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♥	September													♥
♠	(North American 49er Pairs)													♠
♣	10	ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game										♣		
♦		Wed. eve at clubs										♦		
♥	19-21	WCBA Fall Sectional County Center										♥		
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♥	October													♥
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♣	12	NAP Unit Finals Bridge Deck (1 Session)										♣		
♦												♦		
♥	19	Charity Swiss Teams Bridge Deck										♥		
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♣	20-26	District 3 Regional Kerhonkson, NY										♣		
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♥	27-31	STAC Week Various Clubs										♥		
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♣	1-3	STAC Week Various Clubs										♣		
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♥	14-15	Jane Hill Future Masters Sectional Methodist Church										♥		
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♣	20-30	NABC New Orleans, LA										♣		
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♥	24	ACBL Charity Game Mon. eve at clubs										♥		
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THE 2003 WESTCHESTER FALL SECTIONAL AT THE COUNTY CENTER

All events are one session, except for Open Swiss and Knockout Teams

Friday, September 19

1:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	
1:00 PM	Stratified Women's Pairs	
1:00 PM	Stratified Newplicate Pairs	
7:30 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	
7:30 PM	Stratified Newplicate Pairs	
7:30 PM	Knockout Teams - Continued Sat. 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM (Random Draw, Bracketed if possible)	

Saturday, September 20

1:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	
1:00 PM	Stratified Newplicate Pairs	
1:00 PM	Knockout Teams (continued)	
7:00 PM	Stratified Open Pairs	* NEW TIME *
7:00 PM	Stratified Newplicate Pairs	* NEW TIME *
7:00 PM	Knockout Teams (continued)	* NEW TIME *

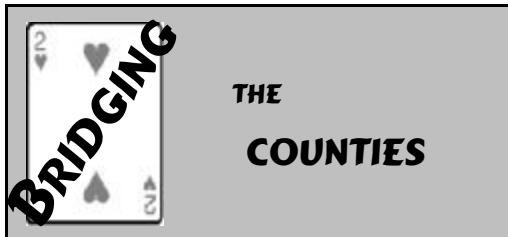
Sunday, November 10

11:30 AM	Stratified Open Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)	
11:30 AM	Stratified Senior Swiss Teams (1 Session)	
11:30 AM	Stratified Newplicate Swiss Teams (1 Session)	
5:30 PM	Open Pairs	* NEW TIME *
6:00 PM	Stratified Open Swiss Teams (continued)	

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 Pairing: Dan Silver (914) 472-6866 wcbapairs@aol.com
 Caddies: Ed Zuckerberg (914) 693-6633

Open games stratification: A 0-infinity, B 0-1500, C 0-500
 Newplicate stratification: A 0-100, B 0-50, C 0-20

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were very sorry to receive two resignations from board members this past spring. Ingrid Nargi had been an active board member for many, many years. Ingrid contributed in countless ways to our unit as chairperson of various committees, and was a representative for our unit members from farther north in the county.

Marilou Whalen also resigned from the board. We will greatly miss her energetic personality and her cheerful approach at our board meetings. Thank you both, Ingrid and Marilou, for all your efforts!

To replace Ingrid and Marilou, the board unanimously voted Heidi Klein and Alan Solomon as directors. Heidi will participate on the Closed Westchester and Hospitality committees, and will help Nancy and Steve Sahlein with Promotions/Fliers. Alan will chair the unit level of the North American Pairs. Welcome to Heidi and Alan.

Previously, I explained board members are elected for three-year terms. All officers are elected for one year terms. The President and Vice President can be re-elected once. But the Secretary and Treasurer are not

limited in how long they can serve.

Dick Kraner has been our Unit's Treasurer for the past nine years, and Charlotte Brasel has been our Unit's Secretary for the past fourteen years. On behalf of the entire Unit, I want to express our appreciation to Dick and Charlotte for their dedication of their time and energy..

District 3 will give our Unit \$500 to donate to a charity of our choice. The Board voted to give the money to Westchester Food Patch, an organization that assists the homeless. The Unit Special Charity Swiss Team game, on October 19 at the Bridge Deck, will be another source for charity donations. A charity will receive twice the amount collected from entry fee profits because the Unit will match those proceeds.

There were wonderful results to report from the NABC. Our own Unit 188 GNT Flight A team - Eileen Paley, Rich Laufer, Mimi Bieber and Faye Marino - finished tied for third. We also want to congratulate Eric Mayefsky, who was a member of the team that won the College Championships.

Janet Lippmann

**Editor's
Corner**



For those of you who haven't heard, as of the time I am writing this column, I will be moving to Scarsdale. By the time you read this, I may have already moved. I have not yet put my new address in the editorial information box just in case the move falls through. My mail will be forwarded, and my e-mail address will be the same, so you can still reach me.

As you all know, grand slams in bridge are pretty rare. In two sessions of bridge over two days at a local club, Rick and I bid to three grand slams. Since they are so rare, I'm going to discuss those three hands. - in the reverse order they occurred.

The third one was relatively unremarkable. Any pair playing Roman Key Card Blackwood should have reached it easily. Surprisingly, only one other pair reached the cold grand slam. On a combined 37 HCPs, it shouldn't have been difficult.

The second one featured an interest auction, which was as follows:

West	Rick	East	Me
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	7♠	All Pass	

Do you know what 5♥ means in your system? Even without prior discussion, the meaning should be clear. Blackwood is

available, so it shouldn't be ace asking. And there is a general rule against bidding Blackwood without a control in an outside suit. Obviously, partner needs a heart control (Rick held xxx). My heart void fit the bill perfectly, and I cue bid 6H to show it. With one loser in hearts, I would have signed off at 6♠. The opponents preempts made it easy for us to diagnose our fit and reach a grand slam that might not otherwise have been bid.

The first one was the most interesting from a matchpoints perspective. Rick and I were vulnerable, against non-vulnerable opponents. Here was the auction:

Rick	East	Me	West
2♥	2♠	4♥	4♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	5♠
Pass	6♠	7♥	Double
All pass			

Rick and I play 5-7 cards preempts at the two level when vulnerable. I was very shocked to hear Rick open 2♥, because I was holding 8 hearts in my own hand! 4♥ and 5♥ seem sensible, but I didn't expect to drive them to 6♠. The 7♥ bid now became mandatory.

7♥ was only down two, for -500. 6♠ was cold, and 7♠ makes on any lead other than the ♦A! -480s and -510s were common, with a few -980s and -1010s. -500 was right in the middle - just another average board!

Jason Fuhrman

This N' That From Your District Director

As I am writing, this summer's NABC in Long Beach, CA, is drawing to a close. It was a great location with wonderful playing space, good restaurants within walking distance and wonderful weather. The host group provided hospitality every evening. It had all of the ingredients of a perfect NABC, except it was disappointing that the attendance was more than 10% below expectations.

It was not disappointing, however, to Rich Laufer, Mimi Bieber, Faye Marino and Eileen Paley, who represented District 3 in the Flight A GNTs. They went all the way to the semi-finals, only to lose in a well fought battle to tie for 3rd/4th. I have inside information they are going to try again to represent District 3 in New York City next summer. Congratulations on a great effort! All of our NABCs are

being extended an extra 1/2 day effective at the 2004 Spring NABC. There will be a 1 session afternoon pairs game to benefit the International Fund.

All sectionals will be able to run two sessions to benefit the International Fund. These sessions will award regionally rated silver points (substantially more than sectionally rated points). There will be an additional \$1/player entry fee going directly to the International Fund. Hopefully this will be a good way to get people to attend some less well-attended sessions.

Two future NABCs were approved by the Board - Detroit in Spring 2008 and San Diego in Fall 2008.

Our CEO, Jay Baum, reported that ACBL membership has started to grow. The mid-year report ending June 30, 2003 shows a year-to-date net gain of

686 members. District 3 ranks #2 in membership growth, and Unit 188 ranks #1 in our District and 27th overall in the ACBL. We must thank all of our club directors, teachers, unit members, and the other volunteers who are helping to promote the game that we love to new people, and also keep it fun and interesting for our current members.

We hope your fall plans include a trip to play in our Kerhonkson regional. We know that attendance is on the small side, and we have added many compact KOs to the schedule to make it more interesting. The fall foliage should be at its best. It's a great playing space with good restaurants nearby. Don't miss this opportunity to get gold points and have fun. Hope to see you there!

Joan Gerard, District Director

Results From International Fund Game



Eric Mayefsky Wins At Long Beach NABC

Eric Mayefsky of Westchester and three other Stanford University teammates were the winners of the 2003 College Bridge Team Championship in July.

The Stanford quartet won the six-team competition during the ACBL Summer NABC in Long Beach, California. Harvard finished second and Ohio Wesleyan was third.

Eric, who will be a sophomore at Stanford in the fall, has been playing duplicate bridge for less than two years and is approaching the 100 masterpoint level.

Friday evening, July 18

A	B	C	
1	Janet Lippmann, Stephen Lippman	66.1%	
2	Carol Rothenberg, Ron Fischer	58.0%	
3	Lucette Flanagan, Gene Flanagan	56.5%	
1	Les Gottlieb, Richard Walowit	55.6%	
2	B. Arnold, M. Gambacorta	53.8%	
3	1 Beatrice Heller, Christopher Wang	52.9%	
	2 Chiyoko Morimoto, Mikoko Yoneda	49.8%	

June Overall STAC Winners

Monday Morning Side Game Pairs

A B C
 1 S. Melchner, B. Seidenberg
 1 Edith Katz, Otto Katz
 1 Arthur Press, Helen Press

Monday Morning 100/300/750 Pairs

A B C
 1 Burton Lefkowitz, Karol Lefkowitz
 1 Phyllis Honig, Carole Leinwand
 1 Eric Mayefsky, Dylan Kellogg

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Steve Wheeler, Alan Shollenberger
 1 R. Rechtschaffner, M. Frankel
 1 Beverly Grushkin, Arnold Grushkin

Monday Evening Open Pairs

A B C
 1 David Katzman, Leonard Solomon

Monday Evening 20/50/100 Pairs

A B C
 1 1 Elaine Glover, James Glover
 1 Christopher Wang, Barbara Levine

Tuesday Morning 0-750 Pairs

A B C
 1 1 Joann Marks, Phyllis Honig
 1 Lionel Goetz, Roberta Steinberg

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Geoffrey Berry, Kenneth Felder

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Steve Wheeler, Peter MacCuaig
 1 1 H. Jay Sloofman, Robert Blau

Wednesday Morning Open Pairs

A B C
 1 1 Edythe Levitt, Gaye Moelis
 1 Carole Tunick, Stephen Blau

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Charlotte Brasel, Margaret Alan
 1 Lester Gottlieb, William Hoffman
 1 Rhoda Frischer, Leonard Frischer

Thursday Morning 300/500/750 Pairs

A B C
 1 1 George Lippman, Nathan Adler
 1 Barbara Kantor, Gail Cannold

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Dan Recht, Eric Mayefsky

Friday Morning 0/300/Open Pairs

A B C
 1/2 1/2 1/2 Meryl Reyman, Stuart Reyman
 1/2 1/2 1/2 Carolyn Wenzel, Linda Otness

Friday Morning 100/300/750 Pairs

A B C
 1 1 1 Henry Deutsch, Mieko Suzuki

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Charlotte Goldstein, Ed Goldstein

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

A B C
 1 Janet Lippmann, Stephen Lippmann
 1 Christa Jaffeuz, Sylvester Karagis
 1 Herbert Pearlman, Sheryl Pearlman

Sunday Afternoon Swiss Teams

A B C
 1 Nancy Sahlein, Stephen Sahlein,
 Lester Gottlieb, Alan Effros
 1 Sherry and Barry Mendelson,
 Fred Hawa, Mohan Dutt
 1 Susan Melchner, Lorraine Quitman,
 Barbara Seidenberg, Iris Adler

Advice for Snowbirds

Even if you will be gone for several months this winter, you can still remain a member of the WCBA and continue receiving *Bridging the Counties*.

When you contact the ACBL with your winter address, let them know that you wish to remain a member of Unit 188 (WCBA). Any issues of *Bridging the Counties* that are published while you are away will be mailed to your winter address. Upon your return to Westchester, just tell the ACBL that you are back home. Don't miss a single issue!

If you do move away and keep your WCBA membership, you will continue to receive *Bridging the Counties*.

Test Your Bridge IQ

1. What is meant by the word "CAB"?
 - A) A set of step responses to show all kings and queens of previously bid suits after a Blackwood response. The initials stand for Collaboration After Blackwood.
 - B) An obsolete British bidding system incorporating some Standard American principles. The initials stand for 2 Clubs, Ace asking & Blackwood.
 - C) A bidding system that used ideas made popular by Ely Culbertson of the United States, Pierre Albarran of France, and Pietro Bernasconi of Switzerland.
 - D) A colloquialism from early rubber bridge days when a player, known to skip out on his losses, had a get-away cab waiting for him downstairs from the club.
2. What does the word "AMBER" mean?
 - A) A term used to describe a deal when both sides are vulnerable.
 - B) A recent signaling convention where second hand play to declarer's first lead shows count in the unplayed suit of the lowest rank.
 - C) A term used in rubber bridge clubs in Britain to request a dark beer.
 - D) A term from the system Every Hand An Adventure (EHAA) - Attempt Many Barraging Entry Regimes.

Answers are on page 6.

- Cliff Nebel

TRAVELING SCORES



Please send Traveling Scores To:

Judy Soley
30 Griffen Avenue
Scarsdale, NY 10583
- OR -
judy@soley.com

Las Vegas, NV Regional

Friday Open Pairs
Ruth Grant 1st OA

Sturbridge, MA Regional

Senior Swiss Teams
Natalie & Dan Hertz 1st OA

Ethel Keohane Senior, North Falmouth, MA Regional

Friday Senior Pairs
Mimi & Joel Bieber 1st OA

DCBA Spring Sectional, Poughkeepsie, NY

Stratified Swiss Teams
Carol Laufer, Jay Sloofman,
Toyoko Shibutani & Sylvia Stahl 2nd OB

Unit 106 Sectional, Allendale, NJ

Friday Open Pairs
Toyoko Shibutani, David Yates 1st OB

Oklahoma City, OK Regional

KO Bracket 1
Jay Sloofman 1st

Save the Date!

Is your spouse wondering where you go every morning or afternoon? Are you constantly answering questions about all of the new people you are spending so much time with? Help is at hand at our Unit's annual meeting and new life master party (A/K/A The Closed Westchester Tournament) to be held on Saturday, January 3, 2004 at Riverview in Hastings.

This year, for a separate \$5 fee spouses, friends and significant others have the option to attend a pre-dinner cocktail party and get a wonderful world of duplicate bridge. If they wish, they are welcome to stay for dinner for an additional \$20.

For unit members, a single session of bridge is \$10; a fee of \$14 dollars includes an afternoon of bridge and the cocktail party; \$24 for one session of bridge (afternoon or evening) plus cocktails and dinner; \$30 covers both sessions plus cocktails and dinner. Separate novice games are planned for both sessions, attendance permitting.

Riverview offers a panoramic view of the Hudson River, a sight so spectacular those players facing west run the risk of being mesmerized by the view.

Come out and honor our new life masters. The food will be plentiful and delicious, the camaraderie outstanding and the bridge excellent. Should your partner be out of town in early January, our partnership desk will try to find another for you.

A formal invitation with driving instructions, times and telephone numbers will appear in the December issue of *Bridging the Counties*. So mark your calendars now. We hope to see everyone there.

World Wide Pairs Results

Friday Evening

Bridge Deck

NORTH-SOUTH

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------|
| 1 Robin & Laurence Brown | 60.7% |
| 2 Diane & Jack Bonney | 60.3% |

EAST-WEST

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Julian Laderman, Howard Marks | 64.3% |
| 2 Tim Baird, Alan Green | 59.1% |

Hartes' Club

NORTH-SOUTH

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 1 Kassie Munoz, Mimi Bieber | 62.8% |
| 2 Iris & Nat Adler | |

EAST-WEST

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Linda Otnera, Alisan Harte | 69.4% |
| 2 Stephanie Ziltzer, Ron Fischer | 57.4% |

Down 2 Doubled

NORTH-SOUTH

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1 Mel & Betty Frankel | |
| 2 Beverly & Don Jacobson | |

EAST-WEST

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 Judy Paletta, Edith Alexander | |
| 2 Laretta & Ron Zellner | |

Saturday Afternoon

Bridge Deck

NORTH-SOUTH

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Rita Merl, Irene Silver | 70.7% |
| 2 Les Gottlieb, Elisabeth Handelsman | 65.5% |

EAST-WEST

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Peggy Mendes, Bob Goldwater | 64.0% |
| 2 Maureen & Fred Hawa | 64.0% |

Unit Board Nominations

The WCBA Nominating Committee, consisting of Kassie Munoz, Harriet Munk, Marjorie Murstein, Eileen Paley, and chairperson Peter Kalat, offers the following slate of candidates for 2004:

Officers - For 1 Year Terms

President - Janet Lippmann
 Vice President - Betty Fleischer
 Secretary - Charlotte Brasel
 Treasure - Richard Kraner

Board of Directors - For 3 Year Terms

Robin Brown
 Jason Fuhrman
 Joan Gerard
 Bob Goldwater
 Rich Laufer
 Alan Solomon

Director for Vacancy 1 Year Term
 Heidi Klein

Additional nominations may be made by petition on an official form, or any form similar. The official form is available from Unit Secretary Charlotte Brasel, 1 Bryson Street, Larchmont, New York 10538. The petition must include the names, both printed and signed, of 25 WCBA members in good standing, along with the ACBL player numbers and addresses of each signer. The original petition must be submitted to the Unit Secretary, with a copy to Unit President Janet Lippmann, 170 High Street, Hasting-on-Hudson, New York 10706, by September 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Kalat



Answers to Test Your Bridge IQ

1. A - Collaboration After Blackwood
2. A - A deal when both sides are vulnerable

SAVE THE DATE!

WCBA CHARITY SWISS TEAMS

Sunday, October 19, 2003
 at The Bridge Deck

SILENT AUCTION – BRUNCH – SWISS TEAMS

Proceeds benefit The Bridge Fund of Westchester and The Westchester Parks and Recreation

Brunch & Silent Auction begin at 11:30 a.m. (bidding open 'til 4:30 p.m.)

Game time at 12:30 p.m.

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4-6 person teams; 5-match event

\$48.00 per team

Stratified (if entries warrant)

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jewelry *many bridge items*

etc., etc., etc

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Jane Hill Sectional

On November 14-15, newcomers to duplicate bridge will have the opportunity to play in a sectional just for them at the Jane Hill Future Masters Sectional. This tournament is held annually in honor of the late Jane Hill, who was renowned for her ability to teach bridge to beginning players. On both days, the games will be held at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue, White Plains.

Players with fewer than 100 masterpoints are eligible to participate. Silver points will be awarded.

For the complete schedule and driving directions, please see the full page ad on page 9 of this issue of Bridging the Counties.

NAP Finals Scheduled

Next on the schedule for the North American Pairs, one of the two National Events requiring pre-qualification at the local level, will be the Unit level finals. The one session Unit final will be held on October 12 at the Bridge Deck.

The Club rounds, which occurred over the summer, allowed areas players to earn a qualification to play at the Unit Level. Only players who have already earned their qualification this year can play in the Unit final.

Players who qualify at the Unit finals will be eligible to play at the District finals on December 6 in Woodbridge, NJ. The top finishers in each flight at the District finals will be eligible to play in the National Finals, which will be at the 2004 Spring NABC in Reno, Nevada in March.

Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game

On the evening of Sunday, December 7, the 27th annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game will be held at the Bridge Deck.

For this special game, players with fewer than 50 masterpoints are randomly paired with Life Masters. The newly formed partnerships briefly discuss conventions (which are usually determined by what the non-master normally plays), and then compete against each other in a regular matchpoint pairs game. This is a very social event, as well as giving the non-masters a good learning experience.

Pre-registration is required for both the life masters and non-masters. People in both groups who are interested in playing should also contact Rich Laufer, by either mailing the form below to Rich Laufer, 65 Caterson Terrace, Hartsdale, New York 10530, or calling him at (914) 949-5853.

The WCBA's 27th Annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game

Bridge Deck
313 Central Avenue
Scarsdale, NY

Sunday, December 7, 2003

7:00 P.M.

Pre-registration a must! Deadline: November 30, 2003 Entry: \$8.00

Please reserve a place for me at the Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game on December 7

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

SILVER POINTS
AWARDED!



Jane Hill Future Masters Sectional 0 - 100 Master Points November 14th and 15th, 2003

FRIDAY

9:30 A.M. STRATIFIED (0-20, 0-50, 0-100)

1:00 P.M. STRATIFIED (0-20, 0-50, 0-100)

LUNCH AND SNACKS SERVED

SATURDAY

JANE HILL TROPHY

11:00 A.M. STRATIFIED (0-20, 0-50, 0-100)

LUNCH AND SNACKS AVAILABLE

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SILVER POINTS!

ENTRY FEE
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PER SESSION

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DIRECTIONS

(HUTCHINSON PARKWAY TO EXIT 25,
WEST ON NORTH STREET TO BRYANT AVENUE,
LEFT TO CHURCH ON RIGHT)

Special Charity Swiss Teams

On October 18, 2003, there will be a special Swiss Teams game for charity at the Bridge Deck. It will be a five-match event. Teams are 4-6 people, with a cost of \$48.00/team.

In previous years, the WCBA ran a Calcutta as a charity fundraiser. Due to waning interest in the Calcutta format, the Charity Committee of the Unit Board decided to replace it with this event.

In addition to the bridge game, there will also be a silent auction to raise funds. The silent auction and brunch commence at 11:30 AM. Bidding on the items in the silent auction will end at 4:30 PM. The team event will start at 12:30 PM.

Besides playing in the even and purchasing items in the silent auction, you can also contribute by donating auction prizes or giving an extra monetary contribution. If you would like to donate auction prizes, you can contact the head of the charity committee, Joan Gerard.

Proceeds will benefit The Bridge Fund of Westchester and the Westchester Department of Parks and Recreation.

Please see the ad on page 5 of this issue of *Bridging the Counties* for further details.

A Farewell to the Mount Vernon Bridge Club

The Mount Vernon Bridge Club, which held duplicate bridge games in Westchester for over 70 years, has closed its doors for good. The club officially closed in July.

For most of its existence, the club was located in Mount Vernon, in a synagogue on Route 22. In 1996, it moved out of Mount Vernon and into the Bridge Deck, where it remained a separate entity.

The Mount Vernon Bridge Club used to run games on Tuesday and Thursday nights. However, in the spring of 2002 they reduced their schedule to just Thursday nights.

Convention Hall

Minor Suit Transfers

Virtually every player in duplicate bridge today knows the Stayman and Jacoby conventions. However, this creates a problem when responder wants to reach a minor suit contract after an opening bid. You can no longer use 2♣ and 2♦ as natural bids.

Using Jacoby, the sequence 1NT - 2♠ is undefined. The simplest minor suit transfer system uses 2♠ as a relay to 3♣. Responder then either passes 3♣ or corrects to 3♦. Opener is expected to pass the 3♦ bid. While this has the advantage of simplicity, there is no way to invite game, and it leaves the weaker hand declaring 3♦.

To solve the problem of the weaker hand declaring, you can modify the basic system. 2♠ remains a transfer to 3♣, and 3♣ is a transfer to 3♦. However, this does nothing to solve the problem of distinguishing between weak and invitational hands.

Handling invitational hands with a long minor suits requires modifying the Stayman convention. The direct 2NT response becomes a transfer to diamonds. However, that means that 1NT - 2NT is no longer a balanced hand with invitational values. To show a balanced hand with invitational values, you bid 2♣ as Stayman whether or not you have a 4 card major, and then you re-bid 2NT. Here are some examples:

1NT-2♣-2♦-2NT	Responder may or may not have a 4 card major.
1NT-2♣-2♥-2NT	Responder does not have 4 hearts, may or may not have 4 spades
1NT-2♣-2♥-3♥	Invitational with a 4-4 heart fit
1NT-2♣-2♠-3NT	Responder has 4 hearts; otherwise bid 3NT directly

In the first 2 sequences above, the 2NT must be alerted as it does not promise a 4 card major.

After a minor suit transfer bid, opener is now given the opportunity to describe his minor suit fit. Lacking a top honor (A, K or Q) in the suit, opener simply completes the transfer. So if responder shows a long club suit by bidding 2♠, opener re-bids 3♣ to deny a top honor in clubs. Similarly, after a 2NT transfer bid, 3♦ would deny a top diamond honor.

To show a fit, opener re-bids the intermediate bid. For 1NT-2♠-2NT opener promises at least one top club honor. With a weak hand, responder signs off in 3♣. Or responder can re-bid 3NT with an invitational hand knowing opener's hand will fill in the minor suit. Similarly, after 1NT-2NT-3♣, responder can choose between signing off in 3♦ or going on to 3NT.

There are further variations on this. Some players require 2 or more honors to make the intermediate fit-showing bid. And some people reverse the meanings of completing the transfer and bidding the intermediate bid.

- Jason Fuhrman

What Is Supervised Play?

Editor's Note: This article is adapted from an article written by Paul Kirby for the December 1998 issue of *Bridging the Counties*.

Supervised Play is a regular bridge game where the players can call the supervisor (teacher) at any point in the game and ask for advice on what to do at that moment. Instead of wondering whether the bid you're considering is forcing or not, you can call for help and ask! The supervisor will give you advice on what to do, including explaining the reasons why. You can ask any question about bidding or defense.

Although most duplicate players think of Supervised Play as simple bridge for beginners, it can be far more. Many players attending are those who have begun to play bridge somewhat seriously, but haven't developed strong

duplicate skills yet. They usually have more of a bridge background than true beginning players.

Supervised play can fill three needs effectively, even though they are very different.

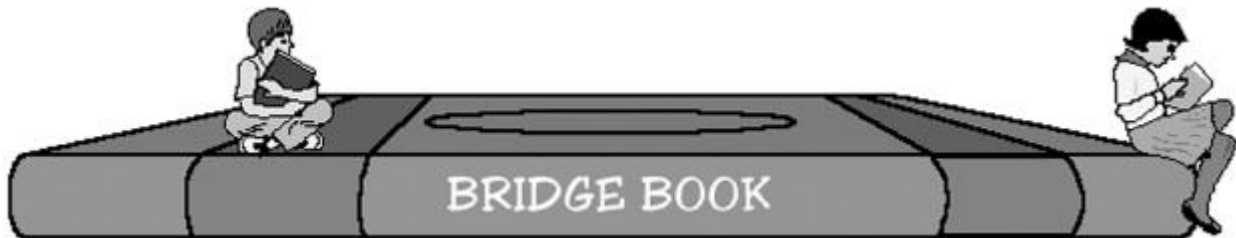
First, it's for people who just want to play bridge as opposed to serious duplicate. They can have fun and request as much or as little help as they feel they need.

Secondly, it's for those who are beyond the beginning basics. They can use the supervisor as a teacher to help them advance their knowledge of bridge.

Lastly, it's good for the emerging duplicate player. It gets new people into the bridge club, where they can bring along their friends to learn at the same time. It also provides instruction for all players at a fraction of the cost of private lessons.

Currently in Westchester, there are two clubs that offer Supervised Play. The Bridge Deck offers supervised play on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM, and Thursdays at 7:00 PM.

The Hartes' Club also offers supervised play on Wednesdays at 1:00 PM. Please check the current calendar in each issue of *Bridging the Counties* for updated schedule information.



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 enclose a picture of yourself along with your article.

Problems with the WCBA Web Site

Starting Thursday, August 13, 2003, there were technical problems with the server hosting the WCBA's web site. The problems were compounded by the Blackout of 2003, which further prevented repairs on the server from being made.

By the time you read this, the web site should be up and running again. We apologize for any inconvenience. Be assured that the WCBA plans on continuing to have a web site indefinitely.

WCBA 2003 Medallion Leaders as of 7/7/03

Rookie of the Year (0-5 MPs)

1. Christopher Wang	26.69
2. Fiala Portnoy	18.44
3. Lu Ganley	13.90

Junior Master (5-20 MPs)

1. Henry Deutsch	60.34
2. Carolyn Wenzel	54.95
3. Jay Dimond	29.44

Club Master (20-50 MPs)

1. Naomi Trilnick	49.17
2. Linda Otnes	46.53
3. Jeffrey Weill	34.83

Sectional Master (50-100 MPs)

1. H. Jay Sloofman	86.23
2. Amy Frolick	75.33
3. David Huber	69.77

Regional Master (100-200 MPs)

1. Robin Brown	101.96
2. Elise Luskin	85.67
3. Eileen O'Neill	76.91

NABC Master (200-LM)

1. Karleen Heller	100.75
2. Fran Kaplan	69.71
3. Phyllis Spatz	66.49

Life Master (300-500 MPs)

1. Benjamin Rottman	90.97
2. Edythe Levitt	69.08
3. Diana Wendy	62.88

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MPs)

1. Lester Gottlieb	122.15
2. James Gleick	119.24
3. Alvin Galland	103.39

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MPs)

1. Mark Gordon	174.41
2. Nancy Widman	124.26
3. Betty Fleischer	122.59

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MPs)

1. Carlos Munoz	171.45
2. Rhoda Levine	152.21
3. Arch McKellar	144.20

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000 MPs)

1. Rick Zucker	359.77
2. Gerald Sosler	224.53
3. Warren Rosner	147.44

Grand Life Master (10,000+ MPs)

1. Kay Schulle	287.41
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WCBA 2003 Ace of Clubs Leaders as of 7/7/03

Rookie of the Year (0-5 MPs)

1. Lottie Sommer	12.59
2. Lu Ganley	12.18
3. John Howard	10.08

Junior Master (5-20 MPs)

1. Henry Deutsch	38.99
2. Carolyn Wenzel	37.58
3. Lorenzo Anselmi	22.30

Club Master (20-50 MPs)

1. Linda Otnes	39.16
2. Naomi Trilnick	25.27
3. Abraham Stenberg	24.69

Sectional Master (50-100 MPs)

1. Amy Frolick	49.93
2. Jean Schiaroli	42.90
3. Sylvester Karagis	41.72

Regional Master (100-200 MPs)

1. Robin Brown	68.72
2. Eileen O'Neill	57.33
3. Elise Luskin	53.27

NABC Master (200-LM)

1. Alan Solomon	48.85
2. Fran Kaplan	44.14
3. Audrey Stamm	43.65

Life Master (300-500 MPs)

1. Edythe Levitt	38.19
2. Bonnie Gregg	37.08
3. Diana Wendy	35.74

Bronze Life Master (500-1000 MPs)

1. Heidi Klein	60.30
2. Linda Heineman	55.88
3. Marjorie Vogel	55.04

Silver Life Master (1000-2500 MPs)

1. Gina Tamres	78.60
2. Robert Katz	72.07
3. Stanley Sternberg	64.66

Gold Life Master (2500-5000 MPs)

1. Rhoda Levine	112.52
2. Charlotte Brasel	66.34
3. Halina Jamner	61.21

Diamond Life Master (5000-10,000 MPs)

1. Gerald Sosler	73.73
2. Rick Zucker	71.79
3. Rick Goldstein	58.30

Grand Life Master (10,000+ MPs)

1. Kay Schulle	68.45
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Rank Changes

Junior Master (5-20)

Arthur Albert
Sky Albert
Sandra Aldrich
Fran Altman
Mort Amstel
Ann Margaret Baum
Liliana Bekirou
Dorothy Bergman
Ellen Browne
Marcia Cohen
Yvette Cole
Linda Despirlet
Lu Ganley
Lynne Goldstein
Marian Guishard
John Howard
Sara Kaminker
Patricia Kovacs
Elaine Krass
Natalie Kubrick
Lenore Laupheimer
Barry Paley
Genevieve Porti
Fiala Portnoy
Dotsy Potter
Irwin Roth
Gay Sachs
Karen Sanders
Harriet Shapiro
Lynn Sheinbaum
Valerie Scher
Lottie Sommer
Robert Wachtenheim
Judith Weil
Constance Weiss
Patricia Whamond
Harold Wiener

Club Master (20-50)

Stephen Blau
Thomasina Cooke
David Florence
Aileen Kass
Burton Lefkowitz
Marion Long
Michael Lopukhin
Anne Miller
Rosalie Rothenberg
Jack Shulman
Rhoda Silfen
Volney Taylor
Carmella Vega
Christopher Wang
Penny Weill
Stephanie Ziltzer

Sectional Master (50-100)

Lawrence Brown
Toni Cobb
Henry Deutsch
Jerry Kaplan
Adam Lally
Leatrice Schacht
Jeffrey Weill
Carolyn Wenzel

Regional Master (100-200)

Melissa Baker
Robert Baker
Sandi Foreman
H. Leland Getz
Elizabeth Hayman
Debbie Jacoby

Life Master

Tim Baird
Karina Lima
Daniel Raz
Daniel Silver

Bronze Life Master (500-1000)

Grace Anderson
Richard Avazian
Jason Fuhrman
Bonnie Gregge
Marilyn Kaplan
Richard Rosenthal
Benjamin Rottman
Phyllis Spatz

Silver Life Master (1000-2500)

Marcello Gambacorta
James Gleick
Fred Hawa
Betty Frateur
Toyoko Shibusanti

Diamond Life Master (5000-10000)

Nancy Molesworth



Welcome!

New Members

Fern Bindelglass
Alain Bollag
Pamela D'Andrea
Suzanne Darrow
Dorothy Dinhofer
A. Wright Elliott
Tina Engel
Anna Erdelyi
Marion Glennon
Florence Golub
Gloria Grossman
Fred Herlitz
William Herman
Bill Hessberg
Grace L. Kaut
Ann Lanyi
Marilyn McGill
Jane Mitchell
Deborah Morgan
Joseph Noschese
Rhoda Phillips
Ellen Reller
Trudy Rosen
Diane Rosenkranz
Peter Shure
Carole Strum



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 B. Garner 0-750 Game Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 7:15 PM Lecture 7:30 0-100 Game B. Goldwater 8:00 PM B. Herrmann Stratified	9:30 AM S. Abelson 0-750 Game Stratified 1:00 PM S. Abelson Stratified 6:30 PM R. Laufer Stratified	9:30AM B. Hoffman Stratified 1:00 PM B. Goldwater Stratified 1:30 PM P. Kirby Supervised Play 7:30 PM R. Laufer Stratified	9:30AM B. Hoffman 0-750 Game Stratified 1:00 PM R. Friedman Stratified 7:30 PM N. Sahlein Supervised Play 7:30 PM R. Laufer IMP Pairs	9:30 AM 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 285-1230	9:30 AM Stratified S. Patricelli 1:00 PM S. Patricelli Stratified Open / 0-200 6:30 PM Y. Shoykhet Stratified	1:00 PM C. Lubesnik Stratified Open / 0-200 6:30 PM C. Lubesnik Stratified	1:00 PM I. Levitina Stratified Open / 0-200 1:00 PM Greenberg Supervised Play	9:30 AM I. Levitina Stratified 1:00 PM S. Patricelli Stratified Open / 0-200	9:30 AM Y. Shoykhet Stratified 1:00 PM Y. Shoykhet Stratified Open / 0-200		
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				
Bedford Bridge Club Unitarian Fellowship Route 172, Mt. Kisco 241-0937	10:30 AM I. Nargi						

Changes & Closings

Mount Vernon Bridge Club is closed.

The Hartes' Club - afternoon games start at 1:00 instead of 12:45.

The Hartes' Club - Thursday morning supervised play is discontinued. New Thursday morning open game.

The Hartes' Club is closed September 19 (Sectional).

The Bridge Deck - Tuesday evening game starts at 6:30.

The Bridge Deck - Saturday morning game is discontinued.

The Bridge Deck - New IMP Pairs game Thursday 7:30 PM.

The Bridge Deck is closed September 19-21 (Sectional) and October 6 (Yom Kippur).

Special Games			
September			
9	Down 2 Doubled	Charity Game	7:20 PM
10	Hartes' Club	Instant Matchpoint	6:30 PM
10	Bridge Deck	Instant Matchpoint	7:30 PM
10	Larchmont	Instant Matchpoint	7:30 PM
11	Down 2 Doubled	Club Championship	12:30 PM
15	Bedford	Club Championship	10:30 AM
16	Hartes' Club	ACBL Membership	1:00 PM
22-26	Hartes' Club	Club Championship	All games
28	Bridge Deck	Swiss Teams	1:00 PM
October			
1	Bridge Deck	Interclub Championship	7:30 PM
1	Larchmont	Club Championship	7:30 PM
3	Bob's BC	Club Championship	9:30 AM
7	Down 2 Doubled	Club Appreciation	7:20 PM
12	Bridge Deck	Swiss Teams	1:00 PM
13-17	Hartes' Club	Club Appreciation	All games
16	Down 2 Doubled	Club Appreciation	12:30 PM
17	Bridge Deck	Interclub Championship	1:00 PM
20	Bedford	Club Appreciation	10:30 AM
27-11/2	Various Clubs	STAC Week	All games
November			
2	Bridge Deck	STAC Swiss Teams	1:00 PM
5	Larchmont	Beat the Experts	7:30 PM
10	Bedford	Club Championship	10:30 AM
11	Hartes' Club	Club Championship	1:00 PM
12	Down 2 Doubled	Club Championship	7:20 PM
24	Hartes' Club	ACBL Charity	1:00 PM
24	Bridge Deck	ACBL Charity	8:00 PM

In Memoriam

Jack Bernhard
Kate Wagner




Coming Events

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- ♥ **December**
- ♠ 6 NAP District Final
Woodbridge, NJ
- ◆ 7 Master / Non-Master
Bridge Deck
- ♥
- ♠
- ♣
- ◆ **January**
- ♥ 2 Closed Westchester
Bridge Deck
- ♠ 3 Closed Westchester
Riverview
- ◆ 4 Golden Apple Swiss
Bridge Deck
- ♥
- ♠ 13-19 District 3 Regional
Rye Town Hilton
- ♣ 20-26 STAC Week
Various Clubs
- ♥ 24 International
Fund Game
Various Clubs
- ♠
- ◆
- ♥ **February**
- ♠ 23 ACBL-Wide
Senior Pairs Game
Various Clubs
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DEADLINE



Next Board Meeting
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Bracketed KO Tms 7:30 pm
Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
Stratified Charity Prs (red) 7:30 pm

Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Prs (55+) 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series Prs I (1st) 1 pm
Side Game Series Prs I (2nd) 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22
Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Prs (55+) 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series Prs I (4th) 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VPs) I & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Prs (55+) 1 & 7:30 pm
Side Game Series Prs I (5th) 1 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24
Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Prs (55+) 1 & 7:30 pm
Intermediate Prs (Red, 0-300 pts) 1 pm
Side Game Series Prs II (1st) 7:30 pm
Side Game Series Prs II (2nd) 7:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
Bracketed Compact KO Tms 9 am & 1 pm
Stratified Open Prs 1 & 7:30 pm
Stratified Senior Prs (55+) 1 & 7:30 pm
Intermediate Prs (Red, 0-300 pts) 1 pm
Side Game Series Prs II (3rd) 1 pm
Intermediate Prs (Red, 0-300 pts) 7:30 pm
Side Game Series Prs II (4th) 7:30 pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 Express Schedule

Stratified Open Swiss Tms (VP) 10 am
Stratified Senior Swiss Tms (VP) (55+) 10 am

Seven 7-board matches
1/2 hour break after 3rd match
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Side Game Series Prs II (5th) 10 am

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