



Bridge Buff

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President's Message

I can feel Spring in the air! Each day it is a little warmer and the daylight lasts more hours. Sure signs that winter is over in Western New York. Each day I check my garden for "sprouts". The courageous spring bulbs push up with the certainty of welcoming sunshine. I am always amazed when the snow melts and the bulbs are already 2 or 3 inches above the soil.

I am also amazed with the enthusiasm of local bridge players. Through snow and cold they appear at our unit events. The turn out for the Pro-Am event was stupendous!! Thanks **Kathy Pollock** and **Joyce Greenspan** for an excellent job. The mood was festive, the bridge was great fun and the "Taste of Buffalo" food was delicious.

Another Unit Game was held March 7 at the Whist Club. 13 tables magically appeared on a cold, dark Monday. "Wearing of the Green" was the theme. **Barbara Libby** and **Judy Graf** tied for prizes – wearing the most green items. It seems as though the leprechauns didn't inform some of the players who arrived wearing zero items of green. We tried to make up for this by feeding them lots of green food. Fun was had by all!! I was chair and I send out a roaring "thank you players" for participating.

Keep watching our schedule of Unit Events. Of special note: two teams events.

April 9 Unit Knock Outs Begin – see details in this Buff.

April 30 and May 1 GNT Flights A/B/C at the Hamburg Fairgrounds.

Note new date for Non-Life Master Tournament – July 8,9,10

Check our Unit Web site "Unit 116", Dian is doing a great job.

Here's to Springtime in your life, Happiness with family and friends and Success at the Bridge Table.

Betty Metz, Board President

UNIT 116 – WNY 2011 EVENTS

April 9 th	Unit Knock Outs- 11:00AM – Kathy Pollock , Chair
April 17 th	"Spring Fling" @ BCB 5:00 pm- John Bielinski
April 30 th & 5/1	Grand National Teams in Buffalo, NY – Hamburg Fairgrounds, - John Toy , District Chair
May 9 th	"Cinco de Mayo" @ Whist Club 7:15 pm – Alex Kowal
May 13 th – 15 th	WNY spring Sectional @ Main Transit Fire Hall, Williamsville, NY – Betty Metz , Chair
June 11 th	" Strawberry Social " Unit Game – 1:00 pm @ Lockport Bridge Club – Bob Lederhouse , Chair
July 8, 9, 10	Non-LM Sectional, Bridge Center of Buffalo, Frank Kidd , Chair
July 17 th	Unit Game & Picnic, @ American Legion Lamm Post on Union Fran Kurtz . Chair
Sept. 9 th – 11 th	Rd., two games and picnic lunch. Fall Sectional, Main Transit Fire Hall, Williamsville, NY. Fran Kurtz , Chair
Oct.	Club Appreciation Games at local Clubs
Oct. 11 th – 16 th	District 5 Spooktacular Regional Unit Game - TBA
Nov.	
Dec. 5 th – 11 th	District 5 STaCs at local clubs
Dec.	Annual Meeting, date and location TBA, Fran Kurtz , Chair

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Bridge Buff Deadline – June 1, 2011. **No submissions accepted after 5:00 pm.**



Bridge Center of Buffalo
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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

MENTORING -4-6 Sessions over 2-3 months. – For more information, contact **Dian Petrov**.

Check the Duplicate Bridge column in The Buffalo News each Saturday for weekly game results and other announcements. Unfortunately, space there is limited, but additional results, more complete announcements and other information can be found in the weekly Internet version of the column at www.buffalonews.com. For quickest results, search the words "duplicate bridge" and Saturday's date. For the latest information and detailed game results directly from the clubs, check the web sites of [clubs in Western New York](#).

Member's Corner

Congratulations

Gold Life Master
Michael Kiesel, Jr.

Larry and Dorothy Soong had a 76.19% game on Tuesday, March 15th, 2011 at the Bridge Center

One of Buffalo's homegrown boy wonder Bridge Player

Joel Wooldridge, who was once the ACBL's youngest life master in 1990 at 11 years and a four months, had an incredible tournament at the Louisville Nationals which finished last night, Sunday, March 20.

Joel won two national events, the Silodor pairs and

the even more prestigious Platinum Pairs. He came in second in another National event, the Flight A North American Pairs and as an aside, came in 4th with his team in the Jacoby Open Swiss, another National event. Joel pointed out that in each the NAP, the Silodor and the Platinum Pairs, he played with a different partner.

To qualify to play in the finals of the Flight A NAP, Joel had to win his current district, the New York City area, a really tough field and then play against all of the winners from all 25 of the districts. (Our district, Buffalo-Cleveland-Pittsburgh was represented by **Donna Steffan** and **Brian Meyer** who did not place in the overalls.)

To qualify to play in the Platinum Pairs, a player needs to earn 100 platinum points within the last year and platinum points can only be earned by playing in National events, or else have earned 200 lifetime platinum points. Locally I believe only Dan Gerstman is even qualified to play in this event.

Joel ended up winning the most master points of anyone in the entire tournament which earned him the Mott-Smith Trophy, given to the player who earns the most mps at the Spring Nationals.

According to the Bridge Bulletin **By Dick Czarnecki**



Bill Boardman of West Seneca NY won the *210 Ace of Clubs Award* (5 to 20 MP's) nationally with 183 points. Bill said, "I learn something every day." Airport Club Manager, **Bill Finkelstein** said, "Bill took up Duplicate a little more than one year ago."

Mr. Boardman also placed fourth in the *2010 Mini McKenney Awards* (5 to 20 MP's) nationally with 217 points.

The Airport Club can also claim credit for the Ace of Club Awards in 2010 for 500-1000 MP's to 10th – **Dale Anderson**, Buffalo, NY 240 and 12th **Mike Silverman**, Williamsville, NY 223 MP's.

Congratulations for their national accomplishments.

New Member
Rosalie B Rosenband

Unit Directory Updates

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Sad Tidings

Mary Pat Cerrone	Catherine Crocuston
Bob Jeffords	LaZerne Jenkins
Frank Morabito	

**ACE OF CLUBS
2010 STANDINGS**

0 TO 5 MP'S

Arthur F. Matthies-51.71	James N McClure- 31.70	Richard E Heuer -24.75
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5 TO 20 MP'S

Bill Boardman - 183.02	Barbara Sadkin - 44.74	Bob Jeffords - 28.09
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20 to 50 MP'S

Paul H Zittel - 82.69	June M Feurstein - 73.06	James C Madan - 59.07
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50 to 100 MP'S

Kenneth E Wagner - 82.74	Joyce Greenspan - 78.71	Penny Shui - 78.53
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100 to 200 MP'S

Ginny Panaro- 130.72	Joseph E Rooney-113.64	Marilyn K Sultz - 94.44
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200 to 300 MP'S

Paula Salamone- 120.85	Franklin W Kidd -71.31	Maggie McNamara-69.38
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300 to 500 MP'S

Ruth L Kozower- 135.42	Ross Markello - 131.12	Cleveland Fleming-131.04
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500 to 1000 MP'S

Dale E Anderson- 240.26	Mike Silverman- 222.97	Carlton Stone-175.87
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1000 to 2500 MP'S

Michael S Kisiel- 294.80	Harry Cheung- 185.97	Judith L Padgug-165.62
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Mary PatCerrone	Catherine Crocuston	Bob Jeffords
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2500 to 5000 MP'S

Beverly M Cohen-322.16	Jerry R Geiger- 274.98	Judith Marshall- 255.26
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5000 to 7500 MP'S

Randolph J Seidenberg- 175.04	Christine Urbanek- 93.04	Jill H Wooldridge- 2.68
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7500 to 10,000 MP'S

Margaret Klamp- 368.08	John O Toy- 58.86	Joel Wooldridge- 42.72
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Over 10,000 MP'S

Jim L Mathis-127.15	Daniel M Gerstman-65.28
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**MINI-MCKENNEY
2010 STANDINGS**

0 TO 5 MP'S

Arthur F Matthies-65.32	James N McClure-35.20	Ten-Pao Lee- 31.15
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5 to 20 MP'S

Bill Boardman- 217.46	Linda Zittel- 64.22	Barbara Sadkin-52.55
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20 to 50 MP'S

Paul H Zittel- 129.22	June M Feuerstein-94.63	Larry Soong- 65.93
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50 to 100 MP'S

Penny Shui- 122.17	Joyce Greenspan- 102.05	Kenneth E Wagner-91.66
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100 to 200 MP'S

Joseph E Rooney-157.55	Ginny Panaro- 145.75	Marilyn K Sultz- 117.47
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200 to 300 MP'S

Paula Salamon - 131.93	Franklin Kidd- 130.32	Betty Metz-82.10
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300 to 500 MP'S

Ruth L Kozower- 174.22	Ross Markello - 150.71	Cleveland Fleming-146.18
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500 to 1000 MP'S

Dale Anderson - 287.02	Mike Silverman- 264.46	John H Ziemer - 224.95
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1000 to 2500 MP'S

Michael S Kisiel- 317.03	Judith L Padgug-310.99	Donna M Steffan-290.13
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2500 to 5000 MP'S

Jerry R Geiger - 384.13	Beverly M Cohen -369.98	Jay R Levy- 326.34
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5000 to 7500 MP'S

Christine Urbanek-308.84	Randolph J Seidenberg- 288.99	Jill H Wooldridge- 112.96
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7500 to 10,000 MP'S

Joel Wooldridge- 785.72	Margaret Klamp- 512.48	John O Toy- 261.67
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Over 10,000 MP'S

Daniel Gerstman-726.55	Jim L Mathis-221.00
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Unit 116 Pro-Am Pairs –Taste of Buffalo Bridge
Center of Buffalo – 2/27/11 - 18.5 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
4.11	1	1	1	Sandra Marcussen, Rita Sofia
3.08	2			Donald Donaldson, Elbert Hargesheimer III
2.31	3			Robert Kaprove, Harry Cheung
1.98	4	2		Gaurang Sheth, Betty Bronstein
1.49	5/6	3		Grace Lee, James Gullo
1.32		5	2	Barbara Landree, Fran Kurtz
0.96			3	Mahendra Rana, Walter Olszewski

At this game, prizes were awarded in three categories: Entree, Desserts and Appetizers. **Carolyn Siracuse**, who won 1st place in entree was willing to share her recipe with us.

Manicotti

6 eggs jumbo
1 cup milk
½ tsp salt
1/1/2 cups flour

Triple recipe makes
60-62 pancakes. Make
separately. Mix master
not big enough

Let dough stand ½ hour to 1 hour covered. Beat six eggs until light. Add milk, ½ tsp. salt and flour. Beat until smooth in mix-master.

Pour ladleful of batter one at a time on a lightly greased Teflon frying pan. Spread out to about 7" inch in diameter. Cook over low heat until done. Do not brown and do not turn over.

Filling



1-1/2 lbs. ricotta cheese
1 tsp salt
2 eggs
½ cup grated Italian cheese
¼ cup parsley
Dash pepper
1 clove finely chopped garlic.

Combine all with ricotta. Spread a spoonful of cheese mixture on pancake and fold.

Arrange in shallow lightly oiled baking pan (cookie sheet). Put a little sauce on top. Cover. Bake 350° oven for 20 minutes.

If triple recipe=must make triple filling. Enjoy!!

Unit 116 Wearing of the Green
March 7, 2011 – 13.0 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
3.26	1			John Toy, Christine Urbanek
2.45	2			Christy Kellogg, James Gullo
2.03	3	1	1	Paul Zittel, Joseph Rooney
1.52	6	2		Bert Feasley, Terry Band
1.14		3		E Finton, Franklin Kidd
0.97			2	Martha Quinn, Lois Tippett
0.73			3	Guy Puccio, Pat Rogers

Unit 116 St Patrick's Day
March 17, 2011 – 12.5 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
3.26	1			Elbert Hargesheimer III, Patricia Rasmus
2.45	2	1	1	Sean Bennett, Paul Piciulo
1.83	3			Dian Petrov, Linda Burroughsford
1.71	4	2		Warren O'Connell, Jr, James Reineck
1.28	5	3		Fran Kurtz, Patricia Burns
0.97		6	2	Barbara Landree, Gary Scgmitt
0.73			3	Penny Shui, Peter Shui

Unit 116- One year Anniversary –
March 25, 2011 – 4.0 tables'

MP's	A	B	Names
1.98	1		Elbert Hargesheimer III, Christy Kellogg
1.61	2	1	Howard Foster, Michael Ryan
1.21	3	2	Jefrey Bender, Mark Pascale

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.

Remember, the people selected, that this is a pay-forward

Nominee for Volunteer Award

Dave Larcom has been a great example of what a Volunteer is expected to be.

Dave is a dedicated, enthusiastic player in our area. He exemplifies fair play, kindness, good humor and patience at the table at all times.

He runs a very fun game in East Aurora on Wednesday mornings encouraging players to play at other clubs, and Unit specials.

Dave gladly plays with anyone looking for a partner and encourages these players to play more.

Dave's hard work as a Board member for three years helped the growth of many Unit games.

Faith Perry

"Caddy Please"

I have enjoyed watching your children, grandchildren and friends caddy at Sectionals and Regionals over the years.

They have all been friendly, well behaved and never complain when asked to get a new bidding box or paper towel to clean up spilled water or coffee.

Donna Steffan and **Kathy Pollock** have done a great job training these young people.

Remember the next time you call "Caddy Please" to also give them a **SMILE**, they all deserve it.

Faith Perry

Nominee for Volunteer Award

My first encounter with **John Toy** was getting a partner match for a Sectional tournament here when I still lived in Syracuse. For some reason I pictured a tall blond man, thus I was a bit bewildered when I first learned who he was. I've certainly learned that you can't miss his big booming voice.

Most of you have known him much longer than I and know he has given a lot of his time and energy to our Unit. He was an integral part of the Board for the past 6 years - he stayed the course in spite of adversity. My understanding is this was not his first tenure on the Board but one of many.

He is also serving on the District V Board. When he speaks, everyone listens. So his contributions and volunteerism to bridge are as big and booming as his voice.

Judie Bailey

Double Dummy Double Squeeze.
John Marvin

This hand occurred in a team game on a Saturday morning at the Bridge Center of Buffalo. I haven't found a way to play it without assuming the ♠ finesse works.

Declarer S in 6 NT. Opening lead: ♣ to the A. Assume the ♠ finesse works. To set up a double squeeze you need to lose one trick. Trick 2: ♦ to the K. Trick 3: E escapes with a ♦ taken by dummy's A.

♠-Qxxx	♠-AJxx	♠-xxx
♥-Qxx	♥-Txx	♥-Kxx
♦-Kxxxx	♦-ATxx	♦-Jxx
♣-x	♣-Ax	♣-T962
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠-Kx	
	♥-AJxx	
	♦-Q	
	♣-KQJxxx	

Position after T3. Note W guards ♠s, E guards ♦s, both guard ♥s. Classic double squeeze position.
Tricks 4 – 8: run all 5 ♠s.

♠-Qxxx	♠-AJxx	♠-xxx
♥-Qxx	♥-Txx	♥-Kxx
♦-xxx	♦-Tx	♦-J
♣-	♣-x	♣-T96
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠-Kx	
	♥-AJx	
	♦-	
	♣-KQJxx	

Position after trick 8. NB: W is being pressured in the majors & abandons ♥s! If W pitched a ♠, N would pitch ♦ T! S must be counting ♠s and watching for the fall of the ♦ J

T 9 & 10: ♠ K and ♠ finesse.

♠-Qxxx	♠-AJx	♠-x
♥-Q	♥-T	♥-Kxx
♦-	♦-T	♦-J
♣-	♣-	♣-
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠-Kx	
	♥-AJx	
	♦-	
	♣-	

Position after trick 10. Since E abandoned ♥s, E must protect both red suits and is squeezed when the ♠ A is played.

♠-Qx	♠-A	♠-
♥-Q	♥-T	♥-Kx
♦-	♦-T	♦-J
♣-	♣-	♣-
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠-	
	♥-AJx	
	♦-	
	♣-	

What Is the Best Contract?

In the February 26 issue of the Lockport Journal, this hand appeared? Before looking at the answer, can you find the right contract?

♠-1085	♠-A63	♠-2
♥-KQJ	♥-8752	♥-109643
♦-J10873	♦-62	♦-KQ94
♣-52	♣-AJ87	♣-1094
	N	
	W E	
	S	
	♠-KQJ974	
	♥-A	
	♦- A5	
	♣- KQ63	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither
Dorothy Parker said, "This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force."

Sometimes a player has an absolute maximum for his bidding. If partner then announces interest in a higher contract, the player should try to express his extra values.

In this deal, what contract would you like to reach?

After South's opening one-spade bid was raised to two spades, South wondered if a slam might be makeable. He rebid three clubs, knowing partner would treat it as a help-suit game-try, but also aware that he would get a better idea of the force of partner's hand.

North had a maximum nine points with two aces. He expressed that by raising to four clubs, but he had a maximum with club length (which, admittedly, would usually be five cards). The South used Blackwood before bidding seven clubs.

West lead the heart king. Yes, he might have preferred a trump, but it would not have mattered. Note that in seven clubs there are 13 tricks: six spades, one heart, one diamond and five clubs, four from winners and

one from either a heart ruff in the South hand or a diamond ruff in the dummy. But note that in spades or no-trump, there are only 12 tricks.

This deal highlights the advantage of a 4-4 fit, which would be worth only four tricks in no-trump or as a side suit, but generates a fifth trick as a trump suit.

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣!	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Unit 116 "Strawberry Social"

**Lockport Bridge Club
33 Ontario Street
Lockport New York**

June 11th @ 1:00 pm



ACBL members \$6.00

For Information

Call **Bob Lederhouse @ 625-9443**

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Unit 116 Spring Sectional

**May 13-15, 2011
Main & Transit Fire Hall
6777 Main Street,
Buffalo, NY 14221-5948**



Friday 5/13 – 10:30 am & 3:30 pm – single sessions stratified A/B/C pairs

Saturday 5/14 – 10:30 am & 3:30 pm – single sessions – stratified A/B/C pairs

Sunday 5/15 – Swiss Teams – 10:30 am Stratified A/B/C (with short break)

Stratum "A" = 2000+
Stratum "B" = 500 to 2000
Stratum "C" = 0 to 500

Pairs and teams stratified by average master points

Entry Fee per Player
\$8.00 per members
\$9.00 non or unpaid members

Hotels:

Clarion Hotel Williamsville – 6700 Transit Rd, Williamsville, NY 14221 - 2.5 miles
Sleep Inn & Suites Buffalo – 100 Holtz Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14225 – 1.9 miles

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

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Come to a Fiesta at the Whist Club

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at a **Unit Game** on May 9 at 7:15 pm

Zion United Church of Christ,
15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda, NY 14150



**All are welcome
Food, Fun and Extra Points**

ACBL members \$6.00
For information call **Alex Kowal 897-5599**



Grand National TEAMS DISTRICT 5 FINALS

Dates April 30 & May 1, 2011

April 30th 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

May 1st 10:00 AM & TBA

Place: **Carousel Room 716-648-5190**
5600 McKinley Parkway
Hamburg Fairgrounds,
Hamburg, NY 14075

Area Hotel Information

Red Roof Inn	716-648-7222	\$65.00
Super 8	716-649-0505	\$59.99
Comfort Inn	716-648-2922	\$75/\$85

Flights determine by point holding on **Sept. 1, 2010**
Championship Level=Unlimited (Overall points are gold)
Flight A= 0-5000 (overall points are gold)
Flight B= 0-2000 (overall points are gold)
Flight C= 0-500 Non Life Master (overall points are
25% gold 75% red)

For more information please call
Barb Bacon 440-331-8702
District 5 Coordinator

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**2011 Western New York Unit 116 Extended
Team Championships**
BRACKETED KNOCKOUT TEAMS
Saturday, April 9, at 11:00 AM
at Zion U.C.C.



Win more Master points!
Experience team play without paying tournament
prices!
Have fun at your Unit Game!

Enjoy good refreshments and make new friends!



- Teams can be made up of 4, 5, or 6 players
- Teams will be bracketed by the director based on team average points
- Every effort will be made to have a separate Non-Life Master bracket made of non-life masters with fewer than 500 masterpoints
- The Open brackets must be comprised of Unit 116 members
- A maximum of four sessions will determine the winner of each bracket and must be completed by June 1, 2011
- Subsequent rounds may be played during regular club games
- Entry fee each round is \$24 per team
- Conditions of Contest will be given to team captains and also found on the Unit 116 Website at www.unit116.com/pgtourtra.html
- Contact Kathy or Dian to schedule your next match

To register your team contact:

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Unit 116 Volunteer Hall of Fame

Betty Metz
Sue Neubecker
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Faith Perry
Judie Bailey
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Dave Larcom
John Toy



