

April 2019

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ♦ New Members – Tatiana Harris and Arlene Jacobs
- ♦ Junior Masters – Suzanne Lipps, Lawrence Pulliam and John Wood
- ♦ Sectional Master – Leslie Bain
- ♦ Regional Master – Rita Markunas
- ♦ NABC Master – Margaret Niemeyer
- ♦ Advanced NABC Master – Bruce Cahoon

Tournament Dates (*through Aug 2019*)

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.
4/12-14	Akron Spring Sect.	6/3-9	Cincinnati RGNL	7/12-14	Pittsburgh Sect.
4/22-28	Gatlinburg RGNL	6/10-16	District 5 STaC	8/02-04	Rocky River Sect.

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

At the Monday Night game on February 4, 2019 - hand # 1 presents an interesting bid and play of hand. You have probably heard of "**dummy reversal**". Here is how it works on this hand. The auction:

2S - P - 3S - X

P - 4H All Pass

After a weak 2 bid by North, South made a good "further the preempt" bid of 3S. That makes West's bid more difficult, but X is a good bid. East should make the Match Point bid of 4H rather than 4D.

The play: South leads a Spade won by West. A small heart is led and East gets a surprise of a singleton Queen by North. Next a diamond is played and the finesse is taken (this is getting better and better). Now comes the play to start a dummy reversal - ruff a Spade. A diamond again and ruff another Spade with the 9. East's last heart is played to pull trump. While trumps are being played, East can discard the Club suit and claim the rest with the good Diamond suit. Declarer is able to discard losers while dummy is pulling trump - thus a dummy reversal!

Firestone-Cathy's DBC

Board 1	♠ K J 10 8 5 2	
North Deals	♥ Q	
None Vul	♦ 4	
	♣ J 10 9 7 3	
♠ A 9 7		♠ 3
♥ K J 10 6		♥ A 9 5 3
♦ A Q J 6		♦ 10 9 7 5 3 2
♣ 8 5		♣ K 4
		♠ Q 6 4
		♥ 8 7 4 2
		♦ K 8
		♣ A Q 6 2

Partnering with a More Experienced Player (*by Janet McKee – guest contributor*)

On March 5th, the Tuesday evening games were combined; 0-100 players partnered with Open players for the evening's Bridge. While playing with a more experienced player can be intimidating, there are invaluable advantages. You receive immediate feedback on the hand - a different bid you might have made or how a simple change in the way you played the hand could have changed the output. The Open players don't hesitate to offer praise either when your game is 'spot on'. A lot can be learned by just watching these players as they play the game – bidding, leading, a successful finesse, defense – I always learn something.

We have to remember that the Open players were sitting in our seats at one time. I think they all remember that and therefore are not critical but supportive. This quarterly game isn't only to the benefit of the less experienced players – it allows the open players to see how far they have come!

In closing, I would encourage everyone to participate in this game. It gives us everything we are looking for out of our Bridge games – an opportunity to learn, challenge our minds, camaraderie, and most importantly an evening of fun!!

TIDBITS:

- ✿ REMEMBER - Our Unit 107 **Annual Meeting** is on May 19th. Mark your calendar and plan to come. Great food, Awards, and Bridge! Flyers at Clubs and on the website - www.akronbridge.org
- ✿ *There are three kinds of bridge players: 1. Those who can count, and 2. Those who can't.*