's Korner***

### ***Methods of scoring (Part II)***

*by Arnold Kohn*



In the previous edition of the Declarer I wrote about the basic differences between Matchpoint and IMP (International Matchpoint) scoring. We'll look at some team game formats in this column.

#### **Knockout Teams**

This event is contested with teams of 4 to 6 players with 4 playing at the same time. Matches are usually 24-26 boards and the scoring is at IMPs. It's head to head with the wing on and the ing. The Vanderbilt and Spingold events at National tournaments are this format, except that the matches consist of 60 boards!

#### **Bracketed Knockout Teams**

A very popular event at Regional tournaments. Brackets are established of up to 16 teams in each bracket, which are based on the team's combined masterpoint holdings. Head to head matches are contested and if you win you continue. Sometimes, three-way matches are held with two survivors moving on. This is to arrive at exactly 8 teams for the second day of competition. Those teams surviving receive Gold points and the awards are substantial. The scoring for this format is IMPs.

#### **Swiss Teams**

Swiss team movement is based on winners versus winners. The event is contested with matches of 6 to 8 boards. The scoring is at IMPs which are then converted to a Victory Point scale to avoid lopsided point totals. Both the 20 and 30 VP scales can be found on the ACBL Team scoring sheet.

#### **Board-a-Match Teams**

The most difficult of all events. Each hand is a separate match that your team either loses, wins, or ties. Matchpoint scoring is the criteria and a difference of as little as ten points is a win. The length of each match is predetermined by the conditions of the contest.

# *Big Games*

(Must be face-to-face to qualify)

May 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

OPEN		
78.42%	Dennis Thompson - Sam Borenstein	Summit Area Bridge
77.29%	Gail Maslaton - Sheffy Sutton	Deal Bridge Club
76.32%	Doree Sobel – Sam Borenstein	Summit Area Bridge
76.02%	Justine Robertson - Henry Stadelmann	Queen of Hearts BC
74.70%	Dorel Livescu - Hank Stadelmann	Deal Bridge Club
74.40%	Alisa Crowe - Rochelle Djmal	Queen of Hearts BC
73.81%	Dorel Livescu - Rochelle Djmal	Jersey Bridge Club
73.77%	Jeffrey Halle - Henry Stadelmann	Jersey Bridge Club
73.73%	Donna Dulet - Stephen Arshan	Jersey Bridge Club
73.58%	Alexander Allen – Richard Ross	Bill’s Bridge
73.02%	Linda Woodbury – Lila Nelson	Montclair Golf Club
72.73%	Debbie Pierson – Linda Levitt	Bill’s Bridge
72.47%	Grace Gindi - Esther Dushey	Deal Bridge Club
72.02%	Peter Jones – John Delloso	Summit Area Bridge
71.87%	Chorng-Hour Yang – Chung-Zong Wan	Summit Area Bridge
71.24%	Jim White – John Delloso	Summit Area Bridge
71.13%	Alexander Allen – Richard Ross	Jersey Bridge Club
71.13%	Elyse Menashe - Rochelle Djmal	Queen of Hearts BC
71.01%	Doree Sobel – Ottilie Bello	Summit Area Bridge
70.83%	Nancy Perrine - Bobbie Kaplan	Stafford BC
70.83%	Victor Bonini - Vernie Cawley	Stafford BC
70.80%	John Routel – Fred Hankins	Bill’s Bridge
70.80%	Arnold Kohn – Jim McCaroll	Bill’s Bridge
70.63%	Terrence Havican – Sheila Holderness	Montclair Golf Club
70.55%	Tony Curreri - Robin Simon	Spring Lake BC
70.48%	Om Singh – Peter Wright	Bill’s Bridge
70.20%	Lee Schwartz – Roberta Satin	Summit Area Bridge
70.17%	Donna Dulet - Jane Bassett	Queen of Hearts BC
70.15%	Lisa Temple – Dorothy Koerning	Canoe Brook

LIMITED/INVITATIONAL		
75.95%	Marlene Johnsen - Susan Young	Rumson Friday
75.82%	Garret Sayia - William Ingram	Bay Head Yacht Club
75.66%	Patricia Pritchard - Laura Haaren	Seabright BC
74.51%	Marilyn Jaclin - Robert Jaclin	Regency at Monroe BC
74.44%	Laurie Smith - Ally Friedel	Seabright BC
73.91%	Paul Gessman - Michael O'Donohue	Regency at Monroe BC
73.06%	Garret Sayia - William Ingram	Bay Head Yacht Club
72.71%	Edward Smith - Barbara Smith	Bay Head Yacht Club
72.22%	Sandra Button - James Button	Bay Head Yacht Club
72.22%	Agnes Barenti - Jeanne Forti	Westlake BC
71.72%	Paul Gessman - Michael O'Donohue	Regency at Monroe BC
71.34%	Jaya Gupta - Prem Gupta	Regency at Monroe BC
70.89%	Patricia Pritchard - Laura Haaren	Seabright BC
70.83%	Holly Hubbell - Harry Lonsdale	Bay Head Yacht Club
70.45%	Garret Sayia - William Ingram	Bay Head Yacht Club
70.42%	Robert Carroll – Dan Hong/Katherin Wang	Bill’s Bridge
70.14%	B Carton - Teddy Clifford	Seabright BC



# Milestones

Changes in Rank: May 2022 – July 2022

Grand Life Master	
Alexander Allen	Annandale
Abe Pineles	Jackson

Platinum Life Master	
Jesse Reisman	Livingston

Gold Life Master	
Ina Becker	Livingston
Foster Osborne	Summit
Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset

Ruby Life Master	
Donald Lepore	Florham Park
Steven Siegel	Mendham

Silver Life Master	
Virginia Commander	Tinton Falls
Charles Dvorkin	Manalapan
Jennifer Scher	Livingston
Ruth Steckleman	West Orange
Ira Tarnow	West Orange

Bronze Life Master	
Jonathan Eskridge	Morristown
Manish Mehta	Chatham
Jagdish Mody	Old Bridge
Cynthia Prell	Morristown
Ronald Whitney	Bloomfield, MI

Life Master	
George Kalb	

Advanced NABC Master	
Bernard Clarkin	Morris Plains
Lynn Goldberg	Morristown
Cooki Gulkin	West Caldwell
Wendy Sands	Monmouth Beach

NABC Master	
Peter Brudner	Ocean
Michele Cascardi	North Caldwell
Leslie Degeorges	Millington
Mary Jo Herr	Summit
Janet Remig	Berkeley Heights
Jean Yoder	Summit

Regional Master	
Maureen McGreal	Boonton
Douglas Reeves	Union
Jon Schweitzer	Scotch Plains

Sectional Master	
Andrew Carlson	Summit
Roberta O’Connell	Mantoloking
Don Post	Randolph
Steven Stein	Monroe
Ruth Zochowski	Little Silver

Club Master	
Dennis Burke	Livingston
Karen Cook	Chatham
Henry Farber	Princeton
Kenneth Kapica	Chatham
Eunice Lipp	Monroe
Deborah Matro	Warren
Laura Oncea	Fair Haven
Nancy Rosenthal	Westfield
Richard Sealaus	Monmouth Beach

**Junior Master**

Harsh Bansal	New Vernon
Eileen Elsas	Rumson
Sihan Fei	Princeton
Benjamin Francis	Perth Amboy
Yaya Genfi	Jersey City
Chibuihie Iherobiem	Orange
Tobi Kern	Monroe
Xiaowen Li	Jersey City
Markel Powell	Orange
Oliver Que	Princeton
Ivellise Roche	Montclair
Stephen Schultz	Warren
Kenneth Smith	Montclair
Jerry Yao	Millstone

## REMEMBRANCES

The Board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League offer their condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the 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](mailto:Susan.Atteridge@gmail.com) of any deaths within our membership; indicate, when known, dates of passing and club(s) attended.

### **Phoebe Corwin**

d. June 28, 2022  
frequent player at Essex

### **Sarah Deyo**

d. July 1, 2022  
frequent player at Summit

### **Mel Frucht**

frequent player at Somerset

### **Frederick Breda**

Basking Ridge, NJ

### **Henry Gibson**

d. August 9, 2022  
frequent player at Shrine

### **Sarah Johnson**

d. August, 2022  
South Amboy, NJ

### **Michael Pisani**

d. March 20, 2022  
Point Pleasant, NJ

### **Marty Robbins**

d. June 20, 2022  
Delray Beach, FL

### **Shirley Reinhard**

Marlboro, NJ

### **Geoffrey Hunter**

d. May 16, 2022