



THE DECLARER



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Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns, the NJBL Sectional scheduled for March, has been cancelled.

There will a Unit-wide BBO game on May 15th. Details were sent on an earlier email blast to all Unit members.

Nominees/New Members for NJBL Board



Here is the list of candidates approved for the 2022 NJBL Board:

1st term

Julie Anderson

Arman Tookmanian

Ken Trock

2nd term

Cheryl Angel

Arnie Dorin

Lew Lefkowitz

Fred Weiner

Joe Wright

Although running unopposed, under State law, their election via proxy voting required Certification by the Unit Secretary, which was done at the Zoom meeting on January 30th, at which time all the candidates became Board members. Cheryl takes over as Unit Secretary for Stephanie Miller. Lew Lefkowitz takes over from Himanshu Joshi as Membership Chair, and Himanshu becomes Treasurer, taking over from David Sutton. Stephanie and David's terms have expired.

Youth Bridge Valentine's Day Event By Barbara Clark



A Valentine's Day Youth Event was held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 to provide opportunities for kids to play and compete. Our successful tournament from last year included participation from Bermuda, New York, Connecticut, Canada, and New Jersey. Unit 140 has supported Youth Bridge since the early 2000's with increases to our Education budget in addition to providing an annual charitable contribution to the Orange Education Foundation Bridge program.

While Youth Bridge programs nationally have been negatively impacted by the pandemic, President Brett Kunin is an avid supporter personally and on the National level with the ACBL, which is seeking to increase Youth Bridge memberships. Kudos and thanks to Cheryl Angel, in coordination with Lynn Chapin, for organizing the Valentine's Day competition. We also appreciate the continued support of other board members in donations and services.

Kohn's Korner

Reverses

by Arnold Kohn

A reverse is a bid made by an opener that is in a higher ranking suit at a different level than his initial bid. A typical auction would be one of a Minor suit by the opener, one Spade by the responder, and a two Heart call by the opener.

Quite often at the club and online I'll witness an auction like this and inquire about the bid. I'll receive an answer, often from experienced players: "we don't play reverses," which leads to an inferior auction*.

A typical reverse type of hand should either contain eighteen plus points or be very distributional with a lot of trick taking ability.

Examples are:

♠ A ♥ KQJx ♦ xxx ♣ AKJxx

♠ x ♥ KQJ10x ♦ AQxxxx ♣ x

* **Editor's Note:** Reverses are baked into Standard American and 2/1 systems. "Not playing reverses" leaves gaps in these systems and some bids overworked. How happy would opener be if responder passed at their second turn with either of Arnie's hands?

Dr. Stan Weiss



Congratulations to Dr. Stan Weiss, Ruby Life Master from Livingston for receiving the John Snow award for distinguished service to the public through contributions in Epidemiology.

Dr. Weiss has previously been the recipient of at least another half dozen awards. He graduated from Yale, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, and has his MD from Harvard Medical School. He's been affiliated with Rutgers New

Jersey Medical School since 1987, where he is a professor of medicine, biostatistics, and Epidemiology.

Earlier in 2022, Paterson became one of only 3 cities in the USA to become a recipient of a \$1 million dollar grant as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies Global Mayors Challenge. Dr. Weiss served as medical consultant to the Paterson Mayor and Chief Innovation Officer and was involved in every aspect of the Challenge application.

Other career highlights:

- Was one of the first people to realize that HIV was a chronic disease.
- In 2003 founded the Essex-Passaic Wellness coalition which remains active and is funded by NJ Department of Health. The goal of the coalition is to reduce the burden of cancer and other chronic diseases.
- Just received a 5 year grant from NIH, and will be working with geneticists and supercomputers.
- Is an occasional contributor to NJ Spotlight News on NJTV.

Was Daffy Duck really a star?

by Jay Korobow

This deal with several interesting aspects occurred on BBO in a team match involving mostly “stars.” This BBO “ranking” at times seems to leave much to be desired, but it is far from crystal clear that any serious errors were made here.

Dealer: West	<u>North</u>		
Vul: Both	♠ K1085		
	♥ 92		
	♦ QJ1073		
	♣ 72		
		<u>East</u>	
<u>West</u>		♠ 743	
♠ QJ96		♥ KQ1087	
♥ J543		♦ K98	
♦ A52		♣ K5	
♣ A8			
	<u>South</u>		
	♠ A2		
	♥ A6		
	♦ 64		
	♣ QJ109643		

The bidding:

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
1♣	Pass	1♥	3♣
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

At the other table, E-W reached 3♥, making nine tricks easily with the loss of a high trump, two Spades, and one Diamond. That contract was never really in jeopardy because, while N-S might find a Spade ruff for an additional defensive trick, the Diamond loser then runs away on the long Spade before the defenders can successfully build a Diamond winner.

In the replay illustrated above, 4♥ was the contract, reached on the bidding shown. South led the ♣Q, won by Dummy’s Ace as North followed with the ♣7. A trump was then played to the Ten, and after winning the ♥A, South was at the first crossroad.

No matter what carding methods were being employed, South could not tell for sure if their partner started with the singleton ♣7 or not. Holding ♣K52, Declarer could play either of the small cards on the ♣A to obscure the actual position. Giving North a Club ruff would put the defense well on their way to four tricks for the set, with the ♠A as a sure trick (and entry.)

Some advanced readers might point out that the trump echo (a high-low to show one wants a ruff, usually done with a length of three trumps) might be of value, as lack thereof, when South sees the ♥2 appear, might lead South to the best alternate follow-up to trying to give partner a Club ruff. But what if North had started with ♥Q2? They could hardly play anything but the deuce, of course.

One expert tactic is for South to play the ♠A, and if partner does not have a singleton Club, they will presumably encourage a Spade continuation, even without the ♠K, to telegraph that they are not looking for an immediate Club ruff at this juncture. North would of course discourage a Spade continuation, even with the ♠K, if they did have an immediate Club ruff coming. South of course might set the contract by getting a Spade ruff if partner has the ♠K, so looking for that card under normal/simple attitude conditions would perhaps be practical, but due to the above complications, it’s really not at all that simple. Also, releasing the ♠A prematurely, before building a Diamond trick, might help Declarer avoid a 4th loser in the contract, as a Diamond might be pitched on a long Spade.

Looking at all four hands, one can see that switching to Diamonds now will surely set the contract (playing a second Diamond when in with the ♠A). Trying for a Spade ruff will also be a success. But South did not clearly err when they attempted instead to give partner a Club ruff, which, as one can see, did not exist. But even then, because of the illustrated Spade break, Declarer was still headed for down one, losing a trump, two Spades, and one Diamond.

After drawing trump, Declarer led a small Spade towards the ♠QJ96, and at first glance it seems that

South perhaps made an error by *not* taking their ♠A. Dummy's ♠Q therefore lost to North's ♠K, and a Diamond was returned. Declarer won to lead another small Spade, and South's bare ♠A won the trick, followed by another Diamond play by the defense. However, the following position had now been reached:

	<u>North</u>		
Dealer: West	♠ 108		
Vul: Both	♥ –		
	♦ 107		
	♣ –		
		<u>East</u>	
<u>West</u>		♠ 7	
♠ J9		♥ Q8	
♥ 3		♦ 9	
♦ 5		♣ –	
♣ –			
	<u>South</u>		
	♠ –		
	♥ –		
	♦ –		
	♣ 10964		

As the only player who had a Diamond higher than Declarer's ♦9, North was squeezed on the last Heart.

They had to keep the ♦10 to prevent that suit from providing trick #10, but that meant North had to unguard the ♠10. Only because the defenders didn't "hold up" a timely Spade winner, Declarer had the squeeze communication as shown that iced a game bonus for a 10 IMP gain.

Careful analysis, though, suggests that "star" South's failure to rise with the ♠A was not really a determining error, because North could have prevented the ending, ensuring a set, even after the earlier missed opportunities, by not winning their ♠K at first chance. Yes, South's ♠A will next fall on "air", but with ♠K10 over Dummy's ♠J9, Declarer has no winning option in the end game because the timely duck would sever the squeeze communication (Doubters can sketch and play it out to see.) Perhaps South's taking their ♠A early might have made it easier for North to see that a duck was needed, but any thought of cancelling South's "star" is perhaps only "quackery" – though perhaps North's goose should indeed be cooked!

Barry Crane 500

Congratulations to the following Unit 140 players who made the Barry Crane top 500 in 2021. These are players who ranked in the top 500 nationally in masterpoints accrued in all categories of play.

	Overall Rank	Player Category	Nationwide Category Rank
Stephen Cooper	3	5000 - 7500	1
Judy Rothstein	35	7500 - 1000	4
Piotr Olszewski	56	2500 - 3500	6
Manish Mehta	187	200 - 300	1
Stephen Garreffa	215	5000 - 7500	33
Cheryl Angel	390	7500 - 10,000	62
Jesse Reisman	459	7500 - 10,000	54
Bruce Witzel	496	5000 - 7500	100

Masterpoint Races

Final 2021 Standings by Range

Mini-McKenney winners are the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn the **most total master points** during the previous year. All points of any source and color are counted. **Ace of Clubs** winners are the players in each Unit, one per ranking level, who earn the **most masterpoints in club games** during the calendar year. Only black points are counted; points earned in STACs and other special games paying "pigmented" points don't count. The awards are not mutually exclusive; it's possible to win either or both in the same year. The level you compete in is the one within which you started the year.

Masterpoint Range	MINI-MCKENNEY			ACE OF CLUBS		
0 - 5	Jill Zou	Princeton	59.31	N. Chiddi	East Brunswick	48.74
	N. Chiddi	East Brunswick	51.57	Mark Powell	Fanwood	26.75
	Mark Powell	Fanwood	26.25	William Asch	Princeton	22.38
	William Asch	Princeton	22.38	Marcia Geltman	Randolph	14.88
	Marcia Geltman	Randolph	14.88	Eunice Lipp	Monroe	13.91
5 - 20	Susan Rothbard	Fairfield	85.05	Susan Rothbard	Fairfield	85.05
	Danette Alderoty	Rumson	60.46	Danette Alderoty	Rumson	59.94
	Peter Agnew	Glen Ridge	50.09	Peter Agnew	Glen Ridge	50.09
	Susan Berry	Bay Head	30.89	Susan Berry	Bay Head	28.64
	Ellen Ehrlich	Rockaway	28.16	Ellen Ehrlich	Rockaway	27.42
20 - 50	Rosalie Ginda	Somerset	119.40*	Rosalie Ginda	Somerset	117.73*
	Kathryn Wagenseller	Somerset	119.40*	Kathryn Wagenseller	Somerset	117.73*
	Tracy Ferry	Little Silver	78.95	Tracy Ferry	Little Silver	78.95
	Kim Gimblette	Lakewood	77.70	Kim Gimblette	Lakewood	70.06
	Nancy Goss	Colts Neck	57.69	Nancy Goss	Colts Neck	57.69
50 - 100	James Brown	Manahawkin	103.81	James Brown	Manahawkin	103.81
	Jeanie Cleary	Shrewsbury	91.35	Jeanie Cleary	Shrewsbury	91.07
	Michele Cascardi	North Caldwell	81.59	Michele Cascardi	North Caldwell	78.34
	Roberta Elliot	South Orange	79.30	Roberta Elliot	South Orange	77.83
	Yvonne Shepard	Flemington	74.68	Yvonne Shepard	Flemington	74.68
100 - 200	John Overdeck	Short Hills	224.08	Ranjan Dutta	East Windsor	165.47
	George Kalb	Millington	186.64	George Kalb	Millington	155.45
	Ranjan Dutta	East Windsor	186.56	John Overdeck	Short Hills	142.74
	Veena Arora	Waretown	114.48	Veena Arora	Waretown	113.24
	Cary Silverman	Mountain Lakes	97.30	Simon Thomson	Summit	96.30
200 - 300	Manish Mehta	Chatham	486.17	Manish Mehta	Chatham	440.69
	Ronald Whitney	Bloomfield MI	175.96	Adarsch Bajaj	Princeton	146.75
	Adarsch Bajaj	Princeton	146.75	Michael Absatz	Eatontown	124.42
	Michael Absatz	Eatontown	128.96	Ronald Whitney	Bloomfield MI	119.28
	Lynn Goldberg	Morristown	114.70	Mary Jo Herr	Summit	112.44
300 - 500	Robert Ayers Jr.	Toms River	188.03	Robert Ayers Jr.	Toms River	139.39*
	Lauretta Ayers	Toms River	184.99	Lauretta Ayers	Toms River	139.39*
	Gilbert Meierhans	Metuchen	141.61	Gilbert Meierhans	Metuchen	132.86
	Tehmtan Tehsildar	Hillsborough	127.60	Chris Schwinger	Rockaway	106.12
	Bernard Clarkin	Morris Plains	111.00	Bernard Clarkin	Morris Plains	103.80

500 - 1000	Lawrence Gordon	West Orange	276.48	Romesh Arora	Waretown	247.61
	Romesh Arora	Waretown	262.80	Lawrence Gordon	West Orange	240.16
	Ginny Mason	Princeton	234.86	Ginny Mason	Princeton	210.84
	Steven Siegel	Mendham	233.38	Lewis Lefkowitz	Somerset	188.62
	Lewis Lefkowitz	Somerset	206.22	Bobby Willig	Princeton	174.57
1000 - 1500	Jacqueline Hewlett	Bridgewater	247.76*	Jacqueline Hewlett	Bridgewater	247.76*
	Michael Hewlett	Bridgewater	247.76*	Michael Hewlett	Bridgewater	247.76*
	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	182.78	Chung-Zong Wan	Somerset	177.87
	Rosalind Powell	Livingston	141.04	Rosalind Powell	Livingston	136.95
	Audrey Egger	Princeton	120.87	Audrey Egger	Princeton	120.87
1500 - 2500	Foster Osborne	Summit	289.59	Foster Osborne	Summit	289.59
	Jeffrey Halle	Middletown	206.05	Jeffrey Halle	Middletown	186.45
	Barbara Codispoti	Mount Arlington	137.90	Barbara Codispoti	Mount Arlington	136.21
	Francis Nance	Chatham	114.59	Francis Nance	Chatham	114.59
	George Browne	West Orange	112.08	George Browne	West Orange	111.64
2500- 3500	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	715.07	Piotr Olszewski	Hackettstown	674.38
	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	299.09	Wendy Lee	East Hanover	298.49
	Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany	262.71	Chorng-Hour Yang	Parsippany	260.33
	Edward Bauman	Verona	174.68	Edward Bauman	Verona	173.38
	Mark Brighthouse	Towaco	81.49	Mark Brighthouse	Towaco	81.49
3500 - 5000	Elizabeth Evans	Mountainside	285.21	Elizabeth Evans	Mountainside	285.21
	Mark Mohr	Springfield	196.99	Mark Mohr	Springfield	196.99
	Himanshu Joshi	Chester	148.10	Himanshu Joshi	Chester	139.69
	Jin-Ming Liao	Skillman	125.55	Jin-Ming Liao	Skillman	115.32
	Rochelle Djmal	Neptune	111.93	Rochelle Djmal	Neptune	109.63
5000 - 7500	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	1,357.29	Stephen Cooper	Belle Mead	1,280.57
	Stephen Garreffa	Randolph	461.56	Stephen Garreffa	Randolph	461.56
	Bruce Witzel	Scotch Plains	307.29	Bruce Witzel	Scotch Plains	307.29
	Donna Dulet	Ocean	253.88	Donna Dulet	Ocean	238.11
	Peter Stein	Hillsborough	249.73	Peter Stein	Hillsborough	224.72
7500 -10,000	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	805.55	Judy Rothstein	Livingston	803.65
	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	350.68	Jesse Reisman	Livingston	323.20
	Cheryl Angel	Livingston	336.25	Cheryl Angel	Livingston	320.11
	Anthony Aukstikalnis	Harvey Cedars	135.73	Anthony Aukstikalnis	Harvey Cedars	135.73
	Alex Perlin	Metuchen	112.73	Dennis Thompson	Lake Hiawatha	26.62
Over 10,000	Lester Sokolower	Verona	230.93	Lester Sokolower	Verona	230.93
	Jiang Gu	Mountain Lakes	199.60	Alexander Allen	Annandale	58.84
	Alexander Allen	Annandale	73.96	Cynthia Schneider	East Brunswick	13.72
	Cynthia Schneider	East Brunswick	13.72	Abe Pineles	Jackson	5.89
	Abe Pineles	Palm Desert CA	9.86			

* Denotes a tie for 1st

Defense at IMPs for the Advancing Player

When to ruff your partner's winner

By Brett Kunin

There are times when it is necessary to ruff partner's winner in order to set a contract, or to obtain valuable undertricks. Although many will say such instances are rare, my partner, Dennis Thompson and I BOTH had occasion to do so at a Swiss Team match at our club.

In your first match, at favorable vulnerability, I decided to make a tactical choice and open 3♣ with:

♠ 107xx ♥ 87 ♦ Q ♣ KQT8xx.

Your LHO bids 3♥, partner passes, and RHO bids 4♥, ending the auction.

<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>
	3♣	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

To your surprise, partner leads the ♣A, and Dummy puts down:

♠ Axx ♥ Q10xx ♦ J10x ♣ Jxx.

You play an encouraging Club, both opponents following. Partner leads the ♦A, you play your singleton Queen, both opponents follow with high spot cards, and at trick 3, partner plays the ♦7, his highest remaining spot card. You ruff, again, both opponents follow. You play the ♣K, LHO follows, and after some thought, partner RUFFS your winner, and plays another Diamond for you to ruff. You then cash the ♣Q. The opponents have the remainder, but you are +300 after taking the first 6 tricks. Partner's hand was:

♠ KJ98x ♥ xx ♦ A7xxx ♣ A.

Because Declarer had the singleton ♠Q, and was shaped 1-5-4-3, even with perfect defense, we can make 4♠. Partner has 12 HCPs, and I have a working 5 count, so this is a contract which, realistically, we will never bid. At the other table, the opponents played

a Spade partial, making 3. That's a net of +160 and 5 IMPs for us.

In your third match, you pick up an unexciting hand:

♠ A98xxx ♥ 10x ♦ 9xx ♣ 76.

At unfavorable vulnerability, your LHO opens 1♣ in first chair, your partner bids 1♥, RHO bids 2♣, you pass, LHO passes, and partner bids 2♦. RHO passes, you pass, and LHO bids 3♣, ending the auction.

<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>	<u>You</u>
1♣	1♥	2♣	Pass
Pass	2♦	Pass	Pass
3♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Partner leads the ♥A (we lead A from AK), and the Dummy is respectable:

♠ Qxx ♥ Jxx ♦ A10x ♣ Jxxx.

All follow to the first trick, and at trick 2, partner plays the ♥K, all following. At trick 3 partner plays the ♥Q. Since partner played his Heart honors from top to bottom, he is asking for a Spade switch. On the off chance that partner is void in Spades, and since you hardly have a trump promotion with your anemic Club holding, I ruffed partner's winning Heart, played the ♠A, partner pitching an encouraging Diamond. He ruffed the second Spade and exited a trump. In the fullness of time, partner got his Diamond trick, and we set the contract 2 tricks.

The full deal:

Dealer: LHO

Vul: You

Partner

♠ -
♥ AKQxx
♦ KJxxx
♣ xxx

LHO

♠ KJ10x
♥ 764
♦ Q8
♣ AKQx

RHO

♠ Qxx
♥ Jxx
♦ A10x
♣ Jxxx

You

♠ A98xxx
♥ 10x
♦ 9xx
♣ 76

Bravery

by Ken Trock



You are playing an old foe who has gotten the better of you once or twice. Can you get a little revenge on this deal?

At Matchpoints, playing South at favorable vulnerability you hold:

♠ J98 ♥ J73 ♦ 965 ♣ AQJ8

<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>
Pass	3♥	Dbl	Pass
??			

It looks like we have several choices. 4♣, 3♠, Pass. Anyone for 3NT? Have you discussed with your partner what the requirements for a double at this level are? I don't think I have. 😞 I'd say they should have roughly a King more than a one level takeout double. That may not sound like much for an extra 2 levels of bidding. But consider partner holding even ♠ AKxx ♥ x ♦ KQxx ♣ xxxx. Would they have the discipline to pass over 3♥? If they doubled with this then 3♥ is probably making, leaving Pass as a bad option for us. Or we could cop out with 4♣ which may leave us in a silly contract. 3♠ may end us in a bad spot too.

If partner holds AKxx ♥ Kx ♦ AQx ♣ Kxxx then 3NT is likely making but then we're also crushing 3♥. Which brings me back to us passing. I think we have to take a risk that partner has made a disciplined high level takeout double and Pass here.

Partner's hand:

♠ AK102 ♥ 4 ♦ AJ843 ♣ K106

Ah, this is the kind of hand we were looking for. Still no guarantees but we were able to cash 1 Spade, 1 Diamond, and 3 Clubs for +200 and a very good MP score.

Try this one. 1st seat, both vulnerable, MPs:

♠ - ♥ J8732 ♦ K95 ♣ A10653

<u>You</u>	<u>LHO</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>RHO</u>
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♠ (weak)
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

It looks to me like Declarer will have some quick pitches on Dummy's Heart suit. We need to get busy now. How about leading a low Club away from the Ace? A bold lead for sure. Here is Dummy:

♠ 94 ♥ AK1065 ♦ QJ7 ♣ KJ8.

Bingo! Declarer goes low and partner wins the Queen. Except that's not what happened :) Here are the actual hands:

<u>Dummy</u>	
♠ 94	
♥ AQ1065	
♦ QJ7	
♣ KJ8	
<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
♠ -	♠ AQ10
♥ J8732	♥ K94
♦ K95	♦ 10832
♣ A10653	♣ Q94
<u>Declarer</u>	
♠ KJ8765432	
♥ -	
♦ A64	
♣ 72	

Notice the Dummy is almost the same one I was envisioning. It has the ♥Q instead of the ♥K, big difference. On top of that I copped out on lead and led the ♣A, solving any Club problem Declarer would have faced. Readers of Mike Lawrence know that he often advises players not to lead bare Aces on opening lead. It can occasionally be right but more often than not either gives a trick away or cedes a valuable tempo to Declarer. I'll bet he would rather you lead away from an Ace in a suit contract instead of leading it. Here it appears that the

“heroic” underlead of the ♣A wouldn’t hurt or help, that Declarer has the same guess either way.

One more from a rare, recent face to face game. Still MPs with both vulnerable. You are sitting North, in 2nd seat.

♠ AK83 ♥ 964 ♦ 732 ♣ J65

<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>
Pass	Pass	1♣	2♥ (weak)
Dbl	??		

Are we confident competing to 3♥? I think so. The Law of Total Tricks supports it (there it is, I mentioned the LAW). True, the 4-3-3-3 shape is a minus. So we’ll bid 3♥, right? No. I bid 2♠, mainly for a potential lead. I’m not even sure this is a brave bid. It’s on the way to 3♥ anyway. Probably the worst thing that can happen is that it goes Pass – Pass –

Pass over 2♠ and we’re down several hundred. This is unlikely since most advanced players would treat 2♠ here as 100% forcing. It turned out that West bid 3NT and partner duly led a Spade. I won, punched a Heart thru, won by partner who led another Spade. We actually took 4 Spades and the Heart Ace, our Spade spots are high. Partner’s hand: ♠ 1097 ♥ AJ10732 ♦ 9 ♣ 1092. I can tell you that on the opening lead of the J♥ or a low Heart, Declarer can take 11 tricks.

One more thing: Hearts break 4-0. Knowing that in retrospect might shy some away from competing to 3♥ at all. But consider that your opponents, finding some fit and having the person holding 4 good Hearts doubling for penalty. It’s going to be difficult for the other opponent to leave it in with a Heart void.

Big Games

(Must have 5 tables to qualify)

November 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022

OPEN		
76.17%	Alexander Allen – Donna Dulet	Queen of Hearts BC
75.69%	Laurel Harvey – George Harvey	Bill's Bridge
75.30%	Alexander Allen – Donna Dulet	Queen of Hearts BC
75.00%	Beau Norton – Dolores Ballard	Stafford BC
74.11%	Sonia Bibi – Rochelle Djmal	Queen of Hearts BC
74.08%	Alexander Allen - Donna Dulet	Queen of Hearts BC
73.12%	William Asch – Michael Absatz	Two Rivers DBC
73.00%	Sue Fitzsimons – Dennis Mondelli	Stafford BC
72.75%	Alexander Allen - Donna Dulet	Queen of Hearts BC
72.12%	Alexander Allen - Donna Dulet	Queen of Hearts BC
71.76%	Stephen Garreffa - Himanshu Joshi	Shadowfax
70.92%	Donna Dulet – Stephen Arshan	Jersey Bridge Club
70.54%	Warren Kaplan – Tina Kaplan	Jersey Bridge Club

LIMITED/INVITATIONAL		
76.19%	Elyse Greenbaum – Elaine Katzman	Essex
72.78%	Alan Zbik – Gary Moliver	Westlake DBC
72.50%	Justine Robertson – Christine Hetzler	Rumson CC
71.53%	Mary Bowen – Seth Shepetin	Bill's Bridge
70.83%	Deirde Cavanagh – Jonathan Adelman	Essex
70.57%	Colin Burrows – Marcia Geltman	Shadowfax
70.24%	Myung Bondy – Peggy Hall	CanoeBrook

Milestones

Changes in Rank: November 2021 – January 2022

Emerald Life Master

Peter Stein	Hillsborough
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Sapphire Life Master

Peggy Schwartz	Livingston
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Ruby Life Master

Ashok Agarwala	Edison
Howard Booth	Summit
Komal Kamat	Plainsboro
Robert Miller	Princeton

Silver Life Master

Romesh Arora	Waretown
Donald Davignon	New Providence
Elayne Pollet	East Hanover
Roy Samitt	Ocean

Bronze Life Master

James Royer	Manalapan
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Life Master

Howard Baum	Randolph
Mary Bowen	Princeton
Cheryl Gorman	Sea Bright

NABC Master

Janine Beer	Livingston
Norman Friedman	Livingston
Suzy Gumm	Chatham
Gail Pollard	Summit
Cary Silverman	Mountain Lakes

Regional Master

Sheila Albert	Princeton
Roberta Elliott	South Orange
Tracy Ferry	Little Silver
Adrienne Fowler	Dunellen
Joan Gotti	Little Silver
Alan Helfman	Westfield
Sallie Hollander	Skillman
Judith Smith	Beach Haven

Sectional Master

Robert Carroll	Lawrenceville
Patricia Cavanaugh	East Brunswick
Margaret Cox	Manasquan
Maureen Dorment	Little Silver
Marc Galligan	Rumson
Nancy Goss	Colts Neck
Ann Hawley	Rumson
Sylvia Hinge	Madison
N Ladov	Upper Montclair
Renee Litinger	Short Hills
Joanne Milot	Basking Ridge
Philip Milot	New Providence
Pam Morse	Madison
Paul Pellicci	Mantoloking

Club Master

Barry Braverman	Boonton
Suzanne Franzblau	Pennington
Kenneth Garmson	Bridgewater
Ann Graham	Hoboken
Thomas Lewis	Watchung
Donald Weber	Princeton

Junior Master	
Elizabeth Donnelly	Berkeley Heights
George Giani	Manchester
Gerry Isaacs	Boonton
Deborah Matro	Warren
Robin Nolte	New Vernon
Elaine Parcels	Summit
Joanne Seelaus	Monmouth Beach
Steve Silberberg	Manalapan
Sanjay Subhash	Scotch Plains
Yujie Sun	Short Hills
Danhong Wang	Plainsboro
Zhaofeng Wang	Princeton
Leslie Weber	Princeton
Betsy Wolfish	Beverly Heights
Mai Zhang	Bedminster
Joan Zief	Montclair

REMEMBRANCES

The Board of Directors of the New Jersey Bridge League offer their condolences to the families and friends of the following members of the ACBL Unit 140. They will be missed at our bridge tables. We would like to remember all who support and participate in this great game. Please notify Susan Atteridge at Susan.Atteridge@gmail.com of any deaths within our membership; indicate, when known, dates of passing and club(s) attended.

David Armbruster

d. December 18, 2021
frequent player at Essex

David Cox

d. February 8, 2022
frequent player at Essex

Alice Tarlach

d. February 11, 2022
frequent player at Aces Monmouth

Jerry Williams

d. November 19, 2021
frequent player at
former Bridgewater club