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President's Message

How many of you seasoned players remember your first tournament? Was it a daunting experience or something you literally ran to with great expectations? I know the first time I attended one (a sectional at the Malibu Beach Club) I wanted to know what it was all about before I played, so I arrived after game time, no partner, and kibitzed. The owners of the club at which I played had urged me to go, since there was a 0-50 MP game Sunday night. It was the only game of that type at the tournament. After watching that one time, I figured out that it was nothing but a big club game with many sections.

Getting your feet wet at a tournament is no longer such a daunting experience. We have many chances for those of you who are comfortable in your home clubs or the various once-a-week games, and you stand a chance of winning either Red or Gold points to boot. Gold is something you CAN'T get at a local club game.

Our upcoming Regional is a perfect opportunity for those of you who haven't as yet tried playing outside your comfort zone. AND, our kickoff game can give you an opportunity to play with a Life Master and find out that LMs neither bite nor are they condescending when you make a mistake. Just "bite the bullet" and fill out the form you will find on page 12. Lesley Decker-Lucas will set you up with a compatible LM. All you have to do is show up before 7pm on Tuesday evening, April 21st, and expect to enjoy yourself.

On each subsequent day of the tournament except Sunday there is a single-session pair game at 10 a.m. and again at 3p.m. for those of you who fall into the 0-200 category. At no time will you be mixed in with the more experienced players. These are ideal games in which you can stretch your wings, and they give you the opportunity to win Red points without competing with the hot-shots.

Finally, if you're up to playing 2 sessions in one day, on Friday and Sunday we hold a Bracketed Round Robin Swiss Teams event. These are the events in which you can actually win Gold Points. You form a team of 4 players, add up your TOTAL masterpoints, and then will be placed in an 8 or more team category with comparable players. After you've played 7 other teams, if you place in the top three, you will win a combination of Gold and Red points. (When you play in the higher brackets, the payoff is full Gold.)

You know the old saying, "The more the merrier," well—your fellow Intermediate/Newcomer players are hoping more of you will join them. Incidentally, Wally White, editor of the Daily Bulletin at the tournament, is one of you, and he is really anxious to have more players turn out for the I/N games. GOOD LUCK ALL!

Diana Schuld

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
THE LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
APRIL 21-26, 2009
at THE SHERATON LONG ISLAND HOTEL**

DISTRICT 24 NEWSLETTER
By Alvin Levy, District 24 Director
<http://www.ny-bridge.com/allevy/>

A bridge player can live on the Internet...there's bridge lessons; 24 hours a day play with players from around the world; play for masterpoints; play against robots; bulletin boards; NABC, Regional, local tournament and club information and results; international news; web sites for juniors; and much more.

Googling bridge gets the following relevant sites, in order of popularity: the American Contract Bridge League (acbl.org), Bridge Base Online (www.bridgebase.com); OKbridge (www.okbridge.com); Great Bridge Links (www.greatbridgelinks.com), The Bridge World (www.bridgeworld.com) and the World Bridge Federation (www.worldbridge.org).

There are many free bridge lesson sites with lessons at every level of play. Try kwbridge.com, for example. You can look up every convention online. You can download the new Laws of Bridge, take part in discussions, forums, and view bloggers. Also available are archived championship matches. You can watch, live, international matches on Bridge Base Online.

Some bridge web sites to start with are greatbridgelinks.com, fifthchair.org and BBO. For international happenings, go to ecatsbridge.com. Of course visit the ACBL web site at acbl.org where you can check out your masterpoint totals and the latest ACBL happenings.

Bridge Base Online, OKbridge and Swan Bridge host over 40,000 tables a month in ACBL-sanctioned games. Games start every hour. As chair of the ACBL's "Online Bridge" committee, I look forward to online bridge growing and being even more interesting in the future, with online rankings and special games and tournaments.

I control two sites...ny-bridge.com/allevy with District and international news, and www.computerbridge.com, the official site of the ACBL/WBF world computer-bridge championships.

While you're at it, don't forget your Unit's web site at www.libridge.com, and the GNYBA's web site at www.gnyba.org

Happy surfing...

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UNIT PARTY CELEBRATING OUR BRIDGE ACHIEVERS OF 2008

*Sunday evening, March 29, 2009
Long Island Sheraton Hotel
Vanderbilt-Motor Parkway, Smithtown*

*Registration at 4:30 P.M.
Buffet Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.
Awards Program at 6:15 P.M.
Sanctioned Bridge Game at 7:00 P.M.
(This game will be part of STaC week)
Cost to NSBA members: \$27
Cost to non-NSBA members: \$30
Opportunity to celebrate our bridge players' successes: Priceless*



*Please return form to: Debra Thaw
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**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL
APRIL 21-26, 2009
at THE SHERATON LONG ISLAND HOTEL**

November 12-18, 2008 STaC Results

Wednesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (80 tables)

- 1 Mark Liebowitz — Marlene Beckenstein
- 2 Howard Friedman — Lauren Block
- 3 Virginia Hoffman — Ruth Petry

Stratum B

- 1 Virginia Hoffman — Ruth Petry
- 2 Richard Belvin — James Doig
- 3 Robert Frick — Marvin Levine

Stratum C

- 1 Dorothy Freedman — Jim Armstrong
- 2 Stephen Block — Harvey Domnitz
- 3 Grace Basile — Peggy Burns

Wednesday Afternoon 0-2000 Pairs

Stratum B (8 tables)

- 1 Eva Shatten — Rita Berger
- 2 Estelle Hoffman — Arlene Cohen
- 3 Ruth Kinney — Hannah Wolf

Stratum C

- 1 Estelle Hoffman — Arlene Cohen
- 2 Ruth Kinney — Hannah Wolf
- 3 Lotte Reinhold — Eve Davis

Wednesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (27.5 tables)

- 1 Richard Baumer — G. O'Connor
- 2 Phyllis Wald — Robert Schanzer
- 3 Joan Asheroff — David Paull

Stratum B

- 1 Phyllis Wald — Robert Schanzer
- 2 Paul Di Censo — Judy Schwartz
- 3 Lorraine O'Loughlin — Susan Birdsall

Stratum C

- 1 Phyllis Wald — Robert Schanzer
- 2 Michael Slavin — Marty Fox
- 3 Susan Denenholz — Matt Rewinski

Thursday Morning 0-1000 Pairs

Strata A & B (12 tables)

- 1 Edna Dzigas — Sandra Chait
- 2 Mary Gural — Tom Gural
- 3 Florence Halbright — Arthur Burns

Stratum C

- 1 Edna Dzigas — Sandra Chait
- 2 Florence Halbright — Arthur Burns
- 3 Jeannie Vine — Helene Cohen

Thursday Morning 0-2000 Pairs (32.5 tables)

- 1 Bertha Greenhut — Arnold Stein
- 2 Lynn Bernstein — Erika Allen
- 3 Gladys Assef — Nadia Helou

Thursday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (114.5 tables)

- 1 Richard Baumer — Diane Sanchez
- 2 Edythe Crinnian — Woodward Davis
- 3 Howard Cohen — Frank Allison

Stratum B

- 1 Marjorie Levine — Alan Levine
- 2 Joan Levy — Norm Levy
- 3 Debra Gardner — Erryl Olan

Stratum C

- 1 Joan Levy — Norm Levy
- 2 Debra Gardner — Erryl Olan
- 3 Jocelyn Simon — Michael Herman

Thursday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (32.5 tables)

- 1 Carl Gueli — Paul Siegelman
- 2 Eylene Blume — Rick Blume
- 3 Gabriel Rubin — Janis Rubin

Stratum B

- 1 Eylene Blume — Rick Blume
- 2 Gabriel Rubin — Janis Rubin
- 3 Sue Birdsall — Kathleen McLaughlen

Stratum C

- 1 Paul Goldstein — Rich Schoen
- 2 Paul Pirro — Bruce Hand
- 3 Yijian Cao — Jim Zhu

Friday Morning Open Pairs (7.5 pairs)

- 1 Arnie Obler — Geri Obler
- 2 Carolyn Klimpl — Maureen Miletta
- 3 Mel Graf — Roslyn Graf

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (82 tables)

- 1 Grant Duffrin — Geoffrey O'Connor
- 2 Gladys Collier — Adele Dusenbury
- 3 Mark Liebowitz — David Paull

Stratum B

- 1 Muriel Cunningham — Lillian Vishno
- 2 Shelley Ganz — Jodi Rosenthal
- 3 Marianne Fulfar — Nancy Buonora

Stratum C

- 1 Muriel Cunningham — Lillian Vishno
- 2 Sharon Sklansky — Jennifer Villiger
- 3 Renee Schwartz — Carole Kugler

Friday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (11 tables)

- 1 Louis Lessinger — Barbara Mendelsohn
- 2 Ljudmila Kamenova — Patricia Brodsky
- 3 Karen Ewald — Peter Drezner

Stratum B

- 1 Philip Grella — Loring Fenton
- 2 Mladen Mirkovic — Tihomir Stanicic
- 3/4 Elyse Fields — Allen Greenbaum
- 3/4 Domenick Gargiulo — Rose Gargiulo

Friday Evening Swiss Teams (6 tables)

- 1 Eylene Blume — Rick Blume — Virginia Hoffman — Nancy Huprich
- 2 Jim Zhu — Yijian Cao — Yulin Cao — Carol Mathews

Friday Morning Restricted Pairs

- Strata A & B (17 tables)
- 1 Edna Dzigas — Arthur Solomon
 - 2 Margery Binder — Jack Binder
 - 3 Erica Stempler — Barbara Cooper

Strata C

- 1 Edna Dzigas — Arthur Solomon
- 2 Lila Porges — Tamara Tullman

Saturday Afternoon Side Game

- Strata A & B (7 tables)
- 1 Barry Elberg — Jan Frey
 - 2 Susan Metros — Lila Rosenthal
 - 3 Sheila Pohly — Larry Pohly

Stratum C

- 1 Barry Elberg — Jan Frey
- 2 Susan Metros — Lila Rosenthal
- 3 Arnie Obler — Geri Obler

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- Stratum A (62 tables)
- 1 Christine Woodring — Marlene Beckenstein
 - 2 Peter Drezner — Leona Duffy
 - 3 Woodward Davis Jr. — Richard Kanter

Stratum B

- 1 Nancy Huprich — Virginia Hoffman
- 2/3 Albert Fano — Iris Fano
- 2/3 Donald Weiss — Joseph Sanders

Stratum C

- 1 Donald Weiss — Joseph Sanders
- 2 Jack Sage — David Schwartz
- 3 Carl Markel — Edith Markel

Sunday Franklin Swiss

- Strata A & B (14 tables)
- 1 Bonnie Salkind — Jo-Ann D'Amato — Constance Permut — Michael Permut
 - 2 Barbara Amelkin — Stanley Amelkin — Adele Somach — Carol Benes
 - 3 Barbara Katz — Gail Friedberg — Arlene Stevens — Delcy Brooks

Stratum C

- 1 Barbara Cooper — Erica Stempler — Bruce Hand — Jack Price

Sunday Afternoon Open Pairs

- Stratum A (33 tables)
- 1 Murray Miller — Bee Miller
 - 2 Kent Vandewater — Paul Gray
 - 3 Lauren Block — Howard Friedman

Stratum B

- 1 Murray Miller — Bee Miller
- 2 Jane Sitzman — Patrick Mitchell
- 3 Eleanor Usis — Frances Gillespie

Stratum C

- 1 Art Kronfeld — Mona Kronfeld
- 2 Phyllis Vaccaro — Lisa Pomerantz
- 3 Rosanne Goldbard — Miriam Back

Sunday 110 Swiss

- Stratum A (14 tables)
- 1 Mark Liebowitz — David Paull — Karen Ewald — Joan Asheroff
 - 2 Mildred Di Falco — Shelley Drayzen — Carol Pratt — Irma Korenstein
 - 3 Art Brodsky — Patricia Brodsky — Jack Sage — David Schwartz

Stratum B

- 1/2 Allen Greenbaum — Marion Rendon — Roxane Goldstein — Elyse Fields
- 1/2 Sandra Young — Arnold Young — Veeta Kleehammer — Joyce McTammany
- 3 Linda Taub — Brenda Cooperman — Julia Tucker — Norman Tucker
- 3 Claire Stern — Joan Caplin — Anita Meyers — Joan Fruchton

Monday Afternoon Open Pairs

- Stratum A (102 tables)
- 1 Morton Case — Karl De Shrage
 - 2 Elizabeth Randall — James Doig
 - 3 Howard Friedman — Lauren Block

Strata B & C

- 1 Janet Kroll — Jeanette Brenner
- 2 Bernice Mittman — Elaine Gargano
- 3 Jerome Post — Paul Cohen

Monday Afternoon 299ers

- Strata A & B (13.5 tables)
- 1 Julie Gregorio — Bob Ulberg
 - 2 Rhoda Weslow — Bea Croce
 - 3 Ruth Weiner — Naomi Abramowitz

Stratum C

- 1 Julie Gregorio — Bob Ulberg
- 2 Rhoda Weslow — Bea Croce
- 3 Sandy Delson — Jerry Schain

Monday Afternoon 0-2000 Pairs (40 tables)

- 1 Laurel Kelman — Natalie Colvin
- 2 Marvin Lilienthal — Allan Grant
- 3 Gisela Von Zedlitz — Robert Finkelstein

Monday Evening Open Pairs

- Stratum A (42.5 tables)
- 1 Lorraine O'Loughlin — Herbert Feldmann
 - 2 Judy Frenkel — Barbara Fendel
 - 3/4 Grace Lloyd — Richard Baumer
 - 3/4 Peter Drezner — Karen Ewald

Stratum B

- 1 Lorraine O'Loughlin — Herbert Feldmann
- 2 Judy Frenkel — Barbara Fendel
- 3 Howard Lipset — Bernard Fleshel

Stratum C

- 1 Paul Goldstein — Janet Dallio
- 2 Marianne Carroll — Leo Kimmel
- 3 Bob Mones — Ellen Mones

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November 12-18, 2008 STaC Results (cont. from pg. 5)

Monday Evening Side Game (3 tables)

- 1 Doris Banks — Marvin Levine
- 2 John Floto — Susan Scholer

Monday Evening 0-2000 Pairs (17 tables)

- 1 Laura Reich — Ted Reich
- 2 Arnold Stein — Renata Brocato
- 3 Arlene Stevens — Natalie Colvin

Tuesday Morning Restricted Pairs

Stratum A (31.5 tables)

- 1/2 Dina Arker — Barbara Ostrick
- 1/2 Adele Somach — Alan Hyman
- 3 Jerry Goodman — Elyse Berger

Stratum B

- 1 Dina Arker — Barbara Ostrick
- 2 Jerry Goodman — Elyse Berger
- 3 Fay Dor — Lani Faber

Stratum C

- 1 Jerry Goodman — Elyse Berger
- 2 Fay Dor — Lani Faber
- 3 Eleanor Liberman — Susan Arlen

Tuesday Afternoon Open Pairs

Stratum A (75 tables)

- 1 Ann Kempner — Susan Mulholland

2 Joan Whitman — Barbara Gillies

3 Leslie Sarf — Louis Lessinger

Stratum B

1 Ann Kemper — Susan Mulholland

2 Joan Whitman — Barbara Gillies

3 Ellen Reynolds — Grant Duffrin

Stratum C

1 Joan Whitman — Barbara Gillies

2 Trina Waldron — Barbara Wright

3 Paul Michael — Norma Michael

Tuesday Evening Open Pairs

Stratum A (38 tables)

1 David Popper — Sydel Camhi

Chernoff

2 Karen Ewald — Peter Drezner

3 Linda Posner — Stephen Posner

Stratum B

1 David Popper — Sydel Camhi

Chernoff

2 Linda Posner — Stephen Posner

3 Lori Furst — Julie Geller

Stratum C

1 Joseph Levy — Gerard Ross

2 Carolyn Flapan — Robert Flapan

3 Paul Pirro — Allen Greenbaum

Tuesday Evening Side Game

Strata A & B (4.5 tables)

1 John Lazzaroni — Vicki Simon

2 Anita Sweeney — Sidney Wagner

Stratum C

1 Leonore Fohrenbach — Eunice Weiss

2 Emily Fairchild — Anne Thomas

Top 10 Masterpoint Leaders

1 31.47 Mark Leibowitz

2 31.11 Marlene Beckenstein

3 30.44 Richard W. Baumer

4 29.42 Lauren Block

5 29.42 Howard Friedman

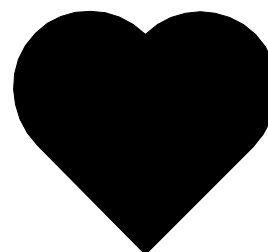
6 24.69 Art Brodsky

7 23.68 Karen Ewald

8 21.80 Peter Drezner

9 21.79 Geoffrey O'Connor

10 21.75 David Paull



As Good as Gould !!

While I never got a chance to play at what seems to have been a fabulous bridge game, I think it's time we all thanked both Julie and Rosalie Gould for all the work they've done for the game of bridge. The Friday night bridge game that the Goulds would run in their home was close to a National event that took place each Friday evening. Usually from 12 - 15 tables were occupied by the likes of Larry Edwards, Howard Chandross, Lee Rautenberg, Emmet and Joan Pollenz, Diana and Frank Schuld, Lew Handelsman, Michael and Howard Radin. Drew Casen, Joel Freberg, Len Epstein, Saul and Stuart Gross and many other fine payers. Unfortunately, their neighbors objected to the long, how should this hand be played, discussions that took place outside the Goulds home in Franklin Square and the game had to be abolished.

It's too bad the game no longer exists but Rosalie and Julie.. thanks a bunch anyway !! Two finer people you can't ever meet.

Phil Grella

2008 Player of the Year Results

FLIGHT A

1. Mel Colchamiro
2. Marlene Beckenstein
3. Art Brodsky
4. Steven Conrad
5. Frank Anshen
6. Frank Allison
7. Richard Baumer
8. Howard Friedman
8. Lauren Block
10. Christine Woodring

FLIGHT B

- 1/2. Marvin Levine
- 1/2. Robert Frick
- 3/4. Alan Levine
- 3/4. Marjorie Levine
5. Herbert Feldmann
6. Eylene Blume
7. James Jahosky
8. Doris Banks
9. Jack Pollack
10. Clifford Reitz



SENIOR

1. Mel Colchamiro
2. Doris Rodgers
- 3/8. Frank Anshen
- 3/8. Harriet Katz
- 3/8. Lynn Romeo
- 3/8. Marilyn Brescia
- 3/8. Sandy Rosen
- 3/8. Sydel Camhi Chernoff
9. Leslie Sarf
- 10 tie. Arnold Fisher
- 10 tie. Barbara Mendelsohn
- 10 tie. Charles Sharf
- 10 tie. Howard Cohen
- 10 tie. Jerry Podolsky
- 10 tie. Robert Karlan

LESS THAN 100

This category is for players starting the year with fewer than 100 masterpoints. It is based on points won at NSBA events — the regionals, the STaCs, the I/N tournament, and the NAP.

1. Susan Denenholz
2. Paulette Valenza
3. Conrad Kent
4. Harvey Schachter
5. Dina Arker
6. Gary Behrendt
7. Jeanette Brenner
8. June Harrison
9. Susan Gehn
10. Douglas Katzenstein

Thanks to Barry Elberg for tabulating the results!

Player of the Year awards are based on points won in special NSBA events. An NSBA committee, with board approval, revamped the criteria used to select Player of the Year. The revisions include the addition of two new categories, Flight B Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year, as well as a weighting system that assigns Player of the Year points based on the prestige of the particular events factored in. Adjustments will be made as our unit events are modified. No POTY points will be awarded for Unit Party, Pro-am events, one-session tournament events or side game series.

Claim With Colchamiro

By Mel Colchamiro



LI Player of the Year
2008, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1997,
1996

LI Senior Player of the Year
2008

If you get a chance, check out my new website www.melbridge.com. It's got some fun free stuff and some ugly guy hawking a new book that's got both Zia Mahmood *and* Catherine Zeta-Jones! Rumor has it, it's pretty good!

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Style Points

In more than one Olympic event, the winner is determined by a combination of technical merit and what are sometimes called “Style Points.” Ice dancing, diving, and forms of ski jumping come to mind.

In our game, style also comes into play, mostly in the bidding. Are you conservative? Are you aggressive? More important, do you know your partner's tendencies? If you don't, you should.

The best “big time” bridge example of this is the career of sure-shot 1st ballot Hall of Famer to be—Larry Cohen, who (sadly) is retiring from competitive bridge later this year.

Larry's first big-time partner was Ron Gerard, known for his conservatism. Next came Marty Bergen whose aggressive preempt style made us believe Marty never met a long suit he didn't like. For the past 15 years or so Larry has partnered Dave Berkowitz, who is somewhere in the middle, if maybe a little more like Marty than Ron. Larry won many National titles with each of these partners and part of the reason is that he made allowances for his partner's style—and vice versa, I am sure.

Getting to know you

Do you know your partner's style? Knowing your partner's style is MUCH more important than knowing which latest convention she favors. It has more to do with opening preempts, opening bids, overcalls, tries for game and things like this. Let's look at some examples.

Do you open the bidding with these hands?

- (1) x, AQxxx, Jx, QJxxx
- (2) x, KJxxx, xx, AQxxx
- (3) Axx, Jxx, KJx, Kxx

Personally, I would pass hand (1), Open 1H with hand (2) and only open hand (3) with 1C if first seat not vulnerable; otherwise I would pass.

This matters when you as the partner (responder) have the following hand

- (1a) KJxx, Kx, Kxxx, xxx

and the bidding proceeds

Partner You

1H 1S

2C ?——should the responder bid the mildly aggressive 2NT or the mildly conservative 2H.

Well, if partner would open hand (1) above, then 2H is best, but if opener could be counted on to have a better hand, then maybe 2NT is the way to go.

What about this one?

Qxxx, Axxx, AQx, xxx

Partner You

1C 1S

1NT ?——Should you bid the mildly aggressive 3NT or the mildly conservative 2NT?

Again that depends on whether partner would open hand (3) above. If she would, then 2NT is the way to go, if opener can be counted on to have a sturdier hand, then 3NT has more appeal. For whatever it's worth, I would bid 2NT.

What would you do with this one?

Axx, KQx, xx, AJxxx

Partner You

3D ?——If partner is a conservative preemptor, then 3NT has appeal. But if partner is

of the “preempt-on-any hand-with-a-long suit” school, then pass should come fast.

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Long Island Spring Regional



April 21-26, 2009

at the **Sheraton Long Island Hotel**

Results posted nightly
at www.libridge.com

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Room Rate: \$129, Cutoff date: **March 21, 2009** (ask for the Nassau-Suffolk Bridge rate)

DIRECTIONS: FROM THE SOUTH Take Sagtikos Pkwy to I-495 East, then follow directions "From the West."

FROM THE WEST Take I-495 to Exit 53. Take service road, and keep slightly right at fork, towards the ramp to Wicks Rd. Left at 1st light. Quick right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 0.2 miles on left. **FROM THE EAST** Take I-495 to Exit 55. Take service road towards Central Slip/Motor Pkwy. Turn right onto Motor Pkwy. Hotel is 1.7 miles on right.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Non LM/LM Charity Pairs (Each pair must have a LM and an under-300 player) (Red) 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (1 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 7 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
3 Session Open Bracketed KO (continues 9 AM Thurs.)
(6-8 teams/bracket, 24 boards/match) 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (Single-Session, Red) 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (2 & 3 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Final KO Round (begun yesterday) 9 AM
Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (7 rds of 8 bds, 4+3) 1 & 7:30 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 1 (4 & 5 of 5) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Bracketed Round-Robin Swiss Teams (7 rds of 7 or 8 bds, 4+3) 10 AM & TBA (ends ~ 6:45)
Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.
The top bracket is a SWISS event and is open to all teams that want to play in the top bracket.
***GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (1 & 2 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Stratified Newcomer Single-Session Pairs (0-200, Red) 10 AM & 3 PM
Stratified Open Swiss (7 rds of 8 boards) 10 AM & TBA (ends ~ 6:45)
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 PM
Stratified Side Game Series 2 (3 & 4 of 4) (Single-Session Pairs) 1 & 7 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

***Flighted / Bracketed Round Robin Swiss* (not stratified)** (Lunch available during 30-minute break) 10:30 AM & TBA (ends ~ 6:30 PM)
Teams are split into brackets by avg. masterpoints & play a round robin within their bracket.
Open Top Flight (A/X) Swiss, A(5000+) / X(0-5000), (7 rds of 8 brds)
Bracketed* Round Robin: (0-4000), teams play a round robin within their bracket (7 rds of 7 brds)
***GOLD AWARDED IN EVERY BRACKET (In each bracket of 8 teams, 3 receive gold.)**

All **Stratified Events** (unless otherwise indicated): A(2000+) B(750-2000) C(0-750, Red)

All **Newcomer Events** (single-session, Red): A(100-200) B(50-100) C(0-50) (if possible)

Tournament Chairman: Steve Conrad 516-365-5656 • e-mail: SRConrad@aol.com

PARTNERSHIPS ARRANGED (at the tournament only)

Gold pts: all events, except as noted.

SIDE GAME SERIES: Best 2 of 4 (Overall gold • Session red • Different partners OK)

SESSION FEE: \$14 ACBL, \$16 non and unpaid ACBL

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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS FROM THE ACBL

BRACKETED EVENTS

In these events, very popular today, teams are grouped by their average masterpoint holdings, *not* by the masterpoint holding of the highest ranked player (as done in stratified events). This allows the players to compete mainly against their equals, while allowing for a reasonable number of contestants in each bracket.

BRACKETED KNOCKOUT (3-4 sessions) & COMPACT KO TEAMS

In KO events, about 25% of the players get gold points. *A team winning its first two 24-board matches get gold points.* KO Team events are 2, 3 or 4 sessions long. (A compact KO Team event lasts 2 sessions long; teams play two 12-board matches each session.)

BRACKETED ROUND ROBIN SWISS TEAMS

In this event, roughly **35% of the players receive gold points!** Teams are grouped by average masterpoint holdings, *not* by the highest ranked player's holdings (as done in stratified events). Below the top, the 8 teams in each bracket play only against other teams in that bracket. This playthrough event is *not* a knockout. In an 8-team bracket, each team plays once against every other team in its bracket. This is called a complete round-robin within a bracket. In the lowest bracket, there may be more than 8 teams.

** The highest bracket, open to ANY team, is played as a traditional Swiss Team Event.**

STRATIFIED PAIRS & STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

These events usually have three mutually exclusive strata. For a pair or team, the player with the highest masterpoint holding determines the stratum in which they play. In these events, all strata play against each other. Players are eligible for masterpoint awards in their own or a higher stratum. All stratified events are playthrough. Only the top two strata of a stratified event pay gold points. The C stratum pays red points.

SIDE GAME SERIES

These are single-session red point stratified pairs games. For those who play more than one session of the same series, a bonus is: ***Gold points are given to individuals (not partnerships) with the best performance in any two single sessions of the same series.*** For gold point "bonus" purposes, the event is NOT stratified. If you win a section top during the course of these events, you will receive gold points for the section top as long as that player plays at least two sessions in the same series.

**COME AND PLAY IN THE
SPRING REGIONAL KICKOFF EVENT**

****NON-LM/LIFE MASTER CHARITY
PAIR GAME****

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009 AT 7PM

Each partnership consists of 1 Life Master
and 1 non-Life Master (who has less than 300 points).

Life Master plays free.

Arrange your own partnership or we will find a partner for you.

Pre-registration on the form below is greatly appreciated.

Tear off and mail to:

Lesley Decker-Lucas

231 Baird Court

Woodbury, New York 11797

Fee: \$14 for Non-LM; LM plays free

Please send forms in by April 10, 2009.

Call Lesley at 516-364-2388 for further information.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Partner's Name _____

I am a Life Master _____ I am a non-Life Master _____

I need a partner Yes ___ No ___

Please do not send money -- you can pay at the tournament.

**NASSAU-SUFFOLK BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
LONG ISLAND SPRING REGIONAL**

APRIL 21-26, 2009

at THE SHERATON LONG ISLAND HOTEL

ATTENTION: INTERMEDIATES AND NEWCOMERS! SPRING REGIONAL EVENTS JUST FOR YOU!

What are you doing from April 21-26, 2009?

I know that you do not want to do your spring cleaning...or anything on your spouse's "honey, do" list. It may even be too cold or too hot for golf. There is absolutely nothing on television..and the Mets and the Yankees will be there all spring.

Do I have a suggestion for you!

Come and play in the I/N (that's Intermediate/Newcomer) games at our Spring Regional at the Sheraton Long Island Hotel from April 21-26, 2009.

What did you say? A tournament is for experienced players. Not so! Really...would I kid you? The tournament includes lots of events especially for our newer players. These stress-free games are limited to those players with fewer than 200 masterpoints.

There will be a registration gift and lots of goodies.

Trust me..this is *THE* place to be this spring.



The I/N player who has won the most masterpoints playing in newcomer events during the tournament will be the recipient of our I/N trophy. It could be you! And at this tournament - newcomers are invited to participate in our popular BRACKETED ROUND-ROBIN SWISS TEAM EVENT. This means that your team will be playing against opponents who have similar masterpoint totals to you - and that you could even win GOLD points in this event. No kidding!

Make your plans now to play with your favorite partner.

Tuesday, April 21	7 PM	Non LM/LM Pairs
Wednesday, April 22	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Thursday, April 23	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, April 24	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Friday, April 24	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss
Saturday, April 25	10 AM & 3 PM	Single Session Pairs
Sunday, April 26	10 AM & TBA	Bracketed RR Swiss

For information and encouragement: call Susan Scholer,

I/N co-ordinator at 631-360-8456.

You can do this tournament! See you in April!

Claim with Colchamiro (continued from page 9)

Raising on 3

As the opener, have you ever supported partner's major suit response with only 3-card support? I know I have. In fact, I do it rather frequently. That is my style and I recommend it to you all. But others disagree, like World Champion Judi Radin who (I believe) generally rebids NT. Her style and mine differ here.

Kxx, xx, AQxx, Kxxx

You Partner

1D 1S

?—————Should we rebid 1NT “Radin-style” or 2S “Colchamiro- style.” I strongly advise you to rebid 2S, not 1NT. When you have a worthless doubleton or a singleton in a side suit and honor-third in partner's suit, go for the 3-card raise. The risk of the 3-card raise is less than the barren doubleton is for NT. If the doubleton has an honor or if you have three small cards in a side suit, then go ahead and rebid 1NT. Here are two examples:

Kxx, xxx, AQxx, Kxx

Kxx, Kx, Axxx, Qjxx

With both of these hands, rebid 1NT after partner's 1S response to our 1D opening bid.

You should also raise with 3 if you have a side suit that contains a singleton. For example:

Kxx, Axxx, AJxxx, x

You Partner

1D 1S

?—————what now? 2D? Not with only a 5-card suit. 2H? No, no. that is what we call a “reverse” and shows extra values and is therefore unthinkable here. 1NT? NO, no. a million times no. Not with a singleton in an unbid suit (some players foolishly bid 1NT “New Minor Forcing” here. That is VERY misguided [to use a nice word]. New minor forcing is initiated by the responder). Only rebid 1NT if you have a NT hand.

The only thing left is to raise to 2S with 3 trump. It is so clear that even Judi Radin—who likes to have 4 trump to raise—would bid 2S here.

How can I tell?

But Mel, if I am the responder and I hear partner raise my 1 of a major response to 2, how can I tell if she has 3-card support of 4-card support? Won't this ambiguity throw me off?

Yes, it could. That is why many players (including myself) use what is known as "Mini-maxi" 2NT. Here's an example of how it works:

Opener Responder

1D 1S

2S 2NT = artificial. It asks about how many trumps opener has and if opener likes her hand. But remember that is in the context of partner just telling you she has 13-15 support points.

3C = 3 trump, minimum hand

3D = 4 trump, minimum hand

3H = 3 trump, maximum hand

3S = 4 trump, maximum hand

There are other wrinkles, like throwing in a splinter bid, but leave that to the experts who (a) play too much bridge and (b) don't have a life.

The point is that if your partner's style is to sometimes raise with 3 trumps as the opener, then maybe you should adopt the mini-maxi 2NT.

Correction: In the last issue when I talked about a method of slam bidding over a 1NT opener, I incorrectly attributed it to Grant Baze (who sadly passed away earlier this year). Credit should have gone to Paul Soloway and Bobby Goldman. The style is known as "The Aces Treatment over NT." Thanks to Steve Conrad and Ruth Stober for pointing out this error. By the way, Ruth should know: She played with Goldman for many years before his untimely death in 1999.

MOVING?

Staying in the Unit: If you are moving to another location but staying on Long Island, please contact the ACBL directly at 901-332-5586, ext. 1234 or ext. 5586, or e-mail them at Addresschange@ACBL.org. The Islander receives its mailing list directly from the ACBL so your address change should be filed directly with them, not with us. We have no ability or authorization to change your address.

Snowbirds: File your new address directly with the ACBL at the above listed contacts. But please make sure to tell them that you want to remain listed as a permanent Unit 242 member! The NSBA receives funds from the ACBL according to the numbers of our membership. Be counted for us!

2008 District 24 NAP Finals

Flight A

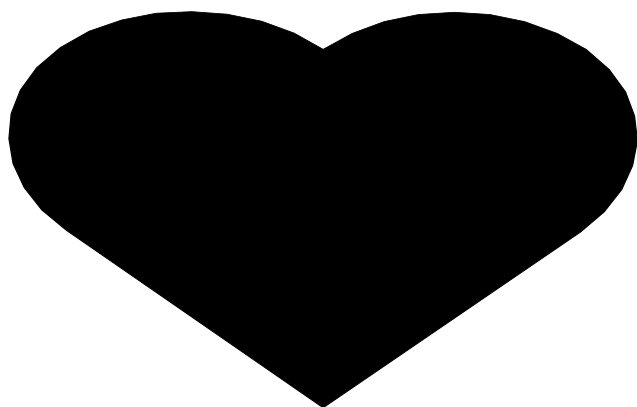
- 1 Jim Krekorian — John Rengstorff
- 2 Jeffrey Hand — Gail Greenberg
- 3 Malle Andrade — Bjorn Fallenius

Flight B

- 1 Igor Milman — Oleg Rubinchik
- 2 Kevin Casey — Bill Begert
- 3 Gary Russell — Robert Russell

Flight C

- 1 Dora Kooby — Fred Kooby
- 2 Harry Greenwald — Glenn Mason
- 3 Nancy Daly — Gretel Suhl



Goodwill Game, November 25, 2008

Stratum A (66.5 tables)

- 1 Frances Fein — Barbara Boyarsky
- 2 Camille Khazzam — Rosalie Gould
- 3 Robert Vogel — Estelle Vogel

Stratum B

- 1 Leonard Weiss — Frank Moor
- 2 Jean Tonjes — Jim Tonjes
- 3 Georgianne Hartnagel — Tamara Cooper

Stratum C

- 1 Leonard Weiss — Frank Moor
- 2 Virginia Pierce — Coral Lawrence
- 3 Aurora Larocca — Evelyn Sullivan

A Goodwill Day is held at each NABC where each player playing that day is given a small gift as a reminder to practice goodwill. The Goodwill Committee of the ACBL receives, conveys, and acts on suggestions for the betterment of ACBL, particularly in the areas of active ethics, conduct, tournament conditions, bridge for Juniors, and bridge for people with disabilities. The ACBL Goodwill Committee slogan is "It is nice to be important but more important to be nice." To coincide with this effort, the NSBA sponsors a Unitwide Goodwill Game on the Goodwill Day of each NABC to remind our players of the importance of goodwill

Letter to the Editor

Diana Schuld's column brings back memories. Frank and I fought heatedly over whether NSBA should become a unit or not. Frank and Diana were for it, I was not. Some of your board members may remember me, some favorably, others not.

I was the first president of NSBA in 1977, I believe, when it became unit 242, even though I was against it happening. That I know. I don't know whether I was the last president before it became a unit too, or served the first two as a unit. I did serve two terms.

During this time I prevailed on Sheila Theodore to start this publication.

Many years have passed; the NSBA, by my count, is now 61 years old. It started in 1948 and became a unit, I believe, in 1977.

Some may remember me more as a tournament director as I worked the area and at nationals in that position, before becoming president, for 13 years.

I am writing to say hello. Perhaps when I return to New York I will get to a meeting and we can discuss old times.

Fondly,
Jerry Prisyon

MILESTONES

The ACBL Ranks:

Rookie: less than 5 masterpoints (mp)

Junior Master: 5+ mp

Club Master: 20+ mp

Sectional Master: 50+ mp, of which 5 are silver

Regional Master: 100+ mp, including 15 silver and 5 red or gold points

NABC Master: 200+ mp, including 50 pigmented points of which 5 must be gold, 15 must be red or gold, and 25 must be silver

Life Master: 300+ mp, including 100 pigmented points of which 25 must be gold, 25 must be red or gold, and 50 must be silver; **Bronze:** LM w/500+ mps; **Silver:** LM w/1000+ mps; **Gold:** LM w/2500+ mps, **Diamond:** LM w/5000+ mps, **Emerald:** 7500+ mps,

Platinum: 10,000+ w/o a National Title, **Grand:** LM with 10,000+ mps with a National Title

New Sectional Masters

Dina Arker
James Armstrong
Nunzio Bellini
Carol Benes
Peggy Burns
Arlene Dausch
Leslie Dobbins
Fay Dor
Lani Faber
Audrey Friedner
Debra Gardner
Jill Gleiber
Bertha Greenhut
Patricia Hanlon
Alisa Hoenig
Sondra Kleinman
Maxine Landau
Eleanor Liberman
Marvin Marcus
Bernice Mittman
Linda Neuwirth
Arnie Obler
Geri Obler
Sheila Pohly
Lisa Pomerantz
Sharon Price
Nancy Rabbach
Roberta Resnick
Sydelle Salenger
Carlo Salmaggi
Renee Schwartz
Wendy Silverman
Dorothy Singer
Arthur Solomon
Susan Toporovsky
Paulette Valenza
Carol Ziegler

New Diamond Life Masters

Robert Gordon
Gary Helman

Elyse Fields
Jacquelyn Gernaey
Michael Fishman
Florence Gross
Carol Reiss

Phyllis Vaccaro
Phyllis Wald

New Gold Life Masters

Ljudmila Kamenova
Mark Liebowitz
Hannabelle White
Christine Woodring

New Life Masters

Rick Blume
Barbara Deutsch
Elyse Fields
Allen Greenbaum
Carol Reiss
Jack Sage
David Schwartz
Kian Ling Tio

New Regional Masters

Grace Basile
Iris Burckhardt
Susan Champlin
Susan Denenholz
Carolyn Flapan
Martin Fox
Maureen Francescani
Beverly Gitelman
Solomon Godelsky
Joan Kalinousky
Martin Klein
Valentin Kovachev
Ellen Liebman
Gloria Markfield
Erryl Olan
Nat Pepper
Paul Pirro
Billie Ritter
Robert Schanzer
Elaine Schwaber
Arnold Stein
Joan Whitman

New Silver Life Masters

John Abrenica
Eylene Blume
Harriet Katz
August La Ruffa
Joann Lederman
Ruth Maller
Dorothy Mooallem
Joan Shifter
Ellin Shore

New NABC Masters

Barbara Cooper
Marie Edwards
Michael Herman
Gloria Marmor
Beth Raymond
Shirley Rubenstein
Arnold Salob
Georgia Spillman
Julia Tucker

New Bronze Life Masters

Stephen Block
David Casper
John D'Amico

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Milestones

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New Club Masters

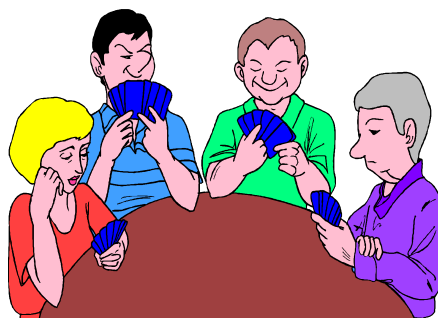
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Burton Greenhouse
Theodora Hooton
Holly Jonas
Theresa Kuhn

Bobby Madorsky
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Jody Tancer
Irene Zebrowski

New Junior Masters

Gary Alter
Ann Arkin
Yulin Cao
Judith Carlson
Tanni Cassouto
Isabelle Cetlin
Henry Conston
Michael Diamond
Sandra Emerson
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Elisabeth Fishbach
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IN MEMORIAM -- PETER DREZNER

The bridge world has been saddened by the passing of Peter Drezner. He went peacefully at his home on January 10th, at the age of 66.

Peter was a passionate bridge expert who won several regionals and sectionals and most club games. He was a patron member of the ACBL, participated in our LM/NLM games, and always took the time to answer any bridge questions posed by his fellow players.

Peter was a true gentleman and if you were lucky enough to be his friend, you'd find him to be loyal, generous, accommodating, and genuine. You'd know about his love of Elvis, his devotion to the Yankees, and his resistance to technology. He loved old-fashioned methods and concepts. He often spoke of the good-old days.

Peter was once talked into buying a cell phone. Two months later I asked him how he liked his new phone. He looked at me in a funny way. I asked him where the phone was. He answered "In my dresser drawer!!"

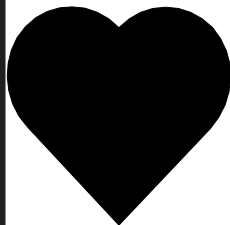
Peter was my best friend, my mentor, my partner in bridge and in life. He will be eternally missed and never forgotten.

Karen Ewald

LONG ISLAND MASTER CLUB SCHEDULE

	Vanderbilt 516-328-9704 2500 Marcus Ave Lake Success Diana Schuld	FrankLin 516-481-4311 340 Dogwood Ave Franklin Square Lin Fisher	110 631-454-6775 135 Spagnoli Road Melville Irma Korenstein	Smithtown 631-360-8456 22 Lawrence Ave Smithtown Sue Scholer, Carol Mathews
Monday	12:30 pm	12:30 pm	10:30 am 7:30 pm	10:30 am 7:00 pm
Tuesday	9:45 am Open 12:30 pm	10:30 am Limited 12:30 pm	10:30 am 7:30 pm	10:00 EZ Bridge
Wednesday	12:30pm 6:40 pm	12:30 pm 7:45 pm	10:30 am Open 7:30 pm Bridge +	10:30 am Handicap 7:00 pm Bridge +
Thursday	12:30 pm	10:30 am Limited 12:30 pm Open	10:30 am	7:00 pm
Friday	12:30 pm	10:30 am Limited 12:30 & 8:00 pm Open	10:30 am 7:30 pm	10:30 am 7:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 novice 1:00 pm	12:45 pm	1:00 pm	12:00 pm Lesson 12:30 pm game
Sunday	1:00 pm	12:45 pm		12:30 pm

OTHER SANCTIONED GAMES

<p>Great Neck BC Cumberland Ave School 30 Cumberland Ave Great Neck 516-248-6191 Rob Goldman Fri 9:15 am</p>	<p>Bridge School of LI 123 Merrick Ave, Merrick 516-379-3000 Michael Kufs Mon 10 am & 7:30 pm Thur 10:00 am All Open and non-smoking</p>	<p>Eastern Suffolk BC Hampton Bays Sr Ctr 25 Ponquoge Ave Hampton Bays 631-728-9372 Pat Allen Mon 7:15 Open (Reservation Required)</p>	<p>Garden City BC DBC Senior Rec Center Golf Club Lane Garden City 516-781-4651 Ellen Davidoff Thur 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Gardiners Bay BC Gardiners Bay CC Shelter Island 631-749-2021 Lillian Kessler (summers only)</p>
<p>Sands' Point BC Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, 455 Main St 516-747-5461 Ann Schwartz Tues 7:15 pm</p>	<p>Mattituck Library DBC Main Rd Mattituck 631-734-8096 Kathy Fibkins Tues 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Montauk BC St Luke's Church East Hampton 631-267-6378 Duke Morrell Mon 7:30 pm Wed 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Plandome BC Our Lady of Grace 29 Shelter Rock Road Manhasset 516-883-9248 Jo Ann Damato Tues 7:15 pm</p>	<p>Riverhead BC Riverhead Com Ctr Jamesport Thur 12:30 pm & Quogue VFW Hall Fri 12:30 Sun 12:30 631-790-1331 Richard Baumer</p>
<p>Emmanuel BC Hicks Lane, Kings Point 516-747-5461 Ann Schwartz Mon 7:15 pm</p>	<p>Water Mill Bridge Club 160 Main St Southampton 631-726-4540 Kathleen McLaughlin Tues 1:00 pm</p>	<p>South Shore BC 9 Northwood Lane Patchogue 631-654-5313 Pat Mahoney Thurs 11:00 am Sun 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Jack & Carol's Bridge Friedberg JCC 15 Nell Ct, Oceanside Jack Fleissig Fri 9:30 am Lesson & Game</p>	<p>Grumman DBC 110 Bridge Club 135 Spagnoli Rd Melville 631-790-1331 Richard Baumer Thur 6:00 pm</p>
<p>East Hampton DBC 1st Presb. Church 120 Main St, E Hampton 631-329-2411 Rose DeLeonardis Thur 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Temple Judea BC 333 Searingtown Rd Manhasset Mon 12:30 pm Lyn Weiss 718-279-1005 ----- Thue 10:00 am Shelley Ganz 516-621-8049</p>	<p>St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church 17 St & Ogden Ct Huntington Station 631-360-8456 Carol Mathews Tues 9:30 am, Mini Lesson and Game</p>	<p>Sterling Glen BC 146 Glen St Glen Cove 516-671-2095 Meyer Wiesen Tues 7:15 pm</p>	

NSBA 2009 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

STaC	Local Clubs	March 25-31
Unit Party	Sheraton LI Hotel	March 29
LM/NLM Game	Sheraton LI Hotel	April 21
Spring Regional	Sheraton LI Hotel	April 21-26

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