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President's Message

We will all be busy this spring. Our Unit Party to celebrate and reward the achievements of our members will be Sunday, April 22nd at the Sheraton Long Island Hotel. We will enjoy a great buffet, the camaraderie of friends, applaud our winners in all categories and finish with a round of bridge. Our Spring Regional Tournament will be held May 1st through the 6th at the Sheraton Long Island Hotel and feature some new and some long-cherished events. Tuesday evening, May 1st, we begin with our Non-LM/Master Charity Pair Game. Carol Mathews will be training our future teachers all day Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, May 1st and 2nd. Join her for a 10-hour comprehensive course and become a certified ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher. My wife, Chris, and I will be taking the course. Please join us.

We will hold our first-ever youth tournament on Saturday, May 5th, the Patrick Hannon Youth Tournament. We are remembering Patrick Hannon, a fifth-grader from Woodhull School in Huntington, who died last summer. All players 19 and under, 0-50 MPs, are invited. No fees will be charged and they will enjoy lunch and plenty of prizes. Parents and volunteers are most welcome. Registration starts at 10 AM.

This summer our 2nd Annual Dr. Reza Khatib Sectional Tournament will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 8th and 9th, at the Melville Marriott Hotel. Silver points will be awarded in both sections, the 0-500 NLM pairs and the stratified open pairs. Play will be at 10 AM and 3 PM. Youth are invited and will play free.

Thanks to many volunteers and the continuing generosity of Dr. Khatib, Youth Bridge is beginning to gain momentum. Three schools, Finley and Woodhull in Huntington and Boardman in Oceanside, have established after school Bridge Clubs that have been meeting weekly since October. A dozen volunteers are now team teaching our youngsters. A new school will be starting a bridge club this spring. We need help in scheduling meetings with the Long Island school principals with whom you are acquainted. We have lots of information and a proven record of success to show any principal you can recruit.

Visit our web site at www.libridge.com for information on these events and current news about bridge.

We all mourn the passing of Jack Fleissig, who died February 4th. For over thirty years Jack and his wife Carol ran friendly games that encouraged newcomers to continue to play, many of whom eventually became Life Masters. He will be missed.

Jack Sage

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
THE LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
MAY 1-6, 2012
at THE SHERATON LONG ISLAND HOTEL
Check Out The Gold Point Pairs On Saturday!!**

DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

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

Explore the world of bridge on the 'net.

Three years ago I wrote a piece on the Internet and cited a number of bridge websites of interest. Since then bridge on the Internet has exploded. There's now a wealth of information, interesting tidbits, lessons and fun things to do. The NSBA and GNYBA have updated websites with local information and tournament schedules. I have a Bridge-Director website and another for the World Computer-Bridge Championship at www.computerbridge.com. The ACBL's website has so much material that you can lose yourself for hours. Most bridge clubs have websites and post their scores online as soon as their games are over.

There are many excellent websites with free bridge lessons at all levels of expertise. There are free online bridge magazines, sites with world news and happenings, forums, blogs, bridge books and software as well as reviews. All the best robot developers have websites. You can watch real-time Vugraph shows of major bridge events. There are sites for youngsters...look at BridgeUnion for NYC youth programs, and great video clips of personal interviews. There are free online bridge tools, including software to print out your Convention Card and Deep Finesse to analyze bridge hands.

I haven't even mentioned playing online at BridgeBase Online, OKbridge and Swan Games. 20,000+ players are playing every day in the US, and online bridge is booming all over the world. One of my favorites is a new website called Bridge Winners. It has interactive interviews with many top bridge personalities in a feature called "In the Well," where a personality answers questions from the bridge community.

I have played ACBL sanctioned bridge for masterpoints at BridgeBase Online and OKbridge. It's great fun and very user friendly and people friendly. You can play non-sanctioned games for free at BBO. Recently I downloaded free Wbridge5 robot software. Wbridge5 is one of the best robots. You and three robots can play hand after hand or a team match with robots as teammates and opponents, and by going to Bridgez.net you can register and compete against other humans sitting in your seat (South) and playing the same set of deals in a 16-board daily game (French time)...and it's for free. Beverly and I are hooked on it.

I have compiled a comprehensive list of the best websites for North American players, including some international sites of interest. Go to my website or go to <http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/worldofbridge.html> directly. I've compiled this list not only to be informative, but as chair of the ACBL Internet Committee, chair of the WBF Technology Committee and organizer of the World Computer-Bridge Championships, I'm exploring how we can take advantage of all that is on the Internet to better serve our players, reach younger players and promote our game to the general public, media, and potential sponsors.

Write me with your favorite site at allevy@aol.com

Happy surfing,

Al Levy

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February 2012 STaC Results

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (59 pairs)

- 1 David Paull — Mark Leibowitz
- 2 Alan Goldstein — Rona Reingold
- 3 John Earley — Leon Sternick

Stratum B

- 1 Miriam Back — Beatrice Newman
- 2 Ellen Reynolds — Grant Dufferin
- 3 Leslie Giffords — Gloria Mitchell

Stratum C

- 1 Leslie Giffords — Gloria Mitchell
- 2 David Brownstein — Jill Brownstein
- 3 Elinor Joseph — Max Horowitz

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (37 pairs)

- 1 Berna Case — Marilyn Brescia
- 2 Georgia Altman — Marsha Katon
- 3 Mel Colchamiro — Elaine Kahn

Stratum B

- 1 Georgia Altman — Marsha Katon
- 2 Frances Gillespie — J Greenberger
- 3 Murray Miller — Bee Miller

Stratum C

- 1 Carole Berman — Howard Berman
- 2 Mladen Mirkovic — Tihomir Stanicic

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (34 pairs)

- 1 David Popper — Mark Inhaber
- 2 Lauren Block — Howard Friedman
- 3 Charles Bilich — Norman Trabulus

Stratum B

- 1 David Popper — Mark Inhaber
- 2 Charles Bilich — Norman Trabulus
- 3 Jeffrey Colton — Barbara Colton

Stratum C

- 1 Jeffrey Colton — Barbara Colton
- 2 Michael Trevor — David Kornblau
- 3 Martin Klein — Marjorie Zuckerman

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (127 pairs)

- 1 Lynette Rosenblum — Leslie Dobbin
- 2 Bob Kouba — Ralph DiPalma
- 3 Alan Levine — Marjorie Levine

Stratum B

- 1 Lynette Rosenblum — Leslie Dobbin
- 2 Bob Kouba — Ralph DiPalma
- 3 Florence Marcus — Warren Marcus

Stratum C

- 1 Lynette Rosenblum — Leslie Dobbin
- 2 Bob Kouba — Ralph DiPalma
- 3 Florence Marcus — Warren Marcus

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (121 pairs)

- 1 Carl Gueli — Lydia Betz
- 2 James Schneider — Mark Shaiman
- 3 Lauren Block — Howard Friedman

Stratum B

- 1 Vincent Fitzgerald — Roger Peabody
- 2 Diana Maniscalco — Michael Maniscalco
- 3 Elyse Butnick — Lynette Rosenblum

Stratum C

- 1 Diana Maniscalco — Michael Maniscalco
- 2 Elyse Butnick — Lynette Rosenblum
- 3 Bob Bianco — Ralph D' Ambrosio

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (89 pairs)

- 1 Shelley Ganz — Marilyn Weiss
- 2 Floris Nissan — George Nissan
- 3 Jeffrey Colton — Barbara Colton

Stratum B

- 1 Floris Nissan — George Nissan
- 2 Jeff Colton — Barbara Colton
- 3 Ines Beck — Edith Woodward

Stratum C

- 1 Jeff Colton — Barbara Colton
- 2 Ines Beck — Edith Woodward
- 3 Lisa Pomerantz — Phyllis Vaccaro

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (61 pairs)

- 1 Gerald Fogel — Jack Pollack
- 2 Holly Roseman — Eileen Isser
- 3 Jack Sage — Russell Brooks

Stratum B

- 1 Holly Roseman — Eileen Isser
- 2 Jack Sage — Russell Brooks
- 3 Helene Schwartz — Susan Fox

Stratum C

- 1 Helene Schwartz — Susan Fox
- 2 Andree Welsh — Joan Pool
- 3 Joan Kalinouski — Elaine Friedman

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (102 pairs)

- 1 Elizabeth Viola — Susan Reiter
- 2 Judy Paul — Bella Chiusano
- 3 Helen Solomon — Anat Kravel

Stratum B

- 1 Elizabeth Viola — Susan Reiter
- 2 Helen Solomon — Anat Kravel
- 3 Claire Rechtweg — Alan Hirshman

Stratum C

- 1 Helen Solomon — Anat Kravel
- 2 Cecily Lerner — Susan Goldstein
- 3/4 Erryl Olan — Ellen Shrubstein
- 3/4 Robert Spiro — Harvey Schachter

Monday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (52 pairs)

- 1 Naomi Klosner — Kent Vandewater
- 2 Leslie Sarf — Jack Lipson
- 3 G O'Connor — Richard Baumer

Stratum B

- 1 Matt Rewinsky — Laura O'Reilly
- 2 Barry Nish — Robert Hurley
- 3 David Kornblau — Howard Lipset

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Stratum C

- 1 David Sloane — Fay Dor
- 2 Shelley Kirshenbaum — Leonard Feld
- 3 Laurie Stone — Joan Whitman

Tuesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (84 pairs)

- 1 Lawrence Goodman — Judy Paul
- 2 Jack Lipson — Carol Pratt
- 3 Anne Stuckler — Carol Reiss

Stratum B

- 1 Anne Stuckler — Carol Reiss
- 2 Rande Schwartz — Paula Allen
- 3 Debra Katz — Ann Gardner

Stratum C

- 1 Rande Schwartz — Paula Allen
- 2 Debra Katz — Ann Gardner
- 3 Ved Kawatra — Eileen Kitzes

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (70 pairs)

- 1 Vincent Fitzgerald — Harold Windsor
- 2 Gladys Collier — Adele Dusenberry
- 3 Sterling Platt — Woodward Davis Jr

Stratum B

- 1 Vincent Fitzgerald — Harold Windsor
- 2 Patricia Allen — Riry Jones
- 3 Toni Somerstein — Tom Luss

Stratum C

- 1 Vincent Fitzgerald — Harold Windsor
- 2 Nick Livote — Joan Kalinousky
- 3 Elaine Friedman — Patricia Lessard

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (38 pairs)

- 1 Michael Fishman — Barry Walfish
- 2 Richard Baumer — Walter Gesla
- 3 Michael Krevor — Kent Vandewater

Strata B & C

- 1 Joseph Levy — Gerard Ross
- 2 Bonnie Diamond — Elliot Diamond
- 3 Elyse Berger — Dominique Schneider

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (68 pairs)

- 1 Anita Garbar — Claire Stiepleman
- 2 Jerry Podolsky — Marsha Block
- 3 Patricia Brodsky — Stan Adelman

Strata B & C

- 1 Anita Garbar — Claire Stiepleman
- 2 F Trachtenberg — L Schwarzschild
- 3 Diana Maniscalco — Sheila Bieber

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (62 pairs)

- 1 David Popper — Sydel Chernoff
- 2 Sheila Epstein — Hank Kimeldorf
- 3 Art Brodsky — Frank Allison

Stratum B

- 1 David Popper — Sydel Chernoff
- 2 Sheila Epstein — Hank Kimeldorf
- 3 Ruth Steif — Frieda Mirzoeff

Stratum C

- 1 Debra Katz — Ann Gardner
- 2 Susan Champlin — Ellen Singer
- 3 Michele Roberts — Donna Epstein

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (28 pairs)

- 1 Louis Lessinger — Jane London
- 2 Richard Baumer — Martin Finkelman
- 3 Howard Lipset — David Kornblau
- 3 William Hart — Suzanne Rawitz

Stratum B

- 1 Howard Lipset — David Kornblau
- 1 William Hart — Suzanne Rawitz
- 3 Robert Hurley — Barry Nish

Stratum C

- 1 Mary Gural — Thomas Gural
- 2 Martin Fox — Michael Slavin
- 3 Mark Krinsky — Rose Lombardo

Top 10

- 1 21.49 Howard Friedman
- 2 21.49 Lauren Block
- 3 20.98 Lynette Rosenblum
- 4 19.29 Judy Paul
- 5 17.86 Lesley Decker Lucas
- 6 17.41 David Paull
- 7 16.97 Jack Lipson
- 8 16.36 Vincent Fitzgerald
- 9 16.09 Mark Leibowitz
- 10 15.59 Jeffrey Colton

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.

1st Annual Youth Tournament

For Players 19 & under, who have less than 50 mps

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Registration starts at 10 am, Game at 11 am

No Entry Fee!

Free Lunch and Plenty of Prizes!



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

Make your plans now to play with your favorite partner.

Tuesday, May 1	7 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
Wednesday, May 2	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Thursday, May 3	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, May 4	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, May 4	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, May 5	10 AM & 3 PM	GOLD POINT Pairs!!
Sunday, May 6	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss

The I/N player who has won the most masterpoints playing in 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 to you - and that you could even win GOLD points in this event. No kidding!

And Saturday is a special chance to earn GOLD Points!

For information and encouragement: call Susan Scholer,
I/N Chairperson at 631-360-8456 or 631-775-7772
You can do this tournament! See you in May!

**BRIDGE PLAYERS ARE NEEDED
TO TEAM TEACH YOUTH**

We need your help. Long Island Bridge For Youth is looking for some bridge players to help us team-teach bridge in some of our Long Island schools.

You will not be alone. We will guide you through the lessons, and you will become a part of a team that will be assigned to a school-team leader...the person who will help coordinate the lessons held at a particular school.

Together you will be responsible for 1-hour lessons at that school...hopefully running as long as possible during the school year. Obviously, this is not a one-person job, so we need as much help as possible.

If you're interested, please contact Carol Mathews at mathewscj@aol.com.

NON-LM/LIFE MASTER CHARITY PAIR GAME

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2012 AT 7PM

Sheraton Long Island Hotel
110 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.

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

**Lesley Decker Lucas
231 Baird Court
Woodbury, New York 11797**

Please send forms in by April 20, 2012.
Call Lesley at 516-364-2388 for further information.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Partner's Name _____

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

I need a partner Yes ___ No ___

Please do not send money -- you can pay at the tournament.

NSBA Players of the Year 2011

“A” Players of the Year

1. Robert Karlan	264
2. Howard Cohen	234
3. Charles Sharf	172
4. Robert Gordon	155.5
5. Stephen Lucas	129
6/8. Lesley Decker-Lucas	119
6/8. Ravinder Ohri	119
6/8. Diana Schuld	119
9. Ruth Stober	114
10. Frank Allison	108

“B” Players of the Year

1. Allen Greenbaum	108
2. Safwat Mosad	101
3/4. John Floto	88
3/4. Susan Ghee	88
5/6. Wendy Sue Gelman	70
5/6. Ann Murray	70
7. Emad Ibrahim	66
8/9. Steven Gelman	64
8/9. William Sigward	64
10. Andree Welsh	56

CONGRATULATIONS!

(POTY for Players with <100 mps are still being tabulated and will be posted on LIBridge.com soon)

The two Regional tournaments, STaC weeks, and the NAP finals are the events that are included in which players can earn POTY Points.

Results are calculated using a weighting system that assigns points based on the prestige of the particular events.

Thanks to Mark Leibowitz for compiling the results

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Upcoming Tournament Dates

Tournament Results

LI Club Locations and Schedules

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The FrankLin Bridge Club
is moving and changing its name!

Please join us at:

The Bridge Center of Long Island

3678 W. Oceanside Road

Oceanside

516-481-4311

Lin Fisher

Please see page 19 for
the complete schedule.

(this is a paid advertisement)

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**

If you get a chance, check out my new website www.melbridge.com. It's got some fun free stuff and some ugly guy hawking a new book that's got both Zia Mahmood *and* Catherine Zeta-Jones! Rumor has it, it's pretty good!

“How To Play Like An Expert”

(Without Having To Be One).

by

Mel Colchamiro

\$21.95 soft cover, 276 pp.

Available at my website or at amazon.com.

Sincere thanks to those who have taken the time to tell me how much you have enjoyed my book.

Introduction to XYZ

Last week at the Franklin Bridge Club (moving to Oceanside from Franklin Square in March), someone asked me if I knew what the notation at the bottom of some of the new convention cards “XYZ” stood for, and I said “yes.” “Wow,” was the response, “you’re the only one in the club who seems to know.” “What the heck is XYZ?”

XYZ is fast becoming popular and is an extension of what is known as 2-way New Minor Forcing. So first let’s see how 2-way NMF works. It’s not all that complicated.

1C/1D 1H/1S
1NT 2C = NMF, but only 10-12 HCP

1C/1D 1H/1S
1NT 2D = NMF, with 13+ HCP

You bid 2C as the NMF triggering mechanism only with invitational hands no matter which minor partner has opened, and 2D (no matter which minor partner has opened) with game forcing hands. There’s a little more to it than that, but that’s 90% of it quick and dirty.

XYZ applies any time the opener and responder mention 3 suits at the one level, ending with the opener. There are four such auctions—all very common:

1C 1D
1H

1C 1D
1S

1C 1H
1S

1D 1H
1S

After each of these four auctions, no matter which—it doesn't matter—hence XYZ, if the responder wants to explore in NMF fashion, she bids:

2C = 10-12 HCP or

2D = 13+ HCP (this acts like a Fourth Suit Forcing bid even if the opener has opened 1D)

Of course, as in NMF, both 2C and 2D are artificial bids. And note, that when the opener rebids 1NT, then 2-way NMF and XYZ become one and the same.

XYZ Follow Ups

The expert world uses a wrinkle with NMF and XYZ that is probably slightly better than what I'm going to suggest you do, but my way is easier and is "93%" as effective. They suggest that if the responder triggers things with 2C that the opener be forced to respond 2D. They are probably right, but let's employ a little KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) and use XYZ follow ups in the same way we respond (as opener) to NMF:

(Remember, "X" could be 1C, 1D, or 1H, "Y" could be 1D, 1H or 1S and "Z" could be 1H, 1S or 1NT.)

X Y
Z 2C = tell me more—but I have no more than 10-12 HCP
2Y = I have 3 cards in your major
2D = I neither have 3 cards in your major nor do I have 4 hearts
2H = I have 4 hearts and may have 3 spades

X Y
Z 2D = tell me more—game forcing values
2H = I have 4 hearts and may have 3 spades
2Y = I have 3 cards in your major
2N = I don't have 3 cards in your major nor do I have 4 hearts

X Y
Z 3C = I want to play 3C. Please pass.
3D = I want to play 3D. Please pass.

Examples

Opener	Responder
S-Kxx	S-AQxx
H-Axx	H-x
D-KQxx	D-AJxxx
C-Jxx	C-KQx

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NSBA ISLANDER

Long Island Spring Regional ♥ May 1-6, 2012

at the Sheraton Long Island Hotel

Results posted nightly at LIBridge.com

110 Motor Pkwy, Smithtown, NY 11788; phone: 888-627-7144

Room Rate: \$129, Cutoff date: April 17 (ask for Nassau-Suffolk Bridge rate)

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE SOUTH: Take Sagtikos Pkwy to I-495 East, then follow directions "From the West"

FROM THE WEST: Take I-495 to Exit 53. Take service road and keep slightly right at fork, towards the ramp to Wicks Rd.

Left at first light. Quick right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 0.2 miles on left. FROM THE EAST: Take

I-495 to Exit 55. Take service road toward Central Islip/Motor Pkwy. Turn right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 1.7 miles on right.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (1 & 2 of 4)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Flighted Compact Bracketed KO Teams 4 players /team, 12 boards / match 1 pm & 6:30 pm
Flight A (unlimited), Flight B (0-2500)Stratified Open Swiss (Single Session, Red) 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 1 (3 & 4 of 4)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratiflighted Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 8 boards, 4-3) 1 pm & TBA
Open Top Flt. (A/X) , A (5000+), X (0-5000), B (1000-2500), C (0-1000)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Stratified Newcomer Single Session Pairs (0-200), (Red) 10 am & 3 pm
Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 7 or 8 boards) 10 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs 12 pm & 6 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 2 (1 & 2 of 3)..... 12 pm & 6 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Youth Bridge (19 & under, 0-50 points) Trophies and Prizes, No Fee 10 am
Weekend Special Gold Point Pairs (0-200, 200-500, 500-750)..... 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 8 boards, 4-3) 10 am & TBA
Stratified Open Pairs 12 pm & 6 pm
Stratified Pairs Side Game Series 2 (3 of 3)..... 12 pm

SUNDAY, MAY 6 (Subsidized box lunch available during 30 minute break)

Flighted / Bracketed Round-Robin Swiss Teams (not stratified) 10 am & TBA
Open Top Flt. (A/X) Swiss A (4000+), X (0-4000) 7 rounds of 8 boards
Bracketed Round Robin (0-4000), teams play a round robin within their bracket (7 rounds of 7 boards)
**GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold)

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

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

Tournament Chairman: Dave Schwartz 631-470-1745 Sailrman@optonline.net

PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament only)

Gold pts: all events, except as noted

SIDE GAME SERIES: Best 2 of 3 or 4 (Overall gold; Session red; different partner OK)

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

BRACKETED EVENTS

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

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS (KO TEAMS) & COMPACT KO TEAMS

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

BRACKETED SWISS TEAMS

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

STRATIFIED PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

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

SIDE GAME SERIES

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

1D 1S
 1NT 2D(1)
 2S(2) 3D(3)
 3H(4) 4N(5)
 5S(6) 6D(7)

- (1) Tell me more. GForcing
- (2) 3 card support
- (3) At least 4 diamonds. No rush—we're in a GF.
- (4) Cue bid—the ace of hearts, suggesting weak clubs
- (5) Key card in diamonds (experts would use 4H here as key card)
- (6) 2 keys + Q of diamonds
- (7) Thank you very much.

Opener	Responder
S-xxx	S-Axxx
H-AKxxx	H-x
D-Qx	D-KJxxxx
C-Axx	C-xx

1H 1S
 1NT 3D(1)
 P(2)

- (1) I want to play 3D. If I had a good hand I would start with 2C or 2D after 1NT (some experts would be able to stop in 2D).
- (2) If that's what you want.

Opener	Responder
S-Axxx	S-x
H-x	H-Axxx
D-AJxxx	D-KQxxx
C-Kxx	C-Qxx

1D 1H
 1S 2C(1)
 2D(2) 3D(3)
 P(4)

- (1) Tell me more. Invitational strength
- (2) I don't have 3 hearts
- (3) I have an invitational hand with diamonds; maybe NT isn't so good here.
- (4) I have a minimum. There's a little more to XYZ than I've shown you here, but now at least you have the basics—and the basics are really about 90% of it all. Does Mel like XYZ? Do I put my stamp of approval on it? Yes and Yes—two thumbs up.



ACBL Sanctioned



OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday

Open Game
10:30am & 7:30pm
Beginners
7:30pm

Tuesday

10:30am & 7:30pm

Wednesday

Open Game
10:30am & 7:30pm
Under 399'er
7:30pm

Thursday

10:30am

Friday

10:30am & 7:30pm

Saturday

Beginners
11:00am
Open Game
1:00pm

Swiss Team

6:30pm (dinner)
7:30pm (game)
(2nd Sat. monthly)

Sunday

Open Game
12:00pm

*Beginners' games are all
Supervised play.
Singles welcome.*

Join us for a game...

Sagamore

Bridge Club

6901 Jericho Turnpike-Suite 105, Syosset, New York 11791

"We are not a club, we are a home.

**Our games are pressure free for players of
all levels and what really sets us apart is
the friendly and welcoming atmosphere."**

Irma & David Korenstein

DIRECTIONS:

From the West: LIE to Exit 40E (Jericho Turnpike, RT 25). After a 1.5 miles, we are on the left, just after Tutor Time.

From the East: LIE to Exit 43 (S Oyster Bay Rd). Make a right onto S Oyster Bay Rd and then a left onto Jericho Tpke/NY-25 West. We are on the right after 1-mile, after the overpass.

From the South: NY-135 Northbound (Seaford/Oyster Bay Expressway) to Exit 14W (Jericho Turnpike/NY-25), Make a right off of ramp and continue for 2-miles. We are on the right after 1-mile, just after the overpass.

www.SagamoreBridgeClub.com Phone: 516-558-7799

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NSBA ISLANDER

UNIT PARTY

CELEBRATING OUR BRIDGE ACHIEVERS OF 2011

*Sunday evening, April 22, 2012
Long Island Sheraton Hotel
Vanderbilt-Motor Parkway, Smithtown*

*Registration at 4:30 P.M.
Buffet Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Awards Program at 6:15 P.M.
Sanctioned Bridge Game at 7:00 P.M.*



*Cost to NSBA members: \$27
Cost to non-NSBA members: \$30
Opportunity to celebrate our bridge players' successes: Priceless
Please return form to: Debra Thaw
18 Jamar Drive
Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. 11776*

*For information, please contact: Debra at 631-828-1719 or
Susan at 631-360-8456*

*Player: _____
Partner: _____
Amount enclosed: _____*

TAP TO THE TOP

Become an ACBL Accredited Teacher

Potential bridge teachers will start off on the right foot using the modern materials and techniques covered in the TAP. Join us on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2, 2012 for a 10-hour comprehensive course; then just pass an open-book test and you will become a certified ACBL Accredited Bridge Teacher.

The NSBA will be offering the TAP course at the Long Island Sheraton Hotel during our Spring Regional. The course will not interfere with any playing time.

There are many benefits to becoming an accredited teacher:

- *your name will be listed in the ACBL Teacher Directory on the Internet so potential students in your area can find you

- *you will receive the ACBL's The Bridge Teachers Newsletter where you will share many teaching ideas and techniques with other ACBL teachers

- *you will have the certification you need to teach on many cruises

- *you will be shown many different teaching materials that are available for you to use for all levels of teaching.

The cost for this course is \$75 for NSBA Unit 242 members, and \$100 for all non-Unit 242 ACBL members.

Schedule: Tuesday 9am - 5 pm (1 hour lunch break)
Wednesday 9am - noon

For more information and registration,
please e-mail Carol Mathews at mathewscj@aol.com

NSBA ISLANDER

The 2nd Annual
Dr. Reza Khatib Sectional Bridge Tournament
Sponsored by the Nassau - Suffolk Bridge Association (NSBA)

August 8-9, 2012

ALL SILVER POINTS!

at the **Melville Marriott Hotel**

1350 Old Walt Whitman Rd., Melville, NY 11747

Results posted nightly

at www.libbridge.com

DIRECTIONS: *FROM THE WEST:* (Long Island Expressway), I-495 to Exit 49S, turn left at 1st traffic light onto Old Walt Whitman Road. Cross back over the expressway and the hotel is on the right side. *FROM THE SOUTH:* Take Southern State Parkway E to Exit 32N (Rte 110N) - make left onto the north service road of the Long Island Expressway (495 w). Hotel is on the right hand side. *FROM THE EAST:* Take Long Island Expressway West (495) to exit 49N. Stay on the service road. At the third light make a right. The hotel is on your right.

Wednesday, August 8

Stratified Open Pairs10AM & 3PM
0 – 500 NLM Pairs10AM & 3PM

Thursday, August 9

Stratified Open Pairs10AM & 3PM
0 – 500 NLM Pairs10AM & 3PM

All Events are Single Session. Stratified Games: A (2500+) B (1000-2500) C (0-1000)
All masterpoint awards for this Sectional tournament are SILVER POINTS

Pairings: At the tournament only

Tournament Co-Chairs: Susan Scholer 631-360-8456 Scholer@optonline.net
 Dave Schwartz 631-470-1745 Sailrman@optonline.net

Session card fee: \$15; \$16 for non or unpaid ACBL members

Youth, 16 and under, play free with lunch and prizes

FREE UNLIMITED COFFEE and TEA

MILESTONES

The ACBL Ranks*:

- Rookie:** less than 5 masterpoints (mps)
- Junior Master:** 5+ mps
- Club Master:** 20+ mps
- Sectional Master:** 50+ mps, of which 5 are silver
- Regional Master:** 100+ mps, including 15 silver and 5 red or gold/platinum points
- NABC Master:** 200+ mps, including 50 pigmented points of which 5 must be gold/platinum, 15 must be red or gold/platinum, and 25 must be silver
- Life Master:** 300+ mps, including 100 pigmented points of which 25 must be gold/platinum, 25 must be red or gold/platinum, and 50 must be silver; **Bronze:** LM w/500+ mps;
- Silver:** LM w/1000+ mps; **Gold:** LM w/2500+ mps; **Diamond:** LM w/5000+ mps;
- Emerald:** LM w/7500+ mps; **Platinum:** LM w/10,000+mps w/o a National Title;
- Grand:** LM with 10,000+ mps with a National Title

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

New Diamond Life Masters

Phyllis Gladstone

Gloria Perry

New Gold Life Masters

Frank Anshen
 Steven Conrad
 Leslie Sarf
 Paul Siegelman

New Silver Life Masters

Susan Denenholz
 Ann Goldberg
 Phyllis Gladstone
 John Floto
 Frances Gillespie
 Marsha Gordon
 Errol Grant
 Harold Levine
 David Popper
 Jack Price
 Sandy Teitelbaum

New Bronze Life Masters

Adele Cohen
 Marilyn Eisenstadt
 Alan Estner
 Robert Finkelstein
 Jan Frey
 Susan Gehn

Phyllis Gladstone

Ditza Katz

Linda Lewin

Gloria Marmor

Saundra Meisel

Roberta Mendelsohn

Safwat Mosad

Susan Reiter

Janis Rubin

Joseph Santomero

Doris Schuster

Arlene Stevens

Elizabeth Viola

New Life Masters

Georgia Altman
 Marilyn Eisenstadt
 Alan Estner
 Robert Finkelstein
 Frank Gladstone
 Linda Lewin
 Roberta Mendelsohn
 Safwat Mosad
 David Randall
 Susan Reiter
 Florence Rubin
 Christine Sage
 Arthur Solomon
 Arlene Stevens
 Sandi Sullivan
 Elizabeth Viola

New NABC Masters

Grace Basile
 Gerald Berkman
 Jack Binder
 Ann Blitz
 Francis Browne
 Michael Di Michele
 Elliot Diamond
 Eppie Eagle
 Linda Ferrari
 Joan Fruchter
 Komal Kamat
 Debra Katz
 Howard Lipset
 Florence Marcus
 Warren Marcus
 Louise Merritt
 Arnie Obler
 Geri Obler
 Lynne Roth
 Janette Rottkamp
 Larry Sachs
 Lil Schwarzschild
 Bonnie Semon
 Mindy Setton
 Susan Simon
 Terry Sullivan
 Linda Teitelbaum
 Myron Teitelbaum
 Darin Tripp

Elisse Weiss
 Ellen Wells
 Richard Wells

New Regional Masters

Sal Ammirati
 Judy Anthony
 William Brooks
 Stephen Candell
 Susan Candell
 Richard Casper
 Michael Colodner
 Richard Conrad
 Jeffrey Colton
 Nancy Dane
 Bonnie Deutsch
 Ann Gardner
 Elaine Friedman
 Frank Giangrande
 Martin Gluck
 Adele Grudman
 Harry Hackett
 Constance Hoagland
 Patricia Hurleigh
 Emad Ibrahim
 Sally Imperato
 Jean Johnson
 Ved Kawatra
 Jack Klein
 Gail Kugler
 Kathaleen Lang
 Donna Launer
 Lee Launer
 Nicholas Livote
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 Carol Quist
 Helene Schwartz
 Rande Schwartz
 Joan Sconzo
 Lawrence Solow
 Lorna Verdone
 Jeannie Vine

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Elfrida Von Nardoff
Patsy Warner

New Sectional Masters

Leslie Adler
Sal Ammirati
Dorothy Berman
Patricia Brownridge
Mary Lou Cappelli
Jeffrey Colton
Alan Cooper
Nancy Epstein
Richard Ericson
Elayne Fastenberg
Robert Feger
Susan Fox
Ronnie Gibstein
Dorothy Goldberg
Fran Gordon
Gordon Harper
Erik Himelin
Richard Holroyd
Marlene Israel
Ida Jennings
Roberta Katcher
Morton Kirschbaum
Robert Kohler
Martin Kruman
Carol Leinwand
Wendi Levitt
Gabriele Lubitz
Gloria Mitchell
Suzanne Nussbaum
Tina Oms
Joan Pool
Susan Quinn
Cal Rafuse
Janet Robinson
Skip Romboli
Carol Sachs
Nancy Skurnik
Larry Smith
Nancy Sybil
Rochelle Watnick

Edith Weinberg
Michael Weinberg
Diana Zanetti

New Club Masters

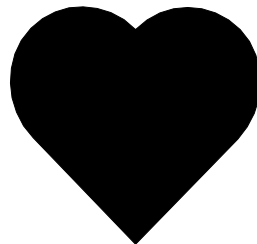
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Susan Calabro
Kay Cha
Young Cha
Judith Cohen
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Mary Jane Damato
Marge Demarco
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Nadine Eltman
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Cal Rafuse
Cheryl Rosenzweig
Gail Ruderman
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Vicki Seltzer
Randi Shea
Helen Silberman
Joan Silverman
Renee Sommers
Leslie Sternlicht
Frances Trachtenberg
Arnold Vassallo
Rochelle Watnick
Lucille Weiner
Candy West
Geraldine Whitenack
Lenore Widmark
Susan Zacherman
Bruce Ziskin
Myron Zitt

New Junior Masters

Joan Altman
Betty Ann Becker
George Beglin
Laurie Berlin
Brian Bilyk
Muriel Brodsky
Albert Bronstein
Jeanne Brophy
Barbara Burke
Don Ciampa
Susan Calabro
Barbra Colton
Gloria Confort
Ellen Cooper
Jeri Cordes
Ruth Corn
Floris Cortes
Elisabeth Davies
Stephen Davies
Marilyn Ebstein
Raymond Elias
Judith Faltischek
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Sheila Fligel
Ruth Flynn
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Iris Fried
Roger Fried
Marilyn Friedlander
Bonnie Gibgot
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Arthur Goren
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Joan Raia
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Sandie Sickle
Virginia Silver
Ann Simone
Cheryl Siegel
Neal Smith
Alan Spiegel
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Beverly Welch
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Jill Yarmosh
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	Bridge Center of LI 516-481-4311 3678 W. Oceanside Road Oceanside Lin Fisher	Smithtown 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Ave Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews	Sagamore 516-558-7799 6901 Jericho Tpk Syosset Silvana Zangri
Monday	12:30 pm	10:30 am	10:30 am, 7:30 pm open 7:30 pm beginner
Tuesday	10:30 am Limited 12:30 pm	10:00 EZ Bridge	10:30 am 7:30 pm
Wednesday	12:30 pm 7:45 pm	10:30 am Handicap 7:00 pm Bridge +	10:30 am 7 pm open, 7:30 <99 mps
Thursday	10:30 am Limited 12:30 pm Open	3rd Thurs, Swiss 10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am
Friday	10:30 am Limited 12:30 & 8:00 pm Open	10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am 7:30 pm
Saturday	12:45 pm	12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game	11 am beg.; 1:00 pm open 2nd Sat: 6:00 pm dinner & Swiss
Sunday	12:45 pm, 12:30 Swiss - 1st & 3rd Sundays	12:30 pm	12:00 pm

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

Great Neck BC Cumberland Ave School 30 Cumberland Ave Great Neck 516-248-6191 Rob Goldman Fri 9:15 am	Bridge School of LI 123 Merrick Ave, East Meadow 516-379-3000 Michael Kufs Mon 10 am & 7:30 pm Thur 10:00 am All Open and non-smoking	Eastern Suffolk/Water Mill BC 1040 Montauk Hwy Water Mill Kathleen McLaughlen 631-726-6448 Mon 7:00 pm Tues 1:00 pm Wed 7:00 pm Thurs 1:00 pm Fri 10:00 am Sat 1:00 pm Sun 1:00 pm	Garden City BC DBC Senior Rec Center Golf Club Lane Garden City 516-781-4651 Ellen Davidoff Thur 7:30 pm	Gardiners Bay BC Gardiners Bay CC Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler (summers only)
Sands' Point BC Village Club of Sands' Point Thayer Lane 516-558-7799 Drew Gilstad Tues 7:15 pm	Mattituck Library DBC Main Rd Mattituck 631-734-8096 Kathy Fibkins Tues 12:00 pm	BRIDGEExpress Lake Success Jewish Center 354 Lakeville Road Great Neck Cathy Kirshner 516-299-6064 Fri 10:00 am Wed 12:15 pm Sunday 12:15 pm	Plandome BC Our Lady of Grace 29 Shelter Rock Road Manhasset 516-883-9248 Jo Ann Damato Tues 7:15 pm	Riverhead BC Riverhead Com Ctr Jamesport Thur 12:30 pm & Quogue VFW Hall Fri 12:30 Sun 12:30 631-790-1331 Richard Baumer
Emmanuel BC Hicks Lane, Kings Point Louis Lessinger louisless@optonline.net Mon 7:15 pm	Montauk BC St Luke's Church East Hampton 631-267-6378 Duke Morrell Mon 7:30 pm Wed 1:00 pm	Pride of Judea 243-02 Northern Blvd Douglaston Mon 1:00 pm Louis Lessinger 718-423-6200	Jack & Carol's Bridge Friedberg JCC 15 Neil Ct, Oceanside 516-288-1088 Carol Fleissig Fri 9:30 am Game	Lake Success JC Bridge Club 354 Lakeville Road Great Neck Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 Tuesday 10:15 am
East Hampton DBC 1st Presb. Church 120 Main St, E Hampton 631-329-2411 Rose DeLeonardis Thur 7:30 pm	Temple Judea BC 333 Searingtown Rd Manhasset Mon 12:30 pm Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 ----- Thur 10:00 am Shelley Ganz 516-621-8049	Sterling Glen BC 146 Glen St Glen Cove 516-671-2095 Meyer Wiesen Tues 7:15 pm	Shelter Rock JC 272 Shelter Rock Road Roslyn 917-658-5991 Hadassah Klein Wed 7:00 pm	
South Shore BC 9 Northwood Lane Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney Thurs 11:00 am Sun 12:30 pm				

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Unit Party	Sheraton LI Hotel	April 22
LM/NLM Game	Sheraton LI Hotel	May 1
Spring Regional	Sheraton LI Hotel	May 1-6
STaC	Local Clubs	June 4-10 & October 12-18

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