

# September 2020

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

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

- ◆ New Member – Gail McCready
- ◆ Junior Master – Tim Frosell
- ◆ Ruby Life Master – Paul Holmes



### What is “Another 2020 Unit Game”?

In this brave new world of 2020, where everything is a little bit different, we're pleased to offer for your enjoyment **ANOTHER 2020 UNIT GAME**. We'll be playing on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM both days. There will be an Open section and a 299er section each evening. The games will be 18 boards at 6 minutes per board, and the proceeds will benefit Unit 107. Mark your calendars and plan on playing! *Note:* If you want to invite a friend from another unit, please contact Kevin Phipps with their BBO name so he can get them set up to play. Kevin's email is: [krpakron@gmail.com](mailto:krpakron@gmail.com)

### Wednesday evening Bridge Classes cancelled (*by Kevin Phipps*)

This was the week our virtual classes were scheduled to resume. However, the Vichill League (that had played on Wednesday evenings during the summer) has announced they are only taking a 3 week break until they begin playing again. Since there are already games on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights - that doesn't leave us an evening for the classes. SOOOOO, unfortunately, we are cancelling our Wednesday evening classes until further notice. I have sent an email to previous class attendees with information on websites that provide instruction. Also, there are 'A' players in our Unit more than willing to assist anyone with BBO assistance and to provide pointers/tips on Bridge play.

### A Very Busy Man!

By now you should all be aware of the myriad Bridge-related tasks Kevin Phipps performs. He keeps our Unit's virtual Bridge world humming; be it directing, teaching, or explaining the ever-changing intricacies of the ACBL world. Well, now that local schools are back in session, Kevin has accepted a position of 'Super-Sub' with the Akron School System at the American Inventor's Hall of Fame School. Can't think of a better use for Kevin's many talents. After his full-time teaching, he'll still be directing Bridge in the evenings and on weekends. Good luck Kevin, those are some lucky kids!



### Tidbits

- ◆ Have you signed up to play in the **IMP League** Tournament? The Sept 11<sup>th</sup> deadline for entries is fast approaching. Don't be left out of the fun, **sign up NOW**. See the website for entry forms and complete details.
- ◆ A long-time Bridge player, Paul Snyder, passed away recently after suffering a fall. Our condolences go to his family and friends.
- ◆ Start the month of September off with a brush-up on some Bridge conventions. Dick Early will be teaching a lesson on splinters and Jacoby 2NT - Tuesday, Sept 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84600131130?pwd=dkdEeGQ2V1ArQkx3RW8xb0Uyam9PdZ09>
- ◆ And just for a giggle. *Sheryl accompanied Wayne, her bridge partner, to the doctor's office. After his checkup, the doctor called Sheryl into his office alone. "Wayne is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't follow my instructions carefully, he will surely die. Never point out any mistake he makes. Be pleasant at all times. Don't burden him with conventions and bidding systems. Always give him a hug when he feels down. And never discuss the hands. If you can do this for the next few months, I think Wayne will regain his health completely." On the way home, Wayne asked Sheryl, "What did the doctor say?" "He said you're going to die," she replied*