



The Fifth Column

June, 2016

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

JUNE

- 11-12 Butler Sectional [Information](#)
- 13-19 District 5 Summer STaC [Information](#)
- 24-26 Canton Sectional

JULY

- 8-9 Amherst NY NLM Sectional
- 15-17 Pittsburgh Summer Sectional [Information](#)

AUGUST

- 5-7 Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional
- 6-7 Wheeling Sectional [Information](#)
- 30-Sep 5 PITTSBURGH RONI ATKINS Labor Day Regional [Information](#)

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Barbara Bergman is 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award Winner

Congratulations to Barbara Bergman, the 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award winner.

The Ann McGilvrey Award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who demonstrates ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. The recipients are not chosen on the basis of service or bridge ability. Only past winners are invited to participate in the selection process. Anyone may nominate someone and the choice among the nominees is made by previous winners. Typically the selection committee will look for someone who has established a district-wide reputation for active ethics and good manners.

Barbara Bergman from Unit 142 (Pittsburgh area) lives in Wexford, PA and fully epitomizes the qualities of an Ann McGilvrey Award winner. Barbara is known for her friendliness at the bridge table and actively promotes ethics in the Pittsburgh and District 5 bridge community. Barbara is a Diamond Life Master with over 6,000 masterpoints.

Barbara is the go-to person for hospitality at the Pittsburgh Sectionals and the Pittsburgh Regional. She is a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee and she has held many positions in the Pittsburgh Sectional and our District.

Please join us in congratulating Barbara on being named the 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award winner.

--reprinted from the Daily Bulletin at the Memorial Day Regional

UNIT 229 NEWS by Lois Porter

We are now down to two sanctioned games in our unit that meet on a regular basis. **Alex Bealles** announced on March 23 that the New Castle game would close due to lack of interest. The Butler game meets when possible and hopes to survive. Ellwood City and Zelienople are doing well. This is distressing to those of us who love the game and the players that attend.

Lois Porter and David Ruppert came in first in Ellwood on March 14 and again in Zelienople on March 22 with a 63.01% game. **Max Rubin and Bill Stewart** were first in B at Zelienople with **Harry and Lucy Muckle** coming in second. **David Ruppert and Larry Puntureri** had a great game in Ellwood-65.93% and **Jane Crowley and Carole Kinney** coming in second. This game on May 2 was a special celebration for **Lynn Rafferty**-Diamond Life Master, **Herman Feldman**-Ruby Life Master and **Nick Tredennick**-Silver and Life Master at one time. **Jane Crowley and Helen Greenberg** arranged tasty sandwiches and trimmings and a beautiful cake for the party. All these fine people and players are an inspiration to those of us who are newer players.

At the Pittsburgh Sectional from April 8-10 we had several winners. **John and Catherine Lesjack** came in third on Friday and Second on Saturday in the 499er game. Great job!! **David Ruppert and Alan Leaver** came in first in the Saturday Open Pairs game with a 64.52% and second in the evening with a 65.37% game. Great job!! **Hazel Allen and Lou Capanic** came in first on Saturday in the 499er pairs. Great job!!

At our unit game on May 7 **Lynn Rafferty and Alex Bealles** came on first with a 65.56% and tied for second were **Jane Crowley and Herman Feldman** with **Mary Lou Spine and John Killmeyer**. Notice Herman's name. He also played bridge in Ellwood on May 9 and passed away on May 11. He was sitting in his chair reading a book. Herman was 90 years old and a well-known local attorney in Ellwood City. He was active in community groups and a founder of the Ellwood City Bridge group in the 1950's. After his wife's passing in 2007, he sponsored a nursing

scholarship at Rotary in her honor. He was supportive of newer players and will be missed by all who knew him.

Rank changes were **Pam Crouch** of New Castle, **Fran and Marianne Mantine**-Junior Masters and **Lucy and Harry Muckle**-Club Masters. These two couples are playing great bridge.

WHISTFULLY YOURS by Bev Carter

WOW.....our Unit is truly blessed to have 2 very fine players who have just attained the level of Diamond and Grand Life Masters. The new Diamond Life Master is **Paul Facinelli** and our new Grand Life Master is **Kathy Sulgrove**. Both these players represent the nicest our Unit has to offer. They are kind and caring both at the bridge table and beyond; always willing to help others by answering questions, volunteering to serve on various committees and just all round great people. Be sure to congratulate them on their newest achievement.

We say goodbye and thank you so much for serving to our outgoing board members **Barb Bacon, Chuck Bisesi, Mike Creager and Kathy Sulgrove**. They contributed much time and effort to making our Unit proud. Congratulations to our incoming Board members: **Bev Carter, Rhona Jacobson, Maureen Merker and Cathy Wolford**. A combined board meeting was held on April 25th where **Bill Hogsett** was elected President, **Barb Greenspan** Vice President, **Bev Carter** Secretary and **Harvey Bernstein** Treasurer.

If you missed our Annual Membership Meeting this past May, you missed a really good time. 15 tables of players came to the dinner and to celebrate our various award winners for 2015. 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 **Don & Kathy Sulgrove, Roger Tiktin, Jeff Alexander, Dan Roseberry & Paul Facinelli**. Bracket 2 was won by **Bob Bartko, Eileen Gibbs and Mike**

and Jayne Stahr. Bracket 3 was captured by the **Bev McMullen** team with **Laurie Ross, Barb Cunliffe, Kent Fuerst and Janet Auwerter.** Bracket 4 was captained by **David Hunter** along with **Greg Bruhn, Ted Silverberg, Natalie Silverberg, Peggy Gallagher, and Marilyn Garfunkel.** Congratulations to all these winners.

The Bob Hardies Race (most masterpoints overall) was won by **Brian Ellis.** 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 **Steve Garfunkel.**

. The Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners can be found on our website: whistclub.org.

Our Unit Member of the Year Award was awarded to **Bob Bartko.** Bob is one of those people we never notice and take for granted. He can be found working quietly behind the scenes, setting up and taking down tables, chairs, etc., taping bags for trash to tables, emptying and replacing them (things we never think about) preparing a whole bunch of boards for our Unit events (at least 2 sets for every section every day), and filling in as caddy or partner when needed. He was our Caddy Master for years, meaning he was responsible for recruiting caddies for our sectionals and regionals, and supervising them throughout the tournaments, serving on our board, etc. etc. etc. He truly deserves our recognition.

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 should have 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 your partner's bid suit—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 to realize that for the most part, you are playing with a group of people who have the instincts of ax murderers.

┆Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

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

June 6 –	NAP Qualifier
June 10 -	NAP Qualifier
June 17 –	STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)
June 24 –	No Game – Canton Sectional
July 1 –	Club Championship
July 8 –	No Game
July 15 –	NAP Qualifier
July 22 –	Unit Championship
July 29 –	Unit Championship
Aug 5 -	No Game - Parma Sectional

Fall 2016 Team League - Start getting your team together for the next IMP Team event. Anyone wanting to get on a team or needing someone to one to fill out a team should contact **Subhash Agarwal** at agarwalssc@hotmail.com or 330-867-3195. You can sign up now for this four night 2016 Fall event which will be held at 7:00 on October 7, October 14, October 28, and November 18.

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 master points 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 - Mark September 16- 18 on your Bridge calendar for the Autumn Sectional. This Sectional Tournament will also be held at the Quirk Center because there have been so many good comments about the last tournaments held at this facility. Stratification will be by average Master Points. Check the Newsletter and akronbridge.org for more details.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
DISTRICT 5 WINNERS OF THE
GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS! GOOD
LUCK IN WASHINGTON!**

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

Jan Assini, Pittsburg PA; Warren Oberfield - Frank Cymerman, Pittsburgh PA; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA; Kenneth Kranyak, Bay Village OH

FLIGHT A

David Hemmer, East Amherst NY; Saleh Fetouh, Buffalo NY; Fred Schenker - Charlie Garrod, Pittsburgh PA

FLIGHT B

Kevin Robertson - Barbara Greenspan, Beachwood OH; Christopher Wang, Pittsburgh PA; Joan Waletzky, Shaker Heights OH; Philip Goulding, Wexford PA

FLIGHT C

Arlene Cullen - Karen Shipkovitz, Pittsburgh PA; Robert Flynn, Mc Donald PA; June Threlkeld, Bridgeville PA

RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[Cleveland All-American Regional](#), May 24-30, Independence, OH

[District 5 GNT Final](#) - Apr 30-May 1, Erie, PA

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#) - Apr 8-10, Pittsburgh, PA

[Ohio Masters Sectional](#) - Apr 8-10, Parma, OH

[Buffalo Spring Sectional](#) - Apr 8-10, Williamsville, NY

[Seven Cities Sectional](#) - Apr 1-3, Titusville, PA



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