



AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 106

NEWSLETTER

Neale Van Delft, Editor

April, 2009

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am extremely honored to be writing my first letter as President of our unit. I thank you for your confidence and trust.

I would like to officially welcome our five new board members: Marilyn Cavell, Stasha Cohen, Barbara Dorfman, Barbara LeVay and Sara Stratfeild. They bring us new ideas, experience and a variety of talents.

Our Annual Dinner and Meeting was again an enjoyable event. Congratulations to Ruth Bernstein and Mikoyo Boswell for placing first at the game and being awarded the Nat Seiden trophy. This is the first event in 2009 to be counted toward Player of the Year. Speaking of Player of the Year, many congratulations to Steve Nellissen our overall 2008 Player of the Year. The 2008 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners deserve their congratulations and are mentioned in this newsletter. Many placed high in the district as well.

Our January sectional was profitable and enjoyed by all who attended. Our Spring sectional will be held April 17-19. As our treasurer mentioned, at the Annual dinner, Guardian Angel Church has increased our costs. Even so, it remains the best and most cost effective site for our sectionals.


This year we will re-visit our existing events to see if improvements can be made and also explore the feasibility of adding new events to our repertoire.

Let's all have fun. UNIT 106 – WE ROCK!!

Gale Mirro



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Club Directory

(Schedules may vary, please check frequently at the clubs.)

New Members & Transfers

BRIDGE CENTER AT RIDGEWOOD

Christ Church

105 Cottage Place at Franklin Ave
Ridgewood (201-421-8123)

Monday: JoAnn Van Delft (201-891-4226)

Tuesday Night Ros Elk (201) 261-5075

Wednesday: Betty Price (201-327-6875)

Friday: James Michaelis (201-262-5228)

www.ridgewoodbridge.com

Mon	12:00	Lunch/Free Lesson
	12:30	Stratified Open
Tues	7:30	Open Pairs — IMPs
Wed	12:00	Lunch
	12:30	Stratified Open
Fri	12:00	Lunch/Free Lesson
	12:30	Stratified Open

GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

230 W. Passaic St

Maywood, NJ

201-368-8133 or 201-819-4995

www.glenrockbridge.com

Mon	10:00	Intermed Workshops (As scheduled—See website)
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
Tues	9:30	Beginner II
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	12:30	0-299 Pairs
	7:00	Supervised Play
Wed	9:30	Supervised Play
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	7:30	Stratified Open Pairs
Thurs	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	7:00	Stratified Open Pairs
Fri	9:15	0-299 Pairs
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
Sat	12:30	Brunch/Stratified Pairs
Sun	1:00	Brunch/Stratified Pairs

TENAFLY RECREATION CLUB

The Senior Center

South Summit Street, Tenafly, NJ

Betty Ann Smith (201) 567 - 6047

or 201-394-5754

Tues	6:45	Mini-Lesson
	7:15	Open

NON-SMOKER'S BRIDGE CLUB

321 Harris Place

New Milford, NJ

201-261-5075

Sat	7:10	Lecture/Stratified Open
	7:30	Stratified Open Pairs

ROCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB

27 Kennedy Blvd, Route 59

South Spring Valley, NY

845-352-5993

www.bridgescore.com/rockland/

Mon	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Open Game
Tues	11:30	Lunch/ Stratified Open
	12:00	Open Game
	7:30	Stratified Open
Wed	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Open Game
Thurs	9:00	Supervised Play
	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Open Game
	8:00	Stratified Open
Fri	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Open Game
	7:30	Stratified Open
Sat	7:30	Open 1st Sat ONLY
		Potluck Dinner @ 6:45

SPARTA AFTERNOON CLUB SPARTA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

<http://spartadbc.bizland.com/spartadbc/>

Sparta Public Library, Sparta

Thurs 7:00 Sue Green 973-729-9371

sgreen16@gmail.com

Shepherd of the Hills Church

246 Woodport Road, Sparta

Mon 12:00 Bob Wengert 973-293-3957

bwengert@optonline.net

Fri 10:00 Jan Weber 973-209-1704

weberjan@embarqmail.com

THE BRIDGE TABLE

Franklin Lakes Methodist Church

454 Pulis Ave. ** 201-818-0141

www.thebridgetable.com

Mon	12:15 pm	0-20 Mini-Lesson
	12:30 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm	0-20 Game
	1:00 pm	Open Game
Tue	9:30 am	299er Lesson/Game
Thu	12:15 pm	0-20 Mini-Lesson
	12:30 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm	Open Game
	1:00 pm	0-20 Game
	7:00 pm	Mini-Lesson and 0-20 Game
	7:30 pm	Open Game
Fri	9:30 am	299er Lesson/Game
Sat	12:15 pm	0-20 Mini-Lesson
	12:30 pm	Lunch
	1:00 pm	0-20 Game
	1:00 pm	Open Game

RICHARD NEST SENIOR CENTER

Anderson Ave, Fort Lee

Ruth Bernstein @ 201-962-8116

Fri	11:30	Lunch
	12:00	Open to Seniors 0 - 300 points

New Members through Mar 1st, 2009

Eileen G Barkai	Edith Lambert
Robert M Bowlin	Bernard Levere
Loretta C Burke	Fred W Linnemeyer
James L Button	Pat M Linnemeyer
Richard H Cahn	Kevin Lu
Michael Chu	Matthew Z Mayers
Jacque Fitzmaurice	Matthew A Nissim
Barbara S Greene	Sheila Nussbaum
John Harrison	David D Pinto
John C Hodge	Evelyn Pomerantz
Sue M Hodge	Ellen J Raffman
Kun S Hyun	Oski Sesetyan
Linda J Kiernan	Bella W Shore
Marcia Kopeloff	Joyce L Urman
Renee Krutoff	Arleen Weissman

Transfers In

Dmitry Abramson	Alan S Rosenberg
Sylvia Gordon	John H Sakala
Harvey Mandel	Paula SchwartzMr
Sophia Oran	Irwin L Stein
David Pincus	

Congratulations

New Life Masters

Donna Grossman	Howard D Siegeman
Barbara L Lasher	Sara J Streatfeild
Alice F Mathes	

New Bronze Life Masters

Robert W Hamilton	Matthew T O'Connor
Alice F Mathes	James D Sundstrom
Cyndi F Morrissey	Miles R Tanchel

New Silver Life Masters

Serge Aronovich	Penny C Paikin
Ronna Morrison	Michael P Varhalamas
Betty Price	

New Gold Life Masters

Wayne Carr	Alex Perlin
Lisa Insolera	

New Diamond Life Masters

Rena Harris

Tournament & Club Calendar

April 2009

Wed 1--30 Charity Fund Month All Clubs
 Sun 5 Club Championship-Evening
 Sun 5 8 Is Enough Swiss (Res. Rqd) The Bridge Table
 Mon 6 Charity Game-Afternoon The Bridge Table
 Mon 13 Charity Game- Afternoon Ridgewood
 Tues 14 Charity Game-Morning (0-300) The Bridge Table
 Wed 15 Club Championship-Evening
 Thurs 16 Club Championship-Evening
 Thurs 16 Charity Game-Afternoon The Bridge Table
 Fri 17-19 Unit 106 Sectional
 Tues 21--26 Long Island Regional Smithtown
 Thurs 23 Interclub Champ.-Afternoon The Bridge Table
 Fri 24 Charity Game-Morning (0-300) The Bridge Table
 Sat 25 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Sat 25 Charity Game Non-Smokers
 Sat 25 Charity Game-Afternoon The Bridge Table
 Thurs 30 Charity Game-Evening The Bridge Table

May 2009

Mon 4 Club Championship-Evening
 Tues 5 Membership Game Tenafly
 Wed 6 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Fri 8 Club Championship-Evening
 Sat 9 Bob Johnke
 Tues 12 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Wed 13 International Fund Game # 2--Afternoon
 Sat 16 Membership Game Non-Smokers
 Sun 17 8 Is Enough Swiss (Res. Rqd) The Bridge Table
 Mon 18 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Wed 20-25 Eastern Regional NYC

Jun 2009

Mon 1--30 NAP Qualifying Games
 Mon 1 NAP Qualifying Game-Aft The Bridge Table
 Tues 2 Inter-Club Champ (0-300)-Morning Bridge Table
 Tues 2 Club Championship-Evening
 Thur 4 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Thur 4 NAP Qualifying Game-Evening Bridge Table
 Fri 5--6 WBF Worldwide Pairs
 Fri 5 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Sat 6 Worldwide Bridge Contest-Aft Bridge Table
 Sat 6 Club Championship-Evening
 Sun 7 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Mon 8--14 Multi Unit STaC Games
 Sun 14 STaC Pizza Team Game Res Req Rockland
 Mon 15--21 District 3 Spring Regional Saratoga Springs, NY
 Tues 16 NAP Qualifying Game (0-500)-Morn Bridge Table
 Thur 18 NAP Qualifying Game-Aft Bridge Table
 Thur 18 NAP Qualifying Game-Eve Bridge Table
 Sat 20 NAP Qualifying Game-Aft Bridge Table
 Mon 22 NAP Qualifying Game-Aft Ridgewood

Jun 2009 (Cont)

Mon 22 NAP Qualifying Game-Afternoon Rockland
 Wed 24 NAP Qualifying Game-Afternoon Ridgewood
 Thur 25 Inter-Club Championship-Aft Bridge Table
 Fri 26 NAP Qual (0-500 NLM)- Morn Bridge Table
 Fri 26 NAP Qualifying Game- Afternoon Ridgewood
 Fri 26 NAP Qual -Evening - Rockland
 Sat 27 NAP Qual--Afternoon The Bridge Table
 Sat 27 NAP Qual Non-Smokers
 Sun 28 8 is Enough Swiss 4:00 Res Req Bridge Table
 Mon 29--5 District 3 Summer Regional Fairfield, NJ

July 2009

Wed 1--31 NAP Qualifying
 Wed 1--5 District 3 Summer Regional Fairfield, NJ
 Thur 9 Club Championship-Evening
 Sat 11 Club Championship-Afternoon
 Sun 12 Club Championship-Evening
 Wed 15 Club Championship-Evening
 Fri 17--19 Unit 140 Sectional Woodbridge, NJ
 Thur 23 -- 2 NABC Washington. DC
 Fri 24 International Fund Game #3-Evening

June 8 — 14 2009 Next Sectional Tournament at Clubs

This is the week to play. Please check
 schedule of games with clubs . Play often
 and win lots of:

STaC SILVER POINTS

North Jersey Bridge Association
 Unit 106
 0-500/(NLM) Sectional
 Friday, Aug 14 —Sun, August 16, 2009
 Guardian Angel Auditorium

Silver Points

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

District 3's first Regional of 2009 at the Hilton Rye Town was a challenge for all who weathered the snow, ice, extreme cold, a rock slide on 287, problems with the food service in the restaurant on the first evening, bathrooms being renovated on the Westchester Ballroom level and other inconveniences. Kudos to the super directing staff who made it possible for almost all latecomers to get into the game of their choice, to the caddies and the volunteer staff. Since we are now using pre-duplicated boards (and our machine does not need bar-coded cards) we were able to add in any number of pairs and they would still all play the same hands keeping the contest as it should be. And yes, in spite of the inclement weather and other problems the tournament ran over 2000 tables. Special thanks to all of you who ventured out to support this wonderful Regional

Many of you were at the Boston NABC this past November and know how great this tournament was. While the table count was a bit under expectation, probably due to the economy, the Host Group provided us with super hospitality and entertainment. The playing conditions were outstanding and of course the city of Boston offers great sightseeing and restaurants. – some right in the complex where we were and others just short cab rides away A super location for an NABC!

Most of you know that as your District Representative, I attend the National Board of Directors meetings prior to each NABC. In fact I am leaving for Houston to attend the Spring Board meetings. The Agenda and the Minutes from these meetings are available on the ACBL website: www.acbl.org

Motions and the recorded votes of the board members are available there. If you have any questions that you would want to discuss with me – I hope you would feel comfortable e-mailing me at: joanadron@att.net or calling me at home: 914-948-0841. By now I hope you know that I am there for you!

A new event is planned for the Spring of 2010 – The Platinum Pairs. It will likely be a 6 session event, although there are some who would like it to be only 4 sessions. It will require either 50 Platinum Points earned in the last 3 years or 200 Lifetime Platinum Points. For those who don't know what a Platinum Point is.... These points can only be earned at NABC's in NABC+ events or NABC events. The feeling is that the Blue Ribbon Pairs is no longer a premiere event and that this will be a truly exclusive event. Will keep you posted as to whether or not this passes in Houston. Entry fees were increased at all NABC's. Nationally rated events will now

be \$20pp, up from \$18. All other events will go up 50cents per person. I was not pleased with this but it passed by a large majority. The ACBL has a new Marketing Director – Vicki Campbell and a new Director of Youth Activities – Patty Tucker. We are expecting big things from both of them.

Our next two District 3 Regionals are at Saratoga Springs, June 15- 21, back in our traditional time slot, with free parking, a great schedule, and super hospitality, followed closely by the well loved Fairfield, NJ tournament at Crowne Plaza on Rt 46 over the July 4th weekend. The July 4th tournament will have a special July 4th snack between sessions on the 4th and both tournaments will feature compact KO's. Bracketed Round Robins with Flight A/X being a Swiss, Swiss teams and senior and open pair games as well as an Intermediate Schedule in Saratoga and a full Newplicate Schedule in Fairfield. I can't think of a better place for you to spend your summer vacation time. Great room rates and many full days of entertainment. These two tournaments would receive Oscars if Oscars were awarded for great bridge tournaments. Hope to see you all there!

Joan Gerard, District Director

“BACK TO OUR TRADITIONAL DATES”
DISTRICT 3 SPRING REGIONAL
JUNE 15 – JUNE 21, 2009

THE SARATOGA HILTON
Saratoga Springs
518-584-4000

Room Rate \$125 sing/dbl+tax

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott
Saratoga Springs 518-226-0538
Rooms Rate \$109 sing/dbl+tax
2 short blocks away/1 minute drive
Free parking at both locations

Reservation/Room Problems?
Call Joan Gerard 914-948-0841
joanadron@att.net.

Tournament Manager-Jerry Goodman 201-346-5390
redouble@webtv.net

Information www.bridge-district 3.org or
the April or May Bulletins

DISTRICT 3 HOLIDAY REGIONAL
JUNE 29 – JULY 5, 2009

CROWN PLAZA
690 ROUTE 46 EAST
FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004
973-227-9200

Room rate \$112 sing/dbl+tax

Reservation/Room Problems?
Call Joan Gerard 914-948-0841
joanadron@att.net

Tournament Manager-Jerry Goodman 201-346-5390
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Unit 106 NEWS

Unit 106 ACE OF CLUBS in 2008

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs Race

Mr Jim Andrews	47.70
Debbie Tzimoulis	39.27
Mr Robert J Sorce	22.46
Charles E Liggio	21.40
Mr Lawrence A Rubin	21.02

5 to 20 Ace of Clubs Race

Mr Max Katz	51.06
Mr Robert M Talan	47.34
Mr John A Forbes	39.71
Mrs Barbara L Rizzo	36.15
Mrs Susan B Wright	28.20

20 to 50 Ace of Clubs Race

Dr Burton L Rubin	81.47
William H Heiser	57.47
Alice Katz	54.32
Linda Connolly	52.12
Mr Francis F Realini	45.60

50 to 100 Ace of Clubs Race

Mr V John Guthery	97.29
Mrs Ruth Guthery	76.34
Phyllis Schreier	62.90
Ms Marjore Immerman	44.58
John E Clark	37.55

100 to 200 Ace of Clubs Race

Mr Subrata K Ghosh	60.84
Susan C Katz	57.51
Ms Arlene B Tais	53.39
Ms Pnina W Hertzberg	53.10
Mrs Sara J Streatfeild	51.97

200 to 300 Ace of Clubs Race

Cyndi F Morrissey	91.32
Dick Murray	82.79
Ms Barbara L Lasher	65.45
Ms Shelly Kalter	61.94
Mr Murray J Golub	55.61

300 to 500 Ace of Clubs Race

Michael M Atkins	95.13
Mr Mark D Goodman	83.31
Mr Neil B Gordon	76.40
Lois M Spagna	72.23
Mr Marc Julius	69.64

500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs Race

Mrs Phyllis A Fuchs	117.17
Mr Michael P Varhalamas	113.35
Ms Penny C Paikin	109.47
Abby Z Brawer	103.10
Mr William Swartchild III	101.24

1000 to 2500 Ace of Clubs Race

Mrs Lisa Insolera	190.62
Mr Marvin Deneroff	150.42
Mr Wayne Carr	147.26
Mr Jaime L Roitman	145.86
Martin L Weiss	125.62

2500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs Race

Ms Rena Harris	192.84
Mr Sheldon Berger	177.07
Mr Lee A Wilson River	173.95
Mrs Joan Haussmann	162.95
Mr Harvey Mandel	153.10

5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs Race

Mrs Sarah R Wiener	197.68
Mr Tod Thorgersen	94.93
Mrs Jean E Elkin	70.00
Ms Lenore Server	56.54
Miss Irina Levitina	52.99

7500 to 10,000 Ace of Clubs Race

Mrs Rosalind R Elk	158.42
Mrs Stasha W Cohen	11.94
Mr Mark D Cohen	11.94

UNIT 106 MINI-MCKENNEY

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney Race

Debbie Tzimoulis	56.92
Mr Jim Andrews	52.75
Mr Lawrence A Rubin	34.27

5 to 20 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr Max Katz	68.76
Mr Robert M Talan	55.23
Mr John A Forbes	49.93

20 to 50 Mini-McKenney Race

Dr Burton L Rubin	102.82
Linda Connolly	94.55
William H Heiser	79.04

50 to 100 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr V John Guthery	139.58
Mrs Kim Solow	131.21
Mrs Ruth Guthery	110.55

100 to 200 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr David Katzen	230.03
Mr Subrata K Ghosh	146.02
Mrs Sara J Streatfeild	129.87

200 to 300 Mini-McKenney Race

Cyndi F Morrissey	198.37
Dick Murray	168.58
Mr Brian W Kruse	122.10

300 to 500 Mini-McKenney Race

Michael M Atkins	175.43
George G Weber	144.46
Mr Robert W Hamilton	139.66

500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr Michael P Varhalamas	269.14
Mr Victor W Hsu	223.95
Mr Edward A Wilson	200.00

1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr Alex Perlin	525.45
Mr Marvin Deneroff	455.08
Ms Helen A Raleigh	365.58

2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney Race

Mr Burrell Humphreys	351.01
Mr Steve G Nellissen	306.50
Miyoko M Boswell	277.97

5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney Race

Miss Irina Levitina	599.25
Mr Robert E Heitzman	534.62
Mr Julian P Hecklen	515.25

7500 to 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

Mrs Rosalind R Elk	328.10
Mrs Stasha W Cohen	150.30
Mr Mark D Cohen	141.88

Over 10,000 Mini-McKenney Race

Ms Kerri Sanborn	572.27
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN UNIT 106 DURING THE REMAINDER OF 2009

April 1-30	Charity Fund Month	August 16	LM Individual
April 4	DISTRICT 3 Grand National Teams	September 1—30	International Fund Month
April 17-19	Unit 106 Sectional	September 11-13	Unit 106 Sectional
May 9	Bob Johnke	September 26	Nelson Reitman
June 8-14	Multi Unit STAC	October 1-31	Club Appreciation Month
June 1—Aug 31	NAP Qualifying	November 6-8	Unit 106 Sectional
August 14-16	0-500/NLM Sectional		

Junior Bridge News

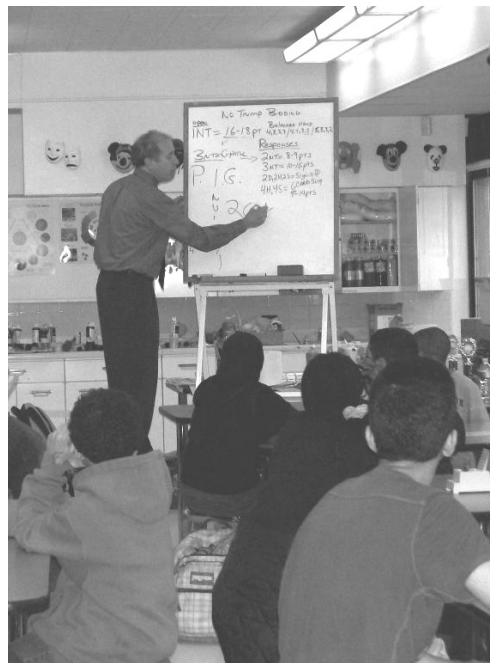
Introducing Bridge to Schools

The Game of Bridge and its Benefits *

Bridge is a game of strategy and tactics. It's part science, part math, part logic, part reason. Bridge embodies cooperation, logic, problem-solving and has been linked to higher test scores among children. Bridge is also a partnership game. Trust, communication and patience are the essential attributes of winning at bridge. Bridge is a game which builds and nourishes the following mental and social abilities:

- Partnership
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Logic
- Inferential Reasoning
- Problem Solving
- Mental Computation and Percentages
- Numbers and Operations
- Data Analysis and Probability
- Algebra
- Reasoning and Proof
- Social Interaction

* Excerpt from School Bridge League web-site



Bridge Instructor Steve Nellissen presents the week's lesson to students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School,

Introduction to Schools

Unit 106 needs your help. We need to get out the word that teaching bridge to young people has many benefits. If you have any contacts in your local school district or can help introduce the benefits of bridge to educators please call Susan Koster at 201-529-8083.



Holding trophies are Patrick Flores, Cesca Wolos-Fonteno, Jason Hughes and David Pinto from Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Teaneck. The teens placed in the Fall Kickoff Tournament sponsored by the School Bridge League. Joining the winners are Steve Nellissen (Unit 106 Bridge Teacher), Karen Hughes (Faculty Adviser) and Antoine Green (Principal).

Learning from One's Mistakes By Stan Fink

If it is true that one can learn from the mistakes of another, then the reader is likely to receive an educational bonus from the tearful tale recorded below..

Each year, since the twenty-first century began, I have faithfully made a New Year's Resolution to try and avoid receiving a score of -500 or -800 when I play in duplicate bridge competition. Unfortunately, this lofty goal has consistently been unattainable for me. This year, my undoing occurred during the regional at Rye. Midway in the Friday afternoon session, I received the following hand while sitting in the north position:

♠ J8732
♥ ----
♦ T874
♣ A986

The auction proceeded as follows:

W	N	E	S
P	P	1S	P
1NT	P	P	2H
P	P	X	P
P	???		

Since I had already passed three times, I suppose I could offer the lame excuse fact that I was running out of green cards, but that really wasn't true. As I reached for the bidding box, a voice within me kept screaming, "DON'T RESCUE YOUR PARTNER."

Had I passed, we would have probably received the unpleasant score of -500. However, I made the brilliant bid of 3 clubs instead, which west happily doubled. The result was not -500 not -800, but was -1100.

Perhaps this devastating score had no affect on my play during subsequent hands, but I believe that it did. For example, a few rounds later, I opened the bidding 1D with the following hand.

♠ T9
♥ AK3
♦ QJT9
♣ Q732

One could argue that I should have passed with this square 12-count, but the bigger problem was that I...WAS...NOT...THE... DEALER. As a result, I was permitted to bid whenever it was my turn, but my partner was barred from bidding for the rest of this hand. Several years ago, when I was faced with this same situation, I was advised that in a case such as this, one should jump to a game contract and hope for the best (Yes, I did the same dumb thing once before. You see, I used to pride myself on NEVER MAKING THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE, but that hasn't been my experience since I started playing bridge).

In any event, I had no idea what GAME contract could possibly succeed for our side. Therefore, when one of my opponents overcalled one spade and her partner passed, I reluctantly allowed them to play in a contract of 1S. As it turned out, had the opponents been permitted to bid in a normal auction, they would have probably arrived at a 2S or a 3S contract. However, I was so upset with my initial bidding error, I misdefended and allowed the declarer to win TEN tricks.

There is still one more deal to relate during my afternoon of woe.. My right-hand opponent opened 1NT after I passed holding the following hand:

♠ 73
♥ KQ84
♦ J76
♣ KT62

My left hand-opponent made the Stayman Convention bid of 2C and my right-hand foe bid 2H. The responder next bid 2NT and the opener rebid 3H, indicating that he had opened 1NT with a 5-card heart suit.

The opponents subsequently arrived at their final contract and my partner led the spade jack. Declarer captured the trick with the ace in dummy and followed with the king of spades from dummy, which also won. However, when he played dummy's queen of spades, I eagerly ruffed. I started to lead at trick number four, when the declarer called a card from dummy.

"I trumped the last trick," I argued.

"No you didn't " the declarer patiently explained. "The contract is 3NT."

I believe that there are several things that one can learn from this comedy of errors.

1) Don't Rescue. If my partner opens 1C and I have fewer than 6 points, I usually pass even if I have a void in clubs. By trying to rescue your partner, you often dig a deeper hole for the partnership.

2) Don't allow an error that you make at the start of a deal affect your play during the rest of the hand. Had I not barred my partner from an auction, we would have probably received an average score of -140. My sloppy defense as I sulked because I had bid out of turn resulted in a -170 and a zero on the deal.

3) Treat each hand as if it is the first one you are playing that day. I believe that subconsciously the -1100 continued to upset me for the rest of the afternoon. The point is that a partnership can receive a few zeroes and still have a very satisfactory game. However, if you let a couple of poor scores bother you as you continue to play, the rest of the day is likely to be mighty unpleasant.

Finally, don't bother to make a New Year's Resolution if you know that it CANNOT POSSIBLY SUCCEED.



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HELPFUL HINTS FROM THE ACBL WEB SITE

Shown below are two of the areas on the ACBL web site at www.acbl.org that may be of interest to members both experienced and new to the game.

[http://www.acbl.org/play/ commonlyUsedconventions.html](http://www.acbl.org/play/commonlyUsedconventions.html)

With only 15 words allowed during an auction and just 13 cards in each suit, bridge players have invented dozens of special bids, called conventions, to describe their strength and hand patterns. These descriptions are from the ACBL Bridge Bulletin series called the Bidding Toolkit. The ACBL textbooks Commonly Used Conventions and More Commonly Used Conventions contain detailed chapters on the use of many of today's popular treatments. These and other outstanding books about bidding, play and defense are available at Shop Bridge.

Fourth Suit Forcing
Blackwood
Cappelletti (Part 1)
Cappelletti (Part 2)
DONT
DOPI, ROPI, DEPO
Jacoby 2NT
Jacoby Transfers
Michaels
Negative Doubles
New Minor Forcing
Overcalls (Part 1)
Overcalls (Part 2)
Puppet Stayman
Responding to a Takeout Double
Responsive Doubles
Roman Key Card Blackwood
Smolen
Splinters
Stayman
Texas Transfers
Unusual vs. Unusual
Weak Two-bids (Part 1)
Weak Two-bids (Part 2)

<http://www.acbl.org/play/bidboxes.html>

Bidding Box Regulations

USE OF BIDDING BOXES

1. Bidding boxes will be used in all events held at NABC's except I/N events (0-500). Their use will be optional in I/N events.
2. Units and Districts are encouraged to use bidding boxes in their games.
3. Handicapped players requiring bidding boxes will have preference when availability is limited.
4. Non-handicapped players may use bidding boxes, if available, in games in which such use is not mandated as long as no player at the table objects.

ACBL BIDDING BOX POLICY

Any player has the right to use bidding boxes (assuming they are available) for any ACBL event in which they play if they are needed because of a hearing impairment. As a policy, we do not question players as to the details of a handicap when they state that one exists. When bidding boxes are in use for this reason, no player has the right to refuse to play with them. Players who have a handicap which preclude their use will have a distinctive card. The card will be displayed on the table and read, "due to a physical or visual handicap, we are not using bidding boxes."

CHOOSING A CALL USING BIDDING BOXES

A player is obligated to choose a call before touching any card in the box. Deliberation while touching the bidding box cards may subject the offending side to the adjustment provisions of Law 16.

A call is considered made when a bidding card is removed from the bidding box and held touching or nearly touching the table

or maintained in such a position to indicate that the call has been made. We should use unauthorized information where reasonably appropriate (where we can rule that a bid has not been made). For close cases simply judge that the card had not left the confines of the box; therefore, a call has not been made..

The onus is on the player to convince the director that a mechanical irregularity has occurred. Calls from different pockets should rarely, if at all, be judged as inadvertent. One understandable exception is placing the double card out followed shortly with a bid card that skips the bidding. This appears clear that the double card was placed inadvertently on the table.

THE STOP CARD

Players should protect their rights and the opponent's by announcing, prior to making any subsequent bid that skips one or more levels of bidding. Place the stop card so that LHO sees it (the skip bidder is responsible for gaining LHO's attention). The skip bid is made. The stop card is replaced in the bidding box. NOTE: If a player forgets to replace the stop card there is no penalty. It is each player's responsibility to maintain appropriate tempo including after a skip bid.

If the stop card is placed on the table and a skip bid is not made, the director may judge that the bid card was played inadvertently or not.

ALERT PROCEDURE

Except when screens are in use, a player must say "Alert" out loud when tapping the alert strip of the bidding box.

DISTRICT 3 2008-2009 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

This year's Grand National Teams will be held on **Saturday April 4, 2009** for all Flights at Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains, N.Y.
Complimentary Brunch 11:30 am-
Event start time 12:30 pm

Championship Flight – No MP
Restrictions: Seeded Knockout
(survivors continue PM)
Flight A: 0-5000 MASTERPOINTS:
Seeded Knockout
(survivors continue PM)
Flight B: 0-2000 MASTERPOINTS
Swiss Teams (2 sessions)
Flight C: NON-LIFE MASTER 0-500
MPS: Swiss Teams (2 sessions)



Player of the Year Update

2008 Player of the Year Finals 12/17/07 - 11/30/08 by Blair Seidler, Player of the Year Coordinator

Novice - under 20

Ann Greenwald	5.38
Donald Greenwald	5.38
Capri O'Hara	3.90
Kay Gray	3.67

Non LM - Under 300

Mary Beth Birchby	21.18
Edwin Elton	19.87
Brian Kruse	19.18
Cyndi Morrissey	18.51

LM - Over 1000

Steve Nellissen	71.00
Tod Thorgersen	67.64
Robert Heitzman Jr	67.57
Mark Cohen	49.50

Intermediate - under 100

Emma Heitzman	22.10
Maryann Brewer	12.22
Ruth Guthery	10.59
V John Guthery	10.59

Under 1000

James Sundstrom	41.80
Victor Hsu	36.97
Matthew O'Connor	35.21
Saurav Dutta	31.40

Events processed: Month(s)

Bob Johnke: March

Nelson Reitman: October

Sectionals: Jan, Apr, Sep, Nov

Annual Dinner for Seiden Trophy: Dec

Club Event Winners 11/15 - 2/15/09

THE BRIDGE TABLE - Swiss Team Club Champions: Jan Weber, George Weber, Marge Hixson, - Arthur Hixson.

Club Champions: Bob Sorce - Phil Rockfeld; Frederic Cohen - Walter Stephan; Michael Varhalamas - Mary Ellen Zaske; John Clark - Doug Cestone; Peg Schroeder - Marty Fox; Susan Koster - Brenda Rigby.

Charity: Marc Julius - Dick Murray; Frederic Cohen - Walter Stephan; Veronica De Matolay - Tong Tjoa; Sandy Presti-fillippo - Beverly Westhelle; Marc Julius - Dick Murray.

SPARTA - Club Champions: Judy Buell - Jim Buell, David Katzen - Ken Levy.

Club Appreciation: Lou Manassy - Chuck Morrell.

TENAFLY - Club Champions: Bette Ebersson - Peggy Schroeder, Barbara Siegerman - Howard Siegerman.

Charity: Lee Guerra - Cecillia Pollak, David Karpel - Yingchen Li.

NON-SMOKERS - Club Champions: Irene Poonarian - Sarah Wiener; Brad Calcagni - Ellen Renner.

Charity: Ying-Chen Li - Angelina Fong.

RIDGEWOOD - Club Championship: Blair Seidler - Tod Thorgersen; Rosalind Elk - Betty Cox; Rena Harris - Wayne Carr; Rosemary Olsavsky - Ursula Pardo; Eileen Whitney - Barbara Dahl

Junior Fund: Rosalind Elk - Miyoko Boswell

MAYWOOD - Club Championship: Jean Elkin - Roger Nortman, Michelle Sassoun - Alan Bloom, Frank Grunebaum - Roger Nortman, Rachel Prior - Mike Camp, Gerald Freel - Amit Saha, Andy Lohan - Michael Varhalamas, Alex Conrad - Michael Jeshion, Rhoda Paul - Lenore Server

Charity: Shelly Berger - Fred Paul, Roger Nortman - Joyce Landau, Shelly - Elaine Berger, Joanne Saloman - Mike Camp

Membership: Miles Tanchel - Austin Fitzgerald, Fran Cohen - Phyllis Fuchs, Rosemarie Faccone - Barbara Rahuba, Pam - Mark Gorbics, Jim Metzger - Julian Heicklen, Ted Nierenberg - Maurice Golbey, Peggy Schroeder - Marty Fox, Marvin Deneroff - Harvey Mandel, Barbara - Paul Deutsch, Burrell Humphreys - Lee Ohliger, Phyliss Profita - Stan Fink

ACBL International Fund: Richard Rosner - Marty Bock

Junior Fund: Lila Burg - Jeri Weinstein, Barbara Bergen - Mark Whitman

ROCKLAND - Club Champions: Irene Schwartz - Rosemarie Whitmore. Mike Jeshion - Ed Gaines; Stephen Cooper - Barbara Garner; Sandy Burns - Evi Scatassa; Mike - Marilyn Jeshion; Hugh - Shirley Durlach; Neil Gordon - Marty Singer; Mike Smalline - Shelley Schneider; Mike Gellar - Allan Rosenblum; Harriet Horowitz - Dan Peters; Roz Abel - David Herold; Charlotte Piuk - Jackie Kaufman; Ed Gaines - Pat Lamb; Ros Elk - Sarah Wiener; Allan Rosenblum - Martys Inger; David Herold - Elaine Schwartz; Pat Lamb - Ed Gaines

Bob Johnke Team Event

3 FLIGHTS: A=Unlimited, B=0-2000, C=0-750

Play within your own flight!

2 Session Swiss Teams qualifying to Knock-out Playoffs



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

12:00 noon and TBA

Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ

PRICE INCLUDES BRIDGE FEES AND CATERED DINNER

Entry fee is \$20 per Unit 106 member, \$30 for non-members.

At least half of each team must be members of Unit 106.

How can you turn it down? It's a winning deal!

This sectional-rated team event is largely subsidized by Unit 106.

Reservations and payment must be received by May 1, 2009.

Refund requests must be made more than 72 hours in advance.

Sorry, we can't accept entries at the door.

For more information, see our webpage at www.bridge-njba.org.

Bob Johnke Teams Registration

Make checks payable to NJBA. Entry fee is **\$20 per Unit 106 member, \$30 for non-members.**

At least half of each team must be members of Unit 106.

Mail registration form with entry fees to: **Tod Thorgersen @ 265 Main St. Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660**

Reservations and payment must be received by May 1, 2009.

Captain's Name _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

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Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Latest masterpoint holding must be included with registration.

This event is subsidized by Unit 106. Refund requests must be made more than 72 hours in advance.



Allendale

UNIT 106 SECTIONAL

April 17—19, 2009

GUARDIAN ANGEL AUDITORIUM

E. Allendale Avenue & Franklin Tpk— Allendale, NJ

FRIDAY Apr 17

9:30 Beginners & Newcomers
(0-20 MP) \$5.00 Duplicate Game
Free Breakfast & Lesson
1:00 Stratified Open Pairs
299er Pairs
7:00 Stratified Open Pairs
0-500/NLM Swiss Teams

SATURDAY Apr 18

10:00 Stratified Open Pairs
299er Pairs
3:00 Strati-flighted IMP Pairs
299er Pairs

SUNDAY Apr 19

11:30 Bagel Brunch Served
12:00 Strati-flighted Swiss Teams
PLAY-THROUGH 7 board matches
With a Light Supper during Game
Flight A Separate
Flight B: Stratified B/C/D
0-300/300-750/750-2000

DIRECTIONS

From the South—Take Rt 17 North to Allendale Exit. Continue on Allendale Avenue towards Allendale to the Guardian Angel Church 1 mile on left.

From the North—Take Rt 17 South to Allendale Exit and follow directions as above.

*Stratified Games: A=2000+, B=750-2000, C=0-750
299er Games: (50/100/300)*

Tournament Co-Chairs

Marlene Case @ 845-942-1182 Kathryn Filor @ 845-429-2377

Pairings

Barbara Dorfman @ 845-352-7921 Richard Rosner @ 201-894-1112 Site Pairings @ 845-591-4155

Game Site Phone —845-304-1875 or 845-598-6610

Head Director — Sol Weinstein

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