



# The Fifth Column

## February, 2017

### Upcoming Tournament Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017

MARCH 2017

- 24-26 Pittsburgh Spring Sectional [Information](#)
- 31-Apr 2 Titusville Seven Cities [Information](#)

APRIL 2017

- 7-9 Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional
- 21-23 Buffalo Spring Sectional

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## **Ann McGilvery 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, 2017!!!!***

Year (if known)	Recipient
2016	Barbara Bergman
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

## **WHISTFULLY YOURS *now by Barbara Greenspan***

Please note that this column has been written by **Bev Carter** for a number of years and I'm sure I can speak for the entire Cleveland bridge community in thanking her for the time and energy she put forth with her newsy, humorous and thoughtful writing.

I want to start by wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017. Our board wants to thank **Edith Dus-Garden** who sponsored a *Learn Bridge in a Day* last fall on the west side of the city. We had over sixty enthusiastic students participate and the feedback was that they really enjoyed this.

Nominations are now being considered for the Whist Club board. The election will be held at our April sectional April 7-9<sup>th</sup>. That flyer will be on the web site shortly. We are looking for a few players willing to donate a couple of hours a month to attend a board meeting and some other time to work on current board business. This is not a major commitment but we could use a few workers. Should you want more information or if you want to run for our board please contact **Bill Hogsett** 216-692-2184 or [bhogsett@gmail.com](mailto:bhogsett@gmail.com).

We are also desperately searching for a Publicity Chair for our unit. We need someone to do outreach for our unit and let the Cleveland community know we exist and how to

get a hold of us. Should you have the time, experience and motivation for this job please contact **Bill Hogsett**.

Our December STaC Swiss team was well attended and a great success thanks to Chairman **Bill Hogsett**, Director **Steve Vrooman** and all of you volunteers who brought such fabulous desserts.

Winners:

Flight A

1. **Stan Dub, Marge Baldwin, Michael Drozhinskiy, Greg Michaels**
2. **Graham Kelley, Bernie Heyman, Chantal Whitney, Richard Traxler**
3. **Hope Ellis, Brian Ellis, Stephanie Alexander, Jeff Alexander**

Flight B

1. **Jim Knirsch, Sue Knirsch, Phyllis Kreider, Donald Kreider**
2. **John Bacon, Sue Lan Ma, Huei Rong Chern, Jim Breckel**
3. **Larry Boyd, Joanne Kirk, Kai Liu, Phil MacFarlane**

Flight C

1. **Ronald Werner, Jim Marcus, Maureen Merker, Joan Barzilai**
2. **Peggy Gallagher, Gregory Bruhn, Marilyn Garfunkel, Jan Biederman**

Leading masterpoint winners of the district 5 Winter Stac for Unit 125:

- ½. **Jeff and Stephanie Alexander 22.50**
3. **Susan Stark 16.21**
4. **Phil Becker 13.83**
5. **Sue Lan Ma 13.08**
6. **Jim Breckel 12.94**

Congratulations to all!

Rank changes for our unit: Congratulations to you all for moving up in rank but special kudos to our members who attained Life Master status:

<b>Beverly Ganim</b>	Solon
<b>Melinda Berke</b>	Strongsville
<b>Irene Bernstein</b>	Solon

Junior Master:

**Kris Baker** Mentor  
**Victoria Bell** Shaker Heights  
**Annie Coleman** Gates Mills  
**Lillie Pearl** Cleveland

Club Master:

**John Collis** Chagrin Falls  
**Helen Gelbach** Gates Mills  
**Charles Kuo** Westlake

Regional Master:

**Ann Hunter** Gates Mills  
**Karen Kerr** Newbury

NABC Master:

**Susan Goodman** Pepper Pike

Gold Life Master:

**Robert Dykes** Lakewood

Diamond Life Master

**Bob Stitt**

Winners for our Unit in the McKenney Race

These are our players who were in the top 500 most masterpoints earned in 2016 in the country:

- 1. Phil Becker 715 points**
- 2. Jeff Alexander 614**
- 3. Stephanie Alexander 587**
- 4. Kathy Sulgrove 550**
- 5. Sue Lan Ma 545**

Masterpoint winners who began year over 10,000 points

- 1. Phil Becker 715**
- 2. Mary Chilcote 459**

3. **Ken Kranyak** 425
4. **Brian Ellis** 313

Winners 7500-10000 category

1. **Jeff Alexander** 614
2. **Kathy Sulgrove** 550
3. **Don Sulgrove** 474
4. **Jan Assini** 443

Winners 5000-7500

1. **Bernie Greenspan** 341
2. **Pat Chisholm** 250
3. **Beverly Cohen** 240

Winners 3500-5000

1. **Stephanie Alexander** 586
2. **Susan Stark** 299
3. **Hope Ellis** 245

Winners 2500-3500

1. **Michael Creager** 396
2. **Fleur Howard** 384
3. **Eva Lefton** 225

Winners 1500-2500

1. **Sue Lan Ma** 545
2. **Chuck Ladiha** 248
3. **Peter Merker** 238

Winners 1000-1500

1. **Barbara Cunliffe** 166
2. **Laura Ross** 143
3. **Charles Scholl** 103

Winners 500-1000

1. **Lauren Redeker** 118
2. **Judy Kaye** 115
3. **Tom Rice** 115

Winners 300-500

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Beverly Ganim                     | 158 |
| 2. Bill Issa                         | 139 |
| 3. Arthur Heuer                      | 113 |
| 4. Our President <b>Bill Hogsett</b> | 94  |

Winners 200-300

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|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Steve Garfunkel    | 143 |
| 2. David Schmidt      | 140 |
| 3. Katherine Mitchell | 64  |

Winners 100-200

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| 1. J D Hunter   | 67 |
| 2. James Kenney | 56 |
| 3. Ann Hunter   | 56 |

Winners 50-100

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| 1. Gregory Bruhn     | 73 |
| 2. Marilyn Garfunkel | 71 |
| 3. Donna Turek       | 47 |

Winners 20-50

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| 1. Jeannette Bologna | 36 |
| 2. Warren Norris     | 28 |
| 3. Claire Hayes      | 28 |

Winners 5-20

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| 1. Chi-Ming Lee    | 50 |
| 2. Michael Gilbert | 27 |
| 3. Doug Hardman    | 25 |

Winners 0-5

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| 1. Charles Kuo          | 20 |
| 2. Charlotte Guggenheim | 14 |
| 3. Joan Wilson          | 13 |

If you should see any of the above people, please congratulate them for a job well done.

Our bridge community has lost another player. We mourn the loss of **Yolanda Adorni** and are grateful for the players who visited her and played bridge with her.

Be an expert! Never take a finesse to make your contract when you can go down on a squeeze play.

## **UNIT 142 NEWS *by Sharon Drake***

Unit 142 is the “1 for you” in 2017. We’re gearing up for the **Pittsburgh Spring Sectional** on March 24 through March 26. Held at the North Hills Masonic Temple near Route 279, it’s a great venue and easy to get to. Put it on your calendar and bring a friend. Introducing someone to the game of bridge is an act of friendship.

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association is supporting ACBL’s mission to encourage the newcomers:

- Twice a month on Saturdays, a **0-5 point novice game** at the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.
- Every Saturday, a **99ers game** at the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.

“The more comfortable the newer players are, the easier their transition into the world of bridge will be,” **Lorraine Hanna** says.

Lorraine became president of Unit 142 officially in January. She is joining with new and returning board members to create opportunities.

- New vice president **Chris Wang** spearheading a **mentoring program** for the unit.
- **Learn Bridge in a Day** returned January 28

**Bridge in Schools** is an opportunity to open the game to youngsters.

- Woodland Hills School District offers an elementary program during the day.
- The Moon Township School District and the Sewickley YMCA coordinate an after-school program.
- Fox Chapel Area School District offers an enrichment program at Dorseyville Middle School.

**Bill Holt** is coordinating the expansion of the program. **Kathy Mulligan, Paul Caplan** and **John Bernhard** have taken leadership in the classrooms.

Bernhard has taught the Moon Township students for three years.

John said, "Interest is high because it's voluntary and participation is over 90 percent."

Not only are youngsters learning the game, but also the bridge teachers get the satisfaction of watching a new generation challenge the cards. As Bridge in Schools expands, the need grows for ACBL members to volunteer, too.

Meanwhile, local players are reaching new levels of excellence. Recent honors go to:



- Junior Master: **Robert L Bokan, Caryle Glosser, Martin Greenberg, Ashok K Marwah , Shashi B Marwah, Liz Toole, and Linda Silberman;**
- Sectional Master: **James Dantonio, Ann Fleming, Mary Kirsch, and Kathleen Wycoff;**
- Regional Master: **Allen Young, Marilyn Frohlich, and Marlene Wandrisco**
- NABC Master: **Ann Allen, Juanita Allison, Linda Fried, Ward Kelsey, Stewart Metosky, Douglas Sterrett;**
- NABC Master: **John Doyal;**
- Life Master: **Florence Chapman and Sandra McCall;**
- Bronze Life Master: **Susan Israelson and Toby Wolfe;**
- Silver Life Master: **Bruce Brennan, Carl Bonfiglio, Karen Bock, Cleman Rosenberger Jr, William Seran;**
- Ruby Life Master: **Alan Colker, Bradley Craif, Annemarie Gordon, Barbara Horowitz, Russell Sheldon;**
- Gold Life Master: **Nell Burney and David Frohlich.**

For more information– the where’s, when’s, and times– check out the Pittsburgh Bridge Association’s homepage with all sorts of buttons to help you schedule games and tournaments, to connect with people for information and lessons, and to check out what’s happening in the ‘Burg. Go to <http://www.pittsburghbridge.org>.

## **BRIDGE IN BUFFALO *by Howard Foster***

Unit 116’s last event for 2016 was its Annual Meeting held at the Main-Transit Fire Hall, always a commodious venue. Players enjoyed a delectable barbecue chicken lunch arranged by **Paul and Linda Zittel**. The brief business program that followed featured welcomes to the newly-elected members of the Unit Board – **Sue Neubecker, Gay Simpson, and Denise Slattery** – and grateful acknowledgements to outgoing members **Howard Foster, Elaine Kurasiewicz, and Dian Petrov**. Continuing members of the Board for 2017 include **Carol Bedell, Jim Gullo, Chip Kean, Betty Metz, Tova Reinhorn, and Paul Zittel**. Announced as “Volunteer of the Year” was **Pat Lakeman** for her tireless efforts in organizing home-baked refreshments at Unit events. Pat joined 14 other living members of the Unit’s Volunteer Hall of Fame.

The Annual Meeting naturally included a full afternoon of bridge, with 25 tables in play, smoothly directed by **Brian Meyer**. Here are the winners, by strat:

Section A	(A) <b>Davis Heussler and Fred Yellen</b>	<b>(69.57)</b>
	(B,C) <b>James Easton and Dennis Clary</b>	<b>(57.34)</b>
Section C	(A) <b>Dian Petrov and Bill Rushmore</b>	<b>(69.57)</b>
	(B) <b>Shakeel Ahmad and Manju Ceylony</b>	<b>(64.95)</b>
	(C) <b>Frances Witnauer and Joan Smith</b>	<b>(57.43)</b>
Overall	(A) <b>Heussler/Yellen and Petrov/Rushmore (tie)</b>	

- (B) **Ahmad/Ceylony**
- (C) **Witnauer/Smith**

Other big games	<b>Sharon Benz and Nancy Wolsoncroft</b>	<b>(61.59)</b>
	<b>Sue Neubecker and Elaine Kurasiewicz</b>	<b>(60.87)</b>
	<b>Barbara Libby and Liz Clark</b>	<b>(66.21)</b>
	<b>Bert Hargesheimer and Christy Kellogg</b>	<b>(63.32)</b>

A joint meeting of the incoming and outgoing Unit Boards was held on December 16, at which the 2017 officers were elected. They are **Betty Metz** (President), **Sue Neubecker** (Vice President and Secretary), and **Tova Reinhorn** (Treasurer).

For those who couldn't get enough bridge or don't observe Christmas, the Bridge Center of Buffalo sponsored its fourth annual Christmas Day game, organized and directed by **Andrei Reinhorn**. The game attracted 5.5 tables and a variety of nosh (mostly for sweet-toothed players). Game winners were **Anne Watkins and Rivona Ehrenreich**. Holiday cheer winners were everyone.

The Unit's Youth Program, under the tireless leadership of **Carol Bedell**, completed its fall classes at the Bridge Center of Buffalo and the Transit Middle School. The program at BCB started in the summer, continued for a second session in the fall, and will be following up with a third session in the spring semester. The program at Transit Middle, taught by **Donna Steffan**, will also continue in the spring semester. In both programs the enthusiasm of the students and teachers has been matched by that of a cohort of "bridge buddies," who give pointers and make up tables.

The Unit's Bridge Mentoring Program, new in 2016, was a splendid success in the fall and will be continued in the spring. There were a total of 23 mentors and 27 protégés. Pairs are required to play five times during the half-year, and the Unit underwrites the mentor's entry. Many of the "mentees" have acquitted themselves impressively in various open games at local clubs and Unit events. Their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and many of them (plus others) are continuing the arrangement in the Spring. **Dian Petrov** continues to coordinate the program with great skill and diplomacy.

The first Unit event of 2017 was the Winter Sectional at Main-Transit Fire Hall in late January, chaired by **Betty Metz** and **Gay Simpson**. Results were not available at "press time." A new wrinkle, occasioned by the shorter break times at winter events, was the engagement of a food truck for Friday and Saturday lunches. The fare from Polish Villa featured pierogi, golabki, and kielbasa, among other Slavic delectables.

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

Junior Masters: **Mike Genco, Jose Justica-Linde, Daniel Pfeffer, Martha Townson**

Club Masters: **John Bava, Dennis Clary, Betty Defeo, Ed Morgan**

Regional Masters: **Ruth Nawotniak, Bob Sommerstein**

NABC Master: **Ed Drozen. Alicia Kolipinski, Bob Lederhouse**

Advanced NABC Master **Gene Nawotniak**

Life Masters: **Usha Khurana, Nancy Torrell**

Bronze Life Masters: **Sandra England, Usha Khurana**

Silver Life Masters: **Linda Burroughsford, Manju Ceylony, Howard Foster, Joe Rooney**

Ruby Life Master **Dorothy May**

Gold Life Master **Dave Hemmer**

The Unit welcomed new members **Bram Hamovitch, Terry Hamovitch** and **Christian Hipp**.

The Unit was saddened by the passing of **Jackie Hanley** and **Charles Tripi**.

## **UNIT 229 NEWS *by Lois Porter***

Happy New Year to All!

The Ellwood City Bridge Game had its last games closing the end of December. It began in the 50's and **Jane Crowley** kept it going these last years working very hard. On November 21, she and **Helen Greenberg** came in first with a 67.11% game. During STaC week in December, **Bill Lindgren** and **Sid Steiner** were 2nd in small games along with **Rosemary Shirley** and **Helen Greenberg** scoring. The Ellwood Christmas gathering was a wonderful affair and nostalgic knowing it was the final one. **Helen Greenberg** and **Lorraine Worsley** took 1st with a 68.75% game. The last and final game was on December 26 and **Alex Bealles** and **Lynn Rafferty** were 1st with a 71.53% game. Thanks to Jane and Helen for all their friendship and good games.

The Unit game on December 3 was held at the Connoquenessing Country Club. It was a festive gathering with delicious food. **Sally and Tony Sobota** were 1st with a 66.03% game. The January game found **Lynn Rafferty** and **Alex Bealles** in 1st with a 68.75% game. Good job!!

The Zelienople game is happy to have **June Morrison** back on a regular basis. **Chuck Weber** has been ill and we expect him to be back playing so we can celebrate his 99th birthday on February 7. In November, he and his son **Chuck** were 1st in C. During STaC week **Barbara** and **Ken Bergman, David Ruppert** and **Alan Leaver**, and **Lois Porter** and **Jan Metcalfe** received additional awards. On December 20, everyone brought goodies to celebrate the holidays. **Alan Leaver** and **Pat Wilde** were 1st with a 61.57% game.

The Butler game is still being held at **Jean Brackett's** home. We also had a lovely party at the Butler Country Club on December 15. **Art Aronson** and **Nick Tredennick** came in first with a 66.82% game. At the January 5 game **Alex Bealles** and **Hazel Allen** came in 1st with a 63% game.

Congratulations to **Sharon Ladick** of Aliquippa for achieving the rank of Junior Master.

## **Unit 111 – Youngstown/Warren/Canfield by *Elizabeth Goldthwait***

Unit games for the year will be

January 22  
February 19  
March 19  
April 9  
May 7  
June 4  
July 2  
August 20  
September 10  
October 15  
November 19  
December 16

The first Mentor/Mentee Championship game will be on Saturday, February 11. We begin with brunch at 10 am, provided by the mentees. The game begins at 10:30. In order to participate, you must register with the mentoring program as a mentor, a mentee, or both.

The April 9 game will include our annual award ceremony.

Southside Duplicate Bridge Club will hold club championships February 6, 7, 8, and 10, a Valentine's party on February 13, and a pizza party on February 14. "8 is Enough" Team games will be February 17 and March 13.



## RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2017

January 11-15 [Cleveland Rock'n'Roll Regional](#) Independence, OH