

# January 2019

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

### Up the Ladder (Congratulations):

- ♦ Junior Master – Patricia Smith
- ♦ Club Masters – Carol Bowes and Bernie Winick
- ♦ NABC Masters – Melanie Gura and Arlene Markey
- ♦ Life Master – Chris Murphy

### Tournament Dates (through May 2019)

1/09-12	Independence RGNL	4/05-07	Buffalo Sect.	4/22-28	Gatlinburg RGNL
1/25-27	Buffalo Sect.	4/05-07	Rocky River Sect.	5/04-05	Erie GNT/NAP
3/15-17	Pittsburgh Sect	<b>4/12-14</b>	<b>Akron Spring Sect.</b>	5/21-27	Independence RGNL
3/20-31	Memphis NABC				

### 'Hand of the Month' (by Dick Early)

How do you play 4 level responses to Jacoby 2NT? Some partnerships like to show a second 5-card suit. My preference is to show a void. So, this auction would show a Club void: **1H - P - 2NT - P - 4C**

At the Quirk Center game on 12/18/18 the East/West hands on Board 8 is a good example of Jacoby 2NT, Key Card Blackwood and Specific Kings.

The auction: **1S - P - 2NT - P**  
**4H - P - 4NT - P**  
**5S - P - 5NT - P**  
**6C - P - 7S - P**

2NT is Jacoby 2NT, 4H shows a void in hearts, 4NT is Key Card B/W, 5S says I have 2 Aces and the Spade Q, 5NT asks for specific Kings, 6C identifies the Club King. This information is all East needs: 7S! If the opening bidder did not have a King they would merely bid 6S. Grand Slams with 8 or 9 card trump suits require the trump Queen.

Key Card B/W is a great convention and Specific Kings can help many times. Be sure to understand that you cannot ask for Kings if you do not have all of the Aces.

### Intermediate / Newcomer News (from Kevin Phipps)

- ♥ The Tuesday evening 0-100 game at Quirk will continue "How to Complete A Convention Card" during January starting at 6:15 PM. It is often helpful to review by reading the **Conventional Wisdom** lessons on the website before classes (<https://www.acbl.org/helpfuldocuments/>). The brief lessons are followed by a regular game at 6:30.
- ♥ The Thursday evening 0-20 game at Quirk will begin a new book "Defense of the Hand in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in January. Lessons are followed by supervised play if time permits.

### TIDBITS:

- ♠ January is designated as **Junior Fund** month. If your club participates, then the money earned goes to purchase textbooks, pay teacher fees, provide bags for course graduates and trophies for mini-tournament winners – all part of ACBL's Junior program.
- ♠ Remember to make a point of playing in the January Rock and Roll Regional in Independence. Pick up a flyer at a local game or visit [www.akronbridge.org](http://www.akronbridge.org).
- ♠ Just for a chuckle: "You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer."

Quirk DBC

Board 8  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A Q J 10 5  
♥ —  
♦ A 10 7 5 4 2  
♣ K Q

♠ 8 6  
♥ A K J 5  
♦ 8 3  
♣ 9 8 5 3 2

N	♠ K 9 3 2
W	♥ Q 6 3
E	♦ K Q J 6
S	♣ A 10

♠ 7 4  
♥ 10 9 8 7 4 2  
♦ 9  
♣ J 7 6 4