



# The Fifth Column

## August, 2015

### Upcoming Tournament Calendar

#### AUGUST 2015

- 01-02 Wheeling Sectional [Information](#)
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#### SEPTEMBER 2015

- 01-07 Pittsburgh RONI Labor Day Regional [Information](#)
- 12-13 Erie Presque Isle Sectional [Information](#)
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## **Bridge is cool in Buffalo** *by Dian Petrov*

The fierce competition in District 5 Superflight GNT in Erie ended with another Buffalo player winning a trip to Chicago Nationals. **Danny Gerstman** will join the multi-unit team to represent the District in the Unlimited flight.

We also had a tasty Strawberry Festival Unit game in Lockport. It is always a wonderful time because of Lockport Club's generous hospitality. Thank you to **Bob Lederhouse** for chairing this event:

Winners:

**Jay Levy**, Amherst NY; **Margaret Klamp**, Buffalo NY 61.70%  
tie

**Randolph Seidenberg Jr - Fred Yellen**, Buffalo NY 61.70% tie

**Christine Urbanek**, Tonawanda NY; **Stanley Kozlowski**, Clarence NY  
61.22%

**Chongmin Zhang**, Getzville NY; **Wufeng Luo**, Williamsville NY 60.10%

**Ronald Henrikson**, Buffalo NY; **Eva Schmidt**, East Amherst NY 58.65%

Unit 116 Summer picnic -What a great event! Kudos to **Paul** and **Linda Zittel** and **Chip Kean** for a wonderful day. Amazing food, great turnout of 42.5 tables and loads of fun. Thanks to all.

Winners Morning session:

**Catherine Majewski**, W Seneca NY; **Ten-Pao Lee**, Grand Island NY  
63.36%

**Jeffrey Bender**, Ransomville NY; **Richard Cramer-Benjamin**, Wheatfield  
NY 62.22%

**William Feasley - Paul Zittel**, Eden NY 61.31%

**Thomas Koralewski**, West Seneca NY; **Sandra England**, East Aurora NY  
60.71%

**David Millward - Jean Macdonald**, Buffalo NY 60.27%

Winners Afternoon session:

**Penny Shui**, Clarence NY; **Ken Meier**, Orchard Park NY 67.19%

**Paul Zittel**, Eden NY; **Arthur Kean**, Tonawanda NY 65.40%

**Barbara Libby - Nancy Wonstoncroft**, Tonawanda NY 64.79%

**David Millward - Jean Macdonald**, Buffalo NY 64.65%

**Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong**, East Amherst NY 62.06%

Rank changes:

<b>William Noltee</b>	Junior Master
<b>Audrey Ray</b>	Junior Master
<b>David Floyd</b>	Junior Master
<b>Vincent Taeger</b>	Junior Master
<b>Lawrence Abate</b>	Club Master
<b>Joan Ciszak</b>	Club Master
<b>Mary Joyce</b>	Club Master
<b>Ruth Nawotniak</b>	Club Master
<b>Wufeng Luo</b>	Sectional Master
<b>Sudhakar Perala</b>	Sectional Master
<b>John Scott</b>	Sectional Master
<b>Rajat Basu</b>	Regional Master
<b>Sushil Amlani</b>	NABC Master
<b>Richard Cramer</b>	NABC Master
<b>Sandra England</b>	Life Master
<b>Fran Kurtz</b>	Silver Life Master
<b>Judith Marshall</b>	Diamond Life Master

Congratulations to all!

Bridge players are encouraged to make their plans to attend the **Buffalo Fall Sectional** on **September 18-20, 2015**. Details can be found on the web page <http://www.unit116.com>.

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

Happy Summer and a wish for exciting bridge games to all of you!!

Congratulations to those of you who have earned rank changes: **Rosemary Shirley** of Zelienople –Club Master, **Kathleen Splane** of Valencia-Sectional Master, **Cynthia Custer** of Aliquippa-Silver Life Master and **Lorraine Worsley** of Butler-Gold Life Master. **Alex Bealles** hosted a celebration for Lorraine at the Newcastle game on June 10 with a delicious cake and festive decorations. Lorraine and **Barbara Norante** ended the evening with a second place finish in the game. Lorraine just closed the family business on Main Street in Butler that had operated since 1927. She

said, "Bridge life is Wonderful-it saved me from all work and no play." She has played for 35 years and is the proud mom of two daughters.

On June 1, Elwood City hosted their Club Championship game with Alex **Bealles** and **Lynn Rafferty** earning a first place finish with a 67.13% game. **Maxine Gant** and Larry **Puntureri** tied with **Jane Crowley** and **Carole Kinney** for second.

Zelienople continues to have an active game with 7-9 tables on a regular basis. **Alan Leaver** and **David Ruppert** have had some excellent wins- 67.72% on May 19 and 71.43% on June 9. **John Bernard** also gives a lesson each Tuesday night at 5:45 before the 6:30 game. This has been very helpful and the handouts are excellent.

The Pittsburgh Summer Sectional has just ended and many from our unit attended. **Catherine and John Lesjack** had a first in the 499er game on Friday with a 70.27% game and came back for a fourth on Saturday. Congratulations to them-keep up the good play!! The rest of us scored points and had a great time with good company and food as well.

## **Whistfully Yours** *by Bev Carter*

On May 31<sup>st</sup> our Unit held a dinner to honor its members' achievements and present the Awards for the Ace of Clubs (for players winning the most masterpoints at club games) and Mini-McKenney (most masterpoints at tournament levels) winners. The front runners for Ace of Clubs are: **0-5 Barbara Harris, 5-20 Steve Garfunkel, 20-50 Dave Schmidt, 50-100 Ron Hauch, 100-200 William Issa, 200-300 Lauren Redeker, 300-500 Jeff Leeson, 500-1000 Sue Lan Mau, 1000-2500 Eva Lefton, 2500-5000 Jim Breckel, 5000-7500 Jeff Alexander and over 10,000 Phil Becker.** The Mini-McKenney winners are: **0-5 Barbara Harris, 5-20 Steve Garfunkel, 20-50 Dave Schmidt, 50-100 Joan Barzilai, 100-200 William Issa, 200-300 Lauren Redeker, 300-500 Becky & Eric Shugart, 500-1000 Sue Lan Ma, 1000-2500 Peter Merker, 2500-5000 Stephanie Alexander, 5000-7500 Don Sulgrove, 7500-10000 Jeff Alexander and over 10,000 Mary Chilcote.** Well done!!!

Our Unit has the distinct pleasure in recognizing its Member of the Year. This is an individual who does a great deal for bridge in our area. Past

recipients are: **Sharon Fairchild and Bev Carter in 2009, Patrick Spooner (posthumously) in 2010, Kermit Wolford in 2011 followed by Cathy Wolford in 2012, Barb Bacon in 2013 and Doug Henderson in 2013.** Once honored, they are not allowed to win again but each and every one of these folks (except for Patrick) still works hard for the good of the Unit and its members. This year the Award goes to an individual who is no stranger to devoting time and effort to the workings of our Unit. This individual has worked behind the scenes for so many years in so many different venues that it is impossible to choose her most outstanding accomplishment. It is only fitting that this Award was presented to **Kathy Sulgrove.** Congratulations, Kathy!

A bit of sad news.....we were sorry to hear of the passing of long time bridge player and director **Ruth Schaeffer.** Ruth always ran her games with an iron fist and no nonsense attitude but was always laughing, helpful and kind to her opponents at the bridge table. She lost most of her sight but continued to play bridge aided by a giant light shining on her cards. You could always count on her for a good joke and sense of humor. Ruth was recognized as one of the top bridge players in Ohio, where she taught the game for 40 years. She competed in many bridge tournaments in the USA, Canada and Bermuda, partnering with **Dr. Roy Schaeffer,** whom she married in 2001. They both became silver life masters. Ruth founded the Lorain Duplicate Bridge Club which was active for 40 years. She later opened the Friday Morning Duplicate Bridge Club, which is still active in Elyria. Additionally, she wrote a weekly bridge column for the Lorain Journal for many years. She was 95 when she passed. Ruth will be sorely missed by all of us who knew her.

We are pleased to announce that our Unit is establishing a Mentoring Program geared to players who are newer to bridge and would like to learn more about the game. A sign-up sheet will be available at each club to sign-up to be mentored or be a mentor. Club directors will have coupons to hand out to the players who mentor another person. When a mentor has collected 5 such coupons they will be awarded a free entry to one of our Sectionals. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for this

program, contact **Andy Halpern 216/464-353** or [audhalpern@yahoo.com](mailto:audhalpern@yahoo.com) or **Bev Carter 330/722-8214** or [bcarter@zoominternet.net](mailto:bcarter@zoominternet.net).

We are also making nametags available for our members. If you would like to order one, contact **Peggy Gallagher 216/321-0701**. Cost is a mere \$2.50. The feeling is that it makes it a much friendlier, more comfortable and more social game if we know our opponents names without asking.

Unit #125 will hold our Master/Future Master Game on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at 12pm. Contact [Sharon Robertson](mailto:Sharon.Robertson@rockyriverbridge.com) or 216-382-6948, or [Kathy Sulgrove](mailto:Kathy.Sulgrove@rockyriverbridge.com) or 330-425-7631. Masters-Future Masters-please let us know if you want to play! We will find you a partner. [Master/Future Master Flyer](#)

**Especially for our newer players:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>** to come play in our **Non-Life Master Sectional** to be held at the Rocky River Memorial Hall. We promise great lectures and good food as well as a fun-filled day of bridge. For information or to sign up for a partner, contact **Chuck Bisesi 440-826-9439** or [phyduox@wowway.com](mailto:phyduox@wowway.com)

If you know someone who would like to learn to play bridge, on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a "Learn Bridge in A Day" program at St. Michael's Woodside. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

**Humor Time:**

- No matter how bad the bidding is, there is usually some combination of cards that allows you to make it.....much to the opponent's dismay.
- Good bidding makes for dull bridge!
- Have you ever had the feeling you have been catastrophically fixed??? (See No. 1 above)
- Bridge players exist mainly to make life difficult for one another.
- Bridge players have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think its important.

## **BRIDGE IS BUSY IN PITTSBURGH** *by Jeanne Baseman*

June and July were exciting months for bridge in Pittsburgh. June 15 through 21 saw lots of people turning out for the STaC games, and we had a very successful SNAC and STaC night.

A great big thank you to the organizers of the Pittsburgh Summer Sectional held at the Masonic Center North on July 10, 11 and 12. Those thank yous go to **Bill Holt, Barb Belardi, Cecilia Powell** and **Judi Sonon**. Kudos to all of you for your wonderful organizational skills, great food and top-notch bridge.

Pittsburgh also saw the Butler Sectional, which was a lot of fun and very well run. Thank you to Alex and Dave and all who helped.

Our traditional Labor Day regional will be held once again at the Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport September 1 through 7. Make your plans now. Tournament contacts are **Mary Paulone Carns** 724-897-7526, for newcomer events contact **Lou Joseph** at [15New@D5Bridge.com](mailto:15New@D5Bridge.com) and for partnerships contact **Ron Franck** at 724-888-7273.

Learn Bridge in 1 Day is set for Saturday, September 5. Advance reservations are required by September 2. Please tell your friends and family. Call 412-497-2582 for reservations.

The PBA "Bridge in Schools" is going well and in order to expand our program, we will need several volunteers. Please contact **Lorraine Hanna** at 724-625-6419 if you are able to volunteer.

Much bridge to look forward to in the months of August and September in Pittsburgh. Let's keep it going!

## **Akron Alert** *by Jim Sullivan*

**Fall 2015 Team League** - You have a chance to participate in the next **Team** event. You can sign your team up for the four night 2014 Fall event which will be held **September 25, October 9, October 30, and November 20**. Anyone wanting to get on a team or needing someone to fill out a team should contact **Subhash Agarwal** at [Agarwalsc@hotmail.com](mailto:Agarwalsc@hotmail.com) or phone 330-867-3195. 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 masterpoints 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 September 19-21** - 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. 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.

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

<b>August 7 –</b>	<b>Club Championship Game</b>
<b>August 15 -</b>	<b>Unit Championship Game</b>
<b>August 21 –</b>	<b>NAP (North American Pairs) Qualifier</b>
<b>August 28 –</b>	<b>Unit Championship Game</b>
<b>September 4 –</b>	<b>No Game – Holiday Weekend</b>
<b>September 11 –</b>	<b>Unit Championship Game</b>



September 18 – Akron Sectional @ Quirk Center  
September 25 – Team League Game (@ 7:30 p. m.)  
October 2– Unit Championship Game  
October 9 – Team League Game (@ 7:30 p. m.)

## RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[Future Star NLM Sectional](#) – July 24-25, Amherst, NY

[Silver Bowl Sectional](#) – July 24 – 26, Parma, OH

[Butler Tri County Sectional](#) - July 25-26, Butler, PA

[Pittsburgh Summer Sectional](#) - July 10-12, Pittsburgh, PA

[Hall of Fame Sectional](#) - June 26-28, Canton, OH

[Cleveland All-American Regional](#) - May 19-25, Cleveland, OH

## District 5 North American Pairs Final

**October 3-4, 2015**

**Erie Bridge Club  
1221 Grant Avenue, Erie, Pa. 16505  
814-833-1706**

[Click here for Conditions of Contest](#)

[Click here for a printable flyer](#)

Saturday 1:00 and 7:00 PM\*

Sunday 10:00 AM & TBA\*

This is a 2-day event. You play and pay for both days. Cost: \$12.00/person/session

Flights, determined by point holding on June 1, 2015

Flight A= Unlimited Overall points are gold

Flight B= 0-2500 Overall points are gold

Flight C= 0-Non-Life Master *Overall points are 25% Gold 75% Red*

**Pre-qualification is required.** This is done at your local club at qualifying games in June, July and August. Check with your club director for dates.

**The top THREE pairs in each flight will qualify to compete at the 2015 Spring NABC in Reno, NV. Flight A: March 9-10, Flight B&C: March 13-14.**

**For more information please call:  
Barb Bacon 2440-767-5430  
District Coordinator**

**Area Hotel Information: (All are 15 minute drive from playing site)**

**Erie Bayfront Hotel: 814-454-2005**

**Fairfield Inn: 814-868-0985**

**Towne Place Suites: 800-257-3000**

**Comfort Inn: 814-835-4200**

**Holiday Inn (Peach St.) 866-460-7456**