

# ISLANDER

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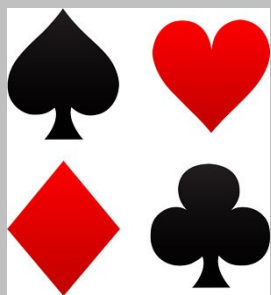
## President's Message

Bridge is a learning game. In early 2013, Steve Lucas described the challenge of preparing his first "President's Message" as daunting. Smart guy, that Steve. Joe Byrnes is also a smart guy. Together, as immediate past presidents, they showed great skill as they led our unit through some rough times. I hope I learned enough from each of them to meet the challenge of continuing in that direction.

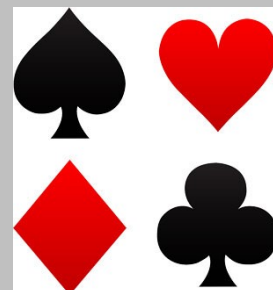
The Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association has a lot going on this spring and summer. Our third Regional at Chateau Briand in Carle Place runs from Monday through Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. Sunday night, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Life Master/Non-Life Master event at the Sagamore Bridge Club. We'll have a team game again this time, the format that has met with tremendous enthusiasm.

Scheduling a Regional is not as easy as preparing for Passover or Easter. We all (the Tournament Committee, the players, the directors) like the Chateau Briand: it's easy to get to, there's plenty of parking, and the playing conditions are infinitely better than those of previous venues at which we've held our tournaments. But there are rubs: the ACBL has rules requiring and constricting the scheduling of Regionals, especially as conflicts with other Districts' events may occur, and the Chateau Briand, a very popular venue for events other than

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**NSBA Spring Regional**  
**April 15-18, 2019**  
**The Chateau Briand in Carle Place**  
**See Page 10 for Details**



## DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

[www.allevybridge.com/](http://www.allevybridge.com/)

District Director News by Alvin Levy

Not too long ago I wrote “There’s a new boss in town,” so it may seem that you are reading the same news. No, it is new news. Joe Jones is the new ACBL boss. The title of CEO has been retired and Executive Director adopted. Joe served very ably for many years as ACBL’s Chief Financial Officer, and takes over the reins with much work to do. For example, improving the way we contract with hotels for our NABCs. The 2018 fall Honolulu NABC showed a big loss due to the low attendance and shortfall in guaranteed hotel rooms. There is also a focus on improving our technology. Membership and 2018 tournament table count were slightly down, but steady. With Joe at the helm we will be looking to improving this picture.

If you are reading this you are likely a United States Bridge Federation (USBF) member. All ACBL members residing in the US are automatically members of the USBF, without any added membership dues. The USBF is referred to as an NBO (National Bridge Organization) with the main function of running the trials to select teams to represent the US in international and world championships, and to provide training and support for US teams in International competition. This includes training and support for our junior teams. The amount of work involved is tremendous and all done by able volunteers. While the USBF gets funding from various sources you can help by becoming a Supporting Member, either when you renew your ACBL membership or by going to the USBF website [www.usbf.org](http://www.usbf.org). The \$25 membership comes with some interesting benefits including taking part in fantasy brackets (of the trials) run on Bridge Winners. Go to the website to join and see all the added fun benefits. Of course the primary benefit is knowing you are supporting our volunteers, our juniors and our international teams.

Online bridge and face-to-face bridge merge into a new format, using tablets at the table. The LoveBridge (a Hungarian company) approach looks promising. Players are at the table, with a diagonal screen separating North and East from South and West, and all the players bid and play on tablets. The LoveBridge system has been demonstrated a number of times, including at the recent Orlando World Championship. With tablets there are no bids or plays out of turn, no insufficient bids, along with a permanent play record to view at your leisure. A future championship will be arranged using this system. For a peak into the system go to <http://greatbridgelinks.com/lovebridge-where-cards-and-technology-meet/>

I applaud all the dedicated Unit officials and volunteers and club officials who serve Long Island bridge so well. It is an amazing Unit that has led to a thriving and rewarding bridge experience for so many.

### **The Islander**

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**President's Message** (continued from page 1)

bridge tournaments, has its own commitments to honor. Whatduyugot? The inability to schedule our event exactly when a majority of our 2,300 members want it. Two years ago, we chose to forego holding a Regional rather than to schedule an event we felt would not meet the expectations of our members. We don't want to have that happen again. There are many considerations. Your Board of Directors has decided that our early Regional is best held at this time of year, in Nassau County, at a venue which will allow us to maintain an expectation of financial solvency. We hope you'll attend and enjoy the event.

On Sunday night June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our annual Awards Dinner will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club. That night we celebrate the special achievements of our members in 2018, enjoy a buffet dinner, and play bridge. Please don't think you need to have won an award to attend; all are welcomed.

If it's Silver Points you're interested in, we have plenty of opportunities to earn those. In 2019, we have scheduled 33 days on which there are STaC games. Of course, many of those days offer doubleheader opportunities. The competition for Silver Points may be a little more intense than that of a regular club game, but the rewards for good play make it worth it.

In addition to events for all levels of bridge players, our Youth Bridge programs, forever important, have become increasingly successful. We currently have programs in three school districts on Long Island, involving six schools, and approximately 80 students. Our staff are volunteers and our mission is to create enthusiasm among our young people towards our game. It may interest you to know that the average age of the membership of the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association is 73½ years. We need to lower that number. Winston Churchill had the right idea: "There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies." We can always use more volunteers for this program; please consider donating your time when you receive our emails asking for help. I'd love to see the day when every 3<sup>rd</sup> grader will carry a bidding box to school along with Number 2 pencils.

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](http://www.libridge.com), to ask, suggest, or comment about anything you've seen relating to our wonderful game. Speaking of those experts, our thanks to frequent contributors and letter-to-the-editor writers, and special thanks to Mel Colchamiro who provides our readers with interesting articles every issue.

I am looking forward with great excitement to serving you as the President of the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge Association. If you win your share of masterpoints, mazel tov. More importantly, have lots of fun.

Ray Elias

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## PLAYER OF THE YEAR 2018

### REGIONAL A

1	Bob Gwartzman	116.5
2	Dori Cohen	116
2	Rob Gordon	116
4	Joe Byrnes	103
5	Russel Samuel	89
6	Ljudmila Kamenova	87
7	Art Brodsky	82.5
8	Lesley Decker Lucas	82
9	Ruth Stober	80
10	Howard Cohen	79
	Charles Sharf	79

### REGIONAL B

1	Debra LaMountain	149
2	Charles Bilich	131
3	Jeff Colton	116
4	Hubert Howe	67
4	Karen Pollack	67
6	Michael Fishman	60
7	Dina Arker	55
7	Eppie Eagle	55
9	Mark Blanchard	51
10	Laurie Berlin, Carol Reiss	48
	Stanley Landers, Ilan Wolff	
	Anne Stuckler	

### SECTIONAL A

1	Howard Cohen	111.5
2	Barry Nish	83.3
3	Rob Gordon	71.5
4	Dori Cohen	71
5	Jeff Colton	70.9
6	Charles Sharf	66.5
7	Debra LaMountain	53.8
8	Doris Rodgers	51.7
9	Art Brodsky	45.1
10	Bill Dinner	43.9

### SECTIONAL B

1	Debra LaMountain	78.5
2	Jeff Colton	73.5
3	Laura O'Reilly	62.2
4	Leon Yu	58.5
5	Matt Rewinski	41.9
6	Tim Archdeacon	39.7
7	Raymond Elias	37.7
8	Jonathan Howe	37.5
9	Gary Moskowitz	37
10	James Knopf	36.7

### NOVICE

1	Tim Archdeacon	39.69	6	Elaine Greenwald	13.33
2	Joyce Birdoff	23.9	7	Gail Wholl	12.99
3	Nancy Kowal	21.35	8	Richard Shanks	12.3
4	Faith Herzog	20.46	9	Michael Viscusi	12.02
5	Susan Nettler	19.96	10	Warren Pearlson	11.82

**Compiled by Mark Blanchard**

**These figures are derived from NSBA Unit-Wide Events**

# NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION AWARDS DINNER

Celebrating Our Bridge Achievers of 2018

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Sagamore Bridge Club

6901 Jericho Tpk, Syosset



Registration at 4:30 P.M.

Buffet Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Awards Program at 6:15 P.M.

Sanctioned Bridge Game at 7:00 P.M.

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St. James, N.Y. 11780

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# 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

## Claim With Colchamiro By Mel Colchamiro

### Competing with 3 of Yours and Mine

Suppose you have the following hand:

- ♠ - xx
- ♥ - AJxx
- ♦ - KQxx
- ♣ - Kxx

Partner opens the bidding with 1♦ and you respond 1♥. Your LHO overcalls 1♠, partner passes and RHO bids 2S♠. So we bid 3♦ (more on this later).

Now we have this hand:

- ♠ - xx
- ♥ - AJxx
- ♦ - Kxxx
- ♣ - xxx

Once again, partner opens 1♦, we bid 1♥ and the opponents do the 1♠-2♠ stuff again. Well, we don't want to let them get it for 2♠, so we bid 3♦.

On Hand 1 we bid 3♦ with 13 points and on Hand 2 we bid 3♦ with 8 points. It can't be right to make the same bid with 8 or 13 points. What's the deal? How is partner supposed to know which hand I hold?

Mel says that bidding 3 of the opener's suit as the responder in a competitive auction merely shows a competitive hand, one that doesn't want the opponents to get the bid so cheaply, but yet, doesn't really have an interest in going to game. This is what I mean by "3 of yours."

### 3 of Mine

In the same way, if the responder bids 3 of her own suit without jumping, once again she is expressing a willingness to fight for the contract, but with no particular interest in game. That is what I mean by "3 of Mine."

An example might be:

Part	Opp	You	Opp
1♣	P	1♥	1♠
P	2♠	3♥ (with ♠ - xx ♥ -AKxxxx ♦-xx ♣-Qxx	

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So, if the responder bids 3 of the opener's suit or 3 of the responder's own suit, opener should almost always pass—responder has a competitive hand, not a game-going hand.

## If Stronger, Bid Stronger

If the responder has a game-going hand in these competitive situations we have to do more than 3 of yours or mine. What exactly we should bid may vary from hand to hand, but the one thing we want to grasp is that 3 of yours or 3 of mine won't get the job done.

Sometimes in these situations we have to double, sometimes we jump the bid, sometimes we cue bid. A full discussion of these choices is beyond the scope of this CWC article. But understanding what not to do is a huge beginning.

## Quiz

The bidding has gone:

<u>Part</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>Opp</u>
1♦	P	1♥	1♠
P	2♠	?	

1. ♠xx ♥Kxxx ♦AJxx ♣xxx
2. ♠Axx ♥Kxxx ♦AQxx ♣xx
3. ♠Axx ♥KQxx ♦xx ♣Qxxx
4. ♠x ♥AQxxxx ♦Qxx ♣Qxx
5. ♠x ♥AKQxxx ♦Kxx ♣xxx
6. ♠Jx ♥Qxxx ♦Qxxx ♣Qxx

## Answers

1. 3♦. 3 of yours. Just fighting for the contract.
2. 3NT. 13 balanced points, solid spade stopper. Too big a fit with partner to consider a BOP ("bid or pass") double (see June and July 2003 ACBL *Bulletin*)
3. Dbl. A BOP double (we have the majority of the points; I want to compete; I have no clear bid to make).
4. 3♥. 3 of Mine. I want to compete. I have 6 hearts. I expect you to pass most of the time, but if you carry on to 4♥ with some hearts and good prime cards, I'll be anxious to see the dummy, but I'll try to make it.
5. 4♥. Too strong for 3♥. Taking a little chance—partner may have a singleton heart, but it's well worth the risk. The partial diamond fit helps a lot.
6. Pass. I love to compete, but this is pure junk.

In Memorium  
RIP, my friend--MC

Alex Pollenz

1960-2019

Part of the famous Long Island Pollenz bridge family: mother Doreen, father Ralph, brother Mitchell, living on LI, uncle Emmett, aunt Joan, living on LI, cousin Lynn, living in CA, cousin Danny, living in FL.

Bridge players and current or former NSBA members, all

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# **Life Master—Non-LM Charity**

## **Red Point**

### **Bracketed Team Game**



Sunday, April 14, 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](mailto:lesleyd12@yahoo.com) ASAP.

**Lesley Decker Lucas**

**231 Baird Court**

**Woodbury, NY 11797**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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" Spring Regional

♠ April 14-18, 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 April 14

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 April 15, TUESDAY April 16, WEDNESDAY April 17, and THURSDAY April 18

Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300).....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

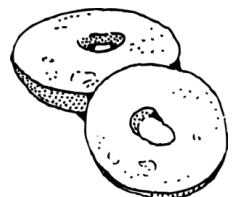
A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500)

Tournament Chairman: Bella Chiusano 516-536-0232 • [belbob1@verizon.net](mailto:belbob1@verizon.net)

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## **2019 Long Island Gold Coast Spring 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 Spring 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 2019 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](mailto:mathewscj@aol.com)), or Jim Schneider ([whistle21751@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 2018 Fall Regional September 24-27 Results

### Sunday Evening Pro-Am Teams

#### Bracket 1 (6 tables)

- 1 Diana Schuld - Lee Lin - Sheila Pohly - Michelle Roberts
- 2 Stephen Lucas - Karen Ruben - Lesley Decker Lucas - Peter Ruben

#### Bracket 2 (6 tables)

- 1 Mark Leibowitz - Roberta Small - David Schwartz - Allen Krieger
- 2 Ljudmila Kamenova - Victor Poon - David Sloane - Jingrun Dong

#### Bracket 3 (6 tables)

- 1 Alan Kudisch - Louise Schwartz - Jeanne Hanrahan - Elaine Greenwald
- 2 Carol Mathews - Carolyn Dahab - James Schneider - Sandra Ryder

#### Bracket 4 (6 tables)

- 1 Naomi Klosner - Carole Rosten - S Wallace - Marilyn Fischell
- 2 Dina Arker - Bill Dinner - Daniel Goldschmidt - Paul Goldstein

#### Bracket 5 (7 tables)

- 1 Mike Mallen - Joseph Leifer - Michael Herman - Douglas Vene
- 2 Lewis Maddock - Michael Viscusi - Ruth Ellen Maddock - Michael Viscusi
- 3 Vijay Datta - Douglas Casper - Mark Inhaber - Richard Snyder

#### Bracket 6 (6 tables)

- 1 Lee Launer - Holly Feinerman - Jeffrey Marino - Silvana Morici
- 2 Jo-Ann Damato - John Bell - Carolyn Flapan - Anthony Swanwick

### Monday Round Robin Teams

#### Bracket 1 (8 tables)

- 1 Ghassan Menachi - Alix Prince - Neeta Mone - Stephen Cooper
- 2 Dori Cohen - Howard Cohen - Rob Gordon - Matthew Gordon
- 3 Diana Schuld - Steven Conrad - Anna Bromberg - Harold Feldheim

#### Bracket 2 (8 tables)

- 1 James Beha - Jane Rosen - Hank Cortsen - Sonya Rhodes
- 2 Laura O'Reilly - Matt Rewinski - Toni

Somerstein - Richard Schoen

- 3 Allen Greenbaum - Mary-Jane Cross - Lee Launer - Sheila Pohly

#### Bracket 3 (11 tables)

- 1 Roger Zessis - Beatrice Bohm - Barbara Sirois - Lee Sirois
- 2 Lewis Maddock - Ruth Ellen Maddock - Michael Viscusi - Michael Viscusi
- 3 Edward Davis - Alan Hirshman - Liza Moses - Judith Friedman
- 4 Herbert Blumenfeld - Peggy Blumenfeld - Gail Johnson - Bill Johnson

#### Bracket 4 (8 tables)

- 1/2 Roy Goodman - Roger Weaving Jr - Edward Niemira - Raymond Elias
- 1/2 Fran Peterson - Cheryl Rush - Ellen Roisman - Bonnie Rich
- 3 Elisse Weiss - Francine Frischer - Lawrence Lippman - Judith Lippman

#### Bracket 5 (8 tables)

- 1 Wendy Kay - Micki Michelman - Stephanie Gluck - Carole Rosten
- 2 Ann Block - Nancy Kowal - Faith Herzog - George Sau
- 3 Alan Cohen - Richard Shanks - Janet Contrada - Isabelle Cetlin

### Monday Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (15 tables)

- 1 Samuel Amer - Sharon Goldman
- 2 Lesley Decker Lucas - Joseph Byrnes
- 3 Ljudmila Kamenova - Bob Gwartzman

#### Stratum B (9.5 tables)

- 1 Samuel Amer - Sharon Goldman
- 2 Stephannie Culbertson - Mark Blanchard
- 3 Howard Halpern - Linda Gross

#### Stratum C (6.5 tables)

- 1 Radu Ariton - Radu Polizu
- 2 Elyse Fields - Bonnie Salkind
- 3 Debra Katz - Risa Grossman

### Monday Gold Rush Pairs

#### Stratum 0-750 (23.5 tables)

- 1 Susan Eisner - Faith Lerner
- 2 Adele Grudman - Jeanne Hanrahan
- 3 Michael Weinberg - Edith Weinberg

#### Stratum 0-300 (14 tables)

- 1 Susan Eisner - Faith Lerner
- 2 Michael Weinberg - Edith Weinberg
- 3 Susan Cohen - Susan Wilson

#### Stratum 0-100 (3 tables)

- 1 Jeffrey Marino - James Axente
- 2 Holly Feinerman - Ronny Kapner

### Tuesday Swiss Teams

#### Stratum A (36 tables)

- 1 Bart Cirker - Michael Fishman - Steven Conrad - Ruth Stober
- 2 Abbott Feren - Mark Blanchard - Geoffrey O'Connor - Dina Schechter
- 3 Yoko Sobel - Harry Faivus - Marion Sussman - Samuel Amer

#### Stratum B (29 tables)

- 1 Yoko Sobel - Harry Faivus - Marion Sussman - Samuel Amer
- 2 Thomas Fahey - Jane Marks - Penny Redvanly - Alan Skvirsky
- 3 Alan Kudisch - Sandie Sickle - David Wachsman - Todd Wachsman

#### Stratum C (26 tables)

- 1 Yoko Sobel - Harry Faivus - Marion Sussman - Samuel Amer
- 2 Thomas Fahey - Jane Marks - Penny Redvanly - Alan Skvirsky
- 3 Anthony Swanwick - Paul Develet - John Bell - David Bass

### Tuesday Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (10.5 tables)

- 1 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon
- 2 Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich
- 3 Bob Gwartzman - Stanley Newman

#### Stratum B (7.5 tables)

- 1 Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich
- 2 Ruth Ellen Maddock - Lewis Maddock
- 3 Gail Cannold - Dennis Glazer

#### Stratum C (4.5 tables)

- 1 Ruth Ellen Maddock - Lewis Maddock
- 2 George Aman - Lawrence Hillel
- 3 Elyse Butnick - Sandra Rogol

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## **Tuesday Gold Rush Pairs**

### Stratum 0-750 (24.5 tables)

- 1 Joyce Birdoff - Marjorie Schwed
- 2 Dale Peritz - June Blumenthal
- 3 Edward Leviten - Stanley Fox

### Stratum 0-300 (18.5 tables)

- 1 Joyce Birdoff - Marjorie Schwed
- 2 Michael Cotter - Herbert Glantz
- 3 Susan Wilson - Susan Cohen

### Stratum 0-100 (3 tables)

- 1 Sheryl Haberman - Betty Marx
- 2 Jeffrey Marino - James Axente

## **Wednesday Round Robin Teams**

### Bracket 1 (8 tables)

- 1 Diana Schuld - Ruth Stober - Joel Kramer - Barry Wilderman
- 2 Ghassan Menachi - Elyse Butnick - Neeta Mone - Stephen Cooper
- 3 Bill Dinner - Leon Yu - Alan Gardner - David Joseph

### Bracket 2 (8 tables)

- 1 Debra Lamountain - Lamia Beydoun - Mindy Setton - Susan Toporovsky
- 2/3 Alan Kudisch - Jeanne Hanrahan - Peter Tilles - Doris Tilles
- 2/3 Michael Herman - Jocelyn Simon - Roberta Mendelsohn - Barbara Pincus

### Bracket 3 (8 tables)

- 1 Elliot Diamond - Lewis Grossman - Howard Lipset - David Kornblau
- 2 Gary Levine - Mark Krinsky - Michael Pollack - Allen Greenbaum
- 3 Debra Thaw - Susan Ghee - Toni Macdonald - Elizabeth Butler

### Bracket 4 (11 tables)

- 1 Liza Moses - Michael Moses - Charles Walke - Eugene Donovan
- 2 Karen Robbins - David Yoon - Mark Mariaschin - Jill Jacobs
- 3 David Bushman - Jessica Bushman - Alan Oppenheim - Rosa Oppenheim

### Bracket 5 (8 tables)

- 1 Audrey Meredith - J Scherl - Eva Steiner - Nancy Calomiris
- 2 Leonard Feld - Shelley Kirshenbaum - Bonnie Feld - Susan Panzer
- 3 Alan Cohen - Janet Contrada - Diana Zanetti - Richard Ericson

## **Wednesday Open Pairs**

### Stratum A (10.5 tables)

- 1 Joseph Byrnes - Lesley Decker Lucas
- 2 Howard Halpern - Linda Gross
- 3 W Burns III - Carole McCallum

### Stratum B (6 tables)

- 1 Howard Halpern - Linda Gross
- 2 W Burns III - Carole McCallum
- 3 Philip Grella - Mark Leibowitz

## **Wednesday Gold Rush Pairs**

### Stratum 0-750 (19 tables)

- 1 Ron Kahan - Scott Hutchason
- 2 Sandie Sickle - Susan Eisner
- 3 June Feinsod - Jill Toshav

### Stratum 0-300 (11.5 tables)

- 1 June Feinsod - Jill Toshav
- 2 Vicki Seltzer - Richard Brach
- 3 Charles Rose - Evelyn Rose

### Stratum 0-100 (3 tables)

- 1 Faith Herzog - George Sau
- 2 Matthew Gordon - Jessica Attard

## **Thursday Open Swiss Teams**

### Stratum A (18 tables)

- 1 Dori Cohen - Art Brodsky - Rob Gordon - Bob Gwirtzman
- 2 Seth Cohen - Michael Lipkin - Nathan Gindi - Omer Ekinci
- 3 Abbott Feren - Richard Baumer - Dina Schechter - David Joseph

### Stratum B (13 tables)

- 1 Alan Kudisch - Jeanne Hanrahan - Todd Wachsmann - Patrick Ross
- 2/3 Hannah Rabinowitz - Ghassan Menachi - Neeta Mone - John Anderson
- 2/3 Debra Lamountain - Jeffrey Colton - Carol Reiss - Anne Stuckler

### Stratum C (7 tables)

- 1 Alan Kudisch - Jeanne Hanrahan - Todd Wachsmann - Patrick Ross
- 2 Peggy Peress - Dorothy Mooallem - Dora Kooby - Rachel Meer
- 3 Allen Greenbaum - Mark Inhaber - Laurie Berlin - Sydel Chernoff

## **Thursday 0-1500 Swiss Teams**

### Stratum D (20 tables)

- 1 Carole Sirovich - Bea Tusiani - Clare Briody - Geri DiCostanzo

- 2/3 Joan Robinson - Marilyn Bernstein - Benita Durben - Herbert Gross
- 2/3 Raymond Leon - James Beha - Sonya Rhodes - Jane Rosen

### Stratum E (15 tables)

- 1 Carole Sirovich - Bea Tusiani - Clare Briody - Geri DiCostanzo
- 2/3 Joan Robinson - Marilyn Bernstein - Benita Durben - Herbert Gross
- 2/3 Raymond Leon - James Beha - Sonya Rhodes - Jane Rosen

### Stratum F (7 tables)

- 1 Laura Kopp - Howard Collins - Susan O'Shea - Eileen Feldman
- 2 Anthony Swanwick - John Bell - Paul Develet - David Bass
- 3 Thomas Harrington - Herbert Glantz - Joann Goodspeed - Beverly Daniel

## **Thursday Open Pairs**

### Stratum A (9 tables)

- 1 Kent Mignocchi - Gillian Minitier
- 2 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon
- 3 Honey Ellis - Barry Nish

### Stratum X (5 tables)

- 1 Ilan Wolff - Stanley Landers
- 2 James Baker - Robert Kuhnreich
- 3 Jack Lipson - Michelle Roberts

### Stratum Y (2.5 tables)

- 1 Ilan Wolff - Stanley Landers
- 2 James Baker - Robert Kuhnreich

## **Thursday Gold Rush Pairs**

### Stratum 7 (18 tables)

- 1 Shelly Amin - Gerald Pinsker
- 2 Matthew Gordon - Nicole Hudak
- 3 Forrest Dunbar - Richard Bauser

### Stratum 3 (10 tables)

- 1 Matthew Gordon - Nicole Hudak
- 2 Forrest Dunbar - Richard Bauser
- 3 John Gimblette - Dinkar Pujara

### Stratum 1 (3.5 tables)

- 1 Forrest Dunbar - Richard Bauser
- 2 Louise Schwartz - Lisa Lewis

## Now You Know

by Gary Feuer

	North	Dealer: East
	♠ void	Vul: E-W
	♥ 98653	
	♦ AT3	
	♣ JT976	
West		East
♠ A653		♠ 97
♥ T		♥ AQJ72
♦ KQ84		♦ J9762
♣ 8542		♣ K
	South	
	♠ KQJT842	
	♥ K4	
	♦ 5	
	♣ AQ3	

On August 1, 2018 my partner and I played this hand. The bidding went:

<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>
1♥	1♠	X	P
2♦	2♠	3♦	P
4♦	4♠	X	

I lead my ten of hearts, my partner took his ace and returned a heart. I ruffed and led the King of Diamonds. And South made 4 doubled for a 590 score.

I went home with the hand record and figured out how the contract can be set. After E takes the Ace of Hearts he leads his King of Clubs (singleton). When South plays the King of Spades I capture with the ace and lead a club for a ruff by East who can return a heart at this point for me to ruff.

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## October 15-21, 2018 STaC Week Results

### Monday Morning Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (43 tables)

- 1 Nancy Buonara – Elizabeth Randall
- 2 Anthony Rizzuto – Peter Barboesch
- 3 Leach Chodes – Cecelia Sherman

#### Stratum B

- 1 Leah Chodes – Cecilia Sherman
- 2 Herbert Blumenfeld – Peggy Blumenfeld
- 3 Valerie Clain – Hannah Hodes

#### Stratum C

- 1 Leach Chodes – Cecilia Sherman
- 2 Valerie Clain – Hannah Hodes
- 3 Linda Gilbert – Jeremy Gilbert

### Monday Morning 0-1000 Pairs

#### Stratum A (19 tables)

- 1 Mark Baskir – Ruth Lessinger
- 2 Lynne Zeiter – Bonnie Semon
- 3 Joanne Chalifoux – Beverly Lefkowitz

#### Stratum B

- 1 Mark Baskir – Ruth Lessinger
- 2 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach
- 3 Peter Holm – Harold Schneider

#### Stratum C

- 1 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach
- 2/3 Joe Dubs – Julie Harris
- 2/3 Stephen Candell – Susan Candell

### Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (41 tables)

- 1 Dina Arker – Howard Friedman
- 2 Miriam Hack – Carol Penn
- 3 Susan Reiter – Zehava Secker

#### Stratum B

- 1 Miriam Hack – Carol Penn
- 2 James Knopf – Joanne Seitelman
- 3 Steven Gelman – Wendy Sue Gelman

#### Stratum C

- 1 Clare Resnick – Barbara Allen
- 2 Marcia Cooper – Barbara Abikoff
- 3 Nancy Davis – Harvey Schachter

### Monday Evening Open Pairs

#### Strata A&B (20 tables)

- 1 Jeffrey Colton – Debra LaMountain
- 2 Peter Tilles – Doris Tilles

- 3 David Kay – Rayna Martin

#### Stratum C

- 1 Michael Colodner – Gary Zipper
- 2 Martin Fox – Michael Slavin
- 3 Ted Reich – Laura Reich

### Tuesday Morning Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (12.5 tables)

- 1 Gloria Marmor – Alan Kudisch
- 2 Gary Levine – Tim Archdeacon
- 3 Morton Case – Paul Siegelman

#### Stratum B

- 1 Gary Levine – Tim Archdeacon
- 2 David Korenstein – Louise Merritt
- 3 David Schwartz – Patrick Ross

#### Stratum C

- 1 Gary Levine – Tim Archdeacon
- 2 Myrna Feinbloom – Marsha Katon
- 3 Fred Goldschmidt – Ed Trepper

### Tuesday Morning 0-750 Pairs

#### Stratum A (10 tables)

- 1 Darin Tripp – Robin Healy
- 2 Peter Ruben – Karen Ruben
- 3 Ellen Cooper – Sheryl Haberman

#### Stratum B

- 1 Peter Ruben – Karen Ruben
- 2 Ellen Cooper – Sheryl Haberman
- 3 Douglas Schara – Carol Leinwand

#### Stratum C

- 1 Randi Shea – Marilyn Irwin
- 2 Joyce Birdoff – Marjorie Schwed
- 3 Marjorie Brook-Hecht – Susan Panzer

### Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (50 tables)

- 1 Geoffrey O'Connor – Doris Rodgers
- 2 Arthur Brodsky – Frank Anshen
- 3 Lawrence Helft – Eric Dattner

#### Stratum B

- 1 Lawrence Helft – Eric Dattner
- 2 Joseph Sanders – Jack Epstein
- 3 Barbara Cuenin – Barry Saxe

#### Stratum C

- 1 Lawrence Helft – Eric Dattner
- 2 Barbara Cuenin – Barry Saxe

- 3 Robert Frentzel – Brian McCaffrey

### Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (9 tables)

- 1 Howard Lipset – David Kornblau
- 2 Rob Gordon – Matt Gordon
- 3 Elliot Diamond – Lewis Grossman

#### Stratum B

- 1 Howard Lipset – David Kornblau
- 2 Elliot Diamond – Lewis Grossman
- 3 Peter Tilles – Doris Tilles

#### Stratum C

- 1 Elliot Diamond – Lewis Grossman
- 2 Erica Stempler – Robert Weiner
- 3 Steven Fish – Joseph Faillace

### Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (26.5 tables)

- 1 Anthony Rizzuto – James Schneider
- 2 Stephen Green – Robert Gordon
- 3 Marie Barboesch – Susan Scheinerman

#### Stratum B

- 1 Stephen Green – Robert Gordon
- 2 Harold Windsor – Vijay Datta
- 3 Donald Bedell – Gus Lebkuecher

#### Stratum C

- 1 Donald Bedell – Gus Lebkuecher
- 2 Fred Levine – Ruth Weiss
- 3 Arnold Fox – Diana Maniscalco

### Wednesday Morning 0-750 Pairs

#### Strata A&B (10 tables)

- 1 Jan Liebeskind – Melton Adler
- 2 Louise Schwartz – Joyce Birdoff
- 3 Dennis Cleary – Larry Brochin

#### Stratum C

- 1 Jan Liebeskind – Melton Adler
- 2 Madeline Alkon – Lisa Lewis
- 3 Marlene Gerber – Ronny Kapner

### Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

#### Stratum A (33 tables)

- 1 Debra LaMountain – Susan Weiss
- 2 David Popper – David Joseph
- 3 Susan Reiter – Barry Elberg

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### Stratum B

- 1 Susan Reiter – Barry Elberg
- 2 Harriet Goldman – Barry Port
- 3 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman

### Stratum C

- 1 Harriet Goldman – Barry Port
- 2 Mindy Setton – Lamia Beydoun
- 3 Roberta Small – Allen Krieger

### **Wednesday Evening Open Pairs**

#### Stratum A (7 tables)

- 1 Victor Poon – Richard Waters
- 2 Ditza Katz – Jeffrey Colton
- 3 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin

### Stratum B

- 1 Victor Poon – Richard Waters
- 2 Ditza Katz – Jeffrey Colton
- 3 Shelley Kirshenbaum – Bonnie Feld

### Stratum C

- 1 Shelley Kirshenbaum – Bonnie Feld
- 2 Michael Heiberger – Gordon Harper
- 3 Leonard Feld – Ross Taff

### **Thursday Morning Open Pairs**

#### Strata A&B (37 tables)

- 1 Nina Gottlieb – Wendy Kay
- 2/3 Janine Buss – Erica Silver
- 2/3 Burton Goodman – Barbara Rubin

### Stratum C

- 1 Harriet Studness – Janet Kroll
- 2/3 Sheila Terens – Carole Rodnick
- 2/3 Gail Kugler – Ronald Pinkus

### **Thursday Morning 0-750 Pairs**

#### Stratum A (16.5 tables)

- 1 Bonnie Deutsch – Elayne Fastenberg
- 2 Leon Yu – Leonard Feld
- 3 Martin Block – Ann Block

### Stratum B

- 1 Martin Block – Ann Block
- 2 Elaine Greenwald – Anne Burns
- 3 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

### Stratum C

- 1 Martin Block – Ann Block
- 2 Tim Archdeacon – Alan Blayne
- 3 Myron Zitt – Rekha Gupta

### **Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs**

#### Stratum A (38 tables)

- 1 Peter Barboesch – Gair Betts
- 2 Arthur Brodsky – David Joseph
- 3 Howard Collins – Adele Grudman

### Stratum B

- 1 Peter Barboesch – Gair Betts
- 2 Howard Collins – Adele Grudman
- 3 Michael Schulhof – Howard Eisenman

### Stratum C

- 1 Howard Collins – Adele Grudman
- 2 Michael Schulhof – Howard Eisenman
- 3 Mary Dickson – Barbara Silverstone

### **Thursday Evening Open Pairs**

#### Stratum A (9 tables)

- 1 Ray Elias – Jack Lipson
- 2 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
- 3 Marlyn Brescia – Judy Frenkel Nemes

### Stratum B

- 1 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
- 2 Debra LaMountain – Jeffrey Colton
- 3 Barbara Reitz – Clifford Reitz

### Stratum C

- 1 Barbara Reitz – Clifford Reitz
- 2 Jeff Smith – Dolores Furey

### **Thursday Evening <5 Tables**

#### Stratum A (4.5 tables)

- 1 Elli Zimmerman – William Sampson
- 2/3 Debra Thaw – Walter Kohlhoff
- 2/3 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler

### Stratum B

- 1 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler
- 2 Mohammed Haq – Janet Contrada
- 3 Magdi Kamel – Natalie Treanor

### Stratum C

- 1 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler
- 2 Mohammed Haq – Janet Contrada

### **Friday Morning Open Pairs**

#### Strata A&B (54 tables)

- 1 Ann Gardner – Alan Gardner
- 2 Lamia Beydoun – Anne Stuckler
- 3 Paulette Valenza – Roger Peabody

### Stratum C

- 1 Bunny Bursky – Susan Nettler
- 2 Sanford Leventhal – Joshua Hirsch
- 3 Thomas Fahey – Penny Redvanly

### **Friday Morning 0-750 Pairs**

#### Stratum A (13.5 tables)

- 1 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 2 Roger Fried – Stanley Freundlich
- 3 Bill Johnson – Gail Johnson

### Stratum B

- 1 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 2 Roger Fried – Stanley Freundlich
- 3 Michele Zuflacht – Faith Lerner

### Stratum C

- 1 Roger Fried – Stanley Freundlich
- 2 Michele Zuflacht – Faith Lerner
- 3 Holly Jonas – Howard Maier

### **Saturday Morning 499er Pairs**

#### Stratum A (11 tables)

- 1 Fran Peterson – Susan Seelig
- 2 Hilda Schulkind – Anne Burns
- 3 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier

### Stratum B

- 1 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier
- 2 Louise Schwartz – Myra Nazimowitz
- 3 Ronny Kapner – Usha Patel

### Stratum C

- 1 Ronny Kapner – Usha Patel
- 2 Ivan Dochter – Jon Klein
- 3 Lisa Lewis – Aida Nema

### **Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs**

#### Stratum A (34.5 tables)

- 1 Eileen Isser – John Earley
- 2 Alan Kudisch – Jeanne Hanrahan
- 3 Hubert Howe – Jonathan Howe

### Stratum B

- 1 Alan Kudisch – Jeanne Hanrahan
- 2 Hubert Howe – Jonathan Howe
- 3 Suzanne Nussbaum – Michael Nussbaum

### Stratum C

- 1 Suzanne Nussbaum – Michael Nussbaum
- 2 Diane Sanchez – Howard Eisenman
- 3 Penny Redvanly – Lisa Pomerantz



**October 15-21, 2018 STaC Week Results continued****Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs**Stratum A (22 tables)

- 1 Hannabelle White – Marilyn Leiter
- 2 Nirmala Shevde – Ketan Shevde
- 3 Michael Geisinger – Helen Buck

Stratum B

- 1 Nirmala Shevde – Ketan Shevde
- 2 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman
- 3 Barbara Cooper – Judy Paul

Stratum C

- 1 Barbara Frank – Joan Fruchter

- 2 Mindy Setton – Lamia Beydoun

- 3/4 Elaine Gargano – John Bell

- 3/4 Judith Simon – Dorothy Singer

**Sunday Afternoon Swiss Teams**Straum A (14 tables)

- 1 Charles Sharf – Dori Cohen – Robert Gordon – Howard Cohen

- 2/3 Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan – Tim Archdeacon – James Knopf

- 2/3 Joseph Byrnes – Lesley Decker – Loring Fenton – Shelley Fishman

Stratum B

- 1 Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan – Tim

- Archdeacon – James Knopf

- 2 Lee Lin – Wendy Wen – Mathew

- Gordon – Nicole Hudak

- 3 Susan Scholer – Linda Taub – Pearl Benson – Sherry Lewinter

Stratum C

- 1 Lee Lin – Wendy Wen – Mathew

- Gordon – Nicole Hudak

**December 14-16, 2018 STaC Weekend Results****Friday Morning Open Pairs**Stratum A (56 tables)

- 1 Harriet Goldman – Ken Lowenstein
- 2 David Joseph – Gary Helman
- 3 Marilyn Brescia – Lami Beydoun

Stratum B

- 1 Harriet Goldman – Ken Lowenstein
- 2 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 3 Joseph DiBenedetto – Gus Lebkuecher

Stratum C

- 1 Douglas Frank – Douglas Schara
- 2 Ralph DiPalma – Bob Kouba
- 3 Linda Ferrari – Christine Talbot

**Friday Morning 0-750 Pairs**Stratum A (10 tables)

- 1 Time Archdeacon – Daniel Goldschmidt
- 2 Joyce Birdoff – Marjorie Schwed
- 3/4 Ann Block – Nancy Kowal
- 3/4 Carol Fishman – Sharon Melville

Stratum B

- 1 Time Archdeacon – Daniel Goldschmidt
- 2 Joyce Birdoff – Marjorie Schwed
- 3 Ann Block – Nancy Kowal

Stratum C

- 1 Tim Archdeacon – Daniel Goldschmidt
- 2 Dennis Cleary – Larry Brochin

**Saturday Morning 499er Pairs**Stratum A (12 tables)

- 1 Elizabeth Shapiro – Raymond Presti
- 2 Elaine Greenwald – Howard Maier
- 3 Ann Block – Martin Block

Stratum B

- 1 Michael Scholnick – Ronny Kapner
- 2 Jeff Marino – Rob Karen
- 3 Josh Allen – Alan Blayne

Stratum C

- 1 Michael Scholnick – Ronny Kapner
- 2 Josh Allen – Alan Blayne
- 3 Usha Patel – Lisa Lewis

**Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs**Stratum A (37 tables)

- 1 Geoffrey O'Connor – Mark Blanchard
- 2 Karl De Shrage – Joan Asheroff
- 3/4 Patricia Allen – Jane Sitzmann
- 3/4 Diana Schuld – Ruth Stober

Stratum B

- 1 Edward Ceglia – Gary Moskowitz
- 2 Jack Epstein – George Nissan
- 3 Leon Yu – Jingrun Dong

Stratum C

- 1 Leon Yu – Jingrun Dong

- 2 Ellen Cooper – Sharon Melville

- 3 Gloria Rinna – Robert Heimann

**Saturday Afternoon Small Pairs**Stratum A (4 tables)

- 1 Christine Woodring – Marie Barboesch
- 2 Nancy Buonara – Peter Barboesch
- 3 Charles Rose – Evelyn Rose

Stratum B

- 1 Nancy Buonara – Peter Barboesch
- 2 Charles Rose – Evelyn Rose

**Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs**Stratum A (13 tables)

- 1 Dina Schechter – Howard Friedman
- 2 Gail Wholl – Alvin Frohman
- 3 Arthur Brodsky – Bob Gwartzman

Stratum B

- 1 Edgar Schwartz – Leila Schwartz
- 2 Kenneth Gittelsohn – Mark Winters

**Sunday Afternoon Swiss 1 (10 tables)**

- 1 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon – Howard Cohen – Charles Sharf

- 2 Karl De Shrage – Elaine De Shrage – Carl Gueli – Susan Weiss

- 3/4 Mark Blanchard – Amy Rhodes – William Dinner – Leon Yu

- 3/4 Bella Chiusano – Janet Colchamiro – Judy Paul – Elaine Khan

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## December 14-16, 2018 STaC Weekend Results continued

### Sunday Afternoon Swiss 2 (5 tables)

1 Jack Epstein – Linda Epstein – Elinor Joseph – David Joseph

2 Eileen Zonar – Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan – John Abrenica

### Sunday Afternoon Swiss 3 (6 tables)

1 Laura Orticelle – Carol Fishman – Tim Archdeacon – Susan Seelig

2 David Sloane – Fran Peterson – Abu Zaman – Ellen Cooper

### Sunday Afternoon Swiss 4 (6 tables)

1 Matthew Gordon – Lee Lin – Benjamin Klauder – Siqing Yu

2 Elaine Greenwald – Ruth Lessinger – Nancy Kowal – Robert Greenwald

### Sunday Afternoon Swiss 5 (6 tables)

1 Ann Block – Martin Block – Joyce Birdoff – Faith Herzog

2 Anthony Swanwick – John Bell – Karen Siris – Diane Krasnoff

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## 9-Card Support!

by Douglas Schara

What a great game bridge is!

There is always some new experience that befalls me. On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> I went to play at the Sagamore Bridge Club as a single. I was paired with a gentleman who plays VERY FEW conventions. Let me say that most of our convention card was X'ed out. No Blackwood (only Gerber), no preempts, no negative doubles, no cue bids ... you should be getting the picture.

So this was the auction on Board 22. East passed, I passed, West passed and my partner opened 1♣ which I alerted as may be short. East bid 2♥, I bid 5♣, West doubled and that ended the bidding. East led the King of hearts and this was the full hand:

♠ - Q542

♥ - AJ95

♦ - Q5

♣ - KJ4

♠ - AJ87

♥ - T63

♦ - AT8632

♣ - void

♠ - T9

♥ - KQ872

♦ - KJ974

♣ - 9

♠ - K63

♥ - 4

♦ - void

♣ - AQT876532

I imagine that there has rarely (perhaps never) been an instance where someone had *9-card support* for partner's bid suit. Naturally, he made the doubled contract.

# 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		<b>Rookie</b>	0	
5		<b>Junior Master</b>	5	
20		<b>Club Master</b>	20	5 black
50	5 silver	<b>Sectional Master</b>	50	5 silver, 10 black
100	15 silver, 5 red or gold/platinum	<b>Regional Master</b>	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	<b>NABC Master</b>	200	20 red or gold/platinum, of 5 are gold/platinum, 25 silver, 20 black
		<b>Advanced NABC Master</b>	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	<b>Life Master</b>	500	100 red or gold/platinum, of which 50 are gold/platinum; 75 silver; 75 black
500	and LM requirements	<b>Bronze Life Master</b>	750	and LM requirements
1000	LM requirements with at least 200 silver, red, or gold/platinum	<b>Silver Life Master</b>	1000	LM requirements, with at least 200 silver, red, or gold/platinum
1500	LM requirements, with at least 300 silver, red, or gold/platinum	<b>Ruby Life Master</b>	1500	LM requirements, with at least 300 silver, red, or gold/platinum
2500	LM requirements, with at least 500 silver, red, or gold/platinum	<b>Gold Life Master</b>	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	<b>Sapphire Life Master</b>	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	<b>Diamond Life Master</b>	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	<b>Emerald Life Master</b>	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	<b>Platinum Life Master</b>	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	<b>Grand Life Master</b>	10000	Platinum LM requirements and a qualifying National Title

# MILESTONES

**New Emerald Life Masters**

Honey Ellis  
Russ Samuel

**New Sapphire Life Masters**

Frank Anshen  
Bella Chiusano  
Lawrence Goodman  
Eleanor Usis

**New Gold Life Masters**

Bart Cirker  
Abbot Feren  
Stephen Green  
Marjorie Levine  
Barry Nish  
Dina Schechter  
Richard Waters

**New Ruby Life Masters**

Eppie Eagle  
Risa Grossman  
James Knopf  
Debra Lamountain  
Susan Scheinerman  
David Schwartz  
Edgar Schwartz

**New Silver Life Masters**

Stanley Amelkin  
Herbert Blumenfeld  
Burton Goodman  
Silvana Morici  
Clifford Reitz  
Barbara Rubin  
Elizabeth Viola  
Todd Wachsman

**New Bronze Life Masters**

Kay Cha  
Joanne Chalifoux  
Sam Goldberg  
Lewis Grossman  
Barbara Reitz  
Bonnie Rich  
Steve Roman  
Joan Robinson  
Robert Weiner  
Abu Zaman

**New Life Masters**

Lee Dion  
Elizabeth Murphy  
Fran Peterson  
Bonnie Rich  
Joan Robinson  
Leon Yu  
Abu Zaman

**New Advanced NABC Masters**

Leonard Feld  
Susan Seelig  
Leon Yu

**New NABC Masters**

Scott Ackerman  
Tim Archdeacon  
Ann Block  
June Blumenthal  
Richard Brach  
Ann Burns  
Douglas Casper  
Janet Contrada  
Benita Durben  
Matthew Gordon  
Mollie Grossman  
David Kay  
Judith Lippman  
Lawrence Lippman  
Toni Macdonald  
Micki Michelman  
Michelle Roberts  
Peter Ruben  
Sandie Sickle  
Kenneth Simon  
Karen Siris  
Ilan Wolff

**New Regional Masters**

Tim Archdeacon  
Joyce Birdoff  
Martin Block  
Ellen Blumencranz  
Lawrence Brochin  
Thomas Fahey  
Marie Franzoni  
Robert Frentzel  
Daniel Goldschmidt  
David Gordon  
Rosalind Gordon  
Elaine Greenwald  
Robert Kleehammer  
Irma Marcus  
Susan Nettler  
Valerie Reagan  
Marjorie Schwed  
Ross Taff  
Paul Thorpe  
Gail Wholl  
Barrie Sue Zicherman

**New Sectional Masters**

Barbara Allen  
Jacques Busquet  
Lorraine Cande  
Barbara Chale  
Barbara Chiappetta  
Robin Diamond  
Joan Dochter

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Helena Goldstein  
Freddie Kadden  
Florence Kaufman  
Howard Maier  
Jeffrey Marino  
Joyce Muller  
Alice Nacinovich  
Michael Schulhof  
Paula Silverman  
Jeff Smith

Robert Chiapetta  
Ronald Dinehart  
Betty Fecci  
Holly Feinerman  
Brenda Feldman  
Randie Galler  
Steve Galler  
Meryl Gassman  
Marlene Gerber  
Susan Hayes  
Robert Heimann

Aida Nema  
Vivian Ouziel-Siegel  
Robert Peck  
Linda Reymann  
Barry Saxe  
Angel Schade  
Richard Snyder  
Lucille Stocker  
Shelly Udasin  
Phyllis Wiener  
Sharyn Wetjen

Denis Block  
Jacqueline Cassel  
Ivan Dochter  
James Durnan  
Helen Fleisig  
Joan Gleicher  
Lisa Goldstein  
Mohammad Haq  
Rona Jutkowitz  
Ronny Kapner  
Agnes Kirschen  
Carol Meyer

**New Club Masters**

Melton Adler  
Madeline Alkon  
Carrie Andrejkovics  
Elyce Burger  
Judy Cashman

Ronny Kapner  
Phyllis Kaufman  
Karen Koppelman  
Phyllis Krieger  
Jan Liebeskind  
Lisa Lewis  
Stefanie Linakis

**New Junior Masters**

Melissa Antenberg  
Jessica Attard  
Melanie Bass  
Alan Blayne

Abb Rehs  
Geraldine Sass  
Sylvia Schwitzer  
Rita Sherman  
Cheryl Walder




**NSBA Spring Regional**  
**April 15-18, 2019**  
**The Chateau Briand in Carle**  
**Place**  
**See Page 10 for Details**


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## An Expert Defense

by Lesley Decker Lucas

On January 8, 2019, I had the pleasure of defending this hand with Kay Cha at the Sagamore Bridge Club:

♠ - T3

♥ - AK2

♦ - 43

♣ - Q98642

♠ - 72

♥ - J9753

♦ - AKT92

♣ - A

♠ - Q

♥ - QT862

♦ - Q86

♣ - KJT7

♠ - AKJ98654

♥ - Void

♦ - J75

♣ - 53

Kay was West and we were defending a 4♠ contract by S. Kay led the A of Diamonds and I played the 8. She then cashed the A of Clubs and I played the 10. She now made the expert play of underleading the K of Diamonds to my Q so that I could collect my K of Clubs. There was no other way for us to get our 4 cashing tricks against the 4♠ contract. Leading a heart at trick 3 would have given declarer 2 minor suit pitches on the A and K of hearts. Leading a trump at trick 3 would have established the 10 of Spades as an entry to dummy to use the A and K of hearts. Cashing the K of Diamonds would have meant that anything she did after taking her 3 tricks would have allowed Declarer to make her contract.

Kudos to Kay for finding the only defense to beat 4♠!

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## A Cute Bidding Gadget

by Lesley Decker Lucas

On Feb. 1, 2019, I had the privilege of playing the following hand with Howie Cohen.

♠ - xx  
♥ - KT  
♦ - KJxx  
♣ - KQTxxx

♠ - xxx  
♥ - QJ9xx  
♦ - Ax  
♣ - AJx

I was S and opened 1♥. Howie bid 1NT(forcing). I bid 2♣. What would you do with the North hand? Now there are some who know Howie well and respect his game tremendously but love to tease him about his bidding. But in this case, Howie came up with the expert bid...2♠! Experienced players know that this bid is called “the impossible spade” bid. It means that you employ a bid which cannot be natural to communicate something special. North could not have had 4 or more spades or he would have bid 1♠ in response to 1♥. So, here, the 2♠ bid said “I love your clubs but am too good to raise 2♣ to 3♣ because I don’t want you to pass...I want to try desperately to be in a game. I have an excellent hand in support of your minor even though I did not make a 2/1 bid initially.” (The same bid would apply if opener’s second suit was diamonds and you had a superior diamond raise).

The bidding proceeded: 1♥-1NT-2♣-2♠-3♣ (I have a minimum hand with nothing further to say at this point)-3♦ (I have something in diamonds if we want to play 3NT)-4♣ (I have no spade stopper so I’m just temporizing)-4♥ (I have only 2 hearts but I still think this is our best game). And then I, as South, passed and played 4♥.

Because of my partner’s expert bidding, we had a terrific auction to get to the right game. 3NT goes down as we would lose 4 or 5 spades and the A of hearts but with him having 2 terrific hearts...K10 to go with my QJ9xx, I only lost 2 spades and the A of trump for a great matchpoint score.

Thanks Howie! Now Paul and Dori and Chuck have new respect for you!

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
10:00 AM	Bridge School	Smithtown (EZ)		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 Westhampton (June through August)	Temple Judea Mattituck Li- brary	Westhampton (June through August)	Riverhead	Westhampton		Sagamore
12:15 PM			BRIDGEExpress	BRIDGEExpress			
12:30 PM	Shaaray Shalom Temple Judea Water Mill	Shaaray Shalom	Shaaray Shalom	Shaaray Shalom		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- Thanksgiving)			
7:30 PM	Bridge School						

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## When You Fear An Overruff

by Steve Conrad

♠ - A32	Dealer: North
♥ - AK43	Vul: None
♦ - Q43	Matchpoints
♣ - KQ2	

♠ - 9876	♠ - QJT
♥ - J98	♥ - 2
♦ - A2	♦ - KJT987
♣ - 9876	♣ - 543

♠ - K54  
 ♥ - QT765  
 ♦ - 65  
 ♣ - AJT

South	West	North	East
		1♣	2♦ (weak jump overcall)
2♥	P	4♥	All Pass

Opening Lead: ♦A

After West led the ♦A, East won the next diamond and led a third. Declarer could count ten winners (two spades, three clubs, and five hearts) and three losers (two diamonds and one spade). That would become four if declarer ruffed the third diamond and got overruffed for a fourth loser. Declarer wisely threw a spade, the third loser. If threatened by an overruff, consider throwing a certain future loser in another suit instead of ruffing. This works best when both declarer and dummy end up void in the suit that has been led. Had declarer trumped high or low, 4♥ would have failed!

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<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>March 11-17</b>	<b>STaC Week</b>	<b>Local Clubs</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>LM-NLM Game</b>	<b>Sagamore BC</b>
<b>April 15-18</b>	<b>Spring Regional</b>	<b>Chateau Briand, Carle Place</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>NSBA Awards Dinner</b>	<b>Sagamore BC</b>

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