

The Shuffler

The Newsletter of the Petoskey Bridge Club



Spring 2013

2144 Cemetery Road

Petoskey, Michigan



Well, this winter was certainly longer and more severe than the last few winters. However, the temperatures are, at last, above freezing and spring is on its way.

During the winter, we had some difficulty with attendance particularly on Sundays. So, as an experiment, we held a Swiss team event twice per month - on the second and fourth Sundays. Would you like it to continue through the summer? Please let us know how you feel by completing the survey that will be sent to you soon.

I also promised to survey the membership regarding start times of our games. We will continue to hold the Sunday games at 1:30, but what is your preference regarding the weekday games? During the summer would you like the games to start at 12:30 (as has been the case for the past year) or would you prefer a 10:00 start time. Again, please let us know by completing that survey – check your email soon.

When the board meets in the near future we will be discussing another hot topic in a cold winter – our winter weather closing policy. If you have any other items you would like the board to discuss please let me know by sending me an email at larry-willis@chartermi.net

Several members have faced some major health issues this winter. David Muzzall had hip replacement surgery and then Margaret Ruemenapp and Kathi Kan had open-heart surgery (on the same day!). I am pleased to say they are all back at the club playing some great bridge. Recently Nancy DeWeese had back surgery and she is well on the road to recovery. Hurry back, Nancy. And best wishes to everyone else who may have faced difficulties this winter.

Happy Spring!

Larry

Spring • 2013 • Game Schedule

Sunday	1:30 pm	Open Game/Swiss 2nd and maybe 4th Sunday of Month
Tuesday	Noon	Mini-Lesson
Tuesday	12:30	0-199mp Game
Wednesday	12:30 pm	Open Game
Thursday	11:30 pm	Mini-Lesson
Thursday	12:30 pm	Open Game
Friday	12:30 pm	0-199mp Game

Petoskey Bridge Club 2013
Non-Profit Corporation Management

President - Larry Willis
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Board Director - Peter Cullman
Board Director - Dave Deal
Board Director - La Vonne Reed
Board Director - Mike Sears

Final 2012 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Awards and Final 2012 Mini-McKenney Awards

The ACBL is organized into Districts and Units. We are in District 12 (all of the lower peninsula and some of northern Ohio) and in Unit 195 (the entire western half of the lower peninsula). Many of our players reside in Unit 200, covering the North Eastern area of the state. The final awards listed below are for these two units. Let us know of any awards that you or others have received, from other parts of the country.

Ace of Clubs award winners were: Placing in the top ten in the various masterpoint races from Unit 195: Leslie Allen, Don Burkhardt, Joe Hollis, Mark Hess, Lynne Parker, Paul Nelson, Linda Roberts. From Unit 200 placing in first place in their races were: Ann Hyndman, John Hastie, Dale Thayer, Ginny Braidwood. Other winners: Grace Thayer, Nancy Nardizzi, Ginny Braidwood, Arlene Loca, Eva Walker, and Bob Kazmierowski,

Mini-McKenney award winners from Unit 195 were: Leslie Allen, Kathi Kan, Joe Hollis, Catherine Francis, Don Burkhardt, Mark Hess, Bernadette Burkhardt, Geoff Goldich, Paul Nelson, and Pam Ziegel. From Unit 200: First place winners: Dale Thayer, and Ginny Braidwood, Other winners: Grace Thayer, Nancy Nardizzi, and Arlene Loca, John Hastie, Eva Walker and Bob Kazmierowski.



First Place Winners from left: Ginny Braidwood, Dale Thayer, John Hastie and (not pictured) Ann Hyndman.

Call the Director When...

- Mike Sears

Last edition we spoke about calling the director when a claim is made that you disagree with, or simply don't understand. Importantly, recall that once a claim is made, subsequently "playing it out" is NOT allowed. **Call the director.**

When else should we call the director? Of course, call the director for the usual suspects: lead out of turn, revoke, bid out of turn, insufficient bid, etc. But there are also the "not so usual" ones for which you should call the director:

- A card dropped from the hand and exposed to another player. Is it a major penalty card or a minor penalty card or neither? What difference does it make?
- A Call made after a long, out-of-tempo pause for thinking. The rule presumes that many times such an out-of-tempo call provides unauthorized information to one's partner.
- A Call made in error by your displaying an erroneous selection from the bidding box. This mechanical error may be corrected depending upon when you realize what you've done. You should call the director and explain the situation AWAY from the table such that your explanation is not overheard and does not provide unauthorized information to your partner.
- A Call is made that should be Alerted, but is not. It may have affected the bidding. It may have affected the play. Opponents may have been harmed.

There is another set of reasons to call the director. These fall in the category of "Zero Tolerance" by the ACBL. They do not allow players to exhibit rude or inappropriate behavior. Unfortunately, this behavior will usually not be exposed unless someone calls the director. We request that YOU call the director when you encounter such behavior. Please. Examples include:

- Partners being critical at the table of one another's bidding or play.
- Partners discussing the previous hands at length, discussing what might have been or giving lessons. This should occur following the game session.
- Gloating by opponents: "Thanks for that lead." "That was a gift." "You should have made that contract."
- Intimidation by the opponents, which might look like not being greeted upon arrival to the table, a surly attitude, a snide comment, an aggressive claim.



Please remember that you are requested to call the director by the ACBL and by the club whenever any of these or similar instances occur. We're counting on you to do so.

What a treat we have in store for us this coming summer . . . an opportunity to win GOLD masterpoints without having to travel! Yes, that's right. Petoskey Bridge Club is the co-sponsor for Unit 195's annual Regional Tournament. It's the first time in history that the regional tournament has been held in the northern part of the state. With the high concentration of players in our unit living in the southern part of the state, the annual regional tournament has always been held in Lansing, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids. This year the unit has agreed to conduct a "split regional" tournament. What that means is that the tournament will be conducted simultaneously in two different locations with the results combined into a single overall result. (This applies to Pairs games. Swiss and Knockout team games will be scored as separate events.) We'll be playing in Petoskey at the same time others will be playing the same boards in Kalamazoo. Ahhh . . . the wonders of the digital world! Also, for the first time in our regional, GoldRush pairs competition will be played. That means that only players with less than 750 masterpoints are allowed to compete in these sessions for Gold masterpoints!

Dates for the tournament are Monday August 12 through Sunday August 18. Our portion of the tournament will be held in the large exhibition hall at the Odawa Casino. We've blocked hotel rooms at the Odawa Casino Hotel at very reasonable rates with food and gambling coupons included! So, mark your calendar for a great week of bridge, and invite your friends to come join us! We're looking forward to a terrific turnout, one that will help make this an annual event in Petoskey!



Continuing Education

Mike Sears will resume his series of free mini-lessons on Thursdays from 11:30-12:15. The class is designed for those who have played bridge many years ago and now would like to transition to modern bridge, and for those who are just beginning to learn the game. They are open to

anyone and you do not have to stay for the afternoon game in order to take advantage of this excellent source of instruction.



Upcoming 2013 Sectional and Regional Tournaments

- Furniture City Sectional - Grand Rapids April 25 - 27
- Frankfort Sectional - Frankfort May 3 - 5
- Wolverine Regional - Farmington Hills May 13 - 19
- Kalamazoo Sectional - Kalamazoo May 31 - June 2
- Bay City Regional - Bay City June 10 - 15
- Detroit District Sectional - Livonia June 20 - 23
- Capital City Sectional - Lansing June 28 - 30
- Glass City Sectional - Toledo July 12 - 14
- Saginaw Sectional - (Freeland) July 26 - 28
- Summer NABC - Atlanta, Ga. August 1 - 11
- K'zoo/Petosky split-regional August 12 - 19
- Harris (Escanaba) Regional August 19 - 25
- Russell Roosen Sectional - Livonia August 22 - 25
- Cherry City Sectional - Traverse City September 6 - 8



GET POINTS

ADJUSTED LOSING TRICK COUNT

From a lesson given by Jack Malstrom Summer 2012 part two



As part two continues, Jack continues to explain the nine ways he evaluates a bridge hand.

3. Fast Tricks (FT)

KQxx AKx Axx xxx This hand has 3FT. Just pretend you are on lead at a NT contract. How many tricks could you cash without losing the lead? **x x Axxxx AKQJx** This hand has 5FT.

4. Total Tricks (TT)

KQJ109xx xx xx xx This hand has 6TT at a spade contract. Following the rule of down 2-3-4 doubled you would:

- open 4 spades not vulnerable vs vulnerable (favorable vulnerability)
- open 3 spades vulnerable vs vulnerable or not vulnerable vs not vulnerable (equal vulnerability)
- open 2 vulnerable vs not vulnerable yes (unfavorable vulnerability) yes with a seven card suit.

(You are counting on partner to provide one trick for you. If partner has no trick the opponents can most likely make a slam.)

5. Losing Trick Count (LTC)

KQx AQJxx xxx Ax The Losing trick count for this hand is 6, so open one heart (or maybe one NT). I have purposely selected a hand that counts the same when using Standard Losing Trick Count or the Adjusted Losing Trick Count. Both methods count how many aces, kings and queens are missing. One is missing in spades, 1 in Hearts and 3 in diamonds and 1 in clubs. (There's only one loser in clubs because we don't count more losers in any suit than we have cards in that suit.) The correct total is six losers whether we use standard losing trick count (LTC) or the adjusted losing trick count.(ALTC).

6. Playing Tricks (PT)

Playing tricks is the most accurate way to evaluate your hand when you hold 5+ support for partner suit.

Kxxxx x Axxxx xx Partner has open one spade you're playing tricks are: $5 + 5 \div 2 - 1 + 1\frac{1}{2} = 5\frac{1}{2}$

You add the number of cards in the trump suit to the number of cards in your longest side suit ($5+5=10$) Then divide by 2. (In other words you are averaging the number of cards in your two longest suits ($10 \div 2=5$) and then subtract your shortest suit (1) suit and add your quick tricks $1\frac{1}{2}$ for a total of $5\frac{1}{2}$ playing tricks (PT).

$2\frac{1}{2} - 4$ PT = a single raise

$5\frac{1}{2} - 6$ PT = jump raise to game with one outside QT of the trump suit.

$4\frac{1}{2} - 5$ PT = you probably have a limit raise which is calculated differently.

7. Control Points (CP)

KJxx Ax Kxxxx AK Control points are critical when contemplating a slam contract. This hand have seven control points, counting 2CP for and ace and 1CP for a king. There are 12 control points in the deck, so that the average hand has 3CP. You can see that this example hand is rich in controls. If partner has open the bidding with 1S or 1D you are in the slam range.

8. Baze Pure points (BPP)

The great Grant Baze suggested a method to tell if your HCP are good (pure) or bad. Baze asks how many of your HCP appear on the QT chart: **AK=2 A=1 Kx= ½ AQ=1½ KQx=1. QJxx KQxx Qx AKx** This 17 HCP and has only 12 Baze Pure Points. **xxxx KQxx Qx AKx =12 BPP.** The remaining 5 HCP may be junk. **QJxx xxxx Qx xxx.** Later we will study JUNK more thoroughly when we discuss the Adjusted Losing Trick Count.

9. Rule of 20 (R20)

Marty Bergen developed this rule for opening the bidding: Add the number of cards in your two longest suits to the number of high card points in your hand. Other Bridge experts strengthen the rule of 20 it is now the rule of 20 including 2QT.

Extra Values

Two other enrichments that increase the value of your hand are texture and the number of major suit cards you hold.

- Texture which is also called body, asks how many cute Q-J-10-9-8 cards do you have in your long suits?
- You may be successful outbidding the opponents if your hand contains eight or more major suit cards.

...Look for the final lesson in the Summer newsletter



Some of our New Life Masters since the Petoskey Bridge Club was founded.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

- By Jean Carpenter

In this issue of the Petoskey Bridge Club Shuffler, we are proud to salute Tim Clagett, one of our World War II Veterans. Tim, now 91 years young, still plays a nice game of bridge with his dear wife Barb at our club.

During WWII, at the age of 20, Tim received his wings as a Navy fighter pilot in 1945. Thereafter he completed his training to take off and land on a Great Lakes vessel that had been converted to an aircraft carrier on Lake Michigan known as the USS SABLE. As Tim was then ready to report for combat in the South Pacific to fight the Japanese, WWII ended. Tim opted to return to the University of Michigan where under the GI Bill, he completed his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. Tim, along with two of his friends, founded Brettrager Engineering where he managed the manufacture and sale of machine tools.



Tim married his first wife, Ruth, while still in the navy, and had four children with Ruth. Ruth died of cancer. Tim then married Dale and after four more children, Dale also died of cancer. Tim then married Barb, and added three more children to his family. One son, Ed, was lost to cancer.

Barb, whom Tim has now been married to for 29 years was kept busy raising a large family of 11 children. About 10 years ago, because of her love for children, Barb took up painting portraits of children in water colors. She has also been a teacher and a pharmaceutical sales person, in charge of training sales and marketing personnel in five of the plants of Ross Laboratories. Tim, over the years has been active in all kinds of sports, golfing, sailing, etc. Barb is a member of a garden club and both are active in their church."



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Kay Blake and Jim Barrows

Record Run

-Kay Blake

A suggestion was made that our club members would be interested in an article about Jim Barrow's run for the Barry Crane Top 500 Award—especially since he plays at the Petoskey Bridge Club every summer. The two of us wrote a book, **Record Run**, about his year on the circuit. I agreed to work with him on this project because it was exciting to me although it took constant work every day of that year.

Jim convinced me that he would definitely win the event if he traveled around the country attending all the Nationals and larger Regionals. After all, he and his friend Roger Jourdan made a run (in the then named McKinney Race) in 1980 and placed second in the event. When Roger made Life Master he was the youngest Life Master in ACBL. He talked Jim into going on the road with him because he recognized his natural ability to play bridge. They joked about it at first and then one day Roger turned up with the necessary backing and it became a reality.

This run was in 1980. It would be quite different this time as Barrow was 11 years older and would be playing mostly with pick-up partners. Having a past professional career on the circuit, he wasn't at all apprehensive about finding suitable partners at each tournament. He was very positive he could do so, and indeed he did —amassing 3584.26 points! That record still holds today.

He communicated to me through emails and digital voice files so that I was able to write daily on the book. Whenever he made a stop in Lake Charles he would bring me all his game books for each partner so I could verify the information and check the figures with what ACBL reported just in case any of the scores were corrected. That in itself was a huge job. I can't remember how many adding machine tapes I used up!

The book includes 51 chapters, each averaging four or five pages with a wrap up at the end of each including a list of all games, partner of each, and points earned. Then figures at the end indicating where he stood in reaching his goal. He started with a goal of averaging 100 points at each National, 75 at each Regional and 25 for the Sectionals he would attend. He planned to play in a tournament every week of the year beginning on Jan 1. He had a list of 41 Regionals, 3 Nationals, and two Sectionals he planned to attend. Provided he met his goals at each it would add up to 3450 points—giving him a comfortable 180 point cushion for the projected goal of 3271. His final wrap up of his last tournament which was in Kansas was as follows: Total for Kansas City—68.64; Minimum goal—75.00; Grand Total for Year—3584.24; Status—Plus 133 .64; Project Goal—3271.00; Above Project Goal—313.26; above 1982 Record--324.26. Wow!

On Page 255 and 256 of the book were listed a few interesting statistics: 1) Traveled over 93,000 miles. 2) Stayed in 48 different hotels. 3) Played in 24 states and in in Canada 3 times. 4) Had 216 partners and teammates. 5) Played 18,504 hands of bridge. 6) Averaged 144.99 per National, 74.56 per Regional and 28.25 per Sectional. 7) He averaged 4.29 points per section session, 4.7861 per knockout session, 4.7138 for each Open Pairs and Continuous Pairs session; and 5.7095 for each Swiss team session 8) Average percentage in Pairs—58.86% 9) Top three partners and points earned with each: A) David Adams 978,27 B) Jim Robison—875.81 C) John Potter - 639.53 10. Lowest game of 1999—44.21% Highest game of 1999 - 72.92% played with Jim Robison Oct 6 in Colorado Springs.



Jim, Billy and Kay with the group from Lake Charles Louisiana

During his lifetime, Barry Crane accumulated more masterpoints (35,135.80) than any other player. At Crane's death, second placed Paul Soloway was approximately 11,000 behind; only in 1991, several years after Crane's death did Soloway surpass Crane's lifetime total. In honor and as a memorial to Crane, the ACBL renamed the award given to the player who accumulates the most Masterpoints in a single year playing tournaments to the Barry Crane Trophy, and the list of high Masterpoint attainers to the Barry Crane Top 500. Jim's achievement is truly astounding as testified by the fact that his record remains intact. Jim and Kay's book is available at Amazon.com. You will find a copy in our Library this summer.

... from the Editor



Connie



Joe



Paul



Pandy

Change in the Rank
Life Master: Connie Nasson

New Club Master: Marsha Harrison
 New NABC Master: John Hastie
 Eva Walker
 Silver Life Master: Pandy (Jane) Huff
 Joe Brubaker, Paul Nelson



We regret the loss of the following member
 James Edward Farner, MD
 Father, Physician, Family Patriarch,
 Fisherman and Bridge Life Master
 1/5/1923 - 3/6/2013

Give the Gift of Bridge

Bridge Bucks Gift Certificates are available at the Petoskey Bridge Club. Each Bridge Buck is good for one game at the Petoskey Bridge Club. There are unlimited ways for using these gifts. For birthday and special occasions, for a thank you, for apologies, are but just a few.

To purchase ask the director.
 Price is \$8.00 comes with an envelope and card with room to include a note.



Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide individuals opportunities to enjoy the competition of an ACBL sanctioned game of duplicate bridge, and opportunities to improve their own skill via play and lessons, while socializing with one another in a welcoming, friendly environment. We recognize the various levels of skill and confidence of our players, and agree that this mission statement applies to the novice/intermediate level players as well as the more experienced.

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