



# The Fifth Column

## December, 2014

### Upcoming Tournament Calendar

#### DECEMBER 2014

- 8-14 District 5 Winter STaC

#### JANUARY 2015

- 14-18 Cleveland Rock and Roll Regional [Information](#)
- 23-25 Buffalo Winter Sectional [Information](#)

#### FEBRUARY 2015

- 21-22 Canton President McKinley Sectional

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## Pittsburgh Posting *by Fran Prus*

I'm pleased to report that the Pro-Am Charity game in November was a resounding success, with 43 tables of bridge and a total of \$5000 donated to the Memorial Trust of **Alan and Lynne Colker's** daughters, **Davita and Laura**. Many thanks to all who donated food and help, with special thanks going to **Jane Marshall** for the countless hours she spent organizing the game. Congratulations to overall winners **Bruce Brennan** and **Stan Ruskin**.

Congratulations to new Life Masters **Robert Kleinnmann, Barbara Logan, Gary Marcus and Thomas Morris**, new Bronze Life Masters **Larry Gesoff, David Legal, Willa Dean Lowery and Carol Stonis**, and Silver Life Master **Phyllis Geinzer**.

Congratulations to Unit 142 members who qualified for the spring North American Pairs contest. Representing our unit in Flight A are **Fred Schenker and Charlie Garrod**; Flight B has **James Fox and Russell Sheldon** along with **John Gilette and Jean Picone**. Best wishes for continued success at the Nationals.

Many thanks to **Ron Franck and Barb Weinstein** for hosting the recently completed Fall Sectional. Congratulations to all 284 masterpoint winners, with special recognition to **Mary Paulone Carns and Robert Quinlan** for both accumulating over 20 points. If you still are looking for silver points, don't forget that December 7th is the start of STaC week where you can win silver points at local club games.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Sylvia Williams, Virginia Birmingham** and **Larry Evans**.

In closing out 2014, I'd like to wish everyone and their families a safe and happy holiday season. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the bridge table in 2015!

## Unit 229 News *by Lois Porter*

This edition will feature a few newer players to duplicate bridge that support our games on a regular basis. The competition is tough but they feel they are learning from the experienced players and enjoy the camaraderie.

In Elwood City on 9/15, **Larry Puntureri and Bill Stewart** placed first in C. **Larry** also plays in New Castle with **Tim Glass** on a regular basis. They have a good partnership and placed first in B & C on 9/24. They enjoy the game and are upbeat and friendly.

**Bill Stewart** resides in the Lutheran SeniorLife Passavant Community. He graduated from Thiel College in Greenville with a degree in physics. He then joined the Air Force and had his first encounter with bridge. Never having played before, he was asked to join a game, bid a strong 2 spades and found a game he enjoys. He joined ACBL in 1999 and played once a week. He took lessons from **June Morrison** at Passavant and has played in Butler, Elwood City and Zelienople. A young man, **Max Rubin**, came to the Zelienople game without a partner and he and Bill hooked up. He had never played with live people at a duplicate game. After learning bridge from his grandparents, he played on the computer. His wife encouraged him to find a live game and the rest is history. He and Bill had a 65.39% game on 9/23 for a first in East-West. It's so great to have an enthusiastic 28-year old in our midst.

Some big games in our unit: **Jane Crowley and Helen Greenberg**-72.02% on 9/29 in Elwood City; **Lynn Rafferty and Jim Wheeler**-71.0% on 10/13 in Elwood City; **Sid Steiner and Bill Lindgren**-69.50% game in Elwood City and **Lynn Rafferty and Alex Bealles**-69.50% on 11/5 in New Castle.

Congratulations to **Dave Ruppert** and **Alan Leaver** who qualified to compete in the North American Pairs District Finals in Erie. They placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 21 pairs earning 7.83 gold.

The Zelienople game has moved into the new Passavant building and will have a weekly Tuesday game at 6:30. Please check the web site at

zelenoplebridge.com because there will be a few nights that the facility is not available.

We were saddened with the passing on October 2 of **Bill Blank**, a loyal and kind Elwood City bridge player. He will be sorely missed.

Any news to be added to this article will be greatly appreciated.

Happy holidays to all, Lois

## *Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter*

Our Non-Life Master Tournament was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Garfield Heights VFW. 40 tables of future Life Masters came to play. Saturday morning overall winners were: **Carl Gray** and **Peggy Friedman** in bracket A, **Marilyn Cagin** and **Erwin Rabin** in bracket B, **Marvin Fawks** and **Carl McMillin** in bracket C. High scorers in bracket A were **Jim Kenney** and **Bob Leibold** in A, **Laura Palascak** and **Sally Hotchkiss** in B and **Gary** and **Sherry Seeman** in bracket C. Sunday overall Team winners were: **Elizabeth Goldthwait**, **Ralph Beard**, **Ruth Ann Mayberry** and **Gary Singer**. Everyone attending said it was a great event and they can't wait to do it again. OK, folks, mark your calendars for **Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>** when we will do it again.

Our November Sectional was also a huge success. There was a great turnout all three days. Overall winners on Friday afternoon were: **Dan Rosbury** and **Paul Facinelli** in A, **Joe Radvansky** and **Bob Doll** in B and **Donna Turek** and **Claire Hayes** in C. The Friday Swiss team event was captured by **Mike Creager**, **Greg Michaels**, **Frank Shib** and **Sue Ma**. Saturday overall winners in the afternoon were: **Dee Weisberg** and **Rosemarie Sanscrainte** in B, **Jim Stahl** and **Tom Rice** in C and **James Marten** and **Ron Werner** in D. In the playthrough Flight A, **Bernie Greenspan** and **Mike Drozhinskiy** came in first in the early session and **Don and Kathy Sulgrove** were first overall in the afternoon session. Coming in first in B were **Betty Miller** and **Chris Murphy**, in C were **Rich and Roger**

**Edwards** and **D** was captured by **Gary and Sherry Seeman**. The Sunday Team of Four found **Mike Creager, Ken Kranyak and Don and Kathy Sulgrove** in first place. *Congratulations to all these winners.* More results can be found on our Tournament page on the website: **whistclub.org**.

The Unit was saddened recently by the passing of **Julia Allen, Doris Tubbesing** and **Victor Vertes**, some of the nicest players in our Unit. They will be sorely missed!!! Contributions in their memory are being accepted by the Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you would like to donate, please send a check made out to the CWC Memorial Scholarship Fund to Mr. **Chuck Bisesi**, 266 Franklin St., Berea, OH 44017.

On a positive note, we want to wish **Jesse Bonds** of Rocky River, Ohio a very **happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**. Would you believe he is still very active in bridge, playing weekly at the Rocky River club and at other games in the area? Way to go, Jesse.....we know that bridge is what has kept you happy and healthy all these years so keep on truckin'!!!!

The very popular **STaC Swiss Team Event** will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Solon Senior Center, 35000 Portz Pkwy in Solon. Game time is 11:00. Dinner will be served between sessions. Entry fee is \$100 for 4 players, an additional \$5 for dinner for a 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> person on your team. Reservations are suggested but not required. Contact **Kathy Sulgrove** at 330-425-7631 or Email:**Don7631@windstream.net** for information or reservations.

We have purchased a dealing machine and 40 Bridgemates. They are available for use by all local clubs at a minimal fee. Information will be sent to each club manager regarding cost and availability. If your club is interested in utilizing these devices, please contact **Harvey Bernstein at 440/349-7125** or any member of the board.

Congratulations are in order for **Mr. Eugene Krejsa** who recently became a Life Master.

**Help Wanted:** A Chairperson for our April Sectional

A Partnership Chairperson

A Hospitality Chairperson

A Writer for Whistfully Yours

**Kathy Sulgrove**, who has done a magnificent job as our Hospitality Chair for the last several years has announced her retirement, as has **Sophie Novak** who has been our Partnership Chair forever and **Bev Carter** who has been writing this column for what seems like forever wish to step down and let others take on these fun jobs. If you would like to apply for any of these openings, please contact **Barb Greenspan**, our Unit President at 216/595-3266 or by email at [specialops007@gmail.com](mailto:specialops007@gmail.com) . She will be most happy to hear from you. You do receive compensation for these positions.

The January Regional will be held again at the Holiday Inn, Independence chaired by the Akron Unit. Flyers can be downloaded by going to [whistclub.org](http://whistclub.org) and clicking on the "Tournaments" link, then click on "nearby" and looking at the dates of January 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

**OK, GUESS ITS HUMOR TIME:**

**Some bridge "daffynitions"**

**Bath Coup** — getting to use the tub before your roommate.

**Doubleton** — 4,000 pounds.

**Dummy** — (see below).

**Partner** — (see above).

**Free Bid** — all of them, once you pay your entry fee.

**Gerber Convention** — a meeting of baby-food manufacturers.

**Key-Card Blackwood** — an ingenious convention that allows you to get to a grand slam off the ace of trumps

## *Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan*

**Holiday Parties** - The **Akron Unit will hold its Holiday Party at 6 PM Friday, December 12 at the Quirk Center Ballroom.** Dinner of meat, potatoes, drinks, and tableware will be provided by the Unit. Bring your favorite special holiday hors d'oeuvres' to share with everyone. At 7 PM there will be a **STaC Game** that will award Silver Points. The winners from this game receive more Masterpoints if they place in the District Overall for that session. . Pre-registration is requested, but not required, so that pair assignments can be set up in advance. For more information contact **Betty Miller** at [bmiller@uakron.edu](mailto:bmiller@uakron.edu) or phone 330-869-8193.

Other Christmas or Holiday Parties will also be held at the individual clubs. Check with the Managers at your clubs and read the Akron Calendar/Newsletter for more information about these parties .

**STaC Games** - Many clubs will be holding STaC Games during the week of December 8 thru 14. Plan to play in these games and maybe you can win some of the big Masterpoint awards. The winners from these game receive more Masterpoints if they place in the District Overalls for that session. Check with the Managers at your Clubs and the Akron Calendar/Newsletter for more information about these STaC Games.

2015 Mentor/Mentee Program - The Mentor/Mentee program will begin its 8th year. This Mentoring Program is for the Akron Friday Afternoon game at the Quirk Center. **Carolyn Sullivan** is the Program Registrar. Anyone wanting to improve their Bridge Game can sign up to be a Mentee. We need more players who are willing to be Mentors to the newer and improving players.

Anyone willing to help a less experienced player improve their Bridge Game can sign up to be a Mentor.

Mentor/Mentee can sign up as a pair or contact **Carolyn Sullivan** to be matched. The Mentor/Mentee fee will be \$3 each for all 2015 Friday Afternoon games at the Quirk Center.

The rules are: 1) Non Life Master Mentees must have a Life Master or above as a Mentor; 2) Life Masters and above, up to 1000 MP, can have a Mentor, but the Mentor must have at least twice as many Master Points as their Mentee; 3) Mentors can have more than one Mentee; 4) Mentees can use more than one Mentor; 5) Mentors and their Mentees each pay the Mentor/Mentee fee; 6) For Mentors with multiple Mentees, if the Mentor is playing with one Mentee at the same game that the other Mentees play they pay the Mentor/Mentee fee (The Mentor must be playing with another of their Mentees to be allowed to pay the \$3 Mentor/Mentee fee); and 7) A Mentor may be a kibitzer to a pair of their Mentees (The Mentees pay \$3 each and the Mentor does not pay).

You can sign up for the 2015 Program via e-mail [bridgenews@aol.com](mailto:bridgenews@aol.com). A signup list will also be posted at the Quirk Center.

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. All of the games will have pre dealt hands with hand records and automatic scoring. If you need a partner or more information, contact Jim Sullivan at [sullivan01@aol.com](mailto:sullivan01@aol.com) or 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

Dec. 5 - 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.

**Dec. 12 - 6:00** is the **Annual Christmas Party**. The **STaC Game**, where you can win those elusive Silver points won't begin until about 7:00 in order to allow time for socializing.

Dec. 19 - 7:30 is a Club Championship Game.

Dec. 26 - No Game, Holiday Weekend.

Jan. 2 - 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.

Jan. 9 - 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.



Jan. 16 – 12:30 No Game, Independence Regional.

Jan. 23 – 12:30 is a Junior FUND Game.

Jan. 30 - 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.

Feb. 6 – 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.

**Springtime Sectional March 13-15, 2015** - The location is the **Quirk Center** at 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, 44223. Look for a flyer.

## NAOP Results

Erie, PA

October 11-12, 2014

Congratulations to the top FOUR pairs in each flight who qualified to compete at the 2015 Spring NABC in New Orleans, LA!

THE WINNERS ARE:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2014/10/1410123.htm>

**GOOD LUCK IN NEW**

**ORLEANS!**

## RECENT RESULTS

2014

[Pittsburgh Fall Sectional](#) - Nov 14-16, Pittsburgh, PA

[Buckeye State Sectional](#) - Nov 7-9, Garfield Heights, OH

[Buffalo Regional](#) - Oct 21-26, Hamburg, NY

[District 5 NAOP Final](#) - Oct 11-12, Erie, PA

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

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

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



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!**