



Bridge Buff

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President's Message

What a wonderful area for people who love bridge. This past summer we enjoyed the Nationals across the border in Toronto. September gave us the Unit Fall Sectional and we have just finished up with our own Fabulous District 5 Spooktacular (THANK YOU John Toy and Patty Rasmus), and now we have the opportunity to play in another regional in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Did you say, "We want more!!"? OK, your wish comes true. As we come up to the last few months of 2011, we have more Unit events for you to enjoy.

November 19 (Saturday) at 6:00pm you are invited to a Unit Wine and Cheese Party. Come to the Bridge Center of Buffalo to enjoy refreshments and a pairs game. See full details elsewhere in the Buff.

December 18 (Sunday) will be our annual meeting, hot lunch and game. Look for full details in this Buff. This meeting was originally planned to be held at the Lamm Post but after much deliberation the board decided to cancel our contract with them. The reason: poor food the last three times we used them and limited handicapped access. At this late date, the board was unable to find an alternate independent site. The Bridge Center of Buffalo graciously agreed to let us use their club. Tickets for the lunch and game **MUST** be purchased in advance from any board member. Of course, anyone with or without a ticket may attend the meeting.

The months of November and December mean it is election time in our Unit. The Unit Board consists of nine members, each elected for three years. This year there are at least 5 candidates for three positions. This Buff tells you details about the election and the candidates.

To all our friends who will be heading to warm places, we say: Safe Travel, Happy Winter and we will miss you at the bridge table.

Enjoy the game, keep improving and be pleasant to partner and opponents!!

Betty Metz, President Unit 116

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December 26, 2011

WNY UNIT 116 – 2011 EVENTS

November

1 (Tuesday eve 7:00) – Hosted by Lockport DBC
19 (Saturday 6:00pm) – Wine and Cheese Party &
Unit Game at Bridge Center of Buffalo

December

5-11 District 5 STaCs
18 (Sunday aft) Annual Meeting & Unit game
at Bridge Center of Buffalo - noon
Advance Reservations required

Looking Forward...2012

Winter Sectional

January 6-8th - Daemen College

Spring Sectional

April 20-22 Main-Transit Fire Hall

Non-Life Master Sectional TBA

Fall Sectional

September 21-23 Knights of Columbus - Chktkg.

Join us for the Unit 116



Wine and Cheese Party!

Saturday Evening
November 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM
at the Bridge Center of Buffalo

Sponsored by WNY
Unit 116 ACBL

Call or email Sue Neubecker for partners at
867-2630 / suebobneu@roadrunner.com

\$10 for Unit members / \$11 for nonmembers

Club News

For the last decade and more The Whist Club has been sharing the bridge facilities of the Zion United Church of Christ in Tonawanda with the B&P Duplicate and most recently with Bridge Club Meridian. The Monday Night Game was "The Game" in Buffalo for a quarter of a century - drawing the top players in the area in a high level competition.

Starting November 7, 2011 Bridge Club Meridian - in an attempt to preserve the spirit of the Whist Club - will offer a continuation of the Monday evening games at Zion UCC - same time, same place, same tradition!

For the latest information and detailed game results directly from the clubs, check the web sites of clubs in Western New York at www.unit116.com.

NATIVE SON MAKES GOOD...Joel Wooldridge

by Dian Petrov

Joel started his bridge career at Buffalo playing with his mom and dad (Jill and Pow) at local bridge clubs at an early age. He was ACBL King of Bridge and youngest Life Master and won multiple junior World titles.

Currently living in New York City, 31 years old Joel holds 6 NABC titles including Norman Kay Platinum Pairs, Silodor Open Pairs and the Mott-Smith Trophy (for player who earns most masterpoints at Spring NABC) from Louisville. His last public appearance at a Buffalo club was on Memorial Day when he played with his mom at Meridian. We believe Joel carries the Buffalo competitive spirit at the table!

Since playing in Louisville Joel did well finishing 6th in the money in Cavendish Invitational Pairs and most recently, with his partner John Hurd, became part of the youngest team to represent USA in the Bermuda Bowl in October 2011. At the USBF trials Joel's team eliminated along the way teams like MAHAFFEY, NICKELL, WOLFSON, and DIAMOND (if you don't know who those teams are - just Google them). Congrats Joel and good luck in Netherlands! We hope you bring that BOWL to Buffalo.

See a video interview with Joel on BridgeBase online & more on the Bermuda Bowl at: www.unit116.com

WHICH HAND IS STRONGER?

By Lou Di Lorenzo

A cardinal rule in bridge is that the stronger hand should play the contract. For this reason Jacoby Transfer is played without question when partner opens 1NT. The following North-South hands ended up in a 4 heart contract:

North	South
S AKQx	S xx
H xx	H AKQxxx
D AQx	D Kxxx
C xxxx	C x

North as dealer opened 1NT and, without hesitation (or thought), South bid 2 diamonds and so North became declarer. But isn't South's hand stronger? The North has 15 HCP and South only 12; the latter also has four more trumps than North, plus a singleton. The extra trump and distribution make South's hand stronger. But how can South know how many hearts are in the North hand? Answer, with only two hearts North should not accept the transfer (bidding spades). If North accepts the transfer he or she is telling partner I've got three or more hearts.

My preference as South is to respond three hearts to partner's 1NT, telling him I have six of the suit and an opening hand and I think I have the stronger hand and want to play the contract.

Hall of Fame

Several years ago the Unit Board wanted to create a Hall of Fame to recognize those members who have worked over the years to build Unit 116 into the organization it is today. Dick Czarnecki took on this endeavor and successfully built a web of nominees/recipients.

Henceforth, the Board will decide on the recipient (s) which will be announced at the Annual Meeting. On behalf of the Board, Judy Kaprove will accept a letter or email, in 100 words or less, nominating a member you think has gone beyond the norm in contributing to the Unit's success over the years. Deadline: Dec. 1st

Please help the Board recognize people who should be thanked and remembered for their contributions.

Member's Corner

Welcome to Unit 116 New and Returning Members

Judith L. (Judy) Bailey
Sandra Laub

David Colligan
Robert Mazzi

Congratulations for MP Achievements

(Especially to Sue, Mike, Rita, Rita and Helen who earned **GOLDS** at the Buffalo Regional to become Life Masters for the first time)

New Bronze Life Masters:

Rita Sofia, Sue Neubecker, Helen Panza

New Silver Life Masters:

James Reineck, Mike Silverman, Rita Sierocinski

New Gold Life Master: Joanne Kelley

New Diamond Life Master: Bev Cohen

LIFE PASSAGES

Joan Lewis Jacqueline Solomon Marie Zayan

2010 Directory Updates:

Frank Harding – 74 Keswick Rd - Buffalo
Jayne Freedman – change to Freeman
Jim Mathis – 10500 Bergtold Rd, Apt 115 Clarence
Linda Milch – 74 Hidden Creek Ct. Williamsville
Warren O'Connell, Jr. – ph: delete
Laurette Oak – PO Box 221 – Ellicottville 14731
Penelope Shuman – 318 Village Pointe Ln, Buffalo
Maryann Szafran – 872-5702
49 Rushford Hollow Dr. Cheektowaga 14227
Stan/Terry Zions – moved to Boynton Beach Fl

Unit 116 Volunteer Hall of Fame

Betty Metz	Sue Neubecker
Franklin Kidd	Faith Perry
Alice Lind – In Memoriam	Judie Bailey
Dave Larcom	John Toy
Marge Schomers	Sharon Benz
Bill Rieker	Carolyn Siracuse

Annual
Meeting

December 18

2011

ACBL Western New York Unit 116



Join us for the Annual Meeting and Party on
Sunday, December 18
held at the Bridge Center of Buffalo

Balloting closes at Noon
Lunch at 12:00
Meeting at 1:00 PM
Open Pairs Game to follow

A fabulous homemade meal with homemade
goodies

\$5 for Unit Members / \$10 for Nonmembers
includes game fee

Tickets must be purchased from any Board member by Monday,
December 12. Your Board Members are Judie Bailey, Bob
Lederhouse, Judy Kaprove, Frank Kidd, Fran Kurtz, Betty Metz, Sue
Neubecker, Dian Petrov and Kathy Pollock.

For information or partners, call or email Frank Kidd at 684-
0703 fwkidd@verizon.net

The Sun Sets on the Buffalo Whist Club

After approximately 80 years, the Buffalo Whist Club will no longer be holding its weekly Monday night game.

A longtime member of the Whist Club, Jim Jacobi, shared with me Vol.1, No.9 of The Buffalo Whist Club Weekly dated Nov. 21, 1932. "The quickest way to improve one's rubber game is through duplicate play."

The CALENDAR: Monday, Nov. 21, Westbrook, Buffalo Whist club, 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 23, Fairfax, Bridge Studio, women's duplicate, 2 p.m. Lafayette Hotel, Buffalo Bridge club 8:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 25, Bridge Studio, Fairfax, 8:30 p.m.

RINGER SCORES: Most tops – Hugh Whitmer 18, James Chestnut 17. Most slams – Charlotte Sidway 6; High mixed pair to date – Gordon Whitbeck – Mrs. Malcolm Brock, 642%; Last week's winners – Rev. M.J. Fitzgerald – James Chestnut, N-S, 122%; Hugh Whitmer – H. Cowles-Wadsworth, E-W, 110 ½ % (continued...)

Unit 116 Fall Sectional Local Winners

Sept 16-18, 2011

Friday morning

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Saleh Fetouh; Randolph Seidenberg	70.19%
2	1		Fred Yellen; James Gullo	62.90%
3	2		Susan Bergman; E Finton,	62.44%
4	3	1	June Feuerstein; Barbara Sadkin,	60.22%
5			John Bielinski; Elbert Hargesheimer,	60.05%
6	4	2	John Marvin; Arthur Matthies	58.83%
	5		John Kirsits; Ken Meier	57.82%
	6		Paul Cronin, NF; Mary Jo Crone	57.55%
		3	Frank Kidd; Andy Fairweather, NF	52.97%
		4	Barbara Landree; Gary Schmitt	50.33%
		5	Ruth Kozower; Nadine Stein	49.60%

Saturday morning

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Randolph Seidenberg; Jay Costello	64.20%
2			Walter Majewski; Stanley Kozlowski	63.55%
3			Christy Kellogg ; Elbert Hargesheimer	63.02%
4			Harry Cheung; Vincent Pesce	59.86%
5	1	1	Edward Borosky, FL; Elsie Rogers	59.55%
6			Saleh Fetouh; Jim Mathis	59.24%
	2		Jeanne Gladysz; Patricia Burns	56.69%
	3	2	Franklin Kidd; Betty Metz	55.85%
	4	3	Jean Sullivan; Linda Wynes	55.59%
	5		John Marvin; Usha Khurana	53.91%
	6		Carolyn Siracuse; Helen Panza	53.12%
		5	Shakeel Ahmad; Manju Ceylony,	51.24%
		6	Barbara Landree; Marietta Kalman	49.44%

Friday afternoon

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Jim Mathis; Beverly Cohen	67.55%
2	1		Paul Cronin, NF; Mary Jo Crone	61.90%
3			Saleh Fetouh; David Hemmer	60.57%
4			John Toy; Judith Marshall	60.46%
5			Rick Benstock; Elbert Hargesheimer	59.25%
6			Joan Rose; Christine Urbanek	58.51%
	2		Elaine Universal; Robert Padgug,	58.43%
	3	1	Jane Larcom; Faith Perry	58.33%
	4		Susan Bergman; E Finton,	56.51%
	5		James Madan; Mark Pascale,	55.37%
	6	2	Judy Kaprove; Andy Fairweather, NF	54.15%
		3	Richard McGowan; Kenneth Wagner	50.94%
		4	Joyce Greenspan; Arthur Matthies	50.18%
		5	Shakeel Ahmad; Manju Ceylony	49.96%

Saturday afternoon

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Saleh Fetouh; Jim Mathis	64.27%
2	1		Howard Foster; Michael Ryan	63.83%
3	2		Lana Creal, PA; Mark Pascale	62.96%
4	3	1	Shakeel Ahmad; Manju Ceylony,	62.42%
5			Randolph Seidenberg; Jay Costello	61.66%
6			Arthur Morth; Dian Petrov	60.46%
	4		Joanne Kelley; Chongmin Zhang	60.24%
	5		Catherine Majewski; Patricia Rasmus	58.71%
	6		Susan Bergman; Elaine Universal	55.66%
		2	Barbara Landree; Marietta Kalman	52.40%
		3	J Garrity; Janice O'Mara,	52.07%
		4	Judy Zeckhauser; Judy Kaprove,	51.09%

Unit 116 Fall Sectional Local Winners

Sunday Swiss Teams

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Saleh Fetouh - Randolph Seidenberg - Jim Mathis - Christine Urbanek	168.00
2			Michael Ryan - Fred Yellen - Dian Petrov - Judy Graf	147.00
3			Donna Steffan - Jay Costello - Eugene Harvey - James Gullo	133.00
4	1		Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony - Ken Meier - N Wolstoncroft	128.00
5	2	1	Liz Bryers - Janet Glazebrook - Christine Perrin, St Catharines - Bonnie Taylor Gillings, Lewiston	126.00
6			Sharon Benz - Margaret Klamp - Beverly Cohen - Judith Marshall	125.00
7	3		Paul Libby - Barbara Libby - Jeffrey Bender - Richard Cramer-Benjamin	119.00
	4/5		Kathy Pollock - Susan Bergman - Elaine Universal - Chongmin Zhang, - Joanne Kelley	118.00
		2	Cynthia Helfman -Marilyn Sultz - Ruth Wurster - Nadine Stein	99.00

Whist Club continued....

DOUBLING: Business doubles made Monday night – 19; successful – 11, unsuccessful -7. Points gained by successful doubles – 20; Points lost by unsuccessful doubles – 27.

Two of the successful doubles (i.e. where the doubled contract was defeated) netted a total of 12 points. They were doubles of unwarranted sacrifice bids made in lieu of giving opponents a game. The average gain of all the other successful doubles was one match point. The average loss of the unsuccessful doubles was four match points.

The weekly also contained an analysis of three of the hands played the previous Monday.



Unit 116 Winter Sectional



January 6, 7, 8 - 2012

Daemen College

4380 Main Street, Amherst NY 14226

Friday January 6

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

Saturday January 7

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

Sunday January 8

10:30 am – Stratified Swiss Teams 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 masterpoints

ENTRY FEE per player per session
\$10.00 members/\$12.00 non or unpaid members

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

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After quitting Lackawanna's Lincoln Annex High School in his senior year, 17-year-old Cleveland E. Fleming enlisted in the Army. "I was a good student, but about four of us didn't want to go and work at Bethlehem Steel when we graduated high school, so we all left school and joined the military," he said. He never imagined that, after persuading his mother to give permission for him to join before his 18th birthday, he would be jumping into wartime service. "World War II had just ended four years [earlier]. I thought I was going into the peacetime Army," he said. Assigned to an all-black group of soldiers, he headed to Okinawa. A short time after his arrival at the South Pacific island, President Harry Truman signed an order that the armed forces had to be integrated. "But no white commander wanted to be the first to accept blacks because they feared there would be racial problems," Fleming said.

Eventually, Fleming was taken into a white unit, but was made to sleep in a tent, while the white soldiers slept in Quonset huts. "One day I saw all the white soldiers marching by and asked where they were going. They said to Korea, and I said, 'What about Korea?' They said, 'There is a war in Korea, and we have to go.' I asked, 'How come I can't go and fight for my country?' I didn't get an answer." When the war turned bloody, race was no longer a factor, he said, and by September 1950 Fleming and other black soldiers were in the thick of it. A member of a heavy mortar company, Fleming fought side by side with whites firing mortar shells some 400 yards into the front lines. "From where we were, you couldn't see the effects of the rounds that you shot," he said. "We got our directions from the forward observers, who called us on walkie-talkies."

As for race relations, it didn't matter what color you were—at least in the war zone. "We were all American soldiers. I remember when we'd go into different towns like Inchon and Daegu and the women there would call us ice cream soldiers and the chocolate soldiers," said Fleming, amused by the recollection. For 13 months, he fought in different battles on the Korean peninsula. "Before I left, I was on an island where dead American soldiers were being temporarily buried," he said. "They had to cover them up. It made me realize that war was really hell."

Back in the United States, Fleming was assigned to Fort Knox, Ky., and he was granted a two-week leave to visit Lackawanna. "I go to this bus depot and there are two places to get water. One was for the whites and one was for the blacks," he said. "The one for the whites was a drinking fountain with a button you push to get the water inside the depot. "The one for the blacks was in a shed outside. It was a buck-et of water with a dipper .I went to get the water out of the fountain and they told me I couldn't get it there. I didn't argue. I just walked away." But he was deeply offended. "I was in my Army uniform, and I had just fought in Korea," he said. That wasn't his only negative experience. "Blacks could go in the bars in Kentucky and get a drink, but after you left, they broke the glass," he said. "I know they did that because I looked through the window and saw them doing it after I left."

With that type of stateside homecoming, Fleming decided to finish his hitch in the Army serving in Japan. "That was pretty decent. I did 13 months on the island of Sendai, where they just had the tsunami and nuclear meltdown," he said.

Overall, Fleming said, his military service provided him with an education he might not have gotten elsewhere. "I'll always appreciate what the military did for me by showing me the eastern part of the world." Back home in Western New York, he owned and operated a deli on Hertel Avenue for several years. With his brother, the late Ronald H. Fleming, he established a small weekly newspaper called the "Fine Print News" in 1970. It now comes out monthly on the East Side.

Currently, the 79-year-old Fleming works as a school bus monitor and volunteers with the Erie County AMVETS, serving as an adjutant. He also teaches bridge at the Salvation Army on Main Street every Tuesday morning.

The Leader Boards

2011 Mini-McKenney

James Tao	0-5mps
Richard Cramer-Benjamin	5-20
Miri SalamoneBurnett	20-50
Art Matthies	50-100
June Feuerstein	100-200
Bill Boardman	200-300
Paula Salamone	300-500
Mike Silverman	500-1000
Dian Petrov	1000-2500
Bev Cohen	2500-5000
Buddy Seidenberg	5000-7500
Meg Klamp	7500-10,000
Dan Gerstman	10,000+

Ace of Clubs

Same as above except:	
Mike Kisiel	1000-2500
Jim Mathis	10,000+

Local First Place Winners A/B/C at the Buffalo Regional

Peter Schneidau, Beena and Madhav Deshmukh, John Ziemer, Judith Padgug, David Donaldson, Bill Regan, Peter and Penny Shui, Meg Klamp, Christine Urbanek, Ruth Kozower, Judy and Robert Kaprove, Jean Macdonald,; Robert Padgug, John Bielinski, Dian Petrov, Diane Bielinski, Brian Meyer, Lois Tippet, Martha Quinn, Vincent Pesce, Paul Libby, Judie Bailey, Dale Anderson, Violet Makhija, Laurie Foster, Joseph Rooney, Bill Boardman, Jerry Geiger, Barbara Sadkin, June Feuerstein, Jan and Carl Hasselback, James and Paula Jones, John Toy, Lance Pollock, William Rich, Judy Zeckhauser, Peter Patterson, Jerry Geiger, Paul and Linda Zittel, Nancy Wolstoncroft, John Kirsits, Gene Finton, Tova Reinhorn, Frank Kidd, Betty Metz,

Many others earned masterpoints – for full results visit:

http://d5bridge.com/D5Regionals/1110BU_FRES.HTM

2011 Elections to the Board of Directors... ACBL Western New York Unit 116

Ballot boxes will be at participating local clubs in early November through early December and prior to the annual meeting Sunday, Dec. 18th until 12 noon.

Candidates Statements (in spatial order)

JOYCE KINDT

About ten years ago, I was privileged to be a Board member along with a great group of people. I still retain a fond relationship with most of them. Serving on the Board was tough work with plenty of hardships but it was also rewarding.

Besides bridge, I'm very busy with many other activities. I enjoy traveling and singing in the church choir. I am also on the Board of Management for the development in which I live. Two of my best attributes are being creative and being organized. The old saying goes, "if you want something done, ask a busy person." I guess that applies to me.

I play at four clubs in WNY as well as one or two in Florida. It seems I've been playing forever and should be a better player. Call it a work in progress.

If you truly value something, it's important to "give back" – or be of service to the cause. My goals for Unit 116? To make the atmosphere at bridge games a pleasant place in which to enjoy the game and have fun. P.S. No more powdered milk for the coffee!

TOVA REINHORN

I want to insure that the bridge community in WNY continues to flourish; that all games are conducted in a cordial atmosphere that allows learning and fun for all levels of competition. I want to promote this wonderful game to new audiences young and old.

I'm bringing to the task work ethic and organizational skills essential in my prior careers. First as a chemical engineer for over thirty years in diverse positions in research and development in the chemical industry. When retirement became boring, I became a docent at Albright Knox, a full time UB student in the Master of Library Science program, worked as a librarian at UB and then... I found bridge again. I'm fluent in four languages, but still learning the "language of bridge".

ALEX KOWAL

Because and through the teachings, encouragement & endurance of my many partners since my 1973 UB days: namely: Jim Davis and Terry Band, (In AK) Tom Ottley and 'Splinter Smith', (Back in NY) Rick Benstock, Bill Rushmore, Jerry Geiger, Stanley Kozlowski, Christy Kellogg, and Elbert Hargesheimer III (and many others I may have missed) I ask for your vote to the Unit Board – to continue the promotion of Bridge - for ethics, entertainment & excitement in Western NY.

BETTY METZ

My wish is for Unit 116 to flourish with wonderful bridge opportunities for its players. We must continue to offer Unit Events on a regular basis. These can be in the form of Sectionals, Non-Life Master Sectionals, Unit Knock Outs as well as the Unit pair games.

I believe I am honest, a problem solver and a hard worker. Having run my own business, I regularly worked with the public, with employees and many huge worldwide suppliers. I know how to communicate, how to listen, how to evaluate and how to put ideas into action.

I love the game of bridge and it would be an honor to continue to serve on the Board of Directors of Unit 116.

PAUL ZITTEL

I was invited to run for the unit board and have consented to do so. I would hope to bring some peace and common sense to the history of attempts to disrupt and hurt each other's clubs. The Lord gives each of us one of two things, great intelligence or common sense. I believe the latter is where my abilities rest. Working with the board I want to further bridge in our unit, not hostility. I believe the majority of our members want the same thing. If you agree with me, I ask for your support.