



North Jersey Bridge Association

American Contract Bridge League Unit 106

NEWSLETTER

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Marilyn Wells, Editor

July 2004

Reitman Teams - October 2

The Nelson Reitman Team Event will take place on Saturday, October 2nd at Immaculate Conception Church in Mahwah, New Jersey. Last year, the Board of Directors decided to change the format of this event to resemble the Bob Johnke Team event. It was a huge success! Again this year, the Board decided to retain the same format. The event will consist of a 2-session Swiss Team stage, with a catered dinner in-between sessions, followed by one or two knock-out matches after the first day in order to decide the winner of each flight.

Each team will compete only against teams within its own flight. Flight "A" will have no masterpoint restrictions. Flight "B" will be 500-1500 or teams containing any life masters with under 500 points and Flight "C" will be 0-500/non life master. These point restrictions are as of July 1 preceding the event. 40% of the teams competing in each flight will continue into the knock-out phase which will continue over the succeeding two months to determine the winner of each flight. Winners will be honored with trophies and plaques at the Annual Dinner in December.

Each team may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. Players outside of Unit 106 are welcome, but each team must consist of at least two (2) members of Unit 106. Each team must choose a Captain who is responsible for reporting the results of each match, as well as arranging for the playing site and scheduling of matches if the team continues into the knock-out portion of the event.

Please refer to the Unit website at www.bridge-njba.org for further information and conditions of contest for this event. Flyers will also be available at our September sectional in as well as at the District 3 Regional in Secaucus which will be held in August.

President's Letter

The April sectional in Allendale was a great success having a total of 322 tables for the three days. This number included 19 tables at the Saturday morning novice promotional game. The unit purchased 12 additional tables, some to replace old ones and some to increase our ability to accommodate the crowd. Chairs and another timer will arrive for the September Sectional, which is September 10th 11th and 12th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend The Bob Johnke tournament was on the 22nd of April. There was a good turn out with 27 teams. It was a great event and even if you didn't qualify for the playoffs it was enjoyable. A thank you to the committee: Tod Thorgersen, Glenda Calkins, Michael Jeshion and Gale Mirro for their efforts for planning the day and a buffet to satisfy everyone's taste .

JOBS OPEN: Have you ever considered running for the board of directors of Unit 106? It is a two-year term and each year 10 directors are elected. There is a list of people on the Nominating Committee, who are seeking candidates for the 2005-2005 term on the board. We have many good people on the board who are up for re-election. If you are interested, please contact the committee in writing . Look elsewhere in the newsletter for details.

Once again this year, the NAOP qualifying games will be held at your local clubs. Please Note: once you qualify in the club you are eligible to play in the District final. This is new this year as there will be **no Unit final**.

EVENTS COMING UP:

- NABC in NYC beginning July 18 – 28 – A great opportunity to attend a national event.
- DISTRICT 3 REGIONAL - Secaucus - August 9 - 15
- UNIT 106 SECTIONAL – Allendale – September 10,11,12
- DISTRICT 3 NAOP FINAL – Mahwah - September 18
- UNIT 106 REITMAN K0 – Mahwah – October 2
- PRO-AM at local clubs – October 16

Enjoy the summer and all the activities available to you. Hope to see you at some of these events.

Betty Price

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Unit 106 Web Site —
www.bridge-njba.org

Club Directory

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

BERGEN BRIDGE CLUB

Paramus, NJ
The Bergen Mall—Rte 4 East
(Above Marshall's Dept Store)
201-368-2233

Mon	12:30	Open Pairs—IMPS
Tues	12:30	Open Pairs—MPs
	12:30	Novice Pairs—MPs
	7:30	Open Pairs—IMPS
Wed	7:00	Intermediate—MPs
Thurs	12:30	Open Pairs—MPs
Fri	12:30	Open Pairs—IMPS
Sat	12:30	Open Pairs—IMPS Novice Pairs—MPs

** Free lunch served at all afternoon games

** We will always try to find a partner for you

BRIDGE CENTER AT RIDGEWOOD

Christ Church
Franklin Ave & 105 Cottage Place
Ridgewood, NJ
201-891-4226

www.ridgewoodbridge.com

Mon	12:00	Advanced Lesson
	12:30	Open
Wed	12:00	0—500 Lesson
	12:30	Game 0—500
Fri	12:00	Novice/Sup Play
	12:30	Open
Sat	12:30	Open

GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

230 W. Passaic St
Maywood, NJ
201-368-8133

www.bridgeplace.com

Mon	9:30	Intermed Workshops (as scheduled)
	12:30	Open & Intermediate
	7:00	Lesson/Intermediate
	7:30	IMP Pairs
Tues	9:30	Beginner II Class
	12:30	Stratified
	7:00	Individual
	7:00	Beginner II Class
	7:00	Supervised Play
Wed	9:30	Supervised Play
	12:30	Open & Intermediate
	7:30	Stratified
Thurs	9:30	Beginner I Class
	12:30	Stratified
	7:00	Lesson/NLM Game
Fri	9:15	0—50 Novice Game
	12:30	Open & Intermediate
Sat	12:30	Brunch/Stratified
Sun	1:00	Brunch/Stratified

NON-SMOKER'S BRIDGE CLUB

321 Harris Place
New Milford, NJ
201-261-5075

Sat	7:10	Lecture
	7:30	Stratified

ROCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB

27 Kennedy Blvd, Route 59
South Spring Valley, NY
845-352-5993

Mon	11:30	Lunch/Open
	7:00	Supervised Play
Tues	9:15	Lesson
	9:30	Supervised Play
	11:30	Lunch/Open
	7:45	Open
Wed	9:00	Lesson
	9:20	Supervised Play
	11:30	Lunch/Open
	8:00	Open
Thurs	9:00	Lesson
	9:20	Supervised Play
	11:30	Lunch/Open
	8:00	Open
Fri	11:30	Lunch/Open
	8:00	Open
Sat	8:00	Open
	1st Saturday Potluck Dinner @ 7:15	
Sun	1:00	Stratified (FL)
	7:00	Open

SPARTA AFTERNOON CLUB SPARTA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Sparta Public Library

Mon	12:00	Marge Curvin @ 973-729-1528
Thurs	7:00	Bob Wengert @ 973-770-2313

TENAFLY RECREATION CLUB

The Senior Center, Summit Street
Betty Ann Smith @201-567-6047
201-569-2159

Tues	7:30	Open
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THE BRIDGE TABLE

Franklin Lakes Methodist Church
454 Pulis Ave. ** 201-818-0141
www.thebridgetable.com

Tues	9:30	Free lesson
	10:00	0-99er Game
	1:00	0-20 Lesson/Game
Thurs	12:15	Complimentary Lunch
	1:00	Open Game w/ hand records
	4:00	Free seminar on hands played
	7:00	Free lesson
	7:30	Open Game
	7:30	Life Master Pairs
	1st Thurs of the month	



New Members & Transfers

New Members through May

Bonnie Benezra	Jane Bernick
Tom Dietrich	Brenda Eisner
Rita Fox	Carolyn Handloser
Ruth Haynes	Helene Heller
Eileen Lawrence	Gloria Oresky
Kathleen Potoski	Ellen Stevens
Joan Taylor	William Vanelli
Marcia Wagner	Myron Winson
Doris Wolf	

Congratulations

New Life Masters

Herb Gillies

Bronze Life Master

Ed Wilson

Silver Life Master

Sid Kanter

Gold Life Master

Fran Cohen
Ed Landau
Joe Portale

Diamond Life Master

Irina Levitina
Paul Silver

WOW!

Tournament & Club Calendar

July			October				
Thurs	1	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood	Fri	1	Club Appreciation—Aft	Rockland
Thurs	1	Charity-Afternoon	Rockland	Sat	2	Nelson Reitman Team Game	Mahwah
Thurs	1	NAOP Aft & Evening	The Bridge Table	Sun	3	Club Championship	Afternoon
Sat	3	NAOP—Afternoon	Maywood	Sun	3	Club Appreciation-Eve	Rockland
Mon	5	NAOP—Afternoon	Ridgewood	Mon	4	Club Appreciation-Aft	Rockland
Tues	6	NAOP—Afternoon	Bergen	Tues	5	Club Appreciation-Eve	Rockland
Thurs	8	- 7/18 NABC—New York City		Thurs	7	Club Appreciation-Aft	Rockland
Mon	19	NAOP—Evening	Maywood	Sun	9	Club Championship	Afternoon
Wed	21	NAOP—Afternoon	Ridgewood	Sat	9	Club Appreciation	Non-Smoker's
Wed	21	Club Championship	Evening	Sun	10	Phyllis Camp Memorial Charity	Maywood
Sat	24	Club Championship	Afternoon	Sun	10	Club Appreciation-Aft	Rockland
Sat	24	NAOP	Non-Smokers	Sun	10	Charity—Evening	Rockland
Sun	25	Club Championship	Evening	Wed	13	Inter-Club Champ-Aft	Maywood
Tues	27	Inter-Club Champ-AM	The Bridge Table	Wed	13	Club Appreciation-Aft	Rockland
Wed	28	Charity—Evening	Maywood	Thurs	14	Club Championship	Evening
Thurs	29	NAOP—Afternoon	Bergen	Fri	15	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood
Thurs	29	Club Championship	Evening	Fri	15	Club Appreciation-Eve	Rockland
August			Sat	16	PRO-AM	Afternoon	
Mon	2	Club Championship	Evening	Sun	17	Super Club Championship	Maywood
Wed	4	Club Championship	Afternoon	Sun	17	Club Championship	Evening
Thurs	5	Inter-Club Champ—Aft	Maywood	Mon	18	-10/24 — Dist 3 Regional	Danbury
Thurs	5	Inter-Club Champ—Aft	The Bridge Table	Mon	25	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Thurs	5	Charity-Evening	Rockland	Mon	25	Club Appreciation-Eve	Maywood
Fri	6	NAOP—Afternoon	Ridgewood	Tues	26	Club Championship	Morning
Sat	7	Charity—Afternoon	Maywood	Tues	26	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Mon	9	- 8/15—Dist 3 Regional—Secaucus		Tues	26	Club Appreciation-Aft	Rockland
Mon	16	Charity—Afternoon	Maywood	Wed	27	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Tues	17	Club Championship	Afternoon	Wed	27	Club Championship	Evening
Thurs	19	NAOP—Afternoon	Bergen	Wed	27	Club Appreciation-Eve	Maywood
Thurs	19	NAOP Aft & Evening	The Bridge Table	Thurs	28	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Thurs	19	NAOP—Fit C—Eve	Maywood	Thurs	28	Club Appreciation-Eve	Maywood
Fri	20	Club Championship	Evening	Thurs	28	Club Appreciation-Eve	Rockland
Sat	21	NAOP—Afternoon	Maywood	Fri	29	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Sat	21	NAOP	Non-Smokers	Fri	29	Charity—Evening	Rockland
Sun	22	Super Club Champ	Maywood	Sat	30	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Mon	23	Club Championship	Afternoon	Sat	30	Club Appreciation Swiss	Non-Smoker's
Tues	24	NAOP—Afternoon	Bergen	Sun	31	Club Appreciation-Aft	Maywood
Tues	24	Charity—Evening	Tenafly	November			
Thurs	26	Charity—Evening	Maywood	Mon	1	Club Championship	Evening
September			Wed	3	Club Championship	Afternoon	
Thurs	2	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood	Thurs	4	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood
Fri	3	Club Championship	Afternoon	Sat	6	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood
Sat	4	Club Championship	Evening	Tues	9	Club Championship	Afternoon
Tues	7	Club Championship	Morning	Tues	9	Charity-Evening	Rockland
Thurs	9	ACBL Instant Matchpoints Evening		Wed	10	Charity-Evening	Maywood
Fri	10	through 9/12—Allendale Sectional		Fri	12	- 11/14—Allendale Sectional	
Tues	14	Bi-Unit Wide Game	Afternoon	Mon	15	Club Championship	Evening
Fri	17	Membership-Eve	Rockland	Wed	17	Inter-Club Champ-Aft	Maywood
Sat	18	District 3 NAOP Final	Mahwah	Thurs	18—11/28 NABC in Orlando		
Sun	19	Club Championship	Afternoon	Fri	19	Club Championship	Evening
Tues	21	National 49er Prs. AM	The Bridge Table	Sun	21	Charity-Afternoon	Rockland
Tues	21	Club Championship	Evening				
Wed	22	Charity-Afternoon	Maywood				
Thurs	23	Club Championship	Afternoon				
Thurs	23	Nat'l 49er Prs Aft/Eve	The Bridge Table				

THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

It's the summer for bridge ... don't let anyone convince you otherwise.... Mental exercise instead of physical exercise. Squeeze those trainers and jogging trips into the wee hours of the morning and night. You won't want to miss a minute of this chock-full bridge schedule.

Start off by making sure that you make it to New York City and play in the best NABC the ACBL has ever had ... July 8th to 18th. Jerry Goodman is one of the Tournament Chairs; Glenda Calkins is co-chair of Volunteer Hospitality, ably assisted by Barkley; Jesse Reisman and Cheryl Angel are in charge of our Daytime Tours and Hospitality Desk. We have great entertainment planned almost every night, terrific little snacks after the games and a super-terrific schedule of events. Try your hand at an NABC event. Platinum points are there for the asking. Be one of the "in" bridge crowd.... Come to the NYC NABC Summer Extravaganza. You'll be glad you did!

And then, just 3 weeks later, District 3's Secaucus Regional, August 9th—14th. Plenty of time to recover, do all your golfing and tennis, see your children and grandchildren and then grab your partner and spend time with us at the Crowne Plaza. You might want to try your hand at the BPT Prize Money Individual Event which starts Wednesday afternoon. If not, there's a lot of Newplicate (0-200) games and Bracketed KO's and Compact KO's... A game for every wish. We hope to see all of you there ... often.

The ACBL has launched a new web site. Same address— www.acbl.org. Make sure to visit the site for lots of information. Our District 3 web site is www.bridge-district3.org is also filled with update information about all our tournaments. Results are posted less than 24 hours after they occur and the latest information on room reservations and schedules for District 3 tournaments are posted there.

Although membership is slowly increasing, we need to turn our attention to insuring that the younger generation grows up wanting to play bridge. Bridge teachers should be trying to get bridge into the schools where they work. I would love to see bridge clubs offer a free game to juniors one afternoon a week. An hour of bridge followed by pizza and soda would be great!

I am counting on seeing you soon and often this summer. We have 2 months of non-stop bridge. What could be better for us addicts?
Joan Gerard, District Director

PS—We need loads of volunteers to help out at Hospitality, Pairings, Registration, etc. Please check the website to volunteer.

Crowne Plaza Meadowlands

Two Harmon Plaza • Secaucus, NJ 07094
201-348-6900

\$109 sgl/dbl + tax • Reservation deadline: July 26
(Rooms may not be available after deadline)

Room Problems?

Call Joan Gerard 914-948-0841 • joanandron@att.net

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Carol McMackin 201-327-8579 • cmcmackin@optonline.net

Monday, August 9

*Bracketed KO Tms I 7:30 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 pm & 7:30 pm
Stratified Charity Prs (RED) 7:30 pm

Tuesday, August 10

Stratified Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series I (1st & 2nd) 1 / 7:30 pm

Wednesday, August 11

NEW — Bracketed
Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1:00 pm
(12-board match, 4-person teams only)
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) 10 am & 3 pm
±BPT Prize Money Bridge 1 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th) 1 / 7:30 pm

NEW TIMES *Bracketed KO Tms II 7:30 pm
Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 pm & 7:30 pm

Thursday, August 12

±BPT Prize Money Bridge 9 am
Stratified Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs) 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series I (5th & 6th) 1 / 7:30 pm

All KO teams are random draw within brackets
*Mid-chart allowed in top bracket



Friday, August 13

*Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
12-board matches, 4-person teams only
Stratified Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd) 1 / 7:30 pm
*Bracketed KO Tms III 7:30 pm
Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 pm & 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 14

Stratified Senior Prs 10 am & 3 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Fit. A (3000+ & 0-3000) (separate)
Fit. B & C (Stratified)
Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th) 1 / 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 15

Stratified Swiss Tms (VPs) ... 10:30 am & 5 pm
Fit. A (3000+ & 0-3000) (separate)
Fit. B & C (Stratified)
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) . 10:30 am & 5 pm
(Sun. team events — 5 matches in afternoon sess.)
NEW — Fast Pairs 10:30 am
Short break between sessions

Stratified Games:

A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)

SECAUCUS, NJ

Aug. 9-15, 2004

DISTRICT 3

SUMMER REGIONAL

± \$14,000* Secaucus Open-Individual
BPT Prize Money Bridge Tour

Wed. 1:00 and 7:30 pm • Thurs 9:00 am

For info and registration go to

www.bridgeprotour.com

or contact Nancy King 530-274-0923

kinghale@sbcglobal.com

Entry Fee: \$100 or \$90 if purchased 2 weeks
in advance (1/2 price for Juniors!)

Minnows \$30 & Guppies \$20

**depending on number of entries*

Need a bus from NYC?

Visit our web page at bridge-district3.org

Newplicate Games (Red): (0-200) MPs

Some games may be stratified.

EARLY TIMES – ALL EVENTS ONE SESSION

Tues. thru Sat. 10 am & 3 pm

Play both sessions any day Tues. thru Sat. and
get a free snack, soda and mini-lesson
between sessions.

Sunday — Swiss Teams 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

For Information: Robin Brown (914) 478-1336
or rkb155@yahoo.com

Directions: NJ Turnpike. Western Spur; Take Exit 16W to Rt. 3 East to Meadowlands Parkway. At bottom of ramp, turn left onto Meadowlands Parkway. Turn right at 1st stop light onto Harmon Plaza. Hotel is on left. From NYC: Take Lincoln Tunnel to Route #3 West. Exit at Meadowlands Parkway. Follow as above.

Unit 106 NEWS

BOB JOHNKE TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, May 22nd, Unit 106 held its annual Bob Johnke Team Event at the Immaculate Conception Church in Mahwah. The committee responsible for arranging this event was Tod Thorgersen, Mike Jeshion, Glenda Calkins and Gale Mirro. Twenty-seven (27) teams participated. We hope everyone had a good time and that you will join us for the Nelson Reitman Team Event on Saturday, October 2nd.

As per the Conditions of Contest, there will be a playoff in all three flights for 1st and 2nd place. In Flight C, there is currently a 3-way tie and these 3 teams will have a playoff for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

FLIGHT A—11 Teams

- Charlie Friedman, Tod Thorgersen, Sandy Burns, Carole Wardell, Barbara Deutsch
- Steve & Amy Nellissen, Mark & Stasha Cohen, Bob Heitzman & Helen Raleigh
- 3. Lenore Server, Eva Scatassa
Julian Schulman, David Kuenzler
- 4. The Humphreys: Burrell, Joy, Bruce & Ryan

FLIGHT B—9 Teams

- Lee & Jonathan Ohliger, Victor Hsu, James Sundstrom
- Myra Rosenberg, Saeko Hisayama, Marie Wolfson, Lan Go
- 3. Mike & Marilyn Jeshion, Alex Conrad
Stan Fink, Phyllis Profita
- 4/5 Hank Stadelmann, Edith Klinger
Doree Sobel, Miyoko Boswell
- 4/5 Susan Green, Elson Blunt III
Sydney Gordon, Herbert Gillies

FLIGHT C-7 Teams

- Carol McMackin, Cheryl Fischer, Drora Ovadenko, Jay Kundu
- Marlene Case, Kathryn Filor, Barbara Fingerhut, Mary Giannella
- Susan Koster, Gale Mirro, Judy Cooperman
Michael Varhalamas, Mary Ellen Zaske

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED

The Nominating Committee has been selected: Lee Ohliger will serve as chairperson. Marlene Case and Michael Jeshion will represent the board. Ruth Bernstein, Ralph Meyer, Brenda Rigby and Paul Nickerson will represent the Members at Large. The committee will be meeting within the next two months. Any Unit 106 Member who is in good standing is eligible to become a unit board member. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit, in writing, your background and areas of interest. These are not honorary jobs, but working jobs.

Interested parties should submit a letter by **August 10th** either by mail or e-mail to:

Lee Ohliger

Chairperson Nominating Committee
288 Oak St., Apt C, Ridgewood, NJ 07450
or email to ohliger @speakeasy.net

CHARITY GAME PLANNED

On Saturday evening, September 11th, at the sectional in Allendale, there will be a charity game at 7:00 pm to benefit the ACBL charity which is The Jimmy Fund—Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Make plans to attend and support this important cause. A special dessert is planned for all participants.

NORTH AMERICAN OPEN PAIRS

The 2004 NAOP is just around the corner! Club level qualifying games will be held in June, July and August. Check with your local club for exact dates. **This year there will not be a Unit Final.** Everyone who qualifies at a club will be eligible to compete in the District Final on September 18th at Immaculate Conception Church in Mahwah, NJ.

Bi-Unit Wide

The first bi-unit wide of 2004 was held on April 15. Results are:

Flight A (53.5 tables)

- 3 Pat Kent & Gale Mirro
- 4/5 Phyllis Profita & Mike Brown
- 4/5 Jean Elkin & Roger Nortman
- 6 Barbara & Art Sternberg

Flight B (34 tables)

- 1 Pat Kent & Gale Mirro
- 3 Mary Ellen Zaske & Michael Varhalamas

Flight C (19.5 tables)

- 1 Mary Ellen Zaske & Michael Varhalamas
- 6 Rose & Al Tauber

PRO-AM

Watch for details on the Pro-Am which will be held on October 16th. Clubs will have sign-up sheets to allow "Ams" to play with a "Pro". "Ams" MUST have less than 50 master points.

The Ramsey Adult School will be offering a 6-week *Bridge for Kids* class for 11—14 year olds on Saturday mornings starting October 3. Amy Nellissen will teach. Send your children and grandchildren. Call the Ramsey Adult School @ 201-327-2025 or www.RamseyAdultSchool.com.

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Allendale Unit 106 Sectional

Apr 25th, 26th & 27th

Club Winners

FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS 86 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Mani Gupta - Himanshu Joshi
2		Dennis Thompson - Harvinder Sidhu
3		Bernard Bruckenstein - Arthur Selby
4		Kenneth Powell - Alan Powell
5	1	William Swartchild III - Edwin Katten
6/7		Helen Wallach - Gerald Goodman
6/7		Joyce Landau - Joanne Salomon
2		Burt Saxon - Stephen Emerson
3		Lan Go - Saeko Hisayama
4		Mohan Dutt - Steven Love
5	2	Robert Orne - Irwin Miller
6/7		Gail Glazer - Joseph Pospis
6/7		Phyllis Profita - Stanley Fink
3		Marilyn Schor - Dorothy Van Dalinda
4		Curt Merrill - Joyce Fitzgerald
5		Florence Gelman - Sonia Weiss
6		Bernard Goldstein - Lewis Lipman

FRIDAY AFT 199er PAIRS 34 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Marcia Katz - Joyce Eberhardt
2	1	Lawrence Finch II - Wanda Finch
3		Angelina Fong - Kayoko Nishitani
4	2	Austin Fitzgerald - Susan Koster
5		Rita Nixon - Mimi Christie
6		Hank Epstein - Harriet Epstein
3		Agnes Dauer - Rexanna McDaniel
4	1	Marc Julius - Brian Julius
5		Rita Nelson - Betty Hough
6		Pamela Ziegel - Claire Russell
2		Agnes Zausner - Alfred Lustig
3		Helen Lee - Susan Raskin
4		Betsy Schwebel - Miriam Cole

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS 65 Pairs

A	B	C
1		David Gurvich - Michael Lipkin
2		Mani Gupta - Himanshu Joshi
3	1	Serge Aronovich - Marianne Aronovich
4		Barbara Deutsch - Charles Friedman
5		Bruce Humphreys - Burrell Humphreys
6		Dennis Thompson - Harvinder Sidhu
2		Burt Saxon - Stephen Emerson
3		Art Rosenkranz - Paul Kirby
4		Lan Go - Saeko Hisayama
5		Sylvia Uniwarsal - Michael McNamara
6		Robert Orne - Helen Wallach
1		Robert Holt - Michael Flaster
2		George Baird - Erica Obey
3		Phyllis Fuchs - Charles Fuchs
4		Curt Merrill - Linda Tedeschi
5		Matthew O'Connor - Jennifer Broekman

FRIDAY EVE 199ER SWISS 9 Teams

A	B	
1/2	1	Susan Koster - Michael Varhalamas - Gale Mirro - Mary Ellen Zaske
1/2		Christopher Wang - Bradley Calcagni - Ellen Reller - Sara Kaminker
3		Marilynn Greenberg - Howard Greenberg - Betty Rothschild - Jim Rothschild Jr
4		Frances Kay - Helen Martin - Ernestine Cutler - Benjamin Cutler

SAT AM 0-20 PAIRS 38 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	Millie Donadio - Elizabeth Welckens
2	2	Mary Lou Ciavarra - Sheila Devejian
3		Hazel King Molzan - Roslyn Peltz
4/5		Katherine Ann Caso - Toni Africano
4/5	3	Doris Richman - Philip Richman
6	4	Anita Chips Boyle - Beatrice Andriate
5		Marian Schnall - Sidney Schnall
6	6	Douglas Gerritsen - Fred Sommer

SAT AFT FLT A IMP PAIRS 38 Pairs

1		Lawrence Lerner - Gary Gordon
2		Lawrence Christianson - Steven Wheeler
3		Eli Schneider - Cynthia Schneider
4		Gary Gottlieb - Richard Zucker
5		Tod Thorgersen - Sandy Burns
6		Rosalind Elk - Leonard Helfgott
7		Kelley Hwang - Bob Gwartzman

SAT AFT B/C IMP PAIRS 39 Pairs

B	C	
1		Abby Brawer - Carol Coan
2		Helen Wallach - Sue Steckler
3		Bruce Rubin - Jane Rubin
4		Susan Kogan - Michael McNamara
5		Stan Politowski Jr - Edith Klinger
6		Robert Wengert - Susan Green
1		Valentin Carciu - Victor Tiganila
2		Al Tauber - Rose Tauber
3		Nancy Clancy - Sandra Chang
4		Jon Catlin - Alfred Delio
5		Joseph Birenz - William Palmer

SAT AFT 199ER PAIRS 44 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	Seshumani Das - Shirley Carroll
2	2	Stuart Seigel - Sherry Jackson
3		Rita Nixon - Mimi Christie
4	3	Helma Price - Marie Riggins
5	4	Marc Julius - Brian Julius
6	5	J.P. Snyder - Mickey Jones
6	4	Renee Wolken - Angela Young
5		David Mason - Brian Kruse
6		Shirley Waller - Arlene Tais

SATURDAY EVE CHARITY PAIRS 50 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Kelley Hwang - Bob Gwartzman
2		Burrell Humphreys - Bruce Humphreys
3		Gary Gottlieb - Richard Zucker
4		Susan Meyers - Steven Wheeler
5	1	Roger Race - Samuel Deluca
6		Blair Seidler - Tod Thorgersen
2		Herb Freedman - Stephen Swiss Jr
3/4		Doree Sobel - Miyoko Boswell
3/4		Nicholas France - Michael Varhalamas
5	2	Ting-Li Chen - Nelson Lu
6	3	Edson Wiley - Jaydeb Kundu
4		Curt Merrill - Linda Tedeschi
5		Herbert Rogall - Paul Morrisette
6		Carol Curcuru - Felix Curcuru

SUN FLIGHT A SWISS 15 Teams

1		Vijay Bhise - Michael Huppert - Mohan Dutt - Thomas Randall
2		Alene Friedman - Jane Dillenberg - Jerry Goldberg - Philip Silverstein
3		R Barkley Calkins - Glenda Calkins - Melvin Baranoff - Richard Rosner
4		Blair Seidler - Tod Thorgersen - Sandy Burns - Charles Friedman
5		Jaime Roitman - Steven Ehrenworth - Sarah Wiener - Rosalind Elk

SUN FLIGHT B/C/D SWISS 43 Teams

B	C	D
1/2		Benjamin Rottman - Lee Ohliger - Edward Wilson - Paul Fagan
1/2	1	Victor Hsu - James Sundstrom - Ting-Li Chen - Nelson Lu
3	2	Robert MacLagger - Bob Parisi - Eugene Spruck - Charles Moy
4		Paul Irvine - Margaret Irvine - Carl Sorgen - Jerome Cramp
5		Joseph Pospis - Henry Stadelmann - Miyoko Boswell - Sally Sonne
6		Bruce Rubin - Jane Rubin - Robert Orne - Helen Wallach
7		Sheldon Schneider - Richard Feuer - Barbara Smalline - Michael Smalline
3		Harvey Wolfson - Linda Trigoboff - Sherry Jackson - Beth Lasky
4/6		Lalji Pavagadhi - Henry Gibson - John Anderson - Edward Yuhas
4/6		Dodi Peron - Nancy Clancy - Jane Fuller - Marilyn Millard
4/6	1	John Dell Osso - Joseph Aronson - Felix Arroyo - Barbara Infeld
2		Austin Fitzgerald - Jennifer Nisenoff - Benjamin Cutler - Ernestine Cutler
3		Marilynn Greenberg - Howard Greenberg - Jim Rothschild Jr - Betty Rothschild

2/15/04—5/15/04

Bergen: *Club Championship:* M. Bock & Richard Rosner, Lynn Mackall & Jim Metzger, M. Bock & Jim Metzger, C. Hertzberg & A. Cascone, Rena Harris & Rick Sear, Veronica Cilli & Helene Emanuel, Irene Poonarian & Rena Harris *District-Wide Charity:* Charlie Friedman & Barbara Deutsch

Maywood: *Charity:* Katherine Brady & Pat Lamb, Lydia Bass & Joanne Salomon, Virginia & Arthur Clark, Marilyn Schor & Allen Wells, Abby Brawer & Marilyn Wells, Jean Elkin & Hank Stadelmann, Bob Zehm & Andy Garland, Richard Rosner & Al Pagan, Joe Pospis & Bob Porter, Vivian Grossman & Ken Jeffery, Lou Jacob & Bert Kuerer, Ed Berday & Howard Stern, Sonia Weiss & Cheryl Garofalo, Fred Paul & Shelley Berger, Judy Fine & Tina Gordon, Joan Haussman & Barbara Rahuba, Nadine Ostrager & Elaine Berger, Fran Cohen & Ed Katten *Club Championship:* Carol Kaigan & Myra Lawrence, Ed Katten & Wil Swartchild (2x), Arnold Barysh & Jim Newmark, Marcia Katz & JoEllen Snowman, George Wang & Carol Kaigan, Ken Jeffery & Dave McInnis, Myrna Zuckerman & Cheryl Garofalo, Curtis Hereld & Peter Kaufman, Wanda & Larry Finch, Susan & Manny Leaf, Barbara Haberman & Mike Camp, Bonnie Wener & Abby Brawer, Debbie Alexander & Carol Kaigan, Janis Rush & Fred Paul, Nadine Ostrager & Elaine Berger, Susan Simon & Sydne Simon *ACBL-Wide Charity:* Sonya Spieker & Ike Eskenazi, Martha Troxell & Miyoko Boswell *ACBL Seniors:* Joanne Salomon & Joyce Lancau, Jean Elkin & Roger Nortman *District-Wide Charity:* Lou Jacob & Marcel Atlas, Al Pagan & Mike Brown, Alex Conrad & Mike Jeshion, Debbie Aronson & Felice Schmeyster, Al Pagan & Marty Weiss, Carol Field & Hilary Edmondson, John Kuharetz & Hank Stadelmann, Fred Paul & Shelley Berger, Sheila & Jerry Robinson, Barbara Bergen & Jay Greenstone, Sylvia Rachesky & Carol Field, Lydia Bass & Stan Fink

Non-Smoker's: *Charity:* Phyllis & Charlie Fuchs, Roger Nortman & Si Elk, *Club Championship:* Betty Ann Smith & Si Elk, *NABC Fund:* T. Seng Tjoa & Basant Shah *Membership:* Miyoko Boswell & Doree Sobel

Ridgewood: *Club Championship:* Robert Conant & Diana Wing

Rockland: *Charity:* Hugh & Shirley Durlach, T. Seng Tjoa & Basant Shah, Myron Rimer & Allan Rosenblum *Club Championship:* Elaine Schwartz & Jackie Kaufman, Art & Barbara Sternberg, Sheldon Schneider & Tuck Howe, Tom Beneventano & Eric Hahn, Sue Wallenstein & Maralyn Klein, Paul Fagan & Ted Wilson, Louise Murphy & Barbara Sternberg, Irene Schwartz & Myra Bachman, Dolores & Bob Hodesblatt *ACBL Senior Pairs:* Ros Elk & Hans Neuberg

Sparta: *Club Championship:* Hedy Seeger & Mehmet Can, Gerri & Bob Hamilton, Joanne & Tom Prentzel

Tenafly: *Club Championship:* Arnold Federman & Lila Burg

The Bridge Table: *Club Championship:* Mary Ellen Zaske & Lorna Weinstock, Roberta Visconti & Aleta Starzyk, Carmen Taylor & Rita Nelson, Kathy & Bill Lathrop, Jennifer Broekman & Matthew O'Connor, Gerald Freel & Amy Nellissen, Mary Ellen Zaske & Barbara Levay, Audrey Royer & Marianne Beke

Members Score

By Marilyn Wells

Smithtown Regional —March 3-7		White Plains Sectional —April 30—May 2		Wed Eve 199er Pairs (24 pairs)	
Fri	0-3000 Compact KO Bkt 3 (16 teams)	Fri	Eve Open Pairs (56 pairs)	1A	Susan Koster
1	John Dell'Oso	1C	Marlene Case & Kathryn Filor	Thurs	Aft Side Game
Fri	Open Pairs (56 pairs)	Sun	Senior Swiss (38 teams)	3C	Carol Coan
1	Bob Heitzman, Jr.	1A	Miyoko Boswell, Ros Elk	Wed/Thurs KO—Bracket IV (12 teams)	
Sat	Flight C/C Pairs (60 pairs)	Sun	99er Swiss (6 teams)	2	John Dell'Oso, Aaron Hader
2B	Lee Ohliger	1	Susan Koster, Marc Julius	3	Kayoko Nishitani
Sun	Flight A/X Swiss (25 teams)	Sun	Open Swiss (47 teams)	Fri	Eve Side Game (30 pairs)
2	Cheryl Angel & Jesse Reisman	3/4 B	Lee Ohliger, George Mann, Jr.	2A 2B	Stephen Cooper
Gatlinburg Regional —April 12-18		3C	Marlene Case, Kathryn Filor	Fri	Eve Swiss (32 teams)
Tues/Wed KO Bkt 5 (16 teams)		Eastern States Regional, NYC —May 26-31		3/4 C	Anita Lind, Alice Mathes
2	Stan Politowski	Wed	Senior Pairs (82 pairs)	Sat	Senior Pairs (51 pairs)
Fri	Compact KO Bkt 2 (16 teams)	1A	Barbara Haberman, Michael Camp	1A 1B 1C	Marie Wolfson, Myra Rosenberg
2	Stan Politowski	Wed	Open Pairs (58 pairs)	Sun	Aft 199er Pairs (19 pairs)
Fri/Sat	KO Bracket 8 (16 teams)	2A	Fred Paul	1A 1B	Maurice Golbey, Ted Nierenberg
1	Stan Politowski	1B	Miyoko Boswell, Victor Hsu	Sun	Flight B/C Swiss (45 teams)
				2B	Angelina Fong, Lila Fine
				Jay Kundu, Iyadurai Rajendram	

Player of the Year Update

Point Leaders for Player of the Year 12/7/03—4/25/04 by Lee Ohliger, Player of the Year Coordinator

The results from our April Sectional are in, and we have some very competitive contests. **Norma Parsells** and **Joan Occhipinti** continue to lead in the novice division. In the intermediate category, **James Sundstrom** vaulted into the lead after tying for 1st place in the B/C/D Swiss. His teammates, **Nelson Lu** and **Victor Hsu**, have taken over 1st and 2nd place in the under-300 category. **Bruce Humphreys** had a couple of very good sessions at Allendale and has moved into 1st place in the under-1000 division. **Lee Ohliger**, whose team tied **James Sundstrom's** in the Swiss has moved into 2nd place. In the over 1000 category, perennial leader, **Tod Thorgersen** continues to hold the lead, but **Steven Wheeler** is right on his heels.

Events Processed:

Sectionals: February, April

Annual Dinner for Seiden Trophy: January

Bi-Unit Wides: April

Novice—Under 20

Norma Parsells	3.13
Joan Occhipinti	3.13
Helma Price	1.98
Gerald Freer	1.92

Intermediate—Under 100

James Sundstrom	12.99
Michael Flaster	8.76
Michael Varhalamas	8.76
Gale Mirro	7.31

Non LM—Under 300

Nelson Lu	10.94
Victor Hsu	9.75
Jaydeb Kundu	7.03
Al Tauber	5.59

Under 1000

Bruce Humphreys	17.30
Lee Ohliger	15.78
Alex Perlin	12.81
Jane Rubin	12.09

LM—Over 1000

Tod Thorgersen	29.17
Steven Wheeler	23.55
Sandy Burns	20.89
Blair Seidler	20.50

If you believe your name should have appeared, please make sure you are registered in Unit 106. Points for this award are not credited while you are a member of another unit, a non-member, or a member not in "good standing". New players with pending membership will be credited for all points earned while their application is being processed. If you think that you should be among the leaders, please contact the Player of the Year coordinator.

All points awarded at the Annual Dinner, Unit 106 sectionals held at one location (Allendale), John Macchi Unit Wides, Bob Johnke Swiss Teams, Nelson Reitman Teams are used. No other event qualifies. All over 1000 are eligible for LM award.

Plan Ahead

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LOOKING AHEAD IN THE UNIT

UNIT 106 ALLENDALE SECTIONALS

Sept 10 — 12

Nov 12th—14th

Nelson Reitman Teams—October 2

PRO-AM—October 16

UPCOMING DISTRICT 3 EVENTS

Secaucus Regional—August 9—August 15

Danbury Regional—October 18—October 24

District 3 NAOP Finals—September 18—Mahwah

LAMENT OF THE SPADE THREE

By Len Helfgott

After misplaying a hand at Bergen's local IMP game, I went to bed in a fitful state. I picked up my old copy of "Right Through the Pack" by Robert Darvas, and read for 15 minutes to put myself to sleep. Sometime later I was poked in the ribs by the three of spades. "It's just not fair," she lamented. "Other cards win tricks and even the four can win a finesse, but I never get to win a trick by rank. At least the deuce knows its place and can always provide an entry to all others, but I wish I could achieve more potential." I didn't pay much attention to her lament, after all, it had to be a dream, so I closed my eyes and all disappeared. A bit later, the following hand was presented before me:

	♠ J98	
	♥ KQJ10932	
♠ A2	♦ 2	♠ Q107654
♥ 87	♣ 32	♥ 65
♦ J10974	♠ K3	♦ 865
♣ Q1054	♥ A4	♣ K7
	♦ AKQ3	
	♣ AJ986	

East had opened a weak two bid at favorable vulnerability (Yuch!), South jumped to 3NT, North bid 4 diamonds as a transfer and South raised South's 4 heart bid to 6 hearts. West did well to lead diamonds instead of his partner's suit. Looking at all four hands, I first thought that this was hopeless because of the spade position, but then I had an epiphany. After winning the diamond, I ran 6 (not 7) rounds of trump. East could afford to pitch his two remaining diamonds and two spades, and I pitched all four lower clubs. West could not part with a spade (or I would duck, establishing my king), nor his diamonds guard, so had to pitch one diamond and 3 clubs. Now my diamond 3 had done its work triple-squeezing West, so I crossed to my club ace, played off 2 more diamonds, pitching the 8 and 9 of spades from dummy while East also pitched 2 spades, and came to the following ending:

	♠ J	
	♥ 3	
♠ A2	♦ —	♠ Q10
♥ —	♣ 3	♥ —
♦ J		♦ —
♣ —	♠ K3	♣ K
	♥ —	
	♦ 3	
	♣ —	

Now, I ruffed the noble diamond **three** with the heart **three**, and East had to pitch a spade to save his club king, preventing the club **three** from scoring the twelfth. But lo and behold, now I led the spade jack from dummy and let West win his ace, returning his spade deuce so my spade **three** could win the last trick, making this slam.

The **spade three** was crying tears of joy and jumped up to kiss me. "Thank you for the hand of a lifetime, I will always cherish this. I'm now going to treat my most helpful **three sisters** (pun fully intended) to a round of drinks." That's when I woke up. Why can't I play a hand like this is real life, I lamented!

NOTE: For fans of squeeze lexicon, this is a toughy! My best guess would be calling it a "Double Guard Trump Squeeze Without the Count!"

In Memoriam—Paul Silver

Our good friend Paul Silver has died of cancer. Florence and the rest of his family deeply appreciated the many expressions of regret that were received from Paul's many bridge-world friends. Paul had recently become a Diamond Life Master and was thrilled to receive a plaque honoring this achievement just days before his passing.

It seems timely to rerun the following article which appeared in the Unit 106 newsletter at the time he was stepping down from the board at the end of 1998; its warm sentiments are just as relevant for Glenda and myself today.

Barkley Calkins

Thanks, Paul

With our good friend Paul Silver about to rotate off the Board of Directors of Unit 106 after more than 20 years of faithful, dedicated service, it is timely to pause to reflect on all that he has meant to us personally, as well as to the game of bridge.

When Glenda and I first returned to the bridge world around 1987, after a 25-year hiatus, Paul and Florence, his lovely bride of 51 years — were among the first people we came to know well. The TLC with which they ran their Friday night game at the Rockland Bridge Center was an instant draw for us.

In 1988, we journeyed with the Silvers to Israel for their national bridge tournament and for much touring of historic sites. It provided a rare and special opportunity for us to share thoughts and reactions from our respective Christian and Jewish perspectives. At the bridge table, I still vividly remember Paul putting me into a slam contact with Sam Stayman as my RHO; having so recently reentered the bridge world. I played the hands in a state of high angst, sure he would find some way to do me in. Happily, for me at least, Mr. Stayman held a Yarborough, the slam was a lay-down, and Paul was forgiven.

During his years on the board, Paul held a variety of important positions including auditor and education chair. In recent years, he chaired the Bob Johnke Team event.

Paul's love of bridge particularly manifested itself in the active role he has played in spreading the word via the ACBL's education program. He continues to derive great personal satisfaction from his support of a group of teenagers in the Teaneck public school system; in addition to supporting them with teaching materials, he has personally stepped in on the occasions when their own teacher was not available.

Paul is one of those rare individuals who has shown his great love of bridge over a great many years by supporting the game in every possible way, by participating as a player, by directing, by teaching and by his steadfast devotion to the Unit 106 Board.

Thanks Paul for your friendship, and for everything.

A COLD NIGHT IN FEBRUARY

By Lee Ohliger

Two hands from the Friday evening session in February were particularly interesting. After opening a 12-14 notrump, declarer found himself in 3NT and received the 6♥ as the lead

♠	K765
♥	AK9
♦	Q532
♣	96
♠	Q103
♥	1052
♦	AK8
♣	A852

The first thing declarer noticed was that he only had 6 top tricks, with an easy 7th in spades. There were possibilities for additional tricks in diamonds and spades, and even hearts, but clearly he had his work cut out for him. Declarer played low from dummy, hoping that LHO had underled his QJ of hearts, but no luck there. RHO won the queen and returned the suit. Now was the time to test the spade suit. Declarer led low to the ten and it held, LHO following with the nine. So far, so good. Now declarer played the queen of spades and RHO won the ace, LHO following with the eight. RHO shifted to a low club, ducked by declarer and won by LHO with the jack. LHO then cleared the heart suit, RHO discarding a club. Declarer now had 8 tricks. Where was the 9th trick going to come from? At this point, if either the spades or the diamonds are 3-3, declarer has 9 tricks. However, with LHO playing the 9 and 8 on the first two spade tricks, with the 765 in dummy, it didn't look like the spades were breaking. And having lost 3 tricks already, declarer could only afford to lose 1 more. Now was the time to test the diamonds. On the 3rd round, LHO tossed another club. At this point, the hand was an open book. RHO having shown out of hearts and diamonds, was clearly 4-2-2-5 and LHO was 2-5-4-2. The road to trick 9 was clear. Declarer led a club to the ace and ducked a club to RHO, tossing a diamond from dummy. RHO now had to lead a spade from J4 into declarer's K7.

The full hand:

♠	98	♠	K765	♠	AJ42
♥	J8763	♥	AK9	♥	Q4
♦	J1074	♦	Q532	♦	96
♣	QJ	♣	96	♣	K10743
		♠	Q103		
		♥	1052		
		♦	AK8		
		♣	A852		

Astute readers will notice that a club opening lead or a club shift and continuation anytime the defenders get in would have been enough to destroy declarer's timing. You don't always get perfect defense, so you must be prepared to take full advantage of any defensive slip. Notice also that the key card on this hand was the 7 of spades. Failure to recognize its importance would have resulted in declarer going down on this hand. (Continued in next column)

During that same session, a hand came up that provided a nasty lesson on the subject of lead-directing doubles of artificial bids. I expect that not many of you have had the experience of going minus 1640 when the opponents have only bid to the 2 level!

My partner opened 2♣ which in our methods can show a variety of hands, but at a minimum shows a balanced 20-21. I responded 2♠, artificial, denying a 5-card major and forcing to game opposite a balanced 20-21. At this point, LHO holding AK109 of spades thought he had a perfect lead-directing double. Well, he was wrong. Partner redoubled; I sat for it, and made 2 overtricks. (They could have held it to 1 overtrick by leading trump. Here are the hands:

♠	AK109	♠	Q8654	♠	72
♥	Q105	♥	AK74	♥	J862
♦	10764	♦	A9	♦	J3
♣	Q7	♣	AK	♣	109842
		♠	J3		
		♥	93		
		♦	KQ852		
		♣	J653		

So, what are the lessons here? First, what does a redouble of an artificial bid mean? Basically, any time it is reasonable for it to be an offer to play there, it is. When is it reasonable? Anytime we have shown strength. How many trumps must partner have to redouble? Partner will almost certainly have 5. How many trumps do you need to sit for a redouble? Generally, 2 or more. With zero, you must pull and with 1, you should probably pull. The redouble is only a suggestion, not a command.

And what does all of this tell us about doubles of artificial bids? One thing it tells us is that AK109 is not necessarily good enough, a fact that should give us all pause. A curious aspect of this hand is that if we had ignored the double and ended up in 3NT, it turns out that a spade lead is about the only lead to give partner the timing to make the hand. Virtually every other pair was in 3NT going down. You really need to be sure you want the suit led before you double.

As a general rule, if you are doubling an artificial bid, you should have a real suit. The shorter the suit, the more likely it is that the opponents will be able to redouble for penalty. You want enough length that you are not really worried about handling a redouble. A point that becomes obvious the moment it is mentioned, the lower the level at which you double, the more dangerous it is. Having 3 trump tricks at the 2 level is not the same as having 3 at the four level or higher. Another point is that if you double an artificial bid at a low level, the opponent's length in the various suits has not yet been defined, so there is a greater risk that one of the opponents has substantial length in the doubled suit.

There is another question here. When is a double of an artificial bid lead directing and when does it show a desire to compete (or sacrifice) in that suit? To some extent, it is going to be both. If the opponents buy the contract, partner is highly likely to lead the suit you doubled. If you accept the argument that you have to have a real suit when you double, at least at the lower levels, then partner, knowing you have a real suit, won't be afraid to raise your suit holding real support.

Not all doubles of artificial bids are either lead-directing or suggestions to compete in the doubled suit. There is at least one other possibility we haven't discussed and about which you and your partner should be on the same wavelength. If you partner doubles a Bergen raise, do you know what it means? I would suggest playing it as takeout of opener's major, but just make sure you and your partner answer the question the same way. Similar issues arise with respect to doubles of splinter bids. As with many other aspects of bidding, it is less important what your agreement is than that you have an agreement.

Nelson Reitman Team Event

3 FLIGHTS: A- unlimited, B=0-1500, C=0-500/NLM

Play within your own flight!

Victory Points—2 session-Swiss Teams qualifying to Knock-out Playoffs



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2004

12:00 noon and TBA

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Captain's Name _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Player _____ # of Masterpoints _____

Latest masterpoint holding must be included with registration.

Allendale

UNIT 106 SECTIONAL

September 10th, 11th and 12th, 2004
GUARDIAN ANGEL AUDITORIUM
E. Allendale Avenue – Allendale, NJ

FRIDAY

1:00 Stratified Open Pairs
199er Pairs
7:15 199er Swiss Teams
7:30 Stratified Open Pairs

SATURDAY

9:30 Beginners & Novices (0-20)
FREE Breakfast, Lesson & Game
1:00 Strati-flighted IMP Pairs
199er Pairs
7:00 Stratified CHARITY Pairs

SUNDAY

11:30 Bagel Brunch Served
12:00 Noon Strati-flighted Swiss Teams
PLAY-THROUGH Seven-7 board matches
Flight A: 0-unlimited;
Flight B: Stratified B/C/D-
0-200/200-500/500-1500

DIRECTIONS

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From the North – Take Route 17 South to Allendale Exit and follow directions as above.

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