



The Fifth Column

April, 2016

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

APRIL 2016

- 1-3 Titusville Seven Cities Sectional [Information](#)
- 8-10 Buffalo Spring Sectional [Information](#)
- 8-10 Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional [Information](#)
- 8-10 Pittsburgh Spring Sectional [Information](#)
- 30-May 1 District 5 GNT Final - All Strats - [Information](#)

MAY 2016

- 24-30 CLEVELAND All American Regional [Information](#)

JUNE 2016

- 11-12 Butler Sectional
- 13-19 District 5 Summer STaC
- 24-26 Canton Sectional

Deadlines for Columns and Tournament Information

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Ann McGilvrey Award

It's time to nominate possible recipients of the Ann McGilvrey Award!

This award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who epitomize(s) ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. On December 8, 1973 the District V bridge community suffered the loss of Ann Lytle McGilvrey, Ralph Vichill and Lee Caito in a tragic boating accident. In honor of Ann's memory, and her reputation as one who exemplified the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at the bridge table, the Board of Directors of District V instituted the Ann McGilvrey Award. It is presented at the May Regional each year to a player or partnership who reflects those same positive qualities. These recipients are not chosen on the basis of service or bridge ability. Only past winners are invited to participate in the selection process. Typically the selection committee will look for someone who has established a district-wide reputation for active ethics and good manners. Email submissions are preferred (marcsylvester@hotmail.com), but paper submissions are also accepted: Marc Sylvester, 12330 Culbertson Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412.

TO BE CONSIDERED, SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2016!!!!

Year (if known)	Recipient
2015	Gladys Martin
2014	Sharon Robertson
2013	Barb Grzegorzewski
2012	Ron Franck
2011	Lynn Rafferty
2010	Pat Smith
2009	Susan Stark
2008	Bernie Fudor
2007	Peter Grover
2006	Ernie Retetagos
2005	Jim Reeve
2004	Pat Rasmus
2003	Sandra Fleischman
2002	Alice Williams
2001	Jim Zimmerman
2000	Mary Paulone Carns & Howard Lebow
1999	Roni Gitchel & Tom Wolstoncroft
1998	Alice Lind
1997	Jan Assini & Nomi Connell
1996	Sharon Fairchild
1995	Dick Early
1994	Joe Dragoun
1993	Marvin Melamed

1992	Judi Sonon
1991	Arthur Goldsmith
1990	John Toy
1988	Richard Fleischman
1986	Elmer Schwartz
1983	Gail Carns
1975	Grace Moore
1974	William Babb
Year Uncertain	Kay & Richard Barbaris
Year Uncertain	Irene & Jeff Darrow
Year Uncertain	Robert Freedman & Jim Mathis
Year Uncertain	Harry Ganelin
Year Uncertain	Julia Halloran
Year Uncertain	Keyla Lawton
Year Uncertain	Fred Sorensen
Year Uncertain	Woody Van Court
Year Uncertain	Joyce Wade
Year Uncertain	Yik Young



NEW LOCATIONS! PLEASE NOTE!



EMBASSY
SUITES

Starting in May, 2016, the All American Regional and the Rock 'n' Roll Regional will be moving to the Embassy Suites, in Independence, Ohio!

and



The Pittsburgh RONI Regional is moving to the Monroeville Convention Center in August 2016.

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

2015 Winners

Awards are to be presented to the Akron Unit 2015 Winners at the April 24 Annual Meeting. **Gladys Martin** won the Holland Award for receiving the most Master Points at the two Akron Sectionals. **Gladys Martin** won the Hugh Weinberg Award for receiving the most Master Points at Club games. The other winners are:

	Ace of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
Rookie 0-5 MP	David Thomas	7.67	David Thomas	9.15
	Phil Barnhart	6.38	Mardy Walling	8.17
	Mardy Walling	5.85	Phil Barnhart	6.38
Junior Master 5-20 MP	Ashok Desai	18.41	Ashok Desai	34.40
	Bharati Desai	17.91	Bharati Desai	33.90
	Janice Eberle	16.17	Janice Eberle	19.17
Club Master 20-50 MP	Arlene Markey	20.94	Arlene Markey	23.88
	Wayne Le Clear	20.59	Bud Fawks	22.44
	Phillip Brewer	18.95	Wayne Le Clear	21.25
Sectional Master 50-100 MP	Bruce Cahoon	46.40	Bruce Cahoon	51.00
	Peg Niemeyer	32.68	Peg Niemeyer	45.36
	Roger Buchholz	25.41	Roger Buchholz	27.17
Regional Master 100-200 MP	Mary K Sears	37.14	Chris Murphy	97.96
	Barbara Sparhawk	33.59	Mary K Sears	70.01
	Jackie Fuller	29.98	Barbara Sparhawk	46.39
NABC Master	Jim Fasnacht	48.22	Indira Agarwal	119.79

200-300 MP	Sylvia Levinson	46.12	Jim Fasnacht	68.17
	Indira Agarwal	39.80	Linda Carter	66.96
Life Master 300-500 MP	June France	50.06	Subhash Agarwal	120.79
	Subhash Agarwal	40.80	Wendy Gibson	90.42
	Jo Ann Oelschlager	39.62	Ken Gibson	83.73
Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP	Vivian Shanafelt	64.40	Betty Miller	128.04
	Bob Ryan	63.00	Bob Ryan	106.60
	Flo Hinshaw	60.69	Vivian Shanafelt	97.18
Silver Life Master 1000-2500 MP	Jayne Stahr	105.7	Jayne Stahr	195.74
	Marv Shapiro	1	Marv Shapiro	155.00
	Judi Shapiro	98.61	Judi Shapiro	145.83
		91.51		
Gold Life Master 2500-5000 MP	Gladys Martin	142.6	Gladys Martin	290.63
	Tom Martin	2	Tom Martin	146.64
	Chuck Harrison	85.67	Susan Bedall	97.91
		63.85		
Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP	Dick Traxler	140.2	Dick Traxler	203.69
	Mina Ronen	9	Mina Ronen	196.29
	Marge Baldwin	121.2	Marge Baldwin	158.72
		1		
		112.1		
		1		
Emerald Life Master 7500-10,000 MP	Dick Early	134.5	Dick Early	288.15
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Membership Meeting - Membership Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Quirk Center on **Sunday, April 24**. After the banquet, there will be a short meeting followed by recognition of new Life Masters and awards presentation.

A **Unit Championship Game** will then follow.

Friday Unit Games – *All of the Friday Pairs Games will have pre-dealt hands with hand records automatic scoring.* Get a partner, come on out to the Quirk Center and enjoy the fun, competition, and hospitality. If you need a partner call **Jim Sullivan** at 330-659-4707. See the Friday Unit games Schedule on the akronbridge.org Web Site, in the Newsletter/Calendar, or below:

Apr. 1 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game

Apr. 8 – No Game Parma Sectional

Apr. 15 – 12:30 A Club Championship Game

Apr. 22 - 12:30 Unit Championship

Sunday April 24 - 1:00 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Apr. 29 – 12:30 Unit Charity FUND Game

May 06 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

May 13 – 12:30 Grass Roots FUND Game

May 20 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

May 27 – No Game – Independence Regional



Unit 229 News by Lois Porter

Daylight Savings Time and good weather will bring more bridge -- we hope.

We have a new life master in our Unit: **Nick Tredennick**. Nick's family members were bridge players and he played a lot of bridge in the Coast Guard, where he was the ship's doctor. His quest for life master began 20 years ago and he accomplished this feat at the Palmetto Regional where he earned 25 gold points winning an open knockouts. Congratulations, Nick.

At the unit games in February and March, **David Ruppert** and **Alan Leaver** came in first with excellent games. In March, **Jane Crowley** and **Lorraine Worsley** came in first sitting N/S. In Ellwood City in February, **Jean Brackett** and **Chuck Weber Jr.** came in first with a 61.11% game and tied for second the following week. Their partnership is doing great! Also in Ellwood City, **Nick Tredennick** and his partner, **Art Aronson**, had a 68.45% game. In New Castle, **Herman Feldman** and **Phillippe Westreich** have good scores on a weekly basis, coming in first on March 2nd with a 68% game. In Zelienople, **Bill Stewart** and **Max Rubin** work hard at their partnership and came in first in B with a 60.94% game. We are pleased that **Ken and Barbara Bergman** and many others from the Pittsburgh Unit come to the game. This game is very easy to reach, located right off I79 north of Pittsburgh.

The Butler Sectional will be held on June 11 and 12 at the Tanglewood Center in Lyndora,PA. For information call **David Ruppert** at 724-709-4508. This is a fun weekend with good bridge.

Bridge in Buffalo by Howard Foster

With the official start of Spring upon us, and Western New York enjoying weather usually not seen until May, the STAY WARM Winter Sectional is a fading memory. The tournament featured 113 tables at five events, a variety of well-received delectables arranged by **Elaine Kurasiewicz** and

Jim Gullo, and lots of bridge. **Dave Hemmer** and **Saleh Fatouh** were the top performers, winning two pairs events and the Sunday Swiss, and amassing 25 silver points. Saleh's performance followed his earlier win at a two-session pairs event at the Toronto Sectional, in which he was the only U.S. player in the large field, scoring 29 silvers.

More bridge and more food were on hand at the Unit-sponsored "Taste of Buffalo" Pro-Am game, which attracted 16 tables. **Mike Ryan** and **Ten-Pao Lee** ran away with the bridge honors, scoring a 73% game. Players were invited to bring their favorite dishes, with balloting for the best ones in each of three categories. The winners were **Janet Dimet's** roasted veggies with brie, **Mary Ball's** hot chicken salad, and **Carol Bedell's** apfelkuchen (her mom's recipe).

Dian Petrov (716-688-1226) and **Paul Zittel** (716-992-4794) are orchestrating the Unit's Spring Sectional on April 8-10 at the Main-Transit Fire Hall in Amherst. There will be both single-session and double-session pairs games on Friday and Saturday, and the usual Swiss Teams on Sunday. All events are stratified, and all are welcome.

May 15-21 will be Unit Championship week in WNY, with Unit ratings for all club games. This is an experiment for 2016 in which all club-run Unit games are consolidated into a single week. Extra points are given at each game. Check club schedules for details.

The Unit's Annual Old-Fashioned Strawberry Social will again be hosted on June 11 by the Lockport Bridge Club. The event celebrates strawberry season in WNY, with shortcake treats prior to the game (all local fruit, of course). Last year's event broke all records for attendance, such that a shortage of bidding boxes required some tables to bid by voice (imagine that).

Players are encouraged to mark their calendars for the Annual Unit Picnic, to be held on July 24 at the Erie County Fairgrounds in Hamburg. This event always has memorable food, including home-grown produce from Zittel Farms (which also serve as prizes). **Paul and Linda Zittel** and family are the gracious organizers.

A number of players attained new masterpoint rankings since the last newsletter. They are:

Junior Masters: **Anne Joyce, Karen Magee, Maryann Martin, Rajinder Puri**

Club Masters: **Victor Bergsten, David Floyd, Judy Katz**

Sectional Masters: **Sandra Morrison, Janie Polk, Bob Sommerstein**

Regional Masters: **Natalie Abramson, Joyce Frayer**

Adv. NABC Master: **John Welte, Martha Welte**

Emerald Life Master: **Jay Levy**

A number of Unit members entered the new ranks recently created by ACBL. Ruby Life Masters include: **Dale Anderson, Sue Bergman, Allen Beroza, Pat Burns, Bev Dale, Bill Finkelstein, Gene Finton, Claire Careleck, Sharon Gerstman, Eugene Harvey, Dave Hemmer, Dorothy Kumrow, Ken Meier, Art Morth, Mark Pascale, Vince Pesce, Bill Rushmore, Chuck Schorr, Mike Silverman, John Sinclair, Carolyn Siracuse, Anne Watkins, Fred Yellen, and Chongmin Zhang.**

The new Sapphire Life Masters are: **Sharon Benz, Jay Costelly, Saleh Fatouh, Christy Kellogg, Stan Kozlowski, Brian Meyer, Kathy Pollock, Joan Rose, and Donna Steffan.**

The Union is pleased to welcome eight new members. They include: **Nancy Deneen, Amy Habib, Bill May, Edward Morgan, Helen Scott, Marcia Scott, and the father-son team of Biao Xie and Ethan Xie.**

Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter

We will be electing 4 new board members at our Spring Sectional in March. If you or you know someone who would like to become a member of our board, please contact **Bill Hogsett, 216-692-2184 or by email at bhogsett@gmail.com**. Board members look out for the good of our Unit by listening to the suggestions, complaints and comments of its members. By doing so in the past, we have initiated 0-229r, 0-499r, Master/Future Master events, held an annual membership game and dinner, which by the way will be coming up in May, changing the strats at our Sectionals to better accommodate our newer players, also changing the times to better accommodate everyone, seeking common area locations to host our tournaments, arranging for our team league location and structuring the event, etc. etc. etc. Being a board member only means meeting about once a month (dinner is provided), usually prior to the start of our Vichill league or during a break at the Regional, or at a common local club location. The meetings last only about an hour, so it is no hardship to anyone to attend a meeting. Nominees to date are: Bev Carter, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker and Cathy Wolford.

If you don't plan to attend our Spring Sectional, you may request an **absentee ballot** by contacting **Bev Carter, 330-722-8214 or by email at becarter@zoominternet.net** prior to the start of the Sectional.

Scholarship Awards are being accepted for presentation at our Annual Membership Meeting to be held on May 15th. Information is on the website: whistclub.org. Be sure to get your application in as soon as possible if your child or grandchild would like to be considered for an award.

Our Annual Membership Dinner will be held Sunday, May 15th at the Rocky River Memorial Hall 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116. Time: 12:30pm. A Buffet dinner will be served to Unit 125 members free of charge. ***Please feel free to bring your favorite desserts.*** There will be a short meeting to approve a change in our By-Laws changing a "quorum from 8 members of the Board of Directors" to "a majority of the Board of

Directors” followed by presentations of the:

- **Introduction of New Board Members**
- **Member of the Year Award**
- **Awards for New Life Masters**
- **Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Winners**
- **Vichill League Winners.**

Dinner will be followed by a Unit Club Championship Game. *Preset Hands and Bridgemates* – Cost for bridge: \$10.00. To make sure we have enough food, please RSVP to: **Bev Carter** – 330-722-8214 or bcarter@zoominternet.net.

Not sure if you’ve heard about the new Masterpoint rankings that were initiated this January. ACBL has included new categories of **Ruby** and **Sapphire** for those of us who are stuck between Silver, Gold or Diamond Life Master. The new **Ruby** rank is for players with 1500 to 2499 points and requires 300 colored points (red, silver, gold, platinum). **Gold** remains the same with a new requirement of 500 colored points. To reach **Sapphire** you need 3500 points of which 700 must be colored with at least 350 gold or platinum. But don’t panic!!! These new requirements are in effect after certain dates: if you are a **Member who became a Life Master prior to January 1, 1990** you are exempt from the pigmented point requirements for this rank. Each player who has attained the rank of Life Master as of **December 31, 2011**, will not have to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for their next rank advancement. After attaining their first rank **after January 1, 2012**, all players will be required to fulfill the pigmented point requirements for subsequent rank advancement (this also applies to the new ranks added in 2015). For example, a current Silver Life Master on December 31, 2011 would retain the current requirements for Gold Life Master, would not have any pigmented requirements for Ruby Life Master, but would need to fulfill the new requirements for Sapphire and Diamond Life Master.

Classes have just begun in Middle Schools in our Unit and we are in need of players who would like to help out. Class meets just once a week at a local school from now till the May Regional for about one hour a day. **If you would like to volunteer** to help out at any of these schools, or start a program at a school in your area, please **contact Doug** at **440-356-2825**. It has been proven that the students who participate in this program test out significantly higher in all areas of scholastic education than those who don't.....except in language (go figure that one???) so it has proven to be a very worthwhile endeavor—one your local junior high should be participating in. Doug is willing to go to any school you suggest and present the program to the school officials and board of education upon request.

Now it's **Humor Time:**

- There has never been an addiction with the grip of bridge...unless it is alcohol and, of the two, you hear of reformed alcoholics, but who has ever heard of a reformed bridge player???
- Did you know that: Whist led to Bridge Whist, which led to auction bridge, which led to contract bridge, which led to duplicate bridge, which led to murder, divorce, suicide, mayhem and other social evils.
- Did you know that the phrase “What would have happened if you.....?” among bridge players is a phrase that generally means.....”You idiot, why didn't you.....?”
- And lastly.....a comment by Barry Crane “Partner, please don't put cards in my hand because I won't have them.” How true is that!!!!



RECENT RESULTS

2016

[Akron Sectional](#) - March 11-13, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Buffalo Winter Sectional](#) - Jan 22-24, Williamsville, NY