

March 2020

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ♣ New Members – Andrea Blazer and Joanne Tortoriello
- ♣ Junior Master – Jean Gulyas
- ♣ Sectional Master – Mardy Walling
- ♣ Silver Life Master – Susan Manne



Tournament Dates (*through June 2020*)

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| 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 |
| 3/18-29 - Columbus NABC | 4/24-26 - Buffalo Sect. | 6/15-21 - Dist.5 STaC |
| | | 6/26-28 - Canton Sect. |

Hand of the Month (*by Dick Early*)

I did not play at the Firestone Game on January 20, 2020 but I did observe the results on Board 1. The correct contract should have been 3NT in the West. The real reason to go over this board is to answer this "?". The correct contract was reached 4 times (out of 7). Two pairs made 5, one made 3, and one went down. Three pairs did not reach game. I do not mean to pick on the lesser results, but I do want to go over easy understandings.

The logic on the auction (1H - 2C - P - ?) should be: The 2C overcall shows an opening bid and a decent club suit. West has an opening bid and a heart stopper. Opening hand + opening hand = Game. Bid 3NT!

If East does not overcall 2C, the auction should go: 1H - P - P - 1NT This balancing NT should be 12 - 15. East has 13 so here we go again, opening hand + opening hand = Game!! East should bid 3NT!

Why 3NT was only reached 4 times is the reason for "?".

By the way when West is playing 3NT, they KNOW where all the points are: The spade Ace is on side, take the club finesse, and do not take the diamond finesse - play for a doubleton King. Remember North did open the bidding! I hope this helps those that went wrong.

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| Dir: N | ♠ AQJ | 1 |
| Vul: None | ♥ J 10 6 5 4 | |
| 14 | ♦ K J | |
| 13 13 | ♣ Q 9 7 | |
| 0 | | |
| ♠ 10 9 | ♠ K 8 3 | |
| ♥ K 7 3 2 | ♥ AQ 8 | |
| ♦ AQ 10 8 2 | ♦ 7 4 | |
| ♣ A 8 | ♣ K J 6 4 2 | |
| | ♠ 7 6 5 4 2 | |
| | ♥ 9 | |
| | ♦ 9 6 5 3 | |
| | ♣ 10 5 3 | |

Tidbits

- ♣ Have you picked up your 2020 Directory? They should be available at your local club. Be sure to check off your name on the list so that we know you received one. Questions – contact Leslie Bain at lbain220@gmail.com
- ♣ Sometimes you just need a bit of a giggle. These never get old.

