

February 2019

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

Up the Ladder (*Congratulations*):

- ♦ Junior Masters – Larry Delong, Carol Harrington and Bo Miller
- ♦ Club Master – Myrtle Muntz

Tournament Dates (*through May 2019*)

2/23-24	Canton Sect.	4/05-07	Buffalo Sect.	4/22-28	Gatlinburg RGNL
3/15-17	Pittsburgh Sect.	4/05-07	Rocky River Sect.	5/04-05	Erie GNT/NAP
3/20-31	Memphis NABC	4/12-14	Akron Spring Sect.	5/21-27	Independence RGNL

'Hand of the Month' (*by Dick Early*) will return next month!

Board News (*from President Bob Ryan*)

We have had much success with our teaching, mentoring and learning programs this past year. The Club has been extremely successful in the development of our newer players and in growing our base membership. We plan to continue this development with periodic reviews from the major stakeholders – our membership. To that end, we will no longer offer a mentor-mentee discount on game pricing for pairs that will be playing in our Friday Unit Game at Quirk Center. All pairs are welcomed to play in this game.

Many of you have taken advantage of lessons in our Tuesday night limited game with Kevin Phipps. However, you may not be familiar with Thursday night's game where Kevin and his team work with newer players through lessons and supervised play. We welcome seasoned players to attend on Thursdays; to help mentor newer players and pick up some pointers on technics you may have forgotten or not even thought about. Thursday evening can be an excellent use of your time, but if you have more than 20 points you will not receive any points for your participation. Think of it as a way you can promote your favorite game of Bridge.

Our Holiday Party held at Quirk Center in December was very well attended and supported, and all experienced a good party with the opportunity to score some masterpoints. Our Unit IMP League concluded play at the end of November and it too was a good night out with more people participating than I can remember with great snacks and generally a lot of fun. A big thank you to Kevin Phipps, Cathy Taylor for directing, to Subhash and Indira Agarwal and to Gary Collinson and the rest of the gang for hosting and helping at these events.

The Cleveland Regional Tournament in January had its most successful turnout in years, largely because of better weather and also because members of the Akron Unit and especially our newer players turned out 'in mass' for the experience. The following members (78 of us) received points:

Subhash and Indira Agarwal, Pat Bartholomew, Susan Bedall, James Black, Susan Bussan, Bruce Cahoon, Rose Marie Cassmer, James Chase, Rebekah Clocker, Ann Collins, Gary Collinson, Kerrie and Jonathon Crane, Mary Dunham, Monica and Dick Early, Janice Eberle, Roger Edwards, James Fasnacht, Stephanie Frank, Theresa Frosell, Jacquelyn Fuller, Kenneth Gibson, Linda Gracey, Melanie Gura, Cindy Hollo, Matthew Ischay, Ken Johnson, Karlan Kamerer, Keith Klafehn, Jean Klinkenburg, Phyllis and Don Kreider, Graham Kelly, Shirley Kmet, Edward LaBelle, Georgia Laikos, Susan and Ron Manne, Arlene Markey, Rita and Ann Markunas, Gladys and Tom Martin, Janet McKee, Betty Miller, Myrtle Muntz, Chris Murphy, Margaret Niemeyer, Terry and Carol O'Connor, Kevin and Penny Phipps, Patti Pinkerton, Paula Rabinowitz, Mina Ronen, Robert Ryan, Judy Saccogna, H. David Schmidt, Mary Sears, Vivian Shanafelt, Marvin and Judith Shapiro, Patrick Slaven, Jill Smith, Barbara Sparhawk, Alice Spickler, Jayne and Michael Stahr, Cathy Taylor, Judith Taylor, Sally and Bert Thomas, Richard Traxler, Mathew Van Sickle, Mardy Walling, and Margy Whapham.

Please refer to the calendar and other sections of our website to visit Bridge play news and upcoming events so you can more fully participate.

TIDBITS:

- ♦ Remember to make a point of playing in the Canton Winter Sectional - Feb 23-24. The flyer is on our website www.akronbridge.org under 'Tournament Dates'.
- ♦ Susie Bedall wanted to let those of you who knew Shirley Svenson (very active Bridge player and Director) to know that Shirley would love to hear from you. You can reach her at PO Box 13041, Akron 44334.
- ♦ Just for a chuckle: *"How many Bridge players do you need to change a light bulb? Four. One to change the bulb and 3 to tell him how he could have done it better."*