



AMERICAN CONTRACT BRIDGE LEAGUE UNIT 106

# NEWSLETTER

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Available on the web at <http://bridge-njba.org>

October 2019

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The Allendale Tournament in September was a great success. Thanks to all who participated and to Pam Mills and her team. Our next sectional tournament is scheduled for November 8-10, 2019. There are events applicable to all masterpoint levels, and we encourage members to participate.

We will continue to hold a 0-20 game on Friday and Saturday mornings, November 8th and November 9th. This is an excellent opportunity for newer players to enjoy tournament play in a stress free environment. In addition, we will hold a 299er game on Sunday, November 10th at 12:30. This is a NEW game and will offer an opportunity to earn silver points for players working toward Life Master.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the Reitman Team event on October 5th. We would like to see some more teams this year. If you haven't been to this event or even if you haven't played Swiss Teams before, this looks to be a great time. Make your reservations and come play and enjoy the catered dinner.

Before you know it the Annual Brunch will be here on Saturday, January 4, 2020. We are again trying a new format in hopes of encouraging more members to participate. The event is largely subsidized by the Unit and should be a wonderful afternoon event. Come join us.

See you soon,

*Susan Koster*

## Upcoming Events in the Unit During 4th Qtr 2019 and 2020

Event flyers are available at local clubs and on the web ([www.bridge-njba.org](http://www.bridge-njba.org))

|                |                         |                       |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| October 1-31   | Club Appreciation Month | May 5                 | Bob Johnke              |
| October 5      | Nelson Reitman          | June TBD              | Pro-Am                  |
| November 8-10  | Unit 106 Sectional      | June 1 - August 31    | NAP Qualifying          |
| November 11-17 | Multi-Unit STAC         | June 8-14             | Multi Unit STAC         |
| January 4      | Unit 106 Annual Brunch  | September 11-13       | Unit 106 Sectional      |
| January 10-12  | Unit 106 Sectional      | October 1-31          | Club Appreciation Games |
| March 9-15     | Multi Unit STAC         | October 3 (tentative) | Nelson Reitman          |
| April 1-30     | Charity Fund Month      | October 19-25         | Multi Unit STAC         |
| April 17-19    | Unit 106 Sectional      | November 13-15        | Unit 106 Sectional      |
| May 1-30       | Grass Roots Fund Month  | December TBD          | Unit 106 Annual Brunch  |

# NJBA UNIT 106 DIRECTORY FOR 2019

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n = non-board member

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## Annual Brunch

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Peri Namerow 201-248-6654

## Bob Johnke

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Lisa Brooks 314-409-9967

Maryann Shea 201-444-7799

## Reitman Teams

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## Newcomer/Intermediate

### Promotion

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## Player of the Year

Richard Podkowik 239-410-4992

## Counsel

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\*\* Denotes Committee Chairperson

Unit 106 Web Site  
[www.bridge-njba.org](http://www.bridge-njba.org)

## In Memory of:

Judy Berkun  
 Sandy Burns  
 Sylvia Rachesky  
 Rose Tauber  
 Sally Virzi

Youth Bridge Teachers are needed to expand our youth bridge program.

Contact: Barbara Ganin  
 201-446-4649



# Club Directory

# New Members & Transfers

## BRIDGE CENTER AT RIDGEWOOD

105 Cottage Place, Christ Church  
Ridgewood, NJ (201-421-8123)  
www.ridgewoodbridge.com  
(see website for game schedule)

## GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

230 W. Passaic St, Maywood, NJ  
201-368-8133  
www.glenrockbridge.com  
(see website for game schedule)

## SPARTA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Sparta Public Library  
22 Woodport Road, Sparta, NJ  
Chris Schwinger (973-479-7918)  
spartabridge@optonline.net  
Thurs 6:30 Open Game

## SPARTA AFTERNOON BRIDGE CLUB

Shepherd of the Hills Church  
246 Woodport Rd, Sparta, NJ  
Deborah Fabian (973-426-3234)  
www.fabianbridge.com  
(see website for game schedule)

## JCC ON THE PALISADES

### BRIDGE CLUB

411 E. Clinton Ave, Tenafly, NJ  
Ruth Bernstein @ 201-962-8116  
Fri 12:00 Open to Seniors 0-1500 pts

## ROCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB

### BETH AM TEMPLE

60 E. Madison Ave, Pearl River, NY  
845-608-6409  
www.rocklandbridgecenter.com  
(see website for game schedule)

## THE BRIDGE TABLE-Temple Beth Or

55 Ridgewood Rd, Washington Twp., NJ  
201-818-0141  
www.thebridgetable.com  
(see website for game schedule)

## TENAFLY RECREATION CLUB

The Senior Center  
South Summit St, Tenafly, NJ  
Betty Ann Smith @ 201-567-6047  
Tues 7:00 Open Game

## New Members through September 1st, 2019

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rebecca Ackerman    | Chase Amin        |
| Patrick Davis       | Susan Donnelly    |
| Judy Fialkow        | Marsha Fleischner |
| Marc Ginsberg       | Patricia Joseph   |
| Gerri Klein Kuhn    | Marilyn Lambert   |
| Rhonda Liss         | Cynthia Matte     |
| Michael Miller      | Joanne Nagle      |
| Natalie Nelson-Ling | Lori O'Connell    |
| Justin Odei         | Carol Pastushok   |
| Ellen Samra         | Kamil Samra       |
| Sandra Schomer      | Chris Smith       |
| Debbie Smith        | Timothy Weaver    |
| Marcy White         | Joann Wynes       |

## Transfers In

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Mickey Bindelglass | Rheta Cook   |
| Dominick D'Ascoli  | Sondra Elkin |
| Hannah Wolf        |              |

*Congratulations*

## New Life Masters

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Sheila Greck   | Andrea Hershan |
| Alan Oppenheim | Rosa Oppenheim |

## New Bronze Life Masters

Herb Cohen

## New Silver Life Masters

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Nina Hertzberg    | Joann Krey |
| Richard Podkowiak |            |

## New Ruby Life Masters

Martha Troxell

## New Gold Life Masters

Abby Brawer

## New Sapphire Life Masters

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Michael Camp  | Carol Field |
| Joseph Pospis |             |

## New Diamond Life Masters

John Kuharetz

**WOW!**



## Next Unit 106 Sectional

**Nov 8 - 10, 2019**

Guardian Angel Auditorium  
E. Allendale Ave & 320 Franklin Tpk  
Allendale, NJ 07401  
(see website for flyer, www.bridge-njba.org)

## Unit 106 Annual Meeting and Brunch

**Saturday, January 4, 2020**

Please join us on January 4th for the Unit 106 Annual Meeting/Brunch and stratified bridge game for the Nat Seiden Trophy. The game will be held following the brunch and award presentations. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet your friends and hard working board members.

(see website for flyer, www.bridge-njba.org)

## District 3 Autumn Leaf Regional

**Oct 14 - 20, 2019**

Crowne Plaza Danbury  
18 Old Ridgebury Road  
Danbury CT 06810  
(203) 794-0600

(see website for flyer, www.bridge-district3.org)



## THIS 'N THAT FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The ACBL Board concluded its summer meeting in Las Vegas with a number of notable developments:

- Financial condition continues to improve, with expenses down \$689,000 (thanks to no legal settlements and IT savings of \$180,000), Las Vegas attendance slightly above forecast. and San Francisco expected to show good results;
- Membership, however, continues its downward trend, and the temporary membership initiative has been abandoned in favor of a “guest membership” program which will be free but will require full membership to advance beyond the junior master level;
- A new contractor has been retained to handle hotel bookings, effective January ‘20;
- Also effective 1/20, the minimum age for senior events will be raised to 65, and the Super Senior minimum will be increased to 75;
- Players found guilty of collusive cheating in the past four years will lose any NABC+ titles or second place finishes won in the past, along with their teammates or partners in any prior events, whether or not those prior events were covered in the charges brought;
- In an effort to standardize training and disciplinary procedures, unit recorders and disciplinary committees were eliminated, and duties transferred to district recorders in all cases;
- Progress continues on “Live for Clubs” - a program which is designed to replace ACBL score, with the ability for clubs to use outside software if it is compatible.

Despite the continuing membership decline, Las Vegas table count was 13,662, versus 13,500 forecast, notwithstanding significant fee increases (for the first time in ten years, in the case of regional events).

On the District front, our membership is down about 2% in the past year, following the national trend. Our spring regional in Albany experienced lower attendance compared to last year and the resulting financial loss has led the District Board to cancel that regional for next year. On the bright side, our summer regional in Fairfield was a success, in spite of slightly lower table count, and we are hoping for another success in Danbury, where we will inaugurate a full day KO event with gold-point play guaranteed for those who lose in the first round.

The District continues to seek volunteers for the position of webmaster and a potential new position for data analysis, to assist in our marketing efforts and search for new members.

Carlos Muñoz  
District 3 Director

## Club Event Winners 5/16/19 - 8/15/19

### THE BRIDGE TABLE

**Club Champions:** Joy Sorce – Phil Waxberg tied with Myra Bachman – Andy Lohan (5/29); Karen Melin – Peggy Schneider (8/13)

**ICCG Winners:** Serge & Marianne Aronovich (6/24)

**Upgraded Club Championship:** Eileen Whitney – Amal Abouhammad (7/18)

### GLEN ROCK BRIDGE CENTER

**Grass Roots:** Joyce Menezes - Barbara Clark (5/19); Peter Szabados - Barbara Bergen (5/25); Irwin Miller - Leonard Helgott (5/28); Charles Friedman - Barbara Deutsch (5/30)

**World Wide Pairs:** James Baker - Robert Kuhnreich (6/7); Hailong Ao - Jiang Gu (6/8)

**Charity:** Gerald Goodman - Ronna Morrison (6/18); Peter Szabados - Barbara Bergen (8/13)

**Charity 499er:** Marilyn Fiedler - William Hans (8/13)

### ROCKLAND BRIDGE CLUB

**Club Champions:** Wendy Baselow – Miyoko Boswell (5/23); Dan Peters – Steve Sundheimer (5/29)

**World Wide Pairs:** Carol Fields – Donna Grossman

**Instant Matchpoint:** Joanne & John Klause tied with Sam Ghosh – Arun Limaye

**Grass Roots:** Wendy Baselow – Miyoko Boswell (5/17); Helene Kleiner – Marlene Case (5/24); Marty Singer – Arun Limaye (5/31)

**Charity:** Helene Kleiner – Marlene Case (7/5); Martin Levine – Ros Abel (7/12); Miyoko Boswell – Wendy Baselow (7/19);

Helene Kleiner – MarleneCase (7/26); Marty Singer – Myron Rimer (8/2); Marty Singer – Steve Sundheimer (8/9)

### FABIAN BRIDGE CLUB

**Club Champions:** Mike & Jan Keefer (8/12); Sally Bertellotti – Bertie Smith (8/15); Burrell Humphreys – Nadine Armus (8/16)

### SPARTA BRIDGE CLUB

**Club Champions:** Jan & George Weber (6/20)

**Charity:** Fred Shubert – Richard Podkowik (6/6); Jan & George Weber (7/11)

### TENAFLY RECREATION CLUB

**Club Champions:** Barbara Clark – Wally Gebara (6/11)

**Charity:** Phyllis & Charles Fuchs (6/18); Miyoko Boswell – Arun Limaye (7/2)

**Junior Fund:** Miyoko Boswell – Marty Singer (8/6)

### JCC ON THE PALISADES BRIDGE CLUB

**Club Champions:** Anthony Homer – Susan Fain