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THE 2009 WCBA CLOSED WESTCHESTER TOURNAMENT

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

Friday, January 2 - Bridge Deck

1:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs

7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs

A complimentary buffet will be served between sessions.

Saturday, January 3 - Riverview

(1 Warburton Avenue, Hastings - See directions below)

9:00-10:00 AM Breakfast buffet (reservation required)

10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs

1:45-3:00 PM Annual Meeting and lunch (reservation required)

3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs

6:45-7:45 PM Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (reservation required)

Sunday, January 4 - Bridge Deck - Golden Apple XXVI

11:30 AM *Complimentary Bagel Brunch*

12:00 Noon Stratified Swiss Teams (1 Session)

4 matches

All games stratified: 2000+, 750-2000; 0-750

All games are \$11.00 per person per session

Saturday: Morning session plus breakfast & lunch - \$35.00/person

Two sessions plus breakfast, lunch & cocktails - \$40.00/person

Afternoon session plus lunch & cocktails - \$35.00/person

For non-bridge players, breakfast - \$15.00/person

For non-bridge players, lunch - \$20.00/person

For non-bridge players, cocktails - \$10.00/person

Bridge, no meals - \$11.00/person/session

Please make reservations for Saturday's games with meals by December 27 with Doris Staubi, 25 Rockledge Avenue, Apt. #416, White Plains, New York 10601. Make checks payable to WCBA. Please check the appropriate lines below.

Name: _____ Player Number _____

Address: _____

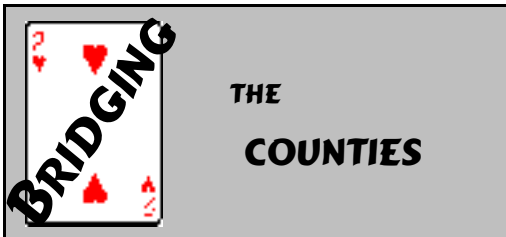
For Players: ___ Morning (\$35) ___ Two Sessions (\$40) ___ Afternoon (\$35)

Non-Players: ___ Breakfast (\$15) ___ Lunch (\$20) ___ Cocktails (\$10)

Directions to Riverview:

From Saw Mill River Parkway (North or South): Take Exit 9, Executive Blvd. Go to 3rd traffic light and make left onto North Broadway (Route 9). At first traffic light make a right onto Odell Ave. At bottom of hill make a right onto Warburton Ave and go to end. Riverview is on the left, parking across street.

From Route 9 (from North): Double traffic light in Hastings, Warburton Ave. Turn right onto Warburton Ave. and go 1 1/2 miles to Riverview.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I'm writing my last message as retiring WCBA President as I am preparing to leave for two weeks on a cycling trip to Croatia and the Dalmatian Islands. It's been an enjoyable and eventful two years as President and I know that the Unit is in very capable hands with my successor, Robin Brown. The complete slate of new officers for 2009 as well as the new Directors can be found elsewhere in the issue.

But I really would like to get back to biking, since many of you I'm sure, don't appreciate the similarities between bridge and biking. First of all, both start with the letter "B". While on my bike, pedaling along, it's a wonderful time to think about previous hands and how what seemed like hopeless contracts could have been made by finessing in the right direction, playing for the missing honor to drop, working out squeeze plays, and/or end-playing an opponent. On the other hand, while at the bridge table, when any of the above attempts goes wrong or after a stupid play, I wonder why I am sitting here at the bridge table instead of riding my bike.

There are also more similarities between the two, especially in the phrases that are common to both sports. We all know what "Alert" means at the bridge table. On the bike, shouting "Alert" to your fellow bikers warns of approaching cars from behind or obstructions and/or pot holes on the path ahead. Even "Pass" is common to both sports. When overtaking another biker, it's customary to always pass on the left. However, every once and a while, you can encounter a Rush Limbaugh or Sean Hannity pedaler, who insists on passing on the right, creating mass confusion often resulting in disastrous pile-ups. One needs to avoid those kinds of bikers as much as possible.

By the time you read this, I will have returned from my biking vacation, having refreshed my mind for error-free and brilliant play. So when we next meet up at the bridge table; "Watch-Out!"

- Marshall Frank

**Editor's
Corner**



I competed in a Bracketed Swiss Teams for the first time. It was at the Danbury regional a few weeks ago. It left me with an odd feeling about whether it's an event I want to play in the future.

I get the concept of a team playing against their "peers." Since it's based on the total team masterpoints, a Flight C team doesn't have to worry about running into a Flight A team.

My team came in second in Bracket #4. Before we started, we felt that based on our skills we should win the bracket easily. But when we were done, we also felt that we didn't deserve a second place finish (including a pile of gold points and a blue ribbon qualification) for the mediocre way that we actually played.

Any team that is better than their masterpoint holdings would indicate would have an advantage in their bracket, and would not truly be playing their peers.

And what if you want to play up? Your only option is to request Bracket #1, where you will face 7 of the top teams in a regular Swiss. You can't, say, request Bracket #3 to face good players but not the best. So an up-

and-coming team has no real option - either play their peers or face the best.

It seems to me that Flighted Swiss events would achieve the same purpose, with better results. A Flight C team could choose to play in C, B or A, depending on what they're looking for. Flight B can be set to cover a reasonable range of playing talent based on masterpoint holdings.

Years ago, I came up with the idea of "voluntary flighting." Let people choose their Flight, without regard to masterpoint holdings. So a person who has accumulated a lot of masterpoints (normally considered Flight A under today's standards), but whose skills have deteriorated and cannot play well against true Flight A players, could choose to play down. To prevent good players from wanting to play down for an easy game or winning easy masterpoints, have drastically reduced masterpoints for Flights B and C.

The Bracketed Swiss Teams does award gold points to more people than a regular Swiss Teams. So it achieves this purpose. But for people who aren't just playing for masterpoints, does it really work?

Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

Bridge in District 3 has concluded for the year. We closed with two very successful events. The NAPs was held in Allendale on September 27 for all 3 Flights. While the Flight C attendance was down, Flights A & B were up. The 2nd site in Schenectady for Flights B & C brought out total table count up to 79.5, a number to very proud of. And of course the Danbury Regional continues to be a great success. Here the table count was 1,565 - almost exactly the same as last year.

Westchester players heavily support this tournament and many from our Unit were winners. We plan to be back in the same location next year.

For the second year in a row I had to miss this great Regional since I was at the 1st World Mind Sports Games in Beijing. These game included Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and Xiangqi (Chinese checkers). These 5 sports formed an organization called IMSA -

International Mind Sports Association - and held a competition of each of these sports in Beijing at the site of the Olympics. The group hopes to be recognized by the Olympics, as are the Paraplegic Games which followed the Olympic Games and were just before our competition. There were 143 countries and regions represented and more than 3000 participants, 2000 of which were bridge players. Bridge had Open, Women's, Seniors, Juniors and Transnational Mixed Teams. USA came home with a Silver medal in the Senior Teams and a bronze in the Women's teams. The Open and the Juniors teams did not medal. I was there attending many meetings and as Chairman of Appeals.

Each year, I have the honor of making appointments to the National Goodwill Committee and the National Charity Committee. I rotate these appointments between the seven units

in our District. This year, I am pleased and proud to report that from our Unit I appointed Robin Brown to the Goodwill Committee and Frances Yedlin to the Charity Committee.

These two ladies are hard working and dedicated volunteers for our Unit and for bridge. Hopefully they will be wearing the pins that are sent to them. Please be sure to say congratulations when you see them wearing their pins.

It's time to wish all of you happy holidays and a new year filled with health and happiness from our family to yours. See you all at our opening Regional - the Hilton Rye Town, January 13-19. You all know what a great tournament this is. Just keep your fingers crossed for no snow!!!!

Joan Gerard, District Director

Winners from the Jane Hill Tournament

Friday Morning

A B C

1 Diona Koerner & Beverly Jansen
 1 1 Dena Kaplan & Bennett Brooks

Friday Afternoon

A B C

1 Lois Bloom & Robert Bloom
 1 1 Jill Weinstein & Valerie Goldstein

Saturday Afternoon (Jane Hill Trophy)

A B C

1 Helen McBrien & Peggy Karbovanec
 1 1 Janet Hahn & Ann Santangelo

Changes to the Closed Westchester Tournament

There are several significant changes to the Closed Westchester Tournament this year. The complete schedule appears on page 1 of this issue of *Bridging the Counties*.

Friday games are being held only at the Bridge Deck. The game times have been changed to 1:30 PM and 7:00 PM to avoid traffic problems and to avoid too long of a dinner break between sessions.

On Saturday, there is now a 10 AM game and a 3 PM game. There is no game in the evening. Breakfast, lunch, and cocktails with hors d'oeuvres will be served. You may participate in either or both sessions on Saturday without the meals. If you want to eat at Riverview, the morning session comes with breakfast and lunch, while the afternoon session comes with lunch and cocktails with hors d'oeuvres. If you play in both sessions, you get all three meals. The Annual Meeting of the WCBA will occur over the lunch break. Reservations are required for the meals on Saturday. The pricing details are also on page 1.

The Golden Apple Swiss Teams remains the same as last year.

All sessions of the Closed Westchester Tournament are open to anybody who lives, works, or plays bridge in Westchester.

Overall Fall STAC Winners

Wednesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Kenneth Hirshon, Richard Hecht
2			Heidi Klein, Linda Otness
3			Sandra DeMartino, Susan Klein
2	2		Abraham & Eleanor Stenberg

Wednesday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1	1		Norma Lorn, Marion Hermann
3			Carole Tunick, Judy Soley
3	3		Arlene Ende, Connie Shulman

Wednesday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Kassie Munoz, Susan Kraner
2	1	1	Abbye Bosses, Salie Bloom
	2		Leslie Davies, Louise Karp
	3		Yasmine Guenancia, David Almer

Wednesday Afternoon 199ers Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1	1	1	R. Margulies, J. Gruenberger
2			Arnie Moskowitz, Michael Gorlon
3	2		Minette Davis, Wendy Hirsch
	3	2	Fali Rubinstein, Sonia Sasson

Wednesday Afternoon NLM Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1	1		Elinor Baller, Carole Watnick
2	2		Jackie Stone, Joanne Kuebler
3	3		Charles Walke, Dorothy Bregman

Wednesday Evening Open Larchmont

A	B	C	
2	2		Farley Mawyer, Jill Marshall

Wednesday Evening Side Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Heidi Klein, Stephen Kleinman
2	1		Lu Ganley, Bonnie Berner
	2		Peter & Phyllis Honig

Thursday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Debbie Rosenberg, Norma Said
	2		Benjamin Rottman, Ted Wilson
	3		Larry Goldstein, Peter Nisselson
	1		Beatrice Federman, Donald Levin
	2		Patti Fishbach, Norman Burger

Thursday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
2	1		Al Dalton, Connie Rosner
3			Richard Laufer, Stephen Lippmann
	3/4		Sondra Bleich, Ina Teschner
	3/4		Irma Van Dam, Lorraine Hinds

Thursday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1			Marshall Frank, Linda Heineman
	1		Raymond Myers, Norman Gleicher

Thursday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
2			Tory Kane, Carolyn Wenzel
3			Benjamin Rottman, Ted Wilson
3	3		Susan Kellman, Joan Stone

Thursday Afternoon Inv. Down 2 Doubled

A	B	C	
1			Frances Platt, Dorothy Mandel
2	1		Beverly & Donald Jacobson
2	1		Nancy Leopold, John Simmons
3	2		Guy & Joyce Hochgesang
3			Walter Ehoodin, Hyman Adelman

Thursday Afternoon NLM Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Rae & Marshall Winokur
2	1		Susan Cutler, Adria Reinglass
3			Marie Futia, Stan Ostow
	2		Madi Alter, Jane Hankin

Thursday Afternoon 199ers Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Carole Worthington, Susan Gilbert
2	2	2	Jill Weinstein, Valerie Goldstein
3			Paula Lerer, Arlene Ende
	3		Carol Myers, Jane Dubin
	3		Dorothy Baldwin, Connie Thiel

Thursday Evening Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
2	1	1	Salie Bloom, Sheryl Pearlman
	3	3	Susan Drucker, Sondra Eichel

Friday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1			Faye Marino, Richard Laufer
	3		Ruth Waldman, Lita Block

Friday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
2	1		Jill Marshall, Farley Mawyer
3	2		Margaret Alan, Carol Willner
	1		Anna Rosanelli, Marilyn Donahue
	2		Jean Frankel, Barbara Fields
	3		Abraham & Eleanor Stenberg

Friday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Lydia Anderson, Leia Berla
	2		Joyana Steinberg, Harry Hutzler
	3		Mort Amstel, Robert Krissoff

Friday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
3			Halina Jamner, Ethan Stein

Friday Afternoon 199ers Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Rebecca Margulies, Susan Fisher
2	2		B. Treistman, M. Elgarten
3			Arme Moskowitz, Francesca Fraine
	3		Meryl Dinowitz, Sonia Sasson
	2		Edith Unger, Eileen Fitzgerald
	3		Jill Weinstein, Valerie Goldstein

Friday Evening Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1	1		Ed & Laura Midgley
2	2		Lu Ganley, Jane Julius
3	3		Audrey Stamm, Berta Wetzel
	1		Abraham & Eleanor Stenberg
	2		Salie Bloom, Stephanie Ziltzer
	3		Joanne Kuebler, Hollister Sturges

Saturday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1			Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein
2			Barbara Metselaar, Warren Rosner
3			Chuck Lamprey, Arch McKellar
	1		Henry Deutsch, David Huber
	2		Arlene & Martin Walzer
	3		Jane Finn, Eda Newhouse
	1		Abraham & Eleanor Stenberg
	2		Valerie Scher, Sara Sheperd
	3		Christine & Guy Pumo

Sunday Swiss Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
1			Neil Littmann, Rhoda Levine, Gina Tamres, Betty Fleischer
2			Joel & Lottie Sommer, Bradley Calcagni, Eileen O'Neill
3/4			Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein, Janet & Stephen Lippmann
3/4			James Greer, Maeve Lucey, Tania Reyes Hiller, Mohan Dutt
	1		Tim Baird, Joanne Marks, Nathan & Iris Adler
	2		Phyllis & George Lippman, Mickey Karlan, Ruth Gundell
	3		Ruth Waldman, Lita Block, Joan Vogel, Yolanda Wesely
	1		Wendy Sklar, Marilyn Friedman, Martha Rosen, Bill Hessberg
	2		Marilyn Wishnie, Phyllis Ossen, Roberta Kirshbaum, Sarah Hecht
	3		Richard & Paula Lerer, Fran Altman, Genevieve Porti

Monday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Rosalyn & Philip Silverstein
	1	1	Merle Lewis, Roberta Lowell
	3	2	Felice Blank, Lynne Goldstein
	3		Fran Columbus, Sara Sheperd

Monday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A	B	C	
2			Faye Marino, Tania Reyes Hiller
3			Cliff Nebel, Daniel Wolkowitz

Monday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A	B	C	
1			Linda Heineman, Linda Otness
	2		Judith Astrove, Dolores Posey
	1		Dotsy Potter, Joan Wiener

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Fall STAC Winners (cont.)

Monday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

A B C
3 Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein

Monday Afternoon Open Bedford

A B C
3 Florence Olsen, Eleanor Blanco
2 Stan Kurzban, Daniel Siesel

Monday Afternoon 0-NLM Bridge Deck

A B C
1 1 1 Cynthia Karp, Janet Braun
2 Arthur Aitkens, David Yaspan
3 2 Lilly Lieb, Irene Bisgier
3 Fleurette Cassara, Charles Hoffer
2 Barbara Goldberg, Wendy Sklar

Monday Afternoon 0-NLM Hartes' Club

A B C
3 Susan Fisher, Judy Gruenberger

Monday Afternoon Inv. Pickwick

A B C
1 Margery Martin, Carol Willner
2 Joan Wald, Susan Sekulow
3 Doris Judell, Charlotte Brasel
1 Barbara Moran, Caren Schweitzer
2 Alice Silton, Lucille Simon
3/4 Martin Rubenstein, Irene Groban
3/4 1 Margaret Weinstock, Gay Sachs
2 Geraldine Simon, Jane Friedman
3 Joan Frishman, Barbara Jackson

Monday Evening Open Bridge Deck

A B C
3 1 1 Avi Weiner, Louise Karp
2 2 Deborah & Jeffrey Marshall
3 Jason Fuhrman, Rick Rosenthal

Monday Evening Side Hartes' Club

A B C
1 1 Laura & Ed Midgley
2 Mort Amstel, Chris Lubesnik
3 2 1 Abbye Bosses, Sara Sheperd
3 2 Anna Rosanelli, John Condon Jr.

Tuesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

A B C
1 1 Larry Goldstein, George Lippman
3 Deborah Kessler, David Florence

Tuesday Morning Open Bridge Deck

A B C
2 2 Karol Lefkowitz, Doris Eidel
3 3 1 Richard Lerer, Alice Neild
2 Karin Meyers, Martha Rosen

Tuesday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

A B C
1 1 Nora Finkelstein, Bernie Snyder
3 3 Lu Ganley, Robert Krissoff

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Unit Board Nominations

The WCBA nominating committee, consisting of Idelle Katz, Sue Meyers, Marjorie Murstein, Linda Otness, and Chairperson Joel Sommer, offers the following slate of candidates for 2009:

Officers for one year terms

President, Robin Brown
Vice-President, Michael McNamara
Secretary, Eileen O'Neill
Treasurer, David Huber

Directors for three year terms

Mimi Bieber, Karen Zuckerberg, Bradley Calcagni, Kassie Munoz, Melissa Baker, Ed Zuckerberg

Director (Vacancy Appointment) for one year term

Fran Columbus

Director (Vacancy Appointments) for two year term

Robert Wachtenstein, Doris Staubi, Betty Fleischer

If you wish to nominate anyone else, please e-mail me at lotjoel@yahoo.com

Respectfully submitted.

Joel Sommer

Season's Greetings





We're ready to play

YOUTH NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Washington DC, Summer, 2009

Tentative Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH
 10:30 a.m. Youth Pairs & Cardrunk Pairs Single Session
 3:00 p.m. Youth Teams & Cardrunk Pairs Single Session

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST
 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. **BARDON BARCLAY NATIONAL YOUTH OPEN PAIRS** 2 Sessions
 Players must be available for both sessions.
 10:30 a.m. Cardrunk Pairs Single Session
 3:00 p.m. Cardrunk Pairs Single Session

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST
 10:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. **NATIONAL SWISS TEAMS** 2 Sessions
 Teams must be available for both sessions.
 10:30 a.m. Cardrunk Pairs Single Session
 3:00 p.m. Cardrunk Pairs Single Session

(Cardrunk Pairs are games designed for less experienced players)

REGISTRATION FEE
 The registration fee for the 2009 Youth NABC is \$45.00. This includes entry fees for all events, access to the Youth Lounge, opportunities to compete for prizes and scholarships and admission to the Winner's Reception on Saturday.

ELIGIBILITY
 Events are open to any player 19 years of age or younger with fewer than 5000 ACBL masterpoints (or equivalent) as of July 1, 2009.

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Please pre-register by July 1, 2009 to ensure that we can provide ample playing space and hospitality.

VENUE
 All events will be played at the Marriott Wardman Hotel
 2660 Woodley Road NW
 Washington DC 20008
 Reservations open January 15, 2009

Mega Housing
 Make your reservations by calling Mega Housing Management at 877-260-2479 or online at www.mega-housing.com/actd




Please send Traveling Scores To:
 Judy Soley, 30 Griffen Avenue
 Scarsdale, New York 10583
 - OR - judy@soley.com

Golden Apple XXVI Swiss Teams

**Hunt Valley, MA Regional
 Weekend KO Bracket 2**

Sylwia & Michael McNamara 1st OA

Senior Swiss Teams

Natalie & Dan Hertz 1st OA

Long Island Regional

Friday Swiss Bracket 3

Cliff Nebel, Jay Sloofman,
 Ed Zuckerberg 1st OA

Friday Swiss Bracket 4

Toni Schwartz, Sylwia McNamara 1st OA

Concluding the WCBA's annual Closed Westchester Tournament on Sunday, January 4, will be the Golden Apple XXVI, a Swiss Teams event in three masterpoint flights.

The Golden Apple is a four-match contest that will take place at the Bridge Deck, starting at 12 noon. A complimentary bagel brunch will precede the game at 11:30 AM.

Once again there will be three flights instead of two. The three flights are open (no masterpoint restrictions), 750-2000, and 0-750. The event is limited to WCBA members and players who work in Westchester County but live elsewhere.

Co-sponsoring the Golden Apple for the 26th year is the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Westchester medallions will be presented to the winning players in all flights.

Results from the District 3 Regional in Danbury

Monday Evening Side Game

A B C
2 1 I. McCarthy, A. Schwartz

Tuesday AM Side Game

A B C
1/2 M. Martin, Y. Guenancia

Tuesday Senior Pairs

A B C
2 Benjamin Rottman
3 A. Duncan, B. Loprete
3 N. Gleicher, R. Myers

Tuesday Evening Side Game

A B C
1 1 1 P. Weill, E. Garguilo

Mon.-Tue. KO Bracket 1

1 Eugene Saxe
2 Richard Zucker

Mon.-Tue. KO Bracket 2

1 Gail Cannold
3/4 Carole Kligerman, Frances Yedlin, Barbara Seidenberg

Mon.-Tue. KO Bracket 3

3/4 Ellen Garguilo, Penny Weill, Stephanie Ziltzer, Salie Bloom
3/4 Linda Friedman, Barbara Heller, Rita Lane

Tuesday Open Swiss

A B C
2 Dan & Natalie Hertz

Wednesday AM Side Game

A B C
2/4 Suzanne Durst
2/4 J. Saltz, N. Molesworth

Wednesday PM Swiss

A B C
2 1 C. Kligerman, F. Yedlin
3 Sara Sheperd, Suzi Schneiderman, Susan Glass

Wednesday Open Pairs

A B C
1 Stephen Schneer
3 W. Rosner, R. Heitzman Jr.

Wednesday Senior Swiss

A B C
1 M. Bieber, B. Skluth
2 1 1 John Popper, Eliot Minsker, Robert Wachtenheim
2 2 C. Feldman, D. Eidel, C. Leinwand, T. Borenstein

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 1

1 Richard Zucker

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 2

2 Joanne Matthews
3 Elise Luskin, Amy Frolick

Wednesday Compact KO Bracket 3

1 Phyllis & George Lippman, Marian Rubin, Peter Nisselson

Thursday AM Side Game

A B C
3 1 Henry Deutsch

Thursday AM 199er Pairs

A B C
2 Douglas Dill, Judith Lapolla

Thursday PM Side Game

A B C
2 Carol Willner

Thursday PM 199er Pairs

A B C
2 B. Frenkel, R. Margulies

Thursday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 1 Benjamin Rottman
2 J. Bonney, G. Groves

Thursday Open Swiss

A B C
1/2 Rick Goldstein, Laura Brill
2 D. Yates, D. Wolkowitz

Wed.-Thu. KO Bracket 1

2 Richard Zucker

Friday PM Side Game

A B C
3 2 1 M. Kelly, T. Martemucci
3 P. Mangan, E. Blanco

Friday Senior Pairs

A B C
2 Harry Hutzler

Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs

A B C
2/32/32/3 Preston Scher

Friday Open Pairs

A B C
1 Faye Marino, Rich Laufer
3 Paul Kirby

Friday Evening Side Game

A B C
3/4 J. Marshall, F. Mawyer

Friday Compact KO Bracket 2

1 S. Kleinman, R. Fennessy, H. Deutsch, E. O'Neill

Friday Compact KO Bracket 5

2 Roberta Strasburg
3 Ricki Gardner, Frank Bruni, A. Aitkens, C. Hoffer

Saturday AM 199er Pairs

A B C
3 2 2 Preston Scher

Saturday Afternoon Side Swiss

A B C
1/2 Yefim Shoykhet
3 1 E. O'Neill, H. Deutsch

Saturday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 Kassie & Carlos Munoz
3 N. Molesworth, H. Jamner
2 S. Kandel, I. McCarthy

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

A B C
2 S. Huhman, L. P. Callahan

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 1

1 Eugene Saxe
2 Sylwia & Michael McNamara
3 Jerry Goldberg

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 2

2 Susan Sekulow, Hope Furth, Jane Silver, Jill Rosen

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 4

2 Mort Amstel, Teresa Barry, Robert Krissoff, Lu Ganley

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Results from the District 3 Regional in Danbury (cont.)

Saturday Compact KO Bracket 5

- 3 Michelle Florence, Marion Long, Edith Halpern

Sunday A/X Swiss

A X

- 1 1 Joshua Parker, Jeff Aker
 2 Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein Janet & Stephen Lippmann
 3 2 H. Raleigh, R. Heitzman Jr.,

Sunday Swiss Bracket 3

- 1 Heidi Klein, Eileen O'Neill, Linda Otness

Sunday Swiss Bracket 4

- 1 A. Seelenfreund, D. Kovel, L. Heineman, M. Vogel
 2. Jason Fuhrman, Melissa Baker, Tim Baird

Sunday Swiss Bracket 5

- 1 Robin & Larry Brown
 3 Rene & Susan Frayman, M. Gambacorta, B. Arnold

Sunday Swiss Bracket 6

- 1 Jean Schiaroli

Sunday Swiss Bracket 7

- 1 Brad Calcagni, Dexter Senft, Barry & Sherry Mendelson

Sunday Swiss Bracket 8

- 1 Mort Amstel, Robert Krissoff, Nora Finkelstein



The WCBA Top 100 as of November 1, 2008

1. Kay Schulle	17,387	35. Stephen Lippmann	3,427	68. Berl Sternberg	2,335
2. Richard Zucker	11,970	36. Idelle Katz	3,361	69. Mira Parikh	2,308
3. Chuck Lamprey	11,903	37. Lawrence Christianson	3,256	70. Barbara Warkol	2,217
4. Rick Goldstein	11,842	38. Robert Stayman	3,209	71. Yoshie Hata	2,210
5. Laura Brill	11,290	39. Gina Tamres	3,171	72. Linda Heineman	2,180
6. Ethan Stein	10,889	40. Kassie Munoz	3,159	73. Joy Berdon	2,170
7. Ron Gerard	9,119	41. Genevieve Hewitt	3,042	74. Jack Bonney	2,140
8. Gerald Sosler	7,484	42. Marilou Whalen	3,021	75. Cecile Tomashevsky	2,134
9. Warren Rosner	7,405	43. Janos Racz	3,015	76. Doris Staubi	2,113
10. Natalie Hertz	6,639	44. Carol Dalzell	2,868	77. Ruth Wohl	2,066
11. Nancy Molesworth	6,576	45. George Groves	2,816	78. Joyce Blumenthal	2,017
12. Dan Hertz	6,468	46. Richard Laufer	2,809	79. Robert Chasanoff	1,960
13. Dennis Newman	6,363	47. Peggy Mendes	2,802	80. Fred Hawa	1,944
14. Robert Klein	6,256	48. Michael McNamara	2,790	81. Heidi Klein	1,911
15. Joan Gerard	5,934	49. Irene Silver	2,777	82. Janet Eisler	1,908
16. Halina Jamner	5,804	50. Mark Gordon	2,772	83. Ann Duncan	1,898
17. Rhoda Levine	5,314	51. Steve Surasky	2,762	84. Edith Alexander	1,887
18. Bob Goldwater	5,201	52. Janet Lippmann	2,732	85. Nancy Sahlein	1,867
19. Mimi Bieber	5,129	53. Xiadong Zhang	2,668	86. Gertrude Goldstein	1,830
20. Faye Marino	5,091	54. Eileen Paley	2,647	87. Stephen Sahlein	1,828
21. Carlos Munoz	4,998	55. Susan Kraner	2,624	88. Ruth Grant	1,818
22. Arch McKellar	4,924	56. John Boyer	2,624	89. Jarl Ingers	1,814
23. Jeff Aker	4,536	57. Jeff Rubens	2,620	90. Steven Huhman	1,792
24. Charlotte Brasel	4,046	58. Elizabeth Brisson	2,600	91. Francys Leeds	1,788
25. Harry Silverman	3,983	59. Robert Brisson	2,562	92. Michael Prahin	1,769
26. Stephen Schneer	3,911	60. Nie Lih Kalat	2,525	93. Marjorie Murstein	1,754
27. Joshua Parker	3,866	61. Betty Fleischer	2,506	94. Alvin Galland	1,753
28. Thomas Simon	3,853	62. John Schmidt	2,465	95. Robin Brown	1,750
29. Tania Reyes Hiller	3,731	63. Stanley Sternberg	2,415	96. Joel Sommer	1,749
30. Stephen Shane	3,685	64. Sylvia McNamara	2,413	97. Arthur Ash	1,745
31. Phyllis Quinn	3,682	65. Elizabeth Baecher	2,349	98. Jeanne Zendman	1,721
32. Susan Meyers	3,502	66. Stanley Perlo	2,345	99. Allan Botchman	1,699
33. Barbara Skluth	3,460	67. Yoko Ohnuma	2,336	100. Judith Chace	1,678
34. Victor Melman	3,450				

Charity Swiss Teams October 26, 2008

Winners

A B C

- 1 Dan & Natalie Hertz
Jeffrey Allen, Carlos Munoz
- 2 1 Farley Mawyer, Jill Marshall,
Steve Lockwood,
William Palmer
- 3 Lottie & Joel Sommer,
Bobby & Sidney Stayman
- 2/3 Toni Buonafede, Alice Neild,
Harold & Renee Kelvin
- 2/3 George & Phyllis Lippman,
Larry & Lynne Goldstein
- 1 Marilyn Wishnie, Barbara
Worms, Phyllis Ossen,
Roberta Kirshbaum
- 2/3 Burt & Karin Meyers,
Joan Giardina, Fuli Rubinstein
- 2/3 Michelle Florence, Tory Kane,
Phyllis Magner,
Anna Rosanelli

NAP District 3 Final Results

Following is the list of qualifiers for the national finals from the District 3 qualifying round for the NAP held in Allendale, NJ, and Schenectady, NY, on September 27, 2008.

Flight A

- 1 David Rowntree, Dongin Walker
- 2 Barbara & Robert Sartorius
- 3 Robert Heitzman, Jonathan Weinstein

Flight B

- 1 Saurav Dutta, Helen Wallach
- 2 Pinpin Deng, Jian Wang
- 3 Katie & Gino Scalamandre

Flight C

- 1 Gene Venesland, Patricia Feulner
- 2 Edwin Elton, Brian Kruse
- 3 Gregory Gorshkov, Neil Jaffe

6th Annual Charity Swiss Teams Tops All Expectations

Our Unit held its 6th Annual Charity Swiss Teams and Silent Auction on October 26 at the Community Synagogue in Rye. 38 teams participated in the Swiss Teams. About \$17,500 was raised at the event. It was a huge success for the Westchester Chapters of the five charities: Food Patch, Friends of Karen, Juvenile Diabetes, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Full details and thank yous will be published in the March 2009 issue of *Bridging the Counties*. We do not yet have the date or location set for next year, although we're planning it for the fall again. Thanks to all of you who participated. We can all be very proud.

The Charity Committee: *Mimi Bieber, Laura Brill, Joan Gerard, Heidi Klein, Kassie Munoz, Linda Omess, Eileen O'Neill*

Convention Hall

Defending against the Weak No-Trump

In the book *Bridge Master - The Best of Edgar Kaplan* are several articles describing how Edgar Kaplan built the Kaplan-Sheinwold bidding system around the weak no-trump, and also describing the advantages of playing the weak no-trump. One of the advantages he lists is the difficulty in balancing against it. If opponents do compete successfully against it, it typically at best gives them their normal result anyway.

When you are bidding against a strong no-trump, usually your goal is to land in a safe part-score, as game is unlikely. In contrast, reaching game is a much stronger possibility against a weak no-trump. Accordingly, while weak bidding is acceptable with distribution against a strong no-trump (think of how Marty Bergen describes DONT in his books), you actually need to employ sound, constructive bidding against a weak NT.

Virtually all experts agree that you must retain a penalty double against the weak NT. Pick your convention, or use no convention, but make sure the penalty double is part of your system. When I am asked for a recommended defense, I, the king of conventions and complex science, recommend natural overcalls (although I have also used Cappelletti here).

There are two separate and distinct aspects of defensive bidding against the weak no-trump. Direct seat overcalls and balancing actions must be treated differently.

When you act in direct seat, you show a sound opening hand. Especially if partner is an unpassed hand, partner has to rely on you for values in order to know how high to bid. Bidding light is an open invitation to responder to wheel out a penalty double of your poor overcall. A double suggests no long suit and interest in defending, usually with at least 14 HCP.

In the balancing seat you must be extra careful! Your partner DOES NOT have to have values. The silent responder might have up to 11 HCP lurking there, just waiting to trap you into a balancing action to double you for penalties. (This is what makes the weak NT lethal.) Again, sound bidding is needed, as your side probably holds less than 1/2 the deck in HCP.

Jason Fuhrman

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Stephen D'Agostino
Susan Fisher
Frances Goddard
George Goldstein
Linda Goodspeed
Gayle Hardy
T. Lively
Rebecca Margulies
Inna Metcalf
Sue Mitchell
Judith Moscou
Carol Myers
Stanley Ostow
Jack Ribeiro
Janet Robinson
Fuli Rubinstein
Sonia Sasson
Ellen Sobo
Irma Trump
Juliet Warshaurer

Club Master (20-50)

Regina Ansbro
Frances Arrow
Malcolm Baumgarten
Barbara Blake
Phyllis Canter
John Cross
Douglas Dill
Marilyn Donahue
Georges Guenancia
Peter Honig
Estelle Kagle
Minnie Katz
Judith Lapolla
Estelle Meyer
Phyllis Ossen
Kevin Rosenberg
Lester Schoenfeld
Deena Shah
Susan Shmerler
Wendy Sklar
Barbara Spitzer
Ellen Tilzer
Diane Trilling
Jamie Warner
Jill Weinstein
Howard Wendy
Musa Yenni

Sectional Master (50-100)

Aaron Altman
Carole Altman
Eileen Annis
Fleurette Cassara
Jeanette Cohen
Minette Davis
Renee Fisher
Michael Gorlon
Edmund Grainger
Charles Hoffer
Linda Kalos
Ilona Kolb
Rosalind Lipson

Sectional Master (continued)

Burt Meyers
Raymond Myers
John Nemeth
Gregor Neff
Suzanne Ochoa
Linda Reavis
Helene Winston

Regional Master (100-200)

Carol Cohen
Bobbie Falk
Robert Friedman
Sarah Hecht
Fumiko Kura
Lois Lenzner
Walter Lister
Joel Rothenberg
Raman Srivastav
Mindy White
Cynthia Williams
David Yaspan
Robert Zipf

North American Master (200-LM)

Felice Blank
Ellen Garguilo
Paula Lerer
Richard Lerer
Toni Schwartz

Life Master

Stephen Blau
H. Leland Getz
Penny Weill
Daniel Wolkowitz
Vivian Wu

Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)

Sari Berliner
Peter Bittle
Stephen Blau
Maureen Foulke
Lu Ganley
Dennis Glazer
Phyllis Honig
John Kaufman
Dexter Senft

Silver Life Master (1,000-2,500)

Lawrence R Brown
Amy Frolick
Pauline Gutelle
Dottie Kovel
Donald Lockwood
Nora W Stonehill

Gold Life Master (2,500-5,000)

Nie Lih Kalat

Diamond Life Master (5,000-10,000)

Mimi Bieber
Faye Marino

Welcome!

New Members

Karen Brown
Carolyn Campe
Doris Chance
Judy Edison
Lynn Feiner
Shelly Feiner
Tina Goldman
Leslie Herzfeld
Karen Johnston
Ruth Lefkowitz
Karen Levy
Maryholt Maxwell
Patrick Miller
Jake Neuthaler
Aileen Peterson
Robert Rubenstein
Max Schechter
Norman Shachnow
Pat Strum
Edith Unger
Dianne Youner



Club/Address/Phone	Regular Weekly Game Schedule						
	Score	Time	Card	Tables	Fee	Set	Bus
The Bridge Deck 101 Central Avonlea Scarsdale 914-8953 thebridgedeck.com	8:30 AM R. Frank Scaffed Open	8:30 AM M. Frank Scaffed	9:30 AM M. Frank Scaffed	8:30 AM E. Hoffman Scaffed 1:00 PM E. Hoffman Scaffed 1:00 PM E. Hoffman Scaffed	1:11 PM		
The Hartes' Club American Club 1131 Route 31 White Plains 914-1222 hartesclub.com	9:00 AM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed	9:00 AM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed	9:00 AM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed	8:30 AM E. Hoffman Scaffed 1:00 PM E. Hoffman Scaffed 1:00 PM E. Hoffman Scaffed	9:00 AM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed 1:00 PM Scaffed		
Larchmont Temple Bridge Club 76 Larchmont Ave Larchmont 914-2874 www.dash.com/ clubs/larchmont			7:00 PM E. Calogri Scaffed				
Bedford Bridge Club 111 Benson Fellowship Route 172 ML Kiawah 241-0927	10:30 AM L. Frank						

Changes & Closings

The Bridge Deck is closed for the evening games only on December 25 and January 1.

The Bridge Deck is closed January 3, 2009 for Closed Westchester Tournament.

The Bridge Deck is closed January 14-18, 2009 for Rye regional.

The Larchmont Temple has a new card fee for all games of \$9.00.

The Larchmont Temple is closed December 24 and December 31.

The Larchmont Temple is closed January 14, 2009 for Rye regional.

The Hartes' Club is closed December 25 for Christmas.

The Hartes' Club is closed Tuesday evening, January 13 - January 16 for Rye regional.

The Hartes' Club - Most morning and evening games in December, January and February award triple points at no extra charge. Contact club for exceptions.



Special Games

December				January (continued)			
3	Larchmont	Charity Game	7:30 PM	12	Hartes' Club	Inter-Club Champ.	9:30 AM
4	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM	10	Larchmont	Charity-Handicap Prize	7:30 PM
4	Hartes' Club	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM	28	Hartes' Club	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
7	Bridge Deck	Master/Non-Master	7:00 PM	28	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
10	Larchmont	Charity-Handicap Prize	7:30 PM	31	Bridge Deck	International Fund	1:00 PM
15-21	Bridge Deck	Club Champ. Week	All games				
16	Hartes' Club	Inter-Club Champ.	9:30 AM				
16	Hartes' Club	Holiday Party	All games				
21	Bridge Deck	Club Champ. Swiss	1:00 PM				
January				February			
2	Bridge Deck	Closed Westchester	See Page 1	4	Larchmont	Charity Game (Jr. Fund)	7:30 PM
3	Riverview	Closed Westchester	See Page 1	10	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
4	Bridge Deck	Golden Apple Swiss	See Page 1	10	Hartes' Club	Inter-Club Champ.	1:00 PM
7	Larchmont	Charity Game	7:30 PM	16-22	Bridge Deck	Club Champ. Week	All games
				18	Larchmont	Charity-Handicap Prize	7:30 PM
				22	Bridge Deck	Club Champ. Swiss	1:00 PM
				23	Bridge Deck	ACBL-Wide Senior	1:00 PM
				23	Hartes' Club	ACBL-Wide Senior	1:00 PM

Coming Events

BRIDGING THE COUNTIES
2 Carriage Way
White Plains, NY 10605

PERIODICALS POSTAGE
Paid at White Plains, NY

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- ♣ **March**
- ◆ 1 Unit Swiss Teams
- ♥ Bridge Deck
- ♠ 12-22 NABC
- ♣ Houston, TX
- ◆ 17 ACBL Charity Game
- ♥ Various Clubs
- ♠ 25-31 STAC Week
- ♣ Various Clubs
- ◆
- ♣ **April**
- ◆ 4 GNT District Finals
- ♥ Memorial United
- ♠ Methodist Church
- ♣ White Plains
- ◆
- ♥ **May**
- ♠ 13 Internat'l Fund Game
- ♣ Various Clubs
- ◆ 15-17 WCBA Bob Katz
- ♥ Spring Sectional
- ♠ County Center
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**January 20,
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DEADLINE



Next Board Meeting
January 10, 2009, 10:00 AM



**DISTRICT 3
WINTER
REGIONAL**
JAN. 13-19, 2009
Hilton Rye Town
888 Westchester Ave., Rye Brook NY
916-609-8300
Special Rooms Rate - \$121 per day,
per room, single/double, plus taxes
Rate is valid until beginning
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Expressway (287) to Exit 10. Follow Route 120A
to Port Chester. Hotel entrance is 1/2 mile ahead on your left.
From the East - Cross Westchester Expressway (287) to
Exit 10. At 2nd traffic light turn right. Hotel is on your left
at the 3rd traffic light.

BRIDGE LAWS SEMINAR
National Director Sol Weinstein will conduct a
free seminar on the revised laws of duplicate
bridge. The seminar is geared to club directors
& owners but all are welcome.
Tuesday 1-3 pm

<p>TUESDAY, JAN. 13</p> <p>Bracketed KO Tms I 7:30 pm Continuus Meet. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm Stratified Side Game Series I (1st) 7:30 pm</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14</p> <p>Stratified Side Game Series I (2nd) 9 am Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm FLAX Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm Bracketed Round Robin Tmjs (-300) 1 & 7 pm Stratified Side Game Series I (3rd) 1 pm Stratified Side Game Series I (4th) 7 pm</p> <p>THURSDAY, JAN. 15</p> <p>Stratified Side Game Series II (1st) 9 am Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm Fast Pairs (Knock break) 1 & 4 pm Bracketed KO Tms II 1 & 7 pm Continuus Fri. 9 am & 1 pm</p> <p>Stratified Open Swiss Tms 1 & 7 pm Stratified Side Game Series II (2nd) 1 pm Stratified Side Game Series II (3rd) 7 pm</p> <p>FRIDAY, JAN. 16</p> <p>Bracketed Compact KO Tms I 9 am & 1 pm Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 pm Stratified Side Game Series II (4th) 1 pm Single-Session Swiss Tms (Red Points) 1 pm Bracketed KO Tms III 7 pm Continuus Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm</p> <p>SATURDAY, JAN. 17</p> <p>Bracketed Compact KO Tms II 9 am & 1 pm Stratified Senior Pairs 10 am & 3 pm Single-Session Swiss Tms (Red Points) 1 pm Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 pm Flight AX separate, Strats B & C Stratified Side Game Series III (1st) 1 pm Stratified Side Game Series III (2nd) 7 pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY, JAN. 18</p> <p>Stratified Swiss Tms 10:30 am & 5 pm Flight AX separate, Strats B & C Stratified Senior Swiss Tms 10:30 am & 5 pm (Sunday team events--5 matches first session) Fast Pairs (Knock break) 11 am & 2 pm Stratified Side Game Series III (2nd) 11 am Stratified Side Game Series III (4th) 3:30 pm Special KO Tms 8:30 pm</p> <p>MONDAY, JAN. 19 - Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Stratified Open & Senior Pairs 10:30 am & 3 pm Bracketed Compact KO Tms II 10:30 am & 3 pm Stratified Side Game Series III (5th) 10:30 am Single-Session Swiss Tms (Red Points) 3 pm Stratified Side Game Series III (6th) 3 pm Subclubs' food available between sessions</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Newspiccate Games (Red) (0-200 MP) All games are one session - Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm Sunday - Swiss Tms 10:30 - Pairs 3:30 pm Monday: 10:30 am & 3 pm Subsidized food available between sessions. Play both sessions ANY day except Monday and get free snack, soda and mini-lesson between sessions.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Compact KO Tms: 12-board matches, 4-person Tms only. All KO Tms are random draw within brackets.</p> </div> <p>Tournament Manager - Jerry Goodman 201-348-8330 • redubdie@webtv.net Newspiccate Info - Cheryl Porter-Garrabolo 201-641-8035 • magic7MT@earthlink.net Tournament Chair - Mimi Bleher 814-273-8068 • mimbleber@optonline.net Caddies - Ed Zuckerman 914-693-6653 • erocoks@aol.com Pairing - Gina Tamres 914-636-3081</p>
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