

December 2018

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ◆ Club Master – Linda Phillips
- ◆ Sectional Master – Barbara Ann Cox
- ◆ Advanced NABC Master – Jean Klinkenberg
- ◆ Life Master – Jacquelyn Fuller
- ◆ New Member – Judith Fowler

Tournament Dates (*through April 2019*)

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

'Hand of the Month' by Dick Early

After partner makes a preemptive bid, do you play a new suit as forcing? If you do not, you should reconsider. Hand #15 is a good example. Assume South opens 3C. The North hand is actually very good for partner since the hand has "four" first round controls: 3 Aces and a void. Slam is a possibility, but game is a MUST. Playing Raise Only Non-Force (RONF) over preempts, North can bid 3S hoping partner may have a Spade fit (asking for 3 card support in Spades). So, South would raise 3S to 4S. Presumably we know partner has 10 black cards from this auction and a good Club suit. A Spade slam or a Club slam is very possible.

Another question on this hand is whether South has a preempt. With 3 card support in both majors and an outside void and a good Club suit, a 1C opener should be considered. Be sure to do one or the other.

Board 15

South Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A 10 9 6 4 3
♥ —
♦ A 10 8 5 4
♣ A 7

♠ 7 5	♠ Q 8
♥ A Q 8 4	♥ K J 10 7 3 2
♦ Q J 7 3 2	♦ K 9 6
♣ 3 2	♣ J 5

♠ K J 2
♥ 9 6 5
♦ —
♣ K Q 10 9 8 6 4

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Intermediate / Newcomer News

- ◆ New Section starting!! Jill Smith and John Marhofer are beginning a 0-100 section of their Thursday game at 11 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W Market St, Akron. The first game for the new section will be Dec 6th.
- ◆ STaC for I/N! Tuesday, Dec 4th will be a STaC game for the 0-100 section. Cost will be \$7 per person. You can earn Silver Points while playing at the club!
- ◆ STaC for Newcomers! Thursday, Dec 6th will be a STaC game for the 0-20 section. There will be NO lesson that night, just playing bridge! Cost will be \$7 per person.
- ◆ Make sure to check out the perks for I/N players coming with the January Rock and Roll Regional in Independence. Pick up a flyer at a local game or visit www.akronbridge.org.

Tuesday Night Combined Game (*happens each quarter*)

Dec 11th will be the quarterly combined game with Dick Early's Open section and the 0-100 section directed by Kevin Phipps. Dick will teach a lesson at 6:30 PM and play will begin at 7:00 PM. Keith Klafehn is in charge of pairing an open player with a 0-100 player. If you have a preference for partner, please see Keith or Kevin. Dec 11th is also the Holiday Party for the Tuesday night games and is a Local Charity Game for the Akron Food Bank. Cost will be \$8 per player, with \$2 donated to the Akron Food Bank. You may donate more if you like. Bring something to share and join us on Dec 11th.

TIDBITS:

- ♠ Remember to attend the **Holiday Party** on December 7th at the Quirk Center. Fun, Food and Bridge – Oh My!!
- ♠ Just for a chuckle: "*People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.*"

