



THE DECLARER



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WINTER SECTIONAL REPORT

by Brett Kunin, Tournament Chair

Despite biting cold weather on Friday, and the meteorologists' prediction of a major snow storm on Sunday (which did not occur), the Tournament sat 218.5 tables for the three days, down only slightly from last year's Winter Sectional. Highlights included: six National champions (from 4 states) played in our tournament, and the attendance included 16 tables in the 299'er bracket on Friday afternoon. Most significant was the implementation of a "PoG" (Partner of Guaranty) policy by our energetic Partnership Chair, George Browne, assuring all that wanted to play that they would have a partner for our matchpoint events. With the success of the PoG program, the Tournament Committee of the NJBL Board will continue the PoG program to guaranty partners in all Friday and Saturday events at future sectionals. As Tournament Chair, I support our current format, which permits finishes by 6 p.m. on all three days, permitting all to enjoy dinner at a reasonable hour. I extend my thanks to the many people, including those on the Board and other volunteers, who ensured the Winter Sectional's success. We hope that many of you will make plans to attend our Spring sectional, May 16-18, in Woodbridge.

NEWPLICATE NEWS

by Joan Brody & Ruth Steckelman

Did you know that at our most recent sectional in February, that one-third of the tables in the pairs games belonged to the 0-299 players? That is a pretty impressive statistic! We know that you all are eager to play and earn masterpoints and we are trying to provide those opportunities for you in our Unit.

The spring sectional is fast approaching, so make your plans to play in the event. Although we have a partnership desk, you do not have to wait until the last minute or even the last week. If you need a partner or teammates, contact our partnership coordinator, George Browne. 973-819-0308 or George.Browne@shu.edu He will do his best to put you in contact with other players for a match before the start of the event. Then you can arrive early at the playing site to review your conventions.

A special PREVIEW of things to come in 2014.....stay tuned for news about an event where you can earn silver points that is open JUST for newuplicate players!!!!

Please go to www.njbl.net

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

NJBL SPRING SECTIONAL

May 16 - 18

Hungarian American Club

95 Port Reading Avenue • Woodbridge, NJ 07095

PLAYING SITE TELEPHONE No. (732) 634-9697

Tournament Chair: Brett Kunin 973-243-2366

Entries : \$26 per pair Friday and Saturday, \$104 per team Sunday.

We must charge an extra \$3 per person for those who are not current ACBL members

Stratified Flights:

Open: A = 2500+ B = 750-2500 C = 0-750

299er A = 200-300 B = 100-200 C = 0-100

FRIDAY, May 16

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

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

SATURDAY, May 17

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

Youth Bridge (19 & under, 0-50 mps) - Trophies for winners, **Free Entries**, Contact Barbara Clark at 973-736-1969.

2:30 A/X (X= 0-4000) Match Point Pairs (open to all)

B/C/D Matchpoint Pairs (2000/1000/500)

Stratified 299ers

(During Friday and Saturday breaks: Plain Pizza \$1 per slice, with topping \$1.50 and Soda \$1 per can)

SUNDAY, May 18

9:30 Lite Breakfast (*bagels - butter & spreads*)

10:30 7 Round Bracketed 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.

NEWPLICATE / INTERMEDIATE PLAYERS: This format allows you to play only against opponents with approximately the same number of Masterpoints as you have. Our Pairing, Information, and Newuplicate Coordinator George Browne will gladly help you find a partner or help you put together a team. Contact him by phone 973-819-0308 or by email at brownege4111@gmail.com.

DIRECTIONS: *From NJ Turnpike South* 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 ¾ 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 ¾ 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.

WILL EHLERS 2013 Player of the Year

By Bob Breen

William Ehlers was recognized at the recent Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet as the Unit 140 Player of the Year for 2013. Will collected over 70 points in total and earned points in seven of the eight events he was eligible to play in. Among the ladies, Leora Dubrovsky was the top points leader. The overall top 10 players are: William Ehlers, Jiang Gu, William Esberg, Richard Ross, Alexander Allen, Stephen Arshan, Gregory Gorshkov, Leora Dubrovsky, Richard Dubrovsky & Dennis Thompson

The overall winners in each of the master points categories are:

	Men	Women
Over 2500	William Ehlers	Leora Dubrovsky
1000-2500	Richard Dubrovsky	Joan Brody
300-1000	Gregory Gorshkov	Ruth Yeselson
200-300	Kai-Ching Lin	Mimi Joe
100-200	Xuhua Lin	Karen Cane
50-100	W. Robinson	Stephanie Austin
0-50	Bhartkumar Shah	Mary Fazzini & Amber Lin

The Player of the Year Award recognizes members of Unit 140 who earn points in Unit sponsored events throughout the year. In 2013 these included: the four Sectional Tournaments, the Annual Meeting, Autumnfest Weekend (3 events), and the Double Team Knockouts. In 2013, 527 Unit members earned 2,676 points in these events. Among the top players, three players - Will Ehlers (2013 Player of the Year), Bill Esberg (2012 Player of the Year), and Larry Youell - earned points in all but one of the events they were eligible to play in. You can view the top contenders for the 2014 competition as well as past year's results on the web site.

-watch the web site during the year to see how you and your competition are doing.

TWO CLUB OPENER

THE NOVICE COLUMN by *Arnie Kohn*

The classic requirement for a two club opening bid is 23 or more high card points or nine tricks with defensive values. There are many methods of responding to this call. Jacoby recommended step responses showing the number of points in responders hand. This method may be fine if opener's bid is based on high card points. Another method is to bid two diamonds as a waiting or negative bid. Bidding a suit shows a positive response, with a five card suit headed by two of the top three honors. The bad part of this system is that the opening two club bidder may have difficulty over the two diamond bid. The partnership has to agree on how to show a really worthless, valueless hand. The method I recommend is that two diamonds promises at least an ace or a king and two hearts promises no ace or king. A positive suit response can still be made. 2NT promises a 5 card heart suit and game going values. This method works fine if the two club bid was based on nine tricks. Opener now knows that there is a game contract and can explore. The twenty-three point balanced type of hand where opener rebids 2NT can also be bid easily. Responder, if he bid two hearts does not have to be without values and can determine the correct contract with Stayman or transfer sequences. Responder may also pass.

CLUB NEWS

JERSEY BRIDGE CLUB Jersey Bridge Club is excited to be celebrating our First Anniversary! JBC has also joined the Common Game: all afternoon and evening games run at the Club will now compare with other clubs across the country. Analysis/commentary of some of the more interesting hands is provided, in addition to many (free) player analytics. JBC hosts games for all levels of play: 299ers, and 0-750, mentoring sessions and open games. We have a team game monthly, as well as a Friday evening IMPs pairs format. Lessons are given from beginner through advanced, and every Sunday afternoon our resident Grand Life Master, Bill Esberg, delivers a free mini-lesson comprised of two interesting hands that have been played at the Club. Visit jerseybridge.com to learn more.

SHRINE CENTER BRIDGE CLUB Every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm improve your skills with our popular Mentor Sessions and Play - N - Learn Games. One day each month we are celebrating all birthdays of the month with a Club Championship and Lunch and Desert provided by our Birthday Club. Check our web site for dates. Play IMPs with Team Games Thursday evenings 6:30pm twice a month. Pre-registration required, check our calendar for dates. Mark your calendars, LARRY COHEN is returning to the Shrine, Monday, Sept. 15, 2014. Call or email for information. Reserve early. Check our calendar for all our special games & events www.shrinecenterbridge.com

ESSEX BRIDGE CENTER May 8th both at 11:45am and at 5:45pm HINTS ABOUT GOING FOR RED AND GOLD MASTERPOINTS: Half-Hour Panel Discussion with Recent Life Masters (before 12:30 and 6:30 game times). Club Championship week is April 27th thru May 3rd, with a 499 Swiss on Wed afternoon and an open Swiss on Friday evening. The Bob Ryder Memorial Pairs will be held Sun Aft, May 4. During STaC week, June 9 - 15, we offer a 499 Swiss on Wed afternoon and an open Swiss on Friday evening.

Our New Life Masters!



Back Row: Toufic Hamaoui, Arne Ildsgaard, Bob Abramowitz, Nancy Bloom, Ronald Cane, Karen Cane, Mimi Joe, Susan Craig
Front Row: Barbara Lowenstein, Dean Dabrowski, Agnes Barenti, Marsha Brustein, Katherine Smith, Catherine Shore

Remembrances

The board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League would like to offer our condolences to the families of Marie Cantor and Murray Kessler. Please notify Dottie Koernig at 908-277-0174 or dkoernig@verizon.net of any deaths or illness within our membership.

Calendar of Events

May 14	International Fund Game	check your local club
May 16 - 18	Sectional	Woodbridge, NJ
May 21 - 26	Regional	New York, NY
June 2 - 8	Regional	Saratoga, NY
June 6 & 7	Worldwide Bridge Contest	check your local club
June 9 - 15	STaCs	check your local club
June 16 - 22	Regional	King of Prussia, PA
June 24 - 29	Regional	Melville, NY
July 11	International Fund Game	check your local club
July 11 - 13	Sectional	Woodbridge, NJ
Aug 19 - 25	Regional	Fairfield, NJ

Step By Step

JUNIOR MASTER

B Alper
S Blacker
M Brown
L Cadigan
T Carter
P Champman III
V Dominianni
G Finlayson
J Frey
E Fursa
M Greengrass
D Grzymiski
R Handwerker
R Hill
B Lavine

S Lepow
B Levine
L Pelzman
W Peterson
B Rieckers
M Rosen
S Rosen
R Roth
L Shulruff
H Torjussen
L Treff
N Trehwella
M Wilf
R Zweifler
CLUB MASTER
K Cecil
S Exon
R Finkel
S Gallinson

H Goldfarb
R Gurak
H Hubbell
R Levi
D McSweeney
D Radwill
J Seasonwein
C Sinaw
A Sung
P Van Deventer
R Zochowski
SECTIONAL MASTER
K Kiefer
S Klotz
M Pesner
J Remig
R Rosenthal
J Shotliff
E Sommer

L Standing
B Weiss
M Windolf
D Wyman
REGIONAL MASTER
C Britton
D Cooperberg
T Lamb
J Lebreton
E Pollet
S Riepenhoff
B Yang
NABC MASTER
J Epstein
G Hollander
E Thompson
S Wu



2013 Mini McKenney Winners, l to r, Cynthia Schneider, David Cox, Marsha Brustein, Nancy Bloom, John Shotliff, Joseph Messina, Larry Youell and Dennis Thompson



2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs, l to r, Janine Mancini, Sam Borenstein, John Shotliff, Larry Youell, Bill Esberg and Cheryl Angel

Unit 140 Superstars

P Stein & N Jaffe 77.6%
C Angel & J Reisman - 75%
L Godfrey -& J Lebreton - 74.81%
B Kunin & J Reisman 74.40%
J Marvin & J Marvin - 74.17%
S Manshel & F Hymus - 74%

K Chera & S McHenry - 72.92%
C Guastella & J Wilkinson - 72.92%
J Mody - B Shah - 72.62%
N Haaren & S Henning - 71.88 %
J Cohan & R Hyken - 71.76%
R & B Imhoff - 71.48%

M Huppert & S Freedman - 71.06%
D Dulet & S Arshan - 70.83%
J Hogan & S Fulton - 70.63%
B Tepper & L Sokolower - 70.55%
M Bryan & A Budner - 70.24%
J Rothstein & J Leznicki - 70.35%

The District 3



SARATOGA REGIONAL
June 2-8, 2014

The Saratoga Hilton
534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866
518-584-4000 \$145 single/double, plus tax.
Reserve now!! Rooms at bridge rate go quickly.

Quick reservation link:

https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_et_new&eventID=10899529

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott
11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs NY
518-226-0538 \$115 single/double, plus tax.
Free parking at both locations.

Room Problems? Glenda Calkins 201-825-1936
or email: glendabark@aol.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.

4 GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS!!
(two-session events) Wed. - Sat. 10 am & 3 pm
750/500/200 MPs Stratified Open Pairs
Gold points for overalls and section tops in top strat

Tournament Manager: Jon Green
845-331-9020 • jmg70703@yahoo.com

Pairing: Terry Bentley
518-668-2248 • terrybeatley@verizon.net

Monday, June 2
Bracketed KO Teams I 7 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series I (1st) 7 pm

Tuesday, June 3

Norma Shelly Novice Game (0-20 MPs) 9 am

Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am

Intermediate Pairs (0-300) 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Teams 1 pm & TBA

Top bracket played at Sixty - Open to all teams

Intermediate Pairs (0-300) 1 pm

Side Game Series I (3rd) 1 pm

Side Game Series I (4th) 7 pm

Wednesday, June 4

Bracketed Compact KO Teams 9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

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

Side Game Series II (1st) 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams II 7 pm

Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (2nd) 7 pm

Thursday, June 5

Side Game Series II (3rd) 9 am

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (2500+, 0-2500) 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th) 1 pm

Side Game Series II (5th) 7 pm

Friday, June 6

Bracketed Compact KO Teams 9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

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

Side Game Series III (1st) 1 pm

One Session Swiss Teams (Red) 1 pm

Bracketed KO Teams III 7 pm

Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm

Saturday, June 7 - Unit 115 Day

Open Swiss Teams 10 am & 3 pm

Golden Opportunity Pairs

750/500/200 MPs 10 am & 3 pm

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

Side Game Series III (3rd) 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) 7 pm

Sunday, June 8

Bracketed Round Robin Teams 10 am

Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams

- short break for lunch

Pair status: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)
All team stratification based on average for the team. In any event or flight with an upper limit, no individual player's MP total may exceed that upper limit.

Compact KO Teams - 4 players only
In all KO's top bracket may be handicapped
Mid-Chart (except Multi) permitted in top bracket of all bracketed team events

For more info on transportation and amenities, see:
<http://discoversaratoga.org/ach14>

LIFE MASTERS

Marsha Brustein
Fred Partridge

BRONZE
Gerald Essig
Charles Person

SILVER
Vernie Cawley
Peter Jones

DIAMOND
Bonnie Britton

2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs

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0 to 5	R Cane	67.14	2500 to 5000
J Shotliff 37.22	M Van Allen 61.71	J Rothstein 399.58	
E Sommer 34.99	200 to 300	K Powell 246.48	
R Kelly Jr 34.77	D Mondelli 59.46	A Rosen 243.68	
C Reynolds 30.77	D Davidson 59.20	J Gold 207.52	
T Tehsildar 30.49	M Brustein 53.93	E Freeman Bunn	
5 to 20	F Partridge 50.62	204.33	
W Schauben 26.27	L Geher 48.89	5000 to 7500	
L Standing 26.14	300 to 500	J Mancini 258.79	
J Messina 24.38	L Youell 137.01	B Cox 221.76	
K Kiefer 23.61	J Phillips III 118.13	J McCarroll	
B Wallman 23.30	C Kelley 95.46	156.18	
20 to 50	W Lee 79.64	B Witzel 138.00	
T Frankel 86.22	D Sutton 79.53	J Rowe 111.21	
B Shah 85.73	500 to 1000	7500 to 10000	
J Mody 79.49	S Freedman 173.05	C Angel 180.91	
J Lebreton 63.65	P Wright 134.39	J Reisman 170.01	
D Cooperberg 47.45	D Koernig 119.63	S Kaplan 81.60	
50 to 100	R Whitney 111.69	C Schneider 74.40	
F Malamet 85.10	J Wilkinson 110.90	A Allen 67.45	
S Austin 65.30	1000 to 2500	over 10000	
J Glaser 62.55	S Borenstein 195.41	W Esberg 167.86	
T Noa 54.49	R Kohn 175.40	L Sokolower	
M Hewlett 49.02	F Hymus 158.67	167.24	
100 to 200	R Zowader 150.86	B Tepper 106.34	
D Mayer 99.15	M Rosen 138.30	M Kamil 17.54	
N Bloom 69.57			
K Cane 68.78			

The following members of Unit 140 ranked nationally in the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Club and the Mini-McKenney races.

Ace of Clubs

20 - 50 Trina Frankel, Shartkumar Shah, Jagdish Mody

300-500 Larry Youell

500-1000 Sumner Freedman

2500-5000 Judy Rothstein

(Overall winner in her category)

Mini-McKenney

1000-2500 Sam Borenstein

2500-5000 Dennis Thompson

2013 Mini McKenney Winners

0 to 5	C Dynes	132.24	S Garreffa	328.59
J Shotliff 46.76	T Boyer	130.90	J Brody	303.29
E Sommer 43.16	K Cane	125.90	N Zucker	282.32
R. Kelly Jr. 35.27	F Osborne	124.03	2500 to 5000	
T. Tehsildar 32.13	200 to 300	D Thompson	569.38	
C Reynolds 31.97	M Brustein	114.43	J Rothstein	503.08
5 to 20	R Steckelman	100.38	A Perlin	367.96
J Messina 45.01	F Partridge	99.48	D Byrnes	351.85
L Standing 33.49	D Davidson	98.79	R Ross	311.02
R Matthews 32.14	T Zuckerman	98.20	5000 to 7500	
B Wallman 30.97	300 to 500	J Gu	719.70	
M Pesner 30.32	L Youell	241.60	W Ehlers	562.14
20 to 50	W Lee	217.35	B Cox	415.47
S Shah 111.74	C Kelley	181.37	E Schneider	385.28
J Mody 105.17	J Phillips III	143.97	A Aukstikalnis	348.90
T Frankel 99.30	D Sutton	142.54	7500 to 10,000	
A Lin 76.35	500 to 1000	C Schneider	394.30	
K Gatewood 76.21	D Cox	249.87	A Allen	285.08
50 to 100	S Freedman	208.77	C Angel	210.41
S Austin 117.62	D Koernig	186.82	J Reisman	206.87
F Malamet 109.63	R Yeselson	163.94	S Kaplan	125.99
G Austin 90.60	J Wilkinson	161.45	Over 10,000	
T Noa 89.59	1000 to 2500	M Kamil	1570.11	
M Hewlett 86.45	G Sherman	764.20	W Esberg	280.22
100 to 200	S Borenstein	527.28	L Sokolower	183.94
N Bloom 148.51			B Tepper	115.61

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