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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As my term as President of Unit 188 approached, I thought, "What in the world am I going to write for *Bridging the Counties*?" And now that the actual deadline is here, I am trying to limit the number of things on my mind. Deep waters - wade slowly.

First and foremost: Many of us mourn the passing of Bob Katz. As a great National Director, he was our Bible. Whenever anybody had a question about proprieties at the table, Bob was the last word. He was a terrific player. He didn't use a lot of gadgets and didn't need them. He always found the right defense and made it easy for partner to read his signals. As an opponent, I learned early not to push too high at his table; the red double card flew easily and often. I had the good fortune to play with Bob occasionally this past year. He was a really good partner - a good word when deserved and a brief chide when warranted. I learned an awful lot from him. Most of all I will miss his wit. He was so sharp and had a quick retort. I will miss

him dearly.

Next, I'd like to thank some past board members. Bob Goldwater spent 38 years on the WCBA Board, and did many jobs that nobody else wanted. Despite his departure, he is still proofreading *Bridging the Counties* and he continues as our liaison to the Westchester County Department of Parks and Recreation for the Golden Apple Swiss at the Closed Westchester Tournament. Joyce Blumenthal also left the Board. She ran the Jane Hill Future Masters Sectional and served as our membership chairperson.

Lastly, I'd like to welcome our new board members. Joel Sommer has always offered his assistance when needed, and I look forward to his continued support. Nancy Widman, a champion player, will add greatly to our Conduct and Ethics Committee. And Michael Otte will replace Joyce Blumenthal.

Keep the Peace!

Betty Fleischer

**Editor's
Corner**



"It's good for the soul," I said.

"Maybe it's good for your soul, but it's not good for mine," replied my partner.

Bidding disasters happen to everyone. This one happened to me, in my regular partnership where we have lots of understandings. In first seat at favorable vulnerability you hold:

- ♠: J2
- ♥: KJ752
- ♦: J97
- ♣: AK7

You open a very normal 1♥, and the following auction ensues:

S W N E
1♥ 2♠ Dbl Pass
3♥? Pass Pass Pass

2♠ is weak. The double is your standard negative double. What would you have re-bid? 2NT and pass are unconscionable. 3♣ is a possibility, but more than a little misleading. At the table I chose 3♥.

Dummy tabled the following hand:

- ♠: A106
- ♥: Void
- ♦: A6532
- ♣: J9542

and explained that he passed because he thought 3♥ might be the last making contract.

I'm stuck playing in a 5 card fit at the 3

level. Surprisingly, given the 2♠ preempt by West, hearts broke 4-4 and I managed to hold it to down 4 for -200. Not pretty.

Afterwards, all of us at the table discussed my predicament. I maintained my heart bid could be temporizing with this kind of hand, lacking anything better, and partner should have rescued me to 4♣ with 5 of them and a heart void. (He promised both minors, so I could pull 4♣ to 4♦ if say my ♣A was the ♥A.) Partner said I shouldn't re-bid 3♥ without a sixth heart, and that I should take a preference to 3♣ myself since I did have the ♣AK. West thought my 3♥ bid only promised 5 of them, but that they should be better quality if I had that few. East suggested bidding 3♠, which is an overbid with this hand, asking my partner to do something intelligent since I couldn't bid anything else..

It had been a long time since I played in a five card trump suit. I can't even remember when the last time was

There is a moral to this story: don't let one bad result ruin your game. I just shrugged it off and chalked it up as an experience to toughen my bridge soul. We still finished in first even after this disaster.

We still haven't figured out the right answer to this one. I'd love to hear your thoughts on the matter.

Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

2005 started off with a bang! The Hilton Rye Town was up more than 100 tables from last year. Threats of snow really didn't materialize and everyone came out and had a super time (except for some parking inconvenience). Masterpoints galore, great hospitality, and a schedule of events that seemed to work. Players loved the Compact KOs, the Fast Pairs got people home early, and our Newpicate program doubled since last year. It must be the fantastic tuna fish and egg salad made by our Newpicate Chairman, Robin Brown. Special thanks to Mimi and Joel Bieber - Mimi handled the volunteers for the tournament, and Joel took care of hospitality. Thanks also to Fay Marino, Barbara Skluth, Gina Tamres, Norma Gross, Kassie Munoz, Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein, Eileen Paley, Ed Zuckerberg, Kay Schulle (who even filled in as a caddy when her son had to leave to study), and Steve Surasky.

The news from Jay Baum, the ACBL CEO, is all promising. Membership is up, as are attendance at clubs and tournaments. We have signed a contract with a public relations firm to develop a viable school bridge program. There is no question that if we cannot promote bridge to young people, we will never be able to even maintain our current membership of 168,380. Marshal Frank and Robin

Brown have succeeded in getting bridge as an after-school activity at one school in Westchester.

District 3 is looking for a Newpicate Director at our four regionals each year. We need a person who wants to encourage new players to join the ACBL and play bridge at all levels of competition - clubs, sectionals, regionals and NABCs. The person will need to pass the ACBL's Director's Course, which I am told is not too difficult, and then be able to direct the Newpicate games at all four regionals - six days, two sessions per day. It is possible we may find two people and split the job between them. The Newpicate players who play both sessions are served a light lunch, and there is either a review of the day's hands or a short lecture. The director will be in charge of making this lunch and giving the lecture, or finding someone who will. This is not a volunteer job - salary is commensurate with experience. Anyone interested should contact me by e-mail at joanandron@att.net.

I want to mention the passing of Bob Katz, an icon of bridge in Westchester, on January 22. He was the full-time director when the Bridge Deck first opened, where he was a partner, and eventually the sole owner. He was an ACBL Associate National tournament director before he retired

from directing full-time. Everyone knew they could count on Bob to help them with a difficult director's call or a scoring problem. He came out in all kinds of bad weather to make sure things ran smoothly. He directed all over the northeast, and was one of the most respected directors for his various abilities. As a player, he was almost as good as he thought he was. When we played together, he always asked me when I was going to learn how to play. (I do wonder that myself quite often.) My deepest sympathy to Idelle, their children Nancy and Martin, as well as the grandchildren. Bob will be missed and remembered.

The Grand National Teams Event for District 3 will be held on April 2. For flights B & C it will be a two session Swiss Teams. For the championship flight and Flight A, there will be a KO (which may last beyond Saturday, depending on entries; arrangements for future matches will be made by the surviving teams). Winners in all flights will receive a \$500 stipend and free entries to the GNT finals in Atlanta. A complimentary brunch will be served before the event. For more information you can check with Peter Kalat at pakalat@optonline.net, or visit District 3's website at <http://www.bridge-district3.org>.

Hope to see you there!

Joan Gerard, District Director



but he also had an infinite store of warmth and compassion for his friends and family. He recognized when those close to him needed his help. He was truly a giant of the human spirit.

Bob, we will truly miss you!

In Memory of Bob Katz

It is with a sincere and deep sense of sorrow that we record the passing of one of the pillars of our bridge community, Bob Katz. After a protracted illness, he passed away at home on January 22, 2005.

Bob was the founder and one of the original owners of the Bridge Deck in Hartsdale. Bob was considered by all to be the quintessential judge of ethical behavior and honesty at the bridge table. He was an expert player and renowned director who understood the nuances of "the Laws" giving him a "Solomonic" ability to resolve the stickiest or problems. All players had

confidence in Bob's "fair and unbiased" rulings.

Bob never had the time to compete as much as he would have liked. But he was a fierce competitor. While winning the last tournament event he played in, he remarked after making an inconsequential bidding error, "I know this won't stand in the way of us winning, but if someone has to make an error, I just wish it wouldn't be me." His intellectual honesty and desire for perfection was never far from the surface.

Bob's integrity and gentlemanliness were his hallmarks,

Winter STAC Winners

Tuesday Morning 0-1000 Bridge Deck

Aristide Haravon & Lionel Goetz 68.4%

Wednesday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

Rhoda Levine & Gina Tamres 67.8%

Friday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

Rhoda Levine & Benjamin Rottman 74.7%

Tuesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

Michelle Florence & Tory Kane 62.7%

Wednesday Evening Open Larchmont

Robert & Melissa Baker 71.5%

Saturday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Gloria Weston & Richard Laufer 62.9%

Tuesday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Betty Fleischer & Joel Sommer 57.5%

Thursday Morning 0-1000 Bridge Deck

Lorraine Gelardi & Barbara Scharf 59.8%

Monday Morning 0-1000 Bridge Deck

Burton Lefkowitz & Karol Lefkowitz 64.4%

Tuesday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

Barbara Warkol & Marshall Frank 67.3%

Thursday Morning Open Hartes' Club

Rhoda Levine & Yoko Ohnuma 63.0%

Monday Morning Open Hartes' Club

Ron Fischer & Carlos Munoz 70.9%

Tuesday Afternoon 0-200 Hartes' Club

Patti Fishbach & Yasmine Guenancia 68.8%

Thursday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Bob Goldwater & Joel Sommer 64.2%

Monday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Robert Klein & Ron Fischer 74.4%

Tuesday Evening Open Hartes' Club

Roz Hertzog & Joanne Marks 60.9%

Thursday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

Chuck Lamprey & George Siodmak 69.5%

Monday Afternoon Open Hartes' Club

Judith Jacobson & Rich De Martino 70.8%

Tuesday Evening Open Down 2 Doubled

Jim Levin & Jarl Ingers 66.0%

Thursday Evening Side Game Bridge Deck

Clifford Nebel & Edward Zuckerberg 61.0%

Monday Evening Open Bridge Deck

Rene Frayman & Susan Frayman 63.1%

Wednesday Morning Open Bridge Deck

Marian Rubin & Edythe Levitt 68.0%

Friday Morning Open Hartes' Club

Frances Yedlin & Claire Minsky 63.6%

Monday Evening 0-100 Bridge Deck

Martin Barschi & Bert Haber 62.5%

Wednesday Morning Open Hartes' Club

Margaret Alan & Charlotte Brasel 69.6%

Friday Morning 0-1000 Bob's Bridge Club

Roberta Lowell & Merle Lewis 63.6%

Wednesday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Thomas Simon & Peter Vichaidith 68.6%

Friday Afternoon Open Bridge Deck

Kay Schulle & Jill Rosen 75.6%

Master / Non-Master Game

On the evening of Sunday, December 5, the 28th annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game was held at the Bridge Deck. For this special game, players with fewer than 50 masterpoints were randomly paired with Life Masters.

Following is a list of the overall winners. Non-masters are listed first.

1	Toni Schwartz & Ron Fischer	60.0%
2	Agnes Legrady & Robert Brisson	59.7%
3/5	Genevieve Port & Marjorie Murstein	59.4%
3/5	Barbara Levine & Betty Fleischer	59.4%
3/5	Harriet Hansen & Harry Silverman	59.4%



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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.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee to propose officers and members of the Board of Directors for the WCBA for the coming year has been appointed. Nancy Sahlein is the Chairperson. Other committee members include Joyce Blumenthal, Robin Brown, Sue Meyers and Eileen O'Neill.

Unit members interested in being considered for nomination should contact one of the committee members or e-mail the chairman at sahlein@verizon.net.

Dutchess County Bridge Association

Spring Sectional

May 13 - 15, 2005

Mid Hudson Bridge Club

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News Flash - A NEW REGIONAL!

District 3 and the Greater New York Bridge Association are co-hosting a regional around this July 4th. This is a regional that New York City was supposed to run last year, but it did not happen because of the NABC there. The GNYBA needed a location, and asked our help to find one and co-host it with them. The regional will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in White Plains (see the ad in the June issue of *Bridging the Counties* or at <http://www.bridge-district3.org> for more details).

The Unit is really lucky to have another regional in its back yard this year. There will be free parking, great shopping and low cost food in the nearby Westchester Mall, and fine restaurants a short distance away.

Make your holiday plans to win masterpoints and celebrate the 4th with us.

- Joan Gerard

Friday, May 13

1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
1:00 PM 199er Stratified Pairs
7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs

Saturday, May 14

9:15 AM Celebrity Lecture
10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs
10:00 AM 199er Stratified Pairs
3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs
3:00 PM 199er Stratified Pairs

Sunday, May 15

11:30 AM Open Swiss Teams
(Two Sessions)
Light Lunch provided during
Game Break

Single session entries welcome!

Strata A 1000+ B 500-1000 C 0-500
199er Strata A 100-200 B 50-100 C 0-50

Directions:

From the North: Take the New Paltz exit 18 off the New York State Thruway. Take Rte 299 East to 9W South to the Mid-Hudson Bridge. See directions below from the bridge.

From the South: From the intersection of I-84 and State Route 9, take Route 9 North for 7.4 miles to Neptune Road (just north of the Red Lobster Restaurant.) Turn left at the traffic light onto Neptune Road. Then take the first left into the Parking lot. MHBC is located directly behind the Guardian sign.

From the Mid-Hudson Bridge: Take Route 9 south 4.4 miles to Neptune Road. Turn right onto Neptune Road, just before the Red Lobster Restaurant. Then take the first left into the Parking Lot. MHBC is located directly behind the Guardian sign.

If you need partners, please call:

Tournament Chairman: Bob Whelan (845) 473-0737

2005 Closed Westchester Tournament and Annual Meeting

Overall winners throughout the weekend were:

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs:

- A: Betty Rose & Harry Silverman 64.0%
- B&C: Gail Cannold & Linda Kornblum 58.6%

Friday Afternoon 0-750 Pairs Bridge Deck:

- A: Joan Vogel & Robert Eidlitz 61.8%
- B: Anne Walker & Anne Kennedy 56.3%

Friday Afternoon 0-750 Pairs Hartes' Club

- A: Barbara Kantor & Joanne Marks 65.2%
- B&C: Joan Danoff & Stuart Danoff 62.5%

Friday Evening Open Pairs

- A: L. Christianson & S. Meyers 69.6%
- B: C. Edward & Laura Midgley 56.1%
- C: Melissa Baker & Robert Baker 54.7%

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- A: Seth Cohen & Richard Gertner 70.3%
- Janet & Stephen Lippmann
- B&C: S. Porwick & M. Warner 62.7%

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

- A: Laura Brill & Rick Goldstein 63.0%
- B: R. Priore & R. Letourneau 61.9%
- C: Finn & Allan Damkilde 50.0%

Sunday Open Swiss

- A: Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein,
Janet Lippmann & Stephen Lippmann
- B: Tecla Martemucci, Lori Sullivan,
Maureen Sullivan & Mary Kelly

The annual meeting took place between the afternoon and evening sessions on Saturday. At the meeting, 38 members were presented with silver trays to honor their achievement of reaching the rank of Life Master.

Recognition was also given to the four members honored as "2004 Players of the Year" based upon their winning the most masterpoints in unit events in their categories.

Categories were based up masterpoint holdings as of January 1, 2004. The winners and runners-up in each group with their masterpoints won, were:

Novice (0-20 MPs): Margery Reyman, 10; Robert Krissoff, 9; Salie Bloom, 8.

Non-Master (20-100 MPs): Lottie Sommer, 23; Dexter Senft, 19.01; Sandra Aldrich, 18.9.

Master (100 MPs - Life Master): Henry Deutsch, 43.19; Linda Otness, 43.09; David Huber, 37.

Life Master: Kay Schulle, 96; Carlos Munoz, 77; Gerald Sosler, 76.

There was also a tribute to Bob Goldwater made by Bob Brisson, and Dick Kraner presented Bob Goldwater with a silver watch for all of his contributions to this Unit.



Photo at right:
Among the new Life Masters honored at the annual dinner:
Seated: Robin Brown and Stephanie Furtsch
Standing: David Huber, Michael Otte, Henry Deutsch, and Dana Rossi



Photo at left:
Among the new Life Masters honored at the annual dinner:
Seated: Dolores Posey, Melissa Baker and Susan Frayman
Standing: Marshall Frank, Robert Baker, and Rene Frayman

Closed Westchester Tournament and Annual Meeting



WCBA Officers for 2005
Vice-President Marshall Frank, President Betty Fleischer
Secretary Charlotte Brasel & Treasurer Dick Kraner



Winners of the Golden Apple Swiss XXII
wearing their Westchester County Medallions
Rick Goldstein, Laura Brill, Janet Lippmann and Stephen
Lippmann



Co-Winners of the Harriet Aks Memorial Bowl
Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs
Stephen Lippmann & Janet Lippmann and
Seth Cohen & Richard Gertner



Winners of the Golden Apple XXII Flight B Swiss Teams
wearing their Westchester County Medallions
Maureen Sullivan, Lori Sullivan, Tecla Martemuccia and
Mary Kelly

Winners from the Jane Hill Future Masters Sectional

Friday Morning

A & B: Carol Cram, Margery Reyman
C: Pearl Schneiderman, Barbara Rosenthal

Friday Afternoon

A: Lu Ganley, Nora Finkelstein
B: Salie Bloom, Fran Altman (tie)
Robert Krissoff, Mort Amstel
C: Ruth Fennessy-Moss, Fran Columbus

Saturday Morning

(Jane Hill Trophy)

A & B: Margaret Lynch,
Patricia Forhan
C: Adam Cohen,
Derek Schuelein

Winners of the Jane Hill Trophy
Margaret Lynch & Patricia Forhan



Results from the District 3 Rye Town Hilton Regional

Tuesday Evening Charity Pairs

A B C

- 3 1 1 Jason Fuhrman, Dexter Senft
2 Eileen O'Neill
3 Alan Green

Wednesday Morning Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 2 2 C. Weiss, M. A. Boraczek
3 3 1 Joan Stone, Arlene Levy
2 Joan O'Leary, John Dragich
3 Patricia Kovacs, Judith Weil

Wednesday Senior Pairs

A B C

- 3/4 M. Frank, B. Warkol
3/42 Ed & Laura Midgley
3 Barbara Cantor, Joan Marks

Wednesday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 2 Mary Albertell
3 1 1 Salie Bloom, Fran Altman
2 2 Anne Kennedy, Anne Walker
3 D. Bregman, E. Krass

Wednesday Afternoon Side Game

A B C

- 1 Peter Vichaidith, Tom Simon
2 1 Teri & Kenneth Felder
3 Nancy Molesworth
2 Robin Brown, Norma Gross
3 1 Francine Erlich, Joan Wiener
2 Ruth Gundell, Betty Salzer
3 Karol Lefkowitz, Doris Eidel

Tue.-Wed. KO, Bracket 1

- 1 Michael Rosenberg
2 Kay Schulle, Gerald Sosler,
Richard Laufer

Tue.-Wed. KO, Bracket 2

- 1 Marjorie Vogel, Dottie Kovel, Diana Holtzman, Florence Alkalay
2 Jay Sloofman, Art Rosenkranz, Robert Blau, Carol Laufer
3/4 Elise Luskin, Amy Frolick, Diana Kosterich, Marian Rubin

Tue.-Wed. KO, Bracket 3

- 1 Linda Otness, Jeffrey Weill, Margery Martin, Barbara Moran, Carolyn Wenzel

Wednesday Open Pairs

A B C

- 2 Allan Stauber

Wednesday Evening Side Game

A B C

- 3 R. Frayman, M. Gambacorta

Thursday Morning Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 2 Laura Nassau, Janet Gochman

Thursday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 1 1 1 Salie Bloom, Fran Altman
2 Abbye Bosses
3 B. Gussack, L. Luster

Thursday Afternoon Side Game

A B C

- 2 2 R. Priore, R. Letourneau
3/4 Barbara Feldman, Doris Judell

Thursday Fast Open Pairs

A B C

- 3 Robert Klein, Ron Fischer
2 Charlotte & Ed Goldstein

Wednesday-Thursday Side Game Series

- 1/2 Thomas Simon
1/2 Peter Vichaidith

Thursday Open Swiss

A B C

- 1 John Boyer, Robert Stayman
2 Amy Blecher, Judy Soley, Eslyn Bassuk
1 Henry Deutsch, David Huber, Lawrence & Robin Brown
1/2 Barry & Sherry Mendelson

Thu.-Fri. KO, Bracket 2

- 2 Karen Feldman, Mina Ellenberg, Barbara Seidenberg, R. Rand
3/4 Elise Luskin, Amy Frolick, Carole Leinwand

Thu.-Fri. KO, Bracket 3

- 3/4 Linda Friedman, Karen Hershberg

Friday Compact KO, Bracket 1

- 2 Karen & Ed Zuckerberg, Rosemarie Priore, Rich Letourneau

Friday Compact KO, Bracket 2

- 1 David Huber, Robin Brown, Jay Sloofman, Michael Otte

Friday Compact KO, Bracket 3

- 2 Joanne Marks, Marian Rubin, Barbara Kantor, Larry Goldstein

Friday Compact KO, Bracket 4

- 2 Roz Hertzog, Florence Alkalay, Sondra Eichel, Diana Holtzman
3 Dexter Senft, Lorraine Quittman, Sherry & Barry Mendelson

Friday Morning Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 2 1 C. Weiss, M. A. Boraczek
3 2 1 Salie Bloom, Fran Altman
3 Jill Goldman, Sheila Cohen
2 S. Deutsch, B. Worms
3 Betty Grad, Helen Levine

Friday Senior Pairs

A B C

- 1 Doris Staubi, Chuck Lamprey
2 1 Geoffrey Berry
3 Jeanne Zendman
3 Lita Block, Ruth Waldman

Friday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A B C

- 2 Robert Krissoff, Edith Halpern
3 1 1 L. Goldstein, D. Bregman
3 3 Anne Walker, Anne Kennedy

Friday Afternoon Side Game

A B C

- 2 1 1 Edward & Laura Midgley
3 2 2 Jane Silver
3 3 Joan Di Palma, Carol Willner

Friday Afternoon Side Swiss

A B C

- 1 1 A. Seelenfreund, D. Kovel, L. Heineman, D. Silver
2 Joan Gerard
3/4 Edythe Levitt, Heidi Klein, Ellen Berger, Linda Otness
3/42 Ann Ahearn, Jean Schiaroli, Antoinette Buonafede
3 Connie Rosner, Alfred Dalton, Iris & Nathan Adler

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Results from the District 3 Rye Town Hilton Regional

Friday Open Pairs

A B C
2 1 C. Thacher, S. Lockwood

Friday Evening Side Game

A B C
3 Dede Pochos, Robert Stayman
3 Stephen Kleinman

Saturday Morning Newcomer Pairs

A B C
3 Joan Stone & Arlene Levy

Saturday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 Ethan Stein, Halina Jamner
1 F. Damkilde, R. Castellone
2 E. Newhouse, M. Foulke

Saturday Afternoon Side Game

A B C
2 1 Alice Netter, Doris O'Brien
3 B. Skluth, E. Handelsman
2 1 R. Shapiro, L. Goldstein
3 2 Lawrence & Robin Brown

Saturday Flight A/X Pairs

A X
2 Stephen & Janet Lippmann

Saturday Flight B/C Pairs

B C
1 Yefin Shoykhet

Saturday Evening Side Game

A B C
3 2 Janice Wild
3 1 William & David Caslin
3 Tim Baird, Alan Green

Fri.-Sat. KO, Bracket 2

1 Betty Fleischer, Susan Duval
Maureen Hawa, Joel Sommer
3/4 Janice Wild
3/4 Edward & Laura Midgley

Sunday Morning Side Game

A B C
3 B. Warshaw, C. Starr

Sunday Fast Pairs

A B C
2 Ann Duncan, Barbara Loprete
1 Ejaz Qureshi

Sunday Morning Newcomer Swiss

A B C
1 Mort Amstel, Edith Halpern,
Lu Ganley, Robert Krissoff
3 James & Elaine Glover
1 1 Joan Stone, Lynne Goldstein,
Susan Rones, Arlene Levy

Sunday Afternoon Side Game

A B C
3 3 L. Zellner, M. Lopukhin

Sunday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A B C
3 Anne Kennedy, Anne Walker

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss

A X
3 1 Michael & Elena Prahin
2 Thomas Rubin, Elizabeth Baecher

Sunday Flight B/C Swiss

B C
3/4 Marshall Frank, Ellen Berger,
Majorie Murstein, Heidi Klein
3/4 A. Seelenfreund, D. Kovel,
Linda Heineman, Dan Silver
2 Lawrence & Robin Brown
3 Rene & Susan Frayman

Sunday Senior Swiss

A B C
1 Paul & Sandra Trent
2/3 L. Christianson, L. Gottlieb
3 1 Arthur & Susan Maier,
Sidney & Bobby Stayman
3 Jane Silver, Jane Silberstein

Sunday Evening Zip KO

3/4 Rosemaire Prior, Rich Letourneau,
Steve Love

Monday Morning Side Game

A B C
1 Doris Staubi, Chuck Lamprey
2 1 1 Susan Goon, Ejaz Qureshi
3 2 2 Martin & Arlene Walzer
3/43 William & David Caslin

Monday Morning Newcomer Pairs

A B C
2 2 2 Susan Rones, Marchia Cohen
3/4 Michelle Florence, Lu Ganley
3/43 3 Janet & Richard Stroh

Monday Open Pairs

A B C
3 3 Andrew Skolnick

Monday Senior Pairs

A B C
1 Ellen Bierman, Nancy Molesworth
2 Stephen & Nancy Sahlein
3 1 Karleen Heller, Marilyn Barnes

Monday Afternoon Side Game

A B C
1 1 Neil Littmann, Lester Gottlieb
2 2 Margaret Alan, Carol Willner
2 Betsey Relyea, Jeanne McKenna
3 Edward & Laura Midgley

Monday Afternoon Newcomer Pairs

A B C
1 1 Richard Zipf
2 2 1 S. Goldstein, D. Rosenkranz
3 3 2 Arlene Levy, Audrey Horowitz
3 Alain & Paulette Bollag

Monday Afternoon Side Swiss

A B C
1 1 1 Seiho & Sayoko Shimada
2 Marshall & Rosanna Frank,
M. Murstein, C. Laufer
3/4 Hope Furth, Jane Silver,
John Popper, Susan Sekulow

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 1

3 Jerry Goldberg

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 2

2 Phyllis Quinn
3 Betty & Steve Surasky,
Jack & Dianne Bonney

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 3

1 Betty Fleischer, Susan Duval,
Lawrence Novick, Joel Sommer
2 Steve Love, Marty Becker

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 4

3 Tim Baird, Alan Green,
Sylvester Karagis, Henry Deutsch

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 5

3 Barbara Moran, Margery Martin,
Carolyn Wenzel, Marcia Warner

Monday Compact KO, Bracket 6

3 Patrick Soldano, Carmen Greenidge

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Conduct & Ethics	<u>Nancy Widman</u>	271-3996	Publicity	Rich Laufer	946-7561
	Richard Gertner, Chuck		Promotions/Fliers	Nancy & Steve Sahlein	834-4441
	Lamprey, Arch McKellar,		Recorder	Bob Brisson	769-3248
	Warren Rosner, Kay		Signs	Carol Laufer	946-7561
	Schulle, Ethan Stein		STAC Coordinator	Marshall Frank	838-9379
Counsel/Parliamentarian	Peter Kalat	725-2596	Sunshine	Barbara Metselaar	939-3241
District 3 Coordinating Committee	Peter Kalat, Mimi	725-2596	Telephone Directory	Alan Solomon	273-8043
Education Liaison	Bieber, Steve Surasky		Tournaments & Tournament Appeals	<u>Marshall Frank</u> , Dan	838-9379
Electronic Communication	Dan Silver	472-6866	Website Administrator	Silver	
Future Masters Sectional	Judy Soley	723-6099		Ed Zuckerberg	693-6633
	Kassie Munoz	949-0335			

Westchester Contract Bridge Association Unit 188 Financial Statement - Year 2004

Income and Expenses		Financial Statement
Sectional Income Spring	\$9,939.00	
Sectional Expense Spring	(8,295.00)	<u>Assets</u>
Sectional Income Fall	7,850.00	Current Assets:
Sectional Expense Fall	(9,406.00)	Checking Account Bank of New York
In Club STAC Income January	2,308.00	Chase Manhattan Savings Account
In Club STAC Expense January	(1,946.00)	Chase Manhattan (Hill Contribution)
In Club STAC Income June	3,290.00	Pre-paid Misc. Expenses Closed Westchester
In Club STAC Expense June	(2,422.00)	Pre-paid Life Master Trays
In Club STAC Income October	3,191.00	Total Current Assets
In Club STAC Expense October	(2,800.00)	<u>\$42,572.00</u>
Future Masters Sectional Income	635.00	Total Assets
Future Masters Sectional Expense	(871.00)	<u>\$42,572.00</u>
District Distribution for 2004		<u>Liabilities and Stockholder Equity</u>
Chase Savings Account Interest	94.00	Current Liabilities:
Chase (Hill) Savings Account Interest	21.00	None
Membership Income	5,842.00	Stockholder Equity:
N.A.O.P.		Net Worth
Closed Westchester Income	5,195.00	Current Net Income
Closed Westchester Expense	(7,471.00)	Pre-Paid
Miscellaneous Expenses		Closed Westchester Tournament
Master / Non-Master Game	(121.00)	Total Stockholder Equity
Charity Swiss Event	1,572.00	<u>\$42,572.00</u>
Charity Swiss Event Disbursed	(1,571.00)	Total Liabilities and Stockholder Equity
Total Income	<u>\$ 5,034.00</u>	<u>\$42,572.00</u>
Gross Profit	\$5,034.00	
Operating Expenses		
Bridging the Counties	6,117.00	
BTC Advertising Paid	(1,600.00)	
Net Pre-paid Closed West.	(475.00)	
Charitable Contributions	600.00	
Website	120.00	
Committees and Officers	449.00	
Promotions	975.00	
Misc. Expenses	25.00	
Bank Adjustments	75.00	
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,286.00</u>	
Operating Income	<u>(\$1,252.00)</u>	
Net Income / Loss	(\$1,252.00)	

DISTRICT 3 - 2005 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Mark Your Calendars Now!

This year's Grand National Teams will be held on
Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 for all Flights

**(PLEASE NOTE: DATE CORRECTION FROM LAST
ISSUE OF BRIDGING THE COUNTIES)**

Memorial United Methodist Church
250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains, NY
(914) 949-2146

Complimentary Brunch 11:30 am - Event start time 12:30 pm

Championship Flight - No MP Restrictions

- Seeded Knockout
- Flight A: 0-5000 MPs**
Seeded Knockout
- Flight B: 0-2000 MPs**
Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)
- Flight C: Non-Life Master 0-500**
Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

*Masterpoint holding as of September 1, 2004

**If necessary, the Championship Flight and Flight A will
continue on KO basis scheduled by the teams until there is
a final winner. For flights B and C, the winner will be the
winner of the Swiss Teams event (no KO playoffs).**

**Winners in each flight will receive a \$500 subsidy for each
team plus entry fees for the GNT finals at the 2005 Atlanta,
NABC.**

All players must be members of District 3
(Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players)

Please direct inquiries to Peter Kalat 914-234-9346
Email- pkalat@cm-p.com

Directions to Memorial United Methodist Church

From the south: Take I-87 North. Follow as road goes into I-287 East. Take exit 9A and bear right onto Westchester Avenue. First light is Bryant Avenue. Go right on Bryant Avenue. Continue on Bryant Avenue and cross North Street. Church is approximately 1/4 mile on right.

From NJ: Take I-287 North to I-87 South/I-287 East. Cross Tappan Zee Bridge. Stay on I-287 East. Follow directions as above.

From Hutchinson River Parkway: Take North Street exit towards White Plains to Bryant Avenue. Turn left onto Bryant Avenue and follow directions as above.

Convention Hall

Smolen

If you have been reading the Editor's Corner, you know that I have had several adventures with this convention recently. This article will present several versions of Smolen so that you and your partner can be sure the two of you are on the same wavelength.

The Smolen convention is used when you are 5-4 or 4-5 in the majors and is used after two Stayman sequences:

- 1) 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦
- 2) 2NT - 3♣ - 3♦

The rules for Smolen change if you are using Puppet Stayman, which will be covered next issue.

Since opener has denied a 4-card major, the goal is usually to either find a 5-3 major suit fit or play in no-trump. Furthermore, since with only one 5-card major you would use a Jacoby transfer (or just bid your major suit) instead of Stayman, bidding a major after the 2♦ response shows at least 5-4 or 4-5 in the majors.

Using standard methods, if Responder now bids a major, it shows 5 of that major and 4 of the other major, and is forcing. The major downsides are that the weaker hand will now be declarer and that you are in a game forcing auction.

The simplest version of Smolen attacks the downsides this way: you bid your 4 card major at the 2 level. If opener has 3 cards in the other major, opener can bid the 3 card major to play in the 5-3 fit; otherwise opener re-bids no-trump to deny a fit. This makes the strong hand the declarer, but still leaves you with a forcing auction.

The next version attacks the problem differently. Over the 2♦ response, a major suit bid at the 2 level shows 5 of that major and 4 of the other, and is non-forcing. To create a forcing auction, you jump to the 3 level in your 4-card major. This allows both forcing and non-forcing auctions, but will make the weaker hand the declarer on the non-forcing auctions. Nothing is perfect.

There is a corollary (whether or not you are using Smolen) to show 6-4 or longer game forcing hands.

Consider these sequences:

- 1a) 1NT - 4♥/4♠
- 1b) 1NT - 4♦/4♥
- 2a) 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♥/4♠
- 2b) 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♦/4♥

Sequence #1a shows a 6-card major with a game forcing hand using standard methods. Sequence #1b shows the same hand using Texas Transfers (4♦ is a transfer to 4♥, 4♥ is a transfer to 4♠). The only reason to go through Stayman (sequences #2a and #2b) would be if you are at least 6-4 or 4-6. Without Texas, you just bid your 6 card major at the 4 level (sequence #2a). If you are using Texas, you can jump to the 4 level to transfer into your 6 card suit - and this is called Extended Texas Transfers.

Masterpoint Race Results

The masterpoint races for both the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs are available on-line through our Unit's web site at: www.bridge-wcba.com. Click on the link to "Player of the Year", and then select either the Mini-McKenney or the Ace of Clubs. The standings are obtained from the ACBL's web site, which is updated on a monthly basis.

WCBA 2004 Medallion Winners

Rookie of the Year (0-5 MPs)

1. Diane Rosenkranz	50
2. Yvette Macleod	39
3. Margery Reyman	37

Junior Master (5-20 MPs)

1. David Almer	58
2. Robert Krissoff	53
3. Sara Sheperd	42

Club Master (20-50 MPs)

1. Bradley Calcagni	135
2. William Rose Jr.	108
3. Sandra Aldrich	89

Sectional Master (50-100 MPs)

1. Christopher Wang	146
2. Lottie Sommer	145
3. Jean Schiaroli	136

Regional Master (100-200 MPs)

1. Linda Otness	259
2. Eileen O'Neill	245
3. Melissa Baker	200

NABC Master (200-LM)

1. Robin Brown	261
2. David Huber	220
3. Barbara Seidenberg	165

Life Master (300-500 MPs)

1. Arthur Seelenfreund	174
2. George Lippman	135
3. Sheldon Lippert	133

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MPs)

1. Lester Gottlieb	280
2. Linda Heineman	274
3. Benjamin Rottman	237

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MPs)

1. Victor Melman	313
2. Steven Love	280
3. L. Christianson	243

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MPs)

1. Rhoda Levine	373
2. Carlos Munoz	360
3. Faye Marino	322

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000 MPs)

1. Rick Zucker	566
2. Rick Goldstein	480
3. Laura Brill	452

Grand Life Master (10,000+ MPs)

1. Kay Schulle	455
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WCBA 2004 Ace of Clubs Winners

Rookie of the Year (0-5 MPs)

1. Diane Rosenkranz	41
2. Yvette Macleod	30
3. Salie Bloom	23

Junior Master (5-20 MPs)

1. David Almer	53
2. Leslie Davies	36
3. Sara Sheperd	33

Club Master (20-50 MPs)

1. Nora Finkelstein	54
2. Dorothy Mandel	54
3. Bradley Calcagni	53

Sectional Master (50-100 MPs)

1. Jean Schiaroli	99
2. Sylvester Karagis	87
3. Lottie Sommer	77

Regional Master (100-200 MPs)

1. Eileen O'Neill	171
2. Linda Otness	143
3. Carolyn Wenzel	107

NABC Master (200-LM)

1. Robin Brown	110
2. Ann Duncan	94
3. Marshall Frank	87

Life Master (300-500 MPs)

1. George Lippman	90
2. Arthur Seelenfreund	89
3. Sheldon Lippert	78

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MPs)

1. Frances Yedlin	160
2. Linda Heineman	155
3. Miralyn Kligerman	119

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MPs)

1. James Mullin	150
2. L. Christianson	131
3. Gina Tamres	131

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MPs)

1. Rhoda Levine	254
2. Mimi Bieber	132
3. Carlos Munoz	113

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000 MPs)

1. Rick Goldstein	154
2. Laura Brill	142
3. Rick Zucker	139

Grand Life Master (10,000+ MPs)

1. Kay Schulle	116
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THE * HARTES' * CLUB
1131 North Street (exit 25 off the Hutch)
St. Gregory's Armenian Church
White Plains, NY 10605
(914) 285-1230

GAME SCHEDULE

Afternoon Games: Monday THROUGH Friday* at 1:00pm

LIMITED Game 0 – 200 on Tuesday & Friday at 1:00 pm

*Super SATURDAY games (Swiss teams) once a month – contact the Club for details

Morning Games: Monday THROUGH Friday at 9:30am
(20 boards minimum)

Evening Games: Monday AND Tuesday at 6:30pm**

Bridge -- the way it's meant to be played -- fun!

Partners guaranteed. All games open/stratified.

J A C K P O T - 72% game or better wins the pot for most games.

PLAYER OF THE MONTH - every month (one week on the house).

PRE-DEALT HANDS on THURSDAYS-post-game discussion with Gail on the day's hands.

**BRIDGE BINGO - Tuesdays at 6:20pm (free entry to winner).

**Evening Games include wine and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30pm, full dinner at 6:00 pm.

LESSONS

LESSONS available at all levels – Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced.

Our FANTASTIC TEACHING STAFF includes Gail Harte Greenberg, Debbie Rosenberg,
Lisa Berkowitz and Jack Greenberg. NEW BEGINNER classes will be starting every three months

Contact the Club for dates and times.

SUPERVISED PLAY

Thursdays: 1pm-3pm (Gail Greenberg & Debbie Rosenberg)

CARD FEES (include morning bagels/daily lunch/evening dinner)

Morning Game: \$10***

Afternoon Games: \$15***

Evening Games: \$18***

Supervised Play: \$20***

Lessons: \$25***

***Discounts: CARD FEES REDUCED for all subsequent paid activities
in the same calendar week.

The Hartes' Club proudly supports The American Contract Bridge League!

Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Regina Ansbro
Barbara Lee Chapnick
Fran Columbus
Emily Gardner
Jane Grusby
Gina Kramer
Brenda Siegler
Judi Sternberg
Valerie Zane

Club Master (20-50)

Carole Altman
Allan Bollag
Susan Glass
Shirley Goldstein
Hana Green
Michael Howard
Fumiko Kura
Dorothy Macmoran
Gladys Picket
Genevieve Porti
Joan Stone
Elliot Weinstein
Harold Wiener
Joan Wiener

Sectional Master (50-100)

David Almer
Paul Anderson
Mary Adele Boraczek
Mickey Conn
Rose Cosell
Janet Crohn
Teri Felder
Doris Gordon
Renee Grabiner
William Hamilton
Sara Kaminiker
Robert Krissoff
Merle Lewis
Michael Lopukhin
Ilana Nowick
Elyse Stein
Robert Wachtenheim

Regional Master (100-200)

Sandra Aldrich
Lorenzo Anselmi
Frances Aronoff
Ruby Axelrod
Sylvia Brunet
Lu Ganley
Ava Lampert
Dorothy Mandel
Bobby Rose

North American Master (200-LM)

Robert Blau
Rosa Goldman
Gloria Pilot
Meryl Reyman
Christopher Wang
Yolanda Wesely

Life Master

Iris Adler
Melissa Baker
Robert Baker
Henry Deutsch
Rene Frayman
Margery Martin
Natalie Roberts

Bronze Life Master (500-1,000)

Iris Adler
Rene Frayman
Margery Martin
Arthur Seelenfreund

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

Barbara Arnold
Nancy Rubin

Welcome!

New Members

Eileen Annis
Pia Atlas
Ann Bave
Carol Canfield
Susan Deutsch
William Diamant
Joan Eckels
Norman Fraiden
Jackie Freedman
Agnes Legrady
Jean Marchand
Helaine Miller
Henry Morris
Annelise Schuccimarra
Toni Schwartz
Richard Tisch



Club directory	Regular Weekly Game Schedule						
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
The Bridge Deck 313 Central Avenue Scarsdale 949-6853	9:30 AM B. Garner 8-1080 Game Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 7:15 PM Lecture 7:30 0-100 Game B. Goldwater 7:30 PM R. Brown Stratified	9:30 AM K. Abelson 0-1000 Game Stratified 1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified	9:30 AM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Laufer Stratified 1:30 PM P. Kirby Supervised Play 7:30 PM R. Laufer Stratified	9:30 AM B. Hoffman 0-1000 Game Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 1:00 PM R. Laufer 0-200 Stratified 7:30 PM R. Laufer N. Sahlein Supervised Play 7:30 PM B. Hoffman IMP Pairs	9:30 AM 8-1080 Game B. Klein Stratified 1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified	1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified	1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified
The Hartes' Club Armenian Church 1131 North St White Plains 285-1210	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified S. Patricelli 6:30 PM Stratified Y. Shoykhet	9:30 AM Stratified C. Lubesnik 1:00 PM Stratified Open 70-200 C. Lubesnik 6:30 PM Stratified C. Lubesnik	9:30 AM Stratified R. Castano 1:00 PM Stratified I. Levitine	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM Supervised Play C. Greenberg D. Rosenberg	9:30 AM Stratified Y. Shoykhet 1:00 PM Stratified Y. Shoykhet	Stratified C. Lubesnik Swiss Teams Once per month	
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 472-2811			7:30 PM M. Fain Stratified				
Bedford Bridge Club Unitarian Fellowship Route 172, Mt. Kisco 241-0937	10:30 AM I. Nargi						

Changes & Closings

The Bridge Deck and Hartes' Club are closed April 29 - May 1 for the WCBA Sectional.

Bridge Deck - new 0-200 game on Thursday at 1 PM with R. Laufer.

Bridge Deck - Wednesday 1 PM game is now directed by R. Laufer.

Special Games

March

2	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
6	Bridge Deck	Swiss Teams.	1:00 PM
7	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champion.	7:30 PM
10	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
15	Hartes' Club	ACBL Charity Game	6:30 PM
15	Bridge Deck	ACBL Charity Game	7:30 PM
21	Bridge Deck	Swiss Teams	1:00 PM
24	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champion.	1:00 PM

April

1	Bob's BC	Charity Game.	9:30 AM
4-8	Hartes' Club	Club Charity Week	All games
7	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champion.	9:30 AM
11-16	Bridge Deck	Club Champion. Week	All games
13	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
15	Bob's BC	Club Championship	9:30 AM
17	Bridge Deck	Club Champ. Swiss	1:00 PM
20	Bridge Deck	Inter-Club Champion.	1:00 AM
20	Larchmont	Charity Game	7:30 PM

May

2	Hartes' Club	Dist. 3 Charity Game	1:00 PM
11	Bridge Deck	Internat'l Fund Game	1:00 PM
11	Hartes' Club	Internat'l Fund Game	1:00 PM
11	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
16-20	Hartes' Club	Club Championship	All games
22	Bridge Deck	Swiss Teams.	1:00 PM

In Memoriam

Ronnie Kutik
Bernice Weston



