



The Fifth Column

August, 2014

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District 5 North American Pairs Final

October 11 - 12, 2014

Erie Bridge Club
1221 Grant Avenue, Erie, Pa. 16505
814-833-1706

[Click here for Conditions of Contest](#)

Saturday 1:00 and 7:00 PM*

Sunday 10:00 AM & TBA*

This is a 2-day event. You play and pay for both days. Cost: \$12.00/person/session

Flights, determined by point holding on June 1, 2014.

Flight A= Unlimited Overall points are gold
Flight B= 0-2500 Overall points are gold
Flight C= 0-Non-Life Master Overall points are 25% Gold 75% Red

Pre-qualification is required. This is done at your local club at qualifying games in June, July and August. Check with your club director for dates.

The top three pairs in each flight will qualify to compete at the 2015 Spring NABC in New Orleans, LA, with a Schedule TBD.

For more information please call:
Barb Bacon 440-724-6539
District Coordinator

Area Hotel Information:

Inn at Presque Isle	814-838-1961	S=\$41.50; D=\$51.50 incl. tax
Park Plaza Motel	814-833-9841	Call for rates
Comfort Inn	814-835-4200	S= \$109.99; D (King) =\$119.00 + tax w/brkfst
Golden Triangle	888-316-6966	S=\$60.00; D=\$70.00 plus tax

Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter

Gena Bhatia (wife of **Kumar Bhatia**), a highly respected bridge player and long time member of our unit, passed away on July 12th at the age of 68. A memorial service was held at Hillcrest Chapel on July 17th. Gena was a colorful figure at our games and tournaments, always friendly and outgoing and a tough opponent. Gena was the winner of the Bob Hardies Race in 1979-1980. (This Unit 125 Award is presented to the Unit 125 Player with the best performance -most masterpoints won- at our yearly Sectionals and the Vichill League.) She will certainly be missed. Our condolences to her family and friends.



If you missed our Annual Membership Meeting this past June, you missed a really good time. Awards for winners of Vichill League were given out as well as those for Ace of Clubs, Mini-McKenney, Scholarships and the prestigious Member of the Year Award.

Bracket 1 of the Vichill League was won by the team of **Kathy & Don Sulgrove, Roger Tiktin, Jeff Alexander, Dan Roseberry and Paul Facinelli**. Bracket 2 was won by the team of **Peter Miller, Bonnie Goodman, Bill Alcorn, Gary Collins, Bill Dickinson and Donna Largent**. Bracket 3 was captured by the team of **Doug Henderson, Viv Shanafelt, Dave Norris, Edie Dus-Garden and John Power**. Bracket 4 was headed by Melinda **Berke, Woody Ban, Bud Faukes and Tehui Dai**. Congratulations to all these winners.

The Bob Hardies Race (most masterpoints overall) was won **by Don and Kathy Sulgrove**; the Larry Rock race (the female capturing the most masterpoints) by **Kathy Sulgrove** and the Marvin Melamed Race (newer player accumulating the most masterpoints) by **Bill Hogsett**. The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners can be found on our website: whistclub.org.

Eight scholarships were awarded to very deserving candidates. Listed alphabetically they are: **Shelby Bauer**, in her 2nd year at Ohio State, majoring in biology and pre-med. She is in the honors program. Her goal is to graduate with honors and attend medical school to become a pediatrician. She plans to start this

year volunteering in community services relating to her major. She has taken AP and Honors classes in high school to prepare for her career. **Andrew Kitay** will be starting at Ohio State in its honors program this fall. He will major in finance or accounting. He has done quite a bit of volunteering in the Beachwood area. Andrew carries a 4.4 high school GPA and hopes to continue this impressive standard in college. He is a direct admit to the Fisher College of Business which is an honor in itself. He dreams of climbing his career path working up to the position of CFO or CEO of a large corporation or start-up company. We are pleased to award Andrew the **Louinia Mae Whittlesay Scholarship** in honor of her contributions to bridge and Unit 125. **Dustin Kleis** is in his 2nd year of college, attending Ohio State this fall majoring in public health and pre-med. He volunteers at Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals helping out where needed. He hopes to enroll in a health related grad program after obtaining his degree and become a practicing physician. **Macie Kleis** will be attending either Ohio State or Ohio University majoring in nursing. She currently volunteers at University Hospitals to learn more about her intended career. She loves shadowing the staff to learn more about what which field she would like to major in. **Charles Merriam** is attending Ohio State majoring in Civil and Environmental Engineering with a Public Policy minor. He has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity building houses, the Eagles project for rebuilding a hiking trail and deer enclosure at Shaker Lakes. He has also built wheel chair ramps with Engineers for Community Service and participated in conservation efforts at Philmont Scout Ranch. Charles is in his 4th year and hopes use his engineering degree to help science inform government decisions to improve conservation efforts and help change the world around him learning and working with global climate changes as well as working with Civil Engineering in water resources. **Meghan Tubbesing** is attending the University of Mount Union majoring in political science. For the past 3 years she has ranked 6th out of 311 in her class. After college she hopes to attend law school, move to DC and join the American Civil Liberties Union, trying cases before the Supreme Court. **Abbey Wyrick** is starting her 2nd year at Otterbein University studying to become a specialized nurse in a pediatric program or critical care, then to attend grad school to become a Nurse Anesthetist for children. She hopes her minor in writing will allow her to write children's stories for long-term patients. She is involved in numerous volunteer organizations and has started her own charity, Looms for Love, weaving scarves for the Salvation Army. **Cassie Wyrick** will be attending Ashland University Specialized Nursing. She earned her STNA certification while still in high school and volunteers at Summa Barberton Hospital. Through the Advancement to Nursing Program she is currently enrolled in the Medical Terminology course at Stark State College. We wish all these very talented young folk the very best.

The Scholarship Committee will be conducting a silent auction at the upcoming August Sectional to benefit the Scholarship Fund. You can donate items to any Committee member to be auctioned off, either at this Sectional or the one in November. Members are: **Peter Miller, John and Judy Spooner, Ginny Young and Bev Carter**. You may contact any one of them.

The **Member of the Year Award** was presented to **Doug Henderson**, a

person who donates his knowledge of the game to those who are newer to bridge, helping them achieve their Life Mastership by playing with them in tournaments, coaching and pointing them in the right direction. As an example, many years ago an elderly player needed a few points to become a Life Master. A team of 5 was organized at our local Regional by Doug to help this elderly friend get his gold points. Alas, they missed it by only a few. Our award winner then invited the player to a National Tournament where he became a Life Master, fulfilling his lifelong dream. He has also donated free lessons at an annual non-profit charity auction for many, many years and a lot of those taking the class have become duplicate players. His motto is to try to introduce and teach bridge to younger players to keep the game active and alive, and due to his efforts, there is a younger generation of 6th through 8th graders who have become familiar with the game of bridge through the Cleveland Public Schools. The thank you notes sent to him at the end of each semester that he proudly shares with the rest of us are an indication of his dedication. The program has expanded from one school to several and other school districts have inquired as to how they can participate. He has received a letter and plaque from the President of the Cleveland School Board thanking him for his service to the school system over the past several years. The recent showing of 88 middle school players at our last Regional is proof of his dedication. He is also a member of the National Goodwill Committee due to his honesty, integrity and ethics at the table. He is the friendliest, most courteous opponent and partner you will ever meet at the bridge table. We are proud to present this Award to Doug. He certainly deserves it.

OK.....Humor Time:

- According to the local bridge news, there are only five real authorities on bridge in our country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner.....
- Bridge is a game where a bunch of people sit down to be frustrated.
- I shoulda passed the hand out, but with entry fees the way they are today.....
- For some strange reason, minus 1100 never seems to get you many matchpoints.
- Definition of an absolute zero—a result that can't possibly be repeated across the rest of the field.
- There are only two acceptable excuses for not leading what your partner bid—having no cards in the suit or sudden death.
- The first step toward winning at bridge is to become not only suspicious and watchful of opponents, but also realize that for the most part, you are playing with a group of people who have the instincts of ax murderers.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo by Dian Petrov

The fierce competition in District 5 Superflight GNT in Erie ended with another Buffalo area pair winning a trip to Las Vegas Nationals. **John Toy** and **Thomas Donnelly** were members of the multi-unit team that represented the District at the Unlimited flight.

We also had a tasty Strawberry Festival Unit game in Lockport. It is always a wonderful time because of Lockport Club's generous hospitality. Thank you to **Bob Lederhouse** for chairing this event:

NS Winners:

1. **Margaret Klamp - Sharon Benz**
2. **Anne Watkins - Rita Sofia**
3. **Jeffrey Bender - Richard Cramer-Benjamin**

EW Winners:

1. **James Gullo - Andrei Reinhorn**
2. **Nancy Littenberg - Hilda Fairweather**
3. **Betty Metz - S Neubecker**

Huge thanks to **Kathy Pollock** and **Joyce Greenspan** for a wonderful and successful job on the **Future Stars Sectional** (non-life master sectional) that was held May 30 and 31. With a count of 51 tables for the two-day event, many silver points were awarded.

Rank changes:

Terrence	Camp	Buffalo	NY	Club Master
Eugene	Nawotniak	Clarence	NY	Sectional Master
Sandra	Rifkin	Buffalo	NY	Sectional Master
Martha	Welte	Buffalo	NY	Sectional Master
Ten-Pao	Lee	Grand Is	NY	Regional Master
Carl	Hasselback	Williamsville	NY	NABC Master
Ted	Kahn	Amherst	NY	Life Master
Arthur	Matthies	East Amherst	NY	Bronze Life Master
Paul	Zittel	Eden	NY	Bronze Life Master

Congratulations to all!

Bridge players are encouraged to make their plans to attend the **Buffalo Fall Sectional** on **September 12-14, 2014**. Details can be found on the web page www.unit116.com

Pittsburgh Posting by Fran Prus

Mary Lou D'Altorio is letting me take her place for a few columns while she pursues other interests, but assures me she will be returning to entertain you with her photos and commentaries soon.

Unit 142 has been busy, starting with the Annual Awards party in May. Special thanks to **Ron and Shirley Franck** for their outstanding job of hosting. Awards were presented to the following members (who are all well-deserving): **Milt Frazier** Award to **Arlene Port**; **Jane McIntyre** Award to **Jean Picone**; **Fred Sorenson** Award to **Gail Carns**; **Nirmala Somani** Award to **Barbara Weinstein**. Congratulations to all.

The STaC games were well attended and many silver points were earned. Unit 142 had 6 of the top 10 winners in the district! Top points were earned by **Gerrie Littman**, **Gail Carns**, **Bob Quinlan**, **Cecilia Powell**, **Jean Prior** and **Jane Marshall**. Great job!

Many of our members enjoyed playing in the Butler Sectional. Top point earners include **Sue Lordi**, **Paul** and **Cathy Caplan**, **Marge Tamres**, **Elio Catalfamo**, and **Connie Hoechstetter**.

We are honored to have **Lou Joseph** serve as President of District 5. Let's all give him 100% support and help keep District 5 growing.

We have two new Silver Life Masters in our Unit, **David Collura** and **Audrey Marzolf**, and **Peggy Shvetts** is now a Gold Life Master. Congratulations on your achievement. Good luck at the Nationals to Unit 142 GNT players **Frank Cymerman**, **Ron Franck** and **Fred Schenker**.

We are saddened by the loss of member **Cliff Needham**. Our sincere sympathy to his friends and family.

The results of the very successful Summer Sectional are in and the big Masterpoint winners for the tournament are **Fred Schenker** and **Patricia Katz**, who along with teammates **Dan Roseberry** and **Arlene Port** won the Sunday Swiss. Congratulations to all 315 silver point winners! Check out the PBA website for a complete listing of results from all the events.

We already have a winner for the upcoming Roni Regional in August! **Cathy Caplan** is the winner of a free night at the Hyatt, which was awarded to one of the participants at the Summer Sectional.

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

Fall 2013 Team League - You have a chance to participate in the next **Team** event. You can sign your Team up for the four-night 2014 Fall event which will be held **September 26, October 17, October 31, and November 21**. Anyone wanting to get on a Team or needing someone to fill out a Team should contact **Jim Sullivan** at sullivan01@aol.com or phone 330-659-4707. This Team League event will use the **“Eight is Enough”** format. Teams must be made up so the team total is no more than eight points; where A players (2000 or more master points) are 3 points, B players (750 to 2000 master points) are 2 points, and C players (0 to 750 master points) are 1 point. Teams will be placed in brackets based on the ACBL masterpoints of the four highest team members. All matches will be handicapped based on the player used for each match. The handicap for each match will be assigned based upon the ACBL published team handicap table.

Autumn Sectional - On September 19- 21 the Autumn Sectional Tournament will be held at the Quirk Center. Stratification for all sessions will be by average Master Points. Check the Newsletter and akronbridge.org Website for more details.

Friday Unit Games - The Unit Games at the Quirk Center will be at **12:30 p.m., but because of a scheduling conflict the September 5 game will start at 11:30**. There will be hand records and automatic scoring for all of the games. Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, and hospitality. If you need a partner call Jim Sullivan at 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

August 1 – No Game – Garfield Heights Sectional

August 8 – Unit Championship Game

August 15 - NAP (North American Pairs) Qualifier

August 22 – Unit Championship Game

August 29 – No Game – Holiday Weekend

September 5 – Unit Championship Game (@ 11:30)

September 12 – Unit Championship Game

September 19 – Akron Sectional @ Quirk Center

September 26 – Team League Game (@ 7:30 p. m.)

October 3– Unit Championship Game

October 10 – Club Appreciation Game

Unit 229 News by LOIS PORTER

Summer is here and bridge is flourishing. Congratulations to the following persons with rank changes: **Pat Dotson**-Junior Master, **John Lesjack**-Regional Master and **Tim Glass**-Sectional Master.

STaC week is always well attended at club games. **Lois Porter** and **Herman Feldman** of Elwood City placed 2nd in B Championship pairs with a 60% game. In New Castle,

John Samarco and **Jim Wheeler** placed 3rd in A and **Larry Puntureri** and **Tim Glass** placed 2nd in C.

The new duplicate game in Zelenople is doing well. Director **John Bernard** gives a free lesson at 5:45 and the session begins at 6:30. June 17 had nine tables with many new duplicate players. **Bill Stewart** of Zelenople and **Max Rubin** of Cranberry played a 63.89% game in E-W and in N-S **Lorraine Worsley** of Butler and **Lorraine Scalzo** of Valencia were first overall with a 68.29% game. **June Morrison** and her committee do a fine job!

Elwood City had a fine night on June 23 to celebrate **Herman Feldman's** 89th birthday. It began with a light dinner and champagne toast to thank Herman for all his contributions to promoting bridge. He is treasurer of Unit 229 and has played bridge since his college days. He plays with newer players and helps them understand the game. He still goes to his law office every day and enjoys working in his garden. He makes awesome jellies and is working on a bridge book on defense. With 6 ½ tables present, **Bill Lindgren** and **Sid Steiner** were first with a 64.07% game.

After a few years hiatus, Butler had a very successful sectional from June 28-29. The attendance was 70 tables. Overall MPs winners were **Lynn Rafferty** of Columbia, OH and **Jim Wheeler** of New Castle with 10.68 MPs. Third was **Lorraine Worsley** with 10.01 MPs. **Hazel Allen** of Slippery Rock and **Bob Greco** were 1st in C in the Saturday night open pairs. Thank you to **Alex Bealles**, **George Cross** and **David Ruppert** for bringing back this sectional.

For the July 5 unit game congratulations go to **Jean Brackett** and **Patsy Bachman**, both of Butler, for a first overall with a 62.59% game. Second were **Alex Bealles** and **David Ruppert**.

Please give any pertinent news for Unit 229 to me, **Lois Porter**, to include in our next newsletter.

2014 Tournament Results

[Pittsburgh Summer Sectional](#) - July 11-13, 2014, Pittsburgh, PA

[Butler Sectional](#) - June 28-29, Butler, PA

[Lake Cable Sectional](#) - June 19-22, Canton, OH

[District 5 Summer STaC](#) - June 9-15, Various Locations

[District 5 GNT - ALL Flights](#) - May & June, Erie, PA

[Amherst I/N](#) - May 30-31, Amherst, NY

[All-American Regional](#) - May 20-26, Independence, OH

[Seven Cities Sectional](#) - Apr 11-13, Titusville, PA

[Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional](#) - Apr 4-6, Cleveland, OH

[Buffalo Spring Sectional](#) - Apr 4-6, Williamsville, NY

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#) - Mar 28-30, Pittsburgh, PA

[Akron Spring Sectional](#) - Mar 14-16, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Canton Sectional](#) - Feb 15-16, Canton, OH

[Rock'n'Roll Regional](#) - Jan 15-19, Independence, OH

[Buffalo Winter Sectional](#) - Jan 3-5, Williamsville, NY