



# THE DECLARER



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Pat Berkowitz, Editor

## New Jersey Bridge League's 2012 Awards Banquet

In Honor of New Life Masters

**Sunday, June 3, 2012 11:00 a.m.**  
**The Pines Manor**

2085 Lincoln Highway South (Rte. 27)  
Edison, New Jersey (732) 287-2222

### UNLIMITED BRUNCH

Honoring the League's New Life Masters plus the  
2011 Player of the Year and the 2011 Ace of Clubs &  
Mini-McKenney winners

### BRIDGE & AWARDS CEREMONY

A pairs game that counts towards Player of the Year  
**ALL FOR ONLY \$25**

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A GREAT EVENT SUBSIDIZED BY UNIT 140 TO  
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MEMBERSHIP!

All entries must be pre-paid. Send this registration  
form with your check (payable to NJBL Unit 140) to:

Lynn Chapin • PO Box 281 Manasquan, NJ 08736  
Phone: 732-859-0126

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
ACBL No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
ACBL No. \_\_\_\_\_

**NO ENTRIES WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR,**  
and no money (cash or check) will be accepted at the  
door. This will be strictly enforced – no exceptions.  
Deadline for reservations & fee: **May 25, 2012**

**DIRECTIONS:**Garden State Parkway South: To exit 130 bearing  
right onto Route 1 South. Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to  
Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route  
27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.  
Interstate 287 South: To Exit 3 (Metuchen-New Durham). Make a  
left off exit onto New Durham Road. Cross over bridge, staying to  
your right. At the first light, make a right onto Bridge St. Follow to  
the next traffic light and make a right onto Route 27 South. Pines  
Manor is a half-mile on the right.  
NJ Turnpike South: To exit 10. Follow signs to Interstate 287 North.  
Follow to Exit 2B (Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right  
onto Route 27 South. Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.  
Route 1 South: Follow to Interstate 287 North. Follow to Exit 2B  
(Route 27 South, New Brunswick). Bear right onto Route 27 South.  
Pines Manor is a half-mile on the right.

## New Jersey Bridge League SPRING SECTIONAL

**May 18-20, 2012**

Hungarian American Club

95 Port Reading Avenue • Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
PLAYING SITE TELEPHONE No. (732) 634-9697

### SILVER POINTS!

**\*\*\$26 per pair per session for ACBL members\*\***

Stratified Flights:

Open: A=2000+ B=750-2000 C=0-750  
299er A=200-300 B=50-200 C=0-50

### FRIDAY, May 18

10:00 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers  
2:30 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers

### SATURDAY, May 19

10:00 Stratified Pairs (*Open*) • Stratified 299ers  
2:30 Open IMP Pairs: A/X (no point limitations)  
B/C/D Pairs (2000/1000/500)  
Stratified 299ers

(During Friday and Saturday breaks: Pizza \$1 per slice, Soda \$1 per can)

### SUNDAY, May 20

9:30 Lite Breakfast (*bagels - butter & spreads*)  
10:30 Bracketed Round Robin Teams (*\$104 per Team*)  
*Bracketed by total MasterPoints.*

*Bracket 1 will be played as Swiss Team open to everyone.*  
Food available all day; short break for brunch midday.

**NEWPLICATED / INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS:** This format allows you to  
play only against opponents with approximately the same number of  
Masterpoints as you have. If you need help putting together a team, just call  
Mirka Zeymo at (908) 240-9224. She will help you.

**Need A Partner?** Try Our New Online Partnership Service:  
**GETMEAPARTNER.COM**

Information: Mirka Zeymo (908) 240-9224  
Pairing: Peter Stein (908) 612-7451

**DIRECTIONS:** From NJ Turnpike Exit 12 -At the toll booth, 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 onto Roosevelt Ave. You will pass a Holiday Inn on your right. The third  
traffic light (about ¼ mile) is Blair Road (there is a BP station on the SE corner). Make a left  
onto Blair Road, and proceed past the first traffic light, staying on Blair Road into the Industrial  
Park. After about 3/4 mi. from the light, the road narrows, and you will cross a freight RR  
track. Shortly thereafter, the road curves to the right. Stay to the extreme right, which is now  
Port Reading Ave. The Facility is less than 2 blocks from the initial curve in the road, making a  
right into the Parking lot.

From other routes: NJ Turnpike Exit 11, Southbound GSP Exit 129, Northbound GSP Exit 127,  
follow to Route 9 North. Once on Route 9, take Main St. Woodbridge Exit (Route 514). Turn  
right and go 1 mile to railroad overpass. Look for monument. Turn left BEFORE monument  
and continue on Route 514 East. Go to 2nd traffic light and turn right onto Port Reading Ave.  
Club is Club is 1/4 mile on left.

From 287: Stay southbound, past exit 1 and NJ Tpk exit, and take 514 East exit. Stay on 514  
until monument in Woodbridge, and follow above directions.

## 2012 NJBL BOARD OFFICERS

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### President's Message By Mark Brighthouse President, Unit 140

As most of you are probably aware, Joan Gerard has retired after 26 years as District 3 Director. During that time I have seen District 3 become one of the most competitive and exciting districts in the ACBL and under Joan's leadership the quality and variety of events has continued to grow. Joan will truly be missed and I personally want to thank her for all her years of service to our game, to District 3 and to Unit 140. We are lucky to have Glenda Calkins as her replacement and for those of you who don't know Glenda I can assure you that she will be just as effective and as much of a pleasure to work with. I'd also like to congratulate Eli Schneider, who has been chosen to replace Glenda as the President of District 3. I'm looking forward to working with both of them.

The Annual Meeting was held at the Pines Manor on January 22, 2012. Kirk and Marilyn Elyakin have now finished their two terms on the Board and will be leaving us in 2012. I want to thank them again for all their work on the Annual meetings and Awards banquets and also for smoothly transitioning their responsibilities over to Lynn Chapin and Pat Berkowitz. Our main piece of business was to approve the 2012 slate for the NJBL Board of Directors. Our new board members are Cheryl Angel, Sharon Gross, Dottie Koernig and Len Myers. Incumbent Mirka Zeymo will be serving a second term and Pat Berkowitz, who was appointed to fill an opening, will now be serving her first term. It was also my pleasure to announce that Dennis Thompson was the Player of the Year for 2011.

Finally, Debbie Wasik reports that the February 10th-12th sectional was a success, with a significant increase in table count over the February sectional in 2011. Congratulations to Debbie and her team and all the volunteers who helped make this a success.

### 2011 Knockout Results

This popular event drew 14 teams. Congratulations to Team Brenner who won the Open:

**Eileen Brenner, Mickey Pickert, Abe Pineles, Alex Allen, Bill Pollack, Roz Pollack**

Flight B was won by the Smith team!

**Myrna Smith, Peter Wright, Art Frank, Bob Friedman, Russ Pomeroy, Rita Whitney**

Thanks to Peter Stein for all his hard work and dedication running the event.

### 2012 NJBL Board Committee Assignments

#### Reporting to the President

Recorder	W. Ehlers
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Auditing Coordinator	M. Czebotar
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Disciplinary	M. Greenberg
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Unit Electronic Coordinator	T. Archambault
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Player of the Year (POTY)	L. Chapin

#### Reporting to the First VP – Tournaments – L. Myers

Tournament Assistants	A. Kohn, L. Chapin, P. Stein, M. Zeymo
Sunday Brunch	A. Kohn
Refreshments & Supplies	L. Chapin
Caddies	M. Kanarek**
Set-up/Breakdown	T. Archambault
ProAms	B. Clark
Food Prep	J. Nastro**
Pairing	P. Stein
Newplicate Events & Tournaments	B. Clark, D. Koernig, G. Gordon
getmeapartner.com	L. Chapin

#### Reporting to the Second VP – Unit Coordinator – J. Brody

STACs	J. Brody
ABA Liaison	B. Clark
Annual/Awards Meetings	L. Chapin, P. Berkowitz
Knockout Events	P. Stein, C. Angel

#### Reporting to the Third VP – Membership/Marketing

##### A. Kohn

Membership Assistants	M. Zeymo
School Bridge Program Assistants	B. Clark, M. Greenberg, C. Angel
Publicity	M. Poller
Education Liaison	B. Clark
Membership Improvement	M. Poller

\*\* Not a board member

### Calendar of Events

April 13-15	Sectional	Allendale, NJ
April 27-29	Sectional	Allentown, PA
May 1-6	Regional	Smithtown, NY
May 18-20	Sectional	Woodbridge, NJ
May 23-28	Regional	New York, NY
June 1 & 2	Worldwide	check your local club
	Bridge Contest	
June 1-3	Sectional	Watertown, NY
June 1-3	Sectional	Wilmington, DE
June 3	Unit 140	Edison, NJ
	Award Brunch	
June 4-10	Unit 140 STaCs	check your local club
June 11-17	Regional	Saratoga Springs, NY
July 12-22	NABC	Philadelphia, PA



### CLUB NEWS



**MOUNTAIN LAKES** looks forward to celebrating a very special birthday: Our long-time player Fran Mandusky turns 99 on March 24. Happy Birthday Fran! Come join us that Thursday or any Thursday at St. Francis Assisted Living, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, to congratulate Fran and play in our fast and friendly game. All players are welcome. For partners or directions, please call BJ Moore 973-966-0892.

**QUEEN OF HEARTS** Duplicate Bridge Club is holding a **SWISS TEAM EVENT - EXTRA POINTS** on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 12.30 pm. Cost is \$11.00 per person and lunch will be served. Reservations are required. Please form your team and call Lisa Walsh at 908-433-5597 for further information and sign-up.

**LIVINGSTON BRIDGE STUDIO** Lessons with Mani & Debbie continue, and include two sessions of Supervised Play – with Mani on Mondays at 9:30 and with Debbie on Fridays at 9:15. The current lesson schedule continues through March, with a new schedule for beginners through advanced beginners starting in April. Please check our website for details. Afternoon games 7 days a week. Pairs on Tuesday and alternating Thursday evenings. Swiss teams the 1st and 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Pre-registration required. 973-251-2727.

**ESSEX BRIDGE CENTER** Club Championship Week begins Monday, April 23 and runs through Sunday, April 29. You can earn extra points without paying extra money. We will also run an “8 Is Enough Swiss Team” event on Friday Evening, April 27 at 6:30 pm. (Pre-registration is required). The Bob Ryder Memorial Pairs Game Upgraded Club Championship with extra Points and no extra money will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 12:30pm. An “8 Is Enough Swiss Team” event will also be held on Friday Evening, June 8 at 6:30pm .



### This and That

As I write this for your newsletter, I am preparing for my first ACBL Board meeting as an official member. I was a guest at the board meetings in November in Seattle, which was a big help in preparing me for the March meetings. I have been assigned to several Task Forces of the Board – Junior/Youth (which is as you know one of my main interests), Volunteer Development and Recognition, The Internet, and Full Service Clubs.

Moving to the District level, I certainly enjoyed being with the members of Unit 140 for your special brunch in January. The Elyakins have done a wonderful job of developing this event.

As I announced at your brunch, we on the District Board feel very fortunate to have so many of Unit 140’s people involved in the many aspects of District business. Eli Schneider was elected to be the new President, and has already started to work in that position (filling my unexpired term which ends as of April 30, and continuing in his own right for the following year). Also, Deborah Wasik has agreed to become Co-Tournament Manager with Jerry Goodman. She is also already hard at work. She will be our on- site Manager, and will begin that duty in Saratoga Springs.

In addition to the above new positions, Steve Arshan continues to be our effective Tournament Coordinator and Betty Cox and Barbara Clark are very busy developing and implementing our Youth Bridge program.

All is well in District 3, and I will have much to report when I return from Memphis. We will all miss Joan in this position and as the author of this column, but we are fortunate that she will remain active as our official meeting planner and constant “go to” person on many issues.

I want to thank you for your support in electing me to this position, and I will do my best to be an effective representative at the national level.

Glenda Calkins, District Director

### Remembrances

The board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League would like to offer our condolences to David Cox who recently lost his father and to Betty Cox who lost her mother.

Please notify Dottie Koernig at 908-277-0174 or dkoernig@verizon.net of any deaths or illness within our membership. We would like to remember all who support this great game.

Our apologies to those of you seeking the outcome of the Holiday and Winter sectionals. No room this time. Please go to

[www.njbl.net](http://www.njbl.net)

for all the latest news and tournament results for Unit 140.

**2011 Player of the Year****Women****Men**

Over 2500		Over 2500	
Rozanne Pollack	28.37	D. Thompson	63.20
Julie Rowe	24.78	Richard Ross	59.95
C. Schneider	20.75	William Esberg	52.20
Susan Fulton	18.41	Brett Kunin	39.42
Susan Schwartz	15.49	Abe Pineles	36.49
1000-2500		1000-2500	
Leora Dubrovsky	29.60	Cho-Wei Sit	35.78
Donna Dulet	17.29	R. Dubrovsky	29.92
Joan Brody	16.60	Frank Hymus	29.40
Myrna Smith	16.49	Jeffrey Ahrens	22.31
Gloria Hannotch	13.13	William Barnes	20.81
300-1000		300-1000	
Mirka Zeymo	17.62	Sam Borenstein	33.19
Deborah Crisfield	17.59	G. Gorshkov	18.97
Dorothy Koernig	15.43	Dougin Walker	16.07
Susan Robbins	10.15	Peter Jones	14.50
Maureen Foley	7.93	Neil Jaffe	13.36
200-300		200-300	
Deborah Sack	15.22	Peter Wright	30.62
Neeta Mone	12.97	Joseph Cella Jr	8.10
Felice Schrage	9.79	Kai-Ching Lin	6.89
Betty Kleinberg	5.21	David Armbruster	6.33
Renee Gast	4.98	Michael Cuno	6.31
100-200		100-200	
Rita Whitney	22.58	Eric Sit	13.32
Ruth Yeselson	17.64	Asish Sengupta	6.01
M. Symington	4.78	Satish Parikh	5.81
B. Lowenstein	4.42	Richard Marcus	5.75
P. Overmyer	3.78	Fred Hankins	5.42
50-100		50-100	
Mimi Joe	5.74	Xuhua Lin	6.75
Roberta Rim	5.20	Terry Zuckerman	5.19
Debra Schickler	4.50	Michael Lo	4.97
Judy Arshan	4.27	Don Adamczyk	4.82
Marsha Brustein	3.95	Ralph Steinhardt	4.53
0-50		0-50	
Wendy Lee	6.92	Aksmay Shah	9.04
Nancy Bloom	4.56	Allan Kolber	6.94
Mary Trossello	3.35	Richard Heym	4.57
Judy Helderman	3.08	Robert Breen	3.35
Mary Lou Ferris	2.99	Lee Vallone	2.00

**CONTEST DEFINITIONS**

**NJBL Player of the Year (POTY):** Total masterpoints earned in Unit 140 events in 2011: annual and awards meetings, sectionals, double knock-outs and ProAm. Players must be Unit 140 members for the full year.

**Helen Shanbrom Ace Of Clubs:** Total masterpoints earned playing in clubs during the 2011. All points won at the club level are counted with the exception of those won in STaCs, progressive sectionals, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams.

**Mini-McKenney:** The annual Mini-McKenney masterpoint races are won by the member from each category who earns the most total masterpoints during the year.



## Congratulations to *Dennis Thompson* - NJBL Player of the Year for 2011

**2011 Mini McKenney**

0 to 5		R Yeselson 183.98		J Eng 233.06	
R Perlman	51.56	A Sengupta	111.04	J Zucker	220.28
M Trossello	38.59	P Frey	102.73	2000 to 5000	
E Andrews Jr	29.35	K Ramaratnan	102.12	J Gu	857.29
S Riepenhoff	27.69	200 to 300		J Rothstein	502.32
F Wyman	26.85	N Mone	178.26	B Cox	433.39
5 to 20		D Cox	174.36	M Elyakin	340.02
T Boyer	72.05	M Savedoff	173.29	A Rosen	303.81
M Perkons	66.31	D Sack	98.93	5000 to 7500	
L Temple	46.34	J Salomon	85.04	W Ehlers	304.08
R Wink	43.77	300 to 500		A Aukstikalnis	269.79
P Barnett	35.02	P Wright	205.28	A Pineles	249.61
20 to 50		R Malus	144.67	J Reisman	239.41
W Lee	172.11	S Weiss	134.61	C Schneider	235.62
N Bloom	74.63	D Crisfield	126.77	7500 to 10,000	
R Breen	70.87	S Fel	125.40	A Allen	260.67
M Thompson	69.18	500 to 1000		C Angel	169.31
E Thompson	64.52	N Zucker	205.97	L Sokolower	165.66
50 to 100		B Norton	152.92	Over 10,000	
C Kelley	140.45	R Barlow	150.76	M Kamil	1,036.06
L Youell	113.82	L Myers	149.59	W Esberg	375.61
P Hall	97.81	W Becker	134.26	R Pollack	318.61
F Partridge	93.49	1000 to 2500		B Sartorius	304.34
M Lou Ferris	82.49	S Borenstein	478.33	W Pollack	271.24
100 to 200		S Garreffa	338.77		
R Whitney	187.50	R Zowader	265.83		

**2011 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs**

0 to 5		P Berkowitz 74.67		G Levine 167.51	
R Perlman	42.40	P Frey	70.34	R Panitch	156.21
F Wyman	25.37	P Brudner	61.21	J Quinn	153.21
E Andrews Jr.	23.40	W Stolgitis	58.09	2500 to 5000	
S Riepenhoff	22.57	200 to 300		J Rothstein	375.13
M Trossello	21.57	N Mone	112.60	K Powell	245.42
5 to 20		M Savedoff	96.87	J Mancini	235.07
T Boyer	52.35	D Cox	62.39	J Gold	231.96
R Wink	40.85	R Warendorf	57.39	A Rosen	224.42
M Perkons	39.81	J Salomon	54.97	5000 to 7500	
L Temple	37.19	300 to 500		J Reisman	199.22
V Gupta	30.93	P Wright	137.23	S Hait	188.50
20 to 50		R Malus	121.21	S Kaplan	168.43
W Lee	121.48	S Freedman	90.29	J McCarroll	143.14
M Thompson	55.57	B Codispoti	83.01	J Rowe	107.68
R Breen	54.94	J De Boer	67.67	7500 to 10000	
E Thompson	52.41	500 to 1000		L Sokolower	147.35
N Bloom	50.75	W Becker	122.34	C Angel	145.17
50 to 100		M Rosen	103.84	A Allen	61.68
C Kelley	94.24	H Small	97.73	over 10000	
L Youell	77.17	B Norton	96.41	W Esberg	207.31
F Partridge	59.33	R Hersh	93.63	B Sartorius	177.71
P Hall	58.82	1000 to 2500		B Tepper	110.09
M Lou Ferris	58.61	S Borenstein	202.33	R Pollack	25.62
100 to 200		E Evans	172.50	W Pollack	25.37
R Whitney	109.02				

**District 3 Spring Regional**



*Race  
for  
the  
Points*

**June 11 – 17, 2012**

**The Saratoga Hilton**

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866  
518-584-4000 \$135 single/double, plus tax.  
**Reserve now!!** Rooms at bridge rate go quickly.

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott  
(5-minute walk from the Saratoga Hilton)

11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs  
518-226-0538 \$111 single/double, plus tax.  
Free parking at both locations.

**Room Problems?** Call Joan Gerard 914-948-0841  
or email: joanandrongerard@gmail.com

**DIRECTIONS**

*From the South and West:* NY Thruway to Exit 24.  
North on Route 87 (Northway) to Exit 15. South (and  
West) on Route 50, 1 1/2 miles to Broadway. Hotel on left.  
*From the East:* West on Route 90 to Exit 1. North on  
Route 87 as above.  
*From the North:* South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS**  
(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm  
**750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Prs**  
**GOLD POINTS for overalls and  
section tops in top strat**

**Tournament Managers**

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**Tournament Contact**

**On-site:**  
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**Pairing**

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**Monday, June 11**  
Bracketed KO Tms I..... 7 pm  
*Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Games Series I (1st)..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, June 12**

Side Game Series I (2nd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 1 & 7 pm

*Top bracket played as Swiss — Open to all teams*

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series I (3rd)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series I (4th)..... 7 pm

**Wednesday, June 13**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm

Open Prs..... 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series II (1st)..... 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms II..... 7 pm

*Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series II (2nd)..... 7 pm

**Thursday, June 14**

Side Game Series II (3rd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 10 am

Senior Prs..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th)..... 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 3 pm

Side Game Series II (5th)..... 7 pm

**Friday, June 15**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms..... 9 am & 1 pm

**Golden Opportunity Prs**

**750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm**

Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500).... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (1st)..... 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III..... 7 pm

*Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series III (2nd)..... 7 pm

**Saturday, June 16 — Unit 115 Day**

Senior Swiss Tms..... 10 am & 3 pm

**Golden Opportunity Prs**

**750/500/200 MPs..... 10 am & 3 pm**

Stratified Open Prs (2500+, 0-2500).... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th)..... 7 pm

**Sunday, June 17**

Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 10 am

*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7  
8-Board matches — short break for lunch*

All Pair events are stratified  
A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)  
All team events are stratified by average MPs  
Compact KO Teams — 4 players only

For a list of motels and train service from  
NYC visit bridge-district3.org

**Michael Kamil - Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award Winner**



Michael Kamil of Holmdel, NJ has been selected to receive the Sidney H. Lazard Jr. Sportsmanship Award for 2012. Kamil credits his first partner, his mother, with developing his love of the game and teaching him that every hand is an adventure. Together they won several New York area regionals and captured the 1980 Las Vegas NABC Flight B Mixed Pairs. Since Las Vegas, Kamil has won six NABC titles, including the 2011 Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. Mike represented the US team at the WBF Bermuda Bowl competition in the Netherlands last year. The Sportsman Award was established by Sidney Lazard in honor of his son, Sidney, Jr., who died in 1999 at the age of 41 after a year-long battle with cancer. Administered by the ACBL Educational Foundation, the award is given annually to a top-level player, one who has scored a high-level finish in a major national contest. According to Lazard, the object of the award is to “enhance sportsmanship among top players and to salute those who try to win with class and dignity.” For a full story on Kamil, see the March issue of the Bridge Bulletin.

**NJBL Double KO Event for 2012**

This is an opportunity to join the NJBL’s premiere event, The NJBL Double KO. This year the event will be run in 2 Brackets: **Open** and **Flight B**. All members of a Flight B Team must have less than 2500 MPs as of 12/31/2011. You may field a team in one or both events. It’s called a Double KO because you must lose TWICE before you are eliminated. Matches are scheduled once every 3-4 weeks by the team captains at a site and time convenient to both teams. You may play at a local club, or at someone’s home.

This is an opportunity to play IMPS in a more relaxed atmosphere than at a tournament. Remember, master points earned in the events count toward the POTY (player of the year) standings. Teams are limited to 4-6 players, and players from units other than Unit 140 may participate. Conditions of contest will be distributed before the beginning of the event.

Please call or e-mail Peter Stein (908 359-7852), stein193@msn.com, for further information, or simply fill in the attached entry form below and mail it with the nominal \$15.00/team entry fee to Peter Stein, 193 Fairfield Lane, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 (checks should be payable to “NJBL-Unit 140”) by **April 1st**. No team will be permitted to participate until the entry fee is paid.

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OPEN or Flight B DOUBLE KO: team MP’s \_\_\_\_\_ Captain \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Player #2 \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #3 \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_ Player #4 \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player #5 \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_ Player #6 \_\_\_\_\_ ACBL# \_\_\_\_\_



## District 3 Youth Bridge Tournament

January 16th - Rye, New York

The Saturday, January 28, 2012 New York Times bridge column features a hand played by Amber Lin, 14 and her partner Jennifer Ling, 15, from Edison, NJ who had a 78.78 percent game finishing first overall. Amber's brother Brandon Lin, 12 was second with his partner Alex Sung, a 7 year old from NY. Third place winners were Mitchell Booth, a freshman and partner William Bearden, a senior from Summit High School taught by Debbie Crisfield. Placing fourth overall were Fred Hogan and Jack Daly from New York. Fifth overall winners from the newly formed 7:30 AM Wednesday morning Oakwood Avenue School bridge club in Orange, NJ taught by Cheryl Angel and Barbara Clark, were Khalil Stewart and Leon Powell.

Twenty students from Park Avenue School bridge club taught by Larry Samuels and Dr. Denise Harlem and from Oakwood Avenue School traveled on a bus to the tournament with their teachers Karen Rizio, Pamela Venable, and Gail Velox. Many parents were on hand to join in on the excitement.

The tournament provided opportunities for participants to practice problem solving, endurance, strategies, and concentration. All of the kids demonstrated great sportsmanship and camaraderie. District 3 sponsored the bus and a delicious lunch of hot dogs, french fries, salad, brownies and ice cream.

Betty Cox and Barbara Clark, coordinators of the event, are looking forward to hosting a similar event at the summer regional in Parsippany, NJ in August.



The Champions!

## Step By Step 11/1/2011 through 2/1/2012

<b>JUNIOR</b>	B Phillips	M Hewlett	F Wyman	L Geher
<b>MASTER</b>	L Rogart	R Heym	K Zhao	B Kianese
A Agrin	S Ross	J Hochman		D Mondelli
C Ascher	M Rotatori	G Houston	<b>SECTIONAL</b>	F Partridge
M Atkin	R Sapiro	E Katzman	<b>MASTER</b>	L Petersen
B Baker	S Scammell	J Kennedy	H Abrams	M Raymond
A Benz	J Simon	J Leimbach	P Amato	R Steckelman
J Bessinger	J Slate	L Leschander	P Barnett	S Zimmerman
C Bethune	L Smith	R Leschander	R Breen	<b>NABC</b>
R Bindelglass	L Stark	H Letterman	B Clarkin	<b>MASTER</b>
H Breene	E Topilow	S Lewis	S Day	J Albright
R Brown	M Van Den	P Lieberman	M Dworak	C Crane
C Cimarusti	Heuvel	R Lightburn	A Farber	M Joe
D Cochran	A Villarosa	H Markus	T Gora	L Kleinberg
B Cohen	I Walter	B Murphy	J Helderman	C Lai
C Dvorkin	P Waterbury	J Nelson	N Holmberg	O Lawrence
H Farber	D Wyman	S Nirody	J Huntington	W Lee
P Foley	M Zisko	A Nirody	P Lieberman	F Marston
J Gardiner	L Zissu	R Nistor	M Medina	K Mattran
B Gasarch	<b>CLUB</b>	B Nutkis	T Miller	P Miller
L Gindi	<b>MASTER</b>	M Papanek	A Parker	D Nutkis
I Halegoua	H Acelrod	C Plucinsky	R Perlman	P Overmyer
F Hegedus	E Andrews Jr	E Pollet	L Schlesinger	R Schedel
P Hoch	E Bonanno	S Rathemacher	P Scholz	L Youell
J Horn	L Boodish	S Riepenhoff	A Smith	<b>BRONZE</b>
S Kaplan	C Bosco	L Rose	E Smith	<b>LIFE</b>
E Kassan	M Cohen	E Rubenstein	L Temple	<b>MASTER</b>
J Lasser	E Cohen	J Saba	R Voytovich	R Bechade
T Lieb	D Cooperberg	C Scarfi	S Ward	J Cella Jr
R Lipp	P Dickson	D Schneider	S Wells	X Dai
T Lockwood	A Dolce	D Schultz	A Wenzler	B Dicker
N McMahon	M Dorman	W Seligman	D Will	F Finkle
M Millman	C Dratch	A Shah	NEW	J Goldberg
F Mitchell	J Feder	L Smith	REGIONAL	B Norton
L Molisani	S Feigin	A Thayer	MASTER	A Norton
M Moyer	S Gnapp	J Thompson	M Berkley	I Serban
M Muller	R Guempel	M Trossello	N Bloom	
A Murphy	B Haimson	S Troy	R Cane	
A Oberhand	P Harris	L Vallone	M Ferris	
R Oberhand	F Hauer	D Walsh	D Forbes	

## Unit News

The NJBL held its annual meeting on January 23, at The Pines Manor in Edison. The event, coordinated by Kirk & Marilyn Elyakin, was a great success. Business was conducted only after everyone partook of the tasty brunch. New Unit Board members were elected, we heard from Glenda Calkins, the newly-elected District 3 Director, and the NJBL Player of the Year for 2011 was announced: Congratulations, Dennis Thompson.

After the short meeting, we played a seeded, two-section game. 27.5 tables of us came out for the event. The next time we meet at The Pines Manor will be June 3 for the Awards Brunch. Be sure to put it on your calendar, as this is a wonderful event, recognizing the new Life Masters and other member achievements. You can find the registration form on the front page of this issue, so please send it in early. A good time is sure to be had by all!

UNIT 140 Annual Meeting	2	D Dubois - D Koernig
A BC	3	L & R Dubrovsky
1	A. Powell - K Powell	4 1 M Poller - M Foley
2	B. Kuni - D Thompson	5 2 C Chapin - L Chapin
3 1	J Snyder - J Annis	6 D Wasik - M Millard
4	W Barnes - S Fulton	3 F Schragger - H Karger
5/6	J Ahrens - J Laing	4 J & T Landsman
5/6	M Gupta - H Joshi	5 M Zeymo - R Yeselson

## Novice Corner

By Arnie Kohn



### Bidding close Major Suit Games

Points can be an effective evaluation but ten tricks are what produce games. There is always a problem when an auction has proceeded one of a major by the opening bidder, two of that same major and the opener has a mid-range (15-17) hand. With a minimum hand the opener will pass and with game going values (18-19 Points) he will bid game. Let us first make two assumptions;

Number 1: Three of that major is never invitational. Number 2: opener does not have 5-3-3-2 distribution. (I recommend opening one NT as an opening bid.)

Here are a few hands as examples using spades as the major suit.

1: S AQxxx H x D Q10xx C AKQ

2: S AJxxxx H AK D xx C KJx

Responder is known to have six to nine points and at least three card support. Opener should rebid the lowest ranking suit where he needs help. With hand one, opener will rebid three diamonds. Responder will bid the game if his values include diamond honors or shortness in diamonds together with extra trump length. Note that it does not matter if responder has six points or nine points. The only consideration is where those values are located. With hand two, opener will rebid three clubs. Responder will accept or deny the invitation, depending on his club holding. Close game contracts can be reached using this help suit method.

### Ask for A Partner

By Bill Kaplan

I noticed at one of my recent duplicate games that there were five players named Pat. I overheard one Pat's partner say he couldn't make the game in the upcoming week, so naturally I asked Pat would she like me to find a substitute...or does she have anyone she could ask? The answers were "no" and "no". I was quite surprised. Upon further inquiry, I learned neither Pat nor her partner would play bridge with anyone else! As much as I pursued the subject, neither would play with another player. Perhaps I'd uncovered the reason why some people don't play regularly...they don't want to ask someone else AND they won't ask the director to find a partner.

This is surprising since all of my games are for developing bridge players and at this stage 99 % of them are nice, humble, players who are probably self-critical about their bridge abilities.

Pat most assuredly would find others who are similar to her regular partner AND may learn more about partnership bridge. Pat is certainly missing an opportunity to meet other players and other players are missing an opportunity to meet Pat. Just think about this for a minute. Life in part is "nothing ventured, nothing gained". What can you lose? Don't be a Pat. Next time your partner will be unavailable, pick up the phone and call the director. You won't regret it.

## Going for Gold

When reaching for the next rank in the ACBL, members must gather masterpoints of different "colors," each rank having its own requirements. (For a list of all ranks and the points required, see <http://www.acbl.org/about/honorTitles.html>.) So how do we go about earning these pigmented points?

Club and unit events award black points (except for periodic special events), and for achievements in online games the masterpoints will be unpigmented (colorless). Silver points are earned at sectionals. A few times per year we are able to earn silver at the club level, playing in "STaC" week (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs). Red points are awarded at regionals, and at regionally rated events at nationals. At the club level it's possible to earn red in North American Pairs qualifiers and other special games. But what about that elusive gold?

You can win gold at the club level in the ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint game once per year. There are other (rare) occasions where a club may run a special event that will award a piece of gold. Generally, if you earn a section top or overall placement at a regionally-rated event (at either a regional or national tournament), you will earn gold. The event must always be at least two-sessions in length. (The award for winning a one-session Swiss at a regional or national, for example, will be red.) For gold to be in play, the upper masterpoint level must be at least 750 points. In Golden Opportunity type events, where the upper limit is just 750, only winning in the top stratum pays gold.

In open-bracketed events, each bracket will be awarded some gold (based on the bracket size and the average points of its participants). These bracketed team events, KO and round robin, are probably the best place to try for gold because they pay to approximately 3/8 of the field, and play is only ever among peers.

You can also grab some gold if you have overall finishes in the District GNT (Grand National Teams) and NAP (North American Pairs) events (Flight C), or section tops and overall finishes in Flight B and above.

Oh, and when you've gotten your gold, it's time for platinum. Any "NABC+" event (nationally-rated open event) awards platinum points. GO FOR IT!

#### UNIT 140 Pro-Am January 20, 2012

MPs	Names	
4.96	Jesse Reisman - Francis Dworak	67.65%
3.72	Marilyn Elyakin - Ted Zimmerman	66.71%
2.79	Donna Dulet - Robert Breen	64.71%
2.09	Mani Gupta - James Henkle	64.26%
1.57	Nancy Lee Block - Susan Craig	60.48%
1.18	Dennis Thompson - Larry Youell	60.17%

### Newplicates

Contact Mirka Zeymo, [mirkaz@comcast.net](mailto:mirkaz@comcast.net) or Dottie Koernig, [dkoernig@verizon.net](mailto:dkoernig@verizon.net) to learn about participating in the upcoming Spring Sectional in Woodbridge, May 18-22.

## February STaCs results

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## 140 THU AFT OPEN PAIRS 57.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 A Kohn E Nemiroff  
2 1 1 G Moehring  
A Van Bler Kom  
3 L Sokolower B Tepper  
4 2 C Yang D Lubetkin  
5 3 2 D Sack M Barnett  
6 4 A Norton B Norton

## 140 THU EVE OPEN PAIRS 18 tbl

A B C  
1 B Vogel V Bhise  
2 B Cox K Powell  
3 1 D Wasik M Millard  
4 B Kunin D Thompson  
5 2 1 M Papanek A Huber  
6 3 2 A Vaze G Barenholtz

## 140 FRI AM OPEN PAIRS 29 tbl

A B C  
1 S Arshan A Cohen  
2 M Elyakin M Kogan  
3 1 C Yang D Lubetkin  
4 H Bobroff B Yohn  
5 2 J Buell J Buell  
6 S Kaplan R Dondero

## 140 FRI AM 299er Pairs 36 tbl

A B C  
1 C Liloia E Desbrow  
2 C Lemkau R Macpherson  
3 F Partridge A Schoenberg  
4 I Weiss D Langerman  
5 B Davis W Fitzpatrick  
6/7 W Lee C Kelley  
6/7 P Taenzler L Paddock

## 140 FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS 29 tbl

A B C  
1 G Levine S Borenstein  
2 J Garlic K Powell  
3 A Rosen O Bello  
4 B Cox E Evans  
5 J Ahrens M Trenchard  
6 T Gross F Chvat

## 140 SAT AFT OPEN PAIR 33.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 A Allen R Ross  
2 B Tepper L Sokolower  
3 J Portale B Mechlowitz  
4 J Reisman S Manshel  
5 V Bhise

L DeNotaristefani

## 140 SUN AFT OPEN PAIRS 38.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 S Kaplan D Dulet  
2 M Mosher J Wilkinson  
3 1 M Cuno I Peyser  
4 J Ertel P Capriotti  
5 W Barnes

L DeNotaristefani

## 140 MON AFT OPEN PAIRS 56.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 1 M Wagner V Cawley  
2 2 A Cackowski K McGowan  
3 A Kohn B Dranoff  
4 R Aboody J Mancini

5 R Imhoff R Imhoff

6 3 E Cave J DiNapoli

## 140 MON EVE OPEN PAIRS 23.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 S Baskinger J Rothstein  
2 1 D Mondelli J Campbell  
3 L Samuels N Samuels  
4 2 H Gibson J Anderson  
5 3 L Tedeschi F Gutwillig  
6 4 A Norton B Norton

## 140 TUE AFT OPEN PAIRS 44.0 Tbl

A B C  
1 J Rothstein J Liao  
2 R Kraft R Panitch  
3 S Borenstein  
L DeNotaristefani  
4 B Tepper S Fulton  
5 1 S Das B Eisner  
6 F Hymus P Wright

## 140 TUE EVE OPEN PAIRS 32.0 Tbl

A B C  
1/2 W Esberg N Wang  
1/2 L Lerner R Hyken  
3 1 R Gast A Palumbo  
4 R Dondero C Eastman  
5 H Bobroff S Arshan  
6 M Kowal J Reisman

## 140 WED AFT OPEN PAIRS 48.5 Tbl

A B C  
1 S Bibi R Dondero  
2 1 1 F Dworak M Dworak  
3 2 L Youell H Gibson  
4 3 N Maulding M Smith  
5 W Esberg M Gur  
6 N Kaercher S Per

## 140 WED EVE ESSEX 199ER 19.5 Tbl

A B C  
1 J Szulczewski  
T Zuckerman  
2 K Maloney P Barnett  
3 1 1 J Glaser K Glaser  
4 2 2 M Mendel E Greenbaum I  
5 J Dolan S Meister  
6 W Schauben P Berma



70% or Higher!

## Unit 140 Superstars

H Ettlinger - R Moy 71.15  
S Kaplan - D Dulet 70.50  
P Brudner - J Phillips 71.20  
J Rothstein - S Baskinger 71.81  
N Rothstein - B Humpreys 70.08  
S Slusky - R Zowader 70.66

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