

June 2020

Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ♣ New Member – Cathy Clark
- ♣ Junior Master – Walid Kahwaji



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

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

* *The above Tournaments are listed as 'scheduled' according to ACBL. Their status is likely to change due to continued Covid 19 threat. Please always check the ACBL listing and contact the Tournament Chair to get the latest status.*

Hand of the Month (*by Dick Early*)

Just too make sure you make the correct lead against a NT contract hand here is a good example. If East plays 1NT, the South should lead the Club Q. This is a "book" lead to ask partner to deposit the Jack if they have it. If you lead the King and all play small, the declarer may have AJX. The lead of the Queen removes the doubt since partner will obey and play the Jack.

This type of lead is marked on the convention card in bold print. If you do not play, be sure to add it to your defense.

Dir: N	♠ A J 5 4 3
Vul: All	♥ 3
6	♦ 9 6 4 2
6 15	♣ J 4 3
13	
♠ 8 7 6 2	♠ 10 9
♥ 7 6 2	♥ A Q J 10 5
♦ A Q 8	♦ K J 7 5
♣ 8 5 2	♣ A 7
	♠ K Q
	♥ K 9 8 4
	♦ 10 3
	♣ K Q 10 9 6

Mentoring Update (*by Bruce Cahoon, Unit Mentor/Mentee Chairperson*)

On May 31st, our newly revised Mentor/ Mentee program will come to an end. The program started on Feb 1st and was designed to be 3 months in duration. When the virus disrupted play in the middle of March, the program came to a halt. But when BBO with the help of our Kevin Phipps instituted virtual club games in April, I sent out updated communication to all participants to finish the program by the end of May online. In many cases, the functionality of BBO enabled our mentors to review hands in more detail, then with hand records, since BBO allows participants to replay an entire hand starting with the lead.

In the beginning of June, all participants - there were 27 in all - will receive a brief survey to provide the Board with feedback on whether to continue, and if so, how often, along with other suggestions for improvement. Once all surveys have been finalized and analyzed, there will be a virtual meeting using Zoom to review the findings. The only downside would be that participants will need to provide their own pizza!!

The Longest Day, June 21, 2020 (*by Bob Ryan, Unit 107 President*)

Many of you remember that we, as ACBL members, support The Alzheimer's Association both locally and on a National basis. This year is slightly different than others in that we are not able to gather any dollars at live local games on either June 20 or 21. Last year, if you will remember, we were able to donate a good portion of the profits from our Sectional Tournament to the local support team for Alzheimer's locally. There was also separate fundraising done by the CF Women's Club and some of our other privately owned games

Local games being run on BBO the week of June 15-20 will have a special where part of the proceeds from those games will go from ACBL National to the National Association of Alzheimer's Support. Additionally, we the members of Unit # 107 would like to raise some money locally, and we will combine the proceeds of all of our games private and unit-owned to make a single gift to Alzheimer's.

All of those who are willing, I ask that you make your check out to **Akron Bridge Association** and mail it to either Judy Taylor, 1624 Highbridge Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 442233-2363 (if you are a member of the CFWC) or to Indira Agarwal, 2505 Londonderry Dr. Akron, OH 44333-2944 (if you aren't a member of the CFWC).

Just because of the Pandemic, there is no lessor need this year than in any other year to help fight this terrible, debilitating disease. Please help if you feel so inclined. Thank You.

Tidbits

- ♣ Welcome back to all the 'Snowbirds' that have returned to Ohio from their winter homes in the south. Although at this time we can't welcome you in person, we hope to see you on-line!!
- ♣ Your Unit 107 Board is now meeting via Zoom. It is fun to see all the long hair, casual surroundings, and occasional pet that wanders into the room. Do miss the pizza, but we have our coffee and even watched Ken Gibson make lunch.
- ♣ **Reminder** – On each Tuesday evening following the 6:30 PM game, Dick Early conducts a review on Zoom of the hands just played.
- ♣ And, of course, a few silly chuckles
 - ✓ *I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.*
 - ✓ *You know what they're saying about 2020. It went viral faster than anyone thought it would.*
 - ✓ *What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.*

