

# August 2020

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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### Up the Ladder (*Congratulations*)

- ♣ Club Master – Lawrence Pulliam
- ♣ Sectional Masters – Carey Clowser, Thomas Jackson and Betty Jennings
- ♣ Regional Master – Phillip Brewer



### Status of Our Virtual Games and On-Line Lessons (*by Kevin Phipps*)

We held our first on-line BBO game on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Since then (through July 21<sup>st</sup>) we've held 114 games. We have had 213 unique players and 3,242 plays in our Virtual Clubs.

Our Wednesday night class is on hiatus until Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. We have held 7 Zoom classes with an average attendance of 20 and have had 99 views of our recorded Zoom lessons.

Every Tuesday, following the Virtual game, Dick Early reviews interesting hands of the past week. We've averaged 4 people attending the live events and have had 42 views of the recorded Zoom sessions.

The first Tuesday of every month Dick Early teaches a lesson. June was 'Defensive Card Combinations,' July was 'Overcalls,' and on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm he'll be teaching 'Inverted Minors'. In addition to the live participants, there have been 19 views of Dick's lessons.

The links for all the recordings is on [www.akronbridge.org](http://www.akronbridge.org). If you want a link to the Zoom meeting, send a request to [krpakron@gmail.com](mailto:krpakron@gmail.com).

### Cheating Online

**Your Unit 107 Board would like to add their endorsement to the following statements from ACBL.** More information can also be found in the July Bridge Bulletin.

"It's easy to cheat at online bridge, but it's hard to get away with it! Every call and play are recorded. In addition to player reports, there are automatic surveillance tools to alert the operators to potential cheating. If you are caught cheating in an ACBL-sanctioned game, the online club will bar you. In addition, you will be subject to ACBL discipline. We are doing everything we can to maintain the integrity of these games so that honest players can be confident of a fair contest."



### Tidbits

- ♣ **UPDATE:** Last month we reported a \$325 donation from our membership to the **Alzheimer Association**. We're pleased to announce that the total has grown to \$1,550.00.
- ♣ Please note that the **Silver Linings Bridge Week** that started on July 27<sup>th</sup> is still in progress through August 2<sup>nd</sup>. All our virtual games during this time will feature silver point winnings and be twice the ordinary point count. For this week only there are 2 extra games: Aug 1<sup>st</sup> (299er game at 3 PM) and Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> (open game at 2 PM).
- ♣ You should have received an email announcing our **On-Line Fall IMP League** planned for 6 consecutive Fridays (Sept 25 – Oct 30). Please consider forming a team and joining the fun. Complete details can be found on our website.
- ♣ And we leave you with some sensory joys that come with this month. *August is ripening grain in the fields blowing hot and sunny, the scent of tree-ripened peaches, of hot buttered sweet corn on the cob. Vivid dahlias fling huge tousled blossoms through gardens and joe-pye-weed dusts the meadow purple.*

