President’s Message

Have I really been doing this for a year? I feel like I started yesterday. Yet come our fall tournament it will be a year.

We’ve been working on updating our website, and it should be fully functional later this summer. If it is not I will be on a ledge somewhere. With the new site we will be able to get scores uploaded on a daily basis at our regionals, and much faster at our club silver points events. We will have many other advantages, as you will see.

We will be having our membership meeting on the Wednesday evening of our Fall Regional, September 14th, right before the Life Master/ non Life Master game. This will be a very short meeting just to elect our board members. All are welcome. The next full meeting of the board is currently scheduled for Thursday night, October 6, but check our website (www.libridge.com) as we get closer to that date. Please come down. We welcome your suggestions. You can also make suggestions to board members whenever you see them or you can e-mail us. The full list can be found on page 13 of this Islander.

At the regional we are devoting Sunday the 18th to honor Dr. Reza Khatib. The good doctor has been very generous in helping the Long Island Bridge For Youth program, and we would like to show our appreciation.

Also at the regional I will be putting some interesting items in the daily bulletins. Thanks to the efforts of Karen Ewald, we now have copies of some old versions of the Islander. Those of you who have been playing for a long time will have a great time seeing some of these old names. I think even the newer players will find it interesting. See you at the regional.

Joe Byrnes
By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

www.allevybridge.com/

Starting with my bridge playing in College to my serving bridge for the past 40 years I have witnessed, and been part of, the enjoyment and expansion of our District’s bridge activities. The success of bridge in our area is due, to a great extent, to the hard work and dedication of the many past and present NSBA and GNYBA board members and tournament volunteers as well as the many bridge clubs with a variety of play schedules and teaching programs. ACBL tournament directors in our area also significantly add to the bridge experience at our Regional and Sectional tournaments. TDs also take an active role in Unit affairs, most notably Alan Miller and Anita Goldman, both of whom add their experience and knowledge in helping the Units.

At a recent ‘very productive’ NSBA board meeting, ably run by president Joe Byrnes, all the board members attended, along with six incoming board members who will take office in September. I’ll direct you to the NSBA and GNYBA websites. There you will see mention of all those that work behind the scenes, as well as all the bridge activities in our District. Also, see all the bridge club websites for their activities, schedules, results and news. Kudos to Silvana Scotto Zangri and the Sagamore Bridge for raising the most money, for the 4th year in a row in the ACBL’s Longest Day event supporting the Alzheimer’s Association. Congratulations to Honors Bridge Club, recognized as the #1 bridge club in North America based on attendance.

Thanks to Carol Mathews and many others, along with local funding, bridge is part of the after school programs in many LI school districts. After school programs are in seven elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school. NYC has similar programs, with one charter elementary school, part of the Hunter College Campus Schools, having in-curriculum bridge classes. Judy Feder, the coordinator of the program, reports that as much as the kids loved to learn and play, they have an even more enjoyable experience when playing online. Judy reports that the students learn faster, play more hands, and still socialize as they are all in the same room. School programs from NYC, LI and New Jersey are looking into competing with each other both online, and also face to face at a local bridge club.

School programs are taking place all over North America. The number of programs and volunteers are a tribute to the energies and dedication of so many, and they should all be given the greatest encouragement and support.

On another front, sanctioned online bridge is helping to grow the game as well as increase our revenue. I have chaired the Online Committee for the past 20 years, and report online revenue now at $600,000 annually, and due to a recent agreement with BridgeBase Online, revenue will be increased by an additional $500,000 for each of the next four years.

It’s hard to believe, but the 20th World Computer-Bridge Championship will be held at this year’s WBF world championship. This is a joint ACBL/WBF event that I originated 20 years ago at the suggestion of Alan Truscott. See the official website at www.computerbridge.com

Wishing you success and fun at the bridge table, and please be appreciative of all those who promote bridge in our District.
Dr. Reza Khatib Sectional, July 8-10, Results

Friday Morning Championship Pairs
Stratum A (63.5 tables)
1 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish
2 Phyllis Feiner – Gail Friedberg
3/4 Carol Mathews – Hope Nierman
3/4 Diana Schuld – Sheila Pohly

Stratum B
1 Phyllis Feiner – Gail Friedberg
2 Phillip Waldman – Marlene Beckenstein
3 Eyelne Blume – Rick Blume

Stratum C
1 Peter Embiricos – Anne Marie Embiricos
2 Deena Kaftor – Aida Hanania
3 Meryl Mann – Eleanor Liberman

Friday Morning 0-750 Pairs
Stratum A
1 Larry Brochin – Fred Goldschmidt
2 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman
3 Darin Tripp – Robin Healy

Stratum B
1 Larry Brochin – Fred Goldschmidt
2 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman
3 Vivian Ouziel-Siegel – Karen Koppelman

Stratum C
1 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman
2 Vivian Ouziel-Siegel – Karen Keppelman
3 Renee Ritter – Gail Mandelbaum

Friday Afternoon Championship Pairs
Stratum A (18.5 tables)
1 Hubert Howe Jr. – Jonathan Howe
2 Linda Ferrari – Christine Talbot
3 Patricia Gold – Ellen Postrel

Stratum B
1 Linda Ferrari – Christine Talbot
2 Beverly Daniel – Thomas Harrington
3 Mary Woiler – Caroline Terry

Stratum C
1 Mary Woiler – Caroline Terry
2 Sue Clark – June Sellin
3 Cheryl Rush – Candy West

Saturday Afternoon Championship Pairs
Stratum A (7 tables)
1 Robin Brendell – Sharon Melville
2 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier
3 Victor Poon – Jeanne Hanrahan

Stratum B
1 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier
2 Fran Peterson – Erika Silver
3/4 Martin Block – Ann Block
3/4 Douglas Casper – Jerome Butkow

Stratum C
1 Betty Kaplan – Lawrence Kaplan
2 Lana Putter – Gabriel Tawil
3 Jeffrey Colton – Alan Gardner

Saturday Evening Open Swiss Teams
Stratum A (11 tables)
1 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon – Sandrea Friedman – David Rosenberg
2 Susan Gehn – David Korenstein – Carolyn Carlin – Robert Weinschenk

Stratum B
2/3 Douglas Casper – Paula Vonuitts – Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan
2/3 Rhoda Haimson – Marsha Gordon – Natalie Katz – Irving Katz

Sunday Afternoon Championship Pairs
Stratum A (23 tables)
1 Steven Conrad – Ruth Stober
2/3 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman
2/3 Lauren Block – Bonnie Salkind

Stratum B
1 Debra Osborn – Charolotte Herdman
2 Adele Birnbaum – Fay Nadel
3 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond

Stratum C
1 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond
2 Barbara Frank – Shirley Rubinstein
3 Irma Marcus – Frances Berg

Sunday Afternoon Open Swiss Teams
Stratum A (16 tables)
1 Jack Lipson – Leslie Sarf – Michael Fishman – Richard Baumer
2/4 Silvana Zangri – Morton Case – Richard Morici – David Schwartz
2/4 John Berry – Jack Price – Marilyn Brescia – Marion Yonke
2/4 David Sloane – John Bell – Jeanne Hanrahan – Alan Kudisch

Stratum B
1/2 John Berry – Jack Price – Marilyn Brescia – Marion Yonke
1/2 David Sloane – John Bell – Jeanne Hanrahan – Alan Kudisch
3 Arthur Goren – Sally Rackson – Louise Merritt – Sunny Oberoi

Stratum C
1 Arthur Goren – Sally Rackson – Louise Merritt – Sunny Oberoi
3 Laura Orticelle – Ruth Lessinger – Carol Kamp – Mark Blanchard
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**LM/non-LM Charity Pairs** (35 tables)
1 Phillip Grella – Edward Niemira
2 Lewis Maddock – Michael Viscusi
3 Elizabeth Shapiro – Diana Schuld
4 Carol Mathews – Nancy Sybil
5 Charles Bilich – Marilyn Goldman
5 David Schwartz – Malcolm Pettit
5 Stephen Lucas – Lawrence Brochin
8 Karl De Shrage – Maggie Silver
9 Lesley Decker Lucas – Gary Zipper
10 Gary Helman – David Millindorf
2 Herbert Blumenfeld – Peggy Blumenfeld – Gail Johnson – Bill Johnson
3 Barry Adelman – Shelley Adelman – Jamie Szoke – Eliza Werner
2 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler
3 Carol Fishman – Susan Zacherman

**Thursday Bracketed Round Robin (1)**
1/2 Abbott Feren – John Berry – Michael Fishman – Bill Dinner
1/2 Doris Banks – Rochelle Strauss – James Schneider – Marie Barbeosch
3 Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin – Susan Denenholz – Matt Rewinski

**Thursday Bracketed Round Robin (2)**
1/2 Alan Hyman – Stephen Solomon – Lester Zabronskey – Marcia Zabronskey
1/2 Robert Gordon – Stephen Green – Mark Inhaber – Susan Calabro
3 Jan Frey – Carol Reiss – Anne Stuckler – Claire Barron

**Thursday Bracketed Round Robin (3)**
1 George Trost – William Sigward – Ann Murray – Michael McPherson
3 Marlene Benny – Ruth Edwards – Susan Trumper – Noreen Franklin

**Thursday Bracketed Round Robin (4)**
1 Laura O'Reilly – Lee Dion – Susan Birdsall – Burton Greenhouse

**Thursday Bracketed Round Robin (5)**
1 Harris Bellovin – Laurence Sussman – Judith Spitz – Fred Schneider
2 Michael Nussbaum – Suzanne Nussbaum – Robert Mann – Meryl Mann
3 Bonnie Deutsch – Bonnie Semon – Elyane Fastenberg – Carol Leinwand

**Thursday Stratified Open Pairs**
Stratum A (14 tables)
1 Mimi Bieber – Faye Marino
2 D Wolkowitz – Michael Polowan
3 Jill Fouad – Harold Feldheim
Stratum B
1 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
2 Dominique Schneider – Ruth Ellen Maddock
3 Lawrence Solow – Leah Chodes
Stratum C
1 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
2 Dominique Schneider – Ruth Ellen Maddock

**Thursday Stratified Newcomer Pairs**
Stratum A (6.5 tables)
1 Allen Krieger – Roberta Small
2 Wendy Marx – Barbara Deturk
3 Judy Weitzman – Naomi Abramowitz
Stratum B
1 Wendy Marx – Barbara Deturk
2 Charles Rose – Evelyn Rose
3 Barrie Sue Zicherman – Marge Gogol

**Thursday Gold Rush Pairs**
Stratum A (31 tables)
1 Michael Viscusi – Lewis Maddock
2 Rufus Cole – Ron Kahan
3 Barbara Emmer – Sandra Rogol
Stratum B
1 Karen Ruben – Erika Silver
2 Toni Macdonald – Elizabeth Butler
3 Carol Fishman – Susan Zacherman

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**Friday RR Teams, Bracket 1**
1 Gillian Miniter – Judi Radin – Iulian Rotaru – Radu Nistor
2 Jeffrey Rothstein – Ira Herman – Bill Rosenbaum – Russell Samuel
3 Kelley Hwang – David Moss – Michael Radin – Michael Lipkin

**Friday RR Teams, Bracket 2**
1 Debra Katz – Dina Schechter – Barry Wilderman – David Joseph
3 Cindi Siegel – Anne Stuckler – Carol Reiss – Hadassah Klein

**Friday RR Teams, Bracket 3**
1 Gerald Berkman – Henry Thomas Kieronski – Peter Tilles – Doris Tilles
2 James Knopf – Barbara Emmer – Susan Toporovsky – Mindy Setton
3 Herbert Kranzer – Claire Kranzer – Roberta Mendelsohn – Barbara Pincus
Friday RR Teams, Bracket 4
1  Jeffrey Colton – Richard Wettan – Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan
2  Elisse Weiss – Francine Frischer – Dina Arker – Eppie Eagle
3  Sondra Nachbar – Norman Nachbar – Gail Kugler – Judith Simon

Friday RR Teams, Bracket 5
2  Charles Baker – Diana Maniscalco – Patricia Lessard – Catherine Layden
3  Ronald Pinkus – Richard Gardos – Carole Rosten – Nancy Davis

Friday RR Teams, Bracket 6
1  Susan Kipp – Joan Bergen – Ann Piper – Meredith Dunne
2  Mindy White – Linda Walke – Ann Sacher – Anna Decker
3  Arnold Fox – Elizabeth Murphy – Suzanne Nussbaum – Elaine Friedman

Friday Open Pairs
Stratum A (20 tables)
1  Fred Hawa – Paul Lewis
2  Andrew Rosenthal – Aaron Silverstein
3  Hjordis Eythorsdottir – Sharon Goldman

Stratum B
1  Bernice Frucht – Mel Frucht
2  Philip Grella – Bart Cirker
3  Stanley Adelman – Gulu Mahtaney

Stratum C
1  Stanley Adelman – Gulu Mahtaney
2  David Libchaber – Richard Franklin

Friday Gold Rush Pairs
Stratum A (25 tables)
1  Donna Launer – June Blumenthal
2  Robin Healey – Darin Tripp
3  Shelley Kirshenbaum – Leonard Feld

Stratum B
1  Shelley Kirshenbaum – Leonard Feld
2  Sonya Rhodes – David Weil
3  Sheila Terens – Amy Barash

Friday Newcomer Pairs
Stratum A (3 tables)
1  Susan Dunnells – Rudolph Chung
2  Anthony Puglisi – Elda Puglisi

Saturday RR Teams, Bracket 1
2  Steven Conrad – Carol Pratt – Louis Lessinger – Ruth Stober
3  Simon Erlich – Jeffrey Rothstein – Diana Schul – Russell Samuel

Saturday RR Teams, Bracket 2
1  Mark Blanchard – Laurie Berlin – Eppie Eagle – Dina Schechter
2  Gerald Berkman – Ditz Katz – Susan Calabro – Stephen Green
3  Anne Stuckler – Carol Reiss – Allen Greenbaum – Mark Inhaber

Saturday RR Teams, Bracket 3
1  Jared Bass – Shawn Drenning – David Bass – Zachary Madden
2  John Klaus – Joanne Klaus – Alan Blake – Phil Waxberg
3  Laura O’Reilly – Matt Rewinski – Hubert Howe Jr. – Tomass Luss

Saturday RR Teams, Bracket 4
1  Brian Freyburger – Jacqueline Chang – Sharon Ainspan – Suresh Nayak
2  Les Toporovsky – Susan Toporovsky – Lee Launer – Donna Launer
3  Iris Cook – Rosemary Gross – Karin Meyers – Burt Meyers

Saturday RR Teams, Bracket 5
1  Douglas Schara – Grace Basile – Douglas Frank – Ruth Ellen Maddock
2  Silvana Zangri – Richard Morici – Karen Ruben – Peter Ruben
3  Gary Zipper – David Kay – Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

Saturday Open Pairs
Stratum A (14 tables)
1  Melih Ozdil – Justine Cushing
2  Michael Lipkin – Seth Cohen
3  Lloyd Arvedon – Glenn Robbins

Stratum B
1  Richard Tunick – Marjorie Vogel
2  Susan Grossman – Lawrence Grossman
3  Shelley Fishman – Loring Fenton

Stratum C
1  Christian Hemphill – Scott McDermott
2  Jacqueline Wolf – Marsha Katon

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs
Stratum A (22.5 tables)
1  Michael Viscusi – Lewis Maddock
2  Christine Dugan – Lorna Goodrich

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In Defense of The Lady or The Tiger?

“The Lady or The Tiger?” is a famous short story written by Frank R. Stockton in 1882. It tells the story of a king whose idea of justice was to determine the innocence or guilt of an accused via a public trial where there are two doors. Behind one is a beautiful woman and behind the other is a fierce, hungry tiger. The accused is compelled to choose one of those doors without knowing where the tiger is and where the beautiful woman is. If he chooses the tiger, he is deemed to be guilty and is devoured by the tiger; if he chooses the princess, he is deemed to be innocent and gets the beautiful princess.

Not long ago I had the following unimposing collection, a hand that my friend Mitchell Pollenz would observe: “You can’t get into too much trouble on this one” (he’s not always right!). Here it is: ♠-Q9xx ♥-Jxx ♦-xxx ♣-xxx

I heard the following auction:

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Maybe I shouldn’t have, but I doubled, probably more than a bit greedily. But in my defense, the declarer is not one who always takes all of his tricks, if you know what I mean. Anyway, that’s what I did. Let me show you the entire hand:

**Opponent**

- ♠-AKJx
- ♥-10xx
- ♦-AKx
- ♣-KJx

**Partner**

- ♠-x
- ♥-AKQxxxx
- ♦-Jxx
- ♣-AQ

**Mel**

- ♠-Q9xx
- ♥-Jxx
- ♦-xxx
- ♣-xxx

**Opponent**

- ♠-10xxx
- ♥-void
- ♦-Q10xx
- ♣-10xxxx
Declarer trumped the ace of hearts lead, which was not good news for big-mouth Mel and his penalty double. That left declarer with 3 trumps in his hand. Right or wrong, declarer led a diamond to the dummy’s ace and ruffed another heart into his hand, leaving his hand with two trumps. He led a second diamond to dummy’s king and trumped another heart in his hand, leaving him with one more trump. He led that last trump—the ten—and when my partner played low, he too played low from the dummy and I won the Q. Here’s what the hand looked like now:

**Opponent**
- ♠-AKJ
- ♥-void
- ♦-x
- ♣-KJx

**Partner**
- Mel
- ♠-void
- ♥-KQxx
- ♦-J
- ♣-AQ

**Opponent**
- ♠-void
- ♥-void
- ♦-Q10
- ♣-10xxxx

After winning the ♠Q, things looked mighty bleak indeed, but hoping that partner held the now-high ♠Q, I led my remaining diamond. For whatever reason, the declarer played the 10(!) and partner won the J. Whew! We still had a chance.

With two tricks in the bank for the defense and the ♣A sure to come, partner could have guaranteed 4 tricks by leading a heart, forcing dummy to ruff, leaving me with 3 trumps against the dummy’s now two.

I think it’s a fair bet that Mel started with 4 cards in spades to justify his rather thin penalty double, so partner should have realized that declarer had no more spades and playing a heart would not being giving declarer a ruff-sluff. But, she didn’t play a heart. She played ♣A then ♣Q. The relieved declarer won the ♣K, collected my trump and took the rest. Declarer wound up making 5.

When I told partner in the post mortem that declarer was void in spades and a heart was the clearly indicated defense, she said, “I didn’t know that.”

That’s when I told her about the Lady or the Tiger. Even if she hadn’t counted things and had not realized declarer was out of spades, she should have seen that playing ace-and-then-queen of clubs was clearly going to end up with declarer making his doubled contract tantamount to going behind the door where the tiger was. In this case, the “Tiger” was that declarer was going to make his doubled contract—we would have been—and in fact wound up—being gobbled up by the 4Sx -690 Tiger. So, I explained, she should have tried the other door and played a heart, hoping that a young princess (prince) was there.

I was.
One of the more contentious rulings directors have to make is determining when a card is a played card. The one thing the director knows for sure is that at the end of the ruling two people are going to be mad. He does get to decide which two. Forgetting about situations like correcting a revoke, let's examine the possible situations.

Played Card by Declarer

The rule is pretty straightforward. Declarer must play a card if it is "held face up, touching or nearly touching the table" or "maintained in such a position to indicate it has been played." The last part of that is a little shaky, but the key is: did the declarer get the card down near the table. The fact that the defenders can see it is not part of the issue. The other key point to remember is that the director's main responsibility in these situations is to maintain equity for the field when it is unclear what to do. Giving someone an underserved top is not fair to the rest of the field. If the facts are clear, then you live with what happens. Also note that many players think the declarer can change her play if the next player has not played yet. This is not, and never has been, true.

Played Card by Defender

"A defender's card held so that it is possible for his partner to see its face must be played to the current trick." Notice that it says "is possible for his partner to see its face." It does not say that partner actually has to have seen it. If you put a card on the table, and your partner happens to be looking across the room to see what's for lunch, that is still a played card. Your partner could have seen it if he were paying attention. Inattentiveness does not grant you any rights.

Card Played by Dummy

This is where the real fun starts. Look at these situations:

1. Dummy
   ♠: AQ5

   Declarer
   ♠: 864

Let's say the declarer leads a spade toward the dummy and calls for the queen. Upon calling for the queen he realizes that west played the king. He wants to change the play. Is there a time frame? Can he do it in the same breath?
2. Dummy

♦: AKQ5

Declarer

♠: 7632

Declarer leads a low spade and says “Play a spade.” When north plays the 5, can he change it to one of the honors?

3. Dummy

♦: 873
♣: A43

Declarer

♦: J1087
♣: Q4

In a no trump contract declarer is running the diamonds. While discarding from the dummy he says "Play anything." The defense requests that he play the ace of clubs. Can they make him do this?

1. In the first example the declarer may not change his play. When he called for the queen, he fully intended to play the queen to take a finesse. The fact that he was careless enough to not watch what West played gives him no rights. The concept of changing a call in the same breath has never been a rule in bridge, no matter what anyone tells you.

2. The declarer can change the play. The declarer never intended to play the 5 of spades.

3. The declarer cannot be forced to part with the ace of clubs. He clearly did not intend to play that card. The defense can pick from the other cards, though on this hand it won't matter.

I just hope I've cleared up more issues than I've started.

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2016 Awards Dinner Results

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Celebrating his 105th birthday on July 27, 2016, Arthur Blecker of Great Neck is a year-round Wednesday afternoon player with an amazing mind, memory and attitude. Shown here with BRIDGExpress owner, Cathy Kirshner, Arthur is an asset to the game in every way. He is always kind to his partner, friendly to his opponents and fun to chat with before the game or between rounds. His son says he's the nicest guy in the whole world and a great chess player too! Everyone at BRIDGExpress looks forward to celebrating Arthur's birthday for many more years to come....Happy Birthday, Arthur!

Just Pay Attention to the Cards by Phillip Grella

Card hands:

**Dummy**
- ♠ - Q973
- ♥ - K86
- ♦ - 10852
- ♣ - 106

**You**
- ♠ - J108
- ♥ - Q953
- ♦ - AJ93
- ♣ - 97

Opener bids 1NT and the auction is passed out. You lead the ♦3, declarer plays the 10 (error), partner puts in the Q, and declarer wins the K. Declarer plays a heart to the K, you playing the 5 and partner the 4. The ♥8 is led from dummy, partner plays the 7, declarer inserts the J, and you win the Q. What now?

If you have been paying attention, as long as partner has another diamond, you should play another heart establishing your fourth heart as a winner. Partner has at least 10 HCP and should have an entry. Partner’s hand: ♠ - Axxx ♥ - 1084 ♦ - Qx ♣ - Axxx.

Play a heart and declarer is down one. PS: I was fast asleep and cashed my diamond tricks.
Life Master—Non-LM Charity Pair Game

September 14, 2016  7:00 pm
Smithtown Upsky Hotel
Vanderbilt-Motor Parkway
Smihtown, NY

Each partnership consists of 1 Life Master and 1 non-Life Master (who has fewer 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:

Lesley Decker Lucas
231 Baird Court
Woodbury, NY  11797

Please send forms in by September 7, 2016.
Call Lesley at 516-364-2388 for further information.

Name ________________________________________________________________
Phone ______________________________________________________________
Partner’s Name _______________________________________________________
I am a Life Master _____________    I am a non-Life Master _____________
I need a partner ______________

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Results posted nightly at www.libridge.com

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.

WEDNESDAY September 14
Non LM / LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under 300 player) ........................................ 7:00 pm

THURSDAY September 15
Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) (Guaranteed Partners) .................................................. 10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300) ................................................................. 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500) .................................................. 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams ........................................................................ 10:00 am & TBA

FRIDAY September 16
Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) (Guaranteed Partners) .................................................. 10:00 am
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300) ................................................................. 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
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SATURDAY September 17
Gold Rush Pairs (300-750, 0-300) ................................................................. 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Open Pairs A (3000+), B (1500-3000), C (0-1500) .................................................. 10:00 am & 2:30 pm
Bracketed Round-Robin Teams ........................................................................ 10:00 am & TBA

SUNDAY September 18
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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Tournament Manager: Susan Toporovsky • SusieTee60@gmail.com
Partnerships Arranged: John Abrenica 516-972-3215 or Alan Kudisch alankudisch@gmail.com
EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

GOLD RUSH PAIRS

This event has 2 strata, 0-300 and 301-750 mps. The player with the higher masterpoint holding determines in which stratum the pair plays. All strata play each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. In this play-through event, the top stratum pays Gold for section tops and overall. The other strata pay red points.

STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS

This event usually has three mutually exclusive strata, 0-1500, 1501-3000, 3001 and up. The player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which the pair plays. In this event, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum.

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 ROUND ROBIN SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly 35% of the players receive gold points! Teams are grouped by the team’s total masterpoint holdings, not by the highest ranked player’s holdings (as done in stratified events). Teams are bracketed, where possible, in groups of 8 and play only against other teams in that bracket. In an 8 team bracket each team plays once against every team in its bracket.

NSBA Proposed Board 2016-2017

The yearly election of board members will take place on Wednesday night, September 14, 2016 at the Upsky Hotel right before the start of the Life Master/non-Life Master game which begins at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

John Abrenica  Phil Grella  Rich Morici
Peter Barbeosch  Lou Grossman  Karen Ruben
Mark Blanchard  Mark Inhaber  Dina Schechter
Bella Chiusano  Jon Kirshner  Susan Scholer
Lesley Decker-Lucas  Mark Krinsky  Diana Schuld
Bill Dinner  Alan Kudisch  Debra Thaw
Ray Elias  Debra Lamountain  Susan Toporovsky
Anita Goldman  Lee Launer  Silvana Zangri
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Allen Greenbaum  Carol Mathews
2016 NSBA
AWARDS DINNER

2016 Ace of Clubs Winners

2016 Mini-McKenney Winners

Co-Players of the Year Rob Gordon and Dori Cohen
New Diamond Life Masters
Joan Asheroff and Ljudmila Kamenova

NSBA President Joe Byrnes (at podium)
and District Director Al Levy

Silvana Scotto-Zangri is presented with the Gordon Duffy Service Award
by Al Levy
Even the most routine, non-descript hands can provide some learning points. At a recent common game (thus, many of you may have played this hand), you pick up the following minimum:

♠-AKxx ♥-109xx ♦-X ♣-KQxx

You open 1♣, LHO overcalls 1♥, and it goes pass, pass, to you.

The first question is: should you balance? The second question, if the answer to the first is yes, is: what do you bid?

Partner’s pass gives you quite a bit of information if you think about it.

He doesn’t have 6+ points and 4 spades or he would have made a negative double. If he has 4 spades, he has very few points. He doesn’t have 6+ points and 4 clubs, or he would have eked out a 2♣ bid. He doesn’t have 5 clubs and no points or he would have preempted with 3♦. He doesn’t have 8 points and a heart honor or he might have bid 1NT.

At first thought, bidding doesn’t seem to have much benefit, unless partner has something like:

♠-Qx ♥-Xxx ♦-Xxxx ♣-Jxxx

And you might easily score 8 tricks in clubs. However, this doesn’t matter, because, clearly, the opponents will bid again with 25 points if this is the hand partner holds. As it stands, they might be missing a game as it is if LHO has 6 hearts and 16 points, and RHO has 8 points, a doubleton heart and no clear bid. But there is one overriding factor that dictates you should bid: You never get rich in matchpoints defending 1♥!

Full disclosure – most experts would not bid with heart length for many of the above reasons, and far too often, I have the auction go 2♥-3♥-4♥ oops.

So you bid 1♠, knowing partner either doesn’t have 4 or doesn’t have points; at least you will get him off to a good lead. LHO bids 2♥, and partner (Howard Cohen) comes alive and bids 2♠ – this has more to do with the card fee going up to $17, so Howard feels obliged to bid whenever he can, regardless of his hand. This surprisingly ends the auction.

The opening lead is the DA and partner proudly puts down close to what you would expect:

♠-862 ♥-7 ♦-J10xxx ♣-Axx

It seems the opponents should make 3♥ – 6 heart tricks and 3 diamond tricks at a minimum, so going down 2 should be ok. After the AD, LHO shifts to the ♠J to cut down the ruffs in dummy. Think for a minute about how to play the hand. If spades are 3-3 and clubs are 3-3, and you can get a heart ruff in dummy, you can score 8 tricks. This doesn’t seem likely when LHO has 6 hearts, but could be possible if the ♠A is singleton. But if it was singleton, wouldn’t they try to get their partner in for a ruff? So you win the spade, and play a heart, LHO wins and play the ♠9.

Now my friend and mentor, Mel Colchamiro, pounded the mantra “Things are usually what they appear to be” into my head many times over the years. The two missing spades are the Q and 10. If LHO had either one, his play would have been different. From QJ9 he would have led the Q, and from J109 he would have led J and followed with the 10; so you can assume that LHO has only two spades. You win the second spade and ruff a heart, RHO following with the A, confirming that hearts are 6-2, as you would expect.

Can you make 8 tricks with spades 4-2? Well, if LHO is out of spades you can lead diamonds from dummy
and ruff with your small spades. When you lead a ♦, RHO follows and you ruff, LHO playing the K. It looks like he started with AK doubleton. Back to dummy with the ♠A, and lead another diamond, RHO follows and you ruff with your last spade, LHO discards a heart; he is out of trump as you expected.

You now have scored the AK of spades, 2 small spade ruffs in your hand, and a heart ruff in dummy, for a total of 5 tricks. And the news gets better: since LHO has shown 2 spades, 6 hearts, and 2 diamonds, you confidently play the AKQ of clubs for 8 tricks.

Plus 110 was a top. Perhaps West should have competed to 3♥ with 9 points, or bid 1NT at his first turn, but you can’t blame him for deciding to defend spades. As it turns out, making 2 spades was important. While N-S have 8 top tricks, if they tried to cash AK of diamonds and take a pitch on the Q, they would lose 2 spades, 3 clubs and a ruff.

Results for NS:
+140 twice
-50 twice
-100 twice
-110 once

At the end, you say “nice bid partner,” but you wait until after you make it and see the results. You need someone to blame if it’s not a good score.
I’ve had some positively weird results on slam hands on Sundays at our Regionals. The latest version occurred at the last Regional in May and it featured a first time bid of Hearts by me at the seven level, while my RHO held the ♥AKQ. Here’s what happened.

We were playing in the top bracket and my partner was Karen Pollack. Cal Rafuse opened the bidding with 1♣, I passed, Mark Blanchard bid 1♠ and Karen bid a sandwich NT showing the red suits. Cal raised spades; I passed holding 10 red cards but no points, and Mark, with a powerhouse hand bid to 6♠ after a key-card auction and finding their side to be off an ace. Now, knowing our side had a double fit in the red suits, and thinking a sacrifice might be worthwhile, I bid 7♥, not knowing that Cal held the AKQ of that suit. Cal couldn’t wait to double, but it wasn’t his turn to bid. Mark thought for a while, and with a void in hearts was now confident that the missing ace was in hearts, bid 7♠. Karen doubled and led the ♦A. Down one. Our partners made 6.

A few tournament Sundays prior, again playing in the top bracket, my partner was John Earley and we were playing the first board, red vs. white against a very competent and aggressive pair. John opened 1♦, and RHO passed. Here was my hand:

♠-AJx ♥-KQJxxx ♦-xx ♣-xx

I bid 1♥ and my LHO opponent bid 3♠. John quickly bid 4♥ and now my RHO bid 5♠. I knew I should double, but thinking they were trying to steal from us, and not wanting to miss a vulnerable slam, I bid 6♥ hoping we didn’t have 2 fast losers. LHO passed and John, having a spade void, 4 hearts to the A, and 7 solid diamonds bid 7♥, not imagining that I could bid 6 missing, in addition to the ♥H and the ♦A and the ♣A. We both held a worthless doubleton in clubs. The opening lead however was a spade and I was able to claim at the first trick, drawing trump and discarding my two clubs on John’s diamonds. The other side stopped in 4♥.

A few Tournament Sundays before that one, we were playing in a stratified Swiss and this time my partner was Jack Sage and our teammates were John Earley and Eileen Isser. We were white against red and here was my hand:

♠-KQJxxx ♥- ♦-xxxx ♣-Axx
RHO deals and opens 2♣, I bid 4♠, P, P, 6♥ by RHO, P by me and then 6♠ by Jack. All pass. Opening lead is a heart and here is the complete layout:

**Jack**
- ♠-xxxx
- ♥-x
- ♦-AKQJxx
- ♣-xx

**Opponent**
- ♠-x
- ♥-xxxx
- ♦-xx
- ♣-Jxxxxx

**Me**
- ♠-KQJxxx
- ♥-
- ♦-xxxxx
- ♣-Ax

A club or a diamond lead beats it. We made 6♠ and at the other table John played in 6♥ making 6 for a double slam. I love Sundays at the regional. Can’t wait for the next one.

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**ATTENTION: INTERMEDIATES AND NEWCOMERS**

**FALL REGIONAL EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!**

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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!

**Thursday, Friday, 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.
### Monday Morning Open Pairs

**Stratum A** (69 tables)
1. Jack Lipson – Leslie Sarf
2. Mark Blanchard – Frank O’Lear
3. Lewis Pfeiffer – Carol Benes

**Stratum B**
1. Mark Blanchard – Frank O’Lear
2. Lewis Pfeiffer – Carol Benes

**Stratum C**
1. Iris Cook – Irene Newman
2. Sandy Friedman – Lucy Dome
3. Elise Weiss – Karen Dorman

### Monday AM 0-750 Pairs

**Stratum A** (18 tables)
1. Carol Leinwand – Elayne Fastenberg
2. Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach
3. Richard Morici – Silvana Zangri

**Stratum B**
1. Carol Leinwand – Elayne Fastenberg
2. Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach
3. Renee Ritter – Gail Mandelbaum

**Stratum C**
1. Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach
2. Renee Ritter – Gail Mandelbaum
3. Robert Marcovici – Lois Lerner

### Monday Evening Open Pairs

**Stratum A** (25 tables)
1. Glenda Kaufman – Barbara Goldstein
2. Marion Cohen – Ronald Ronzoni

### Tuesday AM Open Pairs

**Stratum A** (12.5 tables)
1. Saul Horowitz – Robert Karlan
2. Doris Rodgers – Michael Geisinger
3. Eppie Mandelbaum – Edith Kliegman

**Stratum B**
1. Eppie Mandelbaum – Edith Kliegman
2. David Schwartz – Marilyn Silverman
3. Herbert Kranzer – Claire Kranzer

**Stratum C**
1. Eppie Mandelbaum – Edith Kliegman
2. Herbert Kranzer – Claire Kranzer

### Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

**Stratum A** (80 tables)
1. Arthur Brodsky – Janine Buss
2. Hadassah Klein – David Joseph
3. Manny Kaplan – Thomas Schwartz

**Stratum B**
1. Hadassah Klein – David Joseph
2. Manny Kaplan – Thomas Schwartz
3. Anne Stuckler – Carol Reiss

**Stratum C**
1. Manny Kaplan – Thomas Schwartz
2. Bruce Romboli – Skip Romboli
3. Eliza Werner – Harry Hackett

### Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

**Stratum A** (7 tables)
1. Mark Liebowitz – Lewis Grossman
2. Michael Fishman – Abbott Feren
3/4. Ruth Fox – William Hart

**Stratum B**
1/2. Ruth Fox – William Hart
1/2 Allen Greenbaum – John Bell
3 Andrew Finkelstein – Yalcin Tarhan

**Stratum C**
1 Andrew Finkelstein – Yalcin Tarhan
2 Gisele Katz – Ellie Brook
3 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond

**Tuesday Evening <5 Tables**
**Stratum A (4.5 tables)**
1 Ditza Katz – Gerald Berkman
2 Mark Blanchard – Laura Orticelle
3 Peter Tilles – Doris Tilles

**Stratum B**
1 Ditza Katz – Gerald Berkman
2 Mark Blanchard – Laura Orticelle

**Wednesday Morning Open Pairs**
**Stratum A (36.5 tables)**
1 Anthony Rizzuto – James Schneider
2 Doris Rodgers – Michael Geisinger
3 Diana Maniscalco – Sheila Bieber

**Stratum B**
1 Diana Maniscalco – Sheila Bieber
2 Judy Anthony – Lorna Verdone
3 Donald Amberger – Roger Peabody

**Stratum C**
1 Diana Maniscalco – Sheila Bieber
2 Judy Anthony – Lorna Verdone
3 Sally Pass – Merle Colchamiro

**Wednesday 499er Pairs**
**Stratum A (14 tables)**
1 Helen Solomon – Ellen Roisman
2 Randy Raubvogel – Alison Thalheim
3 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman

**Stratum B**
1 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman
2 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier
3 Betsy Amira – Karen Williams

**Stratum C**
1 Betsy Amira – Karen Williams
2 Joseph Leifer – Carol Leifer
3 Fran Lipper – Karen Karlik

**Stratums C**
2 Anthony Swanwick – William Tarlow
3 Iris Baron – Marcia Bateman

**Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs**
**Stratum A (56.5 tables)**
1 Helen Topkis – Norman Alper
2 Arthur Brodsky – Gulu Mahtaney
3 Ellen Adler – Frank Stoger

**Stratum B**
1 Ellen Adler – Frank Stoger
2 Marilyn Rush – Marilyn Dickstein
3 Phyllis Kazdin – Florence Lewis

**Stratum C**
1 Ellen Adler – Frank Stoger
2 Jean Johnson – Lee Dion
3 Meryl Mann – Lynette Rosenblum

**Wednesday Evening Open Pairs**
**Stratum A (16.5 tables)**
1 Jack Lipson – Michael Fishman
2 Stephen Posner – Stephen Hazelkorn
3 John Berry – Martin Feldman

**Stratum B**
1 Stephen Posner – Stephen Hazelkorn
2 Karen Johnson – Margaret Sherman
3 Paul Gray – Susan Calabro

**Stratum C**
1 Karen Johnson – Margaret Sherman
2 Raymond Elias – Ed Niemira
3 Jonathan Sauer – Paul Sauer

**Thursday Morning Open Pairs**
**Strata A&B (65.5 tables)**
1 Gail Kugler – Marilyn Bernstein
2 Barry Elberg – Harvey Schachter
3 Beverly Corenthal – Brew Gunther

**Stratum B**
1 Patricia Fasciano – Kay Lippman
2 M. Brian Bilyk – Vivien Krygier
3 Betsy Amira – Karen Williams

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1 Betsy Amira – Karen Williams
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**Stratums C**
2 Anthony Swanwick – William Tarlow
3 Iris Baron – Marcia Bateman

**Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs**
**Stratum A (50 tables)**
1 Mitchell Pollenz – Howard Cohen
2 Toni Somerstein – Kathleen McLauchlen
3 Tony Zeiger – Geoffrey O’Connor

**Stratum B**
1 Alan Hirshman – Arnold Wagner
2 Edna Lauer – Paul Lauer
3 Constance Permut – Betty Meron

**Stratum C**
1 Laura Kopp – Howard Collins
2 Pam Van Zandt – Lynn Ritvo
3 Sandi Sullivan – Joe Irom

**Thursday Evening Open Pairs**
**Stratum A (9 tables)**
1 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
2 Rayna Martin – Glenn Martin
3 Allen Greenbaum – Mark Inhaber

**Stratum B**
1 Norman Trabulus – Charles Bilich
2 Allen Greenbaum – Mark Inhaber
3 Barbara Reitz – Clifford Reitz

**Stratum C**
1 Paul Pirro – Abby Frankel
2 Renee Silver – Phyllis Meltzer

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**Stratum A (4 tables)**
1 Elli Zimmerman – William Sampson
2 Donald Amberger – Natalie Tleanor
3 John Floto – Susan Ghee

**Stratum B**
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3 Janine Buss – Erika Silver
Stratum B
1 Ralph D’Ambrosio – Peggy Gaulin
2 Sandie Sickle – Patricia Fasciano
3 Robin Brendell – Susan Seelig

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss
Stratum A (19 tables)
1 Jerry Goldberg – Jane Dillenberg – Michael Rosen – Alene Friedman
2 Ljudmila Kamenova – Stephen Gladyszak – Alex Perlin – Jiang Gu

Stratum X
1 Kari Tetzlaff – Samuel Ehrlichman – Warren Chang – Bruce Neiger
2 Mindy White – Farley Mawyer – Richard Tisch – Bruce Adler

Sunday B RR Teams, Bracket 1
1 Harold Hack – Miron Hack – Alan Hyman – Sharon Hyman
2/3 Marion Yonke – J C Meyers – Marilyn Brescia – Sydel Chernoff

Sunday B RR Teams, Bracket 2
1 Jill Howard – Sharon Ainspan – Sohail Hasan – Suresh Nayak
3 Alan Kudisch – Jeanne Hanrahan – David Sloane – Alan Hirshman

Sunday B RR Teams, Bracket 3
1 Marlene Benny – Ruth Edwards – Susan Trumper – Noreen Franklin
2 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond – Henry Thomas Kieronski – Gerald Berkman

Sunday B RR Teams, Bracket 4
1 Douglas Schara – Douglas Frank – Michael Viscusi – Victor Poon
2 Gary Levine – Mark Krinksy – Andree Welsh – Joan Pool
3 Kenneth Gittelston – Linda Gittelston – Herbert Kranzer – Claire Kranzer

Sunday B RR Teams, Bracket 5
1 Charles Baker – Elaine Friedman – Laura Kopp – Howard Collins
2 Scott McDermott – Stanley Tuhrim – Betty Mintz – Christian Hemphill
3 Joanne Henrick – Carol Striker – Raymond Presti – Dorsey Mayer

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Save the Date:
Fall Regional!
September 14-18, 2016
Upsky Hotel
Smithtown, NY

Please see page 12 for details.

See you there!
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.  Advanced NABC Master: 300+ mps, with at least 50 black, 50 silver, 50 red or gold of which 25 must be gold.  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.  Ruby: LM w/1500+ mps.  Gold: LM w/2500+ mps.  Sapphire: LM w/3500+ 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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Jackie Pierangelo  Malcolm Pettit  Irwin Brumer  Norman Safian
Karen Siris  Theresa Piombo  Carrie Callegari  Savi Sam
Neal Smith  Victor Poon  Greg Callegari  Thomas Scott
Diane Zaretsky  Renee Ritter  Frances Cosentino  Marsha Sherman
New Club Masters  Carol Tiernan  Jack Endee  Howard Spear
Marlene Bloom  Lee Weitzman  Meryl Gassman  Shelly Udasin
Don Ciampa  Gail Wholl  Eloise Halpern  Kathleen Weiss
Gwyneth Cox  Helen Yoon  Leslie Kaplan  Laurie Wells
Roslyn Forst  Ivan Rothman  Sheila Davis  Maria Skrokov
Mary Grant  New Junior Masters  Sandra Matalon
Barbara Hachmann  Sharon Abraham  Vivian Ouziel-Siegel

TEACHERS' NEWS

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

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

Teachers Meeting (with Special Emphasis on Teaching Kids)
Thursday, September 15, 2016, 7 PM at the Upsky Hotel

If you want to teach or volunteer as a teacher's helper, please attend this meeting. Please register by email. Carol Mathews (mathewscj@aol.com) or Jim Schneider (whistle21751@gmail.com).
BRIDGE SAVES LIVES
By Silvana Scotto-Zangri

US POW, Marty Feldman, played bridge for sixteen continuous hours on The Longest Day this year. Alongside his regular partner, John Berry he and twenty-five other players dedicated themselves to playing bridge from sunrise to sunset to show their support to the Alzheimer’s Association and keep their promise to the many people who sponsored all of us with donations that collectively amounted to an astonishing $117,000.00.

What makes Marty the most interesting all-day player?

Well...he is 91-years old!

When I asked him why he dedicated his whole day to this event, he said, “Bridge saved my life and now I can use bridge to save others”. He told me his story and it was so fascinating that I wanted to share it with you.

In July of 1944, during World War II, Army Private Martin Feldman, was taken by the Germans and held captive in the Stalag prisoners camp. In the many months he spent as a prisoner in the overcrowded facility, he watched many soldiers die from starvation, abuse, tuberculosis and typhus. Marty claims that bridge was an important element of his survival as it kept his mind active, facilitated a mental distraction of his surroundings and helped him pass the many long days and frigid nights he and his fellow captives had to endure. Eventually, after eleven months, the Soviets took over the camp and were less attentive to security and Marty was able to escape. He made his way on foot to the American lines, was liberated, repatriated and able to return home to his family.

Upon his return to the US, he continued to play bridge. He has made it a main part of his daily schedule for the last seventy years and I am a witness that it has kept him mentally acute, socially active and remarkably, the youngest nonagenarian world-traveller.

As I write this article, I assume Marty is being lowered by helicopter onto a glacier in Alaska as he and his girlfriend flew out west to meet his newest great-grandchild and planned to visit our most northern state. Last year, he climbed high into the Andes Mountains of Peru to visit Machu Picchu and claims to have seen most of the wonders of the world throughout his life.

We look forward to his return and expect that he will be back at the tables as soon as possible. As the grand-prize winner of The Longest Day’s “50 FREE PLAYS” raffle, he has told me he very much is looking forward to playing for free. We can’t wait to see him and enjoy his friendly, witty and colorful personality around the club and hear about his latest adventure.
## NSBA Islander
### Long Island Master Club Schedule

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