



Bridge Buff

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President's Message



I'm beginning with the old adage, "you can please some of the people some of the time, but you can't please all of the people all the time." In February I summarized the objects of the organization, none of which were meant to be more important than the other unless the priority was meant to be in the order mentioned. So how do we promote and stimulate playing bridge; hold and promote tournaments; and promote area clubs... all fairly? The Board is trying.

A Unit game should bring together players from all clubs; it should bring out the Rookies and all NLMs as well as the Life Masters and above (122 being Bronze and Silver LMs); it should be a welcome event and attended no matter where it is held. Recently it was repeated to me that a player had commented how nice it was to play in a Unit game and meet and play with players she would not otherwise have had the opportunity to do so. That should be what we're all about.

Our unit reportedly now has **515** members (this fluctuates due to snowbirds changing back and forth, so we are currently high) of which **343** are under the rank of Life Master – two-thirds of our membership! This is worthy of a separate Sectional and so the Unit did this - expanding from a 299er to a 499er tournament. **Kudos** to **Betty Metz** for organizing a very special event attended by many of our NLMs plus players from across the border, Rochester and Central New York as well as a few from farther afield. A total of 90.5 tables for the weekend...that's 362 players, granted some played every day. Thank you to the local NLMs that participated and supported this.

The picnic on June 27th had a good turnout even to the Southtowns!! **Kudos** to Pat **Rasmus** for her efforts in getting some of you folks out to this event and having a "fine spread." As most of you already know, Pat has resigned from the Board. She will and has already been sorely missed – and who wants to follow in her footsteps!!!

Lastly I'd like to extend some **Kudos** to Kathy **Pollock** for her initiative, planning, and holding Youth Bridge Camps this summer.

Judie Bailey, Board President

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Important! Please Read

Our Unit Website has been launched:

www.unit116.com

Henceforth, you will be able to find the Bridge Buff on our website.

UNIT 116 – WNY 2010 EVENTS

Aug.22	Unit Game – 11 am – Traditional 2-session Swiss Teams – Airport Bridge Club – 247 Cayuga Rd - Cheektowaga
Sept. 13	Unit game – 7:15 pm Buffalo Whist Club
24-26	WNY Fall Sectional @ Knights of Columbus, 2735 Union Rd @ William Co-chairs – Judie Bailey/Sue Neubecker

Oct. 17 Unit Game - - Traditional 2-session
Swiss Teams – 11:00 am – Airport
Bridge Club

26-31 District 5 Spooktacular Regional
(including District 5 NAOP Flights
A/B/C) Co-chairs – **Pat Rasmus/
John Toy**

Nov. Unit Game Board Elections at clubs
19 Unit Game – 7:15 pm – Bridge Club
Meridian

Dec 4th Annual Meeting & Game Noon lunch
followed by meeting and game @
Lamm Post on Wehrle Dr. Chair –
Fran Kurtz

6-12 District 5 STaC's

City Office and remained there and Albany until she returned to Buffalo prior to her retirement.

In 1980 she married **William Carr**, an Albany attorney who was a widower with eleven children. Her husband was a bridge player and they found bridge an excellent hobby, once playing in a Duplicate Bridge Club in Tasmania. They traveled extensively in Europe, Africa and Asia.

In 1988 she and her husband played in the nationals when they came to Buffalo. In one memorable hand, Mary bid 1NT and her husband said, “6NT” Mary made the 6 NT and they came in first in the 0-5 point bracket. Their picture was published in the paper. Not bad for the first time.

Several years would pass before she played at the Bridge Center with a law school classmate, **Phyllis Wilkinson**. They started to play in tournaments and her interest in the game grew. **Dolores Warmuz** asked if she was interested in getting colored points with a life master credential as a goal. It was full steam ahead until that goal was reached and now it's a most pleasurable hobby. Her favorite partners were **Pinky Regan, Lorraine Scibetta** and **Phyllis Wilkinson**. Recently her partner **Ginny Pinaro**, a wonderful player, played in Buffalo and Chautauqua with Mary. **Mary Ann Byers** and Mary were playing in a Bermuda tournament where a novice was violating some rule and kept getting director calls. They finally found out she kept putting the cards back into her hands, desperately replaying them again and again.

As co-editor of the Buff, I have the distinct honor of interviewing my wife, Bernie. I told her being an accountant made her perfect for the game, she is certainly perfect for me.

I started playing Duplicate Bridge when smoking was banned from the clubs. My husband encouraged me to learn the game. When I started, I played with a gentlemen called Bernie. When we played together, we became known as Bernie squared. Whether I will become Life Master remains to be seen. I have many partners – **Shirley Lyth, Joan Lewis, Sue Neubecker, Mercedes Reinbolt** and of course my husband, Richard. When playing with Richard, I never know where the contract is going to be. I've served on the Unit Board, even ran a Unit game with a silent auction. I'm currently the

INTERVIEWS



The editors interviewed a very interesting lady judge **Mary Davey-Carr**

Mary Davey-Carr was the youngest of three children born to **John and Anna Davey**. She graduated from the Cathedral School and Nardin Academy. She received a law degree in 1952 from the University Of Buffalo School Of Law. She was admitted to the New York State bar the same year.

After practicing law as an associate in a local firm, she was appointed Assistant Counsel with the Navy General Counsel's office in Washington, D.C.

She organized the Juvenile Legal Division when legislation was passed for a new Family Court, supervised the division for several years.

Following several years as Legal Assistant to the Commissioner for Human Rights, Judge Davey Carr was appointed as the Administrative Law Judge for the NYS Department of Social Services, the first woman to serve in this position.

Judge Davey-Carr traveled the counties of the state hearing appeals from county commissioners regarding public assistance and medical assistance. Later she was appointed Supervisor of the New York

Bridge Buff editor for 3+ years. Why I enjoy doing this is because it's the members' Newsletter. I invite their input;- interviews, articles, bridge hands, etc. Hopefully, more people will be interested in being interviewed for the Buff.

As most of you know, I'm married to Dick and what an exciting marriage it has been – never a dull moment. I have two daughters, Katherine and Karen, three grandchildren and one great grandson. The day that Dick gave me my engagement ring was a date I'll never forget. I met Dick at the YMCA "Y Outing Social Club". One meeting a gentleman **Don Perry** asked me to take square dancing lessons on Fridays and Dick asked me to go dancing on Saturday. A month later on a Friday evening, Dick asked if he could drop by the house before he went bowling. He came and presented me with the ring and we rejoiced. After Dick left, I tried calling Don and was unable to reach him. When Don showed up, I showed him my engagement ring and asked if he still wanted to go dancing. Well, we did and everyone was congratulating Don on his engagement to me. I love gardening and I am a past Toastmaster where I achieved my DTM (Distinguished Toastmaster), the highest of credentials.

Help! Help! Help!
By **Bernie Czarnecki**

I'm not being redundant. Members of Unit 116 are refusing to be interviewed at a rate which leaves me very frustrated. I always thought it was a good idea to personalize the Buff by learning more about our members.

The Buff could become an almanac of dry statistics, interesting only to the members who frequently win at a variety of tournaments.

The Buff is only as lively as the members' participation in its construction.

For the next Buff – September/October the interview column is in the hands of you, the reader. Below are the questions I ask people to use as a basic outline (guide). You can tell me about your adventures in bridge in any form you want.

If I do not receive any interviews by the efforts of you, the reader, I hope you love reading game results.

Bridge:

How did you get started playing duplicate bridge?

Who taught you the game? Did you have any formal lessons with seasoned players?

Who were your mentors?

Who are your favorite players?

Tell me what your goals are in the Bridge community?

Recall a favorable memory playing the game of Duplicate Bridge – a particular hand, a session, or event?

Tell me about your teacher certification and how many years you have been teaching duplicate bridge.

What is your goal for Unit 116?

Personal:

Tell me about your family – parents, siblings, married, single, etc? children? Grandchildren?

What is or was your occupation?

Any personal achievements?

Organizations you belong to?

Favorite sports, hobbies, etc?

Anything else you would like to tell us?



CLUB NEWS

Bridge Center of Buffalo Phone # 834-4222 for reservations and information.

Website: www.bridgecenterofbuffalo.com

MENTORING ON
Tues. & Thurs. @ BCB

Newcomer Games, 0-20 master points, are held on Tuesday morning and Thursday evening, and are "mentored" games running in parallel with stratified pair games. Both games are preceded by a free Mini-Lesson a half hour before game time on Thursday evening or before lunch on Tuesday morning.



Bridge Club Meridian website: www.cuebid.com/meridian

MEMBERS CORNER:

WELCOME-NEW MEMBER-
MAUREEN CANCELLA – JAMES GIBSON
LINDA HASSETT – PAUL MORGANTE
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BRIDGE PLAYERS
UNITE -- LITERALLY

Two players from the Bridge Center of Buffalo have formed a life-long partnership. **Diane Jeffrey** and **John Bielinski** got married quietly in December, 2009. Many of their friends, both bridge players as well as non-players asked when they were going to have a party to celebrate. They picked Sunday, May 23rd and figured that the most appropriate place would be their bridge club where they could also hold a game. The club games generally have 5-10 tables but this event drew 17 ½.

The game ran very smoothly under the directorship of **Eugene Harvey**, one of the club's chief instructors. To cap a great party, Diane and John were first in their direction.

So many people said they had a good time and they now are requesting that there be a 1st anniversary party/game.

Congratulations -New Gold Life Master

Harry Cheung

Unit Game Results @ Lockport – May 18, 2010:

Overall results

A	B	C	Name
1			Pat Rasmus, Dan Gerstman
2			Catherine Majewski, Walter Majewski
3			Dian Petrov, Michael Ryan
4	1		Judie Bailey, Joyce Kindt
5	2		John Lewis, Roy Crocker
	3	1	Beena Deshmukh, Madhav Deshmukh
	4	2	Sushil Amlani, James Madan
		3	Walter Olszewski, Eugene Giorgini

Unit Results @ Picnic June 27, 2010

Morning Pairs – 19 tables

A	B	C	Names
1			John Toy, Daniel Gerstman
2	1		Judith Padgug, Robert Padgug
3	2		Bert Feasley, Dian Petrov
	5	1	David Larcom, Eugene Giorgini
		2	Ken Meier, Penny Shui
		3	Dorothy Soong, Larry Soong

Afternoon Pairs – 18.5 tables

A	B	C	Names
1			Catherine Majewski, Walter Majewski
2			Betty Bronstein, Robert Feasley
3			John Toy, Daniel Gerstman
5	1		Judith Padgug, Robert Padgug
	2		Fran Kurtz, Susan Bergman
	3		Eugene Harvey, Linda Burroughsford
		1	David Larcom, Eugene Giorgini
		2	Janet Gibbons, Thomas Gibbons
		3	Peter Shui, Gaurang Sheth

Buffalo NLM Sectional Amherst NY July 16-18, 2010

Friday AM Pairs – 19.5 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
1.83	3			Dorothy Soong - Larry Soong
1.28		2		Barbara Landree,; Usha Khurana
1.11		3	1	Jacqueline Chang, NY; Sharon Chang
1.08		5	2	Roslyn Berkovitz - Joyce Lurz,

Friday PM Pairs – 19.0 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
3.14	1			Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong
1.55	3/4			Franklin Kidd; Marietta Kalman,
1.81	3/4	1		Mary Terrana; Patricia Lakeman
1.36		2		Ted Kahn, Richard McGowan
1.02		3		Janice O'Mara; Edith Knaszak
0.83			2	Jacqueline Chang, NY; Sharon Chang

Saturday AM Pairs – 18.0 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
3.03	1	1		Peter Shui - Penny Shui
2.27	2			Joe Miranda; Peter Schneidau
1.70	3	2	1	Jacqueline Chang NY; Sharon Chang
1.07	5	3		Robert Lederhouse; James Madan

Saturday PM Pairs – 15.0 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
2.71	1	1		Peter Shui - Penny Shui
2.03	2	2	1	Roger Newell; Robert Dewey
1.52	3			Andy Fairweather ON; Diane Bielinski
1.14	4	3	2	Gaurang Sheth; Elaine Davin
0.76	6	4	3	Jacqueline Chang NY; Sharon Chang

Sunday AM Pairs – 9.0 tables

MPs	A	B	Names
2.06	1	1	Gaurang Sheth; Usha Khurana
1.55	2		Peter Patterson ON; Henry Chudy, Jr,
1.02	3/4		Bill Regan - Thelma Daughtry
1.07		2	Ann Torrell - Dan Torrell
0.80		3	Peter Shui - Penny Shui

Sunday PM – Swiss – 10 tables

MPs	A	Names
2.17	1	Peter Patterson ON; Henry Chudy, Jr; Peter Shui - Penny Shui
1.63	2	Elizabeth Metz - Ten-Pao Lee; Marietta Kalman, Bill Regan
1.22	3	Franklin Kidd; Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong; Gaurang Sheth

ACE OF CLUBS

2010 Standings

0 to 5 MP Race

Arthur P. Matthies 19.35
Richard E. Heuer 18.70
James N. McClure 16.43

5 to 20 MP Race

Bill Boardman 88.56
Barbara Sadkin 25.23
Betsy Heuer 18.35

20 to 50 MP Race

Paul H. Zittel 48.68
Carl Hasselback 41.64
June M Feuerstein 35.05

50 to 100 MP Race

Jan Hasselback 56.45
Kenneth F Wagner 47.32
Joyce Greenspan 41.73

100 to 200 MP Race

Ginny Panaro 81.98
Marilyn K Sultz 56.10
Joseph e Rooney 55.90

200 to 300 MP Race

Paula Salamone 62.51
Franklin W Kidd 43.52
Bruce D Burr 36.39

300 to 500 MP Race

Ruth L Kozower 84.43
Rose Markello 78.26
Helen J Panza 63.48

500 to 1000 MP Race

Dale E Anderson 147.01
Mike Silverman 119.37
Carlton Stone 96.23

1000 to 2500 MP Race

Michael S Kisiel Jr 174.13
Harry Cheung 110.10
Vincent S Pesce 93.97

2500 to 5000 MP Race

Beverly M Cohen 211.45
Judith Marshall 143.26
Jerry R Geiger 138.34

5000 to 7500 MP Race

Randolph J Seidenberg Jr 75.81
Christine Urbanek 3833

7500 to 10,000 MP Race

Margaret Klamp 205.47
John O Toy 32.29
Joel Wooldridge 6.63

Over 10,000 MP Race

Jim L Mathis 73.30
Daniel M Gerstman 43.76

MINI-MCKENNEY

2010 Standings

0 to 5 MP Race

Arthur F Matthies 19.35
Richard E. Heuer 18.70
James N McClure 17.52

5 to 20 MP Race

Bill Boardman 103.53
Barbara Sadkin 30.99
Linda Zittel 27.10

20 to 50 MP Race

Paul H Zittel 57.52
June M Feuerstein 44.83
Carl Hasselback 43.66

50 to 100 MP Race

Jan Hasselback 65.93
Joyce Greenspan 51.46
Kenneth E Wagner 50.37

100 to 200 MP Race

Ginny Panaro 91.79
Joseph E Rooney 70.39
Marilyn K Sultz 59.60

200 to 300 MP Race

Paula Salamone 67.98
Franklin W Kidd 57.03
Bruce D Burr 47.14

300 to 500 MP Race

Ruth L Kozower 98.54
Ross Markello 91.28
Helen J Panza 76.76

500 to 1000 MP Race

Dale E Anderson 165.05
Mike Silverman 131.01
Fred L Yellen 111.78

1000 to 2500 MP Race

Michael S Kisiel Jr 189.86
Judith L Padgug 174.97
Dian K Petrov 138.67

2500 to 5000 MP Race

Beverly M Cohen 244.14
Jerry R Geiger 182.75
Judith Marshall 173.20

5000 to 7500 MP Race

Randolph Seidenberg JR 119.52
Christine Urbanek 103.20
Jill H Wooldridge 86.73

7500 to 10,000 MP Race

Joel Wooldridge 467.20
Margaret Klamp 257.92
John O Toy 138.41

Over 10,000 MP Race

Daniel Gerstman 287.72
Jim L Mathis 117.84

Just a Game By Dick Czarnecki

I've been known to say, "It's just a game!", as I go down six tricks doubled and vulnerable.

Is Duplicate Bridge really, "just a game?" Yes, in one way, it's a past time which literally means something people do to pass the time. But it's much more!

It's a major activity for the 200,000 ACBL members who play tournaments all over the country and the world. It builds a cerebral pecking order as the ACBL keeps track of all the points earned in a year to see who the most prolific players are. This list is the same as the Forbes's list of the 500 richest people on the planet. You can check the new Unit 116 web site constructed by **Dian Petrov** and see where you rank in the Unit's pecking order. Dian did a superb job with the site's construction. Access to site at: www.Unit116.com. And go through the table of contents to see all the features including back issues of the Buff.

Bridge is also a social activity that some people actually build their life around. I've known players who are in action five times a week. For them Duplicate Bridge provides a family experience where you can play a game, enjoy the company of others, with refreshments added. It's also an intellectual experience where, with knowledge, you can develop strategies enabling you to place high in the standings of the game regularly. In other words you can go home with a sense of accomplishment.

So when I say, "It's just a game!" I know it's much more, but what can you say that's more appropriate when you've just gone down six, doubled and vulnerable.

Hall of Fame By the Editors- Dick & Bernie

The editors of the Buff want to honor all those volunteers who have worked creatively over the years to build Unit 116 into the organization it is today.

The editors want to thank all the members who have been elected to the Board of Unit 116 and who have additionally accepted leadership roles on the Board.

We will accept letters nominating the member you, the members of Unit 116, believe have helped to build the Unit into the progressive organization it is.

In 100 words or less, please nominate the person you think has gone beyond the norm in helping the Unit be successful.

The Buff will publish your letter and send a Hall of Fame thank you certificate to that nominee.

We often say, "People like to go to a party but are not so crazy about putting the party together." This is your chance to thank those people that actually put together the bridge parties we have been enjoying for many decades,

Either e-mail your nominating letter to bernieczar@aol.com or sanbornjoker@aol.com or if you prefer regular mail- send it to the editors at: 2961 Lockport Rd, Sanborn, NY 14132,

This program to thank people who should be thanked will only be successful if you participate. We, the editors, are thanking you in advance for your participation.

Bridge is an Odyssey
John Marvin

Ineluctable modality of the visible: at least that if no more, thought through my eyes. (from the "Proteus" chapter of *Ulysses*)

	♠-Q876	
Dir: S	♥-432	
Vul: Both	♦-Q763	
	♣-T4	
♠-K542	N	♠-AT93
♥-KT65	W E	♥-Q98
♦-54	S	♦-K98
♣-A32		♣-KQJ
	♠-J	
	♥-AJ7	
	♦-AJT2	
	♣-98765	

The computer claims that 4 of a major is the optimum spot for this hand but I bet many duplicate players would rather take their chances at NT. E should be able to open 1NT after 3 passes. Then he has to decide what to do after partner's Stayman response.

Some players might suppress their ♠s and bid 2♦ with their flat minimum. Not a good idea, according to Hal (the computer), because that gets the pair to the 2nd best game contract. Ineluctable? Perhaps, but a small defensive error and E can conceivably make 11 tricks in NT! Stephen Dedalus had his eyes closed in this chapter of *Ulysses*. Can you see the way to make NT work after, say, a ♣ opening lead?



HAPPY BRIDGE

WNY UNIT 116 September Sectional
Sept. 24-26, 2010
Knights of Columbus
2735 Union Rd (Near William St)
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Friday 9/24 & Saturday, 9/24

Single session stratified A/B/C pairs
10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Sunday, 9/26 Swiss Teams

10:30 am Stratified A/B/C (with short break
Stratum "A" – 2000+
Stratum "B" – 500 – 2000
Stratum "C" – 0 to 500

Pairs and teams stratified by average Master Points

ENTRY FEE per player per session
\$8.00 Member/ \$9.00 non-member

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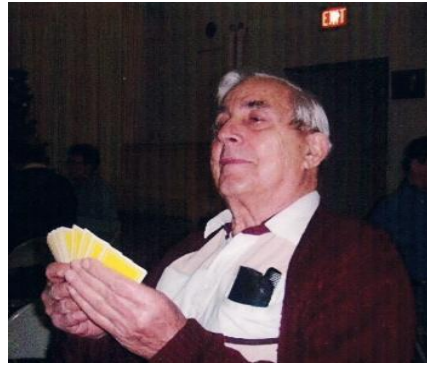
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At end of William, left onto Union.
Knights of Columbus is on the IMMEDIATE right/just past Dave's



Tribute to More than a Quarter of a Century to the Unit 116 Bridge World

By Bob Winkler and Dave Larcom

Bill and Peg Rieker established a game with Bob Winkler in May of 1983 at the Nickel City Café. Bob helped Bill and Peg there for about three years. The Club then moved to the Lord Amherst on Main, averaging about 15 tables a day on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for many years. The game eventually moved to the Zion Church where Bill and Peg ran it for 17 years, and early this year they convinced Dian Petrov to donate his time and effort to extend the nice bridge traditions established in B&P Duplicate Club.

Running a bridge club is a challenge, but the first several months of existence of the successor – Bridge Club Meridian is promising. Riekers' were instrumental in making Bridge a game to be enjoyed by not only the advanced players, but by newcomers, too. Bill donated many years of service to the Unit 116 as a Board Member and planning Sectionals, Unit Games and aided in the planning of Regionals and National Events in Buffalo in 1988 and in Niagara Falls in 1982. His objective rulings, his advice to novice players, his sense of humor made playing bridge an enjoyable experience.

Peg for years was willing to play with any extra players without partners. She is an excellent teacher of the game, helping many learn a variety of conventions, how to use them, and how to play them. Her patience certainly helped to encourage even those who might have had difficulties comprehending those conventions with which they were unfamiliar.

Bill and Peg always went out of their way to promote the Bridge Community and Unit 116 in particular. A good example is how they helped me. After being tutored by Brian Meyer, I was finally ready to take the Director's Test. Bill and Peg volunteered their Club for me to take the test. Such generosity has always been their forte.

Their basic philosophy was that game was to be enjoyed, to be fun. But fun or not, Bill and Peg are really tough opponents at the table. Their bridge "philosophies" were always the same (chuckle, chuckle!); the end result was hoping that you were able to hold your own. Bill and Peg promoted the game and encouraged all that played to enjoy themselves (refreshments, often made by Peg were always excellent). Peg often if not always made the comment, "It's a GAME, points-smoints-ENJOY!"

On behalf of the entire Unit 116 membership, thank you Bill and Peg for your significant contribution to the game of Bridge.