

October, 2012



Tournament Schedule for District 5

OCTOBER 2012

- 6-7 District 5 North American Open Pairs Final (NAOP) [Information](#)
- 13-14 Cleveland NLM <500 Sectional **Canceled**
- 23-28 Buffalo Regional [Information](#)

NOVEMBER 2012

- 2-4 Cleveland Buckeye State Sectional [Information](#)
- 9-11 Pittsburgh Fall Sectional **Date Change** [Information](#)

DECEMBER 2012

- 3-9 District 5 Winter STaC

Deadlines for Columns And Tournament Information

December Issue – November 15
February Issue – January 15
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AKRON ALERT

by Jim Sullivan

2013 MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM - 2013 will be the 7th year of the Mentor/Mentee program. We need more players who are willing to be Mentors to the newer and improving players. Mentors can have more than one Mentee. Non-life masters need life master Mentors, life master Mentees need a Mentor with twice the points. **Carolyn Sullivan** will be handling sign-up again this year. Please let her know if you need a Mentor (you can certainly find your own if you wish) or if you are willing to be a Mentor. Contact via e-mail: bridgenews@aol.com is preferred method, but a note will also work. A signup list will be posted in the Quirk Center on the bulletin board in the room where lessons, board meeting and supplies are kept, if you want to use this method.

UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY - Get ready! Mark the date! The Unit Christmas Party will be **December 14** at 6 p.m. for dinner (meat & potatoes plus tableware provided), and 7 p.m. will be a Unit Championship Game.

Friday Unit Games - What better way to start your weekend than to play Bridge at the Friday Unit Game. Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, hospitality and win some of the extra Masterpoints. If you need a partner or more information, contact **Jim Sullivan** at sullivan01@aol.com or 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

Oct. 5 – 12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Oct. 12 –12:30 is a **Club Appreciation Game**.

Oct. 19 – 7:30 is the second session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Oct. 26 –12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Nov. 2 – No Game there is a **Cleveland Unit Sectional**.

Nov. 9 - 7:30 is the third session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Nov. 16– 12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Nov. 23 – **No Game - Thanksgiving weekend**.

Nov. 30 - 7:30 is the fourth session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Dec. 7 - 12:30 is a **STaC Game** (*Sectional Tournaments at Clubs*), where you can win those elusive *Silver points*.

Dec. 14 – 6:00 is the **Annual Christmas Party**, so bring your favorite side dish or hors d'oeuvres' and exchange recipes with everyone. Meat and

potatoes will be provided. The **Unit Championship Game** won't begin until about 7:00 in order to allow time for socializing.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo *by Dian Petrov*



Congratulations to **Kathy Pollock** (pictured) and her teammates for reaching the semifinals of Mini-Spingold (0-5000) at the Summer NABC at Philadelphia!

Summer is drawing to an end and that brings us to our many bridge opportunities from now until the end of the year.

FALL SECTIONAL: Last minute preparations are underway for the Fall Sectional being held September 21-23. See full results in this issue.

SPOOKTACULAR: October is our traditional District Regional. This is held on Grand Island from Oct. 23 through Oct. 28. **John Toy** and **Patty Rasmus** do a FANTASTIC JOB. Check out the schedule of events that include pairs, 299, and many team games.

UNIT GAME: November brings the unit "8 IS ENOUGH" game. A, B and C players are mixed into the same team.

ELECTION: The unit is preparing for its annual election. The nominating committee has been busy. This election is very important as this shapes the makeup of the Unit Board.

Full details of these events can be found on our web site - www.unit116.com .

Another great example a fabulous Unit 116 bridge event was the NLM/500 Sectional that just took place at the end of August at the Bridge Center of Buffalo. What a wonderful day! Unit 116 winners by day:

Friday:

Roslyn Berkovitz - Ten-Pao Lee, Grand Island NY 60.80%

Arthur Matthies - Dorothy Soong, East Amherst NY 61.11%

Saturday:

Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony, Clarence Center NY 63.45% and 67.36%

Sunday:

Dorothy Soong - Arthur Matthies, East Amherst NY 64.24%
Team game - **Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony**, Clarence Center NY;
Sushil Amlani, Lockport NY; **Gaurang Sheth**, Williamsville NY

Great job by **Dotti Soong** for winning the 3 day event and earning 8.69 silver points.

Bridge milestones:

Dan Blatz and **Gwilym Brick** are Junior Masters, **Joel Brownstein** is Club Master, **Andrei Reinhorn** is Regional Master, **Sharon Chang** and **Larry Soong** are NABC Masters and **Marietta Kalman** is the newest Life Master and a Bronze Life Master.

Congratulations to all!

Erie Excitement *by Kathy Dammeyer*

Congratulations to the members of the Erie Bridge Club who brought home the gold at the Pittsburgh Roni Atkins Labor Day Regional.

Francis Tseng

Barbara Grzegorzewski

Steve Grzegorzewski

Shirley Irish

took 1st place in a Swiss team event.

Marc Sylvester and **Pat Smith** took 3rd place in a knock-out event and **Steve** and **Elena Dylewski** took 3rd place in a Gold Rush game.

Our August Players of the Month include:

Lois DiPlacido in the New Deal game

Doris Kirsch in the Grand Slam game

Don Kirsch, **Betty Motsch** and **MaryEllen Sullivan** in the Newcomer game.

Erie and Meadville have another month of their team league. This league promotes team play and camaraderie with our good friends and neighbors.

Barbara Grzegorzewski recently reached a milestone becoming a **Gold Life Master**. Our congratulations to Barbara!!!

Check out the next issue of the Fifth Column to see the results of our September Sectional.

Under the Bridge *by Carole Shanahan*

Hello to all who have spent beautiful summer days inside playing bridge. Even with the dry weather the countryside I have seen on my way to several tournaments was pleasant. I did take some time off from the Wilmington Delaware Regional to see some art and enjoy a walk in a nearby park. That area is very steeped in the history of our country and is close to Pennsylvania's Brandywine River with Chadd's Ford and the Wyeth gallery.

At the Philadelphia National my team and I found the Market and had a sightseeing tour and good meals just across the street from our hotel. We could not see all there was to see of art and history even though it was within walking distance.

For those of us who do not get to travel to tournaments, our own regional came and went and I hope you got the gold and red you need. I was trying to help one of my partners get some gold and we were playing in a two-session event to do just that; however, I could not do anything right that day. If I had a choice of playing one of two cards I made the worse decision about 95 percent of the time. It took two days to get over my disappointment. In the end it is a "game" and I do try to have fun regardless of the outcome. My partner is better at recovering and she pointed out that we did get two tops playing opposite a pair that are "experts." So I try to look on the bright side.

The bright side also includes congratulating: **Roslyn Sachs** and **Ron Franck** for achieving Gold Life Master, **Evelyn Sobol** for reaching Bronze, and **Marvin Rulin** and **Phyllis Silver** for becoming new Silver Life Masters.

However; our sympathy to the family and friends of **Sandy Chernew** and **Joe Brady** whom we will miss.

It is good to see **Gail Hastings** back at the bridge table after a thankfully

short absence. Gail is a great and friendly player and is ready with helpful advice to those who are not as advanced in the game. I know she has helped me a number of times and I am grateful for her presence.

Some really good news is that there were more than fifty people at our regional's "learn to play bridge in a day" class. WOW!!! That is good news for bridge in our area. Our upcoming fall sectional, November 9-11, will have newcomer and intermediate events under the guidance of **Darlene Mannheimer**. Her work does a lot to promote a healthy and ongoing bridge community.

I hope you will help to promote bridge in our area; call the Mentor Man (**Bill S.**) at 412-364-0302 to sign up to help a newbie. And, until I see you at a game, remember that the hardest thing to say at bridge is "Pass."

p.s. let me know if i have missed anything; my email is bridgeplayerx2@verizon.net

Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter

It's another new year for our long standing Vichill Team League. As of this writing there are four brackets with a total of 32 teams participating. We are especially promoting newer players to join in. It's great experience for gathering those gold points at Regionals and Nationals. There are no matches scheduled for the winter months so If you did not sign up to play, you can still sign up to be a sub. As usual, subs are desperately needed. Please contact **Fleur Howard, 440/423-1009** to volunteer for our sub list.

A new award entitled the **Laurie Kranyak Friendship Award** was established by **Dr. Vic Vertes** in 2011 to honor the memory, the fierce competitiveness, and most of all the loving spirit and kindness of our dear friend **Laurie Kranyak** who passed away from a long term cancer. Though-out her battle, Laurie exhibited graciousness, humor and interest in the lives of everyone around her. She continued to represent our Unit at Regionals and Nationals until the very end of her life. The first recipient of this award was Laurie's favorite bridge partner.....her husband, **Ken**. This year's recipient was awarded to **Brian Ellis** of Beachwood. To nominate someone for next year's award, send the details to committee members: **Gary Sikon, Susan Stark** or **Marty Zinamon**.

Congratulations to **Phil Becker**, who recently became a Platinum Life Master having over 15,000 masterpoints.. Phil has many top 10 wins during his bridge career and is known in our area for promoting and teaching bridge to new players. He is very active in our historic Vichill team league and a member of our Board of Directors.

October brings us ACBL Club Appreciation games and the popular partial gold point team event; November hosts our Sectional in Solon and December the District StaC games. Be sure to check with your local club director or the StaC website: www.D5bridge.com to make sure your club is participating. By the time you read this, some of these events will have already taken place so please check our website: whistclub.org for results.

Our **Rock and Roll Regional** is coming up in January with **Jan Assini** and **Susan Stark** at the helm. As usual it will be at the **Holiday Inn, Rockside** beginning **Wednesday, January 16th**. There are many events especially for newer players—free lectures between sessions on Thursday and Saturday and a Future Master Reception will be held between sessions on Friday. A review of the hands played on Friday are discussed at the Reception and any and all bridge related questions are answered by our guest lecturer. We urge all you newer to bridge players to attend. We promise you a really good time! For a complete listing of events, please check the Tournaments page on our website. What with the price of gas down and our session fees one of the lowest in the ACBL you can't find a better bridge bargain anywhere! Check our website, whistclub.org for the schedule of events.

Humor time:

- The reason I asked for a review was I didn't hear the first bid and I didn't believe the second.
- A player opened 1NT. LHO asked "what's your partner's range?" Player's partner responded "I think it's a General Electric."
- A player had the word "Love" on their convention card under 'other conventions'. When asked for an explanation the response was "Love is a mini-splintered thing".
- An auction went: 1C/ 1NT overcall, which was alerted. When the club bidder's partner asked for an explanation, it was explained that it was a weak takeout double showing 8-12 points. "OK.....redouble". Would you believe the next call was "**Di-rec-tor**"!!!!

Results

Links are provided to provide easy access to the results for all of the district tournaments!

Butler Sectional July 28-29, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/07/1207085.htm>

Wheeling Sectional August 3-5, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/08/1208071.htm>

Silver Bowl Sectional August 3-5, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/08/1208015.htm>

Buffalo NLM Sectional August 24-26, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/08/1208105.htm>

Roni Regional August 28-September 3, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/09/1209026.htm>

Youngstown Sectional September 8-9, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/09/1209137.htm>

Great Lakes Sectional September 15-16, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/09/1209150.htm>

Cuyahoga Falls Sectional September 21-23, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/09/1209087.htm>

Buffalo Fall Sectional September 21-23, 2012

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2012/09/1209058.htm>