



The Fifth Column

October, 2014

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

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- 8-14 District 5 Winter STaC

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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

We are happy to announce a special **Non-Life Master Tournament** to be held **Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th at the Garfield Hts. KofC Hall, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Hts.** There is a brand new format this year with stratifications on Saturday set at 0-50 masterpoints for all you newer to bridge folks, 50-300 for the advancing players and 300-750 for those who have not yet obtained their Life Master cards. Sunday will be a stratified Swiss Team game, also stratified by total team points. Lectures will be held a half hour prior to the games on Saturday and Sunday. Among the speakers will be **Phil Becker and Bev Carter**. Lunch will be provided between sessions. This will be a super fun event for all so please plan come and have a good time while winning those Silver points. For information, contact **Chuck Bisesi** at phydoux.chb@gmail.com.

There's a new game in town!!!! Wayne Heritage has opened a club on **Wednesday mornings at 11:00am at the Olmsted Performing Arts Center, 6941 Columbia Road just south of I 480 and Great Northern shopping center.** It is open to all, especially newer players, and stratified so everyone who attends should have a good chance of winning points. If you don't have a partner, one will be provided for you. **For information, contact Wayne at 440-779-8231.**

Our very popular **Vichill Team League** began on **Wednesday, September 17th at St. Michael's Woodside.** If you haven't registered for a team by now, it is probably too late but we can always use substitutes so if you would like to fill in, contact **Bill Hogsett, 216-692-2184.**

Coming up next is our Winter Sectional, also held at the Garfield Hts. KofC Hall on **November 7th through the 9th** so mark your calendars for this upcoming event. Details will be posted on our website, whistclub.org in the near future.

Congratulations to the team of **Jake Agregato, John Bacon, Mike Creager and Stelian Hritcu** for winning overall in their event at the recent Grand National Teams. Well done!!! Also District 5 NAP winners were: **Ken Kranyak and Frank Cymerman (Pittsburgh)** were 1st in Flight A. Second was **Phil Becker and Dan Gerstman (Buffalo)**. Congratulations to **Peter Merker and Fleur Howard**, who finished third in Flight B. More winners can be found listed on our website. Also, congrats to **Mitch Eggers** who became a Life Master.

The Scholarship Committee awarded 8 scholarships to very deserving candidates at the Annual Meeting, totaling over \$3500. This would not be possible without contributions in memory of loved ones, local charity games, raffles and this year for the first time, a silent auction. If you would like more information on how to apply for an award or to contribute to the Fund, check our website, whistclub.org under the heading of Board Information.

OK, humor time:



Important Rules

Rule of Eleven — the inevitable trick total whenever you bid a slam.

Eight Ever, Nine Never — the status quo whenever you raise 2 NT to 3 NT.

Second Hand Low — the easiest way to lose your aces on defense.

Leading Through Strength — a surefire way to make your queens disappear.

What My Bridge Instructor Says — tips that work on lesson deals, but that never do in real life

Pittsburgh Posting by *Fran Prus*

This newsletter follows the completion of our highly successful Annual Roni Regional. It was great to see all our local members as well as players from across the district. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Co-chairs **Lou Joseph** and **Mary Paulone Carns**, Hospitality hosts **Ken and Barb Bergman**, Partnership Chair **Ron Franck**, Prize Chairs **Sue McQuillan** and **Gail Hastings**, and **Jane Marshall and Bill Holt**, whose hours of selfless volunteering made the event a pleasure for all in attendance. Top Masterpoint winners were **Reanette Frobouck, Allan Graves, Curtis Cheek** and **Huub Bertens** with an outstanding 108.14 mps. Congratulations to all 637 Masterpoint winners. If you are still seeking gold points, the Instant Matchpoint Game at 12 noon at the Masonic Center North on Thursday, October 16 is your next opportunity. Everyone in attendance will receive a hand analysis booklet by **Larry Cohen**. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are preferred: please call **Barb Bergman** at 724-935-4591 to register.

There won't be any gold points, but the opportunity to play with a highly skilled partner is available to all bridge players the following week at our Annual Pro-Am Game. I have it on very good authority that there are plenty of "Pros" still available; call **Jane Marshall** at 412-371-4067 and be prepared to have a wonderful evening of great hospitality and good bridge on Thursday October 23 at 7 PM at Rodef Shalom Temple in Oakland. All proceeds benefit The Colker Memorial Fund of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, supporting Environmental Education Programs.

It's not too early to be thinking about our upcoming Fall Sectional. Be sure to mark the dates on your calendar, November 14-16. As always, there will be outstanding hospitality and plenty of silver points for all in attendance!

The PBA will again be offering bridge lessons at Rodef Shalom from 9-11 AM on seven consecutive Mondays beginning October 20. **Arlene Port** will be teaching Beginning and Bridge and **Lou Joseph** will be teaching a class for those who have completed Beginning Bridge and will focus on playing of the hand. For details, call Arlene at 412-521-3637.

Unit member **Frank Siffrinn** has achieved the status of Bronze Life Master and **Linda Evans** is now a Silver Life Master. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Ethan Stroh**, a long time South Hills member.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo *by Dian Petrov*

Summer does fly when you are having fun. And that is what over 100 people had at the annual Unit Picnic on July 20. A HUGE THANKS to **Paul and Linda Zittel** for providing us with a wonderful day and delicious picnic. Thanks to **Linda Burroughsford and Peter Patterson** for volunteering their day to help out with the new Bridgemate II program. The winners were **John Ziemer - Jerry Geiger** with 65.94% in the morning and **Bob and Judith Padgug** with 62.82% (section B) and **Penny Shui - Ken Meier** with 63.43% (section C) in the afternoon.

Next up was the Carrousel Museum Day of Fun on Sunday August 24. Players enjoyed the tour of the museum, Carrousel rides and an old-fashioned picnic topped with an afternoon game. Winners were again **Bob and Judith Padgug** with 60.25%.

We are just coming off a great weekend of bridge with the Fall Sectional. 163.5 tables played during the weekend of Sept. 12-14. Kudos to **Paul and Linda Zittel**. Zittel corn salsa, Zittel veggies and dip, Zittel Chex mix. Now that is great hospitality. This was our first sectional using the Bridgemate II system for scoring. Again **Paul Zittel** is our hero. He spearheaded the entire project and now there are 35 units for our use. Many of them were donated by members and have dedications on them. The learning curve is moving along with very few problems coming up.

Gear up for the "Spooctacular" - this year our REGIONAL takes place at the Events Center at the Fairgrounds, Hamburg - October 21-26. Check the flyer on Unit 116 web page and on ACBL site.

Rank changes:

Christine Grant	Clarence Center NY	Club Master
John Welte	Buffalo NY	Sectional Master
Elizabeth Beishline	Williamsville NY	Regional Master
Michael Kozower	Getzville NY	NABC Master
Dede Kluckhohn	Williamsville NY	Bronze Life Master

John Kirsits
Walter Olszewski

East Amherst NY
N Tonawanda NY

Silver Life Master
Silver Life Master

Congratulations to all!

AKRON ALERT *BY JIM SULLIVAN*

UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY - Get ready! Mark the date! The Unit Christmas Party will be **Dec. 12** at 6 p.m. for dinner (meat & potatoes plus tableware provided), and 7 p.m. will be a STaC **Game** (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs), where you can win those elusive Silver points. **Betty Miller** will be the chair for this event.

2015 MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM - 2015 will be the start the 9th year of the Mentor/Mentee program. We need more players who are willing to be Mentors to the newer and improving players. **Carolyn Sullivan** will be handling sign-up again this year. Please let her know 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.

Friday Unit Games - What better way to start the weekend than to play Bridge at the Friday Unit Game. There will be hand records and automatic scoring for all of the games. 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. 3 – 12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Oct. 10 – 12:30 is a **Club Appreciation Game**.

Oct. 17 – 7:30 is the second session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Oct. 24 – 12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Oct. 31 - 7:30 is the third session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Nov. 7 – **No Game** - there is a **Cleveland Unit Sectional**.

Nov. 14 - 12:30 is a **Unit Championship Game**.

Nov. 21– 7:30 is the fourth session of the **Fall IMP League**.

Nov. 28 – No Game - Thanksgiving **weekend**.

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

Dec. 12 – 6:00 is the **Annual Christmas Party**. The STaC **Game** (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) won't begin until about 7:00 in order to allow time for socializing,

UNIT 229 NEWS *BY LOIS PORTER*

Summers are hectic so it will be nice to settle down and play bridge!!

We had some big scores this summer. **Lynn Rafferty and Alex Bealles** had two August scores in Elwood City of 70.83% and 73.33%. On September 8 **Jane Crowley and George Cross** had a 70.13% game in New Castle. Well done!!

Alan Leaver and David Ruppert scored well in the Pittsburgh Sectional in July, gaining 8.91 Mpts. **Karen Peters** of Cranberry Township, **Laurie and Bill Schoof** of Seven Fields and **Amy Tan** of Gibsonia came in first in Sunday's 299er Swiss Teams. As always this is a well-planned sectional.

Our Unit 229 games are going well. In August **Carl Hamill** of Moon Township and **John Killmeyer** of Pittsburgh were first overall and in September **Mary Lou Spine and Sandy Schuchert** were first overall.

Rank changes are as follows: **Laurie Schoof** to Club Master, **Lois Porter** to Regional Master and **Gary Marcus** of Beaver Falls to Life Master. Gary is a retired physician who was a pathologist at the Beaver Valley Medical Center. He played party bridge in high school and began playing duplicate five years ago. He needed 2.21 gold going into the RONI Regional in Pittsburgh. One of his favorite partners is **Sheila Rabovsky** and they teamed up with **Michael Fezar** of Baden and **Hugo Church** of Gibsonia Wednesday night for Compact Knockouts. They did it right coming in first place and getting 6.16 gold. What a story!!! Congratulations Gary!!!

The Pittsburgh Regional had 637 players and 941 tables. It is always a good time and sitting opposite out-of-town players, I was proud when they remarked about the friendliness of Pittsburgh bridge players. **Henry Nelson, Sid Steiner and Bill Lindgren** were part of the Saturday/Sunday Knockout team that won first. The top point makers from our unit were those three and **David Ruppert, Mary Lou Ford and Joanne Cromo** of Industry came in first in the Wednesday evening side game. Everyone had a pleasant time. The directors do a fine job but we think **Alex Bealles** is special. He directs two games in Butler County and works hard to promote bridge. When he was in high school his mother gave him a Goren pamphlet to read and said he was going to be her partner that night. WHAT A START! He played in college and soon during the holidays he would look for a duplicate game. He became hooked. In the area he could see that there would be a need for directors. He studied, passed the test and that began his directing career. **Dick Rasmus** was his mentor and now we see him at regional and sectional tournaments and this past year at the Las Vegas National. The Zelienople game is going strong and anticipates a weekly game at the end of November. Keep posted.

ALLEGHENY MOUNTAIN NEWS by BUD KURY

Congratulations to the 2013 Unit 185 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners.

Each year the ACBL compiles a listing of every unit's members who have won the most

masterpoints at the club level, and the ones who won the most overall masterpoints for each rank.

The "Ace of Clubs" winners are given certificates for their achievement, and these winners for each category are:

<u>Masterpoints Category</u>	<u>Winner</u>
0 to 5	Justin Marinak
5 to 20	John Soldo
20 to 50	Kevin Davis
50 to 100	Henry Moyer
100 to 200	Edward McCauley
200 to 300	George Zdrevecky
300 to 500	Margaret Robinson
500 to 1000	Jean Livingston
1000 to 2500	Carl Hurd

The 2013 final leaders of the Mini-McKenney awards will receive medallions for their accomplishments and these winners were:

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0 to 5	Justin Marinak
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20 to 50	Kevin Davis
50 to 100	Henry Moyer
100 to 200	Edward McCauley
200 to 300	George Zdrevecky
300 to 500	Margaret Robinson
500 to 1000	Jean Livingston
1000 to 2500	George Kury

Also the " Top 5 " Masterpoint winners for Unit 185 for 2013 were:

1. **George Kury** - 109 masterpoints
2. **Carl Hurd** - 98 masterpoints
3. **Jean Livingston** - 95 masterpoints
4. **David Livingston** - 94 masterpoints
5. **Margaret Robinson** - 87 masterpoints

The members of our unit who have " moved up the ladder " in the rankings of the ACBL in the last year were:

To JUNIOR MASTER - **Diana Beaver, Anne Marie Pidutti, Leslie Musselman, Joan Ronan, Ruth Leventry, Nancy Sinisi, Cheryl Wherry, Anne Matthews, Justin Marinak, Hope Sheehan, and Lorraine Schabel**

To CLUB MASTER - **Carol Moyer, Rosalind Gordon, and Marcia Dravis**
To REGIONAL MASTER - **Anna Magee**
To NABC MASTER - **James Kirkstadt**
To BRONZE LIFE MASTER - **Margaret Robinson and Murial Oswalt**
To SILVER LIFE MASTER - **Jean Green**

We want to say " Kudos " to all these winners, but even if your name wasn't called, all bridge players are winners.

Recent Tournament Results

2014

[Akron Fall Sectional](#) - Sep 19-21, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Great Lakes Sectional](#) - Sep 20-21, Erie, PA

[Buffalo Sectional](#) - Sep 12-14, Williamsville, NY

[RONI Regional](#) - Aug 26 - Sep 1, Pittsburgh, PA

[Wheeling Sectional](#) - Aug 2-3, Wheeling, WV

[Silver Bowl Sectional](#) - Aug 1-3, Garfield Heights, OH