

May 2020

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

Up the Ladder (*Congratulations*):

- ♣ Club Master – Bobbie Friedlander
- ♣ Sectional Master – Nancy Koly
- ♣ NABC Master – Rita Markunas
- ♣ Bronze Life Master – Gwen Gerber



Tournament Dates (*through Sept. 2020 – cancelled tournaments indicated – may change*)

5/02-03 – Erie GNT/NAP	7/17-19 - Pittsburgh Sect.	9/01-07 - Pittsburgh RGNL
5/19-25 – Independence RGNL	8/07-09 - Rocky River Sect	9/18-20 - Akron Fall Sect.
6/15-21 - Dist.5 STaC	8/15-16 - Dist.5 GNT/NAP	9/26-27 - Youngstown Sect.
6/26-28 - Canton Sect.		

Bridge Lessons – new day/time and on Zoom (*Kevin Phipps, Instructor*)

Starting on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 PM, I will be offering lessons on the books we have been using during Thursday's Education games. The first one on May 6th will be on responding to a partner's 1NT.

Rest of May Lessons:

- ♣ May 13th we'll begin the **'Play of the Hand in the 21st Century'**. First lesson is 'Making a Plan'.
- ♣ May 20th - 'Developing Tricks - Promotion and Length'
- ♣ May 27th - 'Developing Tricks - the Finesse'

Don't want to go any further out -- with the hope we might be back in June. Don't really think so, but we can always hope!!!

To join the Zoom meeting please email me at krapakron@gmail.com and I will send you an invitation. Class size is limited to 100 students. And best of all -- NO CHARGE!!!

Message from the Board (*by Bob Ryan, President*)

Online Bridge at www.bridgebase.com is now available to all ACBL members with many options from which to choose. The cost to play varies from free to maybe as much as \$5 per game. It is a bit quicker than sitting live at the table with your partner and the opponents, but there is still room for quick comments and greetings, while the play is similar to live action. It is impossible to bid out of turn, to lead out of turn, or make an insufficient bid. It is also impossible to get a snack, unless you have some available near your device. The hands are timed for efficient play, and the new hands roll out quickly upon completion of the prior round.

If you would like to get started but don't know where to begin, I encourage you to contact Bruce Cahoon, Jim Fasnacht, Ken Gibson, Paula Rabinowitz, Indira or Subash Agarwal, Melanie Gura or Bob Ryan for help.

Many of the Akron-Canton online games are directed by Kevin Phipps in association with Dick Early and Sue Becker. For the dates and times of existing games and for finding the names of other players and their online usernames, I urge you to check our website at www.akronbridge.org.

Generally, at this time of year, we recognize the outstanding play of our members who have won individual awards in the following categories: Mini-McKenny, Ace of Clubs, the Holland Award or the Hugh Weinberg Award. Congratulations to each winner, and I will be sending their awards to them shortly. Usually along with winning comes facial recognition and a hearty round of applause. These are not ordinary times, but each is to be commended.

I cannot determine at this time when we will get back to live games, but when we do, I am sure it will be done so in the safest manner imaginable, because we value the good health of all our members. Until that time, I encourage you to have fun and enjoy our great game of Duplicate Bridge.

2019 Winners – Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney, Holland and Hugh Weinberg Awards

	Ace of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
Rookie 0-5 MP	Millicent Agnor Betty Jennings Lawrence Pulliam	19.83 15.77 10.68	Betty Jennings Millicent Agnor Lawrence Pulliam	35.79 20.32 15.04
Junior Master 5-20 MP	Barbara Brunot Carol Lenk Dennis Lenk	24.47 16.55 16.55	Barbara Brunot Suzanne Lipps Carol & Dennis Lenk	26.62 22.53 19.03
Club Master 20-50 MP	Myrtle Muntz Gary Collinson Judythe Hummel	38.20 25.49 23.26	Myrtle Muntz Janet McKee Gary Collinson	99.02 44.71 40.24
Sectional Master 50-100 MP	Frank Koelliker James Gesler Barbara Ann Cox	33.58 25.73 23.00	Frank Koelliker James Gesler Terrence O'Connor	66.68 52.90 39.07
Regional Master 100-200 MP	Phillip Brewer Rita Markunas Bob Egdell	60.68 48.87 42.65	Rita Markunas Bob Egdell Jan Egdell	75.44 68.43 66.90
NABC Master 200-300 MP	Melanie Gura Arlene Markey Margaret Niemeyer	77.39 60.56 60.07	Melanie Gura Arlene Markey Margaret Niemeyer	150.39 128.93 76.69
Life Master 300-500 MP	Jean Klinkenberg Jacquelyn Fuller Kevin Phipps	122.53 92.23 52.08	Jean Klinkenberg Jacquelyn Fuller Kevin Phipps	194.53 149.54 123.48
Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP	Bruce Cahoon James Fasnacht Paula Rabinowitz	205.17 111.04 90.12	Bruce Cahoon James Fasnacht Susan Manne	306.78 165.12 146.45
Silver Life Master 1000-1500 MP	Mathew Van Sickle Robert Ryan Ann Collins	159.98 84.57 83.53	Mathew Van Sickle Robert Ryan Ann Collins	225.38 200.03 143.44
Ruby Life Master 1500-2500 MP	Judith Shapiro Marvin Shapiro Barbara Schidlowski	164.46 137.80 131.07	Judith Shapiro Marvin Shapiro Monica Early	235.71 206.99 189.52
Gold Life Master 2500-3500 MP	Jayne Stahr Tom Martin Carolyn Sullivan	92.32 85.23 56.60	Jayne Stahr Tom Martin Susan Bedall	150.50 121.35 71.68
Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP	Gladys Martin Richard Traxler Mina Ronen	145.55 136.46 128.57	Gladys Martin Richard Traxler Mina Ronen	212.95 177.14 170.80
Emerald Life Master 7500-10,000 MP				
Emerald Life Master 10,000 + MP	Dick Early	141.58	Dick Early	269.60

Holland Award: Monica & Dick Early won for receiving the most Master Points at the two Akron Sectionals.

Hugh Weinberg Award: Bruce Cahoon won for receiving the most Master Points at Club games.

