



AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 100

# NEWSLETTER

Marilyn Wells, Editor

October, 2006

## *President's Letter by Lee Ohliger*

I mentioned in the last newsletter that, building on the success of our inaugural novice sectional last year, we were planning to hold this year's Non-Life-Master Sectional at Guardian Angel in Allendale. We did this with some trepidation as it involved a significant increase in our financial commitment, which we hoped would be offset by a larger playing site and the opportunity to offer additional sessions of bridge. I am very pleased to report that the tournament was quite a success, achieving a total of 146 tables. Many thanks to Carol McMackin for a job extremely well done.

You may also recall that I discussed last time the problems we had with the location for the Johnke. Given that we had to find new quarters on such short notice, I thought our Johnke committee did an admirable job. Well, the Reitman committee has had a bit more time to find a site, and I am very pleased to report that, after a very extensive search, they found a super location at which to hold the Reitman. It will be held at the Felician College in Lodi. Additionally, the format for the Reitman has changed. It will be a 2-session Swiss with the event being completed that day. There will be no knock-out phase of this event. Details appear in this newsletter. If you've been holding off because of concern about the playing site, hold off no longer. Get your entries in!

As this is likely the last President's letter I will be writing to you, I wanted to return to a topic that I have mentioned more than once and that is behavior at the bridge table. I continue to see people abusing their partners. It continues to boggle my mind what partners who are married are willing to say to each other at the bridge table. We all know the reasons why people say nasty things at the table. Bridge is competitive, and the more seriously you take it, the more importance seems to attach to any given hand. It is easy to lose perspective and say something less than charitable in the heat of the moment. Over the long term, and you might not make it to the long term, this has a corrosive effect on your relationship with your partner.

Various people have put forth suggestions on how to be a good partner. At our recent NLM sectional, Blair Seidler had some advice for one of the newer players and it goes without saying that this advice applies equally to the more experienced among us. I am happy to share it with you.

### **Blairs's Three Laws of Partnership Harmony**

1. Only discuss agreement issues during the session. Questions should be phrased neutrally, such as "I thought we had agreed to play that 2NT showed a 4-card limit raise over double?" This sort of non-confrontational question should allow for partner to respond without becoming defensive, and will allow you to create an agreement at least for the rest of the session.
2. NEVER berate partner after partner has apologized, no matter how truly offensive partner's error may have been.
3. When you are certain that partner has made a bid or play (particularly a defensive play) that is truly egregious, wait until the session is over and you are away from the heat of the battle preferable with a drink in each of your hands. Even then, try to ask non-confrontational questions. "How could I have helped you solved this problem? What could I have done differently?" Even if you are certain that partner is entirely at fault, this is the type of question which is most likely to allow you and your partner to engage in a constructive dialogue. Any question that starts with "How could you..." is going to result in partner becoming defensive and trying to justify what he or she has done rather than to try and work towards getting a similar problem right next time.

The key theme here is to remember that your partner WANTS to bid and play well. When partner fails to do so, it is not out of desire to make your life miserable, but for some other reason. Remember that you are both on the same side, and try to make sure that all discussions of errors are constructive, not destructive. If you can discuss partner's errors (and your own) with a detached, clinical tone, you are much more likely to be able to improve as a partnership. Good advice for us all.



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**In Memory Of**  
Sandy Arons  
Rocco Mancini  
Sarah Wile

Unit 106 Web Site —  
[www.bridge-njba.org](http://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  
105 Cottage Place at Franklin Ave  
Ridgewood (201-652-2422)  
For info, JoAnn Van Delft (201-891-4226)  
or James Michaelis (201-262-5228)  
www.ridgewoodbridge.com

Mon	12:00	Free Advanced Lesson
	12:30	Open (Light Lunch)
Wed	12:00	Free Lesson
	12:30	Open (Light Lunch)
Thurs	12:45	Free Mini-Lesson
	1:00	0-500 Pairs (21 boards) (Reduced entry fee)
Fri	12:00	Free Lesson
	12:30	Open (Light Lunch)

## GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

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

Mon	10:00	Intermed Workshops (As scheduled—See website)
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	7:30	Lesson/Intermediate
	7:30	IMP Pairs
Tues	9:30	Beginner I
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	12:30	0-99 Pairs
	7:00	Supervised Play
	7:00	Intermed Workshops (As scheduled—See website)
Wed	9:30	Supervised Play
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	7:30	Stratified Open Pairs
Thurs	9:30	Beginner II
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
	7:00	0-750 Pairs
Fri	9:30	0—50 Pairs
	12:30	Stratified Open Pairs
Sat	10:00	Beginner I
	12:30	Brunch/Stratified Pairs
Sun	1:00	Brunch/Stratified Pairs

## NON-SMOKER'S BRIDGE CLUB

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

Sat	7:10	Lecture/Open
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## 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
	8:00	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 Sat ONLY
		Potluck Dinner @ 7:15
Sun	7:00	Open

## SPARTA AFTERNOON CLUB

SPARTA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB  
Sparta Public Library

Mon	12:00	
		Bob Wengert @ 973-293-3957
Thurs	7:00	
		Sue Green @973-729-9371 sueg@tellurian.com

## TENAFLY RECREATION CLUB

The Senior Center, Summit Street  
Betty Ann Smith @201-567-6047  
201-394-5754

Tues	7:15	Open
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## THE BRIDGE TABLE—Franklin Lakes

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

Mon	12:15	Lunch/Lesson
	1:00	Open Game
Tues	9:30	299er Lesson/Game
Thurs	12:15	Lunch/Lesson
	1:00	Open Game
		0-20 Game
	7:00	Lesson/Open Game
Fri	9:30	Bagels/Lesson
	10:00	Open Game

## THE BRIDGE TABLE—Teaneck

Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd.  
201-818-0141

Wed	9:30	Bagels/Lesson
	10:00	Open Game

## RICHARD NEST SENIOR CENTER

Anderson Ave, Fort Lee  
Ruth Bernstein @ 201-962-8116

Fri	12:30	Open to Seniors with under 300 masterpoints Sandwiches and Coffee Provided
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## New Members & Transfers

### New Members through September

Suellen Freeman	Evelyn Goldfeier
Elissa Goldstein	V. John Guther
Yoosuf Haveliwala	Jane Hirsch
Helen Hoffman	Patricia Isaacs
Veronica Liebling	Carol Lieser
Den Luciano	Maureen Margolin
Pam Mills	Maria Nest
Carol Ritter	Maureen Rives
Lydia Rogers	Michelle Sassoun
Anne Schubert	Ann Scott
Robert Shoenfeld	Dennis Vengel
Marjorie Whitman	Patricia Wilcha
Susan Wright	Nancy Zambelli

### Transfers In

Beatrice Brown	Dirk Enthoven
Mies Enthoven	Sydney Fried
Alice Hall	Marty Huber
Mark Needle	Anne Siegelaub

## Congratulations

### New Life Masters

Neil Gordon  
James Sundstrom  
Jay Kundu  
Barbara LeVay  
Al Tauber  
Rose Tauber

### Bronze Life Master

Marlene Case  
Michael Golden  
Victor Hsu  
Dan Peters  
Al Tauber  
Rose Tauber  
Marie Wolfson

### Silver Life Master

Pam Gorbics  
Rose Larsen  
Ron Nelken  
Joe Pospis  
Helen Wallach  
Bob Zehm

### Gold Life Master

Bruce Rogoff

# Tournament & Club Calendar

## October—Club Appreciation Month

Tues	3	- 10/9 Club Appreciation ALL SESSIONS	Maywood
Fri	6	"Eight is Enough Swiss" Club Appreciation Swiss—Reservations Required	Maywood
Sat	7	Club Appreciation Swiss	Non-Smokers
Wed	11	Club Championship	Evening
Thurs	12	Club Championship	Evening
Fri	13	Charity Game—Aft	Rockland
Sat	14	Club Championship	Afternoon
Sun	15	Charity Game—Aft	Maywood
Sun	15	Club Championship	Evening
<b>Mon</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-10/22, District 3 Regional, Danbury, CT</b>	
Sat	21	Club Appreciation	Non-Smokers
<b>Mon</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>- 10/29 STaC— Sectional Tournament at Clubs</b>	
Fri	27	0-500 Silver Point Swiss Eve Reservations Required	Maywood

## November

Mon	6	Charity Game—Aft	Maywood
Mon	6	Club Championship	Evening
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>- 11/12 Allendale Sectional</b>	
Tues	14	Club Championship	Afternoon
Wed	15	Club Championship	The Bridge Table
Wed	15	Club Championship	Afternoon
Thurs	16	Charity Game—Aft	Maywood
Fri	17	Charity Game—Aft	Maywood
Fri	17	Dinner Swiss—Reservations Required	Maywood
Fri	17	Club Championship	Evening
Sat	18	Upgraded Club Championship	Non-Smokers
Mon	20	Club Championship	Afternoon
Mon	27	ACBL-Wide Charity Game	Evening

## December

Fri	1	Club Championship	Afternoon
Sat	2	- Fri 12/8 Membership Games All Sessions	Maywood
Sat	2	Club Championship	Evening
Sun	3	Membership Game—Eve	Rockland
Sun	10	Club Championship	Afternoon
Tues	12	Club Championship	Evening
Fri	15	Charity Game—AM	Maywood
Fri	15	Membership Swiss—Eve Reservations Required	Maywood
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>UNIT 106 ANNUAL DINNER/GAME</b>	
Thurs	21	Club Championship	Afternoon

## January

Sun	7	Club Championship	Evening
<b>Tues</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>- 1/15 District 3 Regional, Rye Brook, NY</b>	
Wed	17	Club Championship	Evening
Thurs	18	Club Championship	Evening
Sat	20	Club Championship	Afternoon
<b>Fri</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>- Sun 1/28 Allendale Sectional</b>	



# Plan Ahead

## Looking Ahead in Unit 106

Nelson Reitman Teams—October 14  
STaC—Silver Points at the Club—Oct 23—29  
PRO-AM—October 28  
Unit 106 Allendale Sectional  
Nov 10-12  
Unit 106 Annual Dinner & Bridge Game  
December 17

## Upcoming District 3 Events

District 3 NAOP Finals—September 30—  
Allendale  
Danbury Regional—October 16—October 22  
Rye Regional—January 9—15

## October 23—29 Sectional Tournament at Clubs

**STaC** This is the week to  
play. Please check  
schedule of games  
with clubs. Play often  
and win lots of  
**SILVER  
POINTS**

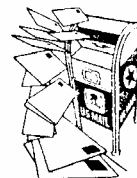
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## THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

This has been quite a summer for "Yours Truly"... I started out on June 9th going to Verona, Italy to chair Appeals and attend meeting for the World Bridge Federation. The United States came home with a fistful of medals.... We won the Gold, Silver and Bronze in the Mixed Pairs, 1st and 2nd in the Rosenblum Open Teams, 2nd in the Women's Teams with Irina Levitina on the team and then Kerri Sanborn and Irina brought home the Gold in the Women's Pairs. WOW! Congratulations Irina!!! We're all very proud of your accomplishments.

Home from Verona for a few days and then I was off to meetings and a bit of play at the Chicago NABC. It was a great tournament. The hotel is situated overlooking the river and Lake Michigan so the views were spectacular. All the bridge play under one roof as long as your didn't mind riding up and down elevators and escalators to get to the playing area. Many restaurants in walking distance so in spite of the fact that there were problems with getting rooms at the hotel, it was a well-attended NABC and the host group did a great job! Then home a few days and off to Bangkok, Thailand to work at the World Junior Team Championships. It was perhaps the best championship ever. There were 18 teams in the Junior Event (up to 26 years old) and 16 teams in the Schools Event. (up to 21 and must be attending school or university.) Again, USA came home with the Gold in the Junior Division for the 2nd straight year. The team was captained by Bob Rosen with Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Ari Greenberg, Justin Lall, Jason Feldman and Josh Donn. Many of you play against Joe and John at your sectionals and our regionals. Be sure to congratulate them. They were on the winning team last year and also on the winning team in Brazil. What a great accomplishment!

As I write this, the United States Team Trials are taking place in White Plains at the Crowne Plaza Hotel where our Regional was in '05. Being in my hometown, I made the arrangements and am helping out at the tournament. A record number of teams participated in the beginning round robin. 28 Teams in the round robin and 12 qualified for the next stage. Believe it or not, 7 out of the 12 teams that qualified were what I call "home grown." They were our "stars" from Districts 3, 24 and 25—a great showing! The USBF loves this location and hopes that they will be able to return. Thanks to Jerry Goodman and Glenda Calkins for helping out.

My condolences to Betty Ann Smith on the loss of her husband, Jack. Life will not be the same, but we love her and hope we can in some small way, fill the void.

Don't forget to enjoy Fall Foliage with us in Danbury, CT from October 16—22. Red and Gold points galore, lots of KOs, Swiss Teams and Newplicate games. Stop by the Hospitality room after the evening sessions. Danbury is just a hop, skip and jump from Unit 106. Hope to see you all there.

Joan Gerard, District Director

**Reserve  
Early!**



### District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional Danbury CT — Oct. 16–22, 2006

#### Sheraton Danbury Hotel

18 Old Ridgebury Road • Danbury CT 06810  
203-794-0600

**\$79 Single/double plus applicable taxes.**  
Reservation Deadline — Oct. 2 at 5 pm

**Room Problems** — Check with Joan Gerard  
914-948-0841 joanandron@att.net

**Directions to Hotel** — From the East: Rte 84 to Exit 2A. Follow Old Ridgebury Rd. around curve and up hill. Hotel will be visible on left. From the West: Rte 84 to Exit 2. Make left and then right following signs to US 202 and US 6. Make another right onto Old Ridgebury Rd. From the South: Rte 684 to Exit 9E and follow Rte 84 as above.

#### Intermediate/Newplicate

(0-200 MPs) games will be stratified if possible  
Early times — all events are one session  
Tues. thru Sat. — 10 am and 3 pm  
Play both sessions any day  
Tues. thru Sat. and get a free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions.  
Swiss Teams (single session) on Sun. at 10:30 am

**For information**  
Cheryl Porter-Garofalo  
201-641-8055  
magic7nt@earthlink.net

#### Tournament Manager

Stephen Arshan  
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stevearshan@yahoo.com

#### Pairings

MaryAnn Klopfenstein  
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#### Stratified Games

A (2000+) B (750-2000)  
C (0-750)  
**Compact KO Teams** - 12 bd. matches 4-person teams only  
All **KO Teams** are random draw within brackets  
\*Mid-Chart allowed in top bracket

#### Monday, Oct. 16

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

#### Tuesday, Oct. 17

Stratified Senior Prs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
**NEW** Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs) 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series I (1st & 2nd)..... 1 / 7 pm

#### Wednesday, Oct. 18

\*Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
One Session Swiss (Red) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series I (3rd & 4th) ..... 1 / 7 pm  
\*Bracketed KO Tms II ..... 7 pm  
Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm

#### Thursday, Oct. 19

Stratified Senior Prs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs)..... 1 & 7 pm  
Side Game Series I (5th & 6th)..... 1 / 7 pm

#### Friday, Oct. 20

\*Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified Senior Prs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
One Session Swiss (Red) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series II (1st & 2nd)..... 1 / 7 pm  
\*Bracketed KO Tms III ..... 7 pm  
Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm



#### "Bridge at its Best"

Visit our website at [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org)

#### Saturday, Oct. 21

\*Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm  
Stratified Senior Prs ..... 10 am & 3 pm  
Stratified Open Prs ..... 1 & 7 pm  
One Session Swiss (Red) ..... 1 pm  
Side Game Series II (3rd & 4th)..... 1 / 7 pm

#### Sunday, Oct. 22

Stratified Swiss Tms (VPs)..... 10:30 am  
Flt. A (3000+ & 0-3000) (separate)  
Flt. B & C (Stratified)  
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VPs) ..... 10:30 am  
*Playthrough for Swiss Team events*  
Side Game Series II (5th)..... 10:30 am

**District 3 thanks District 25 (New England)  
for the loan of Connecticut to hold our Regional.**



# UNIT 106 HAPPENINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SLATE FOR 2007 ELECTION OF UNIT 106 BOARD MEMBERS

The Nominating Committee has completed its work and is happy to submit the following slate for 2007-2008. The committee consisted of Board Members: Chair, Andy Lohan, Tod Thorgersen and Gale Mirro. Members-at-Large were: Ruth Bernstein, Barkley Calkins, Amy Nellissen and Paul Nickerson. The newly proposed slate is:

Glenda Calkins	Mary Giannella	Bruce Humphreys	Susan Koster	Carol McMackin
Betty Price	Blair Seider	Betty Ann Smith	Neale Van Delft	Mary Ellen Zaske

Thank you to all who applied. We will ask all who were not nominated to serve on a committee of the Board. Ballots are due prior to the annual meeting which will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2006. It is important to vote, so please return your ballot promptly. Ballots should be returned to:

Gale Mirro—485 Franklin Avenue—Wyckoff, NJ 07481

### Bob Johnke Team Event

The Bob Johnke Team Event was held on March 25. 32 teams entered the event. In spite of the playing site being less than optimal, a wonderful time was had by all. The final results are:

#### Flight A

- 1 Blair Seidler, Tod Thorgersen, Eva Scatassa, Sandy Burns
- 2 Sheldon & Elaine Berger, Sarah Wiener, John Hogan
- 3 Burrell & Joy Humphreys, Eli & Cynthia Schneider

#### Flight B

- 1 Matt O'Connor, James Sundtrom, Don Belfer, Victor Hsu
- 2 Joe Pospis, John Wass, Marilyn & Michael Jeshion
- 3/4 Rose & Al Tauber, Serge & Marianne Aronovich
- 3/4 Lee Ohliger, Jonathan Ohliger, Bruce Humphreys, Sandy Johnson
- 5 Myra Rosenberg, Marie Wolfson, Lan Go, Will Swartchild

#### Flight C

- 1 Brian Kruse, Ned Elton, Richard & Janet Stroh
- 2 Mary Ellen Zaske, Betty Hough, Jennifer Nisenoff, Michael Varhalamas
- 3/4 Pam Ziegel, Roberta Conant, Doris Wolf, Margie Daniels
- 3/4 Susannah Conklin, Barbara Infeld, Cindy Rosen, Connie Heytink

Many thanks to the Johnke committee: Tod Thorgersen, Michael Jeshion, Gale Mirro, Frank Grunebaum and Blair Seidler. Thank you to Jerry Goodman who directed the event. Join us for our next unit-subsidized dinner event: The Reitman Teams which will be held on Saturday, October 14 at Felician College in Lodi, NJ

## 0-49 Pro-Am

**Saturday, October 28, 2006**

### PLAY WITH AN EXPERIENCED PLAYER!

To arrange a partnership, call  
Betty Price at 201-327-6875

**Or check your local club to sign up by  
OCTOBER 9th**

Co-Chairs: Elaine Meyers, Betty Hough & Penny Paikin

Games played simultaneously at:

Glen Rock Bridge Center @ Maywood	201-368-8133
Rockland Bridge Center	845-351-5993
The Bridge Table @ Franklin Lakes	201-818-0141

*Free Lunch at 12:00 pm  
Game Time at 12:30 pm  
Analysis Sheets for All  
Bridge Gifts for Amateurs*

## 0-49 Pro-Am



## And Away We Go

by Frank Grunebaum

Another exciting afternoon of bridge. Sitting South, I opened the bidding with the following hand.

The auction proceeded as follows:

South	West	North	East
2C(1)	P	2H(2)	P
4N(3)	P	5H(4)	P
7N(5)			

♠	AKJ
♥	KQ1097543
♦	A
♣	A



1— forcing      2— either an ace or 2 kings (controls) 3— Which one, an ace or 2 kings? 4— ace  
5—I can not let north play 7 hearts!

What is my chance for success?

- 33 1/3% that my partner has the spade queen
- 20% that spades are led
- 10% - 20% that the queen is doubleton or singleton
- 50% chance on a spade finesse
- On a squeeze

♠	Q9xx
♥	xx
♦	KQxx
♣	Jxx

♠	87xx
♥	A
♦	Jxxx
♣	10xxx

♠	10x
♥	xx
♦	10xxx
♣	KQxxx

♠	AKJ
♥	KQ1097543
♦	A
♣	A

None of these possibilities equal 75%. In this situation, 6 NT is virtually safe, while 7 NT does not equal the required 75%. However, when is the last time you bid 7 NT? But, I love this game and it is a challenge that I

can not resist! The opening lead was the King of Diamonds, follow by the 5, the 8 and my ace. I assumed that west is a favorite to have the queen of diamonds for the lead. At that point, I decided on a squeeze. I played the ace of spades followed by seven hearts. This is the position with 3 cards left to go.

I played the ace of clubs. West played the nine of spades. The contract was safe. When all is said and done, win or lose it was mucho fun!



♠	Q9
♥	
♦	Q
♣	

♠	x
♥	
♦	Jx
♣	

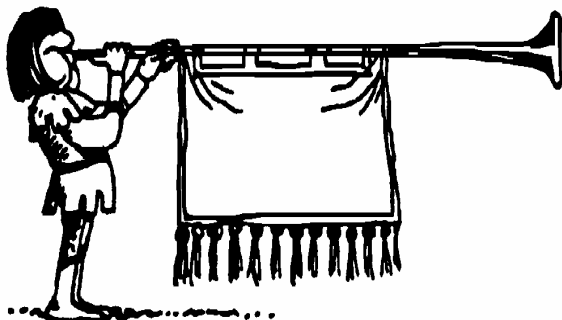
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♦	x
♣	KQ

♠	KJ
♥	
♦	
♣	A

## NLM Sectional

Many thanks to all the guest lecturers and to the volunteers. We appreciate your support as always.

The Non-Life Master Sectional was held August 4—6 at Guardian Angel Auditorium in Allendale. The attendance was great. We had 146 tables of bridge in play over 7 sessions.



- ♠ 271 players participated in the NLM Sectional
- ♠ 202 of the 271 players won masterpoints
- ♠ 319.75 silver masterpoints were awarded
- ♠ Congratulations to **Gale Mirro** and **Ed Wiley** for
- ♠ winning the most Masterpoints of the event: 8.08 mps each!

Carol McMackin, Chairperson

## When Bridge "Ain't So Grand"

by Steve Nellissen

One would like to think that going plus 1000 on most hands would be a good result, wouldn't you? How about making a redoubled contract with an overtrick? Even better. How about both! Take a look at this layout from a recent pairs event in Cherry Hill.

♠ KJ	♠ AQ10xxxx	♠ xxx
♥ KQJ10xxxx	♥ Ax	♥ xxx
♦ Jx	♦ A	♦ 9xxx
♣ x	♣ Axx	♣ J109x
	♠ x	
	♥ x	
	♦ KQ10xxx	
	♣ KQxxx	



No one is vulnerable and my regular partner decides to open the North hand 2 clubs. Maybe not your choice, but he doesn't want to play in 1 spade opposite a hand needing only the spade king or perhaps the jack of spades and the king of clubs. The east hand passes and I respond 3 diamonds which is natural and positive with a decent suit (2 of the top 3 honors with 5 pieces or 3 of the top 5 with 6 pieces.) West now jumps to 4 hearts and my partner bids 4 spades. So far the auction seems fairly normal for a frisky matchpoint hand. I bid 5 clubs hoping it is natural, but ready to apologize should I later discover in our notes that this is a cue bid in support of spades. Suddenly we enter the "Twilight Zone" as West decides to double my 5 club bid for no apparent reason. My partner, of course, prefers clubs to diamonds and has pretty much shown his hand, so he passes. East has nothing to say. I decide to redouble, hoping that this shows a suit and not a club void in support of spades. Now, if I were West and heard the redouble, I'd be thinking, "Okay, my Stripe-tailed ape" double didn't work and I'd probably come out of the bushes and bid 5 hearts. A "Stripe-tailed ape" double invented or at least publicized by the late John Lowenthal, is made by one who is familiar enough with scoring to realize that doubling a 5 level contract that is cold for 6 (which scores less) may keep the opponents from bidding their cold slam. Now, should the opponents redouble the result, the score will be more than the value of the slam and the doubler must run to his long suit. This tactic is usually employed when non-vulnerable against vulnerable opponents.

Well, hopefully you have guessed by now that West did pass and so did my partner and he made 6 which of course totaled 1000 which is more than 6 clubs making 6 which is only 920. "Ain't that Grand!" Hold on... the sad part of the story, of course, is that we received a below-average score!! Many pairs bid 6 spades and with the help of a finesse made 1010! 2 pairs bid 6 no trump and with the finesse and diamonds behaving scored 1020. I'd like to think that West made a brilliant double and was preparing to rename the "Stripe-tailed ape", unfortunately I haven't seen him since. Even when your score is below average, Bridge is still grand!

### FOR LOVE OF THE GAME A tribute to Sandy Arons and Sarah Wile

We at Maywood lost two charming women this summer. Although they were at different stages of their bridge careers, they both possessed grace, courage, and a gritty determination as they fought their battles with cancer, which they ultimately lost - too soon for their family and friends.

I was fortunate to have Sarah Wile as a bridge partner and friend, while Sandy Arons was often my opponent, but only at the bridge table. Sandy had played many years and won many times, while Sarah was just beginning her bridge odyssey. Sarah had a real flair for the game, and a generosity at the table that exemplified the good sportsmanship she demonstrated during her tennis career. Her graciousness made everyone welcome and "at home" when they came to our table.

Both were fierce competitors and both used the game to help them through their bad days. Sandy frequently arrived at game time from the doctor's office after receiving treatment, looking frail but elegant. Sarah always arrived with a smile. You felt better after being with both of them. Bridge became their lifeline to better times.

Our lives are diminished by their loss, but enriched through having them be a part of it - for however briefly it lasted. They were dealt a bad hand but played it like champions. Valiant in life, their love of the game serves as a tribute to their memory.

Cheryl Porter-Garofalo

# Player of the Year Update

Point Leaders for Player of the Year 12/2/05—8/28/06 by Blair Seidler, Player of the Year Coordinator

The May and August Unit-wide games and the Johnke teams have now been posted.

**Sandy Burns** has moved into the top spot in the overall race with his 2nd straight win in the Flight A Johnke teams. There are four players within 11/2 points of Sandy, including **Don Belfer** from the NLM Under 300 group. Don won the Flight B Johnke teams and only teammate **Matt O'Connor** is within sight in the NLM group. The good news for his competition is that Don made Life Master in August and will be moving to the LM Under 1000 group next year.

**Doree Sobel** has extended her lead in the Under 1000 group with an overall placing in the May Unit-wide. The only move in the Intermediate category was by **Barbara Lasher** who moved into 2nd with an overall placing in the May Unit-wide.

The remaining events for the 2006 Player of the Year race are the Unit Wide on September 25, the REitman teams on October 14th and the September and November Allendale Sectionals.

## Novice—Under 20

John Dudas	4.16
Karl Hiller	2.91
Judy Levy	2.75
Sara Streatfeild	2.48

## Intermediate—Under 100

Edwin Elton	8.49
Barbara Lasher	6.40
Jian Wang	6.13
David Stein	5.91

## Non LM—Under 300

Donald Belfer	29.02
Matt O'Connor	18.61
Michael Flaster	9.70
Neil Gordon	9.01

## Under 1000

Doree Sobel	21.41
Ron Nelken	14.05
Sally Sonne	13.32
Robert Porter	12.34

## LM—Over 1000

Sandy Burns	29.95
Lee Ohliger	29.49
Tod Thorgersen	29.29
John Hogan, Jr.	28.55

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.

## Events Processed:

Unit-Wides: March, May, August  
 Bob Johnke: March  
 Annual Dinner for Seiden Trophy: December  
 Sectionals: January, April



## Winners ~ May 15- August 15

**Bergen:** *Club Championship:* Sandy Burns & Lenore Server, Irene Poonarian & Ruth Freedlander, Blair Seidler & Tod Thorgersen, Helen Emanuel & Cy Hertzberg, Sandy Burns & Rena Harris

**Maywood:** *Club Championship:* Cheryl Garofalo & Enid Steinmark, Roslyn Rubenstein & Joan Haussmann, Barbara Deutsch & Charlie Friedman, Joanne Salomon & Al Pagan, Millie Curman & Janis Rush, Rena Harris & Roger Nortman, Shelly Berger & Jaime Roitman, Sandy Arons & Roslyn Rubenstein, Abby Brawer & Jim Jensen, Saeko Hisayama & Marie Wolfson, Joanne Salomon & Roger Nortman, Jane Bernick & Kathy Potoski, Phyllis Schreiber & Ruth Smilowitz, Phyllis & Charlie Fuchs, Joan & Art Lesemann, Brian Schroeder & David Standig, Rhoda Ferat & Sarah Wiener *Charity:* Judy & Ron Loeb, Barbara & Howard Siegeman, Enid Steinmark & Marvin Deneroff, Kurt Lang & Jian Wang, Sylvia Rachesky & Al Pagan, Ruth Bodden & Rena Harris, Joan Haussmann & Barbara Rahuba, Julian Katz & Lee Wilson, Carol Field & Joanne Salomon, Barbara & Art Sternberg, Jean Elkin & Roger Nortman, Marilyn Wells & Ken Jeffery, Donna Devine & Andy Lohan *World-Wide Pairs:* Susan Koster & Gale Mirro, Barbara & Art Sternberg, Lisa Insolera & Roger Nortman, Abby Brawer & Carol Coan, Marvin Deneroff & Burrell Humphreys *International Fund:* Janis Rush & Richard Rosner, Helen Eisenberg & MaBel Yunis

**Ridgewood:** *Club Championship:* Dirk & Mies Enthoven, Ruth Haynes & Roland Dumont

**Rockland:** *Club Championship:* Dolores & Bob Hodesblatt, Veronica DeMatolay & Harriet Horowitz, Rosemarie Whitmore & Myra Bachman, Myron Rimer & Allan Rosenbluem, Marty Singer & Joel Levy, Dan Wolf & Stu Tarkan, Natalie Cohen & Penny Paiken, Dave Herold & Gabe Weingarten, Arty Green & Lew Engber, Doree Sobel & Sarah Wiener, Ira Birnbaum & Hank Fuld, Irene Schwartz & Myra Bachman, Harvey Mandel & Sue DePuyt *Charity:* Elaine Schwartz & T. Seng Tjoa *Worldwide Pairs:* Ros Elk & Len Helfgott, Marty Weiss & Beverly Tuck-Sherman *International Fund Game:* Ed Wilson & Paul Fagan

**The Bridge Table:** *Club Championship:* Giri Giridhar & Brian Kruse, Doug Gerritsen & Giri Giridhar, Barbara LeVay & Ed Vadala, Sara Streatfeild & Al Spooner, Peggy Schroeder & Martin Fox *ICC:* Valerie Tritt & Toby Baskind (2nd Nationally), Gerald Schraub & Joao Martins (4th Nationally) *Junior Fund:* Marc Julius & Don Belfer

# You're Invited to Unit 106's Annual Dinner



Sunday Evening, December 17, 2006

at *The Cotillion of Garfield*

454 Midland Ave., Garfield, NJ 07026

201-WEDDING

The **NJBA** Annual Dinner will begin with hors d'oeuvres and a cocktail hour, followed by dinner and award presentations. Following the dinner and annual meeting activities, a **stratified** bridge game for the **Nat Seiden Trophy** will be held. This is an opportunity to meet and greet your friends as well as the Board members who work so hard for you all year round. Dress is semi-formal. Men are requested to wear jackets. The schedule is:

Cocktails 4:30—5:30  
Dinner and Annual Meeting 5:30—7:00  
Bridge 7:00

Reservations must be returned by **December 1, 2006**. Entries will **not** be accepted at the door. Please send a check payable to **NJBA with your reservation form** to Mary Giannella, 17 Smith Lane, Wayne, NJ 07470. (973-694-5572) Thank you. **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR RESERVATION WITH YOUR BALLOT!**

Please accept my reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Table Name (full tables of 10 only) \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

People seated at the table.

**Unit 106 MEMBERS NON-UNIT**

Dinner and Bridge	\$37.50	\$42.50
Dinner Only	\$32.50	\$37.50
Bridge Only	\$10.00	

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**Dinner Selections: Please mark quantity of each for this reservation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Marsala**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Chateaubriand with a Burgundy Wine Sauce**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Poached Salmon**

**Please indicate pairs of bridge partners on this form. If you need more room, please use the reverse side. If you have any special seating requests, please indicate this as well.**

## Directions

From Route 80—Exit # 62, Saddle Brook. Follow signs to Midland Ave. Left onto Midland Avenue. The Cotillion is 1 1/2 miles down on the left.

From the Garden State Parkway—Exit 159. Follow signs to Saddle Brook.  
From Northbound, turn left on Midland Ave.  
From Southbound, turn right on Midland Ave.  
The Cotillion is 1 1/2 miles down on the left.

# Nelson Reitman Team Event

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

Play within your own flight!

2-session Swiss Teams

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006

12:00 noon and TBA

Felician College Auditorium/Cafeteria, Lodi, NJ



*New Format  
New Playing Site*

## PRICE INCLUDES BRIDGE FEES AND CATERED DINNER

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

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 October 7.

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

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

For more information and directions, see our webpage at [www.bridge-njba.org](http://www.bridge-njba.org).

## ***Nelson Reitman Teams Registration***

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

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 October 7th.

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.**

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# Allendale

UNIT 106 SECTIONAL

GUARDIAN ANGEL AUDITORIUM  
E. Allendale Avenue—Allendale, NJ



NOVEMBER 10-12 2006

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00 Beginners & Newcomers (0-20 masterpoints)  
\$3.00 Duplicate Game with Free Breakfast & Lesson
- 1:00 Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs
- 7:00 299er Swiss Teams with lesson
- 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 10:00 Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 299er Pairs
- 3:00 Stratiflighted Charity IMP Pairs  
Stratified Charity 299er Pairs

Charity Pairs will benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 11:00 Bagel Brunch
- 11:30 Stratiflighted Swiss Teams  
Flight A plays separately
- 7 round Play-through (Light supper served during game)

Stratified Games: A:1500+ B:750-1500, C:0-750  
Stratiflighted Games: A: 0-oo; B:750- 1500, C:0-750  
299er Games: 50/100/300  
Stratiflighted Swiss: A:0-oo B:750-1500, C:300-750, D:0-300

### DIRECTIONS:

**From the South:** Take Route 17 North to Allendale exit. Continue on Allendale Avenue towards Allendale—to the Guardian Angel Church 1 mile on left.

**From the North:** Take Route 17 South to Allendale exit and follow directions as above.

For more information see our website at [www.bridge-njba.org](http://www.bridge-njba.org)

### Tournament Co-Chairs:

Marlene Case @ 845-942-1182

Betty Price @ 201-327-6875

### Pairings:

Sue Green @ 973-729-9371

Richard Rosner @ 201-894-1112

### Game Site Phone:

201-417-3944

845-304-1875

Head Director: Frank Allison

**CHECK SCHEDULE**

**CAREFULLY:**

**New Schedule**

**New Times**

**New Strats**

**Silver Points**

**PERIODICAL—TIME DATED MATERIAL—PLEASE DELIVER BY OCTOBER 4**