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♠		White Plains, NY												♠
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NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

The North American Pairs qualifying games will be held during June, July and August. There are three masterpoint flights: A, Open; B, 0-2000; C, 0-500 (Non-Life Master). You may qualify to play at any NAP qualifying game at any club in North America. Those that qualify can play in the District 3 Final (no Unit Final). The top three pairs in each flight will qualify to play in the North American Final to be played at the Spring 2007 Nationals in St. Louis, MO. Qualifiers in all flights will receive subsidies as follows:

- First Place: Airfare and the equivalent of 3 nights in the host hotel
\$100 per player from District 3
\$125 per player from Unit 188 (Unit members only)
- Second Place: Airfare from the ACBL
\$100 per player from District 3
\$125 per player from Unit 188 (Unit members only)
- Third Place: \$100 per player from District 3
\$125 per player from Unit 188 (Unit members only)

Bridge Deck

- June 1, 2006 Thursday 1:00 PM
- June 12, 2006 Monday 9:30 AM
- June 20, 2006 Tuesday 1:00 PM
- June 23, 2006 (Bob's BC) Friday 9:30 AM
- June 28, 2006 Wednesday 9:30 AM
- July 6, 2006 Thursday 9:30 AM
- July 14, 2006 Friday 1:00 PM
- July 18, 2006 Tuesday 9:30 AM
- July 22, 2006 Saturday 1:00 PM
- July 30, 2006 Sunday 1:00 PM
- August 14, 2006 Monday 7:30 PM
- August 16, 2006 Wednesday 1:00 PM
- August 22, 2006 Tuesday 9:30 AM
- August 26, 2006 Saturday 1:00 PM
- August 28, 2006 Monday 1:00 PM

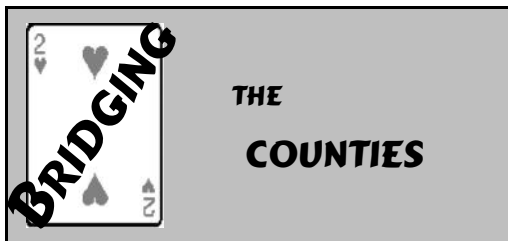
Hartes' Club

July 10-15, 2006 Monday-Saturday All games

Larchmont Temple

July 12, 2006 Wednesday 7:30 PM

District Final - Allendale, NJ, Saturday September 30, 2006



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has finally arrived with its rebirth and new growth. It seems to me that our Unit Board is also going through a process of new growth. We have added a lot of new Board members over the past few years, and I think this can only enhance the Board with new and fresh ideas and energy. I greatly appreciate our long-term members who have continued to aid and assist those newcomers when they are called upon.

This also brings to mind the fact that we are all volunteers. I was struck by surprise at one of our sectionals when a Unit member who I did not see very often came up to me to thank me and tell me that they appreciated what I was doing. I realize now that I may forget to thank all of the people that work so very hard on our Board. I particularly wish to thank Marshall Frank, our Tournament Chairman and STAC coordinator. Having been in his position, I am well aware of the many problems that arise, and he handles them so well. Also, Jason Fuhrman, the Editor of *Bridging the Counties*, for doing an excellent job, with the assistance of Bob Goldwater. Nancy and Steve Sahlein for creating promotion and fliers of our tournament schedule and delivering them to many area clubs. Joan Gerard, Mimi Bieber, Alisan Harte, Kassie Munoz and Heidi Klein for our booming Charity Swiss game. Dick Kraner, our Treasurer, who works very hard to keep us afloat. Our Closed Westchester

committee of Charlotte Brasel, Nancy Sahlein, Joan Gerard and Heidi Klein, all of whom do a tremendous job to keep the whole weekend running smoothly. Our new Secretary Eileen O'Neill. Our Hospitality Chairman Heidi Klein, who takes part in all of our tournaments. Our Education Committee of Rich Laufer, Robin Brown and Judy Soley. Kassie Munoz who runs our Future Masters sectional. Judy Soley, our electronic communications expert keeping us all informed of National, District and Unit events and information. Barbara Metselaar our Sunshine Chairman. Rich Laufer who runs our Master/Non-Master game. Carol Laufer who provides us with signs and programs. A special thanks to Joel Sommer and Bob Goldwater who so efficiently got out our directory. And lastly, thanks to Peter Kalat who is always there to give us his thoughts and keep us on the straight and narrow as parliamentarian.

We have many exciting tournaments in the coming months: District 3 Regional in Saratoga Springs, June 12th-18th; District 3 Holiday Regional June 28th- July 4th; The NABC in Chicago, July 13th-23rd; District 3 NAP Finals in Allendale, NJ; and, our new date for our Fall Sectional at The County Center, August 11th-13th. Hope to see you there!

Betty Fleischer

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Editor's Corner



My time for bridge playing and editing *Bridging the Counties* is rapidly approaching a period where I will have less time for both. If my future Editor's Corner columns seem less polished as a result, I apologize in advance.

Before my life changes, I have been trying to fit in as much bridge as possible. So it has not been bad for me these past seven months. But I will send my regrets in advance to those who look for me at the table and cannot find me.

Many of you are probably wondering what the heck I'm talking about. For those of you who haven't heard, my wife is expecting our first baby. In fact, by the time you read this I may be a daddy already.

In anticipation of this life changing event, I was having difficulty writing this column with one of my usual themes on bridge. So I gave it up and wrote this one instead. Hopefully my muse will return for the next issue.

Bridge is a great game, and some fanatics would say that it's more important than anything else. But the reality of having a baby has forced me to re-prioritize bridge in my life. Most regrettable, but unavoidable.

Yes, I will teach my child to play bridge when baby gets old enough. At that point, maybe my playing time will go back up beyond what it is now. My regular partner, Rick Rosenthal, has already been teaching his daughter Joyana how to play bridge. Perhaps we have future world-class partnership potential here.

Even though my bridge time will be down, you can still be happy for me. Hmmmm. Or you can be happy I'm sleep deprived because of the newborn, so I'm not playing as well against you. Either way, play bridge happy.

Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

The Spring NABC in Dallas was fairly well attended with 10,318 tables in play. Lower than the number from nine years ago, but nevertheless a respectable turnout. The volunteers did a great job with hospitality and the playing conditions were wonderful.

The Board meetings were uneventful. We had a demonstration of the new Bridgmate Wireless System. I had seen this in use in Estoril last fall during the World Championships and it is really fantastic. It is a 25 button keypad on a small box which is placed on each bridge table and uses radio waves. All of the players' names and ACBL numbers would be entered at each table and then the North player records the score and Bridgmate provides a direct verification of results. The results are sent to a server and it can score up to 127 tables per server. When there are more tables involved, then you simply use more computers. It has been FCC approved and has low battery consumption. The ACBL is considering purchasing them for use at NABCs, and I'm sure they will be available for purchase by units and districts and clubs. This will save considerably on the need for as many caddies and, for that matter, as many directors. I predict you will see these in use very soon.

Our President, Harriette Buckman, has opted to convent the Board's

Masterpoint Committee almost a year early. I was again appointed to this committee. Its purpose is to look at inconsistencies in our Masterpoint formula. Things to think about include: too few MPs for Stratified Open Pairs; too many MPs in Bracketed KO's and Compact KO's; the many inequities that have risen from the special games at clubs vs. unit-wide games; people becoming Life Master without ever having played against an "A" player; and I'm sure many other topics. If you have any problems that you would like to see addressed or, better yet, any solutions, please e-mail me at joanandronn@att.net. I can't promise to make it better, but we can try.

I would be remiss not to mention that the ACBL finished this past year over budget by about \$347,000. This was clearly upsetting since the Board was not made aware of this at our fall meetings and did not know until the end of the year. The marketing department went over by \$100,000; the Legal, Audit and Consulting fees were over by \$90,000; and sanction fees were budgeted too optimistically. We had budgeted to lose about the same amount so the loss turned into \$693,000.

Jay Baum, our CEO, is implementing a new forecasting model and new financial guidelines. This loss, by the way, is only 2.5% over

budget. The Finance Committee will be monitoring this very closely. The good news is that the ACBL still remains well within our financial guidelines and we have surely made our displeasure known to management.

District 3's bridge activities for the summer should be a lot of fun. The Saratoga Springs Regional, June 12-18, is at the newly renamed hotel - The Saratoga (formerly the Prime Hotel & Conference Center). With all renovated sleeping rooms most of the playing area redone, it should be a pleasant place to win lots of gold points. This year we have added a second Compact KO, along with three bracketed KO's - tons of opportunities to win gold points. And don't miss our brand new July 4th Regional in Parsippany, NJ at the Crowne Plaza. Many of you remember this hotel from when it was called the Sheraton Tara, and we were there in the summer. We'll be back there over the holiday, June 28-July 4. A great way to spend your July 4th weekend. And if you don't want to play every session of bridge you can lounge at the outdoor swimming pool. Make your plans now to spend the 4th with us.

Bridge is still the best form of entertainment. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Joan Gerard, District Director

Two New Diamond Life Masters



Halina Jamner and Bob Goldwater both recently surpassed the 5,000 masterpoint mark to become Diamond Life Masters

Bridge Poetry

There once was a player named Hicks
Who bid to the level of six.
When he was doubled
He was not troubled.
With a squeeze he made all the tricks.

- Joel Sommer

Bob Katz WCBA Spring Sectional Results

Only one WCBA member made it into the ranks of the top ten masterpoint winners in the WCBA's Spring Sectional at the County Center in White Plains. Kenneth Jacobs, by virtue of his win in the Sunday Swiss Teams, finished tied for second among the overall masterpoint winners. He received the first Bob Katz Memorial Award, which will now be awarded to the WCBA member who wins the most masterpoints at this Sectional. There were 260 tables in play throughout the tournament.

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

58 pairs

A B C

- | | | |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | | Jeffrey Hand, Stephanie Ziltzer |
| 2 | | Stephen Schneer, Ira Ewen |
| 3 | 1 1 | Robert Weiss, Neil Gordon |
| | 2 | K. Joel Sommer, Lawrence Novick |
| | 3 2 | Larry Goldstein, David Katzman |
| | 3 | Renee Crammes, Charles Crammes |

Friday Afternoon Women's Pairs

44 pairs

A B C

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|---|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | | Irene Silver, Gina Tamres |
| 2 | 1 | Barbara Feldman, Jane Heilbron |
| 3 | | Rhoda Levine - Edythe Levitt |
| | 2 1 | B. McLendon, R. Silverstein |
| | 3/4 2/3 | Phyllis Honig, Carole Leinwand |
| | 3/4 2/3 | Rosanna Frank, Carole Tunick |

Friday Afternoon 199er Pairs

51 pairs

A B C

- | | | |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1 | | Dorothy Kaplan, Dolores Wolf |
| 2 | | Edith Franco, Elinor Haight |
| 3 | | Diane Rosenkranz, Louise Karp |
| | 1 1 | Todd Schiffer, Richard Strauss |
| | 2 2 | Barbara Worms, Susan Deutsch |
| | 3 3 | Fran Columbus, Bonnie Berner |

Friday Evening Open Pairs

49 pairs

A B C

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|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Sylwia & Michael McNamara |
| 2 | | D. Staubi, L. Christianson |
| 3 | | Bernard Schneider, Bob Gwartzman |
| | 2 1 | William Wood, Patricia Wood |
| | 3 2 | Nora Finkelstein, Tory Kane |
| | 3 | Alice & Elliott Weinstein |

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

94 pairs

A B C

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|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | | Glenn Robbins, Bob Gwartzman |
| 2 | | Joan Gerard, Bill Rosenblum |
| 3 | | Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein |
| | 1 | Julian Laderman, Ivan Petrovic |
| | 2 | Robert Lawrence, Mohan Dutt |
| | 3 | Martin & Celeste Steinberg |
| | 1 | Renee Crammes, Carole Leinwand |
| | 2 | Mary Leinbach, Marian Teitz |
| | 3 | Robert & Paula Eppinger |

Saturday Afternoon 199er Pairs

38 pairs

A B C

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|---|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | Martin Cohen, Marilyn Markowitz |
| 2 | 2 1 | Karin & Burt Meyers |
| 3 | | Leonard Adler, J. Martine |
| | 3/4 | Martin Barschi, Bert Haber |
| | 3/4 2 | Mary Ann Muccini, Linda Wuest |
| | 3 | Jill Fouad, Helen McBrien |

Knockout Teams

8 Teams

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | | Carl Gueli, Lydia Betz, Albert Shekhter, Yuri Yurachkivsky, Mihail Perper |
| 2 | | Maureen Sullivan, Sondra Bleich, Ina Teschner, Tecla Martemucci |

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

48 pairs

A B C

- | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | | Lawrence Christianson, Doris Staubi |
| 2 | 1 | Lee Ohliger, Benjamin Rottman |
| 3 | 2 | Robin & Lawrence Brown |
| | 3 | David Rock, Sonja Smith |
| | 1 | Ann Weinstein, Tobyann Strachan |
| | 2 | Betty Heller, Jean Schiaroli |
| | 3 | Dolores Savoy, Dolores Posey |

Sunday Seniors Swiss Teams

14 teams

A B C

- | | | |
|---|-------|--|
| 1 | | Rosalind Elk, Betty Cox, Ellen Dutcher, Miyoko Boswell |
| 2 | | Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein, Janet & Stephen Lippmann |
| | 3/4 | Gina Tamres, Rhoda Levine |
| | 3/4 1 | Sandra Porwick, Nancy Molesworth |
| | 1 | L. Patrick Calahan, Doris Staubi, Nancy & Stephen Sahlein |
| | 2 | Ejaz Qureshi, Susan Goon, Hal Lawner, Arthur Ash |
| | 3 | Phyllis & George Lippman, Larry Goldstein, Peter Nisselson |
| | 1 | Barbara Zoldan, Ilona Kolb, Joan Saltz, Karen Hershberg |
| | 2 | Barbara Schlactus, Lillian Laster, Thelma Borenstein, Lorraine Hinds |

Sunday 199er Swiss Teams

12 teams

A B

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|---|-----|--|
| 1 | | Patti Fishbach, George Holland, Carl Palmer, Yasmine Guenancia |
| 2 | 1 | Alice Neild, Martin Barschi, Bert Haber, Frank Altman |
| 3 | 2 | Anna Muggia, Henriette Abraham, Franco Muggia, Marilyn McGill |
| | 3/4 | Valerie Scher, Elaine Krass, Dorothy Bregman, Lynne Goldstein |
| | 3/4 | Ellen Garguilo, Suzy Schneiderman, Phyllis Canter, Marcia Teschner |

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

35 teams

A B C

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|---|-----|---|
| 1 | | Kenneth Jacobs, Simon Erlich, Glenn Milgrim, Jeff Aker |
| 2 | | Frances & Bernard Schneider, William Wood, Russell Friedman |
| 3 | | Nie Lih & Peter Kalat, Joel & Mimi Bieber |
| | 1 1 | Carol Davidson, Penelope Glassmeyer, Mary Richardson, Betty Hodgman |
| | 2 | Sylwia & Michael McNamara, Finn Damkilde, Richard Castellone |
| | 3 | Jack & Roz Alhale, Joseph Mayers, Beverly Pogoda |
| | 2 | Waheed Din, Phyllis Honig, Bradley Calcagni, Carole Leinwand |
| | 3 | Fern Lindsay, Stephen Kleinman, Elizabeth Douthit, Sharon Phillips |



District 3's Web Site - Area for Newplicate Players

District 3 has recently added a new feature for newer players to their web site - the Newplicate Hand of the Month. Every month they publish a hand for newer players to learn from, or for bridge teachers to use for their students. Following is their hand for April 2006.

♠ 853
♥ A63
♦ 875
♣ 7642

♠ A62 ♠ Q74
♥ QJ94 ♥ K8
♦ QJ1096 ♦ 432
♣ J ♣ Q10953

♠ KJ109
♥ 10752
♦ AK
♣ AK8

I'M GIVING UP BRIDGE

Submitted by Richard Kraner

It's amen to Stayman. I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles.
I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.

My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played what and what's trumps.
Who played what on my right?

So for now it's all over. I'm off to the back wood.
I'm saying goodbye to Gerber and Blackwood.

I can't stand the hassle. I can't stand the pain.
I'm getting those lousy cards again and again.

I'm giving up bridge. Tonight's a bad night.
The opponents are horrid and nothing's gone right.

My partner's a dope. I'm losing all hope.
When she bids "Double," I know we're in trouble.

My points are not high. I'm wondering why
She keeps on bidding right up to the sky.

So I'm giving up bridge. Tonight's my last night.
Farewell to conventions. I give up the fight.

I leave with a few words. But some are so true....
Bridge is a game. Not for me, maybe for you.

Now be kind to your partners. Don't mind their cheek.
But why is it I can't wait for my bridge game next week?

Suggested Bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass Pass Pass

Suggested Lead:
♦Q: Top of a three-card or longer
sequence.

Suggested Play:
South should win and lead spades
from the South hand to drive out the
♠A and ♠Q. It is not necessary (and
may even lead to defeat) to use
dummy's ♥A for a spade finesse.
Declarer can establish the two
additional tricks needed to make the
contract by promoting the spades in the
South hand.

Tips: Plan the play
Count your tricks.

Hands are currently available from
January 2006 through the present.

There is a whole newplicate
section available on-line. Besides the
hands, there is also a Newplicate Tip of
the Month and articles about the
newplicate program in District 3.

District 3's website is [http://www.
bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org). Their entire
newplicate section can be found at
[http://www.bridge-district3.org/newp.
htm](http://www.bridge-district3.org/newp.
htm).

A Reminder for New Life Masters

For the last several issues, we have not had articles about people who have just achieved the rank of Life Master. If you would like to write a short article about yourself that will appear in *Bridging the Counties*, please send it to the editor by the copy closing date. You can also submit it via e-mail to Ed Zuckerberg at ekzooks@aol.com for a separate inclusion on the Unit's web site. You may enclose a picture of yourself along with your article.



Charity Swiss Teams

4th Annual Charity Swiss Teams
Sunday, October 8, 2006
Brunch - Silent Auction - Swiss Teams

It's time to think about our 4th annual Charity Swiss Teams to be held on Sunday, October 8 at the Bridge Deck. This special fundraiser kicks off with a fabulous brunch. While eating, we know you will take the time to bid on items in the silent auction. The bids are all made silently by writing the bids next to the item. The silent auction closes after the third round of the Swiss Teams, and the highest bidder gets the item. All the money raised is donated to charities.

Last year the auction items included: handbags donated by Kassie Munoz and Laura Brill; jewelry donated by Barbara Warkol and Laura Brill; bridge playdates donated by Glenn Eisenstein, Kent Mignocchi, Gail Greenberg, Irina Levitina, Chris Lubesnik, Yeffim Shoykhet, Jeff Hand, Kay Schulle, Rick Goldstein, Laura Brill, Jerry Sosler, Rob Stayman, Warren Rosner and Jim Daniels; gift certificates from the Hartes' Club; "oldie" books donated by Harry Silverman; Bridge World subscription and books donated by Jeff Rubens; games and toys, spa massage and George Foreman grill donated by Susan and Bruce Pollack; Harry Potter games donated by Rosanna and Marshall Frank; dinner for two at the Crabtree Kittlehouse donated by Jon Crabtree; gift certificates for Gus' Franklin Park Restaurant and Premier Salon Blow Dry donated by Heidi Klein; vintage Italian wines donated by Lester Gottlieb; gift basket of Godiva chocolates donated by Toby Rosenberger; bronze sculpture by Anne Bedrick donated by Lottie and Joel Sommer; pocket photo album donated by Joan Gerard; Cream of the Crop style and blow dry gift certificates donated by Marcello Gambacorta and Barbara Arnold; and the Skybox at Madison Square Garden, tickets to a Rangers game and dinner in the Skybox donated by Niki and David Levy.

Many donations contributed to our raising over \$7,500 for our six charities last year. Special contributions that put us over the top of our goal of \$5,000 were made by Barbara Warkol, Frances Yedlin, Halina Jamner and Carlos Munoz. This year our goal will be \$8,500, and we are confident that with your help we will be able to reach this goal.

A great afternoon is being planned. There will only be four matches so people can get home early. Look for fliers and posters, check out Unit 188's web site, or look in the September issue of *Bridging the Counties* for more details.

Please contact any member of our charity committee if you have something to donate to the silent auction, or simply want to make a donation.

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 Scarsdale, New York 10583
 - OR -
judy@soley.com

Sarasota, FL Regional

Saturday Compact KO
 Mimi Bieber 2nd
 Nie Lih Kalat, Stephen Lippmann,
 Janet Lippmann, Peter Kalat 3rd

Sunday Swiss Teams
 Nie Lih Kalat, Stephen Lippmann,
 Janet Lippmann, Peter Kalat 1st OA

Thursday-Friday KO
 Dan Hertz, Natalie Hertz,
 Carlos Munoz, Kassie Munoz 3rd/4th

Scranton, PA Regional

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs
 Robert & Melissa Baker 2nd OB

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams
 Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd OB, 2nd OC

Dallas NABC

Saturday-Sunday AM KO Bracket 2
 Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

Monday Compact KO Bracket 6
 Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd

Monday-Thursday AM KO Bracket 3
 Robert & Melissa Baker 1st

April Showers KO Bracket 6
 Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd/4th

Allendale, NJ Sectional (April)

Friday Evening Open Pairs
 Jason Fuhrman & Tim Baird 3rd OA, 2nd OB

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams
 Robert & Melissa Baker 2nd OB

Woodbridge, NJ Sectional

Saturday Evening B/C/D Pairs
 Robert & Melissa Baker 3rd OB

Sunday Swiss Teams
 Robert & Melissa Baker 1st OB

Convention Hall

Defending against a strong 1♣

Most partnerships these days use 2♣ as a strong, artificial and forcing opening. Virtually every player learning the game learns this as one of their first conventions. But many experienced partnerships play Precision or other systems where 1♣ is the strong and artificial opening, and 2♣ has another meaning (such as a limited opening bid with a real club suit). Unfamiliarity with how to defend against a strong 1♣ opening often causes newer players not to compete in these auctions, leading to poor results.

The basic theory is that it is safer to overcall strong 1♣ hands with good distribution, like conventional overcalls of 1NT openings such as Cappelletti or DONT. This article will discuss two conventional approaches to overcalling a strong 1♣ opener. Other defenses also exist. Regardless of what defense you use, you and your partner must agree on minimum point counts, suit quality, and minimum distributions to make this type of overcall.

Defense to Big Club (DBC)

DBC is designed to let you immediately distinguish in one bid between one-suited (typically a six-card suit) and two-suited (typically 5-5 or more) overcalls.

1♦, 1♥, 1♠ and 3♣ all show single-suited hands. You simply bid your suit. These bids do not need to be alerted. Some people modify this by using a double of 1♣ (instead of bidding 3♣) to show a single-suited hand in clubs, but this needs to be alerted.

Every combination of two-suited hands can be shown by an overcall between 1NT and 2NT. All of these bids must be alerted.

1NT = ♦ and ♠

2♣ = ♣ and ♦

2♦ = ♦ and ♥

2♥ = ♥ and ♠

2♠ = ♠ and ♣

2NT = ♣ and ♥

Partner is expected to pass or correct a suit bid, or pick one of the two suits named by a NT overcall.

Suction

Suction also permits you to show both one- and two- suited overcalls, but is more complicate because bids have multiple meanings. The overcall structure is as follows, and every bid must be alerted:

Double = ♣ and ♥

1♦ = ♥; OR ♠ and ♣

1♥ = ♠; OR ♣ and ♦

1♠ = ♣; OR ♦ and ♥

1NT = ♦ and ♠

2♣ = ♦; OR ♥ and ♠

Double and 1NT simply ask partner to pick one of the two suits shown. But every suit bid is a relay to the next higher suit (and the relay must also be alerted). If overcaller has a one-suited hand, overcaller passes the relay.

Otherwise the overcaller continues with the next higher suit to show the appropriate two-suiter. For example, if overcaller bids 1♥, his partner must bid 1♠. The overcaller will pass 1♠ with spades, or bid 2♣ to show ♣ and ♦ and ask partner to choose.

- Jason Fuhrman

2006 USBF Team Trials

The 2006 USBF United States Bridge Championships Team Trials to select a team for the 2007 Bermuda Bowl will be held from August 18-27, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains. Participants must be Active or Resident members of the USBF.

The USBF General Conditions of Contest apply to this event. In addition, there will be special conditions of contest which have not been finalized yet.

For more information visit the USBF web site at <http://www.usbf.org>.

Sunshine

Do you have good news about a Unit member to publicize? Or sad news to share? Is a Unit member ill?

The Sunshine committee is here to serve the Unit members. Please contact Barbara Metselaar with the information by phone at 939-3241, by fax at 949-8483, or by e-mail to barbaramets@aol.com.

WCBA Web Site Update

Our Unit's web site, www.bridge-wcba.com, is constantly being updated and upgraded by our webmaster Ed Zuckerberg.

New Life Masters can submit their name, picture, and a brief biography about their bridge career and personal life for posting. (Editor's note: It can also be submitted to *Bridging the Counties* for publication here.)

The Monthly Bidding Problem area is quite popular. There are currently ten bidding problems posted, with another one coming soon.

The Partnership Desk feature has been removed because of lack of interest. The Photo Gallery format has been changed to make it easier to find pictures from specific events, instead of having to search through all of the pictures sequentially.

For more information, or to be added to the e-mail list for notification of web site updates, please e-mail Ed Zuckerberg at ekzooks@aol.com.

WCBA 2006 Medallion Leaders as of 5/17/06

0-5 MPs

1. Ronald Kallman	29
2. Alice Neild	14
3. Sandra Haffner	12

5-20 MPs

1. Arnie Moskowitz	24
2. Marilyn McGill	16
3. Annelise Scuccimarra	14

20-50 MPs

1. Bert Haber	24
2. Martin Barschi	22
3. Arthur Aitkens	21

50-100 MPs

1. Ruth Fennessy-Moss	49
2. Louise Karp	35
3. Yvette Macleod	34

100-200 MPs

1. Arthur Maier	46
2. Stephanie Ziltzer	38
3. Leonard Frischer	34

200-300 MPs

1. William Rose Jr.	52
2. Eliot Minsker	47
3. Dexter Senft	46

300-500 MPs

1. Stephanie Furtsch	77
2. Betty Heller	73
3. Sylvester Karagis	67

500-1,000 MPs

1. Melissa Baker	134
2. Robert Baker	127
3. Linda Otness	98

1,000-2,500 MPs

1. Kassie Munoz	126
2. Heidi Klein	117
3. L. Christianson	105

2,500-5,000 MPs

1. Carlos Munoz	191
2. Faye Marino	114
3. Peter Kalat	114

5,000-7,500 MPs

1. Dan Hertz	133
2. Natalie Hertz	132
3. Warren Rosner	123

7,500-10,000 MPs

1. Ron Gerard	38
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10,000+ MPs

1. Rick Goldstein	214
2. Laura Brill	210
3. Kay Schulle	153

WCBA 2006 Ace of Clubs Leaders as of 5/17/06

0-5 MPs

1. Ronald Kallman	22
2. Alice Neild	9
3. Sandra Haffner	9

5-20 MPs

1. Arnie Moskowitz	18
2. Annelise Scuccimarra	13
3. Marilyn McGill	11

20-50 MPs

1. Bert Haber	14
2. Arthur Aitkens	13
3. Paul Kalos	13

50-100 MPs

1. Ruth Fennessy-Moss	24
2. Yvette Macleod	23
3. Louise Karp	22

100-200 MPs

1. Leslie Davies	26
2. Sara Sheperd	25
3. Tory Kane	24

200-300 MPs

1. Gail Cannold	36
2. Eliot Minsker	33
3. Nora Finkelstein	28

300-500 MPs

1. Betty Heller	47
2. Roger Heher	41
3. Sylvester Karagis	36

500-1,000 MPs

1. Linda Otness	70
2. Eileen O'Neill	57
3. Edythe Levitt	51

1,000-2,500 MPs

1. Heidi Klein	80
2. Yoko Ohnuma	75
3. Charles Hill	69

2,500-5,000 MPs

1. Rhoda Levine	86
2. Faye Marino	63
3. Gina Tamres	45

5,000-7,500 MPs

1. Nancy Molesworth	64
2. Halina Jamner	59
3. Warren Rosner	51

7,500-10,000 MPs

None ranked

10,000+ MPs

1. Kay Schulle	72
2. Rick Goldstein	59
3. Richard Zucker	59

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Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Fern Bindelglass
Sandra Haffner
Ronald Kallman
Minnie Katz
Amy Levin
Burt Meyers
Florin Neamtu
Lorraiane Sabert
Connie Sanders
Richard Strauss
Connie Thiel
Richard Tisch
Steven Tobin
Florie Wachtenheim
Bernice Zaslow

Club Master (20-50)

Arthur Aitkens
Madeleine Bleecker
Stephanie Cohen
Katharine Falise
William Herman
Gina Kramer
Ann Kaufman
Beverly Kostrinsky
Donald Levin
Lee Marrano
Jane Mitchell
Arnie Moskowitz
Leonard Nadel
Jane Ochs
Mary Plunkett
Leslie Schwartz
Toni Schwartz
Annelise Scuccimarra
Sue Shane
Barbara Worms
Carole Worthington
David Yaspan

Sectional Master (50-100)

Martin Barschi
Bert Haber
Mark Kaplan
Vera Kaplan
Dotsy Potter
Alice Weinstein

Regional Master (100-200)

Ruth Fennessy-Moss
Lionel Goetz
Joan O'Leary
Leatrice Schacht
Frances Seicol
Janet Stroh
Richard Stroh
Martin Ziserman

North American Master (200-300)

Sondra Bleich
Doris Eidel
Nora Finkelstein
Sandi Foreman
Marion Hermann
Estelle Johnson
Joan Saltz

Life Master

Pauline Gutelle
Margot Handal
Diana Holtzman
Sylvester Karagis
Susan Maier
Howard Marks

Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)

Henry Deutsch
Edgar Gentry Jr.
Pauline Gutelle
Margot Handal

Silver Life Master (1000-2500)

Joanne Matthews
Joan Mendell

Gold Life Master (2500-5000)

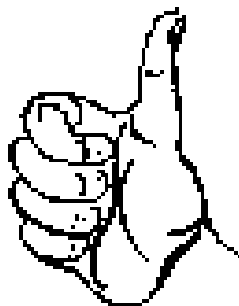
Kassie Munoz

Diamond Life Master (5000-7500)

Bob Goldwater
Halina Jamner

Platinum Life Master (10,000+, no NABC Championship)

Laura Brill



Welcome!

New Members

Madi Alter
Joyce Balint
Eileen Dolins
Evelyn Frankel
Bruce Glickman
Frances Goddard
Barbara Greebel
Michael Gershman
Corinne Grant
Jerry Greenspan
Bernice Groves
Sandra Haffner
Sue Hertz
Joseph Hofheimer
Tanya Hollander
Ronald Kallman
Joanne Kaplan
Mary Anne Kelly
Anne Kemper
Barbara Levy
Rosalind Lipson
Kathine Mackie
Gloria Menaker
Florin Neamtu
Alice Neild
Todd Schiffer
Adele Sinder
Susan Smithline
Max Stolzberg
Preston Scher
Elaine Winston
Yung Wong



Club directory	Regular Weekly Game Schedule						
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Bridge Deck 313 Central Avenue Scarsdale 949-5853	9:30 AM R. Brown Stratified Open R. Laufer Stratified 0-200 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified Open R. Laufer Stratified 0-200 7:30 PM R. Brown Stratified Open Stratified 0-200	9:30 AM M. Frank Stratified 1:00 PM M. McNamara Stratified 1:30 PM S. McNamara Supervised Play	9:30AM M. Frank Stratified 1:00 PM M. McNamara Stratified 7:30 PM R. Laufer Individual	9:30AM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Laufer 0-200 Stratified 7:30 PM N. Sahlein Supervised Play 7:30 PM B. Hoffman IMP Pairs	9:30 AM B. Klein Stratified 1:00 PM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Laufer 0-200 Stratified	1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified	1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified
The Hartes' Club Armenian Church 1131 North St White Plains 285-1230	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-200 S. Patricelli 6:30 PM Stratified Y. Shoykhet	9:30 AM Stratified C. Lubesnik 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-200 C. Lubesnik 6:30 PM Stratified C. Lubesnik	9:30 AM Stratified R. Castellone 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-200 I. Levitina	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified Open / 0-200 S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Supervised Play G. Greenberg S. Becker	9:30 AM Stratified Y. Shoykhet	2:30 PM Stratified C. Lubesnik 6:45 PM Stratified C. Lubesnik	
Down Two Doubled Heritage Hills Somers 241-0937		7:20 PM Invitational I. Nargi		12:30 PM Invitational I. Nargi			
Larchmont Temple Bridge Club 75 Larchmont Av Larchmont 472-2011			7:30 PM M. Feifer Stratified				
Bedford Bridge Club Unitarian Fellowship Route 172, Mt. Kisco 241-0937	10:30 AM I. Nargi						

Changes & Closings

Bridge Deck & Hartes' Club will be closed for the WCBA Sectional August 11-13.

Hartes' Club: No "Supplicate" game on Fridays.

Hartes' Club: Stratified open games on Saturday at 2:30 PM and 6:45 PM.



Special Games

June			
1	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
2	Hartes' Club	Worldwide Pairs	6:30 PM
2	Bridge Deck	Worldwide Pairs	7:30 PM
3	Bridge Deck	Worldwide Pairs	1:00 PM
3	Hartes' Club	Worldwide Pairs	2:30 PM
5-10	Hartes' Club	STAC Week	All games
5-11	Bridge Deck	STAC Week	All games
7	Larchmont	STAC	7:30 PM
11	Bridge Deck	STAC Swiss Teams	1:00 PM
12	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
20	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
20	Hartes' Club	Club Championship	1:00 PM
21	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
23	Bob's BC	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
24	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Championship	1:00 PM
28	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
July			
6	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
7	Bridge Deck	International Fund Game	7:30 PM

July (continued)			
10-15	Hartes' Club	NAP Qualifying	All games
12	Larchmont	NAP Qualifying	7:30 PM
14	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
18	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
22	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
26	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
30	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
August			
4	Bob's BC	Club Championship	9:30 AM
7-13	Bridge Deck	Club Championship Week	All games
9	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
13	Bridge Deck	Club Championship Swiss	1:00 PM
14-19	Hartes' Club	Club Championship Week	All games
14	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	7:30 PM
16	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
16	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
22	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	9:30 AM
26	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM
28	Bridge Deck	NAP Qualifying	1:00 PM

