

November Newsletter

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

Up the Ladder (*Congratulations*) and New Members (*Welcome*):

- ◆ Junior Master – Mary Costello
- ◆ Sectional Master – Frank Koelliker
- ◆ Regional Master – Jonathan Crane
- ◆ NABC Master – Bruce Cahoon
- ◆ New Members – Millicent Agnor, Ann Fairweather and Paula Smith

Tournament Dates (*through April 2019*)

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| 11/02-04 | Rocky River Sect. | 1/09-12 | Independence RGNL | 4/05-07 | Buffalo Sect. |
| 11/02-04 | Pittsburgh Sect. | 1/25-27 | Buffalo Sect. | 4/05-07 | Rocky River Sect. |
| 12/03-09 | STaC D5 | 3/15-17 | Pittsburgh Sect. | 4/12-14 | Akron Spring Sect. |

'Hand of the Month' by Dick Early (*we will be including this monthly – also found on the website: www.akronbridge.org*)

When you are responding to a Take-Out Double, be sure to jump if you have 8 points or more - especially if you have a 5-card suit. The South hand at the Fairlawn game on board #2 is a good example.

West opens 1H and North makes a take-out double followed by a Pass by East. Since South has 8 points and a 5-card spade suit, be sure to jump to 2S. North's double in most cases will advertise a 4-card spade suit and opening values. In this case North has an easy bid of 4S. This contract was only reached one time on that day. If South's hand had a six-card spade suit, just bid 4S immediately.

Remember - once a partner has made a take-out double, they are not required to bid again. Responder must bid their cards!!!

Fairlawn Bridge Club

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 N-S Vul ♦ A Q J
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Autumn Sectional – A Big Success! (*reported by Board President & Tournament Chair, Bob Ryan*)

Our Akron Sectional on September 21-23 at the Quirk Center was outstanding and extremely successful. For the weekend we enjoyed 176 ½ tables, which is the highest number in more than 10 years. We made a reasonable amount of money, which will be used to support Bridge growth locally with classes and education for our newer players. We have been working on attracting new members and encouraging continued growth and appreciation for our magnificent game.

We attracted members from adjoining Districts and Units and had special games limited to 299ers. Friday and Saturday games had especially good attendance with many newer players participating. Adding to our savory lunches were desserts donated by Mary Spooner, Ann Collins, Jill Smith, Duane Smith, Paula Rabinowitz, Judy Hummel, Judy Saccogna, Judy Taylor, Betty Miller, Gary Collinson, Ed LaBelle, Leslie Bain and Bob Ryan. I apologize to any who I may have missed.

A big **THANK YOU** to the Tournament Committee: Jim Fasnacht, Ken Gibson, Paula Rabinowitz, Ron Manne and Susan Bedall. I enjoyed getting so much help and input from each of you. (**A list of Unit 107 members that earned masterpoints at the tournament is on the second page of this Newsletter.**)

Please plan on attending the Holiday Party on December 7th at the Quirk Center. It will be a STaC Event for the Bridge play and is always a wonderful social event with good food and friends. I look forward to seeing you for an enjoyable evening of fun! I invite you to go to a local game and pick up a flyer for the Party or look for it on our website.

TIDBITS:

- ◆ Please note that the Monday evening **Firestone Club** game now has 2 sections – A (open) and B (499ers). The open game (A) will start play at 7:00 PM, while B will begin 15 minutes earlier at 6:45 PM.
- ◆ A financial note: Our corporate books were audited in August and they were found to be accurate and up-to-date.
- ◆ Wanted to send out a heartfelt THANKS to Gladys Martin for her generous gift of greeting cards used by the Board to bring “Sunshine” into the lives of our membership when things go wrong or someone deserves a congratulatory message.
- ◆ **Congratulations** are in order to all the Unit 107 players who qualified and played at the Erie, PA NAP-GNT District 5 tournament. A special shout-out to winning pairs **Bruce Cahoon & Ken Johnston** (placed third overall in flight C) and **Jean Klinkenberg & Melanie Gura** (placed fifth overall in flight C). Bruce and Ken will compete next March at the North American Bridge Championships in Memphis, TN.



The following Unit 107 members earned points at our Autumn Sectional Tournament: *(alphabetically listed)*

Indira Agarwal, Subhash Agarwal, Pat Bartholomew, Susan Bedall, Linda Beringer, Phillip Brewer, Susan Bussan, Gay Cable, Bruce Cahoon, Linda Carter, Rose Marie Cassmer, Rebekah Clocker, Ann Collins, Gary Collinson, Barbara Ann Cox, Barbara Cruce, Marilyn DeCarlo, Ashookkumar Desai, Bharati Desai, Mary Dunham, Richard Early, Monica Early, Janice Eberle, Roger Edwards, Nancy Evans, James Fasnacht, June France, Jacquelyn Fuller, Kenneth Gibson, Mary Gleghorn, Melanie Gura, Flo Hinshaw, Judythe Hummel, Ken Johnson, Karlan Kameron, S Graham Kelly, Kristin Kemp, Maryann Kostich, Don Kreider, Phyllis Kreider, Edward LaBelle, Georgia Laikos, Gwen Lane, Sylvia Levinson, Charles Lyon, Susan Manne, John Marhofer, Arlene Markey, Gladys Martin, Mary Maurer, Herb Moss, Linda Moss, Chris Murphy, Irene Nicodemis, Carol O'Connor, Mary O'Connor, Terrence O'Connor, Carol Pedrasky, Kevin Phipps, Mina Ronen, Robert Ryan, Judy Saccogna, Carma Sands, Mary Sears, Judith Shapiro, Marvin Shapiro, Duane Smith, Donald Snyder, Barbara Sparhawk, Mary Spooner, Jayne Stahr, Michael Stahr, Carolyn Sullivan, James Sullivan, Judith Taylor, Richard Traxler, Mathew Van Sickle and Thomas Wancheck