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President's Message

After a year of planning we finally get to move into our new home. For the first time since 1990 (I might be off by a year) we will be having our regional in Nassau County. We move to the beautiful Chateau Briand in Carle Place.

Back in the old days our tournaments ran from Friday to Sunday. The two weekend days were by far the biggest. Now when we have weekend days at tournaments they are poorly attended. To avoid this we will be running the tournament from Monday to Thursday. The schedule of dates and events is elsewhere in this issue. There will be something for everyone each day.

Our new facility is everything you could ask for. It is centrally located, near major parkways, one block from a train station, has enough parking for a football game, and is very spacious. We look forward to having many tournaments here. As such, let me just say that the first person I see throwing garbage under their table will not be treated kindly. The second person will not vote for me to be Miss Congeniality either. We want to go back here in the future, and we want them to want us back. Let's all make this the best tournament Long Island has ever had.

We will kick off on Sunday night May 6 with our LM/NLM team game. You can form your own team or we will help get you one. This game will be held at Sagamore.

In other news I would like to congratulate Ljudmila Kamenova on her win in the national Women's Board-a-Match teams at the national championships in San Diego. Well done!

I hope to see you all at the tournament in May.

Joe Byrnes



NSBA Spring Regional May 7-10, 2018 The Chateau Briand in Carle Place See Page 10 for Details



DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

www.allevybridge.com/

Stuff on the Internet. Have you logged on to the <u>ACBL website</u> lately? There's a new section...<u>Bridge Feed</u>, with bridge happenings from around the world, special events, bridge tips, humor, stories in ACBLand, great lessons from the masters, and much more. Take a look and you may get lost surfing the net. Take a look at the banners on top of the ACBL page. You'll see the new online bridge club for college students. Pass the word around to any college students who play bridge...they can compete individually or on a school team with free trips to the summer NABC for a few winning teams.

Not much publicity for the top online players, so I'll mention the top two District online players in 2017. Congratulations to Russell Samuel of LI and David Maidman of NYC.

When you read this it will be too late to play in the three-day spring NABC online individual robot tournament held on BridgeBaseOnline. Watch for future tournaments.

Log onto your MyACBL page and check your recent results including recap sheets and deals played. Also see your masterpoint history, take part in "It's Your Call," and read the latest Bridge Bulletin.

Speaking of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin, the March issue contains the 2018 ACBL Charity appointees, including our District's selections Ruth Stober and Anita Goldman, and the 2018 Aileen Osofsky Goodwill Committee appointees, including our District's selections Philip Grella and Philip Lentz. Congratulations to all and to all the previous District appointees who serve our District so well.

Have a friend interested in learning to play? Direct them to the ACBL <u>learning page</u>. There they can get started with some keen software or be directed to local and online teachers.

ACBL News...ex-NYer Robb Gordon is the new ACBL National Recorder. A great choice and someone who will make a difference. Read his column, "For the Record" in the March issue.

An experiment... Regional event at clubs (REACH...Regional event At the Club House...ok corny) was an ACBL-wide Regional event played at clubs. On the plus side, players who wanted to earn Gold points and don't get to too many Regionals had a chance for Gold at their club. Clubs enjoyed the extra attendance, and there was revenue sharing with the District. Some of those funds will go to supporting our GNT District teams that qualified for the ACBL finals in Atlanta this summer. On the negative side, it might take attendance away from our regular Regionals. The North American results are being evaluated.

The <u>2018 World Championships</u> will be held in Orlando. Besides the regular championship events, there will be some shortened events that might be exciting to play in. The Orlando World Center Marriott is an outstanding hotel and there will be a special rate for our players. I'll be quite busy as the US organizer. If you have any questions, just contact me. I'll also be coordinating the 22nd annual <u>World Computer-Bridge Championship</u>, held in the second week of the champi-

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NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION AWARDS DINNER

Celebrating Our Bridge Achievers of 2017

Sunday, May 20, 2018



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.

Cost to NSBA members: \$27 Non-NSBA members: \$30

Please return form by May 12 to:

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2017 Players of the Year*

At Sectionals — A Players 1.Ruth Stober 86.6 85 2.Gary Helman 79 3. Jeffrey Colton 4. Howard Cohen 64.9 4. Geoffrey O'Connor 64.9 6. Barry Nish 63.3 7. Eppie Eagle 60 8. Lesley Decker Lucas 59.1

1. Jeffrey Colton 108.9 2. Debra LaMountain 99.8 3. Matt Rewinski 58.4 4. Eppie Eagle 51.6 5. John Abrenica 47.5 6. Ann Gardner 46.6 7. Erica Silver 42.4 8. Debra Katz 36.4 9. Laura O'Reilly 36.3 10. Hubert Howe 34.5

At Sectionals — B Players

At Regionals— A Players

58.7

56.8

9. Mel Colchamiro

10. Mark Blanchard

87
66
47
45
43.5
43.5
40
39
35
34
34

At Regionals — B Players

1. Debra Katz	68
2. Dina Schechter	66
3. Alan Greenbaum	56
3. Mark Inhaber	56
5. Charles Bilich	53
5. Mark Blanchard	53
5. Abbot Feren	53
8. Joseph Byrnes	48
8. Dorothy Feldman	48
8. Herbert Feldman	48

NOVICE

1. Leon Yu	28.12	6. Douglas Casper	13.37
2. Ann Burns	23.04	7. Gail Wholl	12.3
3. Victor Poon	17.15	8. Elizabeth Shapiro	11.9
4. Richard Shanks	14.57	9. Rose Taff	11.86
5. Ann Block	14.23	10. Stephen Weintraub	10.03

Compiled by Mark Blanchard

*determined by a weighted formula

NSBA ISI ANDER February 9-11 STaC Weekend

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (29.5 tables) 1 Cal Rafuse – Laura Kopp 2 David Joseph – David Popper 3 Dorothy Feldmann – Herbert Feldmann

Stratum B

1 Cal Rafuse – Laura Kopp 2 Sondra Nachbar – Norman Nachbar

3 Mark Inhaber – Elliot Diamond

Stratum C

1 David Kirschenbaum – Lamia Beydoun 2 Harvey Schachter - Edward Niemira 2 Louise Schwartz - Jeff Smith 3 Karel De Leeuw – Susan Clarke

Saturday Morning 499er Pairs

Stratum A (10 tables) 1 Fran Peterson – Amy Barash

2 Tina Hye – Lisa Hadar 3 Faith Herzog – Victor Poon

Stratum B

- 1 Faith Herzog Victor Poon
- 2 Linda Linchitz Ellen Cooper
- 3 Ann Block Martin Block

Stratum C

- 1 Louise Schwartz Michael Scholnick
- 2 Carrie Callegari Greg Callegari
- 3 Usha Patel Howard Maier

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (32.5 tables) 1 Christine Woodring – Nancy Buonara 2 Mel Colchamiro – Leslie Sarf 3/4 Charles Sharf – Howard Cohen 3/4 Raymond Elias – Edward Niemira

Stratum B

1 Raymond Elias – Edward Niemira 2 Silvana Zangri – Sheila Pohly 3 Penny Redvanly – Lisa Pomerantz

Stratum C

1 Penny Redvanly – Lisa Pomerantz 3 Catherine Layden – Janet Contrada

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (18 tables)

- 1 Raymond Elias Edward Niemira
- 2 Bob Gwirtzman Arthur Brodsky
- 3 Val Link Barbara Stampf

Stratum B

- 1 Raymond Elias Edward Niemira
- 2 Val Link Barbara Stampf
- 3 Gail Wholl Alvin Frohman

Stratum C

- 1 Val Link Barbara Stampf
- 2 Mark Winters Kenneth Gittelson
- 3 Susan Port Barry Port

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The NSBA Website

- Upcoming Tournament Dates
- LI Club Locations & Schedules
- Useful Bridge Links

- Tournament Results
- Find a Bridge Teacher
- The Islander

And Much More!

Sunday Afternoon Sagamore Swiss

Stratum A (14 tables) 1 Karl De Shrage – Elaine De Shrage - Bella Chiusano - Lin Fisher 2 Marion Yonke – John Berry – Doris Tilles – Peter Tilles 3/5 Barbara Amelkin – Stanley Amelkin – Alan Kudisch – Jeanne Hanrahan 3/5 David Sloane - Victor Poon -Amy Barash – Fran Peterson 3/5 Kay Cha – Young Cha – Meredith Walfish – Barry Walfish

Stratum B

1 David Sloane – Victor Poon – Amy Barash – Fran Peterson 2 Kay Cha – Young Cha – Meredith Walfish – Barry Walfish 3 Ed Trepper – Eileen Zanar – Drew Tarhan – Lisa Hadar

Stratum C

1 Ellen Cooper – Donna Launer – Linda Linchitz - Elizabeth Shapiro

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

A, K or Q Leads Vs. No Trump

Unless we are taking a stab at leading partner's long suit when we have a hopelessly weak hand, we usually lead our long suit vs NT contracts. We should be leading 4th best or low (by partnership agreement) from broken holdings, and top of 3-card or longer sequences beginning with the 10. In other words, from K8762 we lead the 6, 4th best, not the 8 "top of the sequence." From K10982, we lead the 10(some hyper-modernists lead the 9 meaning "zero or two" higher, in this case 2 higher—the 10 and the K). The J can be led from AJ10, KJ10, or J109 unless, of course you have agreed to the "zero or 2 higher" thing, in which case you would lead the 10 from the first two holdings. But have you discussed the issues and do you have agreements about leading an Ace, King or Queen vs NT? Many players haven't.

<u>The Issues</u>

When leading a high honor, there are (3) issues:

(1) Don't get caught in a "Bath Coup" situation. That is, you lead the K from KQ10 and declarer holds off with the AJx. We don't want to be suckered into continuing the suit, giving the declarer an unwarranted trick with the J.

(2) We have an AKJ situation on lead and want to run the suit if partner has the Q or trap the Q if declarer has it.

(3) We have a very solid holding—4 deep, either AKJ10 or KQ109 and would like partner to "unblock" (throw away) the missing honor if she has it.

Make An Agreement

We need an honor-leading agreement that covers all three possibilities. The one that I recommend is as follows:

(1) The lead of the Ace or the Queen asks if partner has a touching honor. If so she is to signal positively, if not signal negatively. In other words, the opening leader needs an attitude signal.

(2) The lead of the K requests an unblock of any honor. If partner has no honor card in that suit, she is to play a "count" card, meaning a low one holding three low cards or a high one if holding two or four cards.

The way I remember which is which is by the K sound— A King lead asks for unblock or \underline{K} ount; The lead of the Ace or Q, asks for attitude.

Leading The King

The only time we lead the king is from: AKJ10(xx) or KQ109(xx)

When we are "4-deep" we can afford for partner to throw her honor under our King—the Q in the first case or the J in the second case.

Example 1			Example 2		Example 3	
982			982		982	
A <u>K</u> J107	654	<u>Q</u> 3	A <u>K</u> J107 Q	<u>6</u> 3	A <u>K</u> J107	64 <u>3</u> Q5

In each case, we lead the K. In example 1, partner plays the Q to unblock, as requested and we run the suit. In example 2, partner has no honor to unblock, so she gives count with the 6, clearly the top of a doubleton from the viewable spots. So we know declarer has 3 to the Q, so we shift, hoping to get partner on lead to lead our suit through. In Example 3, partner's 3 is clearly low, indicating and odd number of cards—3—so we know declarer's Q will fall under our ace.

Leading The Ace

The only time we lead the ace is from AKJ(xx). This asks for attitude for the Q. From Q82 partner would play the 8, but from 832 partner would play the 2. Seeing the 8, the opening leader should underlead at the second trick to partner's Q and off we go. With a doubleton, say, 82, partner should play the 2—a negative signal regarding the Q; she doesn't have it, so we would shift.

Well, I lied. There is a second time we should lead the ace. From exactly AKxx. It is an exception to the idea that we need three consecutive honors(or two in a row, a gap, and then the fourth one: AKJx, for example). Lead the A and look for partner's signal regarding the Q.

<u>Leading The Q</u>

This is the tricky one, because I am recommending leading the Q from KQ10(xx). We lead the Q, asking for partner's attitude for the J or A. Remember we don't want to fall prey to The Bath Coup, whereby the declarer holds off with the AJx, and we fall into her trap by continuing.

When we lead the Q partner should play a high spot with either the J or A, and a low one otherwise.

Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
56	56	56
KQ1082 97 <u>3</u>	K <u>Q</u> 1082 A <u>7</u> 3	KQ1082 J <u>7</u> 3
AJ4	J94	A94

In example 1, partner plays the 3 to deny both the J and the A. Therefore we know declarer is trying to Bath Coup us with the AJ, but we won't be fooled. We shift, hoping partner can gain the lead and shoot through the declarer. In examples 2 and 3, partner

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plays the 7, indicating possession of either the ace or the Jack. In either case, we continue with a low card.

Taking A Shot

All of us occasionally take a shot and lead from KQx or QJx, particularly in an unbid major. If you do, don't forget, lead the Q from KQx, looking for positive attitude for the J or A. Leading the Q from QJx requests attitude for the K or A.

Oops, There It Is

Is there a downside to all this? Only one. And that is that we're leading an unnatural Q from a KQ combination. You have to remember to do it and partner has to remember you've done it. So, at the beginning, there might be an Oops! ("Sorry partner I forgot").

<u>Summary</u>

Lead	Partner's Lead Requests
<u>A</u> KJxx	attitude for the Q
 A <u>K</u> J10x	unblock the Q or give count with no honor
<u>A</u> Kx	Attitude for the Q
K <u>Q</u> 10x	Attitude for A or J
<u>K</u> Q109	Unblock the J(or ace) or give count with no honor
K <u>Q</u> x	Attitude for the A or J
QJ10x QJ109 QJx	Attitude for the K or A Attitude for the K or A Attitude for the K or A

Life Master—Non-LM Charity

Red Point

Bracketed Team Game



Sunday, May 6, 2018 6:00 pm Casual Dinner at 5:00 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	

Long Island "Gold Coast" Spring Regional



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 516-213-9120

SUNDAY May 6

Non LM / LM Charity Teams (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under 400 player)6:00 pm NOTE: This game will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club, 6901 Jericho Tpk, Syosset, NY 11791, 516-558-7799

Μ	IONDAY May 7, TUESDAY May 8, WEDNESDAY May 9, and THURSDAY May 10	
	Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) (Guaranteed Partners)	10:30 am
	Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300)	. 10:30 am & 3:00 pm
	Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500)	10:30 am & 3:00 pm
	Bracketed Round-Robin Teams	0:30 am & TBA

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

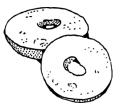
ALL STRATIFIED EVENTS — OPEN PAIRS A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500)

ALL NEWCOMER EVENTS AWARD RED POINTS A (100-200), B (50-100), C (0-50)

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2018 Long Island Gold Coast Spring Regional Hotel Reservations

Dear Bridge Players:

Arrangements have been made with the Holiday Inn of Westbury with reduced rate hotel accommodations 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 room block for the special group rate.

Reservations may also be made online at <u>www.hiwestburyhotel.com</u> and enter "NSB" in the "Group Code" section of the booking screen.

Sincerely,

Lee Launer, Tournament Chair

TEACHERS' NEWS

We need teachers for the 2018/2019 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 (<u>mathewscj@aol.com</u>), or Jim Schneider (<u>whistle21751@gmail.com</u>), 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.

NSBA ISLANDER Why Colchamiro (and His Partners) Get To Claim So Often

By Charles Sharf

I had the pleasure of playing with Mel in the spring nationals in Kansas City and the following hand came up. See how many of Mel's bids you come up with (there are only two).

Mel held:

- **♠** X
- ♥ KQxxx
- **♦** Jxx
- ♣ KQJx

Not a bad hand when partner opens one heart. RHO overcalls 2 and it's your call. There are 2 very reasonable choices

3♠ -- a splinter showing spade shortness and a good heart fit

3. -- showing a limit raise or better in hearts

Your choice?

Mel came up with 3 clubs, showing where his values are, knowing he could always bid hearts later.

This was followed by 3 diamond bids:

3 diamonds by LHO. A simple raise.

4 diamonds by partner — ostensibly a good hand with club support.

5 diamonds by RHO — Extra diamond length.

So now it's your call again.

Charles	Opp.	Mel	Opp.
1♥	2♦	3♣	3♦
4♦	5♦	?	

Mel jumped to 6♥, knowing I must have short diamonds, and since I showed extra strength with no points in diamonds, and at most I could have AJ of hearts and A of clubs, I should have spades covered.

Did you come up with the same bids as Mel?

My hand was:

- **♠** AQJx
- ♥ AJxxx
- ♦ Void
- 🔹 Axxx

I thought for 5 seconds before I bid 7, which may have been 4 1/2 seconds too long. Mel bid 6 and I had first round control of every suit!!!

2017 Frank Allison Knockout Winners — Flight B



Mark Blanchard, Dina Schechter, Charles Bilich, Norman Trabulus, and Abbott Feren (captain).

2017 Frank Allison Knockout Winners — Flight A Mel Colchamiro, Charles Sharf, Howard Cohen, Jack Lipson

Dear Editor:

I am sure you will be surprised at the content of my letter, for it has less to do with the brainyness, nor complication, nor strategy of our exceptionally challenging game/passion.

Bravo to Karen Walker. "12 Habits of highly...." page 58, October bulletin. "Temperature." A frequent complaint is that the playing area is too cold. That's actually a boon for mental function et al.." Would the "old ladies," of which I qualify in age, bring sweaters and shawls....I am one who gets logy and falls asleep when it is warm, and that is also when germs multiply.

And to all my Long Island bridge club owners...keep the temperature down please...I can play bridge 5 + times a week but cannot stand warm/hot rooms. If you players want a warm room go back and play house games..stop complaining ...and p.s although not in her column...but when you are sneezing and coughing, please stay home. I am very healthy, an exerciser, not overweight. and have gotten two terrible colds the last few months from hackers and sneezers at the table.

Keep the rooms cool.

Bonnie Salkind

NSBA ISLANDER 2017 Masterpoint Races

Ace of Clubs

Mini-McKenney

Ace of Clubs			IVIIII-IVICK	enney
		0-5 MPs		
Leon Yu	45.83		Leon Yu	78.54
Tim Archdeacon	35.78		Tim Archdeacon	41.23
Sanford Leventhal	30.58		Sanford Leventhanl	35.37
		5-20 MPs		
Anne Burns	89.75	0 20 1120	Anne Burns	122.3
Richard Shanks	68.10		Richard Shanks	82.53
Rusty Auerbach	36.09		Susan Nettler	37.35
Rusty Rucibaen	50.07	20-50 MPs	Susan Nettier	51.55
Lawrence Brochin	52.48	20-30 1011 5	Ross Taff	80.48
Ross Taff	49.74			62.85
			Lawrence Brochin	
Barry Reiber	42.47	50 100 MD.	Barry Reiber	53.97
4 DI 1	05.00	50-100 MPs		112.00
Ann Block	85.29		Victor Poon	113.22
Douglas Casper	42.37		Ann Block	106.53
Daniel Goldschmidt	39.90		Ilan Wolff	74.91
		100-200 MPs		
Milton Alschuler	79.91		Amy Barash	115.14
David Bass	74.14		Ellen Cooper	104.42
Laura Kopp	60.25		David Bass	99.17
		200-300 MPs		
Erika Silver	101.29		Erika Silver	220.84
Raymond Presti	72.54		Fran Peterson	141.53
Sharon Melville	67.66		Sharon Melville	128.14
		300-500 MPs		
Robin Brendell	138.71		Robin Brendell	194.37
Vijay Datta	90.56		Beatrice Bohm	152.85
Ruth Lessinger	74.26		Jeanne Hanrahan	146.30
Travil 2000 inger	,	500-1000 MPs		1.0000
Debra LaMountain	178.85		Janine Buss	419.08
Janine Buss	165.79		Debra LaMountain	374.38
Raymond Elias	149.43		Raymond Elias	199.23
Raymond Linas	177.75	1000-1500 MPs	Raymond Linas	177.25
Jeffrey Colton	221.33	1000-1300 1011 \$	Jeffrey Colton	323.36
Drew Tarhan	162.43		Hubert Howe Jr	199.87
Ann Gardner				
Ann Gardner	147.64	1500 2500 MD-	Ann Gardner	195.05
	244.10	1500-2500 MPs		700 50
Barry Nish	344.19		Mark Blanchard	720.59
Matt Rewinski	178.74		Barry Nish	415.56
Karen Pollack	168.72		Dina Schechter	251.88
		2500-3500 MPs		
Bart Cirker	200.18		Alan Kudisch	341.68
Lawrence Goodman	188.32		Howard Cohen	247.01
Alan Kudisch	179.74		Bart Cirker	245.35
		3500-5000 MPs		
Karl De Shrage	279.25		Karl De Shrage	327.09
Leslie Sarf	219.90		Gary Helman	311.25
Carl Gueli	183.97		Leslie Sarf	267.34
		5000-75000 MPs		
Geoffrey O'Connor	313.73		Ljudmila Kamenova	535.31
Honey Ellis	313.04		Geoffrey O'Connor	401.47
Mark Leibowitz	243.60		Honey Ellis	370.77
	213100			510.11

NSBA ISLANDER 2017 Masterpoint Races (continued)

Ace of Clubs

Mini-McKenney

			J
		7500-10000 MPs	
Doris Rodgers	242.96	Doris Rodgers	296.01
Lesley Decker Lucas	149.65	Lesley Decker Lucas	226.52
Irma Korenstein	140.43	Diana Schuld	224.76
		Over 10,000 MPs	
Ruth Stober	319.32	Bob Gwirtzman	626.04
Mel Colchamiro	130.68	Ruth Stober	447.39
		Mel Colchamiro	349.37

Just Another Zero Playing Matchpoints! By Philip Grella

Playing in a club game I held:

- **♠** AQxx
- ♥ QJx
- ♦ KQx
- **&** 432

Looked like an opening hand so I decided to bid 1, just in case my partner ended up on lead. The bidding after that went pass-pass-double- all pass.

Left led the $\mathbf{\bullet}6$ and I now saw dummy.

- **◆** Txxxx
- ♥ Txxx
- ♦ Txx
- ♣ Q

Partner might have tried a redouble, hoping to find a major suit fit, but here we are and I have to try to make the best of it.

Opponents hands:

▲ - K
▲ - Jxx
★ - AJxxx
★ - AJxxx
★ - 43
★ - AT987
★ - KJxx

Righty won the \forall K and played a diamond. Low from me, lefty winning the Jack. Back came the \forall 3, righty winning the Ace and playing another diamond, Queen, ace from lefty (who I'm now growing to dislike). Lefty played another diamond so now I'm in my hand. I play the \forall Q. Lefty ruffs and plays the \clubsuit A and another club. His partner cashes 2 more clubs and now plays a spade. I play the Q, hoping for down 4 and lefty wins the K and cashes out his diamond and 2 more clubs. Down 6 ! Opponents took 12 tricks ! Only a big fat ZERO playing matchpoints !



Frank Allison Double Knockout Team Entry Form

Teams will be told a MUST PLAY BY DATE. One match per month. Monthly results updated on the LIBRIDGE.com. Each team may have up to 6 players. It is suggested you include more than 4 players to facilitate arranging game dates. Please submit entry by April 30. Please print clearly all information requested

Na	me (First , Last)			
(Captain) 1)	Ph	one#	email	
(Assistant Captain) 2)	Ph	one#	email	
(Other team member	rs)			
3)				
4)				
5)				
6)				
Please check ONE: We v	vant to play in Flight A (open	to all players)		
We v	want to play in Flight B (No p	layer may have more	e than 2500 pts.)	
We v	want to play in Flight C (No p	layer may have more	e than 1000 pts.)	
We v	want to participate in more th	an one Flight. (\$60 f	or each Flight)	
Send to : Jos 34 Lor	lake check out to the NSB/ seph D. Byrnes or 9 East Broadway ng Beach, NY 561	<u>Phil</u> Grella 29 Kennec Rockville C 11570	dy Ave.	
TEAM CAPTAINS:	It is YOUR responsibility Contest. They can be fou Lack of knowledge does Geographical consideration	nd on the NSBA (libri not constitute cause	idge.com) website or at a local club. for exemption.	
The Brad	Coordinator reserves the r ckets "B"& "C" may be con	ight to adjust mast Ibined if not enoug	terpoint limits on all brackets. h teams register in each bracket.	
Anv bridae	club in our unit will be	available for mat	ches during their regularly	

Any bridge club in our unit will be available for matches during their regularly scheduled game times. Please contact the club and inform them you want to schedule a match. Normal club game fees will be collected at the clubs. A listing of clubs is available at Libridge.com

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

Rank

		Канк		
Masterpoint			sterpoint	
Requirement	Of Which, Minimum Requirements		quirement	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	NABC Master	200	20 red or gold/platinum, of
	silver, 15 must be red or gold/platinum,			5 are gold/platinum, 25 silver,
	of which 5 must be gold/platinum		200	20 black
		Advanced NABC	300	50 red or gold/platinum,
		Master		of which gold/platinum,
200		T'C. Martin	500	50 silver, 50 black
300	100 pigmented, of which 25 must be	Life Master	500	100 red or gold/platinum,
	gold/platinum, 25 must be red or			of which 50 are gold/platinum;
	gold/platinum, and 50 must be silver; 50 black			75 silver; 75 black
500	and LM requirements	Bronze Life Master	750	and LM requirements
1000	LM requirements with at least	Silver Life Master	1000	LM requirements, with at least
1000	200 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Silver Life Waster	1000	200 silver, red, or gold/platinum
1500	LM requirements, with at least	Ruby Life Master	1500	LM requirements, with at least
1500	300 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Ruby Life Master	1500	300 silver, red, or gold/platinum
2500	LM requirements, with at least	Gold Life Master	2500	LM requirements, with at least
2300	500 silver, red, or gold/platinum	Gold Elle Mastel	2500	500 silver, red, or gold/platinum
3500	LM requirements, with at least	Sapphire Life Maste	er 3500	LM requirements, with at least
5500	750 silver, red or gold/platinum,	Suppline Ene Music		750 silver, red or gold/platinum,
	of which 350 must be gold or			of which 350 must be gold or
	platinum			platinum
5000	LM requirements, with at least	Diamond Life Maste	er 5000	LM requirements, with at least
	1000 silver, red or gold/platinum,			1000 silver, red or gold/platinum,
	of which 500 must be gold or			of which 500 must be gold or
	platinum			platinum
7500	LM requirements, with at least	Emerald Life Maste	r 7500	LM requirements, with at least
	1500 silver, red or gold/platinum,			1500 silver, red or gold/platinum,
	of which 750 must be gold or			of which 750 must be gold or
	platinum			platinum
10000	LM requirements, with at least	Platinum Life Maste	er 10000	LM requirements, with at least
	2000 silver, red or gold/platinum,			2000 silver, red, or gold/
	of which 1000 must be gold or			platinum, of which 1000 must be
	platinum, minimum 100 platinum			gold or platinum, minimum 100
				platinum
10000	Platinum LM requirements and	Grand Life Master	10000	Platinum LM requirements and
	a qualifying National Title			a qualifying National Title

MILESTONES

New Diamond Life Masters Karl De Shrage Gary Helman

Ravinder Ohri

New Sapphire Life Masters Michael Botwin

Leonard Domnitz

New Gold Life Masters Mark Blanchard Judy Paul

New Ruby Life Masters Nancy Defren Ann Murray Lewis Pfeiffer

Cal Rafuse Susan Toporovsky

New Silver Life Masters

Carol Benes Debbie Boockvar Janine Buss Raymond Elias Gary Feuer Joseph Fitt Alan Hirshman Debra Lamountain Joyce Lotters Eppie Maidenbaum Laura O'Reilly Susan Reiter

New Bronze Life Masters

Stanley Adelman Beverly Channon Alan Cohen Robert Gordon Mona Graber Jeanne Hanrahan Jonathan Howe Gary Levine Barry Port Susan Port Susan Port Thomas Schwarz Erika Silver Helen Solomon

New Life Masters Beverly Channon Robert Gordon Mona Graber Jeanne Hanrahan Alan Hirshman Richard Holroyd Jonathan Howe Thomas Schwarz Erika Silver

New Advanced NABC Masters Amy Barash Sharon Melville Fran Peterson

New NABC Masters

David Bass Howard Collins Ellen Cooper Susan Eisner Valerie Link Carol Quist Karen Ruben Susan Seelig Vicki Seltzer Jill Toshav Gary Zipper

New Regional Masters

John Bell Ann Block Anne Burns Oshri Endzweig June Feinsod Fred Levine Wendi Levitt Linda Linchitz Diane Lipman Kay Lippman Linda Neuwirth Hilda Schulkind



Elizabeth Shapiro Cecelia Sherman Maggie Silver Karen Siris Anthony Swanwick Ilan Wolff Leon Yu

New Sectional Masters

Marlene Bloom **Bunny Bursky** Marcia Cooper Hal Davidson John Dean **Ruth Feigen** Bonnie Feld Phyllis Feldman Marie Franzoni Amy Glass Edward Hovsepian Nancy Kowal Gail Mandelbaum Helen Namm **Renee Ritter** Sandra Ryder Joanne Seitelman **Richard Shanks**

NSBA ISLANDER MILESTONES (continued from page 17)

Maxine Shapiro Margaret Sherman Steven Spaeth Susan Tashlik Ross Taff Milo Trudy Leon Yu

New Club Masters Stephen Altman Patricia Attonito Rusty Auerbach Richard Bauser Leslie Brook Donald Bruckner Carrie Callegari Greg Callegari Martin Einhorn Susan Fishbein Mindy Goldman Carol Leifer Joseph Liefer Sanford Leventhal Ken Lowenstein Lewis Miller Myra Nazimowitz Kaunt Pahlajani Ellyn Pflug George Sau Michael Scholnick Louise Schwartz Howard Spear

New Junior Masters Madeline Alkon Carrie Andrejkovics Heather Bartholomew Bruce Belsky Noreen Bradley Billye Hanan Diane Damiani Ronald Dinehart Alvin Edelman Claudia Edelman Missy Geddes Linda Haltman

Nomy Zingher

Carol Himelein Nancy Kelly Jon Klein Dee Kramer Roberta Kusnetz Lisa Lewis Seymour Magier Jeffrey Marino **Bob Morrow** Aida Nema **Robert Peck** Lenny Roth Suzanne Schutz Tea Stackler Lynda Straker Arnold Sundel





NSBA Spring Regional May 7-10, 2018 The Chateau Briand in Carle Place See Page 10 for Details



NSBA ISLANDER NSBA Top 100 Masterpoint Winners

1 Mel Colchamiro (G)	18201.70	35 Jack Lipson	5231.84	69 Elli Zimmerman	3436.34
2 Bob Gwirtzman	14313.05	36 Morton Case	5220.28	70 Lawrence Goodman	3392.92
3 Ruth Stober	12970.83	37 Howard Friedman	5176.88	71 Frank Anshen	3390.66
4 Magdy Mesdary	10199.52	38 Karl De Shrage	5109.89	72 Bella Chiusano	3339.44
5 Diana Schuld	9646.35	39 Gary Helman	5038.55	73 Bart Cirker	3283.96
6 Doris Rodgers	8524.67	40 Ravinder Ohri	5017.73	74 Marie Barbeosch	3276.09
7 Irma Korenstein	8060.15	41 A Roger Elston	4683.47	75 Elaine Kahn	3270.66
8 Lesley Decker Lucas	7844.23	42 Helen Buck	4660.99	76 Naomi Klosner	3252.01
9 Rob Gordon	7641.15	43 Lauren Block	4529.36	77 Eleanor Usis	3236.33
10 Honey Ellis	7234.18	44 Joseph Byrnes	4289.81	78 Steven Conrad	3205.77
11 Art Brodsky	7190.51	45 Steve Dick	4285.09	79 Rochelle Strauss	3203.69
12 Judy Schwartz	7172.41	46 Patricia Brodsky	4264.74	80 James Schneider	3183.89
13 Alvin Levy	7054.19	47 Marilyn Weiss	4198.01	81 Elaine De Shrage	3114.94
14 Richard Baumer	6895.92	48 Leslie Sarf	4151.51	82 Rayna Martin	3109.90
15 Karen Ewald	6824.69	49 Carl Gueli	4113.95	83 Frances Fein	3081.92
16 Gladys Collier	6533.56	50 Camille Khazzam	4086.65	84 Arthur Haley	3051.12
17 Russell Samuel	6491.97	51 John Berry	3914.78	85 Lawrence Margott	3050.93
18 Louis Lessinger	6452.38	52 Peter Loeb	3897.99	86 Virginia Hoffman	3049.65
19 Lillian Weissman	6389.74	53 Dori Cohen	3823.27	87 Alan Kudisch	2996.86
20 Geoffrey O'Connor	6041.97	54 Susan Scholer	3750.95	88 John Gibbs	2977.19
21 Flo Goldman	5966.78	55 Hannabelle White	3730.23	89 Marilyn Brescia	2968.31
22 Ljudmila Kamenova	5953.70	56 Paul Siegelman	3717.60	90 Lydia Betz	2947.78
23 Mark Leibowitz	5890.30	57 Michael Geisinger	3705.95	91 Mitchell Pollenz	2939.97
24 Stephen Garyn	5859.65	58 Susan Weiss	3701.97	92 Joan Pollenz	2894.80
25 Saul Horowitz	5792.11	59 Anthony Rizzuto	3675.31	93 Reisha Berkowsky	2846.45
26 Mildred Di Falco	5667.83	60 Howard Cohen	3666.58	94 Lin Fisher	2826.55
27 Stephen Lucas	5623.74	61 Michael Botwin	3631.78	95 Marianne Fulfaro	2767.88
28 Robert Karlan	5535.16	62 Lester Goldman	3607.68	96 Susan Orne	2764.19
29 Alan Levine	5471.87	63 Alan Goldstein	3603.32	97 Mark Blanchard	2762.46
30 Kent Vandewater	5385.04	64 Shelley Drayzen	3549.93	98 Harold Thaw	2753.43
31 Martin Feldman	5275.20	65 Rona Reingold	3549.26	99 Dorothy Feldmann	2745.91
32 Joan Asheroff	5262.87	66 Leonard Domnitz	3512.63	100 Gail Levy	2738.89
33 Charles Sharf	5259.09	67 Christine Woodring	3480.07		
34 Barbara Mendelsohn	5239.79	68 Robert Gold	3448.05		

NSBA ISLANDER LONG ISLAND MASTER CLUB SCHEDULE

	Bridge Center At Congregation Shaaray Shalom 516-569-0307 711 Dogwood Avenue West Hempstead Lin Fisher	Smithtown 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Avenue Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews	Sagamore 516-558-7799 6901 Jericho Tpk Syosset Silvana Zangri	Water Mill 631-726-6448 631-726-4540 1040 Montauk Hwy Water Mill Kathleen McLauchlen
Monday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am	10:30 am open and 0-750 7:00 pm open and 0-299	12:30 pm open
Tuesday	12:30 pm open	10:00 EZ Bridge	10:30 am	12:30 pm open
Wednesday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am Handicap 7:00 pm Bridge +	10:30 am open and 0-299 7 pm open, 7:00 pm 0-499	
Thursday	12:30 pm open	3rd Thurs, Swiss 10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am, 6:30 teams, twice monthly	12:30 pm open
Friday		10:30 am	10:30 am open	
Saturday		12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game	10:30 am 0-299, 1 pm open 1st Sat: 6 pm dinner/Swiss	12:30 pm open
Sunday			12:00 pm open	

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

Sagamore at Shelter Rock Shelter Rock Tennis Club 100 LI Expwy, Manhasset 516-558-7799 Drew Tarhan Tues. 7:00 pm	Montauk BC Montauk Library 631-668-2370 Barbara Sullivan Wed. 12:30 pm (winter) 1:00 pm (summer)	South Shore BC 9 Northwood Lane, Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney Thurs. 11:00 am, Sun 12:30 pm BRIDGExpress	Westhampton DBC Westhampton Presbyterian Church 90 Meetinghouse Road Westhampton Fri. 12:00 yaer round Mon. & Wed. 12:00	Riverhead BC Riverhead Com Ctr Jamesport Thurs. 12:00 pm 631-312-3332 Barbara Cuenin
Bridge School of LI 123 Merrick Ave East Meadow 516-379-3000 Aaron Silverstein Mon. 10 am & 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:00 am Mattituck Library DBC Knights of Columbus 2050 Depot Lane Cutchogue 631-734-8096 Kathy Fibkins Tues. 12:00 pm Reservations only South Shore League Seawanee CC and Woodmere CC, alternating monthly March-December Thurs. 1:00 pm 568-1867 Karen Ewald	Temple Judea BC 333 Searingtown Rd Manhasset Mon. 12:30 pm 718-279-1005 Lyn Weiss — Tues. 12:00 pm 718-279-1005 Lyn Weiss — Thurs. 10:00 am 631-271-6423 Pat Brodsky Friedberg JCC Duplicate Friedberg JCC 15 Neil Ct, Oceanside 516-766-4341 Eileen Isser & Holly Roseman Fri. 10:00 am	Lake Success Jewish Center 354 Lakeville Road 516-299-6064 Great Neck Cathy Kirshner Wed. 12:15 pm Fri. 10:00 am Sun. 1:00 pm Pride of Judea 243-02 Northern BLVD Douglaston Mon. 12:00 pm 718-423-6200 Louis Lessinger East Hampton DBC Hampton Day Care Center Gingerbread Lane Thurs 7 pm, April—Thanksgiving 631-907-2917 George Aman	June—August 516-770-4650 Donald Bedell Atria BC 146 Glen Street Glen Cove 516-671-2095 Mayer Wiesen Tues. 7:15 pm Gardiner's Bay BC Gardiner's Bay CC Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler (summers only) Garden City BC DBC Senior Rec Center Golf Club Lane Garden City 516-781-4651 Ellen Davidoff Thurs. 7:00 pm	

NSBA 2018 Schedule of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	Location
March 20-26	STaC Week	Local Clubs
April 16	NSBA Board Meeting	Sagamore BC
May 6	LM-NLM Team Game	Sagamore BC
May 7-10	Spring Regional	Chateau Briand, Carle Place
May 18-20	Weekend STaC	Local Clubs
May 20	Awards Dinner	Sagamore BC
June 25-July 1	STaC Week	Local Clubs

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