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## YOUTH BRIDGE GAINS MOMENTUM

You may be surprised to learn that public school students in the Lakeland School District in Westchester County are studying bridge as part of their school day. The program is the brainchild of the School Bridge League. The goal of the League is to enrich school curricula and student's lives by promoting and fostering bridge as a fun, social, educational, and competitive experience.

Enith Friedman Berg, a White Plains resident and avid bridge player, took over as President of the School Bridge

League in July 2010. She describes the League as a virtual not for profit that works both with teachers interested in bringing bridge into the schools, and with existing programs looking for students to have competition.

At Lakeland, the League reached out to the Schools Superintendent Dr. George Stone. Today, forty teachers as well as PTA members are involved. Students are grouped by age and experience. The program at Lakeland began with a training program to help teachers under-

stand the logic, reasoning, probability and statistics behind bridge. The teachers initially were given several hours of training in how to incorporate mini-bridge in the classroom. Later they will be taught bidding. Bridge is integrated in the classroom, at lunch, recess and after school.

The program usually is introduced in elementary school. The foundation for bridge begins early (if possible in kindergarten) by teaching the game of trump and tricks and playing with a partner. According to

Enith, students don't have to be "ready" for bridge. There is nothing to be ready for. They learn by doing. Goals include having the PTA hold family bridge nights where the game is to taught students, parents and teachers.

The School Bridge League encourages bridge activities in school and as afterschool activities, and is not meant to take the place of area bridge clubs. Its programs are held during school hours and are led by the teachers. The organization

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## WINTER IN WESTCHESTER TOURNAMENT WEATHERS THE SNOW

Despite a morning snow storm that closed schools and snarled traffic, the Winter in Westchester Tournament came off without a hitch during the weekend of January 7-9. Friday's and Sunday's events were held at the Bridge Deck, while Saturday's bridge, lunch and cocktail party were held at the Riverview in Hastings.

Mike McNamara added the unofficial title of King of Bridge to his official title of President of the Westchester Contract Bridge Association.

Mike, along with his partner Willie Ehlers, was first overall on Friday afternoon, and second overall on Friday evening. Mike's wife Sylwia was a worthy queen, besting Mike to achieve first overall on Friday evening with her partner, Paul Roberts. The McNamaras then combined for first overall in the Saturday afternoon session.

It was a weekend of many highlights, but the surprise appearance of Bob Hamman at Friday night's game was perhaps the greatest thrill for some.

*For complete results, please turn to page 8.*



*Clockwise from Top: Bob Hamman, Mike McNamara, Ed Zuckerberg, Willie Ehlers*

## UNIT 188 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Michael McNamara**

I want to thank everyone who attended the Winter in Westchester events and the Mini-McKenney Swiss. We had 33 tables on Sunday at the Golden Apple Swiss! Congratulations again to the new life masters and to all who were honored at these events. I hope everyone has been on the Unit 188 website to see the great pictures from these events. I want to extend a

special thanks to all of the people who put so much time and effort into providing such great events and such good food.

I am personally honored to serve as President this year. Bridge in Westchester continues to thrive. The two largest clubs in the county were among the top 15 clubs in North America last year. That is quite an accomplishment to have two top fifteen clubs in our county.

The WCBA, Inc. is doing some of its most exciting work with younger players. The Lakeland school district has added bridge to its grade school curriculum. Math, critical thinking, and logical reasoning are now being taught in the classroom

through bridge. If you have a contact in a school in this county where you would like to see bridge taught, please let me know. To support our young players, a youth game was held at the Rye Regional where 22 kids showed up to compete. You can view pictures and results on our unit and district websites. In addition, The Bridge Deck holds a Sunday evening kid's game. If you have a child or grandchild that is interested in learning bridge, this is a fun way to learn. We plan to hold many more exciting youth events and to work to expose more kids in the county to the wonderful game of bridge.

I look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events.

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

*Please join me in wishing a hearty thank you to Jason Fuhrman who is retiring after ten years of tireless service as Editor of "Bridging the Counties"*

You probably noticed that *Bridging the Counties* has a new look this month. This is my first issue as editor, taking over from Jason Fuhrman. For those of you who don't know me, I have been hooked on bridge ever since I took my first bridge lesson from Debbie Rosenberg (then Debbie Zuckerman) over twenty years ago. My husband John Boyer and I met through bridge, and our children

have been dragged to Nationals all over the country. Needless to say, bridge is dear to my heart.

As Editor, I have huge shoes to fill. Jason Fuhrman assumed the editorship of *Bridging the Counties* with the March 2000 issue. Prior to Jason's tenure, the newsletter exhausted seven editors in fifteen years. Jason continued to design, write, edit and continuously improve the newsletter for more than a decade despite marriage, the birth of his now four year old son, and a full time job as lawyer.

In the year 2000 when Jason assumed the editorship, Bill Clinton was President, YouTube and hybrid cars didn't exist, and Mark Zuckerberg was a junior in high school caddying at local bridge tournaments. Think how much has changed since then, and yet Jason reliably and cheerfully has produced the newsletter all this time.

This issue marks the end of an era. Along with Mike McNamara,

Joan Gerard and the officers and volunteers of the WCBA, I want to offer a hearty thank you to Jason for his tireless efforts.

In the coming issues, you will see new features. This month, we have added an *Ask the Pros* column. Although I personally have enough questions and mistakes to fill the column for years to come, I'd greatly prefer to hide my foibles and have you submit your bidding, play of the hand, or any other bridge questions to our panel. This month's panel of pros include bridge professionals Mike and Sylvia McNamara, Ethan Stein, and Rob Stayman.

I would love to hear your comments, and story ideas for *Bridging the Counties*. I encourage you to keep my mailbox full. My email address is [efplato@optonline.net](mailto:efplato@optonline.net). I also may be reached by telephone at 914-478-2169.

**Ellyn**

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## THIS N THAT

Orlando, the site of the Fall NABC, was the same location as six years ago and yet the attendance was 2,000 tables less. Why? Same location, a good schedule (although not perfect). Jayne Thomas, chairman of the last several Florida NABC's and a meeting planner and tournament chairman par excellence, cannot take any of the blame. So what is wrong to produce 2,000 tables less than in 2004? I think I know the answer and it's not rocket science. We are an aging population that doesn't want to travel to have the same opportunities that are to be had at our own regionals. We need to offer some things that we can't get at home. I have several ideas, but would welcome any of your suggestions.

'Ole Man Winter decided to rear its ugly head this year. The snow storm that started Tuesday night, made driving impossible on Wednesday, and also hurt Thursday's attendance meant a significant number of tables less than most years. However, it was still a wonderful Regional. The Golden Opportunity Pairs for players with 0-750 points continues to be a popular event, as well as the Compact KO's, Fast Pairs and Newplicate games. We were very proud to have six tables of young people under the age of nineteen playing on Monday in a special Youth tournament sponsored by the District. Thanks to Michael

McNamara for his help and support. Once again, District 3 thanks Hartes and the Bridge Deck for closing during this Regional. Volunteers are necessary to the smooth running of any bridge tournament. Thanks to Mimi Bieber, tournament chairman, Linda Ottness who provides all the



*Joan  
Gerard*  
*District 3  
Director*

delicious food for our hospitality suite, Carlos Munoz, District Treasurer, Ed Zuckenburg, caddy chairman and many others who helped out at the hospitality and partnership desks – Tanya Reyes Heller, Gina Tamares, Kassie Munoz and Barbara Skluth who do the restaurant guide each year, and Julian Laderman who gave a talk to our Newplicate players on Monday. It's a Regional in your own backyard folks. Be sure to support it.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate Victor Melman who finished 2nd in the Rand Senior Teams in Philadel-

phia at The World Bridge Series.

On a sadder note, I want to express my personal sorrow at the passing of Joel Bieber on Thanksgiving Day. He was a good friend of mine and the District's. Joel's friendly smile and warm welcome as he ran the Hospitality Suite for many years will not be forgotten.

And last but surely not least - thanks to Jason for the super job he has done as editor of *Bridging the Counties* for the past ten years. To say this unit was lucky is an understatement. Ellyn has a tough act to follow, but I'm certain that she will live up to it. Welcome!

The District GNT's for all Flights will again be at the Memorial United Methodist Church on Bryant Ave. in White Plains on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Check the District 3 web site: [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org) for all details, as well as this issue of *Bridging The Counties*. No qualification necessary. Just get your team, come for brunch and two sessions of Swiss Teams for B&C players, KO's for the A and Super Flights.

This is the year of the Masterpoint! Play often. See you at the tables.

## IN MEMORIAM

Joel Bieber passed away November 25, after a long and courageous battle against Lymphoma. Joel was passionate about his wife Mimi, his three sons and their spouses, and four grandchildren. An avid golfer (27 holes was the daily norm), he also loved fine food and wine, entertaining his numerous friends, and - when golf wasn't available - bridge. Joel felt the bridge community was his second family, and those of us privileged to be part of that family will forever remain inspired by his zest for life.



**JOEL BIEBER**

1944-2010

## 2011 WCBA DOUBLE KO



Come join the hundreds of people that play the annual Westchester Double KO. The event is a bracketed double KO. This event works similarly to the type of knockouts that are run at regional tournaments with a few differences. First, it takes two losses to get knocked out of the event, not one. Second, instead of being played in one or two days during a tournament, the

event runs from April until October with each team playing one match per month. The two teams schedule their match at a time and place that is convenient for them, allowing a lot of flexibility. There will be 3 brackets (one top bracket, one for players under 2500 mps, and one for players under 1000 mps). Any team can request to play in a higher bracket. A team that quali-

fies for a lower bracket can also choose to simultaneously play in one or both higher brackets. The event is sectionally rated and the points count toward the Player of the Year race. You can view the full conditions of contest, brackets and results for last year at <http://www.bridge-wcba.com>. The entry fee is \$48 per team. Teams will also have to pay a fee to the

club for any match they play at a club. Teams must have at least 4 players and are strongly encouraged to have 5 or 6 players to make scheduling easier. Entries are due by 3/28/2011. Please mail entry form to:

*Mike McNamara  
20 Leatherstocking Lane  
White Plains, NY 10603*

## DOUBLE KO ENTRY FORM

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

Player 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

Masterpoints \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

ACBL # \_\_\_\_\_

Bracket choice: Bracket 1 \_\_\_ Bracket 2 \_\_\_ (each player <2500MPs) Bracket 3 \_\_\_ (each player <1000 MPs)

## WCBA DOUBLE KO WINNERS

| BRACKET 1  | BRACKET 2   | BRACKET 3  |
|--|---|--|
| 2008: (Tie) Rick Goldstein, Laura Brill, Joan Gerard, Steve Shane, Seth Cohen, Richard Gertner<br><br>2008: (Tie) Fred Hawa, Tom Simon, Jack & Dianne Bonney | 2008: Robin & Larry Brown, Ed & Karen Zuckerberg, Cliff Nebel, Jeff Allen         | 2008: Fran Altman, Martin Barschi, Bert Haber, Genevieve Porti, Alice Neild, Bill Hamilton   |
| 2009: Roberta Meadow, Rick Zucker, Mike & Sylwia McNamara, David Yates   | 2009: Jason Fuhrman, Rick Rosenthal, Jay Sloofman, Tim Baird, Rob & Melissa Baker | 2009: Vivian Wu, Jill Marshall, Mort Amstel, Robert Krissoff, Linda Green, Dexter Senft      |
| 2010: Rich Laufer, Faye Marino, Fred Hawa, Tom Simon   | 2010: Jason Fuhrman, Rick Rosenthal, Jay Sloofman, Tim Baird, Rob & Melissa Baker | 2010: Wendy Sklar, Alice Neild, Norman Gleicher, Raymond Myers, Jill Weinstein, Betty Heller |

## DISTRICT 3 SPRING REGIONAL

### District 3 Spring Regional



*Race  
for  
the  
Points*

**June 13 – 19, 2011**

**The Saratoga Hilton**

534 Broadway • Saratoga Springs NY 12866

518-584-4000 \$134 single/double, plus tax.

**Reserve now!!** Rooms at bridge rate go quickly.\*

Rooms also available at Courtyard by Marriott

(5-minute walk from the Saratoga Hilton)

11 Excelsior Ave. • Saratoga Springs

518-226-0538 \$111 single/double, plus tax.

Free parking at both locations.

**Room Problems?** Call Joan Gerard

914-948-0841 or e-mail: joanandron@att.net

**DIRECTIONS**

*From the South and West:* NY Thruway to Exit 24. North on Route 87 (Northway) to Exit 15. South (and West) on Route 50, 1½ miles to Broadway. Hotel on left.

*From the East:* West on Route 90 to Exit 1. North on Route 87 as above.

*From the North:* South on Route 87 to Exit 15 as above.

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**Tournament Contact**

**On-site:**  
Joan Gerard 914-393-3024

**Pairing**

Bernie Neuhart  
518-372-3936  
bhneuhart@nycap.rr.com

**Monday, June 13**

Bracketed KO Tms I..... 7 pm

*Continues Tues. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Games Series I (1st)..... 7 pm

**Tuesday, June 14**

Side Game Series I (2nd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 9 am

Bracketed Round Robin Tms..... 1 & 7 pm

*Top bracket played as Swiss - Open to all teams*

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series I (3rd)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series I (4th)..... 7 pm

**Wednesday, June 15**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm

Open Prs..... 1 & 7 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series II (1st)..... 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms II ..... 7 pm

*Continues Thurs. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series II (2nd)..... 7 pm

**Thursday, June 16**

Side Game Series II (3rd)..... 9 am

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 10 am

Senior Prs..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Tms ..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series II (4th)..... 1 pm

Intermediate Prs (0-300)..... 3 pm

Side Game Series II (5th)..... 7 pm

Intermediate Pairs: *Please note new and different game times each day.*

*\*If needed a list of nearby motels will be posted at bridge-district3.org.*

**Friday, June 17**

Bracketed Compact KO Tms ..... 9 am & 1 pm

Golden Opportunity Prs

750/300/100 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000) .... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (1st)..... 1 pm

1 Session Swiss Tms (Red)..... 1 pm

Bracketed KO Tms III ..... 7 pm

*Continues Sat. 9 am, 1 & 7 pm*

Side Game Series III (2nd) ..... 7 pm

**Saturday, June 18 — Unit 115 Day**

Senior Swiss Tms ..... 10 am & 3 pm

*NEW* Golden Opportunity Prs

750/300/100 MPs ..... 10 am & 3 pm

Stratified Open Prs (2000+, 0-2000)..... 1 & 7 pm

Side Game Series III (3rd)..... 1 pm

Side Game Series III (4th) ..... 7 pm

**Sunday, June 19**

Bracketed Round Robin Tms ..... 10 am

*Top bracket played as Swiss-Open to all teams, 7*

*8-Board matches – short break for lunch*

**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY PAIRS**  
**(two-session events) Fri. & Sat. 10 am & 3 pm**  
**750/300/100 MPs Stratified Open Prs**  
**GOLD POINTS for overalls and section tops in top strat**

Compact Teams: 12 board matches,  
4-person teams only

**Stratified Games**  
A (2000+) B (750-2000) C (0-750)  
All Pair events are stratified

## 2010 MASTERPOINT RACE RESULTS

There are two masterpoint races in Unit 188. The Westchester Contract Bridge Association Medallion is awarded based on total points won during the 2010 calendar year in all games. The Westchester Contract Bridge Association Ace of Clubs is awarded based on all points won during the 2010 calendar year at the level with the exception of those won in STaCs, NABC fund-raiser events, the North American Open Pairs and the Grand National Teams. The winners in each of the thirteen masterpoint categories were honored at our Annual Unit 188 Swiss Team Championship on Sunday, February 13th at the Bridge Deck.

### Mini-McKenney Medallion Winners

#### 0 to 5 MPs

1. Ray Pfeister 88
2. Renee Kaplan 55
3. Susan Pfeister 49

#### 5 to 20 MPs

1. Renee Kelvin 37
2. Wilma Kaye 30
3. Joanne Frank 30

#### 20 to 50 MPs

1. Alan Margolin 88
2. Randi Margolin 81
3. Ann Van Dyke 78

#### 50 to 100 MPs

1. John Grosz 146
2. Khalid AlDoori 121
3. Ellen Tilzer 120

#### 100 to 200 MPs

1. Wendy Sklar 199
2. Fali Rubinstein 149
3. Jill Weinstein 146

#### 200 to 300 MPs

1. Raymond Myers 158
2. Judy Gruenberger 151
3. Anna Rosanelli 146

#### 300 to 500 MPs

1. Arthur Aitkens 187
2. James Maffucci 176
3. Norman Gleicher 144

#### 500 to 1000 MPs

1. Vivian Wu 353
2. Edwin Kellerman 250
3. Daniel Wolkowitz 220

#### 1000 to 2500 MPs

1. Jill Marshall 646
2. Linda Otness 513
3. Melissa Baker 397

#### 2500 to 5000 MPs

1. Tania Reyes Hiller 753
2. Michael McNamara 713
3. Mark Gordon 590

#### 5000 to 7500 MPs

1. Dan Hertz 496
2. Natalie Hertz 460
3. Faye Marino 439

#### 7500 to 10,000 MPs

1. Warren Rosner 270
2. Gerald Sosler 205
3. Ron Gerard 41

#### Over 10,000 MPs

1. Rick Goldstein 475
2. Laura Brill 454
3. Kay Schulle 445



Wendy Sklar receiving her Life Master trophy from Jill Marshall. Wendy also won the Player of the Year Master award, & the Mini-McKenney & Ace of Clubs awards in the 100-200 categories. Jill won both medallion races in the 1,000-2,500 MPs categories.

### Ace of Clubs Winners

#### 0-5 MPs

1. Ray Pfeister 53
2. Renee Kaplan 50
3. Susan Pfeister 32

#### 5-20 MPs

1. Renee Kelvin 28
2. Joanne Frank 27
3. Wilma Kaye 26

#### 20-50 MPs

1. Ann Van Dyke 57
2. Alan Margolin 56
3. Randi Margolin 53

#### 50 to 100 MPs

1. John Grosz 123
2. Ellen Tilzer 94
3. Joyce Kaplan 88

#### 100 to 200 MPs

1. Wendy Sklar 112
2. Casey Stern 109
3. Fali Rubinstein 108

#### 200 to 300 MPs

1. Anna Rosanelli 117
2. Harold Kelvin 111
3. Judy Gruenberger 106

#### 300 to 500 MPs

1. Arthur Aitkens 126
2. James Maffucci 117
3. Alice Neild 98

#### 500 to 1000 MPs

1. Vivian Wu 237
2. Edwin Kellerman 197
3. Stephen Blau 146

#### 1000 to 2500 MPs

1. Jill Marshall 291
2. Fred Hawa 235
3. Joanne Marks 232

#### 2500 to 5000 MPs

1. Heidi Klein 415
2. Tania Reyes Hiller 402
3. Richard Laufer 243

#### 5000 to 7500 MPs

1. Rhoda Levine 334
2. Nancy Molesworth 279
3. Faye Marino 223

#### 7500 to 10,000 MPs

1. Warren Rosner 200
2. Gerald Sosler 172

#### Over 10,000 MPs

1. Kay Schulle 372
2. Rick Goldstein 292
3. Laura Brill 282

**Congratulations to Carole Kligerman who made both Life Master and Bronze Life Master at the Rye regional in January!**

# CONVENTION HALL

## NEW MINOR FORCING – A NEW WRINKLE

*By Jason Fuhrman*

After a minor suit opening followed by a 1NT rebid, many players use New Minor Forcing (NMF) to try to locate major suit fits. This article is focusing on the standard NMF, but there are variants. A typical sequence would be 1C – 1S – 1NT – 2D, where the 2D bid is NMF to ask opener to clarify his major suit holdings. Had opener started with 1D, then 2C would be NMF. The responses are as follows: 2 of the other major would show 4 pieces, 2 of responder’s major would show 3-card support (a direct raise normally promises 4-card support), and 2D (if 2C was NMF) or 2NT (if 2D was NMF) would deny both 3 card support and 4 of the other major. NMF always promises at least invitational values.

However, using this treatment has one major flaw. Since you have not committed to game by using NMF, the NMF bidder can be caught in a bind after opener makes his re-bid as outlined above. Game bidding is easy – set the contract. But it is impossible to probe for slam at a low level, as most of your bids do not force to game.

You are responder, holding a hand which makes you think “Slam!” when partner opens the bidding. You happen to hold a 5=4=2=2 distribution. Consider this auction: 1C – 1S – 1NT – 2D – 2H.... Opener promises a semi-balanced hand with 4 hearts (whether opener denies 3 spades is a question of style). You’ve found a nice 4-4 heart fit, so you want to set trump and start exploring for slam.

Uh, problem! How do you do both short of Blackwood? 2NT is an invitation to 3NT, no 4-4 heart fit. 3C is a correction. 3D is game forcing, but asks about diamonds as trumps. 3H is merely invitational to 4H. 3S is merely invitational to 3NT or 4S. 3NT is to play. 4H and 4S are to play. 4C and 4D are generally used as splinters looking for slam, for which your hand doesn’t qualify.

The start of the solution actually starts with opener’s third bid. Opener can define his hand as “weak so I won’t accept an invitation” vs. “I have a hand that I accept your merely invitational bid.” Opener responds as described above with the weak hand, but responds at the 3 level with the accepting hand. Using the auction above, the 2H response shows the hand that would decline an invitation, and bidding 3H says I would accept your invitation. Similarly a re-bid of 2NT shows a weaker hand, while 3NT accepts the invitation while denying a major suit fit. Assuming that opener has declined the invitation with a 2-level re-bid, any 3-level bids by

| PARTNER |     | YOU | You Hold |  |
|---------|-----|-----|----------|--|
| 1C      | 1S  | ♠   | AKxxx    |  |
| 1N      | 2D  | ♥   | Axxx     |  |
| 2H      | ??? | ♦   | AQ       |  |
|         |     | ♣   | xx       |  |

responder are game forcing and suggest slam interest. In the sample sequence above after a 2H re-bid by opener: pass accepts the signoff with a minimum opposite a minimum, 3H sets trumps and invites slam, and 4H says I’ve got game but not slam opposite a minimum opener.

*Next Issue: Continuing over the 3-level acceptance bids.*

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### 2010 WINTER IN WESTCHESTER TOURNAMENT

The annual meeting took place between the morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday. At the meeting, thirteen members were presented with silver trays to honor their achievement of reaching the rank of Life Master. The new Life Masters honored were:

*Arthur Aitkens, Bonnie Berner, Leslie Davies, Robert Friedman, Joan Giardina, Ruth Gundell, Tory Kane, James Maffucci, Raymond Myers, Ellen Reller, Margery Reyman, Betty Rubino, Wendy Sklar*

Recognition was also given to the four members honored as "2010 Players of the Year" based upon their winning the most masterpoints in unit events in their categories. Categories were based upon starting masterpoint holdings as of January 1, 2010. The winners and runners-up in each group were:

Novice (0-20 MPs): Ray Pfeister

Non-Master (20-100 MPs): Khalid R. AlDoori

Master (100 MPs - Life Master): Wendy J. Sklar

Life Master: Rick Goldstein

*Overall winners throughout the weekend were:*

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs:

A: Michael McNamara & Will Ehlers

B: Frieda Jaburg & Bill Hessberg

C: Susan Deutsch and Chet Jain

Friday Afternoon 0-200 Pairs

A, B & C: Denise & Paul Resnik

Friday Evening Open Pairs

A: Paul Roberts & Sylvia McNamara

B: Dan Wolkowitz & Farley Mawyer

Saturday Morning Open Pairs

(Harriet Aks Memorial Trophy)

A: Michael McNamara - Sylvia McNamara

B: Alan Green - Neal Rechtman

C: Khalid AlDoori - Byron Nimocks

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

A: Daniel Raz & L. Patrick Calahan

B: Ray Pfeister & Rory Millson

Sunday Open Swiss

A: Melissa Baker - Dottie Kovel - Linda Otness - Heidi Klein

B: Karin Meyers - Burt Meyers - Martha Rosen - Ricki Gardner

C: Bill Hessberg - Lori Sullivan - Maureen Sullivan - Paul Resnik



Flight A Swiss Winners Melissa, Dottie, Linda & Heidi

#### Edgar Kaplan Winter Regional, New York, NY

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| <p>Sunday 11AM 199ers<br/>A B C<br/>1 Alan &amp; Randi Margolin<br/>Sunday Compact KO, Bracket 2<br/>2 Steve Lockwood<br/>Sunday Open Pairs<br/>A B C<br/>2 Farley Mawyer - Jill Marshall<br/>Tuesday RR Teams, Bracket 1<br/>2 Mike McNamara<br/>Tuesday RR Teams, Bracket 2<br/>½ Jill Marshall<br/>Tuesday RR Teams, Bracket 3<br/>2 Barbara Worms-Raymond<br/>Myers-Norman Gleicher-Fred Hawa<br/>Tuesday RR Teams, Bracket 7<br/>2 Rebecca Margulies - Susan<br/>Fisher - Ellen Tilzer<br/>Wednesday Senior Pairs<br/>A B C<br/>2 Linda Heineman - Susan Seku-<br/>low</p> | <p>Wednesday 4PM Side Game<br/>A B C<br/>1 1 1 Kevin Rosenberg<br/>Wednesday 4PM Swiss Side Game<br/>A B C<br/>1 William Sigward<br/>Thursday 11AM Side Game<br/>A B C<br/>2 Mickey Karlan<br/>Thursday 11AM 199er Pairs<br/>A B C<br/>2 Denise &amp; Paul Resnik<br/>2 Ray &amp; Susan Pfeister<br/>Thursday A/X Swiss<br/>A X<br/>1 D. &amp; M. Rosenberg<br/>Thursday B RR Teams, Bracket 2<br/>1 R. - K. &amp; E. Zuckerberg<br/>Thursday B RR Teams, Bracket 3<br/>1 Kevin Rosenberg</p> |
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### Cliff's Notes

Most duplicate players these days use weak 2 bids as part of their armamentarium of conventions and treatments. The modern weak 2 bid is generally considered to have been developed by Howard Schenkin. Surprisingly, during the days of auction bridge, a prototype of the "weak 2" was attested to by the famous whist and auction authority J. B. Elwell. Elwell was quite the interesting character. He wrote several books on whist and auction bridge. Of the ones in my library, my favorite is "Bridge Axioms and Laws." Printed in 1907, it contains 89 pages of aphorisms. Here is an example from page 1: "Each card played speaks through its silence, and its language must be understood." He made a fortune in speculation in the financial markets, and he was said to own about 20 race horses. From 1910 to 1920, his partnership with Harold Vanderbilt was thought to be the strongest in the country. His premature death at age 44 is still an unsolved murder case in New York City.

*Cliff Nebel*

## HAND OF A LIFETIME

Alfred took great pride in his duties attending to the Manor and the Cave. His obsessiveness was particularly acute as the ides of the month approached. It was Batman's habit to grant a one day amnesty to Gotham's most nefarious characters for an afternoon of bridge at the Cave. In return they merely had to promise to forget the location of their host's abode.

This 15th, the Joker and The Penguin were to be the adversaries. Robin found The Joker rather annoying as he frequently erupted in maniacal laughter when he bested the masked duo. As Robin usually was the goat, he patiently awaited his moment of revenge.

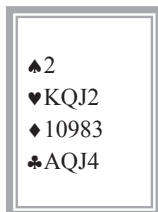
Robin picked up



and heard Batman open 1♣. 1♦ from Penguin and Robin bid 1♥. Pass, 3♥ from Batman and 3♠ from Penguin followed. Robin bid 4♥ and heard The Joker chime in with

4♠. P-P and Robin confidently bid 5♥. P-P - 5♠ from the Penguin. It was all vul. And Batman had always reminded him that The Penguin was nobodies fool and knew his values. That being the case, Robin knew he was at least 6-5 and maybe 7-5. Furthermore, if Batman had a spade void, 6♥s would probably score and Robin would earn the respect of his elders for his keen analysis. Even if Batman had a singleton spade he surely would put an imposing club suit down in the dummy. So Robin, even though he only had a working 4 count bid 6♥. All Pass.

The Joker led the J♠ and Robin was not a happy camper when the dummy came down.



The Ace was won and a diamond tried and ruffed.

Yet despite this paucity of assets, Robin needed only to take 4 club tricks to have

his triumph. He drew trump (they split 2-1) and considered carefully. He dismissed the possibility of a club void as The Penguin would surely have doubled for the lead. So now it was even money. He had to either play for singleton 9 or 10 on his right or for K109x on his left (in which case he would have to run the 8♣ on the first round of the suit). He led the 8♣ and the 3 appeared. He paused and called for the J. The singleton 2 appeared and he went down 1.

Batman did not look pleased and The Joker couldn't suppress a chortle. In the Post Mortem, Robin explained his "even-money" reasoning and thought he was just the victim of bad luck. Not so, lectured Batman. In these situations defenders almost always pull the lowest card from their holding. Penguin was a heavy favorite to hold the singleton 2. Besides Robin, it will be a lifetime before you see the first round of a suit go 5,3,4,2 in a slam contract!

Holy smother play Batman, as usual you're right.

Join us next time as The Riddler and Catwoman visit the caped crusader's domain. Same Bat-Time same Bat-Column.

**BY ETHAN STEIN**



Flight A Winners  
Dan, Mike, Sylwia  
and Willie

## ROY HILL MASTER/NON-MASTER

On the evening of Sunday, December 12th, the 34th annual Roy Hill Master / Non-Master Game was held at the Bridge Deck.

For this special game, players with fewer than fifty masterpoints were randomly paired with Life Masters. Following is a list of the overall winners. Nonmasters

are listed first:

- 1 Ann Van Dyke & Ellen Reller
- 2 Robert Rubenstein & Bradley Calcagni
- 3 Mary Silk & Marshall Frank
- 4/5 Amalia Ottenberg & Sandra Prosnitz
- 4/5 Jack Rubenstein & Julian Laderman

### February 13, 2011

#### Unit Swiss Teams Winners

##### Flight A

- 1) Michael & Sylwia McNamara, Will Ehlers, Daniel Wolkowitz
- 2) Richard Laufer, Eileen Paley, Faye Marino, Mimi Bieber

##### Flight B

- 1) Wendy Sklar, Alice Neild, James Maffucci, Arthur Aitkens
- 2) Peter Bittle, Neal Rechtman, Arlene & Martin Walzer

##### Flight C

- 1) Bill Hessberg, Lori Sullivan, Maureen Sullivan, Tecla Martemucci

## DISTRICT 3 RYE TOWN REGIONAL

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Tuesday Evening Side Game                                    | A X   | Saturday Afternoon Side Game                                  |
| A B C  | 1 Stephen Shane   | A B C   |
| 2 William Wood, Jr., Lorraine Hinds                          | Thursday B/C Swiss  | 1 1 Alan Green, Farley Mawyer                                 |
| Wednesday Morning Side Game                                  | B C   | 2 Tania Reyes Hiller, Barbara Garner                          |
| A B C  | 1 Robin Brown, Wendy Sklar, Al Dalton, Connie Rosner              | 2 Kevin Rosenberg   |
| 2 2 Jill Marshall  | B C   | Saturday Afternoon Swiss Side Game                            |
| Wednesday Afternoon Side Game                                | 2 Amy Blecher, Judy Soley   | A B C   |
| A B C  | Friday Senior Pairs   | 1 M. & R. Frank, R. Myers, D. Glazer                          |
| 1 Laura Brill, Rick Goldstein                                | A B C   | 2 Mickey Karlin, Judith Astrove, Susan Maier, Barbara Feldman |
| 2 Daniel Raz   | 1 Barbara Skluth, Susan Kraner                                    | Saturday A/X Pairs  |
| 1 Joyana Steinberg, Alan Botchman                            | 2 Doris Staubi, Chuck Lamprey                                     | A X   |
| 2 Susan Sekulow  | 1 1 Peter Bittle, Steven Lockwood                                 | 2 Faye Marino   |
| Wednesday Senior Pairs                                       | 2 Lester Gottlieb, William Hoffman                                | 2 Melissa Baker, Linda Otness                                 |
| A B C  | 2 Harry Madoff  | Saturday Evening Side Game                                    |
| 2 Arthur Seelenfreund, Dottie Kovel                          | Friday Golden Opportunity Pairs                                   | A B C   |
| 1 Rory Millson, Ray Pfeister                                 | A B C   | 1 1 David Caslin, William Caslin                              |
| 2 Tory Kane, Robert Krissoff                                 | 2 William Sigward   | 2 Farley Mawyer   |
| Wednesday Afternoon 199 Pairs                                | 1 Guy & Joyce Hochgesang  | Sunday Fast Pairs   |
| 2 Leslie San Marco, Linda Heilman                            | Friday Compact KO Bracket 2                                       | A B C   |
| Wed. Round Robin Teams, Bracket 1                            | 2 Robin Brown, Connie Rosner, David Huber                         | 2 Bud Rottman   |
| 2 Kay Schulle, Gerald Sosler                                 | Friday Afternoon Side Game  | 1 Jaime Warner, Anna Rosanelli                                |
| Wed. Round Robin Teams, Bracket 4                            | A B C   | Sunday Morning Side Game                                      |
| 1 Kevin Rosenberg, William Sigward                           | 1 1 Frances Seicol, Susan Schnur                                  | A B C   |
| Wednesday Evening Side Game                                  | 2 2 Barbara Kantor, Joanne Marks                                  | 1 Idelle Katz, Martin Barschi                                 |
| A B C  | 2 Ellen Tilzer  | 1 Ruth Grant, Elizabeth Guttman                               |
| 1 Debbie Rosenberg   | Friday Afternoon Swiss Side Game                                  | 2 Betsey Relyea, Jeanne McKenna                               |
| 2 Ed Midgley, Laura Midgley                                  | A B C   | Sunday Afternoon Side Game                                    |
| Tues./Wed. KO Bracket 2                                      | 1 1 Barbara Warkol, Diana Holtzman, Dottie Kovel, Norman Gleicher | A B C   |
| 1 Karen Feldman, Ilana Nowick                                | 2 Mimi Bieber, Eileen Paley                                       | 1 Gina Tamres, Ruth Gundell                                   |
| 2 J. Warner, Carolyn Wenzel, Anna Rosanelli, Marilyn Donohue | 2 Eileen O'Neill, Harry Deutsch                                   | 2 Ruth Grant, Elizabeth Guttman                               |
| Thursday Morning Side Game                                   | 2 Ilana Nowick, Karen Feldman, Estelle Johnston, Abraham Stenberg | 1 Susan Schnur, Frances Seicol                                |
| A B C  | Friday Evening Side Game  | 2 Jeanne McKenna, Betsey Relyea                               |
| 1 Debbie Rosenberg   | A B C   | Sunday B/C Swiss  |
| 2 1 1 Harold Samuels, Anne Walker                            | 2 1 Alan Green  | B C   |
| 2 2 Laura Nassau, Janet Gochman                              | 2 1 Richard Tisch   | 1 Robert Baker, Melissa Baker                                 |
| Thursday Morning 199er Pairs                                 | Thu-Fri Side Game Series  | Monday Morning Side Game                                      |
| A B C  | 1/2 Debbie Rosenberg  | A B C   |
| 2 2 Susan Pfeister, Safra Bellesheim                         | Friday Afternoon 199 Pairs  | 2 Ellen Berger, Gerald Sosler                                 |
| Thursday Senior Pairs  | A B C   | Monday Morning 199 Pairs                                      |
| A B C  | 2 2 2 Eliz. Guardenier, Elaine Wasserman                          | A B C   |
| 1 Karen Feldman  | Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1  | 1 Alan Margolin, Randi Margolin                               |
| Thursday Fast Pairs  | 2 Michael Rosenberg   | 1 Irene Bisgier, Harriet Leib                                 |
| A B C  | Fri-Sat KO Bracket 2  | 2 1 Susan Pfeister, Sara Bellesheim                           |
| 2 Nancy Molesworth, Halina Jamner                            | 2 R. Brown, J. Fuhrman, N. Rechtman                               | 2 Alvan Lewis, Stevan Bosses                                  |
| Thursday Afternoon Side Game                                 | Saturday KO Bracket 1   | Monday Compact KO Bracket 1                                   |
| A B C  | 1 Jeff Aker   | 2 H. Jay Sloofman, Timothy Baird, Ivan Petrovic               |
| 1 Debbie Rosenberg   | Saturday KO Bracket 2   | Monday Compact KO Bracket 2                                   |
| 2 1 Louise Herman, Jane Silberstein                          | 2 Fran Columbus, Nora Stonehill, Pauline Gutelle, Jill Weinstein  | 1 Robert Stayman, Dede Pochos, Sidney & Bobby Stayman         |
| 2 Charlotte & Edward Goldstein                               | Saturday KO Bracket 4   | Monday Compact KO Bracket 3                                   |
| Thursday Evening Side Game                                   | 1 Vivian Wu   | 1 Joanne & Norman Matthews                                    |
| A B C  |   | Monday Compact KO Bracket 4                                   |
| 1 1 Joanne Marks, Richard Castellone                         |   | 2 Mary Arbortell, Karen Hershberg                             |
| 2 Harry Madoff   |   |   |
| Thursday A/X Swiss   |   |   |

Monday Open Pairs

A B C

2 Susan Sugar

Monday Senior Pairs

A B C

1 Ethan Stein, Halina Jamner

2/3 Carol Loomis

1 Steve Lockwood, Neal Rechtman

Monday Afternoon Side Game

A B C

2 1 Vivian Wu

2 Susan Goon

1 William Wood, Jr., Lorraine Hinds

2 Susan Wood, Ida Pittman Cardona

Monday Afternoon 199 Pairs

1 1 Daniel Fromm, Michael Rosenberg

2 2 Ray Pfeister, Rory Millson

1 Leslie Herzfeld, Eldred Erdman

2 Alvan Lewis, Stevan Bosses

Monday Afternoon Swiss Side Game

A B C

1 Joan Gerard

2 J. Grosz, R. Gardner, C. Hoffer

Saturday Monday Side Game Series

1 Ruth Gundell

2 Gina Tamres



Winners: Numen Rubino & Niles Stanton



2nd: Jeremy Costin & Abby Goldstein



3rd: Chynna Beaumont & Shanelle Whyte



Andrew Garrison pondering his hand



Drew McNamara following in his father's footsteps



4th: Louise Ehlers & Amber Yu Lin

Monday Youth Bridge at Rye

ASK THE PROS

Panelists: Mike McNamara, Sylwia McNamara, Rob Stayman, Ethan Stein

IMPS

Vul vs.

Nonvul.

You Hold

♠ x

♥ Qx

♦ AKQxxx

♣ AKxx

Here's a hand from the Betty Kaplan teams. Right hand opponent opens two spades and you have the hand shown at left. What should you do?

Mike & Sylwia McNamara: We play the Leaping Michaels convention over the opponent's opening weak 2 bid in a major. When playing Leaping Michaels, a jump to 4 of a minor would show at least 5 in that minor and 5 of the other major (here hearts) and enough strength for game. So, we can't jump in diamonds to show a strong hand in diamonds. However, we now don't need the 3S bid to show Michaels. So, for us bidding 3S would show a hand that can make game if partner has a spade stopper. It could be a strong balanced hand, a hand with a running minor or a hand like this. On this hand we could also start with a double and then bid diamonds. However, we prefer to bid 3S because it game forces right away and also will provide us with information. If partner shows a spade stopper, then we know there is spade wastage (extra points that won't take

tricks in a diamond slam because they are opposite a singleton). If partner can't bid 3NT, then we know there is no wastage and our prospects for slam may improve. I think that by cue bidding 3S we will also be better placed if our LHO raises the preempt to 3S or 4S.

Rob Stayman: Double is the right call because 4d takes you past 3n if 3n is the correct place to play. The bidding probably proceed as follows from there: X-4h-5d-6d.

Ethan Stein: DOUBLE! Making a "stopper" ask works only if 3NT makes and 5 of a minor fails. Other outcomes such as 3NT down, 5 of a minor making, or 6 of a minor making will have a higher frequency. "Stopper" ask makes more sense at matchpoints if at all.

Here's partner's hand: ♠Q10xx ♥AK10xx ♦Jxx ♣x. At the event, John Boyer bid 3♠ asking for a spade stopper. His partner bid 3n which ended the auction. At the other table, the auction went (unopposed): x-2n (Lebensohl intending to show Stayman with a stopper at his next turn) 3♦ (good hand with diamonds)-4♦ (diamond raise)-4♠ (cue bid)-5♥ (cue bid)-6♦. John's team lost the hand, but went on to win the event.

## 2010 Financial Statement

**WESTCHESTER CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION  
UNIT 188 FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
YEAR 2010 (UNAUDITED)**

INCOME AND EXPENSES

|                           |             |                  |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| ACBL Membership Income    | 5,131.08    |                  |
| District 3 Distribution   | 1,999.13    |                  |
| Bank Interest             | 3.39        |                  |
| Sectional Income          | 15,060.00   | 517.99           |
| Expense                   | (14,542.01) |                  |
| March STAC Income         | 3,816.00    | 1,513.03         |
| Expense                   | (2,302.97)  |                  |
| June STAC Income          | 4,904.00    | 2,121.64         |
| Expense                   | (2,782.36)  |                  |
| November STAC Income      | 4,512.00    | 1,858.80         |
| Expense                   | (2,653.20)  |                  |
| Winter Westchester Income | 5,452.00    | (2,487.70)       |
| Expense                   | (7,939.70)  |                  |
| Jane Hill Income          | 4,191.00    | 1,255.35         |
| Expense                   | (2,935.65)  |                  |
| Double KO Income          | 816.00      | 736.00           |
| Expense                   | (80.00)     |                  |
| Unit Swiss Income         | 900.00      | 184.67           |
| Expense                   | (715.33)    |                  |
| Master/Nonmaster Income   | 198.00      | 0.00             |
| Expense                   | (198.00)    |                  |
| <i>Total Net Income</i>   |             | <i>12,833.38</i> |

OPERATING EXPENSES

|                                |            |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Bridging the Counties          | 7,196.66   | 7,196.66         |
| Ad Income                      | 0.00       |                  |
| Directory                      | 4,565.55   | 1,990.55         |
| Ad Income                      | (2,575.00) |                  |
| Committee & Officer Admin      |            | 619.00           |
| Mini McKenney Awards           |            | 90.95            |
| LM Trays                       |            | 825.00           |
| Website                        |            | 0.00             |
| Promotions                     |            | 0.00             |
| <i>Total Operating Expense</i> |            | <i>10,722.16</i> |
| <b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>         |            | <b>2,111.22</b>  |

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2010**

ASSETS

|  |                  |  |
|--|------------------|--|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                  |                  |  |
| JPMorganChase Account -- Dec, 31, 2010 | 36,401.77        |  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b>36,401.77</b> |  |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

|                                       |                  |           |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>            |                  |           |
| Acct. Payable                         |                  | 0.00      |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                         |                  |           |
| Opening Balance                       |                  | 34,290.55 |
| 2010 INCOME/LOSS                      | 2,111.22         |           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b> | <b>36,401.77</b> |           |

## *Lakeland*

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does, however, encourage students to participate in local regionals.

One cornerstone of the School Bridge League program is regular virtual bridge tournaments. Each month, schools are emailed six bridge hands, and asked to send back the results. The League then tallies the scores, and returns them along with hand analyses.

In the preseason, which starts at the beginning of the school year, students are exposed to tournaments and bridge. Then the season of competition begins. Schools compete against schools in virtual tournaments. Enith estimates 200+ schools in the U.S. and Canada participate, involving between 400 to 3,000 students per tournament. The postseason culminates in a championship tournament, to be held this year on May 13-14 on Bridge Base ([www.bridgebase.com](http://www.bridgebase.com)) and chaired by Mike McNamara.

Enith is trying to make Westchester County its model program. Lakeland has the potential for 800 students. Enith also is putting together programs elsewhere, including Seattle, San Francisco and South Florida. Closer to home, the program she is working on for the Newark School System has the potential to involve 20,000 students. The next steps for the League are the development of the college division and the awarding of college scholarships. We wish them well in these vital efforts to perpetuate the game.

### What Would You Do?

I picked up the East hand at the recent NY Pro Am. Our auction is shown below. It's rare that all four hands have bidding and strategy decisions after a 2C opening. As E/W, how high are you prepared to sacrifice? Where do you think the field will be? I was quiet after my initial bid, fearing N/S could make a slam. 5H was safe, but might push them towards 6S. Here's the full deal and our auction:

|                                 |                               |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ♠AKQ109<br>♥105<br>♦AQ<br>♣AK32 | ♠752<br>♥K7643<br>♦J942<br>♣Q | ♠void<br>♥AQJ98<br>♦K10853<br>♣1086 |
| Dealer N<br>NVul/NVul           | ♠J8643<br>♥2<br>♦76<br>♣J9754 | 2C -2H-3H-4H<br>4S-P-P-P            |

*- Ellyn*

## WCBA Board Of Directors

| Name             | Title          | Term Exp. | Email                      | Name              | Title             | Term Exp. | Email                           |
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## 2011 Committee Assignments

| <u>Committees &amp; Positions</u>         | Chair             | Member                   | Member            | Member            | Member            |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| American Bridge Association Liaison       | Lorraine Hinds    |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Auditing & Financial                      | Nie Lih Kalat     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Budget                                    | Dave Huber        | Jeff Allen               |                   |                   |                   |
| Caddy Coordinator                         | Ed Zuckerberg     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Charity Game                              | TBD               | Robert Baker             | Sandy Scher       |                   |                   |
| Conduct & Ethics (disciplinary)           | Dan Hertz         | Warren Rosner            | Arch McKellar     | Ethan Stein       | Betty Fleischer   |
| Counsel & Parliamentarian                 | Jason Fuhrman     | Marshall Frank (by-laws) |                   |                   |                   |
| District 3 Representatives                | Carlos Munoz      | Mimi Bieber              | Mike McNamara     |                   |                   |
| Double KO Coordinator                     | Mike McNamara     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Editorial (BTC)                           | Ellyn Plato       | Alisan Harte             | Chris Lebesnik    | Rich Laufer       | Marjorie Murstein |
| Education Liaison                         | Rich Laufer       | Enith Berg               | Wendy Sklar       | Marylin Wishnie   | Dan Wolkowitz     |
| Executive Committee                       | Mike McNamara     | Farley Mawyer            | Eileen O'Neill    | Dave Huber        | Robin Brown       |
| GNT Coordinator                           | Mike McNamara     | Jay Sloofman             | Sandy Scher       | Jill Marshall     | Farley Mawyer     |
| Hospitality                               | Abbye Bosses      | Brad Calcagni            | Ellen Reller      | Linda Otness      | Ann Scott         |
| I/N Coordinator (Jane Hill)               | TBD               | Eileen O'Neill           |                   |                   |                   |
| Membership                                | Henry Deutsch     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Mini-McKenney Swiss                       | TBD               |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| NAOP Coordinator                          | Mike McNamara     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Nominating                                | Karen Zuckerberg  | Betty Fleischer          | Idelle Katz       | Joel Sommer       | Dan Hertz         |
| Publicity                                 | Melissa Baker     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Recorder                                  | Mike McNamara     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| School Bridge League Liaison              | Mike McNamara     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Signs & Programs                          | Carol Laufer      |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| STAC. Unit Games Coordinator & Tournament | Farley Mawyer     |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Sunshine                                  | Marjorie Murstein |                          |                   |                   |                   |
| Tournament Appeals                        | Farley Mawyer     | Ethan Stein              |                   |                   |                   |
| Webmaster                                 | Ed Zuckerberg     | Jason Fuhrman            | Marjorie Murstein |                   |                   |
| Winter in Westchester                     | Jill Marshall     | Dave Huber               | Melissa Baker     | Elizabeth Brisson | Robin Brown       |

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at The Bridge Deck

## CLUB CORNER

| Club   | Schedule   |
|--|--|
| <b>The Bridge Deck</b><br>313 Central Avenue, Scarsdale<br>949-5853<br>TheBridgeDeck.Com   | <b>Mon-Fri: 9:30 AM Open Stratified</b><br><b>Mon-Sun: 1:00 PM Open Stratified</b><br><b>M, W, T, Th: 1:00 PM 0-NonLM Newplicate</b><br><b>T, W: 1:30 PM Supervised Play</b><br><b>Wed: 6:30 PM 0-NonLM Newplicate</b><br><b>Mon: 7 PM Open Stratified</b><br><b>Thurs: 7:30 PM Imp Pairs w/ Cash Prize</b><br><b>Thurs: 7:30 PM Supervised Play</b> |
| <b>The Hartes Club</b><br>St. Gregory's Armenian Church<br>1131 North Street, White Plains<br>285-1230<br>HartesClub.Com                                   | <b>All games are stratified 500/1500/∞.</b><br><b>Afternoon games offer a separate 0-500 (NLM)</b><br><b>section if 5 or more tables.</b><br><b>M, T: 9:30am, 1:00pm, 6:30pm</b><br><b>W, Th, Fri: 9:30am, 1:00pm</b><br><b>Sat: Summers only</b>  |
| <b>Down Two Doubled</b><br>Heritage Hills, Somers  | <b>Tues: 7:20PM Invitational</b><br><b>Thurs: 12:30 PM Invitational</b>  |
| <b>Larchmont Temple Bridge Club</b><br>75 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont<br>261-3974<br><a href="http://cuebid.com/larchmont">http://cuebid.com/larchmont</a> | <b>Wed: 7:15 PM Stratified</b><br><b>(informal mini-lesson starts at 6:55)</b><br><b>Club operates from April 1 to December 15th</b>   |
| <b>Community Bridge Club</b><br>Lutheran Church<br>Corner Rt. 172 & Main St., Mt. Kisco<br>241-0937  | <b>Mon. 10:30</b>  |

### Changes and Closings

Hartes will be closed on Monday evening April 18 and Tuesday evening April 19 for Passover. The club will be open for all daytime sessions on these dates.

## Special Events

### March

- 7 - 13 Charity Week- extra MPs (all clubs)**
- 15 ACBL wide Charity Game (all clubs)**
- 21-27 STAC week (all clubs)**
- 22 STAC Swiss teams 6:30 P.M. (Hartes)**
- 27 STAC Swiss teams 1:00 P.M. (Bridge Deck)**

### April

- 11 - 17 Charity Week - extra MPs (all clubs)**
- 17 Charity Swiss teams 1:00 P.M. (Bridge Deck)**

### May

- 11 International Fund Game (Hartes/Bridge Deck)**
- 16 - 22 Charity Week - extra MPS (all clubs)**
- 22 Charity Swiss teams 1:00 P.M. (Bridge Deck)**

## News

The Bridge Deck: holds special kids games on Sunday evenings at 5:00. Help spread bridge to a new generation by promoting these games. Also, check out their website. The recipes for many of their wonderful desserts are listed.

Hartes: is holding charity club championships throughout April. Beneficiaries include the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Come hungry when you play. Morning games include bagel breakfast & lunch, afternoon games include lunch, & evening games include snacks.

Community Bridge Club: Ingrid Nargi is spending the winter in South Carolina, but she wanted to send her greetings to everyone. In her absence, the game at the Lutheran Church is continuing. In fact, there are several special events planned for March. Ingrid describes the club in Mount Kisco as a mixed group — small, but extremely friendly, with participants ranging from experienced duplicate players, to home bridge players who are first discovering the game. She will be starting new lesson series at the end of April when she returns to New York.

## Suit Combinations on the Web

I recently had to play the following heart suit combination for one loser: A763 opposite QJ92. I was sitting South and assumed that playing low to the A and then leading towards the Q was my safest move. Unfortunately, my left hand opponent held K1054 and my line of play resulted in two heart losers. After my opponent yelled at me in a variety of foreign languages (I was playing online, but the shouts were unmistakable), I decided to look up the suit combination and discovered that my play was correct — a small comfort for going down in a contract everyone else made by playing the Q of hearts towards the A initially. Along the way, however, I found two fun new websites: [www.rpbridge.net](http://www.rpbridge.net) is Richard Pavlicek's site. It contains articles, quizzes, puzzles, bridge humor and even bridge calculators for suit combinations. I also found [www.bridgehands.com](http://www.bridgehands.com), which contains all sorts of interesting stuff in addition to suit combinations. It turns out that West's holding is the only one where playing the A first and not the Q is incorrect. Of course, the moral of the story is that even when I'm right, I'm wrong.

-Ellyn

### Unit 188 Rank Changes

#### Junior Master (5 MPs)

Howard Finkelberg  
Michelle Fisch  
Rita Gladstone  
Susan Gugick  
Peter Levy

#### Club Master (20 MPs)

Gail Burak  
Robert A Kimerling  
Alvin Lewis  
Rory O Millson  
Raymond Pfeister  
Susan Pfeister  
Susan Rowland  
Edith F Unger  
Mary M Watson

#### Sectional Master (50 MPs)

Fern Bindelglass  
Dvora Fields

Arlene J Fraiden  
Betty Himmel  
Renee Kaplan  
John P Leone  
Doris Minsker  
Byron Nimocks  
Ray Pfeister  
Marie M Sugar

#### Regional Master (100 MPs)

Khalid R AlDoori  
Andrew Cornett  
Barbara C Goldberg  
John C Grosz  
Audrey B Horowitz  
Alan C Margolin  
William J Sigward

#### NABC Master (200 MPs)

John R Loomis  
Fali Rubenstein  
Susan I Sugar

Ellen G Tilzer  
Jaime Warner  
**Life Master  
(300 MPs)**

Bonnie K Berner  
Robert A Friedman  
Ellen Reller  
Wendy J Sklar

#### Bronze Life Master (500 MPs)

Bonnie K Berner  
Elizabeth M King  
Alice S Neild  
Betty Rubino

#### Silver Life Master (1000 MPs)

Doris S Judell  
**Gold Life Master  
(2500 MPs)**

Linda F. Otness

### New Members

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Joyce S Claar            | Jay M Rosen            |
| Bonnie G Cohen           | Joan T Scott           |
| Susan B Halper           | Janice Starr           |
| Elizabeth Knox           | Paula M Nelson         |
| Gilda McGarry            | Freda N Smioth         |
| Margaret Sheridan Sunier | Linda S Wolfson-Benjam |
| Nancy Redington          |                        |

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### Coming Events

#### March

10-20 NABC, Louisville, KY

15 Charity Game

21-27 Sectional in the Clubs

#### April

9 Dist. 3 GNT Finals,  
Memorial United Methodist Church,  
White Plains

#### May

11 International Fund Game

#### June

3-4 WBF Worldwide Pairs

6-12 STAC Week

13-19 District 3 Regional  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
(see ad on page 5)

#### July

9-11 WCBA Summer Sectional

22 Int'l Fund Game Eve.

22-31 NABC Toronto, Canada

#### August

8-14 Distr. 3 Regional Parsippany, NJ  
NAP Qualifying June, July and August

### 2011 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS

Join us Saturday, April 9th for the **Grand National Teams 2011 qualifying event:**

#### **Memorial United Methodist Church**

**250 Bryant Avenue**

**White Plains**

**914-949-5853**

**11:30 – Brunch**

**12:30 pm – Bridge**

**Evening Start Time – TBA**

Four flights: Championship (no masterpoint restriction), A (0-5000), B (0-2000), and C (Non-life master 0-500). Winners of each flight will receive a \$500 subsidy for each team, plus entry fees for the GNT finals at the 2011 Summer NABC.

Flight B and Flight C winners will be determined at the Swiss Teams event (no KO playoffs). Note that Flights B and C are two session events. If necessary, the Championship Flight and Flight A will continue on a KO basis scheduled by the teams until there is a final winner. A must play date will be designated at the end of the Saturday event.

Teams may consist of 4, 5 or 6 players. All players must reside in District 3. The full conditions of contest and directions to the playing site are posted at [www.bridge-district3.org](http://www.bridge-district3.org). Please direct inquiries to Betty Ann Smith, (P) 201-567-6047, email: [bettyann225@optonline.net](mailto:bettyann225@optonline.net)