



AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 106

NEWSLETTER

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January 2020

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year! The past is history and 2020 is here.

I would like to express my gratitude for all of the work that the Board members (and some non-board members) did in 2019. You really missed out if you were unable to attend the 2019 Annual Brunch which was a big success. Congratulations to all of the winners of the various annual awards presented including: Michelle Lanigan - Alex Gruder Dedicated Service Award; Debi Fabian - Mark Skinner Bridge Promotion Award; and Phyllis Fuchs - Charles Karp Good Sportsmanship Award. Also congratulations to Lee Ohliger, winner of the Bill Joseph Player of the Year award.

I welcome all the new members to the Board and thank the outgoing members for their service. It is only through working together that we can carry on running the Unit and ensuring that the events are enjoyable and a success. Special thanks to Susan Koster who served as President for the past two years. She went above and beyond and worked with all the Board Members to ensure that things went smoothly.

I encourage everyone to participate in the Allendale sectional on January 10, 11 & 12. Come and play and enjoy the game.

Pat Linnemeyer

Upcoming Events in the Unit for 2020

Event flyers are available at local clubs and on the web (www.bridge-njba.org)

January 1-31	Junior Fund Month	June 1 - August 31	NAP Qualifying
January 4	Unit 106 Annual Brunch	June 8-14	Multi-Unit STAC
January 10-12	Unit 106 Sectional	September 1-30	International Fund Month
January 26	D3 GNT Finals	September 11-13	Unit 106 Sectional
March 9-15	Multi-Unit STAC	October 1-31	Club Appreciation Games
April 1-30	Charity Fund Month	October 3	Nelson Reitman
April 17-19	Unit 106 Sectional	October 10	D3 NAP Finals
May 1-30	Grass Roots Fund Month	October 19-25	Multi-Unit STAC
May 2	Bob Johnke	November 13-15	Unit 106 Sectional
June TBD	Pro-Am	December TBD	Unit 106 Annual Brunch

NJBA UNIT 106 DIRECTORY FOR 2020

Unit 106 Web Site
www.bridge-njba.org

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Sam Ghosh**	201-265-4813	Membership	
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Betty Hough-n	201-689-7332	Prizes	
Steve Nellissen-n	201-818-0141	Tod Thorgersen	201-440-3090
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Dan Benjamin-n	973-831-8337	Peri Namerow	201-248-6654
Caddies		Youth Bridge	
Susan Heiferman	845-304-2772	Barbara Ganin-n	201-446-4649
Pairings at Unit Events		Web Site	
Joel Lipset	917-855-8918	Richard Podkowik	239-410-4992
Ron Nelken	973-365-0740	Player of the Year	
Auditor		Richard Podkowik	239-410-4992
Doug Cestone**	201-444-2348	Counsel	
Annual Brunch		Julian Schulman	845-368-0104
Pat Linnemeyer**	201-651-0208	** Denotes Committee Chairperson	
Michelle Lanigan-n	201-447-3709	-n = non-board member	
Joanne Klaus-n	201-327-2910		

In Memory of:

Giri Giridhar
 Irene Poonarian
 Cheryl Porter

Youth Bridge Teachers are needed to expand our youth bridge program.

Contact: Barbara Ganin
 201-446-4649



Club Directory

New Members & Transfers

BRIDGE CENTER at RIDGEWOOD

105 Cottage Place, Christ Church
Ridgewood, NJ (201-741-4187)
www.ridgewoodbridge.com
(see website for game schedule)

GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

230 W. Passaic St, Maywood, NJ
201-368-8133
www.glenrockbridge.com
(see website for game schedule)

SPARTA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Sparta Public Library
22 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ
Chris Schwinger (973-479-7918)
spartabridge@optonline.net
Thurs 6:30pm Open Game

SPARTA AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB

Shepherd of the Hills Church
246 Woodport Rd, Sparta, NJ
Deborah Fabian (973-426-3234)
www.fabianbridge.com
(see website for game schedule)

JCC on the PALISADES BRIDGE CLUB

411 E. Clinton Ave, Tenaflly, NJ
Ruth Bernstein @ 201-962-8116
Fri 12:00 Open to Seniors 0-1500 pts

ROCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB BETH AM TEMPLE

60 E. Madison Ave, Pearl River, NY
845-608-6409
www.rocklandbridgecenter.com
(see website for game schedule)

THE BRIDGE TABLE

TEMPLE BETH OR
55 Ridgewood Rd, Washington Twp., NJ
201-818-0141
www.thebridgetable.com
(see website for game schedule)

TENAFLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

The Senior Center
South Summit St, Tenaflly, NJ
Betty Ann Smith @ 201-394-5754
Tues 7:00 Open Game

New Members through December 1st, 2019

Gloria Bello	Joan Bogner
Elise Falvey	Muriel Fitzpatrick
Fran Guzy	Eileen Hart
Judi Herrmann	Lillian Kleinfeld
David Ling	William Pedersen
Jane Rosenblum	Bari Samson

Transfers In

Carol Brandes	Bernice Haimson
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New Bronze Life Masters

David Bushman	Susan Capeci
Irene Fink	Harvey Lander
Fred Shubert	

New Silver Life Masters

Joel Lipset	Lois Spagna
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New Ruby Life Masters

Joanne Klaus

New Gold Life Masters

Marvin Brown

New Sapphire Life Masters

Myron Rimer	Gregory Rosoff
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New Diamond Life Masters

Joyce Menezes



Next Unit 106 Sectional January 10 - 12, 2020

Guardian Angel Auditorium
E. Allendale Ave & 320 Franklin Tpk
Allendale, NJ 07401
(see website for flyer, www.bridge-njba.org)

Unit 106 STaC Week!!! March 9th thru March 15th

Check your local club schedules to play to win those elusive silver points. And you have the opportunity to score even more silver in the overall results! Don't miss out on this week to add silver to your point total!

Joan Gerard District 3 Winter Regional January 20 - 26, 2020

Westchester Marriott
670 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(800) 882-1042

(see website for flyer, www.bridge-district3.org)



THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The November Board meetings of the ACBL have just concluded, with several significant decisions:

- A wide-reaching Board reorganization plan, discussed over the past three years, and developed with much effort in some detail over the past three months, would have resulted in a "regional representative" system whereby various districts would have remained intact but combined, for Board representation only, resulting in a thirteen member Board. In that configuration, districts 3 and 4 would have had a single representative. After many hours of telephone discussions and a full day of debate in San Francisco, the proposal was defeated, probably due to the rush to absorb a very complex plan on short notice, and last minute amendments which changed the original proposal. A task force of Board, Board of Governors and management members is being created to revisit the issue for reconsideration at or prior to the next meeting next March.
- in addition to the elimination of unit recorders previously announced, all conduct committees now have been eliminated below the NABC level, in an effort to create uniformity in the treatment of ethical violations.
- Membership growth remains a problem, but down only 1% through the first nine months this year. Similarly, club tables are down 1.5% below the same period last year. A number of initiatives are underway to grow membership, including a free introductory membership to be available next year and a new website, TryBridge.org, developed in partnership with the Educational Foundation. Recruitment incentives remain in place, and about \$14,000 was paid out earlier this month.
- Financially, the League was \$267,000 over budget through October, and the YTD gain from operations of \$955,000 is 417,000 better than budget, led by significant savings in technology. Las Vegas was a success and San Francisco rooms were sold out, although it looks like attendance will be slightly below forecast.
- Improvements in club support are on track, with the new Live for Clubs system already adopted by 80% of clubs, and the October Club Appreciation Month has been extended through the first half of November.
- A new credit card system is being implemented, and all NABCs and regionals now are able to accept card payments, with sectionals to be added next year.

On the District front, despite our decline in membership, our Danbury Regional showed a slight gain in attendance, giving us two successful tournaments in a row. We are hoping for a third consecutive success in Tarrytown next month, where the tournament will kick off with a session of "Learn Bridge in a Day", and the district GNT championships will be held on Sunday.

The district continues in need of more volunteers willing to dedicate some time to the many activities that make our organization successful. Please contact district President Deborah Wasik if you are able to help.

Those of us on the national and district boards thank you for your support and please accept our best wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Carlos Muñoz
District 3 Director

Club Event Winners 8/16/19 - 11/15/19

THE BRIDGE TABLE

Club Champions: Marianne & Serge Aronovich (8/28); Jeff & Sue Chin (9/13); Maureen Kennedy - Sheila Greck (9/19); Myra Bachman - Dolores Hodesblatt (10/30)

ICCG Winners: Brian Kruse, Jon Catlin, Hillary Edmondson (9/26)

Club Appreciation: Marianne & Serge Aronovich (10/7); Jim Finn - Oski Sesetyan (10/10); Glenn Salka - John Shari (10/11); Tom Jacobsen - Jean Golden (10/15); Kay Gray - Paul Gould (10/16)

GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

Charity: Julian Schulman - David Kuenzler (8/23); William Whitman - James Metzger (8/26); David Stern - Victor Mitrani (8/29); Joan Haussmann - Lisa Insolera (10/3); Michael Gellar - Mark Goodman (10/5); Joan Haussmann - Dominick Colasuonno (10/14); Irwin Miller - Leonard Helfgott (10/15); Marilyn & Paul Daitch (10/16); Charles Friedman - Barbara Deutsch (10/17); John Klaus - George Mann Jr. (10/19); Judy Rothstein - Samuel Baskinger (10/20); Michael Camp - David Kuenzler (10/21); Wayne Carr - David Kuenzler (10/22); Charles Friedman - Barbara Deutsch (10/23, 10/24, 10/25); Susan Fulton - Nicholas France (10/26); Michael Gellar - Abby Brawer (10/27); Phyllis & Charles Fuchs (10/29)

International Fund: William Alexander - Joel Gitnick (9/3); John Klaus - Michael Otte (9/4); Judith Back - Brenda Kulick (9/21)

ACBL Senior Pairs: Wayne Carr - Rena Harris (10/4)

Club Appreciation: Wayne Carr & Rena Harris (10/6); Dorothy Van Delinda - Joseph Pospis (10/7); Wayne Carr - David Kuenzler (10/8); John Klaus - Michael Otte (10/9); Gruna Selby - William Whitman (10/10); John Kuharetz - Peter Szabados (10/11); Gruna Selby - Samuel Baskinger (10/12)

FABIAN BRIDGE CLUB

Club Champions: Dave Katzen - Steve Garreffa (Mon); Jim Hundley - George Zahn (Thu); Melva Cummings - Shiela Holderness (Fri)

SPARTA BRIDGE CLUB

Club Champions: Jan & George Weber (8/29)

International Fund: Chris Schwinger - Jared Egerer (9/5); Jim Anderson - John Anderson (9/19); Gertrude Cauwels - James Hundley (9/26)

ACBL Wide International Fund: Elson Blunt III - Renee Wolken (9/12)

Club Appreciation: Fred Shubert - Richard Podkowik (10/10); Jan & George Weber (10/24)

TENAFLY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Club Champions: June Campos - Roe Ruane (9/10)

Charity: Sulia Chan - Jim Liu (10/15); Miyoko Boswell - Marty Singer (10/29)

International Fund: Phyllis & Charles Fuchs (9/17)

Club Appreciation: Barbara and Paul Deutsch (10/22)

BRIDGE CENTER at RIDGEWOOD

Club Champions: Linda Dudas - Dolores Hodesblatt (8/23); Wendy Bazelow - Ronna Morrison (9/18);

International Fund: Linda Dudas - Eileen Whitney (9/13); Betty Hough - Mary Ellen Zasko (9/20);

Club Appreciation: Debbie Tzimoulis - Lori Sundstrom (10/9); Susan Capeci - John Michael Capeci Sr. (10/16)