

September 2019

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ◆ New Member – Keith Kaufman
- ◆ Club Master – Suellen Mazurowski

Tournament Dates (*through November 2019*)

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

Hand of the Month (*by Dick Early*)

In the Quirk Open game of 7/16/19 hand #4 illustrates a good defensive play by East. The contract is 3NT by North and the opening lead is the Diamond 3. West wins the trick with the King, and the correct return to show count is the Diamond 8.

If East wins this trick, North has 9 tricks to make 3NT: 3Spades, 3 Hearts, 1 Diamond and 2 Clubs.

The correct play by East is to "duck" the Diamond return (since there is no entry). Before declarer can collect 9 tricks, they must take a losing Heart finesse and West will lead the third Diamond setting the contract. The only way this defense can take place is East refusing to win trick 2!

Dir: W
Vul: All

12	AJ6	4
9 6	Q83	
13	J107	
	KJ95	
K7532	8	
K97	1065	
K85	A9632	
82	Q1074	
	AJ42	
	Q4	
	A63	

New Way to Call the Director

Unit 107 is on the cutting edge of technology with our Bridgmate software. We have invested in a software addition that allows players to call the director by using the Bridgmate device at their table instead of calling "Director please." It is not always in use at our games, but when it is, you will see a choice labeled 'Call TD' on the second button from the right on the Bridgmate at your table. When you press that button, the Bridgmate will ask if you REALLY want to call the Director. If you do, a pager will sound informing the Director of a call and tell the Director which table needs assistance. Hopefully, especially at our Sectionals, this will cut down on wondering if the Director has heard your call!

Live for Clubs

ACBL has introduced a new way for us to view our results from playing at club games. For the last few years, the ACBL website has supported ACBL LIVE where you can view the results from any tournament anywhere sponsored by ACBL. A few months ago, ACBL introduced LIVE FOR CLUBS. You can access the information either by visiting www.akronbridge.org and clicking on "Local Clubs" or by visiting www.acbl.org and clicking on "Clubs," "Live for Clubs." Once you are in LIVE FOR CLUBS you can choose 'Favorites' so the games you are most interested in will be available to you quicker and easier. Of course, it will take some getting used to, but hopefully this will be a good addition.

TIDBITS:

- ◆ Remember to sign up for 2019 IMP League. Dates are Oct. 4th, 11th, 25th and Nov. 8th. Note: We currently have enough teams registered to offer A, B and C brackets. So, fill out the form and get registered!
- ◆ *Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.*