







Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April			
	1 Ed Spaans	2 	3
6	8 Charity Pairs	9 	10 Good Friday 
13 Charity Pairs	15 Cornelius K 	16 Club Champ'nship	17
20	22 Phil Cousar Earth Day 	23 	24 Charity Pairs
27 Club Champ'nship	29 ACBL-Wide Game 	30 Charity Swiss Teams	

5 Sunday Game Charity Pairs

17 Sunday Game Grass Roots

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May			
			1
4	6 Grass Roots Game	7 8 Furniture City Sectional May 7 - 9, 2020	
11	13 Margaret Malenka Club Champ'nship	14 	15  Grass Roots Game
18 Grass Roots Game	20 Kevin Zhu	21 Grass Roots Game	22 Club Champ'nship
25  Memorial Day	27 Pete Patterson	28 Upgraded Club Champ'nship	29

We're All in This Together









Life changed drastically in March for everyone. Those changes affected not only residents of west Michigan or the United States, but also people throughout the world. With the introduction of this microscopic coronavirus, people worldwide are experiencing a pandemic that leaves them fearful of this organism that is detrimental to the health of people, particularly our senior population. Although it has not necessarily claimed a great number of lives, it has the capabilities of playing havoc with people's respiratory systems. At additional risk are people whose health is already compromised in any way.

With the closure of movie theaters, gyms, bowling alleys, bars, casinos, restaurants, and bridge clubs (Even the spring national tournament scheduled for Columbus, OH in March was cancelled.), people are restricted from going out and are essentially self-quarantined.

Family gatherings have been scrapped; weddings, reunions, big family parties can't be held because of restrictions on the number of people who can gather. Travel is equally unattractive. If one must travel any distance by car, staying at hotels or motels is not that appealing nor is air travel particularly enticing.

States closed their schools until further notice, the stock market has experienced historic, unprecedented drops, senior care facilities are restricting visitors, so families are experiencing heart-breaking separation. People who follow and enjoy sports are feeling the pinch also since all sports have been suspended.

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Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June			
1  NAP	3 NAP	4  NAP	5 NAP
8 	10 Kathy Woudstra	11 NAP	12 
15	17	18	19
Spring Stag Week June 25 - 31			
22 NAP	24 Duane Little	25 	26 NAP
29			

14 Sunday Game Staff Game



Like no other event you have ever attended, Fred and Dorothy Fichter's Butterflies are Blooming exhibition is at Meijer Gardens until April 30. The two-month long annual celebration began its 25th year March 1. It is the largest temporary tropical butterfly exhibition in the country. Visitors will see longwings, swallowtails, lacewings and many other unique and exotic specimens. Although the winged stars of the exhibition don't have any restrictions, visitors are reminded "Don't touch the butterflies."



It is heart-warming and uplifting to hear of someone celebrating such an advanced birthday. You give us hope, and because you are a bright, level-headed woman, we are sure you will take care of yourself during this trying time. We all hope to celebrate number 107 with you next May.

Happy Birthday, Cora.

The 70% Club

Some pairs got the new year started right by scoring seventy per cent or better but were disappointed when we were told to stay home in mid-March because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pairs making the mark in the shortened first quarter included:

- 1/15: D Whitehouse-Joane Molt 71.06%
- 1/22: Mike Curley-Den Blodgett 74.48%
- 2/5: N Kammeraad - John Molt 76.56%
- 2/12: John and Joanne Molt 73.43%
- 2/19: D Whitehouse-Joane Molt 72.44%
- 3/11: Joanne Molt - Tom Ferch 70.19%

Furniture City Sectional
May 7 - 9, 2020
East Congregational Church
1005 Giddings SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Thursday, May 7
 1:00 pm Stratified Open Prs
 Stratified 299er Prs
 6:00 pm Handicapped Swiss
 (Four 7-board matches)

Friday, May 8
 11:00 am Stratified Open Prs
 Stratified 299er Prs
Lunch provided
between sessions
 3:00 pm Stratified Open Prs
 Stratified 299er Prs

Saturday, May 9
 11:00 am Stratified Swiss Tms
Lunch provided midway
through event

Stratifications: **A = 2000 +;**
B = 750 - 2000; C = 0 - 750
299er Strata: **A = 200 - 300;**
B = 100 - 200; C = 0 - 100
299er events half price

Chairperson: **Joanne Molt,**
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moltj@sbcglobal.net
Partnerships: **Joanne Fiedler,**
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The Novel Coronavirus' Impact

This devastating coronavirus is playing havoc with participation in our favorite card game and pastime. Because of social distancing and the "stay at home" order, bridge clubs everywhere have canceled regular games. Most (if not all) tournaments have been canceled or postponed. Even the spring and summer nationals scheduled for March 19-29 and July 16-26 have been canceled. It seems like cruel and unusual punishment, but these precautions are for our own good.

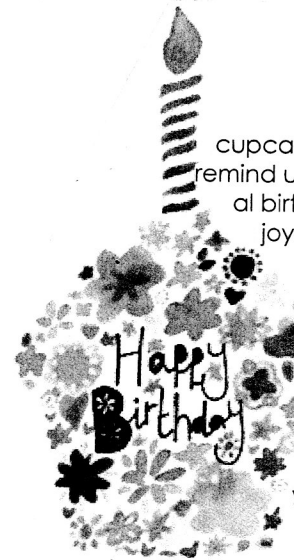
You may have noticed there are some blanks for stand-bys on the calendar. The sign-up sheet was at the game site when the quarantine kicked in, but with the cancellations, stand-bys are not a real necessity. If the games resume during this quarter, some of those unused stand-bys may volunteer to fill in one of the openings. Some of the special events also may be changed in order to include them.

The Frankfort sectional, originally (See **Impact** on page 7)

Bridge Club of Grand Rapids
westmichiganbridge.com
 Club Manager - **Joanne Molt**
 (616) 957-5036
 Please do **not** call before 10 am

East Congregational Church
 1005 Giddings SE
Monday at 6:30 pm
Weds. and Thurs. at 12:15 pm
Second Sunday at 1:00 pm

All games are Open and Stratified



This festive cupcake is meant to remind us of our annual birthday, a once joyous occasion, but now they seem to occur far too often and are not the source of happiness they once were. Players at the BCGR enjoy the first

Thursday of each month since that is the day people celebrating a birthday that month are treated to a free play - a birthday gift to bring back that smile associated with one's natal day. Others are pleased since they are treated to a piece of birthday cake (or some sweet) that day. Birthday parties this quarter are April 2, May 7, and June 4.



**Cascades Sectional
Jackson, MI
January 18-19, 2020**

Saturday, January 18 - 10:00 am
Stratified Open Pairs (9 tables)

- A B C**
- 1 **Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI**
 - 2 Catherine Gay, Gobles MI; William Northrop, Schoolcraft
 - 3 **1 1 Cynthia Clark, Jackson; Eric Wiedmayer, Ypsilanti MI**
 - 4 2 Rich and Sharon Oom, Kentwood MI
 - 5 3 2 Henry and Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI
 - 4 Phil Reynolds - Susan Parker, Jackson
 - 3 John Kunnen - Herman Degroot, Grand Rapids MI
 - 4 Melvin Waisanen, Jackson; Joe Mount, Michigan Center

Saturday, January 18 - 2:00 pm
Stratified Open Pairs (10 tables)

- A B C**
- 1 **Mike Curley, Rockford MI; Bob Varty, Grand Rapids MI**
 - 2 Dennis and Susan Bailey Carman, Plainwell MI
 - 3 Catherine Gay, Gobles MI; William Northrop, Schoolcraft
 - 4 Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON; Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI
 - 5 **1 1 Henry and Yanping Zhang, Ann Arbor MI**
 - 6 Donald Rumelhart - Dave Harty, Ann Arbor MI
 - 2 Walter Magee, Manitou Bch MI; Eric Holder, Temperance
 - 3 Rich and Sharon Oom, Kentwood MI
 - 4 2 Melvin Waisanen, Jackson; Joe Mount, Michigan Center
 - 5 3 Juhn Kunnen - Herman Degroot, Grand Rapids MI
 - 4 Don Borseth, Williamston MI; Amelia Musser, Mackinac Island MI

Sunday, January 19 - 10:00 am
Stratified Open Swiss (11 tables)

- A B C**
- 1 **Julie Arbit, Milford MI; Jonathan Fleischmann, Bloomfield MI; Robert Katz, Ann Arbor MI; Kurt Dasher, Petersburg MI;**

Frankfort Sectional

**May 1 - 3, 2020
Frankfort High School
534 11th Street
Frankfort, MI 49635**

Friday, May 1

- 1:00 pm Stratified Open Prs
- 6:30 pm Stratified Open Prs

Saturday, May 2

- 10:30 am Stratified Open Prs
- Lunch provided between sessions**
- 2:30 pm Stratified Open Prs

Sunday, May 3

- 10:30 am Stratified Swiss Trms
- Lunch provided midway through event**

Stratifications: **A = 2000+;**
B = 500 - 2000; C = 0 - 500

Chairperson:

Arnie Black (231) 378-2648
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Partnerships:

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- 2 Michael Curley, Rockford MI; Bob Varty, Grand Rapids MI; William Northrop, Schoolcraft MI; Catherine Gay, Gobles MI
- 3 Susan Bailey Carman - Dennis Carman, Plainwell; John Koschik, Livonia MI; Bob Rasmussen, Ann Arbor MI
- 4 **1 1 John Kunnen - Herman Degroot, Grand Rapids MI; Rich and Sharon Oom, Kentwood**
- 2 Martha Toon - Corey Powell - David Armstrong - Klaus Brondum, Ann Arbor MI
- 3 John Philbrook, Grass Lake MI; Tim Berges, Tecumseh MI; Eric Holder, Temperance MI; Walter Magee, Manitou Beach MI

**Cascades Sectional
Top Masterpoint Winners**

- 1 12.06 Robert Katz, Ann Arbor
- 2 10.18 William Northrop, Schoolcraft
- 3 10.18 Catherine Gay, Gobles
- 4 8.92 Michael Curley, Rockford
- 5 8.92 Bob Varty, Grand Rapids
- 6 6.69 Susan Bailey Carman, Plwell
- 7 6.69 Dennis Carman, Plainwell
- 8 6.30 Sharon Oom, Kentwood
- 9 6.30 Rich Oom, Kentwood
- 10 6.28 Morrie Kleinplatz, Windsor ON
- 11 5.78 Kurt Dasher, Petersburg
- 12 5.78 Julie Arbit, Milford
- 13 5.78 Jon Fleischmann, Bloomfield
- 14 5.14 John Kunnen, Grand Rapids
- 15 5.14 Herm Degroot, Grand Rapids



**PETOSKEY
FUTURE LIFE MASTER
SECTIONAL
JUNE 27-28, 2020**

Petoskey Bridge Club
2144 Cemetery Road
Petoskey, MI 49770

**Space is Limited
Reservations Required
Contact Linda Dawson
to Register**

Saturday, June 27

- 10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs
- 2:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

Sunday, June 28

- 10:00 am Strat NLM Swiss Trms
- 36 Boards - Play through
- Lunch provided
midway through event**

Stratifications: **A = 200 -500NLM;**
B = 50 - 200; C = 0 - 50

Chairperson: **Linda Dawson,**
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Partnerships: **Jan Coltman,**
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Lyle G. Brockway 1924 - 2020

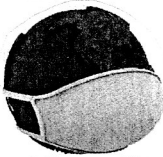
Lyle G. Brockway, a one-time regular at our games and member of the BCGR, passed away early New Year's Day in 2020. Lyle's health had been failing lately after suffering some setbacks in recent years; he had to quit his duplicate bridge playing quite a few months ago.

Lyle moved to Grand Rapids more than 20 years ago. He had been living in the Cadillac area and played in Cadillac, Ludington, Traverse City and other cities north of us. His easy going attitude and friendly demeanor made him a welcome addition to the BCGR.

Lyle was eager, calm, even-tempered and always a gentleman at the table. Soft-spoken, he was never critical of his partners or opponents which made him a desirable partner and pleasant opponent. He had a kind word for everyone, and his candor made him someone people enjoyed talking to.

During World War II, Lyle joined the military and became an ace pilot, who flew a number of highly successful missions in Germany. As a result of his outstanding record in the air, Lyle was highly decorated. Despite his stellar accomplishments, he seldom talked about it. He was humble, modest, and reserved and probably had more than enough reason to brag about his involvement in the war effort.

Lyle had spent the last several months at Clark Retirement Home and was a regular at the daily rubber bridge game there. Like his many friends at Clark and members of his large family, his friends at the BCGR will also miss him.



It's ironic that Earth Day celebrated its 50th anniversary on April 22 in the midst of this pandemic. Activities planned for the day were restricted and limited as a result of our social distancing and sheltering in place.

Kalamazoo Sectional May 29 - May 31, 2020 Wings Event Center

3600 Vanrick Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Please pre-register via email to
catherinegay1@gmail.com

Please come even if you are
unable to pre-register

Friday, May 29

10:30 am Stratified Open Prs
Stratified 299er Prs
3:30 pm Stratified Open Prs
Stratified 299er Prs

Saturday, May 30

10:30 am Stratified Open Prs
Stratified 299er Prs
3:30 pm Stratified Open Prs
Stratified 299er Prs

Sunday, May 31

10:00 am Stratified Open
Swiss Teams
Lunch provided midway
through the event

Stratifications: **A** = 2000 +;
B = 750 - 2000; **C** = 0 - 750
299er Strata: **A** = 200 - 300;
B = 100 - 200; **C** = 0 - 100

Chairperson: **Bill Northrop**,
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Happy
Father's
Day
June 21,
2020

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Fans of pro teams (basketball, hockey, baseball, etc.) or collegiate/high school teams are unable to attend or watch televised games.

Locally the Tulip Festival in Holland has been cancelled for the first time in 91 years, and the Festival of the Arts in early June at Calder Plaza has been cancelled for the first time in 50 years.


True worldwide is the fact that cancellations and postponements have become the rule rather than the exception. The Kentucky Derby has been postponed, the Pope is saying mass to an empty St. Peter's Square, and hundreds of concerts, other musical events, and live theater have been cancelled. There are sure to be many more cancellations in the future.

It's clear that this challenge will not be easy. Because we are good at problem-solving, creative, and resilient, we will probably come through this with flying colors and hopefully unscathed. Let's hope and pray that the end of this pandemic is near and that it doesn't do much more damage than has been done already.

April is Charity Game month. The ACBL-wide Charity Game #2 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29. Grass Roots FUNd games are to take place in May. Finally, the NAP qualifying games begin in June. Check the calendar on page 1 for the dates of these special games.

Winners of the Mini McKenney and Ace of Clubs awards for 2019 at the Unit level can be found on pages 5 through 7. The Mini McKenney awards go to the players who won the most points in each of fifteen different categories; the Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs awards go to the people amassing the largest totals of points won locally at club games. The top spots of the various groups include 15 players from the BCGR, and we are very proud of their achievements.

Looking ahead to the summer, Lansing will hold its annual sectional in late July. The August regional will be held August 10-16 in picturesque Petoskey. As many of you know, it is held at the Odawa casino and offers players something to do after the bridge games.

Masterpoint Races

Every unit in the ACBL recognizes the top ten recipients in 15 categories of the Mini-McKenney contest for ACBL members who amass the largest number of masterpoints during the year in their respective categories. The Helen Shanbrom contest awards the top recipients of masterpoints won at the club level in each of the same 15 categories. Of the total 30 divisions between the two contests, nearly 50 per cent of the winners are members of the BCGR; names of other BCGR members appeared in many additional positions. We are proud of our members and all the players from other cities who finished in the overalls.

Unit 195 2019 Mini-McKenney Awards

0 to 5

1 Robert Hawkins, Bellaire	28.49
2 Malti Agrwal, Haslett	18.45
3 Dennis Kwapis, Tipton	16.04
4 Carol Nauta, Sparta	13.53
5 Malcolm McCaleb, Pentwater	11.24
6 Nancy King, Grand Ledge	9.63
7 Marsha Irelan, Kalamazoo	8.41
8 Cynthia Clark, Jackson	7.96
9 Karen Sinclair, Northport	7.42
10 John Pumplun, E Lansing	7.31

5 to 20

1 Ron Redman, Ada	39.65
Kathie Redman, Ada	39.65
3 Paul Hayes, Ada	31.40
4 Gay Grafinger, Bellaire	31.28
5 Alix Thompson, Grand Rapids	30.80
6 Karen Killackey, Fennville	30.52
7 Mandy Mitchell, Kalamazoo	21.30
8 Elizabeth Baer, Lansing	20.36
9 Celine Johncox, Harbor Sprgs	18.42
10 Ann Carter, Grand Rapids	16.25

20 to 50

1 Steven Kral, Muskegon	120.21
2 Robert Bell, Hillsdale	94.17
3 Fred Prasser, Jonesville	77.19
4 Christina Homan, Petoskey	44.24
5 Nancy McCully, Bellaire	39.15
6 Nathan Long, Grand Rapids	39.05
7 Joan Arvanigian, Portage	35.81
8 Michele Macmaster, Alden	31.26
9 Elizabeth Turpin, Lansing	30.27
10 Kathryn Ravelo, Bellaire	29.46

50 to 100

1 Sharon Bacon, Tucson AZ	97.61
2 Michael Swift, Lansing	53.27
3 Mary Lou Hollis, Kalamazoo	52.06
4 Marlene Warzecha, Brutus	43.04
5 John Warzecha, Brutus	42.63
6 Danielle Fischer, Ada	41.71
7 Vincent Trapani, Bridgman	39.67
8 Linda Kerr, Petoskey	37.27
9 Gloria Ferris, Petoskey	34.32
10 Diane Hoekstra, Hastings	31.70

100 to 200

1 Kevin Zhu, Grand Rapids	190.19
2 Gerald Nielsen, Ft Myers FL	123.82
3 Nancy House, E Lansing	93.78
4 Philip Malefyt, Grand Ledge	81.22
5 Fred Flegal, Palm Desert CA	69.08
6 Lester Dolak, Fort Myers FL	63.46
7 Philip Degen, Ada	55.46
8 Tina Sprich, Grand Rapids	51.44
9 Bruce Stein, Kalamazoo	51.26
10 Christy Chuang-Stein, Kazoo	50.67

200 to 300

1 Mary Flegal, Palm Desert CA	96.49
2 Marsha Harrison, Conway	79.87
3 Loren Lemmen, Ada	64.21
4 Mary Wilkinson, Portage	60.34
5 Jeanne Uhl, Grand Rapids	58.68
6 Janet Coltman, Charlevoix	56.34
7 Ed Dolan, Northport	52.11
8 Charlotte Tetzlaff, Plainwell	50.41
9 Linda Upton, St Joseph	49.36
10 Kitty Dolan, Northport	

300 to 500

1 David Jasperse, Holland	182.43
2 Richard Williams, Caledonia	125.71
3 Chuck Theis, E Lansing	121.15
4 Ruth Subers, Kalamazoo	116.26
5 John Kunnen, Grand Rapids	105.56
6 Kathy Stepanovich, Haslett	93.06
7 Robert Hannah, Harbor Springs	84.44
8 Michael Fichtner, Kalamazoo	77.84
9 Rami Antoun, St Joseph	73.64
10 Gerald Stein, Dewitt	65.21

500 to 1000

1 Gary Theis, Williamston	216.35
2 Rich Oom, Kentwood	204.08
3 Sharon Oom, Kentwood	203.62
4 Vance Senecal, St Joseph	142.62
5 Gary Camp, Grand Rapids	138.44
6 Phil Reynolds, Jackson	135.57
7 Louis Slyker, Rapid City	129.16
8 Margaret Malenka, Grd Rpds	126.27
9 Emily Subers, Kalamazoo	124.88
10 Nancy Kammeraad, G Rpds	118.82

1000 to 1500

1 Karen Allen, Kalamazoo	190.17
2 Ray Canale, Lake Leelanau	179.86
3 David Pingel, Hamilton	168.13
4 Sue Berry, Bath	150.04
5 Joanne Fiedler, Grand Rapids	139.52
6 John Kreag, Kewadin	135.26
7 Donald Schenk, Lansing	129.82
8 Shankar Dutta, St Joseph	126.85
9 Jeffrey Orwin, Portage	104.76
10 Mark Hess, Green Valley AZ	103.99

1500 to 2500

1 Cristi Nelson, Grand Rapids	335.03
2 David Whitehouse, E G Rpds	257.19
3 Douglas Minder, Caledonia	254.61
4 Lowell Seyburn, Portage	236.78
5 Robert Christensen, Dewitt	229.67
6 Marian Gilbert, Kalamazoo	198.35
7 Cecil Henry, Kingman AZ	194.50
8 Ben Broughton, Muskegon	193.24
9 Katherine Jernigan Eaton Rps	188.53
10 Susan Bailey Carman, Plnwel	185.42

2500 to 3500

1 Susan Minder, Caledonia	373.47
2 John Bodish, St Joseph	353.12
3 Jagjit Singh, E Lansing	256.67
4 Catherine Gay, Gobles	233.98
5 Suzanne Baker, E Lansing	229.69
6 John Molt Jr, Grand Rapids	185.68
7 Harold Karnes, Portage	156.57
8 Bruce Sokol, St Joseph	137.68
9 Patty Fred, Interlochen	132.18
10 Helen Van Amburg, E Lansing	114.17

3500 to 5000

1 Bill Northrop, Schoolcraft	467.19
2 Michael Curley, Rockford	368.54
3 Gerald Nehra, Muskegon	305.95
4 Darryl Harrison, Grand Rapids	196.51
5 Allen Schwenk, Portage	183.09
6 David Kamm, Grand Rapids	162.77
7 Dennis Blodgett, Grnd Rapids	157.54
8 Donald Jones, Portage	153.62
9 Yvonne Conroy, Grd Rpds	147.04
10 Richard Vatter, Cadillac	132.01



5000 to 7500

1 Robert Houtrow, Delton	383.60
2 Dennis Carman, Plainwell	378.77
3 Joanne Molt, Grand Rapids	326.46
4 C Arthur Nevins, Kalamazoo	154.45
5 EJ Mike Grathwohl, Niles	103.70
6 Jim Fatka, Greenville	4.64

7500 to 10000

1 Walt Casper, Grand Rapids	340.13
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Over 10,000

1 Bob Varty, Grand Rapids	324.59
2 Dave Fred, Interlochen	222.58
3 Wayne Hascall, Grandville	81.28

**Unit 195 2019 Helen Shanbrom
Ace of Clubs Awards**

0 to 5

1 Robert Hawkins, Bellaire	23.77
2 Malti Agrwal, Haslett	16.22
3 Nancy King, Grand Ledge	9.63
4 Malcolm McCaleb, Pentwater	8.37
5 Cynthia Clark, Jackson	8.26
6 Karen Sinclair, Northport	6.76
7 Marsha Ireland, Kalamazoo	6.72
8 Edward Lake Jr, Coldwater	6.66
9 Carol Nauta, Sparta	6.21
10 Robert Shumway, Cadillac	5.75

5 to 20

1 Ron Redman, Ada	31.45
Kathie Redman, Ada	31.45
3 Karen Killackey, Fennville	30.52
4 Gay Grafinger, Bellaire	27.71
5 Paul Hayes, Ada	26.14
6 Mandy Mitchell, Kalamazoo	19.47
7 Alix Thompson, Grand Rapids	18.58
8 Celine Johncox, Harbor Springs	17.99
9 Jack Scheiffler, North Port FL	15.25
10 Elizabeth Baer, Lansing	14.35

20 to 50

1 Fred Prasser, Jonesville	59.89
2 Robert Bell, Hillsdale	55.06
3 Steven Kral, Muskegon	44.61
4 Christina Homan, Petoskey	34.94
5 Nancy McCully, Bellaire	32.69
6 Joan Arvanigian, Portage	28.29
7 Nathan Long, Grand Rapids	27.83
8 Kathryn Ravelo, Bellaire	26.22
9 Elizabeth Turpin, Lansing	25.27
10 Michele Macmaster, Alden	24.74

Lansing NLM Sectional

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Lansing Bridge Center
325B North Clippert
Lansing, MI 48912

(Entrance to center on north
side of Elegante Wigs)

10:00 am Stratified NLM Pairs
2:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
(Single session Events)

Stratifications: **A** = 200 - 500 NLM;

B = 100 - 200; **C** = 0 - 100

Chairperson and Partnerships:

Diane Schafer

517 327-3925

dinnys@aol.com

50 to 100

1 Vincent Trapani, Bridgman	39.67
2 Mary Lou Hollis, Kalamazoo	35.75
3 Sharon Bacon, Tucson AZ	34.89
4 Danielle Fischer, Ada	33.66
5 Linda Kerr, Petoskey	32.45
6 June Blackwell, Eau Claire WI	24.94
7 Michael Swift, Lansing	23.34
8 John Warzecha, Brutus	23.03
9 Patricia Grannis, Harbor Springs	22.22
Marlene Warzecha, Brutus	22.22

100 to 200

1 Kevin Zhu, Grand Rapids	92.79
2 Gerald Nielsen, fort Myers FL	89.45
3 Nancy House, E Lansing	47.53
4 Lester Dolak, Fort Myers FL	45.60
5 Bruce Stein, Kalamazoo	44.85
6 Juris Brants, Alanson	43.75
7 Christy Chuang-Stein, Kazoo	43.04
8 Fred Flegal, Palm Desert CA	39.64
9 Philip Malefyt, Grand Ledge	37.82
10 Tina Sprich, Grand Rapids	36.30

200 to 300

1 Mary Flegal, Palm Desert CA	64.10
2 Marsha Harrison, Conway	63.30
3 Mary Wilkinson, Portage	55.06
4 Linda Upton, St Joseph	46.93
5 Martha Ream, Kalamazoo	42.80
6 Donald Downie, Laingsburg	41.11
7 Charlotte Tetzlaff, Plainwell	38.24
8 Ed Dolan, Northport	37.80
9 Catherine Francis, Charlevoix	36.95
10 Kitty Dolan, Northport	35.03

300 to 500

1 David Jasperse, Holland	96.73
2 Richard Williams, Caledonia	74.54
3 Chuck Theis, E Lansing	70.64
4 Rami Antoun, St Joseph	70.43
5 John Kunnen, Grand Rapids	67.26
6 Michael Fichtner, Kalamazoo	62.09
7 Robert Hannah, Harbor Spngs	61.72
8 Ruth Subers, Kalamazoo	58.27
9 Mike Young, Stevensville	56.51
10 Brent Parsons, St Joseph	51.77

500 to 1000

1 Gary Theis, Williamston	129.84
2 Elizabeth Stephen, Charlevoix	102.67
3 Allison White, Petoskey	101.31
4 Vance Senecal, St Joseph	97.60
5 Rich Oom, Kentwood	97.18
6 Sharon Oom, Kentwood	96.72
7 Bernadette Burkhardt, Petosky	90.10
8 Conald Burkhardt, Petoskey	88.63
9 Constance Klein, Traverse City	78.48
10 Gary Camp, Grand Rapids	77.86

1000 to 1500

1 Ray Canale, Lake Leelanau	113.08
2 Karen Allen, Kalamazoo	107.45
3 John Kreag, Kewadin	101.80
4 Shankar Dutta, St Joseph	89.85
5 Geoffrey Goldich, Walloon Lk	84.11
6 Sue Berry, Bath	81.43
7 Larry Willis, Petoskey	81.15
8 Lavonne Reed, Brutus	79.20
9 Donald Schenk, Lansing	78.47
10 David Fowler, Charlevoix	78.40

1500 to 2500

1 Robert Christensen, Dewitt	141.85
2 Richard Johns, Okemos	124.21
3 Gerald Avery, Dewitt	120.91
4 Marian Gilbert, Kalamazoo	112.19
5 Dayle Harrison, Saugatuck	110.51
6 Jagjit Singh, E Lansing	104.83
7 K Van Alstine Jr, Eaton Rpds	103.76
8 Paul Nelson, Petoskey	98.53
9 David Whitehouse, E Gd Rpds	95.23
10 Katherine Jernigan, Etn Rpds	94.16

The innocent expression



took on a whole new significance this year.



2500 to 3500

1 John Bodish, St Joseph	242.58
2 Allen Schwenk, Portage	156.20
3 Suzanne Baker, E Lansing	133.96
4 Susan Minder, Caledonia	124.31
5 John Molt Jr, Grand Rapids	110.97
6 Orrin Parmelee, Gobles	107.84
7 Harold Karnes, Portage	99.81
8 Bruce Sokol, St Joseph	86.80
9 Brenda Bau, Kalamazoo	86.60
10 Helen Van Amburg, E Lansing	84.42

3500 to 5000

1 William Northrop, Schoolcraft	165.59
2 Michael Curley, Rockford	164.12
3 Darryl Harrison, Grand Rapids	141.80
4 Dennis Blodgett, Grand Rapids	127.48
5 Gerald Nehra, Muskegon	115.60
6 Yvonne Conroy, Grand Rapids	107.84
7 Donald Jones, Portage	105.72
8 David Kamm, Grand Rapids	88.49
9 Jeanine Dow, Kalamazoo	76.49
10 Duane Little, Muskegon	61.93

5000 to 7500

1 Joanne Molt, Grand Rapids	196.16
2 EJ Mike Grathwohl, Niles	103.70
3 C Arthur Nevins, Kalamazoo	93.06
4 Dennis Carman, Plainwell	86.16
5 Jim Stokes, Grand Rapids	55.99

7500 to 10,000

1 Walt Casper, Grand Rapids	168.33
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over 10,000

1 Bob Varty, Grand Rapids	157.48
2 Wayne Hascall, Grandville	45.81
3 Dave Fred, Interlochen	42.61

(Impact continued from page 2) scheduled for May 1-3, has been cancelled. Our own sectional scheduled for May 7-9 also has been canceled. Let's hope that this stay at home order ends in time for Kalamazoo to hold its tournament scheduled for May 29-31.

Although the number of deaths resulting from COVID-19 is under the 8400 mark here in Michigan (April 25), the number of positive cases (currently under 40000) appears to be dwindling. Let's hope these drastic isolation measures have helped. If we continue to heed the advice of those in the know, we may overcome this source of anxiety and disruption. Hopefully we will return to "normal" very soon. In the meantime, keep the faith and STAY SAFE.

Checkback Stayman

This handy extension of the essential Stayman convention is used to check for an eight-card major suit fit when opener rebids two no trump after responder's major suit response to opener's minor suit opening. It may seem a bit complex at first, but it is as simple as Stayman itself.

The following two examples were taken from the ACBL-Wide Senior Pairs event on March 2, 2020. You are West in each example and the actual bidding is shown.

A) ♠ K 9 6 3 2	B) ♠ Q 10 6 4 2
♥ A Q 8 6	♥ 9 5 4 2
♦ 3 2	♦ J 5
♣ 9 4	♣ K J

The bidding for hand A:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
(All pass)			

The bidding for hand B:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2NT	Pass	3♣
Pass	3♥	Pass	4♥
(All pass)			

With hand A you bid three clubs (Checkback Stayman) and it checks for first - a 4-card holding in the other major (hearts), and second - three spades. You won't miss the 8-card fit if there is one.

With hand B, again you bid three clubs, which asks, "Do you have either four hearts or three spades?" Once the 8-card fit is discovered, a heart game should be bid.

Here are a couple of helpful hints that you might want to keep in mind during the bidding to simplify this convention. First, regardless of opener's initial opening, it might be easier to always use three clubs as Checkback Stayman. Save the New Minor Forcing convention for handling the same situation over a rebid of one no trump. It just seems to be easier to always use three clubs as Checkback.

The other big consideration is what do you do as opener with both four of the unbid major and 3-card support for

partner's major suit. Since it often is better to play in a 4-4 trump fit, it is always best to show your 4-card major.

If responder bids 3 no trump after the "other major" response by opener, opener realizes that his partner must have a 5-card major and was looking for 3-card support. In that case, opener simply corrects 3NT to four of responder's major suit.

In the event that opener has neither four of the unbid major nor 3-card support for responder's major, he rebids 3NT, which says just that.

It may seem a bit confusing at first, but it is not. It is really very simple, and once you use it, you'll see how effective and worthwhile it is. In most cases, it will get you to the contract that most of the field will reach. If it's not on your convention card yet, it should be.

Here are hands A and B in their entirety:

A)	♠ 10 8	
	♥ 9 2	
	♦ K Q J 8 7 4	
	♣ 8 5 3	
	♠ K 9 6 3 2	♠ A 4
	♥ A Q 8 6	♥ K J 7 3
	♦ 3 2	♦ A 10 9 6
	♣ 9 4	♣ A Q 7
	♠ Q J 7 5	
	♥ 10 5 4	
	♦ 5	
	♣ K J 10 6 2	

Hand A will yield from ten to twelve tricks depending on the defense.

B)	♠ J 7 3	
	♥ 6	
	♦ 9 7 6 3	
	♣ Q 10 8 7 4	
	♠ Q 10 6 4 2	♠ 8 5
	♥ 9 5 4 2	♥ A K J 10
	♦ J 5	♦ A Q 10
	♣ K J	♣ A 9 6 2
	♠ A K 9	
	♥ Q 8 7 3	
	♦ K 8 4 2	
	♣ 5 3	

Hand B will probably fail by a trick, but if the defense slips just a bit, declarer may land his game.



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The 20 unused letters spell out the solution to the COVID-19 pandemic.