

District 4 Spot

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CARL CRONRATH

For those of you who do not know me, I suppose that the first thing I should do is introduce myself to you. I am a part of Unit 121, which consists essentially of Reading and Pottstown, Pennsylvania. As are all of the rest of you, we in our little unit are avid and enthusiastic about bridge. It goes without saying that I am excited to be your District President for the upcoming year, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve bridge, the District and all of you.

We are coming into a busy time of year. The holiday season is upon us, and all of us have many things to do that do not include bridge. But this is also a busy time for bridge, too. Perhaps you have attended the national tournament in San Francisco, but even if you did not, there are many bridge activities waiting for you nearby. Doing so should be a lot of fun. We have our District-wide STaC coming up in December. There are also sectional tournaments in the area, and, of course, don't forget all of the holiday parties at your local bridge clubs! Yes, it's a great time of year.



The New Year promises to be full of many exciting activities for all of us. I personally resolve to be a better and nicer Bridge player and partner in 2008. Those who know me know that this is my annual resolution. Keep your calendar open for the Harrisburg Regional, January 21-27. Bob Priest and his friends in Harrisburg always host a very nice affair.

Happy holidays and happy bridging! I hope to see many of you on the trail.

DISTRICT 4 WEBSITE

<http://web2.acbl.org/hosted/districts/d4web/iindex.htm>

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG ROBINSON

This year District 4 was permitted to test having the NAP Flight C event at clubs. Was it a success?

In June, every open club was sent a notice that on October 13th they would be allowed to participate in the District-wide NAP Flight C championship and award gold points at clubs. It wasn't easy to get players to sign up. Players were not use to playing at clubs on Saturday, they were not use to playing two sessions in one day at clubs, they had never had to play in a qualifying game to be allowed to participate at a club, and the game was restricted to non-life masters with under 500 points. However, by October 5th 11 clubs had indicated they would run the event. During the upcoming week, I was notified one by one that all three games scheduled for Unit 141 had folded. The District's largest Unit had no games. On October 13th, the day of the game, both clubs in Unit 112 failed to get the required five tables and those games were cancelled. The District's second largest Unit had zero games. But the event goes on, the remaining six clubs produced 50½ tables, 43 more tables than the year before.

Was the event a success? Early in the day I certainly was discour-

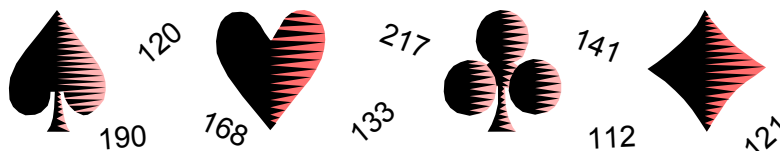
aged, but I did ask the club managers how their players liked the event. *"The Wilkes-Barre site hosted nine full tables. The response from the local members was very positive. Many of them seemed Impressed this game was being held simultaneously in four states."* (They were not aware the games in New Jersey had been cancelled and the games in New York had folded.) Walter Mitchell added, *"we urge the ACBL to make this an annual event"*. I have tried to do just



that in San Francisco, you can check the District website to see if I was successful. Bob Priest from Harrisburg wrote, *"Players were all raving about the event. (We) would hold it again in a second, if the ACBL permits. The club made money, so they have to be happy. Only charged \$16/person, including dinner between sessions."* And finally from Dini Romito *"THANK YOU for a great event. For most players, they experienced their first 2-session event. I encouraged attendance so they could get the flavor of a tournament event."*

Yes, the event was a success! It can be better, if someone is
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From The Four Corners



CENTRAL NEW YORK 112

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Minutes of the September Unit Board of Directors meeting are posted on our web site www.acblunit112.org. Ruth Fornell reported nominations for 2008 are President - Warren Marsland, Vice-President - Mark McDermott, Secretary - Bob Simard, Treasurer - Laura Krauss, and Executive Member at Large - Baxter, Ruth Richner, James Mary Miller. The annual meeting will be held at the Winter Sectional in Syracuse on Saturday January 12th.

Moving up the ranks August through October: Junior Master; Nancy Ahlers, Patricia Durgin, Anita Frech, Pat Kehoe, Ralph Lind, Mehdi Marvasti, Barbara Moon, Robert Norrris, Eleanor Peterson, Milton Sack, Trudi Tech, George Venizelos, Tom Aridgides, Lillias Oeinck, Connie Wood, Kay Kurz, Elaine Lyon, and Merle Piaraino. Club Masters; Donald Jones, Sandra Jones, Mary Shafer, Ryan Steinhilber, Frank Zicarelli, John Daly, Sheila Horowitch, Anna O'Leary, Len Rubens, James A Caruso, Dominic Colucci, Sondra Fagenenson, Komal Kamat, Jane Romal, Henry Salmin, Barbara Tessler, and Warren Tessler. Sectional Master; Colin Ingham, Lucille Loder, Veronica Eskridge, Andrew Perkins, Ludovic Puyraud, Millar Brace, and Mary Jo Whiehead. Regional Master; Letty Sakr, Mary Warner, Wayne Wilson, Abra Dennis, Mary Lou Hess, and Nancy Witt. NABC Master; John Callahan, Frank Cole, Janet Flanagan, Robert Rosenthal, Lucile Sallerson, Rosamona Younger, John Lute, Sarah Sullivan, and Joan Shibel. Life Master; Margaret Ferris. Russell Griitsch, Sam Mehta, June Meyer, Craig Smith, Mike Spitulnik, Joann Williams, Steven Hart, Nancy Mittleman, Ronald Mittleman, and Judy Verspa. Bronze Life Master Richard Hartz, Mike Spitulnik, Herbert

Wegener, Joann Williams, Leo Birmingham, Laura Distin, Anthony Auriemma, and Barbara McBride. Silver Life Master; Betty Ann Schmitz, Mike Spitulnik, Gerry Wildenberg, Yashu Maitra, and Elsie Jones. Congratulations all!



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New Ranks: Junior Master: Marion Fierman, Jenkins Township; Marianne Higgins, Shawnee On Delaware; Lois May, Kingston; Club Master: Sue Kluger, Kingston; Mary Beth Gower, Gouldsboro; Karin Smith, Pocono Pines; Sectional Master: Dorothy Filchak, Wilkes-Barre; Bernadine Luksic, Shavertown; Anne Medrick, Frackville; Bill Orth, Sugarloaf; Regional Master: Karen Wessell, Clarks Summit; David Bowen, East Stroudsburg; NABC Master: Kathleen Gilbert, Cresco; Richard Hetzel, Tobyhanna; Life Master: James Serio, Starlight; Jean Olcese and Tom Olcese, Shamokin; Gold Life Master: David Hall, Shavertown.

October 21, Annual Temple Israel Charity Game results: Judy Argento and Ray Depew won the game with a 68% game. Harriet

Goldman and Ruth Fallick were second.

Unit 120 NAP flight C - overall results: 1 Nancy Green, Walnut Port PA; Ged Manzi, Boynton Beach FL 59.86% 2. Frank Opshinsky, Dalton PA; George Mansour, Scranton PA 58.96% 3. Pamela Rothenberger - Patricia Rosenthal, Dallas PA 58.62% 4. Tee Zerfoss, Nanticoke PA; Margaret Curfman, Wilkes Barre PA 58.31%

Please see our advertisement on page 21 for the March Unit 120 Sectional to be held the first weekend in March. Hope to see you there.



LEHIGH VALLEY 133

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There is a new open game in the Lehigh Valley. It is on Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Lehigh County Senior Citizen's Center and will be held in addition to (separate event) their invitational game held at the same time. The unit board has worked hard to have additional open games that people who work would be able to attend. The Senior Citizen's Center graciously allowed this game at their facility. Please help support this game.

The unit games will also be held at the Senior Citizen's Center. On Thursday 13 December at 7:00 PM the unit will hold a DOLLAR pairs game as a way of promoting the unit games. Please come out to play. Additional upcoming unit games are Sunday 13 January at 1:00 PM (teams); Thursday 21 February at 7:00 PM (pairs); and Thursday 20 March at 7:00 PM (pairs). All of the unit games will be two separate events - one for players with less than 300 points and one event open. Players needing partners for these unit games or the Saturday morning games can contact John Schwartz at 610-391-0261 or email: schwartz1@enter.net.

The unit held its annual meeting and holiday party on 11 November at the Brookside Country Club. Else Gerbert did her usual great job in organizing the affair. Approximately one third of the membership attended. Elected officers are Julia Brooks, President; John Schwartz, Vice President; Else Gerbert, Treasurer; and Dolly Kaminiski, Secretary. Newly elected board members are Frank Kuebler, Ed Spitzer, and Jane Havighurst. Winners of the unit's annual trophies are as follows: Bonnie West Trophy (unit member with less than 50

mps) went to Charles Campbell; the Seely Trophy (unit member with less than 100 mps) went to Juliann Vadelund; the Foering Trophy (non life master unit member) went to Sam Litzenberger; and the Enberg Trophy (unit member with the most points won in LVBA events) went to Bob Cole.

The unit Spring Sectional will be 25 April thru 27 April, mark your calendars accordingly. Special congratulations to Valerie Barber for becoming a Gold Life Master.



BERKS MONTGOMERY 121

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The BMBU Fall sectional was held September 28 to 30 at the JCC. This was our first tournament held at this new site and by most accounts players were very pleased with the excellent playing conditions and ample parking space. Marge White did a great job with the hospitality. Her attention to detail is remarkable! Louise Remley, our tournament coordinator did her usual thorough job of discharging her responsibilities--arranging partnerships, obtaining sanctions, and other tasks associated with run-

ning a tournament. Betsy Kunkle- of organizing and publicizing the man again generously gave of her game. Due to an inadvertent time and energy in assisting with procedural glitch we are going to several aspects of running the postpone announcing the win-tournament. Thank you Marge, ners of this two-section unit Louise, and Betsy. Barry Gorski game. The October unit game won the masterpoint race and in was held in Pottstown and the the under-100 category Jeraldine winners were: Stratum A—Ann Kozloff earned the most master- Boyd and Evelyn Landis; Stratum points—congratulations! B—Doris Warner and Phyllis

Tom Weik the pre-eminent Ludy. The Hartman trophy winner—the player earning the most player of our unit (Travis, hurry up points in unit games over the and take this distinction away year—is Sandra Gebhardt, while from Tom) volunteered to deliver the Mini-Hartman winner (under- a series of four talks on various bridge topics. So far Tom has 100 category) is Ilea Tracey.

Later this month the general given two of these talks address- membership meeting of the unit ing strategy at IMPS, safety plays, will be held and directors and several other aspects of officers of the Unit Board for the bridge. Judging from the number of questions Tom was asked and coming year will be elected and other positive comments, his talks we wish them a very successful were very well received. It is term of office. Both my wife, noteworthy that Tom himself Susan, and I will be stepping took the initiative to propose down from our positions. We these talks with a view to further wish to thank all our fellow unit invigorate interest in bridge members for the opportunity to within and beyond our unit. On serve and the generous support behalf of all our fellow players, extended to us and other mem- we very enthusiastically thank bers of the board. We are espe- cially proud of the fact that in you, Tom.

The Hawley Quier Memorial spite of the unexpected and IMP pairs unit game was played in somewhat sudden loss of the August--Travis and Alfred Crump 'Bridge Room'—our home for the were the winners. In September past 40 years or so—we were the International Instant Match- able to continue bridge without a point game was played, Sue single missed day. Our new site Wessner did a very energetic job not only offers excellent playing

conditions but also is economically very viable which is so vital to the successful operation of our relatively low-budget bridge clubs and unit. Our newcomer, education and modernization initiatives notwithstanding, the most gratifying aspect of our job has been to be able to provide a social and recreational activity to our older bridge players (the majority of our membership and to our mind, the most important segment of the ACBL) on an ongoing basis—let us all reaffirm our resolve to continue to strive to make playing bridge a yet more reinforcing and positive experience.

Several of our members have continued to advance in ACBL rankings--Junior Master: Martin Bonk, Gloria Kintzer, and Rose-marie Reinsel. Club Master: Lucia Di Paolo. Sectional Master: John Boyce, Dolores Robinson, and Joan Scribner. Bronze Life Master: Raquel Yiengst. Congratulations to all advancing players and other achievers.

The Berks Montgomery Winter Sectional will be held February 15-18. The schedule and other details may be accessed both through the ACBL and the District websites. Happy Holidays to you and yours!!

CENTRAL PENN 168

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Hello Unit #168 Members! Here is a list of tournaments in the area for the Winter Season, So mark your calendars!

Jan 21-27 - Harrisburg Regional @ Harrisburg Hilton. Nothing better to do in the dead of winter? After the Holidays, why not attend the Harrisburg Regional? It's another "golden" opportunity!

Feb 24 - York 199er Sectional @ Bridge Boardroom.

March 14-16 - Chambersburg Sectional @ Community Center

April 4-6 - Lancaster Sectional @ Continental Inn

April 25-27 - White Rose Spring Sectional @ Springetts Fire Co.

Come out and support your local tournaments and please remember to "thank" the people that run these functions. There is a great deal of work involved.

Congratulations to Carl Leffler of Red Lion, PA for attaining Bronze Life Master! Way to go Carl!

Bridge Tip: Stay positive, when your opponents are making "doubled" contracts, think about how good that makes THEM feel!



DELAWARE 190

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During the Lancaster Regional in 2006, all of us in Unit 190 were so pleased to celebrate with Dave Treadwell as he reached the 25,000 masterpoint milestone. This year we had yet another milestone to celebrate with Dave...his 95th birthday. Along with cake, beverages, and snacks, good wishes for Dave were in abundance on September 20th at the Bridge Studio.

There are lots of upcoming special events in Unit 190. A five-day NLM Holiday Sectional is scheduled from November 29 - December 3. There will be a STaC Week from December 10 - December 16. And, the 2nd Annual Dave Treadwell Sectional is set for December 28 - December 31. Looking ahead, our annual Blue Hen Sectional will be held from February 22 through February 24. For additional information visit <http://www.unit190.org/Tournaments/sectional.html> or see the ad on Page 20. All these events will be held at the Bridge Studio.

Each year in September a new DSBA Board of Directors takes office. Officers for 2007 - 2008 are: President, Rick Rowland; Vice-President, Jess Stuart; Treasurer, Ward Schaumberg; Secretary,

Anne Taylor. Additional members are Jim Chao, Mary Pat McCrossin, Anna Delapo, Carole Everitt, Marie Filandro, Marie Grabowski, Tom Grabowski, Alan Horowitz, Richard Popper, Barbara Rhoades. Special thanks to outgoing board members Sue Corbett, Casey Dauphin, Denis Lasota, Cindy Rowland and Mike Wilson for their years of excellent service.

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank. Diamond Life Master: Rick Rowland; Gold Life Master: Ed Kane; Bronze Life Master: Gail Everett, Ann Marie Finch, Melissa Jessup, Christopher Marlow; Life Master: Shauneen Hutchinson.

Special kudos to Unit 190 members who qualified for the finals of the North American Pairs at the Spring Nationals. Flight A: Andy Kaufman with partner Eliot Shalita (3rd); Flight B: Christopher Marlow and partner Andy Muenz (1st). Flight C: Nancy Steele and partner Jane Myers (1st); George Jones and Chris Sullivan (3rd).



SUSQUEHANNA 217

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Every year the Fall Sectional in Williamsport draws strong players from near and far. This year was no exception. It took the usual strong play of Jim McKeown and Kevin Burns from State College to win the overall master point race with 10.75 each. Mary Ann Churba (Montoursville) with 10.65 and Ed Bissell (State College) with 10.20 pushed Jim and Kevin for the most points overall.

The Friday Afternoon Open Pairs Contest was won by Fred and Sandy Gilbert. Jacqueline Humilovitch (State College) and Elaine Fuller (Boalsburg) were first in B and first in C. Jacqueline and Elaine were also first in C during the evening session. They had quite a day. Jim McKeown and Kevin Burns began their dominance with a victory Friday evening with Susan Greenleaf and Cheryl Pehoushek (both of Williamsport) first in B. Saturday belonged to State College as Connie Bamer and N. Demo won the morning session and Jim and Kevin won the afternoon. The Swiss game on Sunday was won by Mary Ann Churba, David Buckthal

(Harrisburg), Carol Reitz (State College) and Ed Bissell.

The hospitality was gracious, and thanks are due to many, including (but certainly not limited to) Peg Herz and Helen Shaffer.

Unit 217 acquitted itself nicely at the Hunt Valley Regional held in August, as David Marcello, Mitchell Marcello, Peg Herz, Williamsport PA, and Judy Stein, Laporte placed second in the Monday-Tuesday Knock Outs and Nevin and Shirley Krentz of State College won the Thursday Early Bird. The team of Shirley and Nevin Krentz, Jacqueline Humilovich and Elaine Fuller placed second in the Maryland Knockouts and Mike Anesko (State College) and Doris Plotts (Williamsport) placed second in the Saturday Evening Pair game. Congratulations to all.



"Finesse" - a refined gesture or articulation incorporating a delicacy of manipulation. If one doesn't understand that, under no circumstances attempt to have it explained by bridge players.



IT'S THE LAW!

Test your knowledge of the 'laws'. Questions are true or false. Responses are from the *"Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge"*.

Answers on page 21 .

1. Opening one bids of less than 8 hcp (high card points), by partnership agreement, are illegal.
2. It is illegal to 'psyche' a strong artificial 2♣ opening bid.
3. After making an insufficient bid, the first option is for the offending player to correct the bid to a sufficient bid in the same denomination (suit or notrump) with no penalty.
4. If RHO is the dealer, and you pass before he makes his first call, your partner will be barred from the auction.
5. The auction proceeds 2NT - pass - 2♣ (insufficient). The director should allow opener's partner to correct his bid to 3♣ without penalty, unless the 2♣ bid is accepted.
6. During the play, dummy may not look at an opponent's convention card.
7. During the play, it is improper for declarer to ask what the contract is.
8. Until a card is led to the next trick, declarer or either defender may inspect, but not expose, his own last card played.
9. After declarer claims the remaining tricks, if a defender disagrees with the claim, he should ask declarer to continue playing.
10. During the play, declarer or either defender may ask for an explanation of an opponent's bid.



DISTRICT NOTES

**District 4 ranks 13th in ACBL
in number of members**

**Average age of ACBL
members is 68.3
District average age is 68.9**



Members by Unit

	10/07	10/06	% change
112	1,283	1,256	-2%
120	339	343	+1%
121	295	284	-4%
133	320	305	-5%
141	2,681	2,656	-1%
168	863	908	+5%
190	680	725	+7%
217	<u>152</u>	<u>149</u>	-2%
total	6,613	6,626	+0.2%

TOP MASTERPOINT HOLDERS IN DISTRICT 4

(AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2007)

1. DAVID TREADWELL, Wilmington DE25, 266
2. ARNOLD FISHER, Clementon NJ16,622
3. KEN COHEN, Philadelphia.....15,541
4. CHARLES GRAY, Philadelphia12,164
5. ERIC GRECO, Philadelphia11,754
6. SELINA SWANSON, Mechanicsburg PA.....10,378
7. HENRY BETHE, Ithaca NY10,266
8. JOHN SWANSON, Mechanicsburg PA9599
9. DANIEL BOYE, Syracuse NY9443
10. JOANN GLASSON, Pennington NJ9203
11. JOSEPH LIV4EZEY, Paoli PA8653
12. JAY APFELBAUM, Philadelphia8414
13. JOANN SPRUNG, Philadelphia.....8228
14. ED BISSELL, State College PA7884
15. JOSEPH ASBER7815
16. DAISY GOECKER, Yardley PA7690
17. DONNA MORGEN, Havertown PA7604
18. CRAIG ROBINSON, Lansdale PA.....7583
19. RAYMOND RASKIN, King of Prussia PA.....7563
20. RHODA KAUFFMAN, Willow Grove PA.....7533
21. RICHARD POPPER, Wilmington DE7492
22. JESS STUART, West Chester PA7233
23. PETER FILANDRO, Wilmington DE.....7204
24. MARIE FILANDRO, Wilmington DE.....7093
25. DAVID BETTER, Doylestown PA.....6936



Deadline for the
Spring *4Spot*
(March) is
February 1, 2008

HARRISBURG REGIONAL

JANUARY 21 - 27, 2008



NEED GOLD?

Consider the Harrisburg Regional January 21-27! We have four separate events geared to get Gold Points to those who need them the most.

The Monday/Tuesday Knockout and the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday evening Knockout are both three round events. Eight team brackets ensure a tighter grouping of teams. You only have to beat teams nearer your own point total. Additionally, with no new event starting after the second round, there will be more teams willing to playback for the third place award.

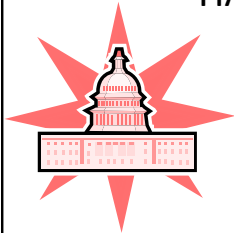
The Thursday Morning/Afternoon Swiss Teams event is bracketed. The top eight teams form bracket one, the next eight bracket two, and so forth until the last bracket which may be slightly larger or smaller. Teams only play teams within their own bracket, and all brackets pay at least partial Gold.

Finally, Friday/Saturday evening we play a Flight B Swiss Teams with a top limit of 750 master points. This event pays 100% Gold for all overall awards. No national ranked players to beat, no local experts to beat. Just beat the players at or near your own level, and some Gold can be yours.

In addition, we run a full Intermediate/Newcomer program. 0-300 games every morning and afternoon – stratified or flighted at 0-5, 5-20, 20-50, 50-100 and 100-200. Section tops for all games and all strata. Lectures every morning and afternoon by Virginia professional bridge player and teacher, Jeff Roman. Open Hospitality suite after every evening session.

We look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg.

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All Pairs Events are 24 boards - preduplicated

All Two Session Swiss Events are 7-7 or 6-8 board matches

Stratified events: 0-500, 500-1500, 1500+ except where indicated

Top Bracket of all KO events will be handicapped

Evening Side Game Series strata: 0-300, 300-750, 750+

Under 300 MP games may be flighted & stratified at director discretion

All 0-5, 0-20, 0-50, 0-100, 0-200, 0-300 prs run as 2 single session events

Trophy pairs best % morning & afternoon (designated with an *)

Tuesday all 0-5 play free in all events – Friday 0-20 free in all events

Friday Horizontal BCD (0-750) Swiss pays Gold for B overalls

Sunday 1:30 pm 0-300 Swiss free for all

MidChart permitted in all top KO Brackets and in the A or A/X events

Monday/Tuesday and Evening KO events are three session events

Weds/Thurs and Friday/Saturday KO events are four session events

**One session entries will be permitted in any two session pairs events
without an available Side Game**

Bracketed Swiss teams - 8 tm brackets, lowest slightly larger or smaller

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January 21-27, 2008

Monday January 21	7:30	Stratified Charity Kickoff Pairs KO1 (continues Tues 10 & 3) Stratified 0-300 Pairs
Tuesday January 22	10 & 3 3:00 7:30	Stratified Open Prs; Stratified 0-300 Prs Side Game Series Day, Session 1 KO II (continues Wed, Thurs 7:30pm) Side Game Series Evening, Session 1
Wednesday January 23	10:00 10 & 3 3:00 7:30	KO III (continues Wed 3:00, Thur 10 & 3) Stratified Open Prs; Stratified 0-300 Prs Side Game Series Day Session 2 Side Game Series Evening Session 2
Thursday January 24	10:00 10 & 3 3:00 7:30	Side Game Series Day Session 3 Bracketed Swiss Teams Stratified 0-300 Pairs Side Game Series Day Session 4 (final) BAM One Session Side Game Series Evening Session 3
Friday January 25	10:00 10 & 3 3:00 7:30	KO IV (continues Fri 3:00, Sat 10 & 3) Stratified Open Prs; Stratified 0-300 Prs Swiss One Session Horizontal Stratifltd Swiss (cont Sat 7:30) Side Game Series Evening Session 4
Saturday January 26	10:00 10 & 3 3:00 7:30	Flight A Qualifying Pairs first session Stratified 0-300 Pairs Stratified Flight B Pairs Flight A Barometer Final; Flight A Consolation; 0-300 Prs w computer assigned BAM Tms BAM One Session Side Game Series Eve. Session 5 (final)
Sunday January 27	10:00 10&1:30	Flight A/X Swiss Teams Stratified Flight B Teams 0-300 Strat Swiss Teams (single sessions)



Williamsburg, VA Mid-Atlantic Regional

January 14–20, 2008

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For reservations, call 757–220–2500
\$87 per day single or double. ***Please make reservations early!***

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- ♣ Section top and overall prizes
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- ♦ Expert speakers 45 minutes before afternoon and evening sessions

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January 14–20, 2008

All KOs are bracketed, random draw and include 0–300 players

MONDAY, JAN. 14

Educational Foundation Open Pairs	1:00
Educational Foundation 300/100/50 Pairs	1:00
Charity Open Pairs	7:30
300/100/50 Charity Pairs	7:30
Kickoff Open Knockouts	7:30
<i>Continues 9 am, 1 & 7:30 pm Tuesday</i>	

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

George Wash Compact KOs	9:00
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9:00 Wed.</i>	
Jamestown Pairs Side Series (1st of 5)	9:00
Early Bird 300/200/50 pairs	9:00
Colonial Open Knockouts	1 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1 & 7:30 Wednesday</i>	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7:30
Williamsburg Side Series	
(1st, 2nd of 6)	1 / 7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs	1 / 7:30
0-5 Trophy Pairs (0-5 play FREE)	7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams	7:30
Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams	7:30

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Martha Wash Compact KOs	9:00
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9:00 Thur.</i>	
Jamestown Pairs Side Series (2nd of 5)	9:00
Early Bird 300/200/50 pairs	9:00
Yorktown Open Knockouts	1 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1 & 7:30 Thursday</i>	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7:30
Williamsburg Pairs Side Series	
(3rd, 4th of 6)	1 & 7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5 pairs	1 / 7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams	7:30
Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams	7:30

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Kingsmill Compact KOs	9:00
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9:00 Friday</i>	
Jamestown Pairs Side Series (3rd of 5)	9:00
Early Bird 300/100/50 pairs	9:00
Midweek Compact KOs	1 & 7:30
<i>Two 12-board matches each session</i>	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7:30
Williamsburg Pairs Side Series	
(5th, 6th of 6)	1 / 7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs	1 / 7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams	7:30
Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams	7:30

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Queens Lake Compact KOs	9:00
<i>Two 12-board matches, concludes 9:00 Sat.</i>	
Jamestown Pairs Side Series (4th of 5)	9:00
Early Bird 300/100/50 Pairs	9:00
Tidewater Open Knockouts	1 & 7:30
<i>Continues 1 & 7:30 Saturday</i>	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7:30
Lafayette Pairs Side Series (1st, 2nd of 6)	1 / 7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs	1 / 7:30
Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
Lose 'n' Snooze Zip KOs	11:15

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Stratified Morning Swiss	9:00
Jamestown Pairs Side Series (5th of 5)	9:00
Early Bird 300/100/50 Pairs	9:00
Hampton Roads Open Knockouts	1 & 7:30
<i>Continues 10:30 & 2:00 Sunday</i>	
Open Pairs (2000+/0-2000)	1 & 7:30
300-750/0-300 Dogwood Pairs	
(GOLD POINTS)	1 & 7:30
Lafayette Pairs Side Series (3rd, 4th of 6)	1 / 7:30
300/200/100 and 50/20/5 Pairs	1 / 7:30
0-300 Swiss Teams	7:30
Stratified Open Board-a-Match Teams	7:30
Lose 'n' Snooze Zip KOs	11:15

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

StrataFlighted Swiss Teams	10:30 & TBA
<i>Seven 7-board matches, 30-minute break</i>	
Lafayette Pairs Side Series	
(5th, 6th of 6)	10:30 / 2:30
300/200/100 Swiss Teams	10:30 / 2:30
300/200/50 Pairs	10:30 / 2:30

- Stratified events are
2000+/750–2000/0–750
- StrataFlighted events are
A/X, 5000+/0–5000, B/C/D separate
1000–2000/500–1000/0–500
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- Under 300-MP games stratified at
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February 22-24, 2008

Friday, February 22

1:00 & 7:00 pm ♠ single sessions

Stratified Open Pairs (1 pm)
Stratified Womens Pairs (1 pm)
Stratified 99er Pairs (1 pm)
Stratified Pairs (7 pm)
Stratified 199er Pairs (7 pm)

Saturday, February 23

1:00 & 7:00 pm ♠ single sessions

Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs (1 pm)
Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs (1 pm)
Stratified 99er Pairs (1 pm)
Stratified Open Pairs (7 pm)
Stratified 199er Pairs (7 pm)

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Please send answers no later than February 15, 2008 to hbethe@aol.com. Methods are SAYC, not 2/1.

1. IMPs, none Vul, Dealer South

♠AJ7 ♥AK3 ♦A ♣Q87432

West North East South

-- -- -- 1C

1D X 3D 4D

P 4N P ??

A) DO YOU AGREE WITH 4D?

IF NOT, WHAT?

B) WHAT DO YOU BID NOW?

2. MPs, E-W Vul, Dealer North

♠73 ♥A76 ♦Q1098 ♣10864

West North East South

-- 1C 1H P

2H 2S 3H ??

3. IMPs, N-S Vul, Dealer West

♠KQJ4 ♥6 ♦87532 ♣AJ4

West North East South

P 1H P 1S

2D* 2H P ??

* THE OPPONENTS DO NOT PLAY

2D OPENING AS WEAK

4. MPs, Both Vul, Dealer North

♠A108 ♥K97642 ♦Q7 ♣Q5

West North East South

-- 1C P 1H

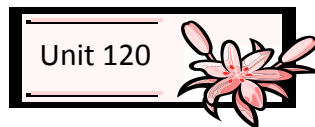
1S P P ??



IT'S THE LAW ANSWERS (from Page 12)

1. True - (ACBL convention chart)
2. True - Strong artificial opening bids may not be psyched. (ACBL convention chart)
3. False - The first option is for the next player to accept the insufficient bid and continue the auction. (Law 27A)
4. False - The first option is for the next player to accept your pass out of turn and continue. If it is not accepted, you will be required to pass at your first turn, but partner will not be barred. (Law 30A)
5. False - If the director determines that the insufficient bid may have been a conventional call and it is not accepted by the next player, the call must be substituted with any legal call (other than double), and his partner must pass for the remainder of the auction. (Law 27B2)
6. True - It is possible that dummy might call attention to something of interest on the opponent's card and affect declarer's line of play. (Law 43A1c)
7. False - You may always ask what the contract is, but you may not ask for a review of the auction after you have played to the first trick (either from dummy or your hand). (Law 41C)
8. True - (Law 66B)
9. False - After making a claim, all play must cease. (Law 68D)
10. True - The questioner must take care to phrase his question in a manner that will not convey unauthorized information to his partner. (Law 20F2)

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STRATIFIED PAIRS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

1:30 PM

STRATIFIED PAIRS

I/N 299ER, 199ER, 99ER, 49ER

7:00 PM

STRATIFIED PAIRS

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

11:00 AM & TBA

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by
MARTI RONEMUS
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What did you say your score was?

I'm so tired I can barely keep hold of my double scotch. We hosted the Unit Charity Swiss at our club today, and serving all those people and cleaning up is a lot of fun, but I was at the club by 7:45 a.m. and left 12 hours later. To make things worse, I'm two days late with this article, and (get ready for it!) have nothing to say. So I'm going to tell you a story.

The Lancaster Regional has always been one of my favorites. It's well-run, nice facilities, lovely hospitality and there is a terrific assortment of special events for Newcomers. This year I was asked to speak on Tuesday, before and after the afternoon game. I looked forward to this for weeks, as I enjoy public speaking...my husband says he doesn't know which is more frightening, me with a microphone or a credit card.

Since I was going to be there anyway, a wonderful player and

lovely friend of mine asked me to play with her. She is going to remain nameless for reasons which will become obvious. Let's just call her Jane Doe.

My early talk went well (although they didn't laugh at all my jokes...maybe I need some new material?) and we made it to the playing floor just in time. As we went over our convention card (never having played together before) we were delighted to realize we had almost no disagreement on treatment of bids or play. An auspicious beginning!

And what a game we had! After each round, we rated how we had done. Wow. We were making overtricks right and left. We were setting contracts that seemed set in stone. We were reading through the backs of each other's cards. We agreed that this was probably the very best game that either of us had ever had. We were having WAY too much fun laughing with everyone. Each set of people who came to our table were charming, witty and

delightful...just not quite as good at bridge as we were.

When the game was over, we sat smugly, figuring as we poured over our private score sheets one more time, that we had at **least** a 65%, probably better game. We were ready to strut to the front to accept our accolades when the winners were announced.

Hmmm. We didn't hear our names. Maybe they were mispronounced. Maybe those were the results from another game. No, that was our section all right.

Puzzled and confused, we made our way to the results board. We started at the top, and scanned down. We should have started at the bottom. That way, we could have saved time. There we were, with a 42% game. We made our way to the bar, minus the strut, to reconnoiter. How could this have happened? How could all those great boards result in a 42% game? Could the scores have been entered incorrectly? We have no idea what happened. We felt like we were hit by a bus we never saw coming.

That evening, when I went to start my lecture, I told the players that I was there under false pretenses, and that maybe they should be very careful about listening to what I had to say... unless they had a lower score that

afternoon than we did.

So, I still love this game, and can't wait to play tomorrow. At least I'll be able to sit and let my feet recover.

That's my story and I'm stickin' to it!

Let me hear your experiences and questions. After all, we're all in this together!.



P.S. Well, what's next. I dragged myself into the club today, too tired to notice I was still wearing my house slippers. Played in a game this afternoon and couldn't BUY a contract. Down one. Down two. Missed (gulp) my partner's jump shift. Forgot that we play Roman Key Card 0314, not 1340. At the end of the game, I hid in the bathroom, but my pard found me. "Marti! Marti! We had a 70.28% game!! How fabulous!! Thank you for the great afternoon!"

Folks, there's a moral in here somewhere, but I haven't a clue what it is.

P.S.S. You'd think that 70.28% would win an 8-table open strat game, right? No. The curse continues. We were second to a 73%.

A Spot 4 the Advancing Player

by Jay Apfelbaum
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This is a continuing series of articles written for the advancing player. I welcome any questions or suggestions about future articles. Please send them to the publisher. Who knows? You may be mentioned in a future article! Since beginning this series, I have been asked about several conventions. Keep asking! Your questions give me direction about what the next article should be about.

Many players today use a convention they call New Minor Forcing. In this article, I will explain two variations of this convention. Typically, the opener bids a minor suit and the responder a major. The opener then rebids 1NT. The first variation uses the bid of the new minor to ask the opener to give more information about his hand. The second uses both minor suits to get information from the opener and to give some as well.

To demonstrate how the first variation of New Minor Forcing works, we will assume the auction starts 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT (no opposition bidding). The responder bids 2♦ to use New Mi-

nor Forcing (the minor suit not bid by the opener). The opener's first priority is to show three-card support for the responder by bidding 2♥. With a maximum hand and a strong major holding (K-Q-x or better), the opener may bid 3♥. Holding only two hearts, the opener makes a descriptive rebid. The second choice is to show an unbid 4-card major suit. This will happen more often when the responder bids 1♠ because the opener cannot show a heart suit at the one level. The third choice is to show 5-4 in the minor suits by raising the other minor to the three level. The fourth choice is to show a 5-card minor suit by rebidding the opener's suit at the three-level. The opener rebids 2NT with any other hand.

After using this variation of New Minor Forcing, a 2NT rebid by the responder is invitational and denies an eight-card major suit fit. Assuming the opener shows 3-card support for the responder's major suit, a rebid of three of that major promises at least an eight-card fit but only invites game. Most other

bids are forcing for at least one round. For example, 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♦ - any - 3♣ is a forcing raise of the opener's minor suit. The opener treats the Heart and Club bids as natural and responds accordingly.

One final point. On the auction 1♥ - 1♠ - 1NT, 2♣ is the New Minor Forcing bid. After the auction 1♥ - 1♠ - 1NT, 2♦ is natural and may be passed.

The responder does not give much information about his hand in the first variation of New Minor Forcing. The responder is supposed to get enough information to place the final contract.

We now come to the second variation. Once again, the auction starts 1♥ - 1♠ - 1NT (no opposition bidding). In this variation, the responder rebids 2♣ to either sign off in diamonds or show invitational values. A rebid of 2♦ shows game values. After the responder rebids 2♣, the opener is required to bid 2♦. The responder may pass the 2♦ bid to sign off. Every other rebid by responder is invitational (to either game or slam). This includes 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 3NT, which invites a slam in No Trump. The auction, 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 4♥, invites a

slam in Hearts.

Most often, the two club part of this variation of New Minor Forcing is used merely to invite game. The auction 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♥, shows six or more hearts and game invitational values. The auction, 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2NT, shows five hearts and game invitational values. The auction, 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT - 2♣ - 2♦ - 2♠, shows five hearts and four spades and game invitational values.

A note for this second variation of New Minor Forcing: the opener needs to show a 4-card



spade suit after the responder responds 1♥ to his opening bid. There is no reasonable way to find a 4 - 4 spade fit where the responder is 4-4 in the major suit with game invitational values when the auction starts 1♣ - 1♥ - 1NT.

When the auction begins one minor - one major - 1NT - 2♦, the responder promises game values. The opener first shows an unbid 4-card Heart suit (responder's first bid was 1♠) or 3-card Heart support (responder's first bid was 1♥). Opener's second choice is to show an unbid 4-card Spade suit

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(responder's first bid was 1♥) or 3-card Spade support (responder's first bid was one Spade). The third choice is to show 5-4 in the minor suits by bidding the other minor at the 3-level. Opener's fourth choice is to show a 5-card minor suit by rebidding the opener's suit at the 3-level. For all other hands, the opener rebids 2NT.

In both variations (2♦ in the second variation), the opener may be able to give a complete description of his distribution. Armed with this information, the responder should know what contracts are possible and what information he will need to make a final choice.

Let us try a hand using both variations. We hold S-Kxx; H-AJxxx; D-QJx; C-Ax. Partner opens 1♦. We bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. In the first variation, we bid 2♣ (alertable). If partner bids 2♥, we bid game in hearts. If partner bids 2NT, we bid 3NT. If partner bids 3♣ (5-4 in minors) or 3♦ (5-card suit), we can bid 3♠ to show a good hand and ask partner whether he wants to go past 3NT (look for slam). Finally, if partner bids 3♥ (maximum and with KQx or better), we can bid 3♠ to look for slam in hearts. Partner can bid 3NT or 4♥ to show no interest.

Now let us try the same hand

using the second variation. Partner opens 1♦. We bid 1♥. Partner rebids 1NT. In this second variation, we bid 2♦ (alertable). If partner bids 2♥ Hearts, we can raise to three (slam try). If partner bids 3♣ (5-4 in minors) or 3♦ (5-card suit), we can bid 3♠ (cue bid) to try for slam in a minor suit. Partner can bid 3NT to show no interest. We will rebid 3NT over other rebids by partner.

In the next issue, I will discuss a companion convention generally known as Fourth Suit Forcing. Until then, keep bridging!



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willing to orchestrate the event at the unit level. We could easily double the size of the event. One suggestion to club owners is to run a 0-500 non-LM NAP qualifying game at your club during June, July and August, if possible.

Many thanks to the people who really made this a success, the club managers who ran the games: John Burns, Harold Jordan, George Marcy, Ray Depew and Walter Mitchell, Bob Priest, Dini Romito, and John Schwartz.

ALERT!!

NEW SITE FOR 2008 PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL

There were numerous complaints concerning the Clarion Hotel's performance during our stay at the 2007 Regional. The tournament committee was dissatisfied with the hotel's handling of the various maintenance and service problems that existed. The previous management had the rooms vastly overbooked and as result many of our players who had confirmed reservations were told that there were no rooms available. The Tournament Committee also had trouble with management. Without our knowledge playing space in the Windsor Ball Room was reduced by 25%. This made it hard for the players and directors. After ten years of booking our tournaments at the Clarion for the same time period each year, the hotel booked our traditional dates in 2008 to another group without consulting us.

Since the Clarion could not offer us our traditional dates back and because of the many complaints, we decided to look for a new location. We were fortunate to be able to obtain the Radisson Hotel in Valley Forge, PA for our next Philadelphia Regional. The playing area will be in the convention center. This is a very convenient and lovely location. The tournament will be June 16 to 22, 2008.



There will be changes in the schedule, so make sure you read the April *ACBL Bulletin*. The room cut-off date will most likely be May 16, 2008; so make sure you register in time. I will keep you posted in future issues of the *4Spot*.

The Philadelphia Regional Tournament Committee again apologizes for any inconvenience that you may have incurred during the 2007 Regional. Bear with us as we strive to improve our Regional Tournament for the enjoyment of all the players. At this time I would like to thank Joan Brandeis, Craig Robinson, Joan Weinrott, Everett Young and Barbara Fischer for the work they did in finding us a new location.

John Marks

Philadelphia Regional Tournament Committee Chair

December 2007

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1. Richard Olanoff - Donald Dalpe
2. Kenneth Chatzinoff - Barry Gorski
3. Elliot Shalita - Andy Kaufman
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5. Roselyn Teukolsky - Saul Teukolsky



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2. Gary DeWitt - John D'Errico
3. Paul Irvine - Margaret Irvine
4. Karen Xia - Samuel Yake
5. Matthew Bresler - Wilbert Law



NAP FLIGHT C

1. Jane Myers - Nancy Steele
2. Nancy Green - Ged Manzi
3. George Jones - Chris Sullivan
4. Frank Opshinsky - George Mansour
5. Hank Heck - William Braught

RED ROSE REGIONAL October 29 - Nov. 4

1. Michael Lucy	86.18
2. Ken Cohen	84.84
3. Rick Rowland	79.03
4. Travis Crump	76.24
5. Neal Satton	63.89
6. Mitchell Snyder	63.22
7. Thomas Weik	62.44
8. Philip Geibel	58.41
9. Craig Robinson	56.63
10. Bob Cole	52.59



NOTES FROM THE RED ROSE REGIONAL

- ♪ Total Attendance: 2542
tables
- ♪ 1651 Players earned
masterpoints
- ♪ 15,505 masterpoints
earned

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FEBRUARY 8-10, 2008

FRIDAY, JAN 4

Strat Women's/Open Prs¹1:30
Strat Non-Master* 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Prs¹7:30

FRIDAY, FEB 8

Strat Women's/Open Prs¹1:30
Strat Non-Master* 1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Prs¹7:30
Stratified Mixed Prs¹7:30

SATURDAY, JAN 5

Handicap KO Tms....10/2:30/7:30
Strat Non-Master** .10/2:30/7:30
Strata-Flightd Open Prs² 10/2:30
Stratified Open Pairs¹ 7:30

SATURDAY, FEB 9

Handicap KO Tms ...10/2:30/7:30
Strat Non-Master**..10/2:30/7:30
Stratified Open Pairs¹..... 10/7:30
Strata-Flightd Open Prs²2:30

SUNDAY, JAN 6

Strata-Flighted Swiss²10:00
2 session playthrough with short break
Strat Non-Master Sws⁺ ..10 & 1:30

SUNDAY, FEB 10

Strata-Flighted Swiss² 10:00
2 session playthrough with short break
Strat Non-Master Sws⁺ ..10 & 1:30

all events are single sessions unless otherwise noted

*(A 100-300, B 50-100, C 0-50)

** (A 50-200, B 20-50, C 0-20)

¹ (A 2000+, B 750-2000, C 0-750)

² (A 3500+ , X 0-3500) separate
(B 1250-2000, C 750-1250, D 0-750)

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CRUISIN'

by Brian Gibson

Over a year ago George Arnold, a Unit 121 member and his partner Brian Gibson, had an idea to organize a bridge cruise. At that time George was working as a Travel Agent for Boscov's Travelcenter. George and Brian worked diligently to organize a trip to the beautiful island of Bermuda. On October 13th 75 people from the Reading, Allentown, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia-area sailed from the Port of Philadelphia. As the ocean slipped gently by, 15 tables played in the stunning Portofino Restaurant aboard Royal Caribbean's "Empress of the Seas". The ACBL-sanctioned games were directed by Carl Cronrath, past president of Unit 121 [and new President of the District]. A total of seven games were played during the days at sea and masterpoints awarded for places one through six. There were all levels of players from Bronze Life Master to Novice. Everyone had a great time!



As an extra added attraction, George and Brian arranged for our group to play at the Bermuda Bridge Club while the ship was docked in Hamilton. It was a great evening and some of our group placed very well in the game, including Stanley and Karen Yellin who captured first place.

It was a magnificent week of sun, blue skies, and great bridge. Plans are in the work for another cruise in 2009. We'll keep you posted!

Upcoming District 4 Tournaments

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	CONTACT	SEE PAGE
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DEC 10-16	DISTRICT STaC	CLUBS	John Marks 215-891-0602	
Dec 28-31	Treadwell Sectional Unit 190	Bridge Studio Wilmington DE	Tom Ciconti 302-571-9092	
Jan 4-6	PCBA New Years Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill NJ	John Marks 215-891-0602	30
Jan 11-14	Cicero Winter Unit 112	Cicero Fire Station Cicero NY	Robert Simard 315-656-3204	
JAN 21-27	HARRISBURG REGIONAL	HILTON HOTEL & TWRS HARRISBURG PA	Bob Priest 717-579-5665	15- 17
Feb 8-10	PCBA Winter Unit 141	Clarion Hotel Cherry Hill NJ	John Marks 215-891-0602	30
Feb 9-10	Rainbow Unit 112	TBD	Marsh Macmillan 607-754-7913	
Feb 10	York O-200 Unit 168	Bridge Boardroom York PA	Marti Ronemus 717-699-5222	
Feb 15-18	BMBU Winter Unit 121	Jewish Community Center Reading PA	Louise Remley 610-478-9354	
Feb 22-24	Blue Hen Unit 190	Bridge Studio Wilmington DE	Richard Popper 302-764-3208	20
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Mar 7-9	Spring Fling Unit 120	Independent Fire Hall Kingston PA	Ray DePew 570-239-3056	21
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Mar 28-30	PCBA Spring Unit 141	Kimberton Fire House Kimberton PA	John Marks 215-891-0602	
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