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President's Message

As the world celebrates the 50th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon, Woodstock, and the Miracle Mets, we here on Long Island have our own milestones to celebrate.

The highest rank of player recognition in the ACBL is that of Grand Life Master. A player needs to have earned 10,000 masterpoints of all colors (black, silver, red, gold, platinum), as well as a qualifying National Title. It is truly a remarkable accomplishment. On June 18th, Diana Schuld reached that milestone, becoming the second member of our Unit (Mel Colchamiro is the other) to become a member of this special club. We are all very proud of Diana, and congratulate her for her achievement. More importantly, however, we thank her for all she has contributed to bridge on Long Island. She's a very special person!

Al Levy has served District 24 (the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge

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**NSBA Fall Regional
 September 23-26, 2019
 The Chateau Briand
 in Carle Place
 See Page 10 for Details**



DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

www.allevybridge.com/

This is my last writing as District 24 (LI & NYC) Director, serving for the past 24 years on the ACBL Board of Directors (BoD). I always like to write about some interesting bridge activities, local, national or world-wide. In my last issue I'll spend a few words on the league's state of affairs.

I wish I could say that the league is currently prospering and growing, but that is not the case. The average age is creeping up past 72, attendance at tournaments all over North America is decreasing, league membership is slightly down after a few years of growth, finances are troubling with significant losses over the past few years due to failed software projects, lawsuits and a disastrous Honolulu NABC. To compensate, the board has raised dues and NABC tournament fees. This combination of losses and fee increases is not a formula for long-term success. The ACBL is now in good hands with Joe Jones as the new Executive Director (CEO title has been changed to ED). I'm looking forward to ACBL management turning things around. Speaking of the increasing age of our membership, the BoDs passed a motion raising the Senior age for sanctioned Senior events from 60 to 65 over a 5-year span.

One potentially bright spot is the ACBL Educational Foundation, recently funded by two benefactors to the tune of \$1.25 million. The foundation will promote projects and activities that will help bridge grow. The foundation and its trustees do not answer to the ACBL but will be working closely with the league on projects of mutual interest.

The ACBL board is considering downsizing or at least forming a smaller 'management' committee, that is, a board within a board. This requires a bylaw change and it failed the first time around, but will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the board. I might be in favor, but only after the details of the powers of this inner governing body are well defined.

Time to say my goodbyes.

Representing our District on the ACBL BoDs for the past 24 years and serving on the NSBA board (past president and TC many, many years ago) for almost 40 years, I've had the pleasure of interacting with so many dedicated and energetic members who serve our bridge community. These include Unit administrators, bridge teachers, club owners and directors, tournament coordinators, youth coordinators, Unit board members, editors, bridge authors and special event coordinators. While there are too many names to mention, I'll single out some of them. Ray Elias, NSBA president and David Moss, GNYBA president, are shining examples of all the dedicated bridge volunteers who have served. Jeff Bayonne and Silvana Morici, owners of two of the most successful bridge clubs in North America, give our players a bridge home away from home as well as developing new players. Carol Mathews, responsible for middle-school bridge programs, among her many bridge involvements, is my choice for ACBL bridge volunteer of all times. Noting Llers who have served so very well for a very long time including, Sue Scholer, Lesley Decker-Lucas, Debra Thaw, Lee Launer, David Schwartz, Joe Byrnes, Diana Schuld, Rob Gordon, Mel Colchamiro and Mark Shaiman, as well the many [LI bridge clubs](#) that contribute to LI bridge. Sorry if I forgot someone, as there are so many who have contributed to the local bridge scene.

I will still be active in bridge, serving on the NSBA board, and as 1st VP of the World Bridge Federation, with my current term ending in 2022. One of my favorite activities, coordinating the ACBL/WBF annual world computer-bridge championship, (see bridgebotchampionship.com) and writing robot play articles, will continue. I started this championship in my first year on the ACBL board, along with starting the online-bridge committee, which eventually led to overseeing sanctioned online play enjoyed by so many. Speaking of online play and robot play, try the new ACBL sanctioned robot game on [Funbridge](#).

See you at the table, Al Levy

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Association and the Greater New York Bridge Association) as its ACBL Director for 24 years. Al's understanding of the needs of our Units and his tireless efforts to improve the administration of bridge on the national level have served our District well. Al recently announced his decision not to seek re-election when his term expires on December 31st, but will devote his time to other aspects of bridge administration, especially with the World Bridge Federation. Al remains a Board Member of the NSBA. We wish Al and his wife Beverly all the best.

Al's position on the ACBL Board of Directors will be filled by the winner of the election between Adam Parrish and David Moss to be held in the fall. Members of Unit 242 and Unit 155 Boards of Directors do the voting.

Our Fall Regional is quickly approaching. We'll hold it again at the Chateau Briand in Carle Place, Monday through Thursday, September 23rd through 26th. Single-session pair games will be available for those players who like the competition, but who don't choose to play both morning and afternoon sessions. Our Life Master/Non-Life Master game will be held Sunday evening September 22nd at the Sagamore Bridge Club in Syosset. Your Tournament Committee has been working diligently to ensure all your expectations are met; we hope we'll see you there.

The Islander appreciates input from all our members. We have experts who will answer questions about bidding, rules, declarer play, and defense. Please visit our website, www.libridge.com, to ask, suggest, comment about anything you've seen relating to our wonderful game.

What's the worst thing you'll hear from a Director at a bridge game? "Please change for the last round." I wish they had doubleheaders.

Ray Elias

Election of NSBA Board Members

The NSBA annual meeting is to be held on September 22, 2019 at 6:30, prior to the Life Master/Non Life Master game at the Sagamore Bridge Club. All are invited to attend.

Officers

President-Ray Elias
Vice President-Lee Launer
Treasurer-David Schwartz
Secretary-Debra LaMountain
Tournament Chair-Bella Chiusano

At this meeting the following people will be voted on to join the NSBA Board to serve 2-year terms.

Nominated to Serve 2-year Terms

Mark Blanchard
Joe Byrnes
Bella Chiusano
Lesley Decker Lucas
Bill Dinner
Ray Elias
Lou Grossman
Mark Inhaber
Mark Krinsky
Alan Kudisch
Debra LaMountain
Silvana Morici
Dina Schechter
Diana Schuld

Continuing With 1 Year Left

Elliot Diamond
Allen Greenbaum
Lee Launer
Mark Leibowitz
Al Levy
Carol Mathews
David Schwartz
Drew Tarhan
Debra Thaw

New Board Members (1year term)

Young Cha
Phil Grella
Jon Kirshner
Ray Presti
Carol Reiss

May 9-11 STaC Weekend Results

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (35.5 tables)

- 1 Elyse Fields – Allen Greenbaum
- 2 Iris Plafker – Judith Spitz
- 3 Pat Brodsky – Laura Eilbott

Stratum B

- 1 Elyse Fields – Allen Greenbaum
- 2 Iris Plafker – Judith Spitz
- 3 Erika Silver – Debra LaMountain

Stratum C

- 1 Sheila Terens – Carole Rodnick
- 2 Jeremy Gilbert – Linda Gilbert
- 3 Barbara Ackerman – Lorraine Shakter

Thursday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Strata A&B (15 tables)

- 1 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 2 Edward Leviten – Stanley Fox
- 3 Joshua Hirsch – Sanford Leventhal

Stratum C

- 1 Joshua Hirsch – Sanford Leventhal
- 2 Sheryl Haberman – Holly Feinerman
- 3 Bob Morrow – Doug Bicknese

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (34.5 tables)

- 1 Richard Schoen – Tomas Luss
- 2 Laura O'Reilly – Matt Rewinski
- 3 Lillian Weissman – Judy Paul

Stratum B

- 1 Richard Schoen – Tomas Luss
- 2 Barbara Cooper – Alan Hirshman
- 3 Anne Stuckler – Lamia Beydoun

Stratum C

- 1 Lester Davidoff – Bob Goldstein
- 2 Edward Niemira – Anthony Swanwick
- 3/4 Howard Collins – Laura Kopp
- 3/4 Forest Dunbar – Rick Shanks

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (8.5 tables)

- 1 Edward Niemera – Peter Hertz
- 2 Judy Frenkel Nemes – Maryilyn Brescia
- 3 Stanley Amelkin – Abby Frankel

Stratum B

- 1 Edward Niemera – Peter Hertz
- 2 Stanley Amelkin – Abby Frankel
- 3 David Gross – Israel Adan

Stratum C

- 1 Edward Niemera – Peter Hertz
- 2 David Gross – Israel Adam

Thursday Evening Small Game

Stratum A (4 tables)

- 1 Rick Shanks – Nancy Sybil
- 2 Janet Contrada – Suzanne Nussbaum
- 3 Debra Thaw – Walter Kohlhoff

Stratum B

- 1 Rick Shanks – Nancy Sybil
- 2 Janet Contrada – Suzanne Nussbaum
- 3 Vijay Datta – Richard Ericson

Stratum C

- 1 Rick Shanks – Nancy Sybil
- 2 Janet Contrada – Suzanne Nussbaum

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (51.5 tables)

- 1 Barry Nish – Gary Helman
- 2 Morton Case – Berna Case
- 3 Beverly Daniel – Susan Clarke

Stratum B

- 1 Beverly Daniel – Susan Clarke
- 2 Howard Siegel – Sam Brenner
- 3 Linda Ferrari – Joseph DiBenedetto

Stratum C

- 1 Beverly Daniel – Susan Clarke
- 2 Barbara Chiapetta – Rob Chiapetta

- 3 Paul Develet – David Bass

Friday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (13 tables)

- 1 Donna Launer – June Blumenthal
- 2 Howard Maier – Sandie Sickle
- 3 Gordon Harper – Laurence Sussman

Stratum B

- 1 Gordon Harper – Laurence Sussman
- 2 Susan Burstein – Neal Burstein
- 3 Fred Goldschmidt – Joan Furst
- 4 Ellen Wells – Richard Wells

Stratum C

- 1 Mary Jane Damato – Margaret Sherman
- 2 Doug Bicknese – Bob Morrow

Saturday Morning 0-500 Pairs

Strata A&B (11 tables)

- 1 Sid Kowal – Nancy Kowal
- 2 Renee Wagenberg – Holly Feinerman
- 3 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

Strata C

- 1 Josh Allen – Deborah Brooks
- 2 Marilyn Brooks – Hillary Clayton
- 3 Carrie Callegari – Greg Callegari

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (40.5 tables)

- 1 Michael Geisinger – Irene Geisinger
- 2 Mark Shaiman – James Schneider
- 3 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon

Stratum B

- 1 Susan Laitmon – Art Kaplan
- 2 Janet Contrada – Catherine Layden
- 3 Arthur Goren – David Sloane

Stratum C

- 1 Janet Contrada – Catherine Layden
- 2 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 3 Burt Spiegel – Roberta Schechter

Claim with Colchamiro

By Mel Colchamiro



LI Player of the Year
2008, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996
LI Senior Player of the Year
2008

Got the Horse Right Here

The above title refers to one of the most well-known show-tune lyrics in Broadway history—“Got the horse right here, his name is Paul Revere”—opens “Fugue for Tinhorns”, one of the many familiar songs from *Guys and Dolls*; and, just like the horseplayers and gamblers from *Guys and Dolls*, bridge players sometimes have to “pay our money and take our chances.”

Trifecta of Bad Choices

Suppose you have the following hand:

♠-x ♥-Axx ♦-Qxxx ♣-AKxxx

This is an awkward hand to bid, because of the potential re-bid problems. There are three possible approaches, each of them flawed. Assuming partner responds 1S, the most likely response, we could:

Open 1♣ and re-bid 2♣

Open 1♣ and re-bid 1NT

Open 1♦ and re-bid 2♣

If we choose 1♣ then 2♣, partner would (correctly) presume that we have six clubs and perhaps overvalue her Qx of clubs and suggest no trump, hoping for 6 club tricks--maybe partner would bid 2NT with:

♠-Kxxxx ♥-QJx ♦-Kxx ♣-Qx

2NT or 3NT would be precarious contracts indeed (some openers would go on after responder's 2NT). So opposite that hypothetical responder hand, a 1NT re-bid would work better because maybe responder with her “bad” 11 would pass, opposite opener's announced *balanced* 12-14. Those who tried the 1D-2C approach, would find themselves in the same 2NT or 3NT soup or possibly even in 3♦, if responder makes a jump preference...

1♦ 1♠

2♣ 3♦ (invitational)

Remember, partner would presume you had five diamonds and four clubs for your auction.

But re-bidding 1NT works poorly if the responder's hand is:

♠-JTxxxx ♥-KQx ♦-AJx ♣-Qx

Most simple souls would jump right to 4♠ after a 1NT re-bid, assuming partner had at least two spades. (There ARE fancy ways of perhaps avoiding this trap using the increasingly popular “XYZ” or “two-way new minor forcing” approach) Of course, 3NT would be a much better contract, more easily reachable after a 1♣-2♣ or 1♦-2♣ start.

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The 1♦-2♣ approach has its moments, too. Suppose the responder's hand this time is:

♠-Axxxx ♥-xxxx ♦-KJx ♣-x

Here, the auction....

1♦ 1♠

2♣ 2♦

P

....would probably win the day.

Place Your Bets

So which approach works best? Ask different experts and you'll get different answers. For what it's worth, I usually (but not always) place my bet on the 1C and re-bid 1NT horse. I like that approach best (or hate it least) because:

It defines my points accurately—12-14.

It doesn't give partner a false sense of my trick-taking ability for NT

It keeps the bidding low.

I've tried all three approaches and this one simply works best for me.

The bet I like the least is the one on the 1♦ and re-bid 2♣ horse. Why?

(1) We can't play 1NT when that is right.

(2) We don't define our points. Opener's re-bid in a lower ranking suit is terribly wide-ranged (11-18 HCP) and is THE weakest part of standard bidding.

(3) We get to an inferior contract sometimes, when partner takes us back to 2♦ with a weak tripleton and our 4-card diamond suit is weak, or we get to a disastrous contract when partner makes a preference 2♦ bid on a doubleton (see next).

(4) We sometimes miss a big heart fit—even a heart game-- when partner has:

♠-Jxxxx ♥-KQxxx ♦-Qx ♣-x

Opener Responder

1♦ 1♠

2♣ ?????-----what can responder do besides take a "preference" to 2♦? Remember 2♥ here would be the 4th suit and requires game-going values! (To get around this problem some experts are trying the ultra-modern sequence of 1♦-2♥ to show at least 5-4 in majors and a weak hand.)

(5) If partner happens to respond 1♥, the opener is ripe for raising to 2♥ on Axx. If we do (I would) and we've opened 1♦, we've never bid our best and longest suit—our AKxxx of clubs! That's gotta feel more than a little weird!

My middle preferred choice is opening 1♣ and rebidding 2♣--at least it defines my points and gives us a fair chance of staying low.

So, when the "horses" come down the stretch, I'm rooting for "Rebid 1NT" on the rail, hoping that "Diamonds First" or "Clubs Twice" don't swoop by me and prove to have been the wiser bet. But, like at the track or OTB, no matter who you bet on, there's no sure thing.

Dr. Khatib Long Island Bridge for Youth Spring Tournament

In May, the Lakeville School in Great Neck hosted 24 fifth graders, from the Huntington and Great Neck schools, who played a duplicate tournament. 12 parents attended too.

Also present were the Superintendent of the Great Neck schools and 2 principals.

Prizes were awarded to the top 3 winners in each direction. In addition, students were given books and other bridge paraphernalia .

One of the students has gone on to play at the duplicate game at the West Islip Public Library.

Eight schools on LI participate in the LI Bridge For Youth program. And there are 20 volunteers to help teach them. If you are interested in joining this endeavor, see page 11.



It's tricky, but we love our bridge club

BY JESSICA JACOB AND JULIA XU
Kidsday Reporters

Bridge is a fun card game that uses tactics, communication, memory and probability. It is not hard to learn, but it needs a lot of thinking. If you don't know how to play, well, maybe you can learn a little from us right now. We belong to a bridge club, and it is so much fun.



KIDSDAY STAFF ARTIST / OLIVIA OSBOURNE, WHEATLEY HEIGHTS

You need four people to play, split into two partnerships. A "trick" means a group of four cards, one from each player. Here is how Wikipedia explains the game: The game consists of several deals, each progressing through four phases (North, South, East and West). The cards are dealt to the players, and then the players bid to take the contract, specifying how many tricks the partnership receiving the contract (the declaring side) needs to take to receive points for the deal. Partners communicate information about their hand and

the length of its suits. The cards are then played, the declaring side trying to fulfill the contract, and the defenders trying to stop the declaring side. If you win the trick, the card is faced horizontally, and if you lose the trick, you place your card vertically. You win tricks by putting down a higher card than your opponents or trumping them. Whoever wins the most tricks wins the game.

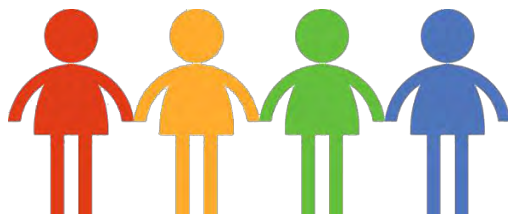
Now that you understand the basic rules for bridge, you can start playing with your friends and family.



Life Master—Non-LM Charity

Red Point

Bracketed Team Game



Sunday, September 22, 2019 6:30 pm

Snacks and Dessert Will Be Served

Short Tutorial on Team Play at 5:30 pm

Sagamore Bridge Club

6901 Jericho Turnpike, Syosset, NY 11791

Each partnership consists of 1 Life Master and 1 non-Life Master (who has fewer than 400 points). Thus, each team will have 2 LMs and 2 Non-LMs.

Life Masters play free.

Arrange your own partnership or team or we will find a partner/team for you.

No regular partnerships, please.

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

Please mail in form or e-mail Lesley at lesleyd12@yahoo.com ASAP.

Lesley Decker Lucas

231 Baird Court

Woodbury, NY 11797

Call Lesley at 516-364-2388 for further information.

Name _____

Phone _____

Partner's Name _____ I Need a Partner _____

I am a Life Master _____ I am a non-Life Master _____

Please include the number of masterpoints for each member of your team

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Long Island "Gold Coast" Fall Regional

September 23-26, 2019

New Venue:

Chateau Briand

440 Old Country Road

Carle Place, NY 11514

516-334-6125



Hotel Accommodations:

Holiday Inn — Westbury

369 Old Country Road

Carle Place, NY 11514

SUNDAY September 22

Non LM / LM Charity Teams (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under 400 player) ..6:30 pm
(There will be a short tutorial on team play at 5:30 pm)

NOTE: This game will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club, 6901 Jericho Tpk, Syosset, NY 11791, 516-558-7799

MONDAY September 23, TUESDAY September 24, WEDNESDAY September 25, and THURSDAY September 26

Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 100-300, 0-100).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500).....10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Swiss Team Tournament.....10:00 am & TBA

GOLD AWARDED IN BRACKETED EVENTS (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold)

ALL STRATIFIED EVENTS — OPEN PAIRS

A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500)

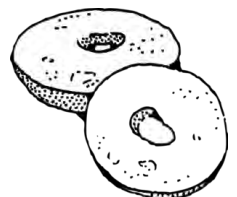
Tournament Chairman: Bella Chiusano 516-536-0232 • belbob1@verizon.net

Partnerships Arranged: Mark Leibowitz 516-972-8125 • LEIBO52@aol.com

Complimentary Coffee, Tea, and Bagel Breakfast Every Morning!

There Will Be A Post Mortem for All Pair Games!

Single Session Pairs Welcome!



2019 Long Island Gold Coast Fall Regional Hotel Reservations

Dear Bridge Players:

Arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn of Westbury for a reduced rate of \$169/night for our Fall Regional.

Reservations may be made with the Holiday Inn Central Reservations Office at 855-744-8690. Refer to the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association for the special group rate.

Sincerely,

Bella Chiusano, Tournament Chair

TEACHERS' NEWS

We need teachers for the 2020 youth programs!

Our Long Island Bridge For Youth program is expanding. Thanks to our many volunteers, we had more schools than ever participating, and we have commitments from even more schools for the fall. Be a part of this rewarding program. Nothing is more fun than watching the kids play and enjoy our wonderful game.

Email Carol Mathews (mathewscj@aol.com), or Jim Schneider (whistle21751@gmail.com), to find out how you can join our teaching teams. You need not be a bridge expert or teacher...you only need to want to work with the kids.

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2019 NSBA Awards Dinner



Ray Elias welcomes the guests



Al Levy, ACBL District 24 District Director



Debra Thaw introduces the new Life Masters



Some of the 2018 New Life Masters



Joe Byrnes presents award to Jeff Marino



Anne Burns and Joe Byrnes

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BPlayer of the Year Debra LaMountain



Ace of Clubs Winners



Tim Archdeacon, Debra LaMountain, and Howie Cohen in the spotlight



Mimi-McKenney Award Winners



Dave Schwartz, winner of the Gordon Duffy Award, with Lesley Decker-Lucas

Spring Regional 2019 Results

LM Non-LM Charity Game

Bracket 1 (6 tables)

1 Rob Gordon – Matthew Gordon – Jessica Attard – Dori Cohen

2 Diana Schuld – Beth Weingarten – Sheila Pohly – Michelle Roberts

Bracket 2 (6 tables)

1 Rayna Martin – Glenn Martin – Chandra Gupta – Gary Zipper

2 Dina Schechter – Karen Ruben – Abbott Feren – Sylvia Schwitzer

Bracket 3 (6 tables)

1 Mike Mallen – Lori Rothberg – Maris Gordon – Irene Geisinger

2 Ellen Davidoff – Kenneth Davidoff – Elaine Greenwald – Israel Adan

Bracket 4 (6 tables)

1 Melissa Sloan – Wendy Wen – Victor Poon – David Sloane

2 Lewis Maddock – Ruth Ellen Maddock – Michael Viscusi Sr – Michael Viscusi Jr

Bracket 5 (6 tables)

1 Ed Trepper – Anne Burns – Ruth Lessinger – Bonnie Feld

2 Nirmala Shevde – Ketan Shevde – Usha Patel – Shashi Patel

Bracket 6 (5 tables)

1 Peggy Maslow – Anthony Swanwick – Jo-Ann Damato – John Bell

2 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond – Philip Perlah – Lois Perlah

Monday Bracketed Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Bill Dinner – Ruth Stober – Russell Samuel – Diana Schuld

2 Abbott Feren – Dina Schechter – Carl Gueli – Bella Chiusano

3 Debra LaMountain – Carol Reiss – Jeffrey Colton – Allen Greenbaum

Bracket 2 (12 tables)

1 Cheryl Rosenzweig – Barbara Rubin – Dorsey Mayer – Raymond Presti

2 Debra Gardner – Lynne Zeiter – Mark Krinsky – Gary Levine

3 Mindy Setton – Sandra Rogol – Bonnie Rich – Barbara Emmer

4 Les Toporovsky – Susan Toporovsky – Lee Launer – Donna Launer

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1 Robin Brendell – Amy Barash – Carol Fishman – Sharon Melville

2 David Linkin – Vicki Apter – Sonya Rhodes – Jane Rosen

3 Joanne Rodney – Shelley Kirshenbaum – Arlene Harlib – Joann Goodspeed

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Matthew Gordon – Nicole Hudak – Mee Warren – Lee Lin

2 David Bass – Paul Develet – Anthony Swanwick – John Bell

3 Lisa Hadar – Maggie Silver – Sherry Lewinter – Ziva Peled

Monday Open Pairs

Stratum A (14.5 tables)

1 Melih Ozdil – Sharon Goldman

2 Susan Schnelwar – Radu Nistor

3 Glenn Robbins – Lloyd Arvedon

Stratum B

1 Susan Port – Ken Lowenstein

2 Jill Fouad – Elizabeth Staehlin

3 Rona Levine – Stephen Levine

Stratum C

1 Susan Port – Ken Lowenstein

2 Lawrence Hillel – George Aman

Monday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum A (15 tables)

1 Edward Leviten – Stanley Fox

2 Helen Donohue – Meredith Stravato

3 Dale Perritz – June Blumenthal

Stratum B

1 Helen Donohue – Meredith Stravato

2 David Kay – Gary Zipper

3 Dennis Cleary – Lawrence Brochin

Stratum C

1 Jon Klein – Sylvia Schwitzer

2 Jan Liebeskind – Hasmukh Doshi

Tuesday Open Pairs

Stratum A (14.5 tables)

1 Mustafa Cem Tokay – Melanie Tucker

2 Joseph Byrnes – Lesley Decker Lucas

3 Siqing Yu – Matthew Gordon

Stratum B

1 Siqing Yu – Matthew Gordon

2 Janine Buss – Debra Katz

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3 Gail Cannold – Dennis Glazer

Stratum C

1 Siqing Yu – Matthew Gordon

2 Janine Buss – Debra Katz

3 Peter Hertz – Steven Perrin

Tuesday Bracketed Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Jeffrey Rothstein – Michael Camp – Fred Chang – Russell Samuel

2 Abbott Feren – Dina Schechter – Geoffrey O'Connor – Mark Blanchard

3 Mark Leibowitz – Carl Gueli – Leslie Sarf – Shelley Drayzen

Bracket 2

1 Bill Dinner – Leon Yu – David Joseph – Alan Gardner

2 Samuel Amer – Marion Sussman – Harry Faivuz – Yoko Sobel

3 David Kornblau – Howard Lipset – Ditzka Katz – Jeffrey Colton

Bracket 3

1 David Sloane – Lee Launer – Jane Cross – Sheila Pohly

2 Rita Distenfeld – Louise Eisenstein – Dale Goldberg – Ruth Kestenbaum

3 Lewis Maddock – Ruth Ellen Maddock – Michael Viscusi Sr – Michael Viscusi Jr

Bracket 4 (10 tables)

1 John Bell – David Bass – Anthony Swanwick – Paul Develet

2 Tim Archdeacon – Laura Orticelle – Renee Wagenberg – Robert Gordon

3 Ann Block – Nancy Kowal – Faith Herzog – George Sau

Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs

Strata A&B (15.5 tables)

1 Joseph Wright – Steve Highfill

2 Sherry Scena – Donna Meilinger

3 Maribeth Fryman – Marian Brescia

Wednesday Bracketed Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Matthew Gordon – Rob Gordon – Siqing Yu – Dori Cohen

2 Barry Port – Susan Port – Harriet Goldman – Ken Lowenstein

3 Diana Schuld – Lesley Decker Lucas – Louis Lessinger – David Rosenberg

Bracket 2 (8 tables)

1 Bruce Adler – Joyce Goldstein – Gloria Tamlyn – Ralph Tamlyn

2 Andrew Bodony – Joyce Goldstein – Gloria Tamlyn – Ralph Tamlyn

3 Alan Kudisch – Jane London – Neil Beck – Paul Douglas

Bracket 3 (15 tables)

1 John Erickson – Barry Adleman – Michael McPherson – William Sigward

2 David Sloane – Victor Poon – Leon Yu – Abu Zaman

3/4 Ruth Fox – William Hart – Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond

3/4 Brooke Cohen – Yoshiko Prager – Raluca Dobrescu – Nancy Marshall

5 Douglas Frank – R Jeannett Frank – Lewis Maddock – Ruth Ellen Maddock

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Anthony Swanwick – John Bell – David Bass – Paul Develet

2 Alan Cohen – Suzanne Nussbaum – Catherine Layden – Janet Contrada

3 Ruth Lessinger – Mark Baskir – Elizabeth Shapiro – Raymond Presti

Wednesday Open Pairs

Stratum A (11.5 tables)

1 Glenn Robbins – Lloyd Arvedon

2 Stephen Levine – Rona Levine

3 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich

Stratum B

1 Stephen Levine – Rona Levine

2 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich

3 Joseph Byrnes – Shelley Fehrenbach

Stratum C

1 Harold Beck – E Paul Madison

2 Stanley Adelman – Janine Buss

Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum A (20 tables)

1 Lee Weitzman – Kenneth Gittelson

2 Alan Skvirsky – Thomas Fahey

3 Dennis Cleary -- Lawrence Brochin

Stratum B

1 Dennis Cleary – Lawrence Brochin

2 Jonathan Turell – Michele Lazar

3 Audrey Meredith – J Scherl

Stratum C

1 Steve Zelman – John Birchby

2 George Sau – Michael Nystrom

Thursday Bracketed Teams

Bracket 1 (14 tables)

1 Alison Wilson – Andrew Rosenthal – Radu Nistor – Kent Mignocchi

2 Joel Wooldridge – Lynne Tarnopol – Rica Tarnoff – Iulian Rotaru

3/4 Glenn Robbins – Lloyd Arvedon – Jill Fouad – Harold Feldheim

3/4 James Knopf – Bella Chiusano –

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2019 Spring Regional Results (continued from page 15)

Margie Cole – Alejandro Bianchedi

5 Stephen Cooper – Manoj Kanti Deb-
Roy – Stanley Adelman – Janine Buss

Bracket 2 (8 teams)

1 Linda Pollina – Susan Bloom – Evelyn
Abruzzo – Sheila Steinberg

2 Gary Levine – Mark Inhaber – Mark
Krinsky – Michael Pollack

3 William Hart – Raymond Elias – Carol
Reiss – Cindi Siegel

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1/2 Alan Hirshman – John Bell – Paul
Develet – David Bass

1/2 Nirmala Shevde – Meryl Mann – Janet
Contrada – Suzanne Nussbaum

3 Mark Mariaschin – Karen Robbins –
Brooke Cohen – Raluca Dobrescu

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Thomas Schott – Jill Lehv – Beverly
Daniel – Suzanne Jennings

2 Leonard Feld – Ross Taff – Jeff Smith –
Thomas Brock

3 Gary Zipper – David Kay – Vicki
Seltzer – Richard Brach

Thursday Afternoon Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum A (18 tables)

1 Lawrence Helft – Gershon Bodner

2 Randy Raubvogel – Michelle Roberts

3 Burt Spiegel – Roberta Schechter

Stratum B

1 Randy Raubvogel – Michelle Roberts

2 Burt Spiegel – Roberta Schechter

3 Ellen Cooper – Sheryl Haberman

Stratum C

1 Carrie Andrejkovics – Lisa Gladstein

2 Dawn Goldstein – Carol Barkin



Congratulations to the Winners of the 2018-2019 Frank Allison Knockout Teams

Joe Byrnes Lesley Decker Lucas
Steve Lucas Michael Lipkin
Joel Wooldridge Christopher Rivera

NSBA Member Joyce Birdoff Wins

Common Game 299er

Most Points Winner of the Month

Congratulations to Joyce Birdoff for accumulating the most Common Game points in July, 2019 for a player with up to 300 masterpoints . The Common Game is scored across all participating clubs in the country, but only if you place in the first few spots nationally do you earn more than a fraction of a point, so this accomplishment comes from multiple high finishes. As a reward, the Common Game is treating Joyce to a free game at her home club, the Sagamore Bridge Club.

Club Your Opponents

by Joe Byrnes

Clubs might be a minor suit in the auction, but they are as important as any other suit in the play and defense. Try these defensive problems from the recent final match of the NSBA double knockouts.

1. Dummy
 ♠ J3
 ♥ 8753
 ♦ Q103
 ♣ J1062

You
 ♠ A9876
 ♥ K10
 ♦ 64
 ♣ Q983

South opens 1♥ and you overcall 1♠. North jumps to 3♥ and East bids 3♠. South bids the heart game. You lead the ace of spades and continue a spade to partner's queen and declarer's king. (My opening lead streak is intact. See Lesley Decker for details). Declarer plays the ace of hearts and a heart. You win the king. Partner follows to the second heart with the queen. What do you play and why? Do you dare break that club suit?

2. Dummy
 ♠ K8753
 ♥ AQ8
 ♦ J7
 ♣ Q93

You
 ♠ A4
 ♥ 972
 ♦ 43
 ♣ KJ10842

South opens 1♠ and you overcall 2♣ with this pile of trash. North bids 2♠ and South bids 3♥. North bids game. You lead the 4 of diamonds. Partner wins the ace and returns the 2, declarer winning the king. Declarer now plays the queen of spades. You win the ace. What now? Do you dare break that club suit?

3. Dummy
 ♠ K8653
 ♥ 6
 ♦ J743
 ♣ Q107

You
 ♠ 10
 ♥ AK97
 ♦ Q98
 ♣ J9864

South opens 1NT. North transfers to spades and south super accepts with 3♠. North bids game. You lead the ace of hearts and partner encourages. Making the long trump hand ruff can't be bad so you continue a heart and dummy ruffs. Declarer plays 2 rounds of trump and the ace of diamonds and a diamond. Partner wins the king and plays a third trump. Declarer wins in dummy and plays a diamond to your queen, partner showing out and throwing a heart. Do you play a heart or do you dare break that club suit?

Now for some answers.

1. Any club tricks your side is getting can't go anywhere. Just play a diamond. If partner has a diamond honor it is going to get finessed anyway. Clubs could easily give away a trick. Declarer in fact had ace-king third of clubs. If you played a club you threw 10 imps away.

2. Why did your partner return the 2 of diamonds? Do you think it was from 3 remaining diamonds. It could be, but that would give the declarer 5 diamonds to start. Not likely. Partner was showing you club strength in case you were going to trump the diamond. He couldn't tell if you had a singleton or a doubleton. Play a club. If you don't collect your 2 club tricks now the declarer is going to set up spades for a discard or 2. If you don't play a club, lose 13 imps.

3. Just play another heart. even if it turns out to be a ruff and sluff you're okay. The declarer started with 4 spades and 4 diamonds. For this to be a ruff and sluff he would have to have started with 2 hearts and 3 clubs. Even if he gets a club discard he will still have a club loser, assuming he ever had one. If you break the clubs and declarer plays the 10 from the dummy, lose 13 imps.

So there you have it. 36 imps were at stake on these boards. Nothing fancy, no esoteric signals. just logic. No one gets them all right, but if you get most of them right you will win a lot of duplicates and team games. Mike Kufs taught me many years ago that all games are won on defense.

North American Pairs

by Joe Byrnes

What is this event? You've probably played in a number of qualifying games this summer. They run from June through August. You've seen that Q next to your name (I hope). What does it all mean?

This is a national championship event that culminates at the spring nationals each year. Players from each district in the ACBL (which includes Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and all U.S. territories) compete to represent their district. Any player that qualifies at the club can go to their district final. In our district it is held in either Manhattan or on Long Island. It alternates each year. This year it is in Manhattan.

You do not have to play with the person you qualified with. As long as both players have qualified for a particular strat they can play together. The top 3 or 4 pairs in each strat go to the national championships. This spring they are in Columbus, Ohio. The top 2 pairs usually get a stipend from the ACBL for some travel expenses.

The number of pairs who can qualify and get a stipend is determined by attendance in the summer qualifying games. They will be announced in September.

So give it a go and make our district proud. And also be on the lookout for the Grand National teams games. That is the same type of national event, but as a team game. The finals get played at the summer nationals. Next year that is in Montreal.



2019-2020 NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS District 24 Final

Flight B

Sunday, October 13, 2019

10:30 and TBA

Honors Bridge Club
133 East 58th Street

Open to players with
0-2,500 masterpoints*

Flight A

Sunday, October 27, 2019

10:30 and TBA

Cavendish Bridge Club
177 East 87th Street

Open to all players

Flight C

Sunday, October 27, 2019

10:30 and TBA

Honors Bridge Club
133 East 58th Street

Open to Non-Life Masters
with fewer than 500
masterpoints*

*Based on masterpoints as of June, 2019

Why play in this event?

The North American Pairs (NAPs) is a three-stage event that begins with qualifying sessions held at the local clubs from June through August. For those who qualify at the local clubs, District 24—which includes New York City and Long Island—will hold a tournament to determine who will represent the district at the spring national tournament, which will be held March 19-29, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio.

What does the ACBL pay if you win?

The top three finishers in Flight A and top four finishers in Flights B & C become eligible to represent District 24 at the spring nationals in Columbus.

- ◇ 1st Place in each flight is expected to receive a stipend of \$700 per player
- ◇ 2nd Place in each flight is expected to receive a stipend of \$300 per player
- ◇ 3rd Place in each flight and 4th place in B & C may compete in the tournament but do not receive a stipend.

Who is eligible?

Players must reside in and be members of Units 155 or 242 (New York City or Long Island) and need to have qualified for the NAP at a club. Check with the clubs for scheduled qualifying games.

Where can I get more information?

Conditions of Contest see: www.gnyba.org or [ACBL Conditions of Contest](#) or [District 24 NAP Conditions](#)

Questions: NAP Coordinator, Amy Rhodes at Amrhodes913@gmail.com

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Gotta Try Bidding What You Don't Have !

By Phil Grella

Playing with my fisherman partner, I held the following hand:

♠ - 9543
♥ - Void
♦ - 85
♣ - AKQJ632

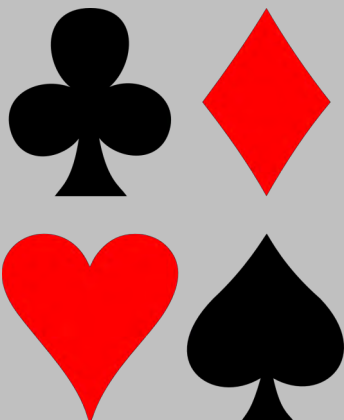
While I was deciding how many clubs to bid, partner stepped in and bid 2♣.

Thinking I had a biddable suit, I raised this to 3♣. Next I heard 3♦ from partner. I figured he had to have cards in the other 2 suits so rather than introduce my ugly 4♠, I bid 3 NT. When partner now bid 4 clubs, I knew it wasn't support and since we don't play Gerber, I knew partner was looking for a slam somewhere.

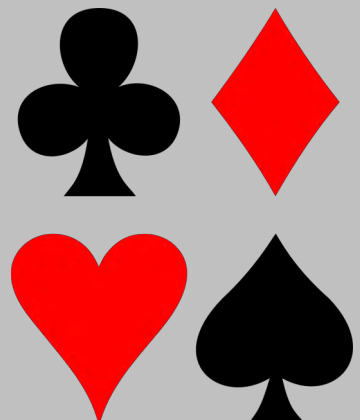
Time to show my heart control so I bid 4♥. Next bid was 7♦ by partner. His hand :

♠ - AJ
♥ - AK32
♦ - AKQJ643
♣ - Void

A club was lead and partner tossed his small spade. Spade to his Ace, ruffed a heart, spade ruff, ruff a heart. Back to his hand with a club ruff and claimed.



NSBA Fall Regional
September 23-26, 2019
The Chateau Briand
in Carle Place
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American Contract Bridge League Masterpoint Rank Requirements

If You Joined the ACBL Before January 1, 2010

If You Joined the ACBL After Dec. 31, 2009

Masterpoint Requirement	Of Which, Minimum Requirements	Rank	Masterpoint Requirement	Of Which, Minimum Requirements
0		Rookie	0	
5		Junior Master	5	
20		Club Master	20	5 black
50	5 silver	Sectional Master	50	5 silver, 10 black
100	15 silver, 5 red or gold/platinum	Regional Master	100	15 silver, 15 black, 5 red or gold/platinum
200	50 pigmented, of which 25 must be silver, 15 must be red or gold/platinum, of which 5 must be gold/platinum	NABC Master	200	20 red or gold/platinum, of 5 are gold/platinum, 25 silver, 20 black
		Advanced NABC Master	300	50 red or gold/platinum, of which gold/platinum, 50 silver, 50 black
300	100 pigmented, of which 25 must be gold/platinum, 25 must be red or gold/platinum, and 50 must be silver; 50 black	Life Master	500	100 red or gold/platinum, of which 50 are gold/platinum; 75 silver; 75 black
500	and LM requirements	Bronze Life Master	750	and LM requirements
1000	LM requirements with at least 200 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Silver Life Master	1000	LM requirements, with at least 200 silver, red, or gold/platinum
1500	LM requirements, with at least 300 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Ruby Life Master	1500	LM requirements, with at least 300 silver, red, or gold/platinum
2500	LM requirements, with at least 500 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Gold Life Master	2500	LM requirements, with at least 500 silver, red, or gold/platinum
3500	LM requirements, with at least 750 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 350 must be gold or platinum	Sapphire Life Master	3500	LM requirements, with at least 750 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 350 must be gold or platinum
5000	LM requirements, with at least 1000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 500 must be gold or platinum	Diamond Life Master	5000	LM requirements, with at least 1000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 500 must be gold or platinum
7500	LM requirements, with at least 1500 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 750 must be gold or platinum	Emerald Life Master	7500	LM requirements, with at least 1500 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 750 must be gold or platinum
10000	LM requirements, with at least 2000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which 1000 must be gold or platinum, minimum 100 platinum	Platinum Life Master	10000	LM requirements, with at least 2000 silver, red, or gold/platinum, of which 1000 must be gold or platinum, minimum 100 platinum
10000	Platinum LM requirements and a qualifying National Title	Grand Life Master	10000	Platinum LM requirements and a qualifying National Title



The Longest Day at Water Mill Bridge Club

On Wednesday June 19th the Water Mill Bridge Club held two day long fund-raising championship game to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. There were approximately 40 players participating from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. The day began with delicious donations of breakfast treats from Panera Bread for breakfast. At 10 a.m. the games began. There were nine tables of players competing for the Spring Club Championship. Karen Pollack and Tony Zeigler won the championship with a 64.29% game. Calissa's Greek Restaurant and Fresco's Italian Restaurant donated lunch for the players before they started the afternoon competition of eight tables of players. Bob Yellis and Debbie Bricker captured the afternoon championship with a 69.39% game. The Club raised more than \$10,400. toward research for a cure of this dreaded disease. The WMBC would like to recognize all the players and the local businesses for their very generous contributions to the Alzheimer's Association. The Water Mill Bridge Club will be having many other special games including North American Pairs where players earn red master points and ACBL Interclub Championships competing with other clubs throughout the U.S. A six week Beginning bridge lesson course is offered by ACBL instructor Laura O'Reilly. Supervised play for the newer players is offered twice a week as well as lessons for the intermediate and advanced players by pros Joe Byrnes and Melih Ozdil. For more information about the Water Mill Bridge Club, the Newcomer, Open and Special games, visit our website BRIDGEINTHEHAMPTONS.COM.

July 5-7 STaC Weekend Results**Friday Morning Open Pairs**Stratum A (64.5 tables)

- 1 Elliot Levine – Harold Hack
- 2 Arthur Brodsky – Lawrence Goodman
- 3 Philip Grella – Lesley Decker Lucas

Stratum B

- 1 Anne Bendell – Thomas Harrington
- 2 Julia Tucker – Norman Tucker
- 3 Linda Ferrari – Christine Talbot

Stratum C

- 1 Anne Bendell – Thomas Harrington
- 2 Helene Schwartz – Susan Fox
- 3 Caroline Terry – Susan Clarke

Friday 0-750 PairsStratum A (16.5 tables)

- 1 Renee Wagenberg – Holly Feinerman
- 2 Louise Schwartz – Anne Burns
- 3 Mollie Grossman – Susan Holtz

Stratum B

- 1 Renee Wagenberg – Holly Feinerman
- 2 Louise Schwartz – Anne Burns
- 3 Joyce Birdoff – Marjorie Schwed

Stratum C

- 1 Iris Baron – Marcia Bateman
- 2 Faith Herzog – Mary Jane Damato
- 2 Lynda Straker – Janice Harrison

Saturday Morning 0-500 PairsStratum A (10 tables)

- 1 Susan Fishbein – Jon Klein
- 2 Tim Archdeacon – Holly Feinerman
- 3/4 Shelley Kirshenbaum – Susan Panzer
- 3/4 Debbie Cohn – Gordon Harper

Stratum B

- 1 Susan Fishbein – Jon Klein
- 2 Barbara Garner – Melanie Stone
- 3 Jeff Marino – Vivien Kryger

Stratum C

- 1 Susan Fishbein – Jon Klein
- 2 Barbara Garner – Melanie Stone

Saturday Afternoon Open PairsStratum A (46 tables)

- 1 Leonard Helfgott – Irwin Miller
- 2 Rochelle Strauss – Jacquelyn Gernaey
- 3 Mark Mariaschin – Karen Robbins

Stratum B

- 1 Mark Mariaschin – Karen Robbins
- 2 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman
- 3 Abu Zaman – Leon Yu

Stratum C

- 1 Ines Beck – Bob Bianco
- 2 Giro Cestaro – Patricia Cestaro
- 3 Susan Burstein – Neal Burstein

Sunday Afternoon Open PairsStratum A (21.5 tables)

- 1 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman
- 2 Diana Schuld – Lesley Decker Lucas

- 3 Abbot Feren – Loring Fenton

Stratum B

- 1 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman
- 2 Jeri Golus – Howard Siegel
- 3 Jon Kirshner – Susan Gehn

Stratum C

- 1 Irma Marcus – John Bell
- 2 Val Link – Barbara Schuman
- 3 Vivian Siegel – Jerry Siegel

Sunday Afternoon Swiss TeamsStratum A (14 tables)

- 1 Mathew Gordon – Tim Archdeacon – Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon
- 2 Frances Fein – Paul Siegelman – Shelley Fishman – Lillian Weissman
- 3 Gary Feuer – Patrick Mitchell – Reza Khatib – Pat Rinaudo
- 3 John Berry – Marion Yonke – Peter Tilles – Doris Tilles

Stratum B

- 1 Gary Feuer – Patrick Mitchell – Reza Khatib – Pat Rinaudo
- 2 Robin Brendell – Arthur Goren – David Sloane – Abu Zaman
- 3 Susan Seelig – Phyllis Meltzer – Rekha Gupta – Kay Cha

Stratum C

- 1 Susan Seelig – Phyllis Meltzer – Rekha Gupta – Kay Cha

MILESTONES

New Grand Life Masters Annette Irom
Diana Schuld

Mark Krinsky
Gary Levine

New Emerald Life Masters

Linda Lewin
Linda Pollina
Cheryl Rosenzweig
Jacqueline Wolf

New Sapphire Life Masters

Robert Gold
Alan Kudisch

New Bronze Life Masters
Beverly Boris
David Kirschenbaum

New Gold Life Masters

Carolyn Carlin
David Korenstein
Debra Thaw

Catherine Layden
Rosellen Mensch
Arnie Obler
Geri Obler
Laura Orticelle

New Ruby Masters

Janine Buss
Adele Dusenbury
Alan Gardner

Dale Peritz
Steven Perrin
Marilyn Solomon
Leon Yu

Hubert Howe Jr
Eileen Isser

Stanley Landers
Marvin Lilienthal

Martin Saiman

New Life Masters

Paul Develet
Sharon Melville
Dale Peritz
Steven Perrin
Sharon Price
Vicki Seltzer
Marilyn Solomon

New Silver Life Masters

Stanley Adelman
Marsha Bilzin
Vijay Datta

New Advanced NABC Masters

Tim Archdeacon
David Bass
Matthew Gordon
Richard Morici

New NABC Masters

Mark Baskir
David Brownstein
Jill Brownstein
Patricia Fasciano
Carole Feldman
Stanley Fox
Rosalind Gordon
Faith Herzog
Hilda Schulkind
Elizabeth Shapiro
Bea Silvers
Anthony Swanwick
Ross Taff

New Sectional Masters

Melton Adler
Pierre De Saint Phalle
Forrest Dunbar
Brigitte Evans
Holly Feinerman
Joan Furst
Mindy Goldman
Donald Kreiss
Lisa Lewis
Jan Liebeskind
Myra Nazimowitz
Elizabeth Oneill
Shelley Pollner
Usha Patel
Gail Schindelheim
Carol Tiernan
Michael Viscusi
Rosalind Wells-Newburgh

New Club Masters

Jessica Attard
Vida Aziz
Bruce Belsky
Alan Blayne
Leora Cerabone
Hasmukh Doshi
Dawn Goldstein
Maris Gordon
Suzy Heilpern

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Agnes Kirschen

Jon Klein

Roberta Kusnetz

Sybil Licht

Sharman Lissauer

Carol Lovrich

Rona Miller

Linda O'Grady

Lawrence Pohly

Thomas Quigley

Rochelle Racanelli

David Redleaf

Linda Reed

Lori Rothberg

Sylvia Schwitzer

Melanie Stone

Joann Weisbord

New Junior Masters

Stephanie Abada

Wallace Aptman

Thomas Berkery

Mindy Berstein

Stephen Botwinoff

Barry Brandeis

Herb Brown

Carol Difazio

Hope Gany

Jill Gerstenblatt

Yvette Greenwald

Andrew Hong

James Howley

Patricia Howley

Rob Karen

Valerie Kasper

Max Krotman

Liz Krulik

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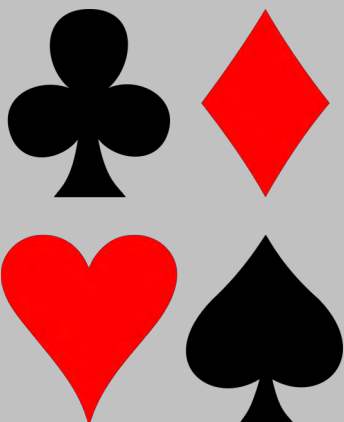
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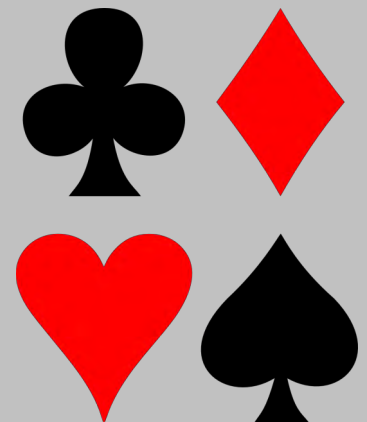
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<p>BRIDGEExpress Lake Success Jewish Center 354 Lakevill Rd Great Neck 516-299-6064</p>	<p>Gardiner's Bay Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler</p>	<p>Sagamore at Shelter Rock Shelter Rock Tennis Club 100 LI Expressway Manhasset 516-558-7799</p>	<p>Water Mill 1040 Montauk Highway Water Mill 631-726-4540 Kathleen McLaughlen</p>
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<p>East Hampton DBC Hampton Day Care Center Gingerbread Lane 631-907-2917 George Aman</p>	<p>Pride of Judea 243-02 Northern Blvd Douglaston 718-423-6200 Louis Lessinger</p>	<p>South Shore 9 Northwood Lane Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney</p>	
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LONG ISLAND BRIDGE CLUBS' SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:00 AM	Bridge School	Smithtown (EZ)	Bridge School	Bridge School	BRIDGEExpress Friedberg JCC	Sagamore (0-499)	
10:30 AM	Sagamore Smithtown	Sagamore	Sagamore Smithtown	Sagamore Smithtown (3rd Thursday Swiss)	Sagamore Smithtown		
11:00 AM				South Shore			
12:00 PM	Pride of Judea	Temple Judea Mattituck Li- brary		Riverhead			Sagamore
12:15 PM			BRIDGEExpress	BRIDGEExpress			
12:30 PM	Shaaray Shalom Temple Judea Water Mill Westhampton (June through August)	Shaaray Shalom	Shaaray Shalom	Shaaray Shalom	Westhampton	Smithtown	South Shore
1:00 PM				South Shore League (April- December)		Sagamore	BRIDGEExpress
6:00 PM						Sagamore (1st Saturday Swiss)	
7:00 PM	Sagamore	Sagamore at Shelter Rock	Sagamore Smithtown	Garden City Smithtown East Hampton (April-			
7:30 PM	Bridge School						

Count Winners to Help Plan the Play

By Steve Conrad

Dir: S	♠ AQ2	
Vul: EW	♥ A432	
Match Pts	♦ A32	
	♣ AQ2	
♠ 543		♠ KJ109
♥ 76		♥ 5
♦ Q54		♦ KJ109
♣ K6543		♣ J1098
	♠ 876	
	♥ KQJ1098	
	♦ 876	
	♣ 7	

West	North	East	South
			2♥
Pass	4♥	All Pass	

Opening Lead: ♣4

With **9 sure winners** (6 hearts and 3 non-heart aces), it's too bad South isn't in 3NT. His only source of a tenth trick is a successful black-suit finesse. Should he try both finesses? Of course! If either works, he has his tenth trick. South's singleton club should not deter him from taking a club finesse. If the club finesse loses, South can later throw a low diamond on dummy's ♣A. In this deal, the winning club finesse will become declarer's tenth trick. Would someone who counted only losers take the club finesse?

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NSBA Schedule of Events

2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 12-18	STaC Week	Local Clubs
September 22	LM-NLM Game	Sagamore BC
September 23-26	Fall Regional	Chateau Briand, Carle Place
November 11-17	STaC Week	Local Clubs
December 6-8	STaC Weekend	Local Clubs

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February 7-9	STaC Weekend	Local Clubs
March 9-15	STaC Week	Local Clubs
May 15-17	STaC Weekend	Local Clubs

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