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President’s Message

The Upsky Hotel? Is that a secret code name for our newest regional venue? Is it a name whispered among bridge players with a furtive glance over their shoulders? NO! This renamed hotel is our old standby – the Sheraton.

In the years that I’ve been involved in bridge, I can remember tournaments held in Hofstra’s gym, the Adelphi University student center, the EAB bank cafeteria, and Roosevelt Raceway, plus others sites long forgotten. However, my “favorite” tournament location was the armory in Asbury Park, New Jersey. Bruce “the Boss” was just beginning his musical journey in the early 70’s and smoking was still permitted at the table and everybody, it seemed, was lighting up. This old relic of a building had a balcony ringing the main floor and if you were really unlucky your section was in this balcony. Believe me, it wasn’t like spending an evening with your girlfriend or wife in the balcony of an old Loews movie palace. The smoke would drift up from the main floor and you would be enveloped in a San Francisco type fog. Except that in San Francisco you wouldn’t be choking, coughing, and trying to play with tearing eyes. Not a recipe for success when you barely knew what Stayman and Jacoby were.

So back to the Sheraton – oops Upsky. We all loved the Marriott’s bright lighting, its open airy feeling, and the fact that it was a little further west so we felt it would attract more players from other Units. Only one problem. MONEY! Joel Grey and Alan Cumming said it best in Cabaret. “Money Makes The World Go Around” and the Marriott was making our NSBA Board spin like a bunch of whirling dervishes. We raised our card fees (which we didn’t want to do) but were still unable to maintain ourselves at the Marriott.

So back to the Upsky (I’m getting used to using that name). They’ve promised to improve playing conditions with better lighting in the main ballroom (the Vanderbilt room has good lighting). They’ve promised more attention to keeping the bathrooms clean and more responsiveness to the to heat/cold conditions. Will it work out? We hope so. So please, give us a chance. Attend our upcoming Regional April 28 – May 3 and support bridge on Long island.

See you at the table (but not through a smoky haze).

Steve Lucas

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
 THE LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
 APRIL 28-MAY 3, 2014**

At the SMITHTOWN UPSKY HOTEL

Check Out The Gold Point Pairs on

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday Mornings!!

DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

<http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/>

The 2015 Grand National Teams district qualifying took place in February with the national finals to take place at the summer NABC in Chicago. The District will pay the entry fees for District Flight A, B and C qualifiers and subsidize some additional expenses for the Flight C qualifiers. To help fund our players who qualified for the NABC GNT finals, clubs can run special Grass Roots Fund games in May. \$1/player will go toward subsidizing the finalists. Check your club schedule for these games. Large masterpoint awards and supporting our District players...a double win. On the topic of special club fund games, there are four months a year that clubs can run unlimited special games -- January to support the Junior Fund, April to support Charities, May (Grass Roots month) and September to support players who represent the ACBL at International championships. In addition, clubs can run some special games every month. Be sure to check your club schedule.

Some national news... Membership continues to grow, albeit slowly, and stands at almost 168,000. Tournaments and club play were flat to slightly down last year. Net assets were greatly reduced. There was a complete write-off of \$1.9 million for a failed project to redo ACBLScore. Going forward management will enhance the present ACBLScore rather than rebuild it, and has assembled a technology committee to address our technology needs for this project and future needs. The added cost of closing our Pension Fund was approximately \$1.5 million. Discontinuing the pension program will eliminate the unpredictability of benefit costs as the employees will now get an added 401(k) benefit which is predictable and, on average, less costly.

Reporting on some of my recent activities... as World Bridge Federation Executive VP and IT chair, I attended the World Championships in Sanya, China last October. The WBF is in good financial shape and has contracts for future world championships through 2018, where it will be held in Orlando. I also ran the 18th World Computer-Bridge Championship in Sanya and have reported on it in the December Bridge Bulletin. I've authored a short article on robot play that will appear in the Bridge World and a lengthy article that will appear in the International Computer Games Association Journal. At the executive meeting in Sanya I was honored to be elected to the WBF Committee of Honors, the highest award granted by the WBF.

Kudos to the many working behind the scenes to help grow bridge on Long Island. Kudos to Joe Byrnes who resurrected the NSBA double KOs last year. Judging from the response, it was not only successful, but has generated some excitement. Hopefully, the trend will continue. Kudos to Silvana Scotto Zangri and all those that contributed to the Sagamore Bridge Club's record of raising the most money for the Longest Day Fund for the two years that the event has been held by the ACBL. Kudos to Carol Mathews for leading the efforts to teach youngsters in our schools. There are many more to congratulate on this effort, most notably Jack and Christine Sage. Kudos to Steve Lucas for so ably leading the NSBA this past year and his many years of service, along with his wife Lesley. Kudos to the NSBA webmaster Bob Frick and the Islander editor Mark Shaiman for their dedicated and expert efforts. Kudos to those who have served and those who are presently serving on the NSBA board. They are responsible for helping to grow bridge on Long Island, running the Regionals and Sectionals, maintaining the website, publishing the Islander, and much more.

A sad note for those at headquarters in Horn Lake and many others who knew Jeff Johnston. Jeff's passing was a shock to so many. Jeff was the person behind the running of our NABCs among his many responsibilities.

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November 2014 StaC Results

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (49 tables)

- 1 Rochelle Strauss – Nancy Buonara
- 2 Irma Marcus – Ken Marcus
- 3/4 Jack Lipson – Leslie Sarf
- 3/4 Mark Leibowitz – Bart Cirker

Stratum B

- 1 Irma Marcus – Ken Marcus
- 2 Elaine Gargano – Lee Stern
- 3 Alan Kudisch – Safwat Mosad

Stratum C

- 1 Irma Marcus – Ken Marcus
- 2 Helene Lepselter – Ellen Belsky
- 3 Solomon Godelsky – Richard Becker

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (65 tables)

- 1 Laura O'Reilly – Susan Denenholz
- 2 Eppie Eagle – Phyllis Goldstein
- 3 Vera Mandell – Myra Langsam

Stratum B

- 1 Eppie Eagle – Phyllis Goldstein
- 2 Vera Mandell – Myra Langsam
- 3/4 Robert Belovin – Bob Gordon
- 3/4 David Popper – David Joseph

Stratum C

- 1 Robert Belovin – Bob Gordon
- 2 Howard Siegel – Neil Beck
- 3 Stu Gray – Sandra Gray

Monday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (31 tables)

- 1 Alan Hyman – Steve Solomon
- 2 Eleanor Usis – Susan Birdsall
- 3 Carl Gueli – Bart Cirker

Stratum B

- 1 Alan Hyman – Steve Solomon
- 2 David Kirschenbaum – Michael Pollack
- 3 Barbara Colton – Jeff Colton

Stratum C

- 1 Jonathan Howe – Hubert Howe Jr
- 2 Ted Reich – Laura Reich
- 3/4 Martin Kulberg – Michael Colodner
- 3/4 Diana Browner – Barbara Bergman

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (72.5 tables)

- 1 Barry Nish – Robert Hurley
- 2 Hannabelle White – Linda Epstein
- 3 Debra Katz – Marilyn Brescia

Stratum B

- 1 Barry Nish – Robert Hurley
- 2 Ann Gardner – Alan Gardner
- 3 Harvey Schachter – Dominique Schneider

Stratum C

- 1 Harvey Schachter – Dominique Schachter
- 2 Patricia Lessard – Elaine Friedman
- 3 Howard Collins – Nicholas Livote

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (31 tables)

- 1 Doris Banks – Franklin Nierman
- 2 James Schneider – Peter Barbeosch
- 3 Anthony Rizzuto – Om Singh

Stratum B

- 1 Gary Feuer – Pat Rinaudo
- 2 Andree Welsh – Joan Pool
- 3 Patricia Lessard – Elizabeth Murphy

Stratum C

- 1 Andree Welsh – Joan Pool
- 2 Patricia Lessard – Elizabeth Murphy
- 3 Natalie Treanor – Laura Kopp

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (42 tables)

- 1 Tanya Weitz – Susan Denenholz
- 2 Lyn Weiss – Lawrence Goodman
- 3 Helen Topkis – Joan Cohen

Stratum B

- 1 David Joseph – Barbara Rubin
- 2 Howard Flaxbaum – Carol Benes
- 3 Vimla Vadhan – Pravin Vadhan
- 3 Steven Gelman – Wendy Gelman

Stratum C

- 1 Vimla Vadhan – Pravin Vadhan
- 2 Barbara Colton – Jeff Colton
- 3 Jean Johnson – Lee Dion

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (18 tables)

- 1 Mel Colchamiro – Barbara Deutsch
- 2 Bob Mones – Ellen Mones
- 3 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish

Stratum B

- 1 Bob Mones – Ellen Mones
- 2 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish
- 3 Stephen Posner – Stephen Hazelkorn

Stratum C

- 1 Bob Mones – Ellen Mones
- 2 Joseph Levy – Jerry Ross
- 3 Arnold Vassallo – Rhoda Lash

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (73.5 tables)

- 1 Lester Zabronsky – Marcia Zabronsky
- 2 Ronald Pinkus – Richard Gardos
- 3 Wendy Sue Gelman – Steven Gelman

Stratum B

- 1 Lester Zabronsky – Marcia Zabronsky
- 2 Ronald Pinkus – Richard Gardos
- 3 Wendy Sue Gelman – Steven Gelman

Stratum C

- 1 Ronald Pinkus – Richard Gardos
- 2 Judith Siegel – Marion Pasnik
- 3 Debbie Katz – Laurie Berlin

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (41.5 tables)

- 1 Susan Weiss – Joe Sanders
- 2 Elfrida Von Nardroff – Judy Lally
- 3 Barbara Ostrick – Arlene Stevens

Stratum B

- 1 Elfrida Von Nardroff – Judy Lally
- 2 Barbara Ostrick – Arlene Stevens
- 3 Sue Wallace – Florence Gosset

Stratum C

- 1 Elfrida Von Nardroff – Judy Lally
- 2 Sue Wallace – Florence Gosset
- 3 David Bass – Paul Develet

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November 2014 StaC Results (continued from page 3)

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (60.5 tables)

- 1 Steven Conrad – Ruth Stober
- 2 Sara Gage – Kathleen McLauchlen
- 3 Hadassah Klein – Anne Stuckler

Stratum B

- 1 Sara Gage – Kathleen McLauchlen
- 2 Hadassah Klein – Anne Stuckler
- 3 Vincent Fitzgerald – Roger Peabody

Stratum C

- 1 Om Singh – Vijay Datta
- 2 Ved Kawatra – Kay Macdermott
- 3 Laura O'Reilly – Jean Johnson

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (19.5 tables)

- 1 Ivan Sandler – Maxine Goldberg
- 2 Claire Rechtweg – Karen Ewald
- 3 Estelle Futoma – Eleanor Usis

Stratum B

- 1 Ivan Sandler – Maxine Goldberg
- 2 Alan Hirschman – Barbara Cooper
- 3 Mary Woiler – Caroline Terry

Stratum C

- 1 Joan Kalinousky – Lil Schwarzschild
- 2 Barbara Cuenin – Lenore Widmark
- 3 Carole Feldman – Phyllis Schiff

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (51 tables)

- 1 Tihomir Stanicic – Mladen Mirkovic
- 2 Lisa Yellis – Barry Plotkin
- 3 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin

Stratum B

- 1 Tihomir Stanicic – Mladen Mirkovic
- 2 Lisa Yellis – Barry Plotkin
- 3 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin

Stratum C

- 1 Tihomir Stanicic – Mladen Mirkovic
- 2 Sandi Sullivan – Terry Sullivan
- 3 Edward Ceglia – Gary Moskowitz

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (29.5 tables)

- 1 Irving Lieblich – Gary Helman
- 2 Arthur Brodsky – Lauren Block
- 3 Abbot Feren – Loring Fenton

Stratum B

- 1 Abbot Feren – Loring Fenton
- 2 Howard Siegel – Donald Weiss
- 3 Vijay Datta – Edith Woodward

Stratum C

- 1 Vijay Datta – Edith Woodward
- 2 Natalie Treanor – William Treanor
- 3 Les Toporovsky – Lee Launer

Editor's Note:

**The Islander only
prints the results of
StaC games that are
scored over multiple
clubs. For complete re-
sults, go to
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Become a bridge teacher! Take the TAP Course!

The NSBA is offering a Teacher Accreditation Program (TAP) at our Long Island Regional in April. Join us for this 10-hour course that provides an exceptional foundation for players wanting to become bridge teachers. You will be shown methods to teach the game in a fun, exciting and relevant manner, while being exposed to various levels of teaching materials.

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Space is limited. Register now. A \$100 check made out to the NSBA is required at registration. This is full payment for the course. If you cannot take the course, your check, of course, will be refunded.

The schedule for the course is 9 AM - Noon, and 1 PM - 6 PM on Tuesday, April 27, 2015 and 7 PM - 9 PM on Wednesday April 28, 2015. This seminar takes place at the UPSKY Long Island Hotel, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, New York.

Register by contacting Carol Mathews at mathewscj@aol.com. She will answer any questions you may have.

Player of the Year 2014

NSBA POTY Flight A	NSBA POTY Flight B	STaC POTY Flight A	STaC POTY Flight B
1 Rob Gordon 221.5	1 Jack Price 123.5	1 Lauren Block 59	1 Mark Blanchard 51
2 Howard Cohen 208	2 Safwat Mosad 112	2 Ruth Stober 56.5	2 Wendy Sue Gelman 51
2 Charles Sharf 208	3 FredENZler 84	3 Mark Blanchard 50	3 Laurie Berlin 46
4 Bob Gwartzman 161.5	4 David Schwartz 71	4 Steven Conrad 49	4 Ann Murray 36
5 Dori Cohen 157	5 Karen Pollack 59	5 Lesley Decker Lucas 48	4 Jeff Colton 36
6 Lesley Decker Lucas 110	6 Mark Blanchard 58	6 Mark Leibowitz 47	6 Barry Nish 34
7 Stephen Lucas 103	6 Alan Gardner 58	7 Geoffrey O'Connor 46	7 Adele Grudman 32
8 Diana Schuld 70.5	6 Stephen Green 58	8 Bart Cirker 43	7 Jane Sitzman 32
9 Ruth Stober 58.5	9 Ellen Davidoff 56	9 Mel Colchamiro 39	9 Phyllis Feiner 28
10 Frank Anshen 53	9 Elaine Kahn 56	10 Laurie Berlin 38	10 Eppie Eagle 26
10 David Sloane 56	9 David Sloane 56	10 Stephen Lucas 38	

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By Mel Colchamiro



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

Weird Goings On

The holiday poem starts.....”It was the night before Christmas and all through the house.....”

Well, it was the *afternoon* before Christmas, December 24, 2014 when I was playing with my regular Wednesday afternoon partner, Barbara Boyarsky of Lawrence at the Bridge Centre of LI, our regular haunt. The hands were wonderful that day—at least for North – South, the direction Barbara and I usually sit. We had consistently good cards that day and things went our way—we had a big game. But some of the hands were downright weird—hands where breaking the rules worked or following the rules didn’t, and things that “never” happen did happen.

Here are three examples.

I held:
♠-K95
♥-AQJ109
♦-2
♣-10875

My partner Barbara opened 1D and the next player—she will remain nameless, at least in this article—overcalled 1H. Obviously, I was rather surprised and equally obviously I knew her suit was none-too-robust. But what I didn’t know was that her 1H overcall may well have set the record for the weakest suit ever to be overcalled in bridge history! Here was her hand:

♠-J4
♥-75432
♦-AK106
♣-A9

Maybe, just maybe, with a suit headed by a 7(!), she should have treated it as a 4-card suit and just passed, because if Barbara had reopened the bidding with a double as she should have, Miss Overcaller would have gone down three with careful defense and -500 would have been a cold bottom. But I told you it was a weird day, and the fact that Miss Overcaller HAD overcalled actually cost her nothing! The reason was that, eventually, Mel wound up in 3NT and made 5(460)—a top for us anyway! But maybe she got a zero because the Bridge Gods were offended at the Overcall and damned the transgressor to the “botto m reaches.”

The second weird hand exemplifies one of the oldest truths in bridge:

When your side has the big majority of high cards (or if your hand is strong in the side suits), and still the opponents win the bid, you should try to lead trump, to cut down opponent’s ruffs. After all, if only high cards will win tricks and the opposition’s ability to win tricks by ruffing are cut down—our side (with the majority of high cards) should carry the day. I have been leading trump on this basis for 50 years with almost universal success.

But remember, it was the day before Christmas and weird things were going on and they did on board 5. I was vulnerable, they were not, and I held:

♠-KQJ87543
♥-854
♦-AJ
♣-Void

Maybe I shouldn’t have—because of the side ace, but I opened 4S. The reason for the warning about the side ace and/or side strength and opening with a preempt is that there is a danger in missing slam—partner will have no way of knowing your hand is so strong. But as the great 13-time Italian World Champion Bennito Garazo famously says: “The art of matchpoints is making the wrong bid at the right time.”

It just seemed that it was the right time to open 4S, so I did.

After a fast pass by my opponent, Barbara thought a little and I silently cursed myself and prayed that she bid—slam was in the air.

But alas, she did (correctly) pass, and after my righty also passed, I apologized to partner by saying: “sorry, I think I may have screwed this one up.”

I had, sort of.

Here was the full hand:
(Barbara)
♠-A9
♥-J
♦-K10987643
♣-QJ

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♠-62	♠-10
♥-AQ103	♥-K9762
♦-5	♦-Q2
♣-A108764	♣-K9532
(Mel)	
♠-KQJ87543	
♥-854	
♦-AJ	
♣-Void	

NS were cold for 6S, and in fact, I made 7 because my lefty had led a trump (a diamond would have been no better), and all my heart losers went away on the diamonds. I hoped that +710 would beat those who bid only 4S but received a heart lead and made only +680. I guess leading trump doesn't always work. Here, only the weird lead of the A of H from AQ would carry the day.

But no big deal I thought, at least until the computer pad revealed that at one table, West (my lefty) had bid to 6Cx—and made it! Maybe South had led her singleton heart or maybe she led a trump; I don't know. All I knew was that on this hand I had made 13 tricks in spades (with a total of 22 HCP!) and they had made 12 tricks in clubs (with a total of 18 HCP!). I told you it was a weird day.

On Board 7 I held:

♠-A872
♥-AK42
♦-K972
♣-x

Barbara opened 1C and my righty overcalled 1S. I was in a familiar position of bringing hearts to bear, so I doubled—a so-called negative double—showing 4 cards in the un-bid major, in this case hearts. 2H here would have shown 5 cards in hearts (overcalling the overcaller) and at least 10 high card points (responder bidding a new suit at the 2-level). But you know all that. In response to my double, Barbara bid 2C, showing 6 cards and simultaneously showing minimum opening strength.

After Barbara's 2C, my first instinct was to bid 3NT. But there is a better bid—2S, a cue bid. In situations like this it acts like an asking bid—asking partner for a stopper in the opponent's suit. I know I had a stopper, but it would have been much better for our side, I thought, and experience has taught me, for partner to play the hand if she had Qxx or the like (even Qx or Jxx) in spades so the lead could roll around to her Q or J.

If she didn't bid 2NT, I was strong enough to bid 3NT on the next round, even though with only one stopper and a singleton in partner's long suit, 3NT would be a big underdog to make. But that's part of what makes what makes matchpoints matchpoints. Sometimes you just have to go for it and 3NT is usually the way to maximize your score. As Oscar Wilde famously said: "The only thing I can't resist is temptation."

But Barbara did bid 2NT which I happily raised to 3NT.

Here was the full hand:

(Mel)	
♠-A872	
♥-AK42	
♦-K972	
♣-3	
	♠-Void
♠-QJ9654	♥-9753
♥-Q108	♦-Q653
♦-AJ4	♣-K9852
♣-6	(Barbara)
	♠-K103
	♥-J6
	♦-108
	♣-AQJ1074

The opening lead was the 6 of spades, which may or may not have been a wise choice (Q of spades anyone?), but it did not work out here. But now shift your attention to East who had to make a discard at trick one. Many of you have heard of the idea of "parity" which tells us that, when defending, try to keep equal length with suits you can see in the dummy, in order to try to prevent one of dummy's small cards from becoming an unwarranted trick down the line.

Following this principle I suppose, East discarded a club at trick one, totally unaware that he had made a major error. The bidding told him that declarer held 6 clubs (most probably) or an occasional 5. In either event, it was death to discard a club, and as a direct result of his club discard, Barbara made 5 club tricks when she was only entitled to 4.

Clubs were her known source of tricks. If the clubs had been in the dummy, it would have been more apparent not to discard a club. That they were in the closed hand only made the defense more difficult, not to say the correct defense should not have been found. I think it should have been, but maybe the defender had already nipped at the egg nog!

Hey, you don't score 72.5% without a little help from your friends!

Speaking of friends, I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that 2015 will be a great year for you all. *And a special shout-out to old friend Barbara Mendelsohn who had double by-pass surgery in December and hopefully in on the mend and is back knocking them dead out at The Sagamore.* (Barbara was one of my first students via Country Club bridge in about 1991.)

UNIT PARTY CELEBRATING OUR
BRIDGE ACHIEVERS of 2014



Sunday, May 17, 2015

Sagamore Bridge Club

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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Player: _____

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Amount enclosed: _____

Life Master—Non-LM Charity Pair Game

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 7:00 pm

Smithtown Upsky Hotel

Vanderbilt-Motor Parkway

Smithtown, NY

Each partnership consists of 1 Life Master and 1 non-Life Master (who has less than 300 points)

Life Master plays free.

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Please send forms in by April 20, 2015.

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Phone _____

Partner's Name _____

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

I need a partner _____

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September 2014 Regional Results

Tuesday 7PM LM/NLM Charity Pairs

36.0 Tables

- 1 Richard Baumer - Gary Zipper
- 2 Lesley Decker Lucas - Holly Jonas
- 3 Bella Chiusano - Edward Niemira
- 4 Susan Scholer - Toni Macdonald
- 5 Abbott Feren - Young Cha
- 6 Michael Fishman - Jeanne Hanrahan

Wednesday 10:30 199er pairs

Stratum A (9.0 Tables)

- 1 Renee Wagenberg - Doris Belovin
- 2 Shelley Kirshenbaum - Leonard Feld
- 3 Julia Lizzul - Lester Davidoff

Stratum B (4.5 Tables)

- 1 Joanne Starkey - Ingrid Wendel
- 2 Susan Panzer - Fran Peterson
- 3 Jean Esposito - Elayne Mischna

Stratum C (3.0 Tables)

- 1 Joanne Starkey - Ingrid Wendel
- 2 Susan Panzer - Fran Peterson

Wednesday Open Pairs

Stratum A (13.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables)

- 1 David Rosenberg - Jeffrey Rothstein
- 2 Alison Wilson - Chris Willenken
- 3 Leonard Domnitz - Philip Waldman

Stratum B (4.0 Tables)

- 1 Tony Alessandrini - William Hohausser
- 2 Patrick Mitchell - Gary Feuer
- 3 Anne Scharmach - Jean Baraf

Wednesday Gold Point Pairs

Stratum 7 (34.0 Tables / Based on 31 Tables)

- 1 Jane London - Beverly Boris
- 2 Christine Sage - Alice Kessler
- 3 Kenneth Smith - Anne McCune

Stratum 3 (15.5 Tables / Based on 13 Tables)

- 1 Mel Meskin - Allan Bauer
- 2 Tina Hye - Fred Schneider

- 3 Jane Swirsky - Gail Felsenstein

Wednesday 3:30 199ers (in GPP)

(3.0 Tables)

- 1 Michael Friedlander - Marilyn Friedlander
- 2 Charles Rose - Evelyn Rose

Wednesday A/X Teams

Stratum A (7 Tables / Based on 62 Tables)

- 1 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon - Michael Polowan - Jared Lilienstein
- 2 Eric Robinson - Michael Kopera - Michael Radin - Michael Lipkin
- 3 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - Joel Wooldridge - David Grainger

Stratum X (3 tables)

- 1 Otto Adamec - Sheldon Rothchild - Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich

Wednesday <3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 37 Tables)

- 1 David Kornblau - Howard Lipset - Seth Cohen - Richard Gertner
- 2 Marilyn Brescia - Sydel Chernoff - Bella Chiusano - Judy Paul
- 3 Al Peters - Steven Conrad - Kenneth Berger - Susan Scheinerman

Bracket 2 (8 Tables / Based on 21 Tables)

- 1 Eppie Eagle - Debra Katz - Risa Grossman - Dina Schechter
- 2 Linda Taub - Brenda Cooperman - Linda Lewin - Holly Roseman
- 3 Anat Kravel - Dina Arker - Jack Price - Helen Solomon

Bracket 3 (8 Tables / Based on 18 Tables)

- 1 Natalie Treanor - William Treanor - Mark Blanchard - Safwat Mosad
- 2 Lewis Pfeiffer - Carol Benes - Naomi Kramer - Sandy Friedman
- 3 Joan Hight - Sandy Teitelbaum - Joann Shalom - RitaDistenfeld

Bracket 4 (8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables)

- 1 Herbert Blumenfeld - Peggy Blumenfeld - Gail Johnson - Jane Morley
- 2 Jill Howard - Ellen Waldman - Stephen Langfelder - Paul Cohen
- 3 Louise Merritt - Sally Rackson - Sheila Pohly - Carole Rosten

Bracket 5 (8 Tables / Based on 13 Tables)

- 1 Jacqueline Wolf - Jessica Shapiro - Bonnie Deutsch - Mona Graber
- 2 Marion Rendon - Gisele Katz - Grace Basile - Carolyn Flapan
- 3 Harvey Schachter - Ronald Levy - Elaine Gargano - Joan Fruchter

Bracket 6 (15 Tables)

- 1/2 Charles Baker - Lorna Verdone - Judy Anthony - Catherine Layden
- 1/2 Helene Schwartz - Susan Fox - Robin Healy - Darin Tripp
- 3 Adrienne Saporta - Jodi Rosenthal - Janis Goldberg - Randy Raubvogel

Thursday 10:30 Side Game

Stratum A (4 tables)

- 1 Richard Baumer - James Craig
- 2/3 Drew Tarhan - Yalcin Tarhan
- 2/3 Claire Leinhardt - Ellen Pieniek

Thursday 10:30 199er Pairs

Stratum A (7.5 Tables)

- 1 Susan Barbiero - Rochelle Racanelli
- 2 Isabelle Cetlin - Jean Golub
- 3 David Borowka - Renata Brocato

Stratum B (5.5 Tables)

- 1 Susan Barbiero - Rochelle Racanelli
- 2 Nancy Moriarty - Mary Salvati
- 3 David Kay - Gary Zipper

Stratum C (2.5 tables)

- 1 Susan Barbiero - Rochelle Racanelli
- 2 David Kay - Gary Zipper

Thursday Open Pairs

Stratum A (18.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables)

- 1 Ljudmila Kamenova - Richard Wieland
- 2 Lillian Weissman - Judy Paul
- 3 Erez Hendelman - Sharon Goldman

Stratum B (8.5 Tables / Based on 7 Tables)

- 1 Jacqueline Lipson - Marilyn Rush
- 2 Anne Scharmach - Jean Baraf
- 3 Abbott Feren - Loring Fenton

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Thursday Gold Point Pairs

Stratum 7 (33 tables)

- 1 Debra Katz - Laurie Berlin
- 2 Robert Schanzer - Phyllis Wald
- 3 Anat Kravel - Helen Solomon

Stratum 3 (17.5 Tables)

- 1 Kenneth Smith - Anne McCune
- 2 Graham Holroyd - Richard Holroyd
- 3 Adrienne Saporta - Jodi Rosenthal

Thursday 3:30 199er Pairs

Stratum A (5/0 tables)

- 1 Joseph Lenci - Doug Casper
- 2 Sydelle Salenger - Peggy Gaulin
- 3 Patricia Fasciano - Romelle Schwartz

Stratum B (4.0 tables)

- 1 Joseph Lenci - Doug Casper
- 2 Patricia Fasciano - Romelle Schwartz
- 3 Howard Schwartz - Charlotte Bailey

Thursday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (8 Tables / Based on 46 Tables)

- 1 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - Joel Wooldridge - David Grainger
- 2 Glenn Robbins - Bob Gwartzman - Lloyd Arvedon - Rob Gordon
- 3 Alan Kudisch - Steven Conrad - Ruth Stober - Diana Schuld

Stratum X (3 tables)

- 1 Seth Cohen - Michael Lipkin - Salie Bloom - Jill Marshall

Thursday B/C Swiss

Stratum B (38 tables)

- 1 Mark Blanchard - Cal Rafuse - Lauren Carajohn - Richard Ross
- 2/3 Susan Toporovsky - Mindy Setton - Bonnie Deutsch - Elayne Fastenberg
- 2/3 Michael Wolff - Gary Croland - William Palmer - Jack Price

Stratum C (29 tables)

- 1 Susan Toporovsky - Mindy Setton - Bonnie Deutsch - Elayne Fastenberg
- 2 Amy Rhodes - Jamie Szoke - Maria Moureto - Suresh Nayak
- 3 Georgia Altman - Marsha Katon - Sandra Meisel - Debbie Boockvar

Friday 10:30 199er Pairs

Stratum A (8.5 tables)

- 1 Wendy Levine - Jeanne Hanrahan
- 2 Bill Johnson - Stephen Moran
- 3 Erika Silver - Karen Ruben

Stratum B (4.5 tables)

- 1 Wendy Levine - Jeanne Hanrahan
- 2 Erika Silver - Karen Ruben
- 3 Romelle Schwartz - Patricia Fasciano

Stratum C (2.5 Tables)

- 1 Erika Silver - Karen Ruben
- 2 Romelle Schwartz - Patricia Fasciano

Friday Open Pairs

Stratum A (14.0 Tables / Based on 13 Tables)

- 1 Fred Hawa - Paul Lewis
- 2 Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnus Olafsson
- 3 Doris Rodgers - Frank Anshen

Stratum B (5.5 Tables)

- 1 William Palmer - Elaine De Shrage
- 2 Alan Bronstein - Alan Gardner
- 3 Lawrence Hillel - George Aman

Stratum C (4.0 tables)

- 1 Lawrence Hillel - George Aman
- 2 Samuel Guzzardo - Kitty Stanton
- 3 Judith Friedman - Liza Moses

Friday 3:30 199er Pairs

Stratum A (4.5 Tables)

- 1 Michael Weinberg - Edith Weinberg
- 2 Susan Eisner - Faith Lerner
- 3 Joseph Lenci - Jean Golub

Stratum B (2.5 tables)

- 1 Susan Eisner - Faith Lerner
- 2 Karen Ruben - Erika Silver

Friday A/X Swiss Teams

Stratum A (7 Tables / Based on 68 Tables)

- 1 Dori Cohen - Howard Cohen - Charles Sharf - Rob Gordon
- 2 Stephen Lucas - Lesley Decker Lucas - Joan Brody - Kent Mignocchi

- 3 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon - Bob Gwartzman - Michael Rosen

Stratum X (3 Tables)

- 1 William Dinner - Robert Karlan - Mark Haberman - Ravinder Ohri

Friday <3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 39 Tables)

- 1 Joel Schiff - Lucy Shostak - David Sloane - Fred Enzler
- 2 Franklin Nierman - James Schneider - Carol Mathews - Om Singh
- 3 Farley Mawyer - Sandra Jones - William Wood, Jr - Lorraine Hinds

Bracket 2 (8 Tables / Based on 23 Tables)

- 1 William Sigward - Ann Murray - Steven Gelman - Wendy Sue Gelman
- 2 Michael Stanley - John Abrenica - Stephen Block - Phillip Weitzman
- 3 Carol Reiss - Jan Frey - Anne Stuckler - Hadassah Klein

Bracket 3 (8 Tables / Based on 20 Tables)

- 1 Mark Blanchard - Laurie Berlin - Cal Rafuse - Susan Calabro
- 2 Martin Deneroff - Valerie Deneroff - Robin Sanders - Thomas Hunter
- 3 Eppie Maidenbaum - Arlene Fuhrman - Roslyn Kase - Sally Rackson

Bracket 4 (8 Tables / Based on 18 Tables)

- 1 Wendy Lee - Colin Kelley - Nancy Marshall - Yoshiko Prager
- 2 Norman Block - Morton Ray - Frank Olear - Nadia Helou
- 3 Eileen Feldman - Carole Gelfer - Kathleen Lathrop - Cheryl Fischer

Bracket 5 (8 Tables / Based on 15 Tables)

- 1/2 Iris Cook - Burt Meyers - Karin Meyers - Rosemary Gross
- 1/2 Marc Oliff - Lori Oliff - Brian Kruse - Patricia Linnemeyer
- 3 Joseph DiBenedetto - Michael Basham - Barbara Rizzo - Carol Mendez

Bracket 6 (8 Tables / Based on 12 Tables)

- 1 Andree Welsh - Joan Pool - Darin Tripp - Robin Healy

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Long Island Spring Regional ♠ April 28–May 3, 2015

at the *Upsky Long Island Hotel*

110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 • 631-231-1100

Discounted Room Rate: \$109

DIRECTIONS: *FROM THE EAST:* Take Veterans Memorial Highway Northwest to I-495 (Long Island Expressway) West and take Exit 53 (Wicks Road). At the end of the exit ramp turn right and the hotel will be on the left. *FROM THE WEST:* Take I-495 (Long Island Expressway) East. Proceed east to Exit 53 (Wicks Road). At Wicks Road turn left and then turn right at the first light which is Motor Parkway. The hotel will be 200 yards up on the left.

Results posted nightly

at www.libridge.com

TUESDAY APRIL 28

Non LM / LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under 300 player) 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY APRIL 29

Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750).....10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red).....10:00 am & 3:00 pm

NEW: Open Pairs (0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+)..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (1 & 2 of 6)..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Flighted Swiss / Bracketed Round-Robin Teams10:00 am & TBA

(A/X) Swiss A (4000+), X (0-4000) 7 rounds of 8 boards; Bracketed Round-Robin Flight B (no player over 3000mp)

NEW: Fast Pairs (1 of 2, second session on Thurs.).....7:15

THURSDAY APRIL 30

Gold RUSH Pairs (0-200, 200-500, 500-750)..... 10:30 am & 3:30 pm

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red)10:30 am & 3:30 pm

NEW: Open Pairs (0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+)..... 10:30 am & 3:30 pm

Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (3 & 4 of 6)..... 10:30 am & 3:30 pm

Stratiflighted Open Swiss Teams (A/X play 7 rounds of 8 boards, B/C play 7 rounds of 7 boards) 10:30 am & TBA

Fast Pairs (2 of 2) 7:15 pm

FRIDAY MAY 1

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red)10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Flighted Swiss / Bracketed Round-Robin Teams

(A/X) A (4000+), X (0-4000) (7 rounds of 7 or 8 boards) (Top Bracket Open to All)

Bracketed Round-Robin Flight B (no player >3000, 7 rounds of 7 boards)..... 10:00 am & TBA

NEW: Open Pairs (0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+)..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 2 (5 & 6 of 6)..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

SATURDAY MAY 2

Gold Rush Pairs (0-300, 300-750)..... 10:00 am & 3:00 pm

Flighted Swiss / Bracketed Round-Robin Teams

(A/X) A (4000+), X (0-4000) (7 rounds of 7 or 8 boards) (Top Bracket Open to All)

Bracketed Round-Robin Flight B (no player >3000, 7 rounds of 7 boards)..... 10:00 am & TBA

NEW: Open Pairs (0-1500, 1500-3000, 3000+).....10:00 pm & 3:00 pm

SUNDAY MAY 3 (Full break for lunch — no lunch boxes will be provided)

Flighted Swiss / Bracketed Round-Robin Teams

(A/X) A (4000+), X (0-4000) (7 rounds of 7 or 8 boards) (Top Bracket Open to All)

Bracketed Round-Robin Flight B (no player >3000, 7 rounds of 7 boards)..... 10:00 am & TBA

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

All Stratified Events unless indicated otherwise: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)

Stratiflighted Events: A (4000+), X (0-4000), B (1000-3000), C (0-1000)

All Newcomer Events (single session, Red) A (100-200) B (50-100) C (0-50) (if possible)

Tournament Chairman: Lee Launer 516-628-2546 • actuary3@hotmail.com

GUARANTEED PARTNERS FOR NEWCOMERS, OTHER PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament only)

Gold pts: all events, except as noted

SIDE GAME SERIES: Best 2 of 6 (Overall gold • Session red • Different partner OK)

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

BRACKETED EVENTS

In these events, very popular today, teams are grouped by their average masterpoint holdings, not by the masterpoint holding of the highest ranked player (as done in stratified events). This allows the players to compete mainly against their equals, while allowing for a reasonable number of contestants in each bracket.

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS (KO TEAMS) & COMPACT KO TEAMS

In these KO events, roughly 25% of the players receive gold points. A team winning its first two matches receives gold points. KO Teams are four-session events. Compact KO Teams are two session events in which teams play two 12-board matches each session.

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly **35% of the players receive gold points!** Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, not by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Most brackets have 8 teams. Teams play only against other teams in their own bracket. This is a playthrough event, not a knockout. In an 8-team bracket, each team plays once against every other team in its bracket. This is called a complete round-robin within a bracket. In the lowest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams. *The highest bracket, **open to ANY team**, is played as a traditional Swiss Team event.*

STRATIFIED PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

These events usually have three mutually exclusive strata. For a pair or team, the player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which they play. In these events, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. All stratified events are playthrough. Only the top two strata of a stratified event pay gold points. The C stratum pays red points.

SIDE GAME SERIES

These are single-session red point stratified pairs games. A bonus for those who play more than one session of the same series is this: **Gold points are given to players (individuals, not partnerships) with the best performance in any two single sessions of the same series.** For purposes of this gold point "bonus," the event is NOT stratified. Also, any player who earns a stratum A section top during the course of these events will receive gold points for the section top as long as that player plays at least two sessions in the same series.

A Message From Our New Tournament Chairperson

I hope you are as excited about our upcoming spring regional as I am. The event will be held at the renovated UPSKY Hotel, from April 28 - May 3, 2015. Before describing some of the tournament enhancements, I want to thank David Schwartz for the phenomenal job he did as tournament chair. To continue his fine work, we have developed a "tournament committee," including Susan Toporovsky, Mark Krinsky, and myself. We have been working diligently over the last few months to develop a tournament that meets your needs.

The Survey Results

We performed a written survey during our last tournament and we received over 150 responses. We are committed to meeting your needs, as listed below:

- A) Beginning on time, with starting times of 10:00am and 3pm
- B) Continued emphasis on "Gold Rush" and Bracketed Round Robin events
- C) Continued use of pre duplicated boards
- D) Post mortem analysis
- E) Shortened lunch breaks
- F) Continued emphasis on a zero tolerance policy

We are going to work hard to accomplish all of these goals.

Furthermore, we are going to have two fast pairs events 7-9 pm Wed and Thurs to meet the needs of those who work during the day, yet want to play a quick session of bridge at night.

The Hotel

After a few years at the Melville Marriott, we are going back to the UPSKY Hotel (The Former Sheraton.) The Marriott was simply too expensive and we had been losing money each tournament (see the financial report of David Schwartz in this edition of *The Islander* for more information). Fortunately, the UPSKY has been renovated since our previous tournaments. Member complaints about lighting, air circulation, and the state of the facility have been generally resolved. We have had multiple meetings with their staff and they are determined to make our members happy.

Courtesy of the UPSKY, you will have free coffee every day, as well as certain treats during the event, such as bagels and ice cream.

Other

Carol Matthews, experienced teacher and NSBA Education Committee Chairperson, will be giving a TAP course (Teacher Accreditation Program) on Tues. April 28 and Wed. April 29. I attended this event a year ago and strongly recommend it as a very worthwhile experience.

Thanks to Jack and Chris Sage, we will be sponsoring a sanctioned youth program on Sunday. Our goal is to enhance this program each year, such that it becomes a significant youth event in the New York area.

Finally, at the bottom of our event flyer, there is a list of people you can contact about the event in order to secure a partner before arriving, contact the hotel for reservations or with any other concerns.

I am looking forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.

- Lee Launer

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Launer's Corner

As an actuary, numbers, probabilities, odds, and percentages are always interesting to me. So here are some facts you may find of interest.

Some of these may help you at the table, yet some are merely so you can impress your friends (like they would care!)

1. There are 635 billion hands of 13 cards, so never say, "I have seen this hand before."
2. There are 53 quizzillion hand arrangements among 4 players. No, I do not know what a quizzillion is, but it is defined as 53 with 27 zeros after it.
3. Randomly dealt hands by machines are, well, randomly dealt hands. Unless there is a malfunction, hands that are machine dealt do not have any bias. How many times have you heard, "Oh I expect wild distributions, these were machine dealt?" Not true.
4. What is the probability related to a given player getting a specified number of high card points? (all of the percentages are rounded and approximated for simplicity).
 - a) On average, you will get about 10 high card points per hand over your bridge career.
 - b) In fact, if you play at least 1,000 boards, you can expect (with a 99% probability) that you will average between 9½ and 10½ high card points per hand over that time.
 - c) You should expect to get precisely 10 HCP about 10% of the time.
 - d) You should expect to get 0 HCP about ½ of 1% of the time and 30+ HCP, well, never.
 - e) You will get 15, 16, or 17 HCP's , not necessarily balanced, about 10% of the time.
 - f) Of note, is that when you get a 1NT opener (assuming you play 15-17) there is a much greater chance of having 15 HCP than 17 (almost 2-1.)
 - g) The chance of getting 20-21 HCP's is about 1% (1 of every 100 deals.)
- 5) There are 39 possible hand patterns from the most balanced 4-3-3-3, to the least balanced 13-0-0-0.
 - a) The most likely pattern is 4-4-3-2. This occurs about 21% of the time
 - b) The 5 most common patterns are, in order:
4-4-3-2, 5-3-3-2, 5-4-3-1, 5-4-2-2, and 4-3-3-3,
 - c) These patterns constitute about 70% of all hands.

Finally, I will give you a "play problem." What is the best line of play for this problem, based upon the odds? Since I am also tournament chair, the first person to give me the answer (email, or in person) gets a free play at our tournament. (Not applicable to NSBA board members or Life Masters .)

♠ AQ3
♥ 742
♦ 86543
♣ A9

♠ KJT864
♥ A65
♦ AQ
♣ 72

The contract is 4 spades. There is no opposition bidding and the lead is the King of Hearts. Note: problem and solution comes from the famous bridge author Eddie Kantar, so if you disagree feel free to call him!

- Lee Launer Actuary3@hotmail.com

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September 2014 Regional Results (continued from pg. 11)

2 Cheryl Rosenzweig - Raymond Elias - Ivan Sandler - Elyse Berger

3 Charles Baker - Catherine Layden - Patricia Lessard - Diana Maniscalco

Bracket 7 (13 tables)

1 Michael Pollack - David Kirschenbaum - Joanne Henrick - Barbara Rubin

2 Bonnie Rich - Ellen Roisman - Eleanor Liberman - Meryl Mann

3 Jane Hankin - Loretta Stamler - Elaine Strauss - Robin Fuchs

Saturday Open Pairs

Stratum A (8.0 Tables / Based on 27 Tables)

1 Art Brodsky - Frank Anshen

2 Andrew Rosenthal - David Moss

3 Valerie Deneroff - Martin Deneroff

Saturday Gold Point Pairs

Stratum 7 (19.5 tables)

1 Carla Sharp - Jacquelyn Fuchs

2 Raymond Elias - Edward Niemira

3 Dorsey Mayer - Carol Striker

Stratum 3 (12.0 tables)

1 Carla Sharp - Jacquelyn Fuchs

2 Raymond Elias - Edward Niemira

3 Kitty Stanton - Lore Monnig

Saturday A/X Teams

Stratum A (12 Tables / Based on 41 Tables)

1 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - David Grainger - Joel Wooldridge

2/4 Diana Schuld - Al Peters - Ruth Stober - William Dinner

2/4 Jeffrey Rothstein - Sandra Friedman - David Rosenberg - Allen Kahn

2/4 Lynda Nitabach - Sandra Rimstedt - Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnus Olafsson

Stratum X (5 tables)

1 Joel Schiff - Lucy Shostak - Joan Asheroff - David Paull

2 Bart Cirker - Loring Fenton - Paul Siegelman - Shelley Fishman

Saturday <3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 28 Tables)

1 Ellen Davidoff - Roberta Magnus - Ste-

phen Green - Elaine Kahn

2 Debra Katz - Judy Paul - Alan Gardner - Ann Gardner

3 Barbara Cooper - Jack Price - William Palmer - David Schwartz

Bracket 2 (13 Tables / Based on 16 Tables)

1 Jared Bass - Zachary Madden - Zachary Scherr - Jin Hu

2 Sohail Hasan - Jill Howard - Melvyn Schoenfeld - Suresh Nayak

3 Gerald Berkman - Henry Thomas Kieronski - Linda Taub - Ditz Katz

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1 Mark Blanchard - Susan Calabro - Joan Pool - Andree Welsh

2 Arthur Goren - Michael Gorfinkle - Neeta Mone - Frank Giangrande

3 Paul Gray - Fay Karell - Sharon Price - Peter Hertz

Sunday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (20 Tables / Based on 68 Tables)

1 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - Joel Wooldridge - David Grainger

2 Michael Moss - Richard Schwartz - Ira Herman - G. Margie Gwozdziński

3 Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnus Olafsson - Michael Radin - Michael Lipkin

Stratum X (8 tables)

1 David Katzen - Melissa Baker - Dave DuBois - Stephen Garreffa

2 Paul Siegelman - Abbott Feren - Michael Fishman - Morton Case

3 H Jay Sloofman - Timothy Baird - Kassie Munoz - Carlos Munoz

Sunday <3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 35 Tables)

1 David Sloane - David Schwartz - John Earley - Fred Enzler

2 Warren Chang - Sherry Ann Kavalier - Michael Botwin - Bruce Neiger

3 Susan Denenholz - Matt Rewinski - Sandi Sullivan - Terry Sullivan

Bracket 2 (8 Tables / Based on 19 Tables)

1 Phyllis Feiner - Joyce Lotters - Phyllis Freberge - Gail Friedberg

2 Joseph Pollack - Robin Pollack - Alan Hyman - Lynne Roth

3 Jin Hu - Zachary Scherr - David Bass - Jared Bass - Zachary Madden

Bracket 3 (8 Tables / Based on 16 Tables)

1 Frederick Linnemeyer - Patricia Linnemeyer - John Klaus - Martin Gilbert

2 Valerie Deneroff - Robin Sanders - Martin Deneroff - Thomas Hunter

3 Linda Friedman - Robert Friedman - Ellen Greenfield - Stanley Greenfield

Bracket 4 (8 Tables / Based on 13 Tables)

1 W Daniel Kelsey - William Kelsey - Glen Perry - Barbara Wolner

2/3 Elliot Diamond - Bonnie Diamond - Risa Grossman - Lewis Grossman

2/3 Mark Blanchard - Laurie Berlin - Jeffrey Colton - Barbara Colton

Bracket 5 (8 Tables / Based on 11 Tables)

1 Bonnie Deutsch - Barbara Emmer - Janice Roth - Rosellen Mensch

2 Carolyn Flapan - Phyllis Meltzer - Carole Rosten - Peggy Maslow

3 Paula Morse - Christine Sage - Peggy Fabricius - Ann Salamone

Bracket 6 (8 tables)

1 Arthur Goren - Michael Gorfinkle - Frank Giangrande - Ed Trepper

2 Erickson Kato - Anita Lee - Adele Grudman - Candace Kurtz

3 Arnold Fox - Elaine Friedman - Diana Maniscalco - Michael Maniscalco

WE'RE MODERNIZING!

We will be moving toward electronic delivery of the Islander over the course of the next few issues...

Details coming soon!

NSBA Financial Review

NSBA Financial Statement

YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

As the newly elected treasurer of the NSBA, I'd like to provide you, our members with some insight into our finances. The fiscal year for the NSBA ended in September and this summary statement reflects our financial position as of September 30th 2014. We had a loss of over \$11,000 for the year and unfortunately we've been experiencing losses for the last several years and a substantial decline in our cash reserves. Attendance at our Spring and Fall Regionals has declined dramatically while costs, primarily at the Melville Marriott have risen. We took steps during the year to reduce these losses, first by eliminating the unlimited free coffee we provided, and then by instituting a modest increase in our card fee. Both of these steps helped, but not sufficiently.

For this coming year, we have changed the venue for both our Spring and Fall Regionals to the Long Island UPSKY Hotel (the old Sheraton in Hauppauge newly acquired by an Asian development company). They are upgrading our playing space, initially with improved lighting and have promised additional improvements. The cost structure there is beneficial to us, and with no further decline in attendance, we should be able to recoup our recent losses and rebuild our financial reserves

- David Schwartz

ASSETS	
Cash & bank accts	32,098
Deposits for future events	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	38,098
INCOME	
ACBL Reimbursement	7,014
STaC	21,647
Other Income	<u>1,087</u>
Total income	29,748
EXPENSES	
STaC fees	14,197
Professional fees	425
Islander	7,042
Spring Regional	8,696
Meetings	1,119
Fall Regional	1,910
Web Site	750
Unit Party	4,912
Khatib sectional	1,801
Misc. expense	<u>505</u>
Total expense	41,357
NET	-11,609

Teaching Bridge to Youth on Long Island

Our Long Island School Program is growing thanks to our many volunteers. If you are interested in helping to teach bridge to youngsters, please email Carol Mathews at mathewscj@aol.com. You will not be working alone — this is a team effort! Thanks.



The Bridge Center of Long Island is a sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge club open 7 days a week. Come on down and enjoy a fabulous day of Bridge with the most friendly environment. For more information you can call or visit our web site www.bridgecenteroflongisland.com.

Don't fret if you are a single, we can always get you a partner.

Just give us a call and we will take care of everything.

The Bridge Center of Long Island

3678 W. Oceanside Road

Oceanside

516-481-4311

Lin Fisher

		Schedule	
Monday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Tuesday Morning	10:30am	Limited	\$16 Lecture at 10:00 am
Tuesday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Wednesday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Thursday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Friday Afternoon	12:30 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Saturday Afternoon	12:45 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia
Sunday Afternoon	12:45 pm	Open	\$16 Lunch with Silvia

(This is a paid advertisement)

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ATTENTION: INTERMEDIATES AND NEWCOMERS SPRING REGIONAL EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!

Make your plans now to play with your favorite partner.

Tuesday, April 28	7 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
Wednesday, April 29	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Wednesday, April 29	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Thursday, April 30	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Thursday, April 30	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, May 1	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Saturday, May 2	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, May 2	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Sunday, May 3	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss

The I/N player who has won the most masterpoints playing in the newcomer events during the tournament will be the recipient of our I/N trophy. It could be you! And at this tournament newcomers are invited to participate in our popular BRACKETED ROUND-ROBIN SWISS TEAM EVENT. This means that your team will be playing against opponents who have similar masterpoint totals, and that you could even win GOLD points in the event. No kidding!

And Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday are special chances to earn GOLD Points!

For information and encouragement call:

Susan Scholer, I/N Chairperson at 631-360-8456 or 631-775-7772.

LIBRIDGE.COM The NSBA Website

Upcoming Tournament Dates

Tournament Results

LI Club Locations and Schedules

Find a Bridge Teacher

Useful Bridge Links

Digital Version of The Islander
(before it hits your mailbox!)

And much more!

Save the Date:

Spring Regional!

April 28-May 3

Upsky Hotel
Smithtown, NY

Please see page 12
for details.

See you there!

MILESTONES

The ACBL Ranks*:

Rookie: less than 5 masterpoints (mps).

Junior Master: 5+ mps.

Club Master: 20+ mps.

Sectional Master: 50+ mps, of which 5 are silver.

Regional Master: 100+ mps, including 15 silver and 5 red or gold/platinum points.

NABC Master: 200+ mps, including 50 pigmented points of which 5 must be gold/platinum, 15 must be red or gold/platinum, and 25 must be silver.

Life Master: 300+ mps, including 100 pigmented points of which 25 must be gold/platinum, 25 must be red or gold/platinum, and 50 must be silver. **Bronze:** LM w/500+ mps. **Silver:** LM w/1000+ mps. **Gold:** LM w/2500+ mps. **Diamond:** LM w/5000+ mps. **Emerald:** LM w/7500 mps. **Platinum:** LM w/10,000 mps w/o a National title. **Grand:** LM with 10,000+ mps with a National title.

*for those who joined the ACBL prior to 1/1/10...otherwise, see ACBL.org



New Life Masters

- Grace Basile
- Laurie Berlin
- Norman Block
- Jerome Bloom
- Susan Calabro
- Barbara Colton
- Bonnie Deutsch
- Phyllis Feiner
- Sandy Friedman
- Susan Ghee
- David Kornblau
- Naomi Kramer
- Anat Kravel
- Carole Kugler
- Teri Lawrence
- Patricia Lessard
- Joyce Lotters
- Patrick Mitchell
- Mary Petrone
- Cal Rafuse
- Morton Ray
- Harriette Romanoff
- Lynne Roth
- Kenneth Smith
- Stephen Solomon
- Phyllis Wald
- Elyssa Weissman
- Ernie Wunsch
- Silvana Zangri

New Emerald Life Masters

- Irma Korenstein
- David Paull
- Doris Rodgers

New Diamond Life Masters

- Mark Leibowitz
- Stephen Lucas

New Gold Life Masters

- Michael Botwin
- Marilyn Brescia
- Joshua Fendel
- Marianne Fulfaro
- John Gibbs
- Glenn Martin

New Silver Life Masters

- Patricia Allen
- Mark Blanchard
- Stephen Block
- William Dinner
- Linda Epstein
- Alan Gardner
- Wendy Sue Gelman
- Emily Kessler
- Carole Kugler
- Raymond McCartney
- David Schwartz
- Nirmala Shevde
- Susan Toporovsky

New Bronze Life Masters

- Norman Block
- Jerome Bloom
- Susan Bloom
- Dick Burns
- Nancy Davis
- Michael Di Michele
- Phyllis Feiner
- Gail Friedberg
- Sandy Friedman
- David Kornblau
- Anat Kravel
- Michael Krevor
- Lee Launer
- Teri Lawrence
- Joyce Lotters
- Peggy Maslow
- Dorsey Mayer
- Mary Petrone
- Ronald Pinkus
- Lynne Roth
- Shirley Rubenstein
- David Sloane
- Janet Teagle
- Julia Tucker
- Phyllis Wald
- Ernie Wunsch
- Silvana Zangri

New Advanced NABC Masters

- Om Singh
- Richard Wettan

New NABC Masters

- Judy Anthony
- Ines Beck
- Beatrice Bohm
- Beverly Boris
- Kay Cha
- Joanne Chalifoux
- James Craig
- Lee Dion
- Raymond Elias
- Elayne Fastenberg
- Beverly Gitelman
- Solomon Godelsky
- Sam Goldberg
- Robert Gordon
- Mona Graber
- Joanne Henrick
- Richard Holroyd
- Jacqueline Horesh
- David Kirschenbaum
- Mark Krinsky
- Gail Kugler
- Catherine Layden
- Ruth Lessinger
- Gary Levine
- Gladys Levine

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Gulu Mahtaney	Patricia Fasciano	Elaine Greenwald	Lisa Bronstein
Diana Maniscalco	Peggy Gaulin	Frances Harris	Eileen Bronzino
Laura O'Reilly	Sandra Gray	Joshua Hirsch	Rudolph Chung
Alan Oberwager	Stuart Gray	Jan Jungblut	Jocelyne Compas
Laura Orticelle	Jeanne Hanrahan	Laura Kopp	Gwyneth Cox
Michael Pollack	Marilyn Irwin	Donald Kreiss	Carl Czajkowski
Joan Pool	David Kay	Susan Levine	Ivy Davis
Carole Rosten	Carla Kretschmann	Wendy Levine	Jane Fear
Michael Slavin	Linda Linchitz	Jules Levy	Roslyn Forst
Carole Striker	Susan Madorsky	Merle Levy	Rhoda Garfinkel
Marjorie Tamaro	Irma Marcus	Diane Lipman	David Gelb
Les Toporovsky	Sharon Melville	Joyce Muller	Beverly Gersfeld
Lorna Verdone	Michael Nussbaum	Barry Osborn	Warren Glasner
Lorraine Weisenberg	Sunny Oberoi	Marcia Nadler	Elisabeth Herman
	Joan Perfit	Maxine Nagel	Faith Herzog
New Regional Masters	Raymond Presti	Fran Peterson	Freddie Kadden
Janine Buss	Rhoda Ratner	Morton Press	Cynthia Kaplan
Isabelle Cetlin	Randy Raubvogel	Susan Rand	Martin Kaplan
Young Cha	Wendy Ricci	Elaine Rauchenberger	Dian Kendrick
Carol Fishman	Charles Rose	Marilyn Roberts	Carole Kent
Mollie Grossman	Bobby Schwartz	Joanne Rodney	Steven Krausz
Chandra Gupta	Howard Schwartz	Karen Ruben	Fran Levine
Helmut Herz	Susan Seelig	Marlies Schicht	Sharman Lissauer
Susan Holtz	Cecelia Sherman	Romelle Schwartz	Toni Margolin
Jonathan Howe	Sandie Sickle	Annette Schwed	Jennifer Marwood
Holly Jonas	Cindi Siegel	Pedro Schwed	Minoo Moadel
Shelley Kirshenbaum	Beverly Silverman	Abbey Sherman	Donna Pelton
Mel Kravatz	Joan Silverman	Roberta Shoten	Edward Perlberg
Sari Mainzer	Roberta Spiegelman	Marlene Sider	Malcolm Pettit
Edward Niemira	Barbara Stanton	Erika Silver	Elda Puglisi
Suzanne Nussbaum	Elizabeth Tapfar	Marty Silver	Valerie Reagan
Ellen Roisman	Helen Tynan	Mary Simko	Shaoli Rosenberg
Larry Smith	Arnold Vassallo	Bernice Spandorf	Ivan Rothman
Marion Sussman	Susan Zacherman	Phyllis Stark	Peter Ruben
Barbara Thorpe	Gary Zipper	Alter Steger	Dorothy Russo
Ellen Wachsberger	Myron Zitt	Bette Sturges	Patti Schaefer
		Caroline Terry	Elizabeth Shapiro
New Sectional Masters	New Club Masters	Alan Tucker	Marlene Sider
Barbara Ackerman	Mark Baskir	Laurie Wilkins	Joyce Silberman
Joan Altman	Ellen Blumencranz	Barrie Sue Zicherman	Arnold Small
David Bass	Jeanne Brophy		Kathy Smrcka
Robert Belovin	Jane Busking	New Junior Masters	Maria Stokes
Ellen Belsky	Howard Collins	Carol Anderson	Caroline Striano
Robin Brendell	Floris Cortes	Lois Anderson	Marcia Turetsky
Janine Buss	Beatty Cramer	Katharine Battle	Max Wells
Elizabeth Butler	Thomas Fahey	Ann Block	Sharyn Wetjen
Jane Damato	Sheila Fligel	Martin Block	Colleen Woodell
Louisa Delew	Michael Friedlander	Michael Book	
Susan Eisner	Marge Gogel	Arthur Bracco	
Nadine Eltman	Robert Goldstein	Arthur Brendell	

Remembering Gordon Duffy

Each year at our unit party we give out the Gordon Duffy Service Award. It is given to honor people from our unit who have tirelessly dedicated themselves to giving back to the great game we all love. At last year's event it occurred to me that of the 100 or so players who were there, there weren't more than about a dozen who knew who Gordon Duffy was. I even asked the person who won the award. He had no idea. I would like to fix that, even if only to a small degree.

Until the 1960's the NSBA was not a separate entity. We were under control of the Greater New York Bridge Association. Gordon was one of several people who set out to change that. By getting our units separated we were able to run our own regional and sectional (now known as silver point) tournaments. Without Gordon's work this might not have happened.

Volunteering was a major part of Gordon's life. He served as a president of our unit, and later as our tournament chairman. Trust me, that is one truly thankless job. In his private life Gordon was very active in politics, and he was instrumental in getting housing projects built in his home town of Huntington Station. He spent his life helping people.

So honor Gordon and whoever wins this year's award by coming down to the unit party. A good time will be had by all.

The previous winners of the Gordon Duffy Service Award (in alphabetical order) are: Frank Allison, Patricia Brodsky, Dom and Rose Gargiulo, Al Levy, Lesley Decker Lucas, Carol Mathews, Elizabeth Randall, Jack and Christine Sage, James Schneider, Susan Scholer, Diana Schuld, and Debra Thaw.

- Joe Byrnes

It Was a Knockout

For the first time in 15 years the NSBA held a double knockout. 25 teams divided into 2 flights spent the year slugging it out at our local clubs to see who would be left standing.

The 15 team flight B event was an all Hamptons final. Congratulations to team captain Fran Gillespie Eleanor Usis, Amy Treitel, Tanya Weitz, and Estelle Futora. In the final they defeated Tom Luss (captain), Toni Somerstein, Geir Betts, Jane Sitzmann, Hubert Howe Jr., and Jonathan Howe.

The Flight A final was held right after the Rye tournament. Mel Colchamiro, Chuck Sharf, Howie Cohen, and Jeff Rothstein defeated Joe Byrnes, Shelley Fishman, Lillian Weissman, Christopher Rivera, and Louis Lessinger.

The 2015 version of the event will be starting in April. Get your teams ready. It is best to have at least 5, and preferably 6 players on your team. Everyone does not have to play every match. Entries will be available at your local club.


- Joe Byrnes

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LONG ISLAND MASTER CLUB SCHEDULE

	Bridge Center of LI 516-481-4311 3678 W. Oceanside Road Oceanside Lin Fisher	Smithtown 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Avenue Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews	Sagamore 516-558-7799 6901 Jericho Tpk Syosset Silvana Zangri	Eastern Suffolk/Water Mill 631-726-6448 631-726-4540 1040 Montauk Hwy Water Mill Kathleen McLaughlen
Monday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am	10:30 am open and 0-750 7:30 pm open and 0-299	10:00 am newplicate 7:00 open
Tuesday	10:30 am limited 12:30 pm open	10:00 EZ Bridge	10:30 am 7:30 pm open	1:00 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, 7:30 pm 0-499	7:00 pm open
Thursday	12:30 pm open	3rd Thurs, Swiss 10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am, 12:30 pm 0-750 7:00 pm individual	1:00 pm open & newplicate
Friday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am open	10:00 am open
Saturday	12:45 pm open	12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game	10:30 am 0-299, 1 pm open 1st Sat: 6 pm dinner/Swiss	1:00 pm open
Sunday	12:45pm open	12:30 pm	12:00 pm open	

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

<p style="text-align: center;">Sands' Point BC Shelter Rock Tennis Club 100 LI Expwy, Manhasset 516-558-7799 Drew Gilstad Tues. 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Montauk BC Montauk Library 631-668-2370 Barbara Sullivan Wed. 12:30 pm (winter) 1:00 pm (summer)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">South Shore BC 9 Northwood Lane, Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney Thurs. 11:00 am, Sun 12:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westhampton Duplicate Club Knights of Columbus Hall 580 Main Street Westhampton Fri. 12 noon 516-770-4650 Donald Bedell Atria BC 146 Glen Street Glen Cove 516-671-2095 Mayer Wiesen Tues. 7:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Garden City BC DBC Senior Rec Center Golf Club Lane Garden City 516-781-4651 Ellen Davidoff Thurs. 7:30 pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bridge School of LI 123 Merrick Ave East Meadow 516-379-3000 Aaron Silverstein Mon. 10 am & 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:00 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Temple Judea BC 333 Searingtown Rd Manhasset Mon. 12:30 pm 718-279-1005 Lyn Weiss — Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 Tues. 12:00 pm — Thurs. 10:00 am 516-621-8049 Shelley Ganz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGEExpress Lake Success Jewish Center 354 Lakeville Road 516-299-6064 Great Neck Cathy Kirshner Fri. 10:00 am Wed. 12:15 pm Sun. 1:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Shelter Rock JC 272 Shelter Rock Road Roslyn 917-658-5991 Hadassah Klein Wed. 7:00 pm, Thurs. 12:30 pm</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Mattituck Library DBC Knights of Columbus 2050 Depot Lane Cutchogue 631-734-8096 Kathy Fibkins Tues. 12:00 pm Reservations only</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Friedberg JCC Duplicate Friedberg JCC 15 Neil Ct, Oceanside 516-766-4341 Mike Stanley Fri. 10:00 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pride of Judea 243-02 Northern BLVD Douglaston Mon. 12:00 pm 718-423-6200 Louis Lessinger</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gardiner's Bay BC Gardiner's Bay CC Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler (summers only)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">South Shore League Seawanee CC and Woodmere CC, alternating monthly March-December Thurs. 1:00 pm 568-1867 Karen Ewald</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">East Hampton DBC Hampton Day Care Center Gingerbread Lane Thurs 7 pm, April—Thanksgiving 631-907-2917 George Aman</p>		

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Spring Regional	Smithtown Upsky Hotel	April 28-May 3
Unit Party	Sagamore Bridge Club	May 17
STaC Week	Local Clubs	June 15-21
Longest Day	Local Clubs	June 22

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