

August 2019

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

Up the Ladder (Congratulations):

- ♣ Club Master – Judith Volk
- ♣ Regional Master – Herb Moss
- ♣ Life Masters – Bruce Cahoon and Stephanie Frank
- ♣ Bronze Life Master – Jacquelyn Fuller
- ♣ Silver Life Masters – Subhash Agarwal and Vivian Shanafelt
- ♣ Ruby Life Master – Mathew Van Sickle

Tournament Dates (through November 2019)

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

Hand of the Month' (by Dick Early)

WATCH THE SPOTS!!!! Hand # 24 presents a very simple defense if you watch the spots carefully. 4 Spades should never make. I am going to give you an auction that took place at my table:

1H - 2D - 2S - P
3C - 3D - 6S - All Pass

The opening lead is the Diamond 7, won by North. Next play is Club King. 6 was made 3 times, 5 made once. The contract should go down.

Board 24	♠ J 5 2
West Deals	♥ —
None Vul	♦ A J 10 9 4 3
	♣ K Q 5 3
♠ —	♠ A K Q 10 9 6 3
♥ A K Q J 10	♥ 5
♦ Q 6 5 2	♦ K 8
♣ J 8 6 2	♣ A 10 4
	♠ 8 7 4
	♥ 9 8 7 6 4 3 2
	♦ 7
	♣ 9 7

Commentary: North made an overcall on a 10-point hand with a void, which is questionable since 2-level overcalls should only be made with opening values. Overcalling a second time to show a 6-card suit should never be done (that shows a very good hand). When the Diamond 7 is led, North knows it is a singleton since it is the lowest Diamond (East should play the King under the Ace to "muddy the waters"). Since North knows South had a singleton diamond, the Diamond Jack must be played showing "suit preference" to South - return the higher-ranking suit, Hearts. South will return a Heart with North ruffing and another diamond is played. East will eventually lose at least 1 Club. Down 3 or 4. Be careful to watch the "Spot Cards"!

TIDBITS:

- ♦ The Thursday evening 0-100 game at Quirk will finish their 4th book on Aug. 1st and have supervised play for the rest of August.
- ♦ It is time to sign up for 2019 IMP League. Dates are: Oct. 4th, 11th, 25th and Nov. 8th. Flyers are available on the website and at club games. Subhash Agarwal is getting ready to make this another outstanding season. Note: Kevin Phipps has a lesson printout on IMP team play available upon request.
- ♦ A little poetry always helps:

*I'm giving up Bridge. Tonight's my last night.
It's amen to Staymen, I give up the fight.
The insults and muddles are giving me troubles,
And I can't sleep at night for thinking of doubles.*

*My cards are all rotten and I have forgotten
Who's played and what's trump and what's gone on my right!
So, I leave with few words but some that are true,
Bridge is a game - not for me but for you.*

*So be kind to your partners and don't mind their cheek.
For it's only a game - Oh! Yes, I'll see you next week.*