

# January 2021

## Akron Unit 107 Bridge

**Up the Ladder (Congratulations) and New Members (Welcome) – this is for Sep, Oct & Nov 2020**

- ◆ New Members – Lisa Redlich and Theresa Shamoon
- ◆ Junior Master – Val Pippis
- ◆ Club Master – Walid Kahwaji
- ◆ Sectional Masters – Suzanne Lipps, Susan Cook and Suellen Mazurowski
- ◆ Regional Masters – Judythe Hummel, Janet McKee and Margy Whapham
- ◆ Adv. NABC Masters – Bob Egdell and Jan Egdell
- ◆ Bronze Life Master – Melanie Gura
- ◆ Silver Life Masters – Jim Fasnacht, Ken Gibson, Keith Klafehn and Howard Essner
- ◆ Ruby Life Master – Robert Ryan



### Hand of the Month (by Dick Early)

Hand #16 from the 12/10/20 game is an interesting declarer play hand.

**The auction:**  
**P - P - 1H - P**  
**1S - P - 2H - P**  
**P - P**

South made an opening lead of a small spade (not best). East has a decision to make on a play from dummy. When you do not have a solid suit, be sure not to "commit" yourself. Play LOW. If the King appears, you win the whole suit. In this case you win with the 10. Some players may play a diamond to the Ace and finesse a heart. This is not a percentage play since you are always going to lose a heart trick unless North has Kx exactly. Your best play is to save the Diamond Ace to enjoy the Spade suit later. Just play the hearts from your hand: Ace and then the 10. But guess what - North had Kx – WOW - As long as the opponents do not attack Diamonds, you make an overtrick.

Dir: W	<b>16</b>
Vul: E-W	♠ 6 3
	♥ K 6
	♦ Q 9 5 3
	♣ K Q 8 7 5
	10
	7 11
	12
♠ Q 9 8 7 5	♠ A 10 4
♥ 4	♥ A Q J 10 8 3
♦ A J 10 4	♦ 8 7
♣ 9 4 3	♣ 10 2
	♠ K J 2
	♥ 9 7 5 2
	♦ K 6 2
	♣ A J 6

South's best lead - small Diamond - not dummy's bid suit.

### Tidbits

- ◆ On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> all of you having internet connections should have received an e-mail 'blast' from Bob Ryan, the subject being Dick Early's Tuesday Zoom lessons and the time change for our Unit's Friday game. Complete details are on the website: [www.akronbridge.org](http://www.akronbridge.org) on the **virtual games** page. Check the Calendar for dates/times of all our Unit games and events.
- ◆ Thanks to all of you that joined us on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> for our 'Holiday Bridge' game. We had enough tables for two sessions – in fact it was the largest on-line game that the Unit held in 2020. And all the Holiday themed chats were a fun addition.
- ◆ And I, for one, say goodbye to 2020. On many fronts, it has not been a good year. Here's to a much better tomorrow!!

