

# February 2020

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ♣ New Members – Kim Becker and Tim Frosell
- ♣ Club Masters – Millicent Agnor and Deb Lawver
- ♣ Sectional Masters – Matthew Ischay and Mary O'Connor
- ♣ Regional Master – Mary Dunham
- ♣ NABC Master – Jan Egdell
- ♣ Silver Life Masters – Richard Edwards



### Tournament Dates (*through May 2020*)

2/22-23 - Canton Sect.	3/18-29 - Columbus NABC	4/24-26 - Buffalo Sect.
3/06-08 - Pittsburgh Sect.	4/03-05 - Titusville, PA Sect.	5/02-03 - Erie GNT/NAP
3/13-15 - Akron Spring Sect.	4/17-19 - Rocky River Sect.	5/19-25 - Independence RGNL
	4/20-26 - Gatlinburg RGNL	

### What ACBL has to say about **ZERO TOLERANCE**

The ultimate purpose of the Zero Tolerance policy is to create a much more pleasant atmosphere in our games and tournaments. We are attempting to eradicate unacceptable behavior in order to make the game of Bridge more enjoyable for all. Below are some examples of commendable behavior, which, while not required, will significantly contribute to the improved atmosphere:

- Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.
- Greeting others in a friendly manner.
- Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents.
- Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This is a regulation, not just a nicety.)

The following are some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated.

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called immediately. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited.

### Tidbits

- ♣ Good luck to all the Mentor/Mentee teams that are participating in Unit games during Feb, March and April. At this time there are 27 teams ready to start this educational adventure. Looking forward to reporting on their progress and success.
- ♣ *After declarer goes down in a makeable contract because of inspired but faulty defense, this exchange takes place:*

*Declarer [to RHO]: You're an idiot!*

*RHO: DI-REC-TOR!*

*[Tournament Director arrives]*

*TD: What seems to be the problem?*

*RHO: This man called me an idiot.*

*TD [to Declarer]: Are you aware of our Zero Tolerance policy?*

*Declarer: Of course. And I have zero tolerance for idiots!*

