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President's Message

For my first message as president, I must thank Steve Lucas for the fine job he has done for the past few years. These have been difficult times for our unit, and Steve leaves us headed in the right direction. Our recent regional showed a small profit, and while we are not in this to make a profit, we could not continue to lose money and survive. Thanks for a job well done.

In order to keep moving on, we are working on some new programs. One of them is to have Swiss teams at as many clubs as possible, with mentors to volunteer to play with newer players. Playing your first team game can be quite daunting, and having someone show you the ropes can be quite helpful. It will be done in the style of a pro-am. The first games should be early in 2016. Check with your local club for details.

We are also starting the process of upgrading our website. We will be adding new features such as a forum for sending in questions about hands, and a place to send in questions you have about rulings.

In addition to moving forward, I also intend to look back at the history of bridge on Long Island. Diana Schuld has provided me with some pictures and articles about the early days, and if I ever quit being a lazy bum, I will get around to writing about it. There were many people instrumental to bridge on Long Island, such as Frank Schuld, Dan O'Neill, Emmet Pollenz, Gordon Duffy, and Howard Chandross. Forgive me if I left anyone important out. We will get to all of them. If you have any pictures, articles, or interesting stories, please send them to me.

May the new year bring you many masterpoints.

Joe Byrnes

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
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DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

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

Bridge ‘Cheating’ Revealed

Bridge has received worldwide publicity recently, but for the wrong reason...cheating! Following the finding of collusive cheating by a pair on the winning team (Germany) of the d’Orsi Senior Trophy event at the 2013 World Championships in Bali, the bridge world was rocked with allegations on social media (most notably Bridge Winners) of collusive cheating by four of the world’s top pairs. The allegations include presentations of analysis using videos and recorded play. All four pairs are being investigated by various bridge organizations, with charges filed against two of the pairs by multiple bridge governing bodies, and investigations taking place regarding the other two pairs.

22 teams from around the world qualified for the 2015 prestigious Bermuda Bowl held in Chennai, India in late September. The bridge world is broken up into 8 zones. Zone 1 (European Bridge League) qualifies 6 teams for the Bermuda Bowl. Zone 2 (ACBL) qualifies two teams from the USA and one from Canada for the Bermuda Bowl. The four pairs in question played on four of the six teams that qualified for the Bermuda Bowl from zone 1. The pairs include Ron Schwartz – Lotan Fisher (playing for Israel), the number 1 and 2 players in the world, Fulvio Fantoni – Claudio Nunes (Monaco), Alexander Smirnov – Josef Piekarek (Germany) and Cezary Balicki – Adam Zmudzinski (Poland). After the allegations of cheating, including in the zone 1 qualifying stage, without charges yet filed and with no admission of guilt, Israel and Monaco withdrew from the Bermuda Bowl before the start of play, with other zone 1 teams replacing them. Smirnov- Piekarek openly admitted to unethical behavior and Germany also withdrew and was replaced. The WBF Credential Committee withdrew the invitation to Balicki – Zmudzinski and Poland replaced the pair and went on to win the Bermuda Bowl.

In addition to these pairs being investigated and the Disciplinary hearings that are expected, the bridge world is now wrestling with procedures that will police the major world events, including NABC+ events held by the ACBL. These procedures include the use of cameras and play recording in top events, worldwide investigatory bodies, sharing evidence between major bridge organizations including the ACBL, EBL and WBF, and honoring the findings of guilt by other bridge organizations. To that end the ACBL held a planning session during the Denver NABC with a committee of top players. The WBF’s High Level Players Commission, with members who are notable players and analysts from around the world, also met in Denver over a two day period to discuss future procedures, which will include investigating complaints and either making charges or passing their findings to the appropriate governing bridge organizations. A representative of the EBL was also in Denver to discuss mutual cooperation in these and future investigations.

For those that have not been following this issue, much credit goes to Boye Brogerland (Norway), who, after losing a close match at the summer NABC’s Spingold championship to a team that included Schwartz – Fisher, examined a number of deals that looked suspicious. Working with other top players, evidence was gathered on the play of Schwartz – Fisher as well as the other players named above. Their findings were posted on Bridge Winners (BridgeWinners.com) where others were encouraged to further explore public videos that were made by the WBF and EBL. This so called crowd sourcing led to claims of breaking the codes used to transmit information about the players’ cards. The evidence was then passed along to organized bridge organizations. For his work the International Bridge Press Association named Boye “Bridge Personality of the year.”

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Fall 2015 Regional Results

Wednesday Evening LM/NLM Charity Pairs (37 Tables)

- 1 Mark Blanchard - Rosalyn Goldenberg
- 2 Lee Launer - Elizabeth Shapiro
- 3 Howard Cohen - Diane Lipman

Thursday Newcomer Pairs

Stratum A (10 pairs)

- 1 Claire Leinhardt - Ellen Pieniek
- 2 Douglas Casper - Anthony Swanwick
- 3 Norma Mauro - Rhea Wiener

Stratum B

- 1 Douglas Casper - Anthony Swanwick
- 2 Charles Rose - Evelyn Rose
- 3 George Sau - Ann Stevens

Stratum C

- 1 Douglas Casper - Anthony Swanwick
- 2 George Sau - Ann Stevens

Thursday Open Pairs

Stratum A (21.5 Tables / Based on 57 Tables)

- 1 Andrew Rosenthal - Radu Nistor
- 2 Brian Glubok - Aviv Shahaf
- 3 Glenn Eisenstein - Jean Ludwig

Stratum B

- 1 Irene Geisinger - Holly Roseman
- 2 Paul Frean - David Parsons
- 3 Reena Bhandari - Barbara Feingold

Stratum C

- 1 Reena Bhandari - Barbara Feingold
- 2 Elisse Weiss - Dina Arker

- 3 Michael Di Michele - Vijay Datta

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (38.0 Tables / Based on 36 Tables)

- 1 Bonnie Rich - Ellen Roisman
- 2 Mark Krinsky - Gary Levine
- 3 Sara Kober - John Marchetti

Stratum 3

- 1 Bonnie Rich - Ellen Roisman
- 2 Sara Kober - John Marchetti
- 3 Camille Bauer - Sue Arons

Thursday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (10 Tables / Based on 28 Tables)

- 1 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon - Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon
- 2 Bruce Rogoff - Brady Richter - D Wolkowitz - C Ganzer - Robert Brady
- 3 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnus Olafsson

Stratum X

- 1 Bruce Rogoff - Brady Richter - D Wolkowitz - C Ganzer - Robert Brady
- 2 Carl Gueli - Lydia Betz - Barry Wilderman - David Schwartz

Thursday 3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 36 Tables)

- 1 David Sloane - John Earley - Leon Sternick - Fred Enzler
- 2 Elaine De Shrage - Jack Price - William Palmer - Bella Chiusano
- 3 Tom Henson - Hank Cortsen - Marsha Porcell - Laurie Wise

Bracket 2

- 1 Robert Gordon - Laurie Berlin - Stephen Green - Susan Calabro
- 2 Carole Gelfer - Kathleen Lathrop - Cheryl Fischer - Cyndi Morrissey
- 3 Mindy Setton - Susan Toporovsky - James Knopf - Barbara Emmer

Bracket 3

- 1 Phil Waxberg - Subrata Ghosh - Allan Bauer - Mel Meskin
- 2 Alan Hirshman - Arnold Wagner - Peter Hertz - Mel Kravatz
- 3 Doris Fine - Kenneth Berger - Liza Moses - Judith Friedman

Bracket 4

- 1 Anat Kravel - Helen Solomon - Adrienne Saporta - Jodi Rosenthal
- 2 Peggy Dolgin - Marilyn Solomon - Lynette Rosenblum - Meryl Mann
- 3 Solomon Godelsky - Richard Becker - Renee Silver - Arlene Krasnoff

Bracket 5

- 1 Andree Welsh - Joan Pool - Darin Tripp - Robin Healy
- 2 Rita Distenfeld - Joann Shalom - Ruth Kestenbaum - Dale Goldberg
- 3 Arnold Fox - Diana Maniscalco - Patricia Lessard - Elizabeth Murphy

Bracket 6

- 1 Gary Zipper - David Kay - Vicki Seltzer - Richard Brach
- 2 Richard Ericson - Diana Zanetti - Janet Contrada - Isabelle Cetlin
- 3 Stephen Candell - Susan Candell - Diane Zaretsky - June Blumenthal

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Spring 2015 Regional Results (continued from page 3)

Friday Open Pairs

Stratum A (22.0 Tables / Based on 59 Tables)

- 1 Dennis Thompson - Sam Borenstein
- 2 Glenn Eisenstein - Jean Ludwig
- 3 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon

Stratum B

- 1 Beverly Pogoda - Joseph Meyers
- 2 Lawrence Hillel - George Aman
- 3 Sheila Cornstein - Susan Mendik

Stratum C

- 1 Lawrence Hillel - George Aman
- 2 George Challoner - Elizabeth Challoner
- 3 Arthur Kronfeld - Mona Kronfeld

Friday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (26.0 Tables)

- 1 Janine Buss - Erika Silver
- 2 Wendy Beizer - Richard Barnes
- 3 James Malebranche - Lucette Trahan

Stratum 8

- 1 Janine Buss - Erika Silver
- 2 Roy Goodman - Roger Weaving Jr
- 3 Bonnie Rich - Ellen Roisman

Friday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (7 Tables / Based on 19 Tables)

- 1 Justine Cushing - Hjordis Eythorsdotir - Magnus Olafsson - Melih Ozdil
- 2 C Ganzer - Robert Brady - David Yates - D Wolkowitz
- 3 Alan Kudisch - Frank Anshen - Bella Chiusano - Carl Gueli

Stratum X

- 1 C Ganzer - Robert Brady - David Yates - D Wolkowitz

Friday 3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 37 Tables)

- 1 Abbott Feren - Michael Fishman - Bill Dinner - Barry Wilderman
- 2 Reisha Berkowsky - Gail Levy - Naomi Klosner - Elaine De Shrage
- 3 Mark Shaiman - James Schneider - Carol Mathews - Doris Banks

Bracket 2

- 1 Debra Katz - Ann Gardner - Alan Gardner - David Joseph
- 2 Carole Gelfer - Kathleen Lathrop - Cheryl Fischer - Cyndi Morrissey
- 3 Herbert Kranzer - Claire Kranzer - Roberta Mendelsohn - Barbara Pincus

Bracket 3

- 1 Elisse Weiss - Dina Arker - Francine Frischer - Karen Dorman
- 2 Jill Howard - Nancy Marshall - Suresh Nayak - Melvyn Schoenfeld
- 3 Mindy Setton - Susan Toporovsky - Andree Welsh - Joan Pool

Bracket 4

- 1 Herbert Blumenfeld - Peggy Blumenfeld - Gail Johnson - Bill Johnson
- 2 Edward Leviten - Morton Ray - Frank Olear - Lawrence Solow
- 3 Laura O'Reilly - Burton Greenhouse - Barry Adelman - Shelley Adelman

Bracket 5

- 1 Gordon Harper - Sandie Sickle - Richard Becker - Solomon Godelsky

- 2 Renee Silver - Anthony Swanwick - Arlene Krasnoff - Carolyn Flapan
- 3 Lewis Grossman - Laura Orticelle - Carol Kamp - Iris Cook

Bracket 6

- 1 Lorraine Weisenberg - Sharon Price - Patricia Thomas - Joan Rossiter
- 2 Randall Sapadin - Phyllis Sapadin - Sara Kaminker - Connie Shulman
- 3 Nancy Sybil - Louisa Delew - Candy West - Joanne Chalifoux

Saturday Open Pairs

Stratum A (17.0 Tables / Based on 49 Tables)

- 1 Michael Schwartz - David Libchaber
- 2 Brian Glubok - David Treitel
- 3 Alexander Ornstein - Mel Colchamiro

Stratum B

- 1 Michael Schwartz - David Libchaber
- 2 Abbott Feren - Bill Dinner
- 3 Mark Shaiman - James Schneider

Stratum C

- 1 Michael Schwartz - David Libchaber
- 2 Valerie Deneroff - Martin Deneroff
- 3 Elyse Fields - Gerald Berkman

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (22.5 Tables)

- 1 Mark Krinsky - Gary Levine
- 2 Lucy Rosen - Howard Finkelberg
- 3 Mark Baskir - Raymond Presti

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Stratum 3

- 1 Lucy Rosen - Howard Finkelberg
- 2 Mark Baskir - Raymond Presti
- 3 Michael Lo - Teresa Chek

Saturday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (11 Tables/Based on 30 Tables)

- 1 Justine Cushing - Melih Ozdil - Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Magnus Olafsson
- 2 Robert Brady - C Ganzer - Samuel Ehrlichman - D Wolkowitz
- 3 Eric Robinson - David Robinson - Emily Robinson - Alfred Lewis

Stratum X

- 1 Robert Brady - C Ganzer - Samuel Ehrlichman - D Wolkowitz

Saturday 3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 30 Tables)

- 1 Mark Blanchard - Laurie Berlin - Eppie Eagle - Dina Schechter
- 2 Barbara Cooper - Jack Price - Karen Pollack - William Palmer
- 3 Susan Denenholz - Matt Rewinski - Sandi Sullivan - Terry Sullivan

Bracket 2

- 1 David Bass - Jared Bass - Shawn Drenning - Zachary Madden
- 2 Sue Murphy - Joan Finsilver - Billie Swartrauber - Giorgio Provenza
- 3 Michelle Lanigan - Kathy Sibi - Debbie Tzimoulis - Linda Connolly

Bracket 3

- 1 Iris Cook - Rosemary Gross - Karin

Meyers - Burt Meyers

2 Jeffrey Colton - Richard Wettan - Peter Bingham - Howard Siegel

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

Bracket 4

- 1 Joseph Fitt - Howard Collins - Elaine Friedman - Joan Kalinousky
- 2 Lawrence Lippman - Francine Frischer - Debra Sobel - Judith Lippman
- 3 Thomas Schwarz - Marie Bellini - Wendy Kay - Gloria Markfield

Sunday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (16 Tables / Based on 44 Tables)

- 1 Anna Bromberg - Harold Feldheim - Bonnie Britton - Vijay Bhise
- 2 Igor Savchenko - Ljudmila Kamenova - Stephen Gladyszak - Alex Perlin
- 3 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon - Michael Rosen - Bob Gwirtzman

Stratum X

- 1 Eric Robinson - Michael Kopera - Zhuo Wang - William Zhu
- 2 Philip Grella - Bart Cirker - Loring Fenton - Shelley Fishman
- 3 Lee Ohliger - Steven Huhman - Robert Stayman - John Boyer

Sunday 3000 RR Teams

Bracket 1 (8 Tables / Based on 34 Tables)

- 1 Abbott Feren - Susan Calabro - Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich
- 2 Karen Pollack - Fred Enzler - John Earley - David Schwartz

3 Barry Wilderman - Sydel Chernoff - J C Meyers - Marilyn Brescia

Bracket 2

- 1 Martin Deneroff - Valerie Deneroff - Dominique Schneider - Joan Fruchter
- 2 Arthur Kronfeld - Mona Kronfeld - Phyllis Gladstone - Frank Gladstone
- 3 Phil Waxberg - Subrata Ghosh - Martin Gilbert - John Klaus

Bracket 3

- 1 David Bass - Jared Bass - Shawn Drenning - Zachary Scherr - Zachary Madden
- 2 Jeffrey Colton - Richard Wettan - Debra LaMountain - Michael Pollack
- 3 Lewis Grossman - Bonnie Semon - Allen Greenbaum - Elyse Fields

Bracket 4

- 1 Natalie Treanor - Susan Ghee - William Treanor - Richard Holroyd
- 2 Gary Levine - Mark Krinsky - Dorsey Mayer - Raymond Presti
- 3 Scott McDermott - Christian Hemphill - Arthur Van Blerkom - George Moehringer

Bracket 5

- 1 Jodi Rosenthal - Adrienne Saporta - Ellen Roisman - Bonnie Rich
- 2 Helene Schwartz - Susan Fox - Kay Cha - Dale Peritz
- 3 Laura Orticelle - Ruth Lessinger - Carol Kamp - Susan O'Shea

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

Just a few words about “just”

My most hated word in bridge is “Just.” As in when one player says to his/her partner in the post-mortem: “You *just* should have played a spade,” for example. Let me de-code that word “just.” In such a context *just* means the hand is over and I know where all the cards are and, with hindsight, I can berate my partner for not making an “obvious” play that wasn’t so obvious to partner because in the middle of the hand he/she couldn’t see all the cards.

For example, at the recent Nationals in Denver I was defending 4S in the prestigious Blue Ribbon Pairs against stars Brad Moss and Eric Grecco—multiple National Champions each. My hand included the AQ10x in clubs. The dummy—on my left—had two little clubs. I found myself back on lead at the second trick and it sure looked like I should wait until clubs came around to me so that my AQ could play last. So I played something else only to find out that declarer Moss had a hidden long side suit in his hand that eventually threw away one of dummy’s clubs. Of course it was partner who had the king of clubs so Mel and partner—National Champion Alex Ornstein--lost a trick and a bunch of matchpoints.

But to his credit, Alex didn’t berate me afterwards by saying “you *just* should have laid down the ace of clubs—we’d have taken another trick.” Alex—and the opponents—understood that it was very hard for me to know to do that. So nobody “justed” me.

After that event, things got a little better for me and Alex and we won a regional Fast Pairs—but only because we hadn’t qualified out of the first day of the 3-day Blue Ribbon pairs because of hands like the one I was talking about. (But, hey. I’m a big believer in the theory of bridge which paraphrases Steven Stills in his famous song “Love the one you’re with”: “If you can’t be in the event you want to, win the event you’re in!”)

My next major event was the 3-day National Swiss Teams and I did make it out of the first day—mostly because my teammates and my partner Chuck Sharf had played so well—44 teams out of 91 advanced; And we made it out of the second day too, as 22 of the 44 advanced to the final.

The final day was bumpy, with some ups and downs, but by the end of the day’s 5th of 8 matches, we were sitting in 11th place. But then two hands came up that sealed our fate. The first was when I made a well-reasoned, but disastrous, lead against a small slam that cost my team a mere 30 imps!!—the 17 we actually lost and the 13 we would have won if I had led suit A instead of suit B.

The second hand gets us back to “just.” Here are the cards:

	♠-xxx	
	♥-J10xxxx	
	♦-AK	
<u>Chuck</u>	♣-AJ	<u>Mel</u>
♠-AKQJxx		♠-xxx
♥-x		♥-void
♦-Jxxxx		♦-xxxx
♣- x		♣-K109xxx
	♠-x	
	♥-AKQxxx	
	♦-Qx	
	♣-Qxxx	

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This is the kind of exciting hand that gives our game the “sizzle” to our ordinary everyday “steak” hands. Hands like this are also very difficult to judge correctly all the time. Look what happened to my team.

At my table, with no one vulnerable the bidding went:

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Chuck</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Mel</u>
1♥	4♠	5♥	5♠
P	P	6♥	????

Though I wasn't sure if I should save in 6♠ or take my chances defending 6♥, I knew that 6♠x wouldn't go down much. So I took the plunge. They did double 6♠ and Chuck went down two, -300. And, once again, I had done the wrong thing—as you can see, 6♥ would have been down one. But if the opener's cards had been arranged only a tiny bit differently--if opener's minors were ♦-Qxx and ♣-Qxx instead of ♦-Qx and ♣-Qxxx—6♥ would have been cold. See what I mean when I said these hands are difficult to get right all the time. (And glad to report that, in the aftermath, Chuck did *not* say “why didn't you *just* pass 6♥!” He's too good for that.)

At the other table here's what happened when my Bostonian teammates--National Champion Adam Grossack(23 years old!) and Lew Gamerman (old enough to be Adam's grandfather!)--held all the hearts:

<u>Gamerman</u>	<u>opponent</u>	<u>Grossack</u>	<u>opponent</u>
1♥	4♠	6♥!	6♠
P	P	???	

As you can see, the player in my seat at the other table had made the same miscalculation as I had made when he bid 6♠. But teammate Grossack now had to decide whether to double and pick up whatever he could against 6♠ or to try 7♥.

Adam partially based his decision on a guiding principle: Usually in auctions like this when the opponents appear to be saving, a player who passes the opponent's higher ranking 6-bid around to partner is saying “I'm not sure whether to double them or bid on, but it's ok with me if you do bid on to 7.” But that could only be so if the “passer” had first round control of spades—the ace or a void. So when Gamerman passed 6♠, Grossack thought that Gamerman was void in spades and tried 7♥, not knowing he couldn't even make 6♥! (In Gamerman's defense, he had virtually no defense against spades and he thought maybe this was one of those crazy hands where maybe the opponent's were making 6♠ and that it was HIS team that should be *saving* in 7♥!)

But anyway, obviously 7♥ didn't work out and the boys were down 2, --100. Together with Mel and Chuck's -300 my team lost 9 imps. If Grossack had doubled 6♠, the board would have been a push.

Just like Chuck, neither Adam or Lew used the word “just.” Grossack didn't say to Lew “you just should have doubled 6♠”(even though maybe he should have) and Gamerman didn't say “Adam YOU just should have doubled 6♠.” That's part of why they are great players and why they are my teammates and my friends.

And that's just the way I feel about it.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to see a discussion of the relative merits of weak no trump openings (12 - 14 HCP) vs strong 1NT openings. I play a lot of bridge on Bridge Doctor and often see the weak no trump openings there in situations where the bidders get to their best contracts and this does not happen without the weak 1NT opening (Playing strong 1NT openings, I got a poor score on quite a few hands because of this). This could, of course, open the door to a discussion of the whole ACOL system vs. Standard American if so desired.

Thanks,
Paul Sauer

Dear Paul,

Diana Schuld, an Emerald Life Master, kindly replied to your question. You'll find her explanation on page 18, as well as an article on bidding when the opponents interfere over your weak NT by Phil Grella.

Dear Editor,

Is talking permitted between partners during games?

Thanks,
David Katof

Dear David,

Tournament Director Anita Goldman had this to say about talking with your partner during the game:

Talking between partners is allowed IF:

It is done quietly so as not to disturb or be overheard by other tables.

It doesn't slow the game down.

It is not disturbing or "annoying or embarrassing another player"(law74A).

It is not ignoring or being rude to the pair coming to the table.

A pair should refrain from discussing a played hand until after the game is over, thereby preventing others from gaining knowledge about the hand.

Dear Editor,

Has there ever been consideration for paying entry fees using credit cards? In other words, other than cash or check .

Just wondering,
Art Kaplan

Dear Art,

Lee Launer, our unit's Tournament Chairperson, has this to say: "While we recognize the potential appeal of using credit cards for entry fees, our evaluation has identified a number of concerns, such as: additional administrative responsibilities and security issues, potential disruption of service(slowing down the line for buying entries) and additional costs. So, at this time, we will not implement credit card usage but will continue to monitor technological improvements that might solve such issues."

Dear Unit 242,

1. Please have more frequent updates for the Frank Allison Double Knockout Teams.
2. Please show the current standings for Player of the Year on a quarterly basis.

Thanks,
Abbott Feren

Dear Abbot,

You can find the latest update for the Knockout Teams on page 19. As for the POTY, that is currently being computed and will be posted on our website, LIBridge.com, when ready.

Dear Editor,

I used to play every tournament every day. I do not play anymore for I don't want to play at the "crack of dawn." I would like the 1:00 and 7:00 reinstated.

Best,

Bonnie Salkind

Dear Bonnie,

According to Tournament Chairperson Lee Launer, "The determination of starting time at tournaments has been and will continue to be a difficult decision. As one might expect, everyone has a personal preference. Two years ago, we conducted a survey at our tournament that included a number of questions. There were 144 responses, a very high number and statistically valid. The vast majority of our members preferred a 10 or 10:30 am start time and approximately a 2:30 return time for the 2nd session."

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate a brief column advising beginning and intermediate players who want to gain more club experience how to complete a basic convention card. That would be extremely helpful and encouraging!

Thank you.,

Susan Fishbein

Dear Susan,

Not only does it help a partnership to have two correctly filled out convention cards, but it is also required by the ACBL. A few years ago the Bridge Bulletin ran a very helpful series, which is still available online. The easiest way to find it is to go to ACBL.org and in the upper right corner click on the "search." Then enter "convention card" and you'll see it listed as "How To Complete Your Convention Card." It is 24 parts, which may seem daunting, but it breaks each section of the card down into understandable units and it will definitely help for you and your partner to go over this together and maybe even stop some disagreements before they happen!

Dear Editor,

I have a question about a ruling on a hand I played. What is the procedure?

Thanks,

Michael Herman

Dear Michael,

While it is beyond the scope of the Islander to comment on a director's ruling, what I do suggest is that you ask other directors how they would rule in that situation. Also, you can send your specific question to Mike Flader, who writes a column in the Bridge Bulletin about rulings. His e-mail is: rulings@acbl.org. However, if you want to lodge a complaint, you should speak to the club owner first.

Dear Editor,

An interesting situation arose recently in a club game. We had a lead out of turn at our table and the director was called. He was giving my partner his options, but since I knew my partner wasn't wearing his hearing aids - and I wasn't wearing mine either - I wasn't sure he'd heard all the options. I was trying to make sure he heard them, but the director thought I was trying to signal him which option to choose. The director was about to forbid my partner from using the option he wanted, but eventually relented. I guess the age of our players can have an impact on our rulings!

Drew Tarhan

Dear Drew,

Due to the average age of an ACBL member, maybe a new policy should be implemented: "Hearing aids must be worn at all times." Did you hear that? ☺

Dec 18-20, 2015 STaC Results

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (44.5 Tables)

- 1 Debra Katz – David Joseph
- 2 Lyn Weiss – Charlotte Herdman
- 3 Kathy Hicks – Christine Woodring

Stratum B

- 1 Debra Katz – David Joseph
- 2 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish
- 3 Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan

Stratum C

- 1 Natalie Treanor – William Treanor
- 2 Marty Silver – Maggie Silver
- 3 Judith Simon – Gail Kugler

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (22 Tables)

- 1 Lisa Yellis – Michael Fishman
- 2 Geoffrey O'Connor – Hubert Howe Jr
- 3 Nancy Defren – Ellen Davidoff

Stratum B

- 1 Lisa Yellis – Michael Fishman

- 2 Nancy Defren – Ellen Davidoff

- 3 Carl Winston – Art Kaplan

Stratum C

- 1 Thomas Fahey – Hugh Cotty
- 2 Lee Weitzman – Diane Lipman
- 3 Barry Port – Harriet Goldman

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (49.5 Tables)

- 1 Geoffrey O'Connor – Cordelia Menges
- 2 Camille Khazzam – Floris Nissan
- 3 Rochelle Strauss – Jacquelyn Germaey

Stratum B

- 1 Sandi Sullivan – Terry Sullivan
- 2 Jane Sitzman – Gair Betts
- 3 Lenore Widmark – Donald Bedell

Stratum C

- 1 Sandi Sullivan – Terry Sullivan
- 2 Lenore Widmark – Donald Bedell
- 3 Young Cha – Kay Cha

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (17 Tables)

- 1 Abbot Feren – Susan Denenholz
- 2 Louis Lessinger – Helen Buck
- 3 Joann Lederman – Irving Lederman

Stratum B

- 1 Joann Lederman – Irving Lederman
- 2 Melissa Stranzl – Howard Sloan
- 3 Janine Buss – Debra Lamountain

Stratum C

- 1 Janine Buss – Debra Lamountain
- 2 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond
- 3 Fran Peterson – Joanne Rodney

Editor's Note:

The Islander only prints the results of STaC games that are scored over multiple clubs. For complete results, go to LIBridge.com.

Teaching Bridge to Youth on Long Island

IT'S SO EXCITING!

Our school bridge program is expanding at a rapid pace. If you would like join our team of volunteers, please email Carol Mathews (mathewscj@aol.com) or Jim Schneider (whistle21751@gmail.com).

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Life Master—Non-LM Charity Pair Game

Wednesday, May 11, 2016 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.

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

No regular partnerships, please.

Pre-registration on the form below is greatly appreciated. Tear off and mail to:

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231 Baird Court

Woodbury, NY 11797

Please send forms in by May 5, 2016.

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Partner's Name _____

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

I need a partner _____

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Long Island Spring Regional ♠ May 11-15, 2016

at the *Upsky Long Island Hotel*

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Discounted Room Rate: \$109 Cutoff Date: April 30, 2016

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

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WEDNESDAY May 11

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

THURSDAY May 12

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) (Guaranteed Partners)..... 10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300)..... 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500).....10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams10:00 am & TBA

FRIDAY May 13

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) (Guaranteed Partners)..... 10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300)..... 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500).....10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams10:00 am & TBA

SATURDAY May 14

Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300)..... 10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500).....10:00 am & 2:00 pm
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams10:00 am & TBA

SUNDAY May 15

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

We will have a 1-hour maximum lunch break in order to accommodate our members for the earliest possible departure time.

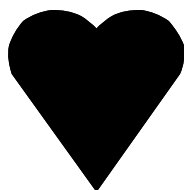
GOLD AWARDED IN BRACKETED EVENTS (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold)

SINGLE SESSION ENTRIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL PAIR GAMES

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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.

STaC Results Oct 19-25, 2015

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (49 Tables)

- 1 Karl De Shrage – Michael Geisinger
- 2 Agnes Bodony – Andrew Bodony
- 3 Mark Blanchard – Frank O’Lear

Stratum B

- 1 Agnes Bodony – Andrew Bodony
- 2 Mark Blanchard – Frank O’Lear
- 3 Robin Pollack – Lynne Roth

Stratum C

- 1 Michael Di Michele – Vijay Datta
- 2 Richard Gardos – Ronald Pinkus
- 3 Penny Redvanly – Neal Smith

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (74.5 Tables)

- 1 Tanya Weitz – Susan Deneholz
- 2 Martin Saiman – Harold Hack
- 3 Mel Colchamiro – Phyllis Schiff

Stratum B

- 1 Martin Saiman – Harold Hack
- 2 Loretta Koenig – Linda Epstein
- 3 Bonnie Semon – Risa Grossman

Stratum C

- 1 Debra LaMountain – Joanne Henrick
- 2 Laura Eilbott – Jacqueline Dixon
- 3 Joseph Goldberg – Francine Fischer

Monday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (23.5 Pairs)

- 1 Michael Krevor – Howard Lipset
- 2 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon
- 3 Debra Katz – Sharon Price

Stratum B

- 1 Michael Krevor – Howard Lipset
- 2 Debra Katz – Sharon Price
- 3 Michael Slavin – Martin Fox

Stratum C

- 1 Michael Slavin – Martin Fox
- 2 Laura Reich – Ted Reich
- 3 Mark Krinsky – Janine Buss

Tuesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (18 Tables)

- 1 Susan Weiss – Maxine Landau
- 2 Doris Rodgers – Frank Anshen
- 3 Arlene Krasnoff – Paul Cohen

Stratum B

- 1 Susan Weiss – Maxine Landau
- 2 Elizabeth Aylmer – Linda Diamond
- 3 Sidney Dein – Harvey Stern

Stratum C

- 1 Susan Weiss – Maxine Landau
- 2 Marie Gross – Susan Bernstein
- 3 Margaret Sweeney – James Sweeney

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (72 Tables)

- 1 Bella Chiusano – Barry Plotkin
- 2 Geoffrey O’Connor – Robert Gold
- 3 Lillian Winter – Barbara Fink

Stratum B

- 1 Lillian Winter – Barbara Fink
- 2 Roy Ritter – Paul Cutrofello
- 3 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

Stratum C

- 1 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush
- 2 David Brownstein – Jill Brownstein
- 3 Laura O’Reilly – Constance Hoagland

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (26 Tables)

- 1 James Doig – Anthony Rizzuto
- 2 John Berry – Martin Feldman
- 3 Jack Lipson – Andree Welsh

Stratum B

- 1 Paul Cohen – Gary Feuer
- 2 Lynn Romeo – Vijay Datta
- 3 Judy Anthony – Lorna Verdone

Stratum C

- 1 Judy Anthony – Lorna Verdone
- 2 Diana Maniscalco – Laura Kopp
- 3 Joseph Lenci – Jean Golub

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (43.5 Tables)

- 1 Geoffrey O’Connor – Richard Baumer
- 2 Mel Colchamiro – Barbara Boyarsky
- 3/5 Susan Toporovsky – Helen Buck
- 3/5 Dina Schechter – Eppie Eagle
- 3/5 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin

Stratum B

- 1/2 Dina Schechter – Eppie Eagle
- 1/2 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin
- 3 Bill Dinner – Michael Fishman

Stratum C

- 1 Susan Eisner – Lisa Hadar

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- 2 Mark Goldberg – George Bleier
- 3 Frances Slavin – Shirley Rubenstein

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (17 Tables)

- 1 Richard Baumer – Martin Finkelman
- 2 Roberty Hurley – Barry Nish
- 3 Anne Stuckler – Jan Frey

Stratum B

- 1 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish
- 2 Anne Stuckler – Jan Frey
- 3 Steven Fish – Al Krieger

Stratum C

- 1 Steven Fish – Al Krieger
- 2 Joseph Santomero – Dominique Schneider
- 3 Joseph Levy – Jerry Ross

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (70 Tables)

- 1 Brew Grunther – Peggy Maslow
- 2 Martin Brownstein – Marilyn Brescia
- 3 Camille Khazzam – George Nissan

Stratum B

- 1 Brew Grunther – Peggy Maslow
- 2 Kenneth Simon – Gisela Von Zedlitz
- 3 Alan Hyman – Lynne Roth

Stratum C

- 1 Brew Grunther – Peggy Maslow
- 2 Cherri Dorris – Rita Winter
- 3 Lina Leonardi – Joseph Gregson

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Strata A&B (41.5 Tables)

- 1 Ed Brennan – Linda Lake

- 2 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish

- 3 Patricia Lessard – Elizabeth Murphy

Stratum C

- 1 Patricia Lessard – Elizabeth Murphy
- 2 Jean Johnson – Larry Smith
- 3 Elisse Weiss – Karen Dorman

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (51.5 Tables)

- 1 Ann Gardner – Alan Gardner
- 2 Arthur Brodsky – Lauren Block
- 3 Virginia Hoffman – Marianne Fulfaro

Stratum B

- 1 Ann Gardner – Alan Gardner
- 2 Alvin Frohman – Roy Ritter
- 3 Lee Stern – Jeff Colton

Stratum C

- 1 Debra Lamountain – Laura Otricelle
- 2 Janine Buss – Erika Silver
- 3 Kim Floam – Susan Rand

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Strata A&B (22 Tables)

- 1 Patrick Mitchell – Karen Pollack
- 2 Richard Sturm – Lillian Gordon
- 3 Joseph DiBenedetto – Lenore Widmark

Stratum C

- 1 Florence Negin – Donna Epstein
- 2 Lawrence Lippman – Francine Frischer
- 3/4 Marie Bellini – Jerry Hackman
- 3/4 Beverly Daniel – Thomas Harrington

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (52.5 Tables)

- 1 James Schneider – Mark Shaiman

- 2 Ed Brennan – Linda Lake

- 3 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin

Stratum B

- 1 Ed Brennan – Linda Lake
- 2 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin
- 3 Mark Inhaber – Allen Greenbaum

Stratum C

- 1 Vijay Datta – Jean Camas
- 2 Tihomir Stanicic – Mladen Mirkovic
- 3 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler

Top 10 MP Winners

- 1 25.53 Geoffrey O'Connor
- 2 21.78 Mark Blanchard
- 3 20.57 Ed Brennan
- 4 19.75 Lesley Decker Lucas
- 5 19.06 Bella Chiusano
- 6 18.93 Susan Denenholz
- 7 18.47 Linda Lake
- 8 18.40 Tanya Weitz
- 9 17.40 Marilyn Brescia
- 10 17.22 Mel Colchamiro

Editor's Note:

The Islander only prints the results of STaC games that are scored over multiple clubs. For complete results, go to LIBridge.com.

SAVE THE DATE- BRIDGE FUN in 2016!

Triple Point Swiss

Sat, Jan 9th at 7pm

Teams are invited to play in an ACBL Member-exclusive event! Triple Points will be awarded. Dinner served at 6pm. Triple Points. \$17

Game of the Titans

Fri, Feb 5th at 7pm

Our annual Individual Player Championship where only one winner comes out at the top! Trophy awarded. Winner recognized on perpetual plaque. \$20

SagAMORE Valentine's Swiss

Sat, Feb 13th at 7pm

Celebrate Valentine's doing what you Love, Love, LOVE! Chocolates & Desserts, too \$17

Silver Pro-Am-Am-Am Swiss

Thurs, Feb 25th at 6:30pm

One Pro/Life Master and three Non-life master's make a team! Silver points awarded. Partnership assistance is available. Silver Points. \$80 per team, Pizza served at 6:00pm

Jeopardy Bridge Game

Sat, Mar 5th at 6pm

Brainiacs beware...we are smashing together two great games in one night! Join us for a light dinner at 5:30pm, duplicate and a live game of Jeopardy! Who wants to be a contestant? \$18

Senior Pairs Game

(NOTE TIME) **Mon, Mar 7 at 12pm**

If you and your partner were born prior to Jan. 1st, 1959, join us for this ACBL-wide event! Winners recognized on ACBL website and in the Bridge Bulletin. Double Points \$18

ACBL-wide Charity Game

Thurs, Apr 14th at 10:30am

Join us for the game being played across America! Winners recognized on ACBL website and in the Bridge Bulletin. Double Points. Hand records and analyses provided \$19

More upcoming FUN.....

Nassau/Suffolk Awards Dinner

Sun, May 1st at 5pm

Calcutta Kick-Off Game

Wed, May 18th at 5pm

Sagamore Cup Championship

June 8th - 11th daytime

The Longest Day 2016

Mon, June 20th all day

Club Appreciation Week

Oct 4th - 10th

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Fast-Track - Learn Bridge in One Day

This one-day course is the fast-track to learning bridge.

We promise to have you playing within minutes of your arrival. The focus is to get you playing, learning the mechanics of this fun, social past-time and teaching you some basic strategies so you can start playing with friends, family or in any of our Novice games. This workshop offers players an opportunity to see if they like the game of bridge, its concepts and principles before investing in subsequent courses to learn bidding.

We only hold this workshop twice a year; DON'T MISS your chance!

January 16, 2015- 10:00am- 2:00pm (Bagel Brunch included)

\$25 for one person, \$40 for two people, \$55 for three, or gather a group for the BEST SAVINGS...\$60 for four or more people! (Groups must register together)

Learn How to play Swiss Teams

One of the most popular ways to play bridge today is in Swiss Teams.

Come learn the mechanics of the Swiss movement, the different strategies of Swiss play and defense, how to Captain a team and to do IMP scoring and victory point conversion! Actual game will take place and masterpoints will be awarded, too! ***It is much easier than you would think and so much fun!***

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Weak No Trumps by Diana Schuld

In the weak No Trump system I play we open 10-13 Non-Vulnerable, 15-17 Vulnerable and in 4th seat. The prime reason for the NV opening is the same as a weak 2 bid. Preemption. This is not related to the K-S version, where the opening is always 12-14 in all seats and vulnerability, and is an integral part of their bidding system. It also handles all those 12-13 point flat hands you hesitate to open, especially without any Aces.

This opening can be as weak as a flat 10 or can hold a bad 5-card major. with 10 and 11, but holding a good 5-card major (KQ10xx) and 11 we will open the major. With 12-13 we open all 5-card majors. Stayman and transfers are a part of the system, which is sometimes extended to show a 4-card major and 5-card minor. Sometimes 3NT or 4 of a major is also "wrong" sided, but it seldom hurts. The preemptive value of a 10-13 NT is unquestionable. Your opponent wants to enter the auction? Let him start with a 2 bid. If you are playing against weak No Trumps, have a system that allows you to make a penalty double in direct seat. If the doubler's partner chooses to bid, he should treat your double as if you had opened 1NT and use Stayman or Transfers. If your system over the opponents' 1NT allows for a penalty double, you only need that one. If not, you need to list 2 systems on your convention card: one for weak, one for strong. I personally use 2C for the majors and all other bids natural in direct seat. That allows for a penalty double when I hold 13+ hcp. In balance seat I use the same system I use against strong NTs.

How do we escape when the opponents double? If we don't have a 5-card suit in direct seat after the double, we pass it to partner. If he also doesn't have one, he redoubles. There are various ways to show our potential 4-4 combinations, or even a possible 3334.

This is a very general description of the Weak NT system I learned from Allan Siebert, a 6-time NABC Champion. It works for him in both Match Points and team events.

When Opponents Interfere Over Your Weak NT by Phil Grella

So, you want to play weak No Trumps !! What happens if your partner opens 1NT weak variety and your right hand opponent (RHO) doubles? Do you have escape methods (or penalty options?). Here is something Bob Elliott came up with to make sure you land in your best possible spot. It may not turn out so great but it will find your best place to play the hand. It's called "Elli Outs."

After the double there are 3 bids available to the *Responder*.

A) Bid B) pass C) Re-double (each has a special meaning as described below)

First, a suit-bid by the *Responder* shows either a 2-suited hand or just hearts by bidding as follows:

2 ♣ = clubs & hearts (Opener picks the suit to play by passing or bidding hearts)

2 ♦ = diamonds & hearts (Opener picks the suit to play)

2 ♥ = hearts (Opener MUST pass)

Next is when *Responder* passes:

Pass by *Responder* forces Opener to redouble **only** if 4th seat bidder passes.

Otherwise Opener passes any bid made.

After Opener redoubles, if *Responder's* RHO passes *Responder* can now pass when intending to want to play in 1NT redoubled.

If instead *Responder* now bids, it shows a 2-suited hand: the suit bid plus spades.

2 ♣ = clubs & spades (Opener picks the suit to play)

2 ♦ = diamonds & spades (Opener pick the suit to play)

2 ♥ = hearts & spades (Opener picks the suit to play)

Last is when *Responder* redoubles:

If 4th seat passes, Opener must bid 2 ♣. If *Responder's* RHO passes *Responder* can now bid:

2 ♦ (showing just diamonds)

2 ♥ (showing just spades)

or Pass (showing just clubs or possibly both minors)

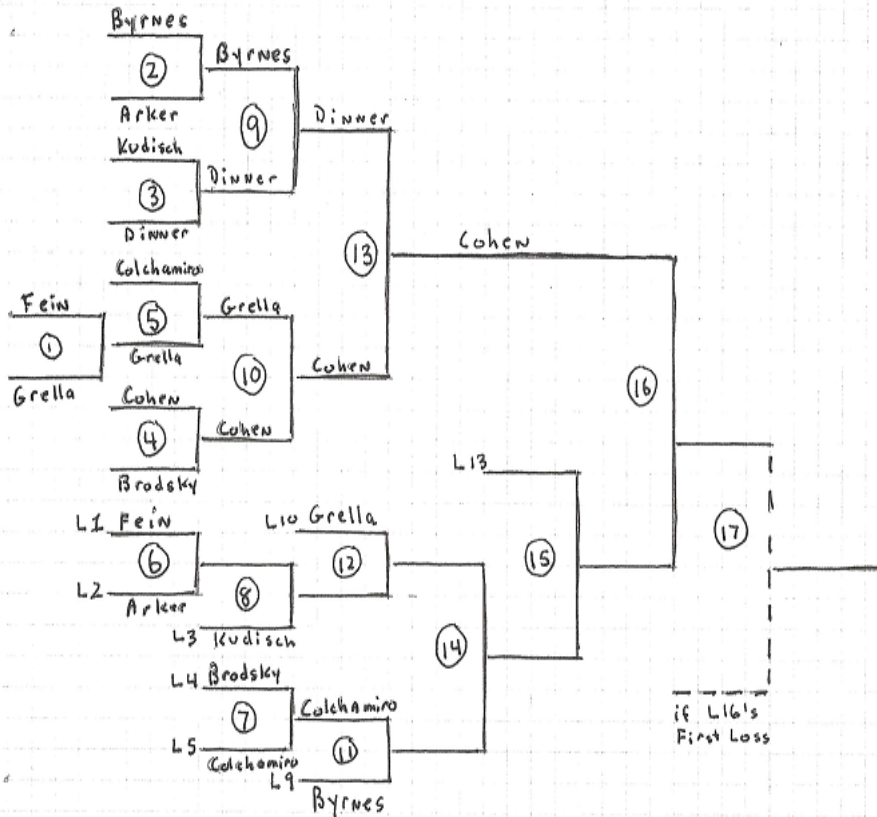
If any opponent now doubles, passing shows just clubs but a redouble by *Responder* shows both minors. (Opener again picks the suit to play by passing or bidding 2 diamonds)

All of the above are escape bids and not forward going.

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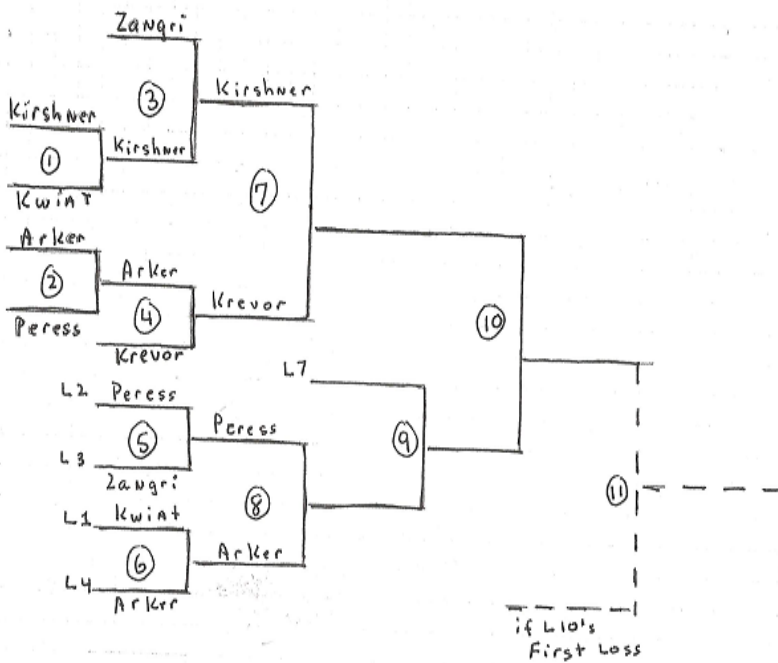
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Stratum A



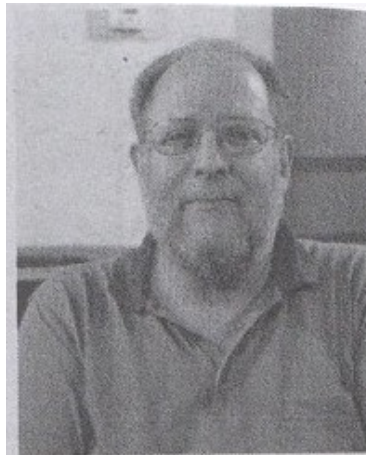
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Stratum B



David Paull

1942 - 2015



David Paull, who attained his goal of becoming an Emerald Life Master last year, passed away on July 27th after a long illness.

David, of East Meadow, NY, was an extraordinary player with an indomitable spirit. After beginning dialysis some eight years ago, he played bridge almost daily at local clubs and also insisted on attending tournaments. New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut were no problem, but the NABCs posed some difficulties. Luckily he was able to schedule early morning dialysis in several “far away” cities so he could enter afternoon and evening sessions.

In District 24 and Unit 242, David won the Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs, and Player of the Year several times in various categories. He also won many regional and sectional tournaments with a variety of partners. One special distinction for David was that he won three (3) consecutive Senior Swiss Sectional events with one of his regular partners and three different combinations of teammates.

David developed two conventions, both approved by the ACBL, that many players now use. One is known as Perchikoff (named after David’s birth surname) - a $2\clubsuit$ rebid after a $1\spadesuit$ opening and a response of 1NT. This rebid of $2\clubsuit$ specifically shows a hand without four diamonds, four hearts, or six spades, and can be as short as two clubs.

The second convention is known as Paulwood. It is a modification of the keycard conventions and helps specify one’s holdings more precisely. $5\clubsuit$ shows one or three key cards; $5\diamondsuit$ shows zero or two “like” key cards (same color or same rank); $5\heartsuit$ shows two “unlike” key cards or four without the trump queen; $5\spadesuit$ shows two key cards with the trump queen or five key cards.

David passionately loved bridge and he truly believed that the game helped him to stay alive as long as he did. He will be sorely missed by his many partners, friends, and family. Bridge on LI is not the same without him.

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

Make your plans now to play with your favorite partner.

Wednesday, May 11	7:00 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
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Thursday, May 12	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Thursday, May 12	10:00 & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Friday, May 13	10:00	Single Session Pairs
Friday, May 13	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Friday, May 13	10:00 & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, May 14	10:00 AM & 2:00 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Saturday, May 14	10:00 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Sunday, May 15	10:00 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!

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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



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Gerald Berkman

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Kent Vandewater

Ellie Brook

Joan Fruchter

Barbara Emmer

Frank Giangrande

New Gold Life Masters

Linda Ferrari

Harriet Goldman

Shelley Fishman

Joan Fruchter

Laura O'Reilly

Gail Levy

Harriet Goldman

Joan Rosenthal

Carol Mathews

Gail Johnson

Helene Schwartz

Helen Topkis

Naomi Kramer

Renee Silver

Patrick Mitchell

Helen Solomon

Laura O'Reilly

Arnold Wagner

New Silver Life Masters

Beth Raymond

Richard Wettan

Joan Schneider

New Advanced NABC Masters

Dina Arker

Mindy Setton

Pearl Berson

Renee Silver

Harvey Domnitz

Terry Sullivan

Stanley Adelman

Doris Fine

Arnold Wagner

Raymond Elias

Rhoda Haimson

Elyssa Weissman

Joanne Henrick

Marvin Harstein

Mark Krinsky

Loretta Koenig

Ruth Lessinger

Sondra Nachbar

Gary Levine

Barry Plotkin

Laura Orticelle

New NABC Masters

Robin Brendell

Gordon Harper

Robin Healy

Patricia Hurleigh

Alice Kohn

Mel Kravatz

Kathaleen Lang

Elizabeth Murphy

Dale Peritz

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Howard Collins	Anne Givner	Leslie Brook	Barbara Untracht
Janet Connolly	Warren Glasner	Douglas Casper	Michael Viscusi
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Cherri Dorris	Joan Grant	Ecaterina Cioca	Gail Wholl
June Feinsod	Faith Herzog	Stephen Cohen	Wynne Wilder
Michael Friedlander	Karen Johnson	Karen Cuppernull	Herb Zaretsky
Laura Kipp	Ann Judge	Barbara Deturk	Ling-Ling Zhang
Randi Kreiss	David Katof	Jacqueline Eshaghpour	
Joseph Lenci	Barbara Kerner	Edward Feinstein	

An Interesting Hand from the NAOP by Joe Byrnes

	♠KJ753 ♥Q74 ♦A76 ♣107		
♠Q ♥K10953 ♦Q1053 ♣J86	♠1098642 ♥A2 ♦K2 ♣K54	♠A ♥J86 ♦J984 ♣AQ932	

<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>N</u>
1♣	1♠	X	2NT
P	4S	All Pass	

The district final of the North American Open Pairs was held at Aces bridge club in Manhattan on November 15th. In the field of 30 pairs, which included almost all of the best players from the New York area, Long Island's Dori Cohen and Rob Gordon finished first, winning the right to represent our district at the spring nationals in Reno.

Many players think to win an event like this requires you make some spectacular plays, with squeezes and end plays coming up on most of the hands. Nothing could be further from the truth. These events are almost always won by exercising good judgment on every hand. Almost all of the players there can make those spectacular plays on the few hands when they come up. The best players make the good decisions on every hand.

On this hand Dori was south. Rob's 2 no trump bid showed a limit raise in spades with at least 4 trump. Most players would look at Dori's hand and bid 3 spades, thinking they have "only" 10 points.

Dori thought quite awhile on her second bid. Since all of her points were in aces and kings, and she knew she had at least a 10 card trump fit, she tried 4 spades.


Four spades was cold on the lie of the cards, and Dori embarked on a line of play that would have endplayed the opponents so she could make five if one player held both the ace of spades and the king of hearts, and trumps split 1-1, or if east held both trumps and the king of hearts. She ruffed out clubs and then diamonds, ending in her hand in order to lead a spade towards dummy. The endplay was not successful, but getting to four spades was worth 80 percent of the matchpoints. Quite a feat in a star-studded field.

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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	
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Sunday	12:45pm open	12:30 pm	12:00 pm open	

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