

# March 2019

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ♦ New Members – Julie Deane, Jean Gulyas and David Staats
- ♦ Club Master – Matthew Ischay
- ♦ Sectional Masters – James Gesler, Gale Metsker and Kathryn Slosman
- ♦ Regional Master – Edward LaBelle

### Tournament Dates (*through June 2019*)

3/15-17	Pittsburgh Sect	4/12-14	<b>Akron Spring Sect.</b>	6/3-9	Cincinnati RGNL
3/20-31	Memphis NABC	4/22-28	Gatlinburg RGNL	6/10-16	District 5 STaC
4/05-07	Buffalo Sect.	5/04-05	Erie GNT/NAP	6/14-16	Toledo RGNL
4/05-07	Rocky River Sect	5/21-27	Independence RGNL	6/21-23	Canton Sect.

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

On Hand # 20 of this Akron Unit Game how does N/S get a Plus Score? West opens the hand with 1D and North has a problem. If North makes a Take-out Double and partner bids 1S, you can not bid 1NT - that would show 19 - 20.

The only good answer is overcalling 1H. Overcalling a 4-card suit should only be done if you have a good suit and opening values which North has.

East will bid 1S and South has an easy 4H bid. West competes to 4S followed by 2 passes. South has such a good distributional hand and partner overcalled vulnerably, 5H is a good call, which makes. But East also has a good distribution and bids 5S. Now for the defense of 5S:

Opening lead is a small Heart won by the King and followed by the Ace which is ruffed and South makes a "key" play of the Heart Queen. This clearly is a "suit preference" in case North gets in. North wins the next lead of a spade and must play something. South's play of the Heart Q signals for the higher suit - Diamonds. The Diamond lead defeats 5S. Good signal South!!

Board 20  
West Deals  
Both Vul

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

### Awards for 2018 (*Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney, Holland and Hugh Weinberg Awards*)

These awards are presented each year to Akron Unit 107 members at the Annual Meeting – this year held on May 19, 2019. A listing of the top finishers is found on the next page. Following are the various categories:

- ♦ **Ace of Clubs** – Masterpoint race (in each masterpoint category) for the most MPS earned during the year in Club games.
- ♦ **Mini-McKenney** – Masterpoint race (in each masterpoint category) for the most total MPS earned during the year at any ACBL sanctioned venue.
- ♦ **Holland Award** – awarded to Unit member receiving the most MPS at the two Akron Sectionals.
- ♦ **Hugh Weinberg Award** – awarded to the Unit member receiving the most MPS at Club games.

### TIDBITS:

For those of us that didn't find our names amongst those winning awards, this is good for a chuckle.

*Things never heard at a Bridge Club.*

- *This club's playing area is always at the right temperature – never too hot or too cold.*
- *I've had lots of points all evening.*
- *Cool! A four board sit out.*
- *No, I don't think tournament fees are too high.*
- *One thing I can say about bridge players – they sure know how to dress.*
- *No matter which direction we sit, the cards always go our way.*
- *I always hear what the Director says.*

	<b>Ace of Clubs</b>		<b>Mini-McKenney</b>	
<b>Rookie 0-5 MP</b>	Myrtle Muntz Barbara Brunot Charles Witmer	19.82 14.82 13.04	Myrtle Muntz Barbara Brunot Charles Witmer	27.17 15.24 14.11
<b>Junior Master 5-20 MP</b>	Theresa Frosell Pamela Matthews Judyth Hummel	22.77 21.52 20.26	Judyth Hummel Pamela Matthews Theresa Frosell	28.61 24.68 24.09
<b>Club Master 20-50 MP</b>	Rita Markunas James Gesler Frank Kelliker	41.03 24.63 24.37	Rita Markunas Frank Koelliker James Gesler	64.57 33.59 29.16
<b>Sectional Master 50-100 MP</b>	Melanie Gura Jan Egdell Bob Egdell	55.85 52.96 47.03	Melanie Gura Jan Egdell Bob Egdell	150.03 62.61 57.40
<b>Regional Master 100-200 MP</b>	Jean Klinkenburg Arlene Markey Phillip Brewer	109.37 54.84 48.31	Jean Klinkenburg Arlene Markey Phillip Brewer	204.59 89.14 56.42
<b>NABC Master 200-300 MP</b>	Kevin Phipps Margaret Niemeyer Barbara Sparhawk	56.13 42.33 37.00	Kevin Phipps Margaret Niemeyer Barbara Sparhawk	138.93 54.21 45.89
<b>Life Master 300-500 MP</b>	Bruce Cahoon Jacquelyn Fuller Chris Murphy	131.48 56.63 39.00	Bruce Cahoon Jacquelyn Fuller Chris Murphy	204.98 114.52 107.58
<b>Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP</b>	James Fasnacht Robert Ryan Susan Manne	110.75 100.13 85.88	Robert Ryan James Fasnacht Subhash Agarwal	223.02 166.79 160.80
<b>Silver Life Master 1000-1500 MP</b>	Mathew Van Sickle Judith Shapiro Roger Edwards	141.66 137.94 64.73	Mathew Van Sickle Judith Shapiro Betty Miller	208.66 197.01 99.26
<b>Ruby Life Master 1500-2500 MP</b>	Marvin Shapiro Jayne Stahr Barbara Schidrowski	139.39 105.82 104.87	Marvin Shapiro Monica Early Jayne Stahr	198.76 158.67 157.50
<b>Gold Life Master 2500-3500 MP</b>	Tom Martin Carolyn Sullivan James Sullivan	73.74 55.37 49.40	Tom Martin Susan Bedall Carolyn Sullivan	112.49 96.71 81.01
<b>Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP</b>	Gladys Martin Richard Traxler Mina Ronen	174.75 144.20 125.25	Gladys Martin Richard Traxler Mina Ronen	300.29 214.53 186.14
<b>Emerald Life Master 7500-10,000 MP</b>	Marge Baldwin	14.90	Marge Baldwin	14.90
<b>Emerald Life Master 10,000 + MP</b>	Dick Early	135.49	Dick Early	276.95

**Holland Award – Dick Early and Monica Early**

**Hugh Weinberg Award – Gladys Martin**