

# July 2019

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ◆ New Member – Patty Chapman
- ◆ Club Master – Ruth Wood
- ◆ Sectional Masters – Pat Bartholomew, Janet McKee, Roberta McNulty, Myrtle Muntz, Alice Spickler and Sally Thomas
- ◆ Life Master – Melanie Gura

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

7/12-14	Pittsburgh Sect.	9/20-22	<b>Akron Autumn Sect.</b>	10/19-20	Canton Sect
8/02-04	Rocky River Sect.	9/28-29	Erie Sect	10/25-27	Pittsburgh Sect.
9/03-08	Pittsburgh RGNL	10/05-06	Erie GNT / NAP	11/01-03	Rocky River Sect.
9/14-15	Youngstown Sect.	10/15-20	Buffalo RGNL		

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

Every bid you make over a 1NT opener should have meaning. If partner opens 1NT, be sure to have an understanding of all three-level bids. There are many ways to show weak hands so it is best to use all three-level bids to show good hands.

At the Unit Game on June 14, 2019 hand # 6 is a good example for North/South to have an understanding of how to show a good distributional hand over partner's 1NT opener. South opens 1NT and North needs to tell partner they have a good hand and 5/5 in the minors. One solution to this is bidding "3D". Now the 1NT opener must be careful not to bid 3NT since there is no heart stopper. The auction that follows is by partnership agreement. On this hand 5 diamonds is a great contract.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> several pairs were in 3NT going down! The 3D bid would prevent this.

Dir: E			<b>6</b>
Vul: EW		J 2	
		7	
	10	AQ 10 9 3	
	10 4	K 10 9 5 3	
	16		
	9 8 7 4	10 6 3	
	AKQ 6 5	J 8 4 3 2	
	J 4	6 5	
	8 4	Q J 6	
		AKQ 5	
		10 9	
		K 8 7 2	
		A 7 2	

### The Akron Bridge Association Unit 107 presents its 2019-20 Board Officers

President – Bob Ryan	Webmaster – Ron Manne	GNT/NAOP Coord. – Kevin Phipps
Vice President - Bruce Cahoon	IMP League – Subhash Agarwal	Public Relations – Karlan Kamerer
Secretary – Leslie Bain	Hospitality – Melanie Gura	Publicity – Paula Rabinowitz
Treasurer – Indira Agarwal	Holiday Party – Gary Collinson	Tournaments – Kenneth Gibson

In addition, we have the following 'non-voting' board members:

Membership – James Fasnacht	Business Manager – Susan Manne
Disciplinary Chair – Marvin Shapiro	Recorder – Richard Early

### TIDBITS:

- ◆ Remember to send any information regarding a member's notable life events (accolades, births, illnesses, operations, death, etc.) to our new Sunshine Coordinator, Melanie Gura – 330-650-2383 or [meltg@aol.com](mailto:meltg@aol.com). Melanie will send the appropriate card from our Bridge unit.
- ◆ Thought you might enjoy the following Bridge information - *"No doubt there are "bridge widows" much as there are "golf widows," but the term is not heard much, perhaps because women are as likely to become fascinated by bridge as are men. Alfred Sheinwold, who wrote extensively about bridge throughout his lifetime, when asked whether men or women were better players, answered "both." This was not merely a diplomatic exit from a potentially embarrassing situation; it was the truth. By way of explanation, Sheinwold noted that at the very highest levels most of the best players are men; they dominate championship events that are open to both sexes. But at all other levels, women are more successful. In particular, most wives play better than their husbands (though very few husbands would admit it, or even believe it)."*