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President's Message

A lot has changed in the bridge world since I started playing. I was reading an old edition of the Islander in which the then president, Jerry Prisyon, referred to the regional tournaments as the source of profit the unit used to run other events. Now the regional tournaments are the biggest drain on our finances, generally losing several thousand dollars. It's the silver point games that keep us going.

With this in mind there will be some changes coming. The most drastic is that starting this year our Spring Regional will end on a Saturday, not the traditional Sunday. We will start a day earlier. Weekends have had the smallest attendance in recent years, and are the biggest contributor to our losses. It is likely that Saturdays will be removed from future schedules also.

In happier news many of our players performed well in national events at the recent nationals in Orlando. Dori Cohen and Rob Gordon finished second in the 0-10,000 fast pairs, 17th in the 0-10,000 imp pairs, and 18th in the open mixed swiss teams. Mel Colchamiro was also on the successful swiss team. Lesley Decker Lucas and Steve Lucas were second in the 0-10,000 swiss and 18th in the 0-10,000 imp pairs. Ljudmila Kamenova finished third in the open mixed swiss and third in the open board-a-match teams. If you've ever played in a national event you know how incredible these achievements are. Congratulations to all, and to anyone I might have missed when I went through the overalls.

Dori, Rob, Ljudmila, and Mike Massimilla also won the Frank Allison double knockouts in our unit after routing my team in the final match (by one imp!). We are going to run this event again starting this spring. We do it in honor of Frank, who was a much beloved tournament director and club owner in our unit, and almost every director in our unit owes him some thanks, as he helped many out of some tough jams. Get a team and play.

See you at the bridge table,

Joe Byrnes

NEW SCHEDULE!
NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
THE LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - SATURDAY, APRIL 29
SAGAMORE BC & SMITHTOWN UPSKY HOTEL
SEE PAGE 14 FOR FULL SCHEDULE

DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER

By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director

www.allevybridge.com/

Changes in the ACBL

ACBL CEO Robert Hartman has resigned, and will leave his position in July. Mr. Hartman, ACBL CEO since 2011, announced that he will be moving on to a family business in South Florida. A search committee has been formed and an advertisement for the position is posted on the ACBL website and will appear in the Bridge Bulletin. Other ACBL positions are also open including web developer. Interested? Visit the ACBL website for further information.

Another major change involves the ACBL Education Foundation, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The foundation is being restructured, with new trustees, mostly successful business people (bridge players) who will look to greatly expand both the revenue stream and the projects it will support. They are hoping to raise millions and to "revolutionize bridge education efforts." The transition will be completed by mid-2017. This past year the foundation supported a program to develop bridge software that would help attract and develop new players. A grant was given to a pair of youngsters who will demonstrate their software at the spring NABC.

Changes locally include new Unit officials. Joe Byrnes is in his second year as president of the NSBA and David Moss is in his first year as president of the GNYBA. Both have shown expertise in dealing with the local bridge business. Noting the dedicated work that they and the board members of both organizations do to service the 6,000 District members, I wish all much success.

Something that hasn't changed is the success of our District bridge clubs. Honors, taking over as the #1 ACBL club based on table count, surpassed 20,000 tables last year. The Sagamore Bridge Club, was 13th with more than 9,000 tables. Both clubs have a wide range of games and teaching programs, and the Sagamore Club is renowned for, under Silvana Zangri, raising the most funds during the Longest Day event every year that the event has been held! Other District clubs in the top 200 (out of over 3,000) are the Cavendish Bridge Club, Aces Bridge Club, Temple Judea Bridge Club, BridgeExpress, Bridge School of Long Island, and the Smithtown Bridge Studio. See the listing of all the clubs at the ACBL website.

Another thing that hasn't changed is my continued service as District Director. Reelected recently I hope to serve my last term and pass on the responsibility, after 24 years. to someone who will work for the best interests of bridge. I'm now the longest serving board member of the current board. I also continue my service to the World Bridge Federation as Executive VP and IT chair, and continue to run the World Computer-bridge Championship, with the 21st annual event taking place at the 2017 World Championships.

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Letters to the Islander

Dear Islander:

Here is a question that came up in a recent game but the answer does not have unanimity among experienced players or websites. Opener bids 1D, LHO bids 1S. Partner of opener has 11 points and 4-3-3-3 distribution. She has Jxx Kxx Qxx AJxx. Responder felt 1NT was inappropriate given only a J in a suit bid by opponent. Whether she could, or should, bid 2C was the issue. Some websites recommend bidding on the 2nd level only with 5 cards; others say 4 cards are enough; still others say you need 4 in a minor and 5 in a major. Can you clarify?"

Dear Maxine,

You certainly gave a lot of people a lot to think about! Eight excellent Long Island players were consulted but Mel Colchamiro had such interest in this hand that he gave it to 11 other champion players who weighed in on it. Joe Byrnes gave it to another expert. As in many cases with bridge hands, there clearly is no perfect or "right" answer as evidenced by the websites you consulted and the variety of disparate answers our experts contributed.

Below I've summarized the 20 responses received…

2♣ - The Winner with 8 votes: Eric Kokish, Jim Griffin, Steve Lucas, Lesley Decker Lucas, Rob Gordon, Dori Cohen, Mitchell Pollenz, Glenn Milgrim

1NT - 5 Votes: Mel C., Joe Byrnes, Barry Rigal, Lou Gamerman, Alex Ornstein

Negative X - 5 Votes: Glenn Eisenstein, Lou Lessinger, Chris Willenken, Alan Falk, Mehli Ozdil

Pass - 2 Votes: Diana Schuld, Jared Lilienstein

You are correct in your thinking that the 2♣ bid should usually suggest 5 pieces but as one of those who chose 2♣, I did not feel comfortable bidding NT with no real stopper in the suit nor did I feel comfortable making a negative double without 4 of the other major or passing with 11 points. Generally 1NT here would show 8-10 points with a spade stopper.

Mel C. chose 1NT. Having 11 points instead of the 8-10 did not concern him and he was happy to have "an extra jack." He explained "All top players know that just about the number one matchpoint rule is to protect your plus score." Even if the opponents take the first 5 spade tricks, says Mel, we may take the last 8 for +120 which beats a partial in clubs or diamonds that makes +110. He goes on to say that "1NT just is most likely to get us to a reasonable contract and level with a hand that is a bit difficult to handle."

Mel posed a similar situation. Suppose LHO opens 1♠, your partner doubles, RHO passes and you have the same hand mentioned above and have to respond to the double. Again, the same people were polled.

This time, 10 people bid 1NT…even though many players feel this shows 8-10 with a spade stopper. Those bidding 1NT here were Mel, Jim, Joe, Lou, Steve, Eric, Chris, Barry, Alan and Alex. Five players voted for 3♣…jumping a level to show values. These were Dori, Lesley, Mitchell, Diana and Louis L. And Glenn E. and Rob suggested 2♠…cuebidding the opponent's suit to show values.

So, Maxine, what appears to be a relatively simple hand…a 4-3-3-3 11 count, is not simple at all! One of the things that draws us to this always fascinating game is that there can be varying perspectives and sometimes no "right" answer. Weigh your options, accept that none of them is perfect, and make a bid you feel most comfortable with. A good partner will acknowledge your dilemma and be supportive of your decision.

Lesley Decker Lucas

Letters to the Islander (cont'd from page 3)

Dear Islander:

A stray quirky thought: Can you think of a situation in which Pass is alertable? Perhaps after interference over RKCB? Any others?

Regards,

Anthony Swanwick

Dear Anthony:

There are a few instances when a pass must be alerted. The most common I can think of is when partner opens 2♣ and the next player overcalls. Many players use double here to show a bust and pass shows values. This would require an alert.

The auction you mentioned about passing after interference in a keycard auction does not require an alert. No response to any form of Blackwood does, but all such bids (including the pass) must be explained before the opening lead.

I'm sure there are other more obscure cases where a pass would require an alert. Generally it would be only when the pass showed some distributional value or unexpected strength.

I hope this helps.

Joe Byrnes

Dear Islander:

Thanks for all the work you do. I think it's time AGAIN to explain the problem with and rulings for hesitations. It is one of the most common errors new and not-so-new players make. Not to mention touching and fidgeting with the bidding box. Then they get upset when the director is called.

Regards from Florida,

Elyse Butnick

Dear Elyse:

Our very busy President decided to write an article in response to your letter. You'll find his response on pages 18-19.

Regards from New York,

Mark

Dear Islander:

My partner, Shelley Kirschenbaum, often complains that I pass too much.

It was Board 17 on the morning of December 29 at the Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional in Manhattan. Shelley, sitting North, opened 1♣, and I bravely bid 1♦ with only 4 points, 5 diamonds, and four hearts. West overcalled 1♠, with what turned out to be a 16-count and 5 spades headed by the AQ10. Shelley insufficiently bid

1♠ and a director, Joe Benedetto, was summoned to hear this tale of woe. He believed my partner overlooked the 1♠ overcall.

East was told she could accept my partner's bid as legal and proceed without any further restrictions on anyone (Law 27a). If East declined, my partner could make her bid sufficient with a 2♠ bid (Law 27b). There were many other choices. I particularly like the one where I would be precluded from further bidding, but nobody asked me. I had said too much already.

My RHO elected to accept my partner's 1♠ bid and passed. The GNYBA had charged me $20 and had given me almost no points and 3 spades.; it was not a time to save anyone. Any bid would have encouraged partner to keep going. West passed and Shelley was declarer in 1♠.

When she saw the board, Shelley thanked me sincerely and played very nicely to make the bizarre 1♠ contract. She collected the aces in her hand and ruffed two clubs on the board and two heart ruffs in her hand, and later collected the trump K, scoring 80 in a 4-3 trump fit. Here is the entire hand:

	♠ - K963 ♥ - A ♦ - 762 ♣ - AQJ43	
♠ - AQ1042 ♥ - 865 ♦ - AK ♣ - K92		♠ - 5 ♥ - KJ1093 ♦ - Q84 ♣ - 10765
	♠ - J87 ♥ - Q742 ♦ - J10953 ♣ - 8	

Had I passed, my LHO would probably have bid 1NT and her partner would have transferred to 2♥, making 2. They can also make 2♠ or 2NT, for 110 or 120.

The moral of the story of the story is to always have a singleton in the suit in which your partner has an ace.

Leonard Feld

Dear Leonard,

Thanks for sharing your tale. I'm sure we will all try to follow the moral of your story, but even more importantly, we will also hope we have such understanding partners!

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Letters to the Islander (cont'd from page 5)

Dear Islander:

Never thought I'd ever write to you for publication; but, never say never.

I sit E. and am the dealer with nobody vul.
♠ - ♥ - A Q 10 7 4 ♦ - A J 10 9 8 5 3 ♣ - 10

I open 1♦ and South over calls 2♠. Partner passes and North bids 4♠. With only 4 losers and such a distributional hand I take a shot at 5♥. I'm thrilled that I make and, of course as my life goes, others make 6 and our score is the same as if I would have passed. BUT, I had a lot of fun playing the hand.
Ed Leviten

Dear Ed,

At least the you found the silver lining in the hand. Bridge is a game, and as long as you have fun, you're playing the game the right way!

CLUB NEWS

Melih Ozdil has played at our club for many years. Last summer he held three seminars on bidding, counting, doubles, partner communication and play of the hand. It was such a treat for all of us to learn his theories and improve our play. We had over 40 players attend each of his lessons which he taught pro bono. We are a small club on the East End of long Island but the turnout and support for these events was unbelievable.

Kathy McLauchlen -- Director/Manager/Owner Water Mill Bridge Club and Eastern Suffolk Bridge Club

Winners of the 2016 Frank Allison

Double KO Teams — Flight A

Right: Ljudmila Kamenova, Rob Gordon, Dori Cohen

Below: Michael Massamilla

Note: Pictures of the Flight B winners will be included in the next issue of The Islander.

What Are Your Leads?

by Diana Schuld

Talk about a question frequently asked at the bridge table. I'll give you 3 guesses as to the usual answer.....STANDARD. What does that mean? According to the boldface type on the convention card it means you lead 4th best from any length or strength, TOP of 3 small against No Trump and LOW from 3 small against a suit contract. Is that what your opening leads look like? If not, let's find the correct answer.

Most players on the East Coast prefer using 4th best or low from an honor only. (Some play attitude leads against No Trump, which means the low card can be from 5+ cards.) That means that when you are leading from a worthless 3-card holding, you generally lead MUD (Middle, Up, Down.) If you extend this to 4 and 5-card holdings, you lead 2nd highest and call it Roman Mud. Is everyone with me so far? This is NOT Standard.

So.....what should you answer? Against suits, answer: 2nd or 4th. Simple, isn't it? Against No Trump: the same unless you play Attitude leads, then Attitude is the simple answer. You may choose to lead top of 3 instead of MUD against NT. That still falls under the Attitude answer.

Let's also talk about leads of J, 10, or 9. If you use standard leads, any of these cards can also be top of an interior sequence: i.e. K**J**10x, Q**10**9x, J**9**8x, etc. These would be the standard card when you are leading against a suit contract and has exactly one card missing. I personally recommend using standard against suit contracts. Now we come to another way to treat these holdings. It is called Journalist or, more commonly, **Coded 10s and 9s.** It simply means when you lead a 10, you either have the K-J or (in a No Trump contract) A-J above it or nothing higher. If you lead the 9 you always have the 10 plus the Q or K above or none. When using coded 10s and 9s your partner needs to let you know he has one of the missing high cards by playing it. This is especially effective against No Trump Contracts. The advantage of this system against NT is that when you lead the **Jack,** you promise no higher card. You would hold **J**10(9)....

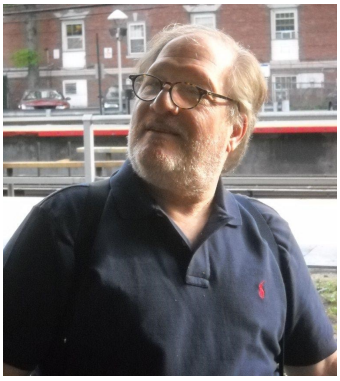
There is another lead system called 3rd and 5th. Players who use it know how to explain and will never use the word, Standard.

What's your carding?

Finally! Now you can answer: STANDARD! Unless, of course, you don't. Some players use Upside Down carding. Always ask, because if they play a low card in a suit, they like it. If you signal with a high card to ask your partner to continue, you play Standard Carding.

Claim with Colchamiro

By Mel Colchamiro



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Don't Be a Loser — Don't Overuse Loser Count

The first time I learned about Loser Count was long ago when my then- teenage daughters would bring home an endless series of boyfriends. That was Loser Count!

The next time I learned about Loser Count was when I purchased and read the seminal work on the subject, by Australian bridge-writer Ron Klinger, *The Modern Losing Trick Count*(1986). It's the Loser Count bible. But it's a modest bible.

When I read "the bible" I learned the Golden Rule of Loser Count from page 10: "Losing Trick Count (LTC) is used *after a trump fit has been established."* And on page 13, the "bible" says "It (LTC) is not designed for NT hands and is quite unsuitable for misfit hands…. It is the number of tricks you can expect to win if your trump suit breaks normally and half of your finesses work." Read those sentences again.

Then on page 143 author Klinger writes: "If you consider LTC as a useful adjunct to your normal bidding methods, it will be a valuable tool indeed. If you look on it as a panacea for your bidding problems you will be bitterly disappointed." That said, let's see what it's all about.

How Loser Count Works

Losing Trick Count (Loser Count) is a way to value a hand, like the 4-3-2-1 point-count system is. But its valuation method is much different. It is an *estimate* of how many losers you are likely to have in a trump contract. In some situations LC works better than counting points, usually when you have unbalanced hands.

To determine how many "losers" you have, count a loser in each suit that you *do not* have an ace, king or queen. In a doubleton suit, only worry about the ace and king, in a singleton suit only worry about the ace, and in a void suit there is nothing to worry about—you have no losers there. Here is an example hand:
♠-AJxxx
♥-KJx
♦-KJxx
♣-x

This is a "7-loser hand." Two losers in spades—the king and queen; two losers in hearts—the ace and queen; two losers in diamonds—the ace and queen; one loser in clubs—the ace.

Note that if we shift one of the diamonds into clubs so that the hand is:
♠-AJxxx
♥-KJx
♦-KJx
♣-xx

Now we have an 8 loser hand—because we now have two losers in clubs.

Finally, let's shift one card out of spades into clubs so that the hand is:
♠-AJxx
♥-KJx
♦-KJx
♣-xxx

Now we have a 9-loser hand—because we now have 3 losers in clubs.
As you can see, the more balanced your hand is, the more estimated losers it has and, vice-versa, the more skewed your hand is—when you have long suits—the fewer estimated losers you have. Such hands have more playing strength for the same given high card strength than balanced hands. Have you ever heard the expressions "With 6-4 bid more" and "With 6-5, come alive?" They're based on loser count.

Is It All Really That Simple?

That's the simple way to calculate Loser Count—but there's more to it. Simple LC ain't perfect. It overvalues queens versus kings and aces, and overvalues kings versus aces and it undervalues aces versus everything.

Look at these three-card holdings:
Axx

Kxx

Qxx

Though each of them are counted as 2-losers, all of us know that Axx is better than Kxx which is better than Qxx. A queen with no supporting ace, king, jack or ten is probably best figured at 2 ½ losers (according to Mel, and, more importantly, according to Klinger). But then things get messy and complicated—who wants to work with fractions? So most players just figure Qxx(x)(x) as two losers. This is one way in which simple loser count isn't quite a panacea for all bidding ills.

The same thing goes for jacks when they are connected to higher honor cards—they get shortchanged.
AJx
Axx

KJx
Kxx

QJx
Qxx

Each of the couplets are rated as two losers, but we all know which one we'd really rather have—we'd want the jack to help us out. For example, AJx vs Qxx in life is at most one loser no matter what, but Axx vs Qxx will be one loser only half the time. But LC figures that 2 losers are equally likely with or without the jack. Similarly, when AJx faces xxx, 75% of the time there will be two losers. But opposite 109x, 75% of the time there will be only one.

Full-Bore Loser Count?

For sure, Loser Count has its place. But don't overuse it. LC de-vo-tays go all the way and totally replace point-count bidding with loser-count bidding.

I *strongly* advise against that.

Stick to normal bidding and hand evaluation and only use LC selectively, otherwise you will tie yourself into bidding knots such as the following. Loser Count analysis tells us that most opening bids have about 7 losers, as in a normal hand such as this:
♠-xx
♥-KQJxx
♦-AQx
♣-Jxx

So LC dev-o-tays say: "I open all 7-loser hands." Well, not so fast. That would lead to the ridiculous conclusion that you should open 1♠on the hand below because it has 7 losers:

♠-xxxxxx
♥-xxxxxx
♦-x
♣-void

But that you shouldn't open…..
♠-AJx
♥-KJx
♦-Jxx
♣-KJxx

……because it has 9 losers!
See what I mean?

On page 13 of his book, Klinger warns and reminds us: "It is vital that you do not envisage the LTC as replacing point count. It is used as an adjunct to the point count when a trump fit comes to light."

When To Use Loser Count

One of the most common auctions is when a one of a major suit opening bid or a major suit 1-level overcall is raised to two, as in:

1♠	2♠	or
1♥	2♥	

After the simple raise from partner, in each of these situations the opening bidder (or overcaller) has three choices:

Bid game in the major or try for game in the major or pass.

Instead of using point-count to guide your choice, the now-familiar idea is to use what's called *5-6-7 loser count.* What that means is if you have 5 losers by loser count—just bid game; with 6 loser-count losers—try for game; with 7 or more loser count losers, just pass.

And sometimes, loser count seems to contradict point count; the two push you in different directions. Loser count usually knows better; follow loser count.

So below, after opening 1♠ and being raised to 2♠, with hand (1) we should pass(8 losers); with hand (2) we should try for game(6 losers); and with hand (3) we should bid game(5 lose rs).

1) ♠-AJxxx	2) ♠-AQxxx	3) ♠-AQxxx
♥-KJx	♥-x	♥-x
♦-AJx	♦-KJxxx	♦-KJxxx
♣-Qx	♣-Qx	♣-Kx

Suppose the responder's hand happens to be a normal-looking 9-point raise to 2♠:

♠-Kxx
♥-xxx
♦-Qxx
♣-Axxx

Opposite opener hand number (1) 2/3 of the time there will be a loser in spades; 3 times out of 4 we're gonna lose two tricks in hearts; 9 times out of 10 we're gonna lose a trick in diamonds and, barring a club lead away from the king, we're gonna lose a trick there, too. So, even if we get lucky in spades or hearts and lose only two tricks in those two suits combined, chances are great that 4S will fail. But opposite hand (2) we'll make 10 tricks with normal breaks and opposite hand (3) most of the time we'll make 11 tricks. It's a bit odd, but LC correctly guides us to pass 2♠ with 16 high card points (hand 1) but to move on with 12 and/or 13 high card points with hands (2) and (3).

How To Try For Game

Suppose your hand is…
♠-AKxxx
♥-Ax
♦-Kxxx
♣-xx

…and partner raises your 1♠ opening bid to 2♠. You have 6-loser count losers so you try for game. But if you bid 3♠, partner will certainly raise to 4♠ if she has:

♠-QJxx
♥-Kxx
♦-xxx
♣-QJx

But if you match those two hands together you'll see that 4♠ has no chance: two actual club losers and at least two actual diamond losers—4♠ down one or two, though nobody did anything wrong—except use the wrong method for looking for game. (By the way, if we interchange responder's clubs for diamonds, 4♠ will make easily).

Side Suit Game Tries

Any many of you may know, It is much more effective to use what are known as "side-suit game tries." That is, in the above situation, instead of bidding 3♠, bid your side suit where you need "help"—fitting honors or ruff-a-bility. That's why they are sometimes called "help-suit game tries." Here, opener should try for game by bidding 3♦ (keep reading).

1-2-3 Loser Count in Reply

When responder hears a "side suit game try" she, in turn, should use LC, though here you should use *"1-2-3 Loser Count."* If the responder has one loser-count loser *in the "side suit,"* then she should bid game in the major, no matter how weak her raise. If you have 2 loser-count losers in that suit, then use your judgment—if you have a made maximum raise, bid game, if you have a made a minimum raise go back to 3 of our major. And if you have 3 loser-count losers in the help suit, then definitely go back to 3 of our major—even if you have made a maximum simple raise to 2.

The Exception: When 5-6-7 Should Be 4-5-6

But long ago I came to a conclusion: 5-6-7 loser count doesn't work well when the opener's hand has a 5-card suit and a 4-card suit specifically. In those situations, I strongly advise lowering your sights a trick and use 4-5-6 loser count. That is, with 4 losers, bid game, with 5 losers try for game and with 6 or more losers, just pass.

Exception to the Exception

Not to make you crazy, but if your high cards are all aces and kings, then ignore the above exception—go ahead and use 5-6-7 loser count.

Mel's 'Compete Count' Utilizes Loser Count

What in the world is *Mel's Compete Count*? Well, MCC is a handy-dandy way to *guide you* in a situation where you're bidding your tail off, the opponents are fighting you every step of the way, and dopey partner is sitting there like a bump on a log putting out green card after green card. Just how much can you go it alone? Here's an example:
♠-x
♥-AQx
♦-AKQ10xx
♣-Kxx

The bidding has gone:

You	opponent	partner	opponent
1♦	1♠	P	2♠
3♦*	3♠	p	P
???			

*Well within yourself.

Should you keep fighting? You should if—by presuming partner can cover just one of your losers (is that too much to ask for?)—you have as many estimated winners as tricks you would be contracting for if you bid once more. Here, you have 4 estimated loser-count losers. If partner can cover one of them, so you'd have only three losers, contracting for 10 tricks(three losers) should be in the ballpark. So here, it's ok to bid 4♦ (dbl is probably better) but pass may be too conservative.

But, if we change the hand ever so slightly—let's make the AQx in ♥ the AJx; now you have one additional loser-count loser and bidding forward would probably be too much.

You can use Mel's Compete Count on one-suiters like this one or on two-suiters (5-5, 6-5), but it is not really meant for balanced hands.

What I Do Do and What I Don't Do

Some players use the hard-line, full-bore loser count idea. They say—quoting LC theory and orthodoxy-- that because there are three estimated losers in each suit (A,K,Q) and each partner has 4 suits, each partner has at most 12 losers, and so the partnership has 24 losers in all. True enough.

Then they go on and explain that since loser count theory says that a minimum opening bid usually reflects 7 losers, if a fit is found and the responder has 7 Loser Count losers, that means there are only 14 losers between the two hands and if you subtract from 24, there must be 10 combined winners. So loser Count crazies bid game. They really drink the cool-aid. But things are not so simple.

Suppose you hold:
♠-KJxx
♥-xxx
♦-x
♣-KQxxx

The bidding has gone:

Partner	you
1♦	1♠
2♠	????

Strict loser count tells us that since we have 7 loser count losers and so does partner, there are 14 total losers and therefore there must be 10 total winners. So they bid 4♠. They wait expectedly for the sight of the dummy after the Q of hearts opening lead and are too often disappointed when partner tables:

♠-Axxx
♥-Kxx
♦-KQxx
♣-Jx

Presuming the ace of hearts lies over the king, there are at least 5 top losers and maybe 6 unless the spades lie VERY favorably for you. Even if partner has the ace of hearts instead of the king, full-bore Loser Count will have failed miserably. Below is another example. It's from the Feb. 2017 edition of *The Bridge World*.*
♠-KQ10x
♥-xxxx
♦-KQx
♣-Jx

Partner	You
1♦	1♥
2♥	????

Full-bore LC dev-o-tays would say, "well, I have a 7-loser hand. Partner has 7-losers for her minimum opening bid, so that's 14 losers. So there must be 10 winners, so I will bid 4S."

*For those of you who aren't familiar with TBW, it is a magazine—continuously published monthly since 1929—that is universally accepted as THE premier bridge publication. Sort of like TBW is to bridge publications as *60 Minutes* is to TV news magazine shows. One of its features asks a panel of the best bridge players in the country what they would do in such-and-such situations—its like the *It's Your Call* feature in the *Bridge Bulletin* that I participate in each month.

Well, the expert BWM panel didn't quite see it that way. Out of the 24 panelists, 6 passed 2♥ and 18 tried for game. Not one bid game, even though full-bore LC would tell them to do so.

So you can see that though simple full-bore loser count analysis is superficially appealing, the best players in the country don't seem to think you should follow it blindly. Neither do I. Why? Because it just doesn't work often enough to justify its use in situations like this. So use LC only selectively.

Unless you like losing.

Life Master—Non-LM Charity Pair Game

NEW DAY AND LOCATION

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 7:00 pm

Sagamore Bridge Club

6901 Jericho Turnpike

Syosset, 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 April 15, 2017.

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 _____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND MONEY — You Can Pay At The Tournament

NSBA ISLANDER

Long Island Fall Regional ♠ April 25-29, 2017

at the ***Upsky Long Island Hotel***
110 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 ● 631-231-1100
Discounted Room Rate: $109 Cutoff Date: March 25, 2017

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.

TUESDAY April 25

Non LM / LM Charity Pairs (Red) (Each pair must have a LM and an under 300 player) ……..... 7:00 pm
New: Side Game …… 7:00 pm
NOTE: Both these games will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club, 6901 Jericho Tpk, Syosset, NY 11791, 516-558-7799

WEDNESDAY April 26

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
New: Learn Bridge in One Day! ……..7:00pm - 9:00pm

THURSDAY April 27

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 April 28

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

SATURDAY April 29

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.

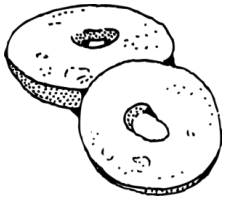
GOLD AWARDED IN BRACKETED EVENTS (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold)

SINGLE SESSION ENTRIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL PAIR GAMES

OPEN PAIRS WILL PLAY 24 BOARDS

Tournament Chairman: Lee Launer 516-628-2546 ● actuary3@hotmail.com
Tournament Manager: Susan Toporovsky ● SusieTee60@gmail.com
Partnerships Arranged: John Abrenica 516-972-3215 or Alan Kudisch alankudisch@gmail.com

Complimentary Coffee and Bagel Breakfast Every Morning!



EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

GOLD RUSH PAIRS

This event has 2 strata, 0-300 and 301-750mps. 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.

This Is A Recording

Every unit and district in the Acbl has someone assigned to the keep track of all disciplinary matters. Accusations of cheating, unethical behavior, and sometimes even threatening or violent behavior are investigated and kept track of. This position is known as the recorder. To say this is one of the more thankless jobs in the bridge world would be an understatement. For many years (I don't know how many) our unit recorder has been Ruth Stober. She has been doing this job quietly and effectively, to the point that most people don't even know she is doing it. That is a good sign. It's like in a baseball game: if you know the umpire's name he is probably doing a bad job. Ruth has done an excellent job. Ruth has decided she has done this long enough. On behalf of the board of directors and our unit I want to thank her for a job well done. Rob Gordon will be taking over the position. All I can say to Rob is, you have some big shoes to fill.

- Joe Byrnes

NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION AWARDS DINNER

Celebrating our bridge achievers of 2016

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Sagamore Bridge Club

Syosset, New York

Registration at 4:30 P.M.

Buffet Dinner from 5:00 t0 6:00 P.M.

Awards Program at 6:15 P.M.

Sanctioned Bridge Game at 7:00 P.M.

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

Please return form by June 1 to:

Debra Thaw

18 Jamar Drive

Port Jefferson, N.Y. 11776

For more information please contact:

Debra at (631) 828-1917 or

Susan at (631) 681-0404

Partnership: _____ & _____

Double Dummy

By Robert Goldman

I have been teaching bridge and directing sanctioned duplicate games for the past 20 years. For the classes I have now at the 92 Street Y and the UFT, I give the students a Double Dummy problem which they must try to solve by the next class session. This is treated as a *mission impossible*. The type of bridge play and/or the name of the hand involved might be given to the student.

Here is a sample of the introduction to Double Dummy hands.

A Double Dummy is not a Bridge hand with two dummies, but a Bridge problem in which a person is prsented with all four hands and is asked to determine the course of play that will achieve or defeat a particular contract. Since all four hands are in view, the Declarer play and/or Defense are unusually unique. These hands are illustrative rather than actual and the solutions are often Missions Impossible.

Double Dummy 1
THE JETTISON PLAY
**** [5 stars are the ultra difficult]

NORTH
♠ - A K
♥ - 8 7 6 5
♦ - K Q J 10
♣ - 4 3 2

WEST
♠ - J 10 9 8
♥ - 3 2
♦ - 9 8 7
♣ - K J 6 5

EAST
♠ - 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ - 4
♦ - 6 5 4 3 2
♣ - Q

SOUTH
♠ - Q
♥ - A K Q J 10 9
♦ - A
♣ - A 10 9 8 7

The Mission: South is the Declarer in 7 No Trump. West leads the ♠J.
Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to make 7 No Trump. As always, should you or your partner fail, we will disavow any knowledge of your actions.
This page will self-destruct in 5 seconds. Good Luck!
See page 25 for the solution.

NEW SCHEDULE!
NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
THE LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - SATURDAY, APRIL 29
SAGAMORE BC & SMITHTOWN UPSKY HOTEL
SEE PAGE 14 FOR FULL SCHEDULE

NSBA ISLANDER
FRANK ALLISON DOUBLE KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT

Starting soon, the first matches of the **Frank Allison Double Knockout Tournament** will be played in our unit, offering all of Long Island's bridge community an opportunity to participate in an exciting new event.

Here are the highlights of how our **Double Knockouts** will work:

- Players will form their own teams of 4, 5 or 6 players – including one Captain and one Assistant Captain to be responsible for all scheduling and reporting. (More than 4 is recommended)
- Teams will be seeded in brackets, based on the average master points per team.
- There will be 3 "Flights": A, B and C.
  - Anyone with over 2,500 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in Flight A only
  - Anyone with more than 1,000 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in Flight A and/or Flight B
  - Anyone with fewer than 1,000 masterpoints, along with his/her teammates, will be eligible to enroll in all three Flights.
- The enrollment fee is $40 per team for each Flight in which a team enrolls, payable by check to the NSBA. Enrollment forms will be made available at all bridge clubs and on the following page.
- The Tournament Director will assign the teams to their respective brackets and will match up the teams for each round of the tournament.
- The Captains will be responsible for deciding when and where their matches will take place.
  - For each assigned match, the Captains must suggest three possible dates for playing the match.
  - Try to include one weeknight and one weekend whenever possible.
  - After agreeing upon a date, the Captains must select a location for the match. Although the matches may be held in any mutually convenient location (in one's home, country club or elsewhere), if the teams agree to play at a local bridge club, they must contact the bridge club in advance to make the necessary arrangements.
- Each team **will be required to play one match per month**, starting in April.
- A match is made up of 24 boards – 12 boards for each of 2 rounds. IMP scoring will be used. In the event of a tie after 24 boards, four (4) extra boards will be played to determine a winner.
- The winners of each match will be awarded black points. The winners for each flight will be awarded additional black points (and other prizes, to be determined).
- A team is eliminated from the event if it loses two matches in each of the Flights in which it had enrolled.

The complete NSBA Double KO Conditions of Contest can be found on the LIBRIDGE website.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Double Knockouts, feel free to contact either of us at any time.

Joe Byrnes: jbyrnes810@gmail.com
Phil Grella: Ubrokeifix@aol.com

Frank Allison Double Knockout Team Entry Form

NOTES: 1) Teams must comply with a "MUST PLAY BY DATE"
2) Teams will be required to play one match per month.
3) Submit entry by March 31.
4) Monthly results update on the LIBRIDGE webpage.

TEAM MEMBERS (up to six)
It is suggested you have more than four players to help arranging game dates.
Name (First, Last)

(Captain) 1) _____Phone#_____

(Assistant Captain)
2) _____Phone#_____

(Other team members)

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

Please check ONE:

_____ We want to play in Flight A (open to all players)

_____ We want to play in Flight B (no player may have more than 2,500 points)

_____ We want to play in Flight C (no player may have more than 1,000 points)

_____ We want to participate in more than one Flight ($40 for each Flight)

Entry fee $40 Make check out to the NSBA.

Send to:

Joseph D. Byrnes
349 East Broadway
Long Beach, NY
11561

or

Phil Grella
29 Kennedy Ave.
Rockville Centre, NY
11570

TEAM CAPTAINS ☐ It is YOUR responsibility to read and to be familiar with the Conditions of Contest. They can be found on the NSBA website or at a local club. Lack of knowledge does not constitute cause for exemption.

Geographical considerations will be given for early matches.
Matches may be played ANYWHERE, including private homes.

The Coordinator reserves the right to adjust masterpoint limits on all brackets.
Brackets "B" & "C" may be combined if not enough teams register in each bracket.

The following bridge clubs (so far) will be available for matches during their regularly scheduled game times. Please contact the club and inform them you want to schedule a match. Regular club game fees will be collected at the clubs.

Sagamore Bridge Club Smithtown Bridge Studio Bridge Center of Long Island The Bridge Express

Unauthorized Information

by Joe Byrnes

UI for short. What is it? The laws of bridge (specifically law 16) preclude a player from using any information unless it was obtained from his or her partner's legal bids and plays, or from anything the opponents have bid. The entire law is a little long so I'm not going to print it here. You can read it at your local club in the law book. I am going to sum up the situations where it most commonly arises.

Partner's Tempo In The Auction

Let's say your left hand opponent opens 2♠ and your partner passes. After your right hand opponent passes would you balance with:

♠ - 865 ♥ - A975 ♦ - K65 ♣ - A63

You might if you weren't vulnerable, but you would be taking a big risk. Now suppose your partner thought a long time (even more than the required time after the stop card was used), or sat there fiddling with the bidding box, and then passed. Now you know partner has a reasonable hand that couldn't act for some reason, such as being short in one of the unbid suits. It is now safe for you to double. Unfortunately the information that partner has a good hand came from his tempo, not his bid. It would be wrong to base a bid on this. You just have to pass.

Partner's Tempo When Playing

Let's say while defending a hand your partner discards the ♦2. If you are playing standard signals this means he doesn't like diamonds. Now suppose he does it, but only after great anguish. Clearly he has a problem. He probably doesn't want to part with a higher diamond, but he couldn't throw away anything else. So you can assume he actually has something in diamonds. This again is unauthorized information. You don't know what partner has based on what he played, you know it based on the tempo of his play. You must proceed as if partner played the 2 in tempo, and assume he doesn't like diamonds.

Partner's Failure To Alert

Let's say your partner opens 1♠. You have: ♠ - Q85 ♥ - A3 ♦ - K875 ♣ - Q1065. You respond 2♣, Drury. Your partner alerts and bids 3NT. He has given you a choice. You might reasonably choose to pass with only 3 spades and a balanced hand. Now suppose he didn't alert your 2♣ bid. Now you might think he forgot about Drury, and you would be tempted to bid 4♠. Again, this is unauthorized information. You think he forgot due to the failure to alert. You have to proceed as if

he had properly alerted. Note that you don't have to do anything if the situation is self explanatory. Suppose partner opened 1NT and you bid 2NT as a transfer to diamonds with: ♠ - 87 ♥ - 3 ♦ - 10876542 ♣ - 876

If partner failed to alert and bid 3NT you can run to 4♦ if you want. The logic of the situation says that 3NT can't be right. In the previous Drury auction it was a logical possibility. If partner keeps bidding over 4♦, well, it's only one zero. And get a new partner.

What happens in any of these situations? The proper course of action is to summon the director to establish the facts. Usually everyone will agree that someone made a bid out of tempo if that is the issue. After getting the facts the director will instruct everyone to continue the auction and play. At the end of the hand the director will have to determine if the opposing side was damaged by the improper use of the unauthorized information. He should poll other players to see what they would bid in the given situation.

Most of the time there is no damage and the result is not changed. Sometimes the director has to adjust the score. This is not an accusation that anyone has cheated. It happens. Also note that bidding out of tempo is not an infraction by itself. If you need time to think, by all means think. As long as your partner proceeds based on your bid and nothing else all will be well.

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

Tuesday, April 25	7:00 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
Wednessday, April 26	10:00	Single Session Pairs
Wednessday, April 26	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Wednesday, April 26	10:00 & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Thursday, April 27	10:00	Single Session Pairs
Thursday, April 27	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Thursday, April 27	10:00 & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Friday, April 28	10:00 AM & 2:30 PM	GOLD POINT PAIRS!
Friday, April 28	10:00 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, April 29	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!

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.

Fall 2016 Regional Results

Wednesday Evening LM/NLM Charity Pairs

(30.5 tables)

1 Gerald Berkman - Margaret Sherman

2 Elyse Fields - Howard Schwartz

3 Christine Woodring - Sandra Ryder

4 Audrey Weinberg - Iris Plafker

5 Naomi Klosner - Stuart Hersh

6/7 Robert Sorce - Michael Voltz

6/7 James Schneider - Sally Peters

8/9 Allen Greenbaum - Young Cha

8/9 Harold Windsor - Benett Zimmer

Thursday Round Robin Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Bill Dinner - Ruth Stober - Naomi Klosner - Karl De Shrage

2 Karen Pollack - David Schwartz - Dina Arker - J C Meyers

3 Michael Botwin - Bella Chiusano - Alan Kudisch - Frank Anshen

Bracket 2 (8 tables)

1 Robert Gordon - Stephen Green - Susan Calabro - Sheila Pohly

2 Amy Rhodes - Yasmine Guenancia - Sohail Hasan - Erika Moore

3 Robin Brendell - Silvana Zangri - John Berry - Richard Morici

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1 William Hart - Ruth Fox - Raymond Elias - Edward Niemira

2 Douglas Frank - Douglas Schara - Lewis Maddock - Ruth Ellen Maddock

3 Laura O'Reilly - Hubert Howe Jr - Burton Greenhouse - Lee Dion

Bracket 4 (14 tables)

1 Marsha Bilzin - Andrea Kringstein - Lauren Etess - Karen Levy

2 Susan Schnur - Jane Hankin - Joan Finsilver - Ida Cardona

3 Janine Buss - Debra Lamountain - David Bass - Paul Develet

Bracket 5 (8 tables)

1/2 Patricia Lessard - Elizabeth Murphy - Laura Kopp - Diana Maniscalco

1/2 Susan O'Shea - Lorna Verdone - Judy Anthony - Benett Zimmer

3 Amy Barash - Susan Panzer - Sheila Terens - Jill Toshav

Thursday Morning 199er Pairs

Stratum A (6.0 tables)

1 Barbara Thorpe - Barbara Stanton

2 Marjorie Brook-Hecht - Elizabeth Shapiro

3 Sidney Leibowitz - Elaine Greenwald

Stratum B

1 Marjorie Brook-Hecht - Elizabeth Shapiro

2 Franklin Gomes - Susan Fishbein

Thursday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (36.5 tables)

1 Laura Orticelle - Carol Kamp

2 Michael Di Michele - Vijay Datta

3 Billie Swarztrauber - Sayre Swarztrauber

Stratum 3

1 Richard Brach - Vicki Seltzer

2 Peri Namerow - Julie Zinzi

3 Roy Goodman - Susan Kaye

Thursday Open Pairs

Stratum A (20.0 tables)

1 Melanie Tucker - Joe Grue

2 Lloyd Arvedon - Glenn Robbins

3 Migry Zur Campanile - Andrew Rosenthal

Stratum B

1 Harold Beck - E Paul Madison

2 Norman Trabulus - Charles Bilich

3 Debra Thaw - Walter Kohlhoff

Stratum C

1 Tom Mehrhoff - Carol Mehrhoff

2 Peter Tilles - Doris Tilles

3 Lawrence Hillel - George Aman

Friday Round Robin Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Andrew Rosenthal - Aaron Silverstein - Alison Wilson - Chris Willenken

2 Lisa Yellis - Michael Fishman - Paul Siegelman - Bart Cirker

3 Dori Cohen - Rob Gordon - Howard Cohen - Charles Sharf

Bracket 2 (8 tables)

1 Debra Katz - Eppie Eagle - Dina Schechter - David Joseph

2 Barbara Cooper - Jack Price - Marilyn Brescia - Marion Yonke

3 Gerald Berkman - Martin Finkelman - Susan Calabro - Stephen Green

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1 Jill Howard - Sohail Hasan - Paul Cohen - Stephen Langfelder

2 Phil Waxberg - Robert Sorce - Subrata Ghosh - Mel Meskin

3 Carol Reiss - Anne Stuckler - Dolores Shimmons - Cindi Siegel

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Mark Inhaber - Allen Greenbaum - Silvana Zangri - Richard Morici

2 Karen Dorman - Elisse Weiss - Dina Arker - Francine Frischer

3 Sondra Nachbar - Judith Simon - Gail Kugler - Norman Nachbar

Bracket 5 (12 tables)

1 Janine Buss - Gulu Mahtaney - Debra Lamountain - Stanley Adelman

2 Marsha Bilzin - Andrea Kringstein - Lauren Etess - Karen Levy

3 Douglas Frank - Douglas Schara - Thomas Schwarz - Ruth Ellen Maddock

Bracket 6 (8 tables)

1 Elizabeth Murphy - Patricia Lessard - Diana Maniscalco - Catherine Layden

2 Michael Basham - Jack Liu - Christina Hare - Susan Shmerler

3 Lisa Hadar - Susan Eisner - Maggie Silver - Roberta Kusnetz

Friday Morning 199er Pairs

Stratum A (5 pairs)

1 Barbara Thorpe - Paul Thorpe

2 Sally Peters - Hal Davidson

3 Linda Good - Sheila Bieber

Stratum B

1 Sally Peters - Hal Davidson

2 Linda Good - Sheila Bieber

3 Barbara Deturk - Gondolfo Gallegro

Stratum C

1 Barbara Deturk - Gondolfo Gallegro

2 Joseph Piombo - Theresa Piombo

Friday Open Pairs

Stratum A (18.0 tables)

1 Jill Fouad - Harold Feldheim

2 Brian Glubok - David Treitel

3 Michael Lipkin - Jan Rechenberg

Stratum B

1 Ann Gardner - Alan Gardner

2 Alexander Alberts - Elaine Weiss

3 Valerie Deneroff - Martin Deneroff

Stratum C

1 Ann Gardner - Alan Gardner

2 Roger Zessis - Beatrice Bohm

3 Linda Taub - Risa Grossman

Friday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (23 tables)

1 Richard Barnes - Sara Bellesheim

2 Rosellen Mensch - Mona Graber

3 Michael Viscusi - Lewis Maddock

Stratum 3

1 Susan Montgomery - Joann Goodspeed

2 Jacqlyn Wank - Linda Povman

3 Sandie Sickle - Patricia Fasciano

Saturday Round Robin Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1/2 Diana Schuld - Ruth Stober - Anna Bromberg - Harold Feldheim

1/2 Steven Huhman - Lee Ohliger - James Sundstrom - Zhuo Wang

3 Sandrea Friedman - David Rosenberg - Rob Gordon - Dori Cohen

Bracket 2 (8 tables)

1 Karen Pollack - David Schwartz - Dina Arker - J C Meyers

2 Shawn Drenning - Zachary Madden - Maurice Chesney - Debra Thaw

3 Amy Rhodes - Sohail Hasan - Wesley Albinger - Charles Pierce

Bracket 3 (15 tables)

1 Lewis Maddock - Michael Viscusi - Ruth Ellen Maddock - Grace Basile

2 Drew Tarhan - Mark Inhaber - Silvana Zangri - Richard Morici

3 Gerald Berkman - Ditza Katz - Erik Himelein - Francis Browne

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Michael Nussbaum - Robert Mann - Suzanne Nussbaum - Meryl Mann

2 Beverly Boris - Dorothy Singer - Harvey Schachter - Barbara Frank

3/4 Elayne Fastenberg - Carol Leinwand - Tina Hye - Ruth Lessinger

3/4 Mee Warren - James Keiger - Veronica Hui - Jordan Lampe

Saturday Open Pairs

Stratum A (16 tables)

1 Joe Grue - Gillian Miniter

2 Lloyd Arvedon - Glenn Robbins

3 David Moss - Andrew Rosenthal

Stratum B

1 Howard Sloan - Melissa Stranzl

2 Risa Grossman - Debra Katz

3 David Joseph - Barry Wilderman

Stratum C

1 Risa Grossman - Debra Katz

2 Scott McDermott - Christian Hemphill

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs

Stratum 7 (20.5 tables)

1 Peggy Fabricius - Ann Salamone

Fall 2016 Regional Results (cont. from page 23)

2 Joyce Handleman - Jerry Hackman

3 Vijay Datta - Marianne Sponholz

Stratum 3

1 Shelly Amin - Diane Lepro

2 Jill Toshav - Susan Panzer

3 Toni Macdonald - Elizabeth Butler

Sunday A/X Swiss

Stratum A (19 tables)

1 Ljudmila Kamenova - Igor Savchenko - Alex Perlin - Sorin Pleacof

2 Glenn Robbins - Lloyd Arvedon - Ira Herman - Bob Gwirtzman

3 Lynda Nitabach - Hjordis Eythorsdottir - Bill Begert - Magnus Olafsson

Stratum X

1 Ljudmila Kamenova - Igor Savchenko - Alex Perlin - Sorin Pleacof

2 Warren Chang - Bruce Neiger - Kari Tetzlaff - Samuel Ehrlichman

3 Abbott Feren - Richard Baumer - Mark Blanchard - Charles Bilich

Sunday B Round Robin Teams

Bracket 1 (8 tables)

1 Rona Levine - Gloria Tamlyn - Joyce Goldstein - Garry Goldberg

2 Vijay Datta - Roger Peabody - Marianne Fulfaro - Michael Di Michele

3 Natalie Treanor - Donald Amberger - Susan Ghee - Walter Kohlhoff

Bracket 2 (8 tables)

1 David Bass - Shawn Drenning - Zachary Madden - Jin Hu

2 George Weber - Jan Weber - Dominick D'Ascoli - Elayne Pollet

3 Martin Deneroff - Valerie Deneroff - Melissa Stranzl - Howard Sloan

Bracket 3 (8 tables)

1 Gerald Berkman - Ditza Katz - Erik Himelein - Francis Browne

2/3 Ann Murray - William Sigward - Barry Adelman - Shelley Adelman

2/3 Dominique Schneider - Joan Spetter - Dale Peritz - Kay Cha

Bracket 4 (8 tables)

1 Scott McDermott - Christian Hemphill - Suyan Liu - Suresh Nayak

2 Phil Waxberg - Marjorie Whitman - Robert Sorce - Mary Thurber

3 Gary Levine - Mark Krinsky - Andree Welsh - Joan Pool

Bracket 5 (8 tables)

1 Rufus Cole - Michael Lo - Teresa Chek - Silvia Szanto

2 Douglas Frank - Douglas Schara - Michael Viscusi - Victor Poon

3 Alan Cohen - Rudolph Chung - Susan Dunnells - Frank O'Lear

Bracket 6 (8 tables)

1 Laura Kopp - Howard Collins - Skip Romboli - Bruce Romboli

2 Richard Holroyd - William Treanor - Patricia Revock - Geraldine Insinga

3 Richard Morici - Karen Ruben - Silvana Zangri - Peter Ruben

Solution to Double Dummy from page 17

Throw away an Ace. Not on the floor or in your pocket. Could try giving it to a relative, but it has to be one that is still living. In Bridge it is nice to win tricks, but sometimes it is more important to win at the right time and at the right place.

And there are occasions that in order to do this we have to get rid of an Ace. On this hand, you need to win the opening lead in the dummy, then cash the other high spade, discarding the ♦A! This clears the way (unblocks) for you to run your top diamonds from the dummy, discarding clubs from your hand.

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, April 27, 2017, 6:30 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).

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Spring Regional!
Please Note the New Schedule:
Tuesday, April 25-Saturday, April 29, 2017

Tuesday's Events To Be Held at the Sagamore BC
Wed-Sat Events To Be Held at Upsky Hotel Smithtown, NY

Please see page 14 for details.

NSBA ISLANDER

2016 Helen Shanbron Ace of Clubs — Unit 242

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Ross Taff	Huntington NY	32.21
Mr Lawrence S Brochin	Westbury NY	24.33
Mr Jerome Butkow	Woodbury NY	24.02
Bunny Bursky	Floral Park NY	23.47
Mrs Savi Sam	Farmingdale NY	19.31

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Roslyn Forst	Long Beach NY	28.46
Barbara Hachmann	Manhasset NY	27.02
Mrs Elizabeth M Siddons	Cutchogue NY	25.07
Ms Bonnie Feld	Jericho NY	23.60
Ms Vivien Krygier	Huntington NY	18.64

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr John P Bell	Glen Cove NY	47.99
Mrs Ann C Block	Westbury NY	43.21
Douglas P Casper	Plainview NY	39.00
Mr Anthony B Swanwick	Port Washington NY	32.42
Mr Edward B Perlberg	Sagaponack NY	28.19

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Laura Kopp	Wading River NY	66.91
Mr Milton Alschuler	Port Washington NY	64.67
Ellen D Cooper	Syosset NY	54.27
Mr Howard Collins	Jamesport NY	46.64
Cheryl L Rush	Great Neck NY	46.30

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Raymond Presti	Huntington NY	77.92
Mrs Susan R Seelig	Syosset NY	75.91
Sharon L Melville	Syosset NY	71.70
Erika Silver	Port Washington NY	59.43
Lawrence Lippman	Hewlett NY	55.92

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Robin Brendell	Roslyn Heights NY	93.96
Dr Arthur D Goren	Melville NY	82.80
Ms Jeanne M Hanrahan		69.91
Mr Fred Goldschmidt	Melville NY	64.91
Jonathan A Howe	Sag Harbor NY	59.95

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Debra S Lamountain	Forest Hills NY	184.75
Gary A Levine	Huntington NY	138.26
Janine R Buss	Port Washington NY	128.40
Stanley Adelman	North Hills NY	127.99
Mr Donald W Bedell	Patchogue NY	109.86

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Jeffrey Colton	East Williston NY	149.17
Ms Laurie A Berlin	Lido Beach NY	140.70
Mr Raymond C Elias	Great Neck NY	139.90
Susan A Calabro	Jericho NY	135.89
Mr Mark J Krinsky	Great Neck NY	129.62

1000 to 1500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Barry J Nish	Little Neck NY	287.25
Matt W Rewinski	Westhampton NY	154.93
Miss Drew E Tarhan	Port Washington NY	143.62
Susan Toporovsky	Manhasset NY	113.46
Carol Reiss	Albertson NY	109.12

1500 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mr Alan E Kudisch	East Norwich NY	171.64
Mark Blanchard	Bay Shore NY	159.21
Jack Price	Freeport NY	157.65
Mr Michael L Fishman	Great Neck NY	155.53
Karen Pollack	Westhampton NY	135.98

2500 to 3500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Bart Cirker	Manhasset NY	194.13
Mr John R Berry	Manhasset NY	182.04
Mr Howard Cohen	Oceanside NY	171.53
Ms Susan E Weiss	Jericho NY	163.86
Mr Lawrence Goodman	East Meadow NY	161.58

3500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Dr Karl A De Shrage	Malverne NY	268.96
Mrs Leslie Sarf	Great Neck NY	183.90
Barbara Mendelsohn	Dix Hills NY	162.24
Mr Jack A Lipson	East Meadow NY	154.98
Mr Martin F Feldman	Farmingdale NY	146.72

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Honey Ellis	Roslyn NY	386.01
Mr Geoffrey J O'Connor	Southampton NY	305.27
Dr Robert D Karlan	Boca Raton FL	226.51
Mr Mark A Leibowitz	Plainview NY	195.47
Mr Saul Horowitz	Delray Beach FL	192.19

7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Doris R Rodgers	Dix Hills NY	227.29
Mrs Diana Schuld	Glen Head NY	155.79
Mrs Irma I Korenstein	Bethpage NY	149.41

Over 10,000 Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

Mrs Ruth L Stober	Floral Park NY	294.68
Mr Mel A Colchamiro	Merrick NY	120.67

2016 Mini-McKenney — Unit 242

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ross Taff	Huntington NY	36.17
Mr Lawrence S Brochin	Westbury NY	31.48
Mr Jerome Butkow	Woodbury NY	29.06

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Dr Michael P Viscusi	Nesconset NY	58.00
Victor I Poon		51.23
Mrs Elizabeth M Siddons	Cutchogue NY	32.18

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr John P Bell	Glen Cove NY	64.04
Mrs Ann C Block	Westbury NY	48.61
Douglas P Casper	Plainview NY	43.87

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Laura Kopp	Wading River N	99.75
Mr Milton Alschuler	Port Washington NY	83.47
Mr Howard Collins	Jamesport NY	72.95

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Sharon L Melville	Syosset NY	137.36
Erika Silver	Port Washington NY	111.73
Raymond Presti	Huntington NY	94.23

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Robin Brendell	Roslyn Heights NY	197.56
Ms Jeanne M Hanrahan		136.21
Jonathan A Howe	Sag Harbor NY	123.56

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Debra S Lamountain	Forest Hills NY	313.50
Janine R Buss	Port Washington NY	304.57
Stanley Adelman	North Hills NY	214.33

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ms Laurie A Berlin	Lido Beach NY	255.35
Mr Jeffrey Colton	East Williston NY	235.51
Susan A Calabro	Jericho NY	219.01

1000 to 1500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr Barry J Nish	Little Neck NY	369.43
Mr Bill M Dinner	Port Washington NY	215.17
Matt W Rewinski	Westhampton NY	213.96

1500 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mark Blanchard	Bay Shore NY	505.51
Mr Alan E Kudisch	East Norwich NY	350.17
Jack Price	Freeport NY	279.60

2500 to 3500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Ms Dori Cohen	Woodbury NY	375.54
Mr John R Berry	Manhasset NY	315.26
Bart Cirker	Manhasset NY	242.79

3500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Dr Karl A De Shrage	Malverne NY	360.07
Dr Russell H Samuel	Coram NY	344.41
Mrs Leslie Sarf	Great Neck NY	233.18

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mr Rob Gordon	Northport NY	408.63
Mrs Honey Ellis	Roslyn NY	393.11
Mr Geoffrey J O'Connor	Southampton NY	356.54

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mrs Diana Schuld	Glen Head NY	289.66
Mrs Doris R Rodgers	Dix Hills NY	271.58
Mrs Irma I Korenstein	Bethpage NY	167.41

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race

Mrs Ruth L Stober	Floral Park NY	473.37
Bob Gwirtzman	Brooklyn NY	424.05
Mr Mel A Colchamiro	Merrick NY	343.55

Note: The Ace of Clubs is awarded for most points earned at clubs. The Mini-McKenney is awarded for most points earned at clubs *and* tournaments combined.

Remember:

The Spring Regional will run from Tuesday, April 25 - Saturday, April 29.

The Tuesday events will be held at the Sagamore Bridge Club.

The Wednesday - Saturday events will be held at the Smithtown Upsky Hotel.

See Page 14 for details.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

1:00

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$17

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON &

NEW THURSDAY AFTERNOON GAME

12:15

OPEN AT 11:30 WITH LUNCH BEFORE THE GAME

$17

FRIDAY MORNING

10:00

OPEN AT 9:15 WITH BAGELS BEFORE AND LUNCH AFTER THE GAME

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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. **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

New Emerald Life Masters

Lesley Decker Lucas

New Diamond Life Masters

Howard Friedman

Jack Lipson

Barbara Mendelsohn

Russell Samuel

New Sapphire Life Masters

Dori Cohen

Mike Geisinger

Lester Goldman

Alan Goldstein

Susan Weiss

New Gold Life Masters

Marilyn Daley

James Doig

Herbert Feldman

Alan Kudisch

Beverly Levy

Marion Yonke

New Ruby Life Masters

Bill Dinner

Anita Goldman

William Hart

Irving Lederman

Carol Reiss

Marilyn Silverman

Lillian Winter

New Silver Life Masters

Laurie Berlin

Susan Calabro

Jeffrey Colton

Elyse Fields

Ann Gardner

Susan Gehn

Hubert Howe

Betty Kaplan

Marsha Katon

James Knopf

Susan Konigsberg

Howard Lipset

Alan Myman

Norman Nachbar

Sally Rackson

Peter Tilles

Michael Wolff

Ernie Wunsch

New Bronze Life Masters

Charles Baker

James Craig

Raymond Elias

Peggy Fabricius

Richard Gardos

Kenneth Gittelson

Peter Hertz

Carol Kamp

Gail Kugler

Joanne Henrick

Patricia Lessard

Sherry Lewinter

Laura Orticelle

Michael Pollack

Harvey Schachter

Bonnie Semon

Carol Striker

Nancy Sybil

Audrey Weinberg

Elisse Weiss

New Life Masters

Stanley Adelman

Kay Cha

Vijay Datta

Raymond Elias

Peggy Fabicius

Kenneth Gittelson

Carol Kamp

Mark Krinsky

Gail Kugler

Gulu Mahtaney

Joan Pool

Cheryl Rosenzweig

Harvey Schachter

Judith Simon

William Treanor

Darin Tripp

New NABC Masters

Leonard Feld
Martin Fox
Jeanne Hanrahan
Shelley Kirshenbaum
Laura Kopp
Edward Leviten
Sharon Melville
Susan Panzer
Patricia Revock

New Regional Masters

Milton Alschuler
Sheila Bieber
Richard Brach
Patricia Fasciano
Brian Fitzpatrick
Claire Leinheardt
Eleanor Liebmann
Robert Mann
John Murabito
Michelle Roberts
Joanne Rodney
Karen Ruben
Cheryl Rush
Cindi Siegel
Kenneth Simon

New Sectional Masters

Ann Block
Martin Block
Ellen Blumencranz
Douglas Casper
Marina Conrad
Thomas Fahey
Phyllis Fleckner
Kim Floam
Daniel Goldschmidt
Robert Kleehammer
Edward Perlberg
Victor Poon
Barry Reiber
Elizabeth Shapiro
Roberta Shoten
Elizabeth Siddons
Anthony Swanwick
Ilan Wolff

New Club Masters

Irwin Balbera
Carol Bernstein
Joyce Birdoff
Anne Burns
Bunny Bursky
Morty Bogaty
Arthur Brendell
Lawrence Brochin
Jerome Butkow
John Dean
Nicholas Demartini
Vivian Doremus
Forrest Dunbar
Wendy Dworkin
Brigitte Evans
Bonnie Feld
Peter Franzoni
Beverly Gersfeld
Amy Glass
Betty Gross
Edward Hovsepian
Freddie Kadde
Nancy Kowal
Vivien Krygier
Carole Lerman
Caryl Levine
Ginette Ogur
Elizabeth Oneill
Usha Patel
Anthony Puglisi
Chunilal Ruder
Usha Ruder
Savi Sam
John Shanker
Joyce Silberman
Barbara Silverstone
Steven Spaeth
Ross Taff

New Junior Masters

Sherry Bauman
Renee Brandeis
Donald Bruckner
Anne Burns
Bunny Bursky
Barbara Chale
May Conti
Philip Coffey
Ruth Coffey
Forest Dunbar
Marv Feldman
Susan Fishbein
Gondolfo Gallegro
John Good
Robert Heimann
William Henry
Elvira Hoffman
Lawrence Kaplan
Frank Kirshenbaum
Edith Kliegman
Alene Krivoshey
Carol Leifer
Joseph Leifer
Stefanie Linakis
Anita Luft
Susan Nettler
Diane Palumbo
Susan Raphaelson
Linda Reymann
Barbara Ringewald
Evelyn Rubin
Susan Rucker
Harriet Schneier
Richard Shanks
Lee Silberman
Roslyn Snow
Ross Taff
Susan Viviani

October 26-Nov 1 2016 STaC Results

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (27 tables)

1 Saul Horowitz – Leslie Sarf

2 Kathy Hicks – Carol Mathews

3 Patricia Brown – Barbara Amelkin

Stratum B

1 Patricia Brown – Barbara Amelkin

2/3 Honey Green – Paul Cohen

2/3 Cal Rafuse – Mark Blanchard

Stratum C

1 Diana Maniscalco – Arnold Fox

2 Erika Silver – Janine Buss

3 Forrest Dunbar – Rick Shanks

Wednesday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (12.5 tables)

1 Savi Sam – Daniel Goldschmidt

2 Kim Floam – Susan Rand

3 Gail Johnson – Jane Morley

Strata B&C

1 Savi Sam – Daniel Goldschmidt

2 Kim Floam – Susan Rand

3 Lynda Straker – Janice McBean

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (34 tables)

1 Hannabelle White – Joseph Sanders

2 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman

3 Harriet Goldman – Irving Lieblich

Stratum B

1 Debra Osborn – Charlotte Herdman

2 Harriet Goldman – Irving Leiblich

3 Jeff Colton – Michael Pollack

Stratum C

1 Mark Goldberg – George Bleier

2 Debra Lamountain – Laura Orticelle

3 Ellen Adler – Frank Stoger

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (19 tables)

1 Jeffrey Colton – Alan Gardner

2 John Berry – Martin Feldman

3 Richard Baumer – Martin Finkelman

Stratum B

1 Jeffrey Colton – Alan Gardner

2 Debra Lamountain – Tinette Sterling

3 Milton Alschuler – Sharon Melville

Stratum C

1 Debra Lamountain – Tinette Sterling

2 Milton Alschuler – Sharon Melville

3 Ann Salamone – Paula Morse

Thursday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (62 pairs)

1 Lee Stern – Morton Feder

2 Karl De Shrage – Jeffrey Colton

3 Michael Herman – Jocelyn Simon

Stratum B

1 Lee Stern – Morton Feder

2 Michael Herman – Jocelyn Simon

3 Harriet Studness – Bobby Schwartz

Stratum C

1 Lee Stern – Morton Feder

2 Harriet Studness – Bobby Schwartz

3 Erika Silver – Janine Buss

Thursday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (14 tables)

1 Robin Healy – Darin Tripp

2 Gary Levine – Joan Pool

3 Donna Launer – Lee Launer

Stratum B

1 Robin Healy – Darin Tripp

2 Vijay Datta – Richard Morici

3 Roy Goodman – Susan Kaye

Stratum C

1 Helen Lepselter – Ellen Belsky

2 Martin Block – Ann Block

3 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (30 tables)

1 Susan Birdsall – Matt Rewinski

2 Frances Gillespie – John Gibbs

3 Jack Lipson – Freddie Kadden

Stratum B

1 Susan Birdsall – Matt Rewinski

2 Liz Siddons – Ginney Llewellyn

3 Jane Sitzmann – Gair Betts

Stratum C

1 Liz Siddons – Ginny Llewellyn

2 Constance Hoagland – Jean Johnson

3 Norman Abell – Lee Dion

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

Strata A&B (9.5 tables)

1 Bonnie Diamond – Elliot Diamond

2 Mark Blanchard – Michael Krevor

3 Charles Bilich – Norman Trabulus

Stratum C

1 Bonnie Diamond – Elliot Diamond

2 Paul Pirro – Abby Frankel

3 Helen Fontaine – Joan Cowie

Thursday Evening <5 tables

Stratum A (4 tables)

1 John Floto – Susan Ghee

2 Natalie Treanor – Vijay Datta

3 Erika Silver – Janine Buss

Stratum B

1 John Floto – Susan Ghee

2 Natalie Treanor – Vijay Datta

Thursday Evening Sagamore Swiss

Stratum A (7 tables)

1 Martin Feldman – John Berry – Karl De Shrage – Naomi Klosner

2 Leonard Feld – Shelley Kirshenbaum – Sharon Melville – Milton Alschuler

3 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon – Carl Gueli – Lydia Betz

Stratum B

1 Leonard Feld – Shelley Kirshenbaum – Sharon Melville – Milton Alschuler

2 Kent Vandewater – Paul Gray – Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan

Stratum C

1 Leonard Feld – Shelley Kirshenbaum – Sharon Melville – Milton Alschuler

Friday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (46.5 tables)

1 Mark Leibowitz – Gulu Mahtaney

2 Elli Zimmerman – James Schneider

3 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish

Stratum B

1 George Bleier – Robert Kohen

2 Patrick Ross – David Schwartz

3 Helene Schartz – Susan Fox

Stratum C

1 Helene Schwartz – Susan Fox

2 Roberta Simon – Joan Fruchter

3 Barrie Sue Zicherman – Marge Gogel

Friday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (12 tables)

1 Beverly Lefkowitz – Joanne Chalifoux

2 Lee Launer – Elizabeth Shapiro

3 Peter Holm – Harold Schneider

Stratum B

1 Beverly Lefkowitz – Joanne Chalifoux

2 Peter Holm – Harold Schneider

3 Vijay Datta – Marianne Sponholz

Stratum C

1 Daniel Goldschmidt – Savi Sam

2/3 Michelle Roberts – Beth Weingarten

2/3 Renee Ritter – Gail Mandelbaum

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (8.5 tables)

1 Marie Barbeosch – Peter Barbeosch

2 Hubert Howe Jr – Tomas Luss

3 Joseph Fitt – Jerry Hackman

Stratum B

1 Hubert Howe Jr – Tomas Luss

2 Joseph Fitt – Jerry Hackman

3 Beverly Daniel – Mary Althoff

Stratum C

1 Beverly Daniel – Mary Althoff

2 Janet Robinson – Carol Gristina

3 Gloria Riina – Carol Moesel

Saturday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (10 tables)

1 Robin Brendell – Sharon Melville

2 Elayne Fastenberg – Carol Leinward

3 Kay Lippman – Patricia Fasciano

Stratum B

1 Elayne Fastenberg – Carol Leinwand

2 Kay Lippman – Patricia Fasciano

3 Michele Saroff – Eloise Halpern

Stratum C

1 Michele Saroff – Eloise Halpern

2 Janice Windwer – Robin Windwer

3 Mary Feldman – Viven Krygier

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (36 tables)

1 Lesley Decker Lucas – Stephen Lucas

2 Marilyn Weiss – Elaine De Shrage

3 Susan Denenholz – Tanya Weitz

Stratum B

1 Dina Schechter – Eppie Eagle

2 Mary Thompson – Gloria Valsamis

3 Barbara Pincus – Roberta Mendelsohn

Stratum C

1 Mary Thompson – Gloria Valsamis

2 Patricia Cestaro – Giro Cestaro

3 Lenore Widmark – Donald Bedell

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (19 tables)

1 Gary Helman – Ruth Stober

2 Lyn Weiss – Patricia Brodsky

3 Nirmala Shevde – Ketan Shevde

Stratum B

1 Nirmala Shevde – Ketan Shevde

2 Peggy Peress – Laura Eilbott

3 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

Stratum C

1 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

2 Elliot Diamond – Bonnie Diamond

3 Val Link – Barbara Schuman

Sunday Afternoon Sagamore Swiss

Stratum A (18 tables)

1 Dori Cohen – Rob Gordon – Howard Cohen – Charles Sharf

2 Joseph Byrnes – Shelley Fishman – Stephen Lucas – Lesley Decker Lucas

3 Kent Vandewater – Susan Taub – Arthur Goren – David Sloane

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Stratum B

1 Cynthia Pascal – Marianne Sponholz – Vijay Datta – Pearl Berson

2 Barbara Pincus – Roberta Mendelsohn – Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan

3 Robin Healy – Joan Pool – Andree Welsh – Laura Orticelle

Stratum C

1 Robin Healy – Joan Pool – Andress Welsh – Laura Orticelle

2 Sheila Pohly – Jane Hankin – Mark Krinsky – Louise Merritt

Monday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A&B (42 tables)

1/2 Edwin Zlotnick – Rhoda Zlotnick

1/2 Judith Lippman – Francine Frischer

3 Cecelia Sherman – Leah Codes

Stratum C

1 Judith Lippman – Francine Frischer

2 Cecilia Sherman – Leah Codes

3 Lawrence Solow – Florence Feinstein

Monday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (15 tables)

1 Elaine Kaplan – Dorsey Mayer

2 Carol Leinwand – Elayne Fastenberg

3 Edward Leviten – Stanley Fox

Stratum B

1 Carol Leinwand – Elayne Fastenberg

2 Susan Eisner – Lisa Hadar

3 Roslyn Forst – Faith Herzog

Stratum C

1 Roslyn Forst – Faith Herzog

2 Renee Ritter – Gail Mandelbaum

3/4 Myra Diamond – Arlene Sommer

3/4 Usha Patel – Savi Sam

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (55.5 tables)

1 Anne Stuckler – Carol Reiss

2 Wendy Sue Gelman – Steven Gelman

3 Helen Buck – Patricia Brodsky

Stratum B

1 Anne Stuckler – Carol Reiss

2 Wendy Sue Gelman – Steven Gelman

3 Cathy Kirshner – Jeffrey Colton

Stratum C

1 Elyse Butnick – Sandra Rogol

2 Micki Michelman – Wendy Kay

3 Rae Bernstein – Manny Kaplan

Monday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (20.0 tables)

1 Jeffrey Colton – Michael Pollack

2 Alan Kudisch – Ditza Katz

3 Karl De Shrage – Jack Harris

Stratum B

1 Jeffrey Colton – Michael Pollack

2 Judy Frenkel Nemes – Carol Reiss

3 Drew Tarhan – Yalcin Tarhan

Stratum C

1 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

2 Sharon Melville – Debra Lamountain

3 Bob Lunder – Lorraine Cande

Tuesday Morning Open Pairs

Stratum A (9 tables)

1 Richard Waters – Linda Taub

2 Jack Lipson – Barbara Weiss

3 Honey Green – Joan Spetter

Stratum B

1 Richard Waters – Linda Taub

2 Honey Green – Joan Spetter

3 Lisa Hadar – Lee Launer

Tuesday Morning 0-750 Pairs

Stratum A (11 tables)

1 Robert Greenwald – Elaine Greenwald

2 Sidney Dein – Robert Gordon

3 Helene Schwartz – Susan Fox

Stratum B

1 Robert Greenwald – Elaine Greenwald

2 Helene Schwartz – Susan Fox

3 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

Stratum C

1 Robert Greenwald – Elaine Greenwald

2 Vicki Seltzer – Richard Brach

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (57 tables)

1 Robert Hurley – Barry Nish

2 Bill Dinner – Lesley Decker Lucas

3 Laura Kopp – Diana Maniscalco

Stratum B

1 Laura Kopp – Diana Maniscalco

2 Estelle Futoma – Jean McAlary

3 Donald Bedell – Lenore Widmark

Stratum C

1 Laura Kopp – Diana Maniscalco

2 Donald Bedell – Lenore Widmark

3 Charles Baker – Howard Collins

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (8 tables)

1 Debra Lamountain – Michael Pollack

2 Ditz Katz – Gerald Berkman

3 Lesley Decker Lucas – Raymond Elias

Stratum B

1 Debra Lamountain – Michael Pollack

2 Ditza Katz – Gerald Berkman

3 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

Stratum C

1 Debra Lamountain – Michael Pollack

2 Fran Peterson – Cheryl Rush

3 Sharon Melville – Milton Alschuler

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LONG ISLAND MASTER CLUB SCHEDULE

	Bridge Center of LI 516-481-4311 3678 W. Oceanside Road Oceanside Lin Fisher	**Smithtown** 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Avenue Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews	**Sagamore** 516-558-7799 6901 Jericho Tpk Syosset Silvana Zangri	**Water Mill** 631-726-6448 631-726-4540 1040 Montauk Hwy Water Mill Kathleen McLauchlen
Monday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am	10:30 am open and 0-750 7:00 pm open and 0-299	1:00 pm open (resumes in May)
Tuesday	10:30 am limited 12:30 pm open	10:00 EZ Bridge	10:30 am	1:00 pm open (resumes March 28)
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	1:00 pm (resumes in May)
Thursday	12:30 pm open	3rd Thurs, Swiss 10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am, 6:30 teams, twice monthly	1:00 pm open (resumes in May)
Friday	12:30 pm open	10:30 am 7:00 pm	10:30 am open	10:00 am open (resumes in May)
Saturday	12:45 pm open	12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game	10:30 am 0-299, 1 pm open 1st Sat: 6 pm dinner/Swiss	1:00 pm open (resumes March 25)
Sunday	12:45pm open		12:00 pm open	

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

Sands' Point BC
Shelter Rock Tennis Club
100 LI Expwy, Manhasset
516-558-7799
Drew Tarhan
Tues. 7:00 pm

Bridge School of LI
123 Merrick Ave
East Meadow
516-379-3000
Aaron Silverstein
Mon. 10 am & 7:30 pm
Thurs. 10:00 am

Mattituck Library DBC
Knights of Columbus
2050 Depot Lane
Cutchogue
631-734-8096
Kathy Fibkins
Tues. 12:00 pm
Reservations only

South Shore League
Seawanee CC and Woodmere CC, alternating monthly
March-December
Thurs. 1:00 pm
568-1867
Karen Ewald

Montauk BC
Montauk Library
631-668-2370
Barbara Sullivan
Wed. 12:30 pm (winter)
1:00 pm (summer)

Temple Judea BC
333 Searingtown Rd
Manhasset
Mon. 12:30 pm
718-279-1005
Lyn Weiss
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Tues. 12:00 pm
718-279-1005
Lyn Weiss
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Thurs. 10:00 am
631-271-6423
Pat Brodsky

Friedberg JCC Duplicate
Friedberg JCC
15 Neil Ct, Oceanside
516-766-4341
Eileen Isser &
Holly Roseman
Fri. 10:00 am

South Shore BC
9 Northwood Lane, Patchogue
631-654-5313
Pat Mahoney
Thurs. 11:00 am, Sun 12:30 pm

BRIDGExpress
Lake Success Jewish Center
354 Lakeville Road
516-299-6064
Great Neck
Cathy Kirshner
Wed. 12:15 pm
Thurs. 12:15 pm
Fri. 10:00 am
Sun. 1:00 pm

Pride of Judea
243-02 Northern BLVD
Douglaston
Mon. 12:00 pm
718-423-6200
Louis Lessinger

East Hampton DBC
Hampton Day Care Center
Gingerbread Lane
Thurs 7 pm,
April—Thanksgiving
631-907-2917
George Aman

Westhampton Duplicate Club
Knights of Columbus Hall
580 Main Street
Westhampton
Fri. 12 noon
516-770-4650
Donald Bedell

Atria BC
146 Glen Street
Glen Cove
516-671-2095
Mayer Wiesen
Tues. 7:15 pm

Shelter Rock JC
272 Shelter Rock Road
Roslyn
917-658-5991
Hadassah Klein
Wed.7:00 pm

Gardiner's Bay BC
Gardiner's Bay CC
Shelter Island
631-749-2021
Lillian Kessler
(summers only)

Garden City BC
DBC Senior Rec Center
Golf Club Lane
Garden City
516-781-4651
Ellen Davidoff
Thurs. 7:00 pm

Riverhead BC
Riverhead Com Ctr
Jamesport
Thurs. 12:00 pm
631-312-3332
Barbara Cuenin

NSBA 2017 Schedule of Events

STaC Week	Local Clubs	Mar 21-27
NSBA Board Mtg	Smithtown BC	April 17
Spring Regional	Sagamore BC	April 25
Spring Regional	Smithtown Upsky Hotel	April 26-29
NSBA Awards Dinner	Sagamore BC	June 11
STaC Week	Local Clubs	June 12-18

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