

February, 2013



Tournament Schedule for District 5

FEBRUARY 2013

- 16-17 Canton Sectional

MARCH 2013

- 8-10 Akron Springtime Sectional

APRIL 2013

- 5-7 Seven Cities Sectional (Titusville)
- 5-7 Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional
- 12-14 Pittsburgh Spring Sectional
- 19-21 Buffalo Spring Sectional
- 27-28 District 5 GNT 1

MAY 2013

- 4-5 District 5 DNT 2

Deadlines for Columns And Tournament Information

April Issue – March 15
June Issue – May 15
August Issue – July 15

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***Whistfully Yours* by Bev Carter**

At the December Vichill League event, a vote was held regarding reducing the size of the Unit Board from 15 members to 12. A majority vote approved this amendment to our Constitution. At the upcoming elections held at our spring sectional, four candidates will be elected to the board, replacing the five members whose term is up. Outgoing board members are: **Barb Greenspan, Rosemary Kleis, Jim Stahl** and **Kathy Sulgrove**. We thank them for their dedication and many, many contributions to our Unit during their service. **Harvey Bernstein's** (who replaced Fleur Howard) temporary term is ending so he is eligible to run for the board in 2013. This reminds me of a story told several years ago about volunteering. I think it bears repeating, so.....we have recently been asking around for people willing to give of their time and effort for a very worthy volunteer effort. The responses have been "not me", "who me?" or "ask someone else". It is very sad to hear that no one is willing to help out. The other response I hear is "have someone else do it." Well, someone else has been doing it for 3 years now, giving their time and effort on your behalf. If there was a job to do or a meeting to attend, there was one person we could all count on.....someone else. Someone else is a great person, but they can only do so much. Everyone else just expects someone else to pitch in and get whatever it was done, and they did, but now, someone else's term is up and come April, we wonder what we are going to do. Who is going to do the things that someone else did??? Surely "not me" or "who me," which leaves me with YOU!!! If YOU are asked to serve on the Unit Board, consider it a privilege and a pleasure, not a chore that someone else must do. This leads me to remind you that our annual election will take place at our upcoming spring Sectional. How about volunteering an hour or so of your time to take someone else's place and attend our board meetings? Just see any board member to submit your name as a candidate.

Another very important item that needs to be addressed is: who will be our "Member of the Year" for 2013??? Last year's recipient was **Kermit Wolford**. Past recipients will compose the nominating committee for this year's selection, so if you know of someone who embodies the criteria composed of: ***integrity and ethics, promotes the well being of bridge within our Unit, friendly to others, and has been a member of Unit 125 for a period of time***, please submit a letter outlining the reasons they should be selected to either **Bev Carter** or **Sharon Fairchild** before March 15th. Your nominee may be either a living person or one

who is now deceased. Bev's email is: bcarter@zoominternet.net and Sharon's is shortsuit@sbcglobal.net. Don't wait for "someone else" to do this for you!!! Put pen to paper right now while you are thinking of it. Otherwise, you know.....it might never get done!

Scholarships are awarded at our Annual Membership Meeting, which is held in May. Applications are available on our website: whistclub.org. They can be downloaded and sent to Bev Carter, 4505 Grand Teton Drive, Medina, OH 44256 or attached to her email: bcarter@zoominternet.net. no later than March 30th.. Anyone related to a Unit member is eligible to participate.

Our April Sectional will be held the 5th through the 7th. We are again hosting it at the Garfield Heights K of C on Granger Road. The August Sectional ran into a conflict with another event so it has been rescheduled for July 26th through 28th, also to be held at the K of C.

Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners for 2012 are now known. They will be honored at our Annual Membership Dinner in May. If you are curious, you can check our website to see who they are. Meantime, *congratulations to all!!!* And now onto truisms:

- Winning forgives all errors
- My bridge errors are like a car's headlights.....the other guy's always seem more glaring than my own
- It's better to have a game ruined by praise than saved by criticism
- The meek may inherit the earth but they won't win at bridge
- The only void I have is in my head
- When next you play, write on your convention card in the section headed "other conventions" "LOVE". Need I say more?

Erie Excitement by Kathy Dammeyer

With the holidays behind us we want to thank our directors, **Shirley Irish** and **Doris Kirsch**, for providing a delicious lunch at their December Christmas party. Also the Board of Directors threw a great holiday party which preceded our Sunday, December 2 bridge game. Our thanks go out to **Kathy Dobrzynski** and the board members who coordinated that event.

Our 2012 Players of the Year in their respective games are:

Bill Schneider- Double Trouble

Pat Smith-New Deal

Doris Kirsch-Grand Slam

Mary Listerman-Newcomer Grand Slam

Also our overall EBA Players of the Year are:

A. division

1. Pat Smith

2. Lois DiPlacido

3. Steve Grzegorzewski

B. division

1. Jane Yusavage

2. Tom Yusavage

Newly appointed officers of the EBA Board are **Judy Lyons**, president and **Elaina Dylewski**, vice president. We appreciate their service!

Congratulations to **Shirley Irish** and **Marc Sylvester** who had a 70 percent game in the District 5 STaC game in early December and also to **Steve and Elaina Dylewski** who earned 11.81 gold points at the Lancaster regional.

Barb Grzegorzewski and **Marc Sylvester** have both become Gold Life Masters; **Steve Dylewski**, NABC Master and **David Davis**, Junior Master. **Judy Lamberton** has resumed bridge lessons on Thursdays and would welcome any interested players. Spread the word!

Hope to see a full house at our games. What better way to spend a cold winter day!

***Akron Alert* by Jim Sullivan**

Fall 2012 IMP League—The winners of the Fall session that ended in November were:

Bracket A:

1st Dick Traxler, Chantal Whitney, Graham Kelly, & Alper Buldum

2nd Jim Pivarski, Phil MacFarlane, Marylou Vermerris, Barb Kotton, & Monica Early.

Bracket B:

1st Bob Ryan, George Grant, Wayne Ward, & Leo Mann.

2nd Faye & Ed Regal, Jim Coleman, & Mat Van Sickle.

Congratulations to all of the winners. Thanks to **Marv Shapiro** who chaired this IMP League.

Springtime Sectional March 8-10 - The location is the **Quirk Center** at 1201 Grant Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, 44223. To get directions use one of the Internet directions finder, e.g. MapQuest.

There will be a Stratified 499ers Pairs game and Stratified Open Pairs events at both sessions on Friday and Saturday. This Sectional will feature a three-session Bracketed Handicap KO Team event, with the first session at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and the final two sessions on Saturday. Times for the sessions will be **1 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday** and **11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday**. This should still allow players time for their Saturday night social events. The **Sunday event will be a Stratified Swiss Team Game** starting at **11:00 a.m.** with lunch included in the price. The calculations for all of the events will be the average of the players.

Membership Meeting - Membership Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Quirk Center on **Sunday, April 28**. 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.* 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:

Feb. 1 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game

Feb. 8 – 7:30 The second Winter IMP League Team Game

Feb. 15 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game

Feb. 22 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game

Mar. 1 – 7:30 The third Winter IMP League Team game

Mar. 8 – No Game Akron Sectional at the Quirk Center

Mar. 15 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game
Mar. 22 – 12:30 A Club Championship Game
Mar. 29 – No Game Good Friday
Apr. 5 – No Game Cleveland Sectional
Apr. 12 – 7:30 The fourth and final Winter IMP League Team Game
Apr. 19 – 12:30 A Club Championship Game
Apr. 26 – 12:30 A Unit Championship Game
Apr. 28– 12:30 Annual Meeting & Unit Championship Game

Bridge is cool in Buffalo by Dian Petrov

Happy new 2013 Year to all bridge players and their supporters!

The Unit 116 annual meeting and party was enjoyed by 27 ½ tables. Lots of good food, great bridge and the results of the voting. **Sue Neubecker** was reelected. **Larry Soong, Eleanor Whelan** and **Liz Clark** were elected to 3-year terms. Thanks to all who ran for the board this year and all past years; your interest in serving is very important to the Unit. The old and new board members met Tuesday, December 10. Officers were elected and committee appointments were filled. President - **Sue Neubecker**, Secretary - **Kathy Pollock** and Treasurer – **Tova Reinhorn**. The rest of board members are **Betty Metz, Paul Zittel** and **Dian Petrov**. Feel free to contact any of them - contact information is on www.unit116.com .

Calendar of events - Upcoming Unit games - Pro-Am "Taste of Buffalo" will take place on February 24 at the Bridge Center and "Wearing of the green" - an evening game on March 4 at Bridge Club Meridian.

Rank changes:

Elizabeth Schulman reached the level of Junior Master. **Leonard** and **Nancy Knabelkamp** and **Linda Milch** reached the level of Sectional Master.

Carl Hasselback, Edith Knaszak and **Paula Rosen** are now Regional Masters.

Dorothy Soong is the newest Unit 116 Life Master, **Catherine Majewski** became Silver Life Master. **Mike Ryan, Jim Gullo** and **Barbara Libby** are Gold Life Masters.

Congratulations to all!

Results

Links are provided to provide easy access to the results for all of the district tournaments!

2013

[Buffalo Winter Sectional](#) - Jan 25-27, Williamsville, NY

[Rock'n'Roll Regional](#) - Jan 16 - 20, Independence, OH

2012

[District 5 Winter STaC](#) - Dec 3-9, Various Locations

