



# The Fifth Column

## October, 2016

### Upcoming Tournament Calendar

#### OCTOBER

- 8-9 District 5 NAOP Final *DATE CHANGE* [Information](#)
- 14-16 Pittsburgh Fall Sectional [Information](#)
- 18-23 BUFFALO Regional [Information](#)

#### NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Cleveland Buckeye State Sectional

#### DECEMBER

- 5-11 District 5 Winter STaC

#### Deadlines for Columns and Tournament Information

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## **Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter**

*Congratulations to **Kathy Sulgrove**, for achieving the ACBL's highest rank- **GRAND LIFE MASTER**. There are a little over 400 Grand Life Masters in the ACBL and in Ohio there are only six. Kathy is the fourth member of our Unit to become a Grand Life Master. The other three Grand Life Masters in our Unit are **Jim Zimmerman, Mary Chilcote, and Laurie Kranyak (deceased)**. The requirements for the rank are: 10,000 masterpoints (at least 2000 silver, red or gold/platinum, of which at least 1000 must be gold/platinum, with a minimum of 100 platinum) AND a win in a North American Bridge Championship with no upper Masterpoint restriction or an Open Team Trials (includes CNTC) or its equivalent or a Women's Team Trials (includes CWTC) or its equivalent or a World Bridge Federation event.*

*Also.....Congratulations to **Nancy Fingerhut** who became a Silver Life Master, to **Doug Henderson** who just became a Ruby Life Master, and to **Judy Santora** who is now a new Life Master. Congratulations to **John and Judy Spooner** who recently became Bronze Life Masters and to **Joe Radvansky**, who commutes between California and Ohio, and is now a Gold Life Master.*

No Alzheimer's here! **Mary Mitchell** just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at a surprise party thrown for her at the Southwest Duplicate Club. **Jesse Bond**, who is 101, plays several times a week and is still sharp as a tack. **Henry Essig, Marion Marshall, George Miller, Anson Russell , Caroline Siliko, Marge Sobey, and Rene Spooner** have also passed the 90 mark and play regularly at Rocky River and Middleburg Heights. If you know of someone at your club who is still active at bridge, please send their name, age and where they play to [bcarter@zoominternet.net](mailto:bcarter@zoominternet.net) so we can acknowledge their amazing ability to actively be playing this amazing game of ours.

Our August Sectional was held August 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> . Results can be found on our Whist Club website [whistclub.org](http://whistclub.org).

**Learn Bridge in a Day** is coming up **on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** from 10am till 4pm at the **Cleveland Yacht Club**, 200 Yacht Club Drive, Rocky River. This event is great fun for anyone who has not experienced what the game of bridge is about. It includes a great lunch, other refreshments and a Learn to Play Bridge Book. So if you know of friends, relatives, neighbors, retirees or whoever else who might enjoy a day of finding out what they are missing, contact **Edie Dus-Gardent 440-734-0296** for more information. Cost is \$25 advance, \$30 at the door. You can **sign up** by calling Edie or by email at <http://lbiad2.eventbrite.com>. Payment can be sent to **Bill Hogsett** at 14915 Shore Acres Drive, Cleveland 44110. Checks should be payable to the Cleveland Whist Club, Unit 125.

Our **Mentoring Program** is still in full swing. If you would like to help a newer player improve their game, it is easy to do. Just play with any newer non-life master, sign their name on your Mentoring Certification form and have the club director sign it for verification. Once you have filled in the 5 slots, **turn it in at one of our Sectionals for a free play**. You are allowed a total of 2 free entries, but we hope you continue to provide your valuable input much longer. To get a mentoring certificate, **contact Bev Carter 330-722-8214 or by email at [bcarter@zoominternet.net](mailto:bcarter@zoominternet.net)** and you will receive 2 of them. Once completed, just exchange it for your free entry.

### **HUMOR TIME:**

- Playing at a local game, the Director called “All Move.” Our opponents said “Oh, please don’t go!” probably because we gave the 3 top boards.
- Bridge players get a lot of exercise by jumping to conclusions, leaping to wrong contracts and skipping several levels of bidding.
- “My spouse has threatened to leave me if I don’t give up bridge. “What will you do?” I asked. “Miss him,” she replied.
- Of all the most common addictions, tobacco, alcohol, drugs.....bridge is clearly the most socially acceptable.

## **Bridge in Buffalo by H. Foster**

Unit 116 capped a summer of bridge by sneaking in its fall sectional just before summer officially ended. A new wrinkle was added with the Sunday Swiss-team event, called Dupli-Swiss, in which all the teams play the same hands and hand records are generated. Results were not available at "press time."

The Non-Life-Master Sectional Tournament in July attracted 41 tables. There were four pair events over two days. Overall winners were **Gene Nawotniak and Bill Rich; Barbara Kopko and Timothy Anderson; Barbara McIver and Marc Wetmore; and Jasbeer and Violet Makhija.**

The Unit Picnic later in July was again orchestrated by **Linda and Paul Zittel** and family, with two sessions of bridge surrounding a delectable chicken barbeque, featuring straight-from-the-field corn from Zittel Farms. There were 26 tables of happy and well-fed players at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. Overall winners in the morning session were **Penny Shui and Ken Meier** (Flight A), **Ten-Pao Lee and Tova Reinhorn** (Flight B), and **Sandra England and Tom Koralewski** (Flight C). Winners in the afternoon session were **Dian Petrov and Art Morth** (Flight A), **Manju Ceylony and Shakeel Ahmad** (Flight B), and **Bob Lederhouse and Ed Harman** (Flight C).

In August the Unit sponsored an Eight-Is-Enough team game at the Airport Bridge Club, attracting 12 tables. Winners were **John Ziemer, Jerry Geiger, Tom Koralewski, and Pawan Matta.**

Heartiest congratulations to **John and Martha Welte**, who finished first among 80 pairs contesting in the Young 0-1500 pairs event at the Summer NABC in Washington. With their victory both Martha and John became life masters.

The Unit is gearing up for the Spooktacular Buffalo Regional in October, headed by **Betty Metz and Chris Urbanek.** **Andrei Reinhorn** will be preparing and issuing bulletins that will be electronically posted every night.

The six-day tournament will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo, with free parking hospitality, prize room, and lectures.

The Unit's School Bridge Program, organized and championed by **Carol Bedell**, got off to a flying start. The first class of 16 students was taught over the summer by **Christy Kellogg**, ably and enthusiastically assisted by a bevy of "bridge buddies" who answered questions during the weekly sessions and filled in the tables when students were away. The capstone was a "mini-tournament" held just before Labor Day. A follow-up class in the Fall, taught by **Jim Gullo** and **Fred Yellen**, will be offered on Sunday mornings to those completing the beginner class or others with the equivalent basics. Also scheduled are two more basic-beginner classes, one taught by **Donna Steffan** to students at a local middle school on Thursday afternoons throughout the semester, and the second taught by **Linda Burroughsford** at the Bridge Center of Buffalo on Saturday mornings. Kudos to Carol for jump-starting this program!

The Unit's Bridge Mentoring Program is also working well, thanks to the initiative of **Dian Petrov**. Twenty-nine 299ers have registered with mentors and are sharpening their bridge skills by competing in open games at higher levels. The Unit is covering the game fees for the veteran players (2,000+ MPs) who have agreed to pair with a 299er for five games. All signs point to a successful venture.

The process for electing members of the Unit Board has started. There are three terms expiring. The Election Committee, chaired by Jim Gullo, has nominated a slate of **Sue Neubecker, Gay Simpson, and Denise Slattery**. Additional nominations may be made by petition up to October 4, and ballots will be cast over the following two months. Elected board members will be announced at the Unit's Annual Meeting on December 3.

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

Junior Masters:           **Dennis Clary, Denise Slattery**

Club Masters:	<b>Marcie Frankel, Audrey Ray, Penelope Shuman, Margaret Zhou</b>
Sectional Masters:	<b>Anne Clancy, Marilyn Wortzman</b>
Regional Masters:	<b>Amita Arora, Pawan Matta, Nelson Torre, Judy Zeckhauser</b>
NABC Master:	<b>Rajat Basu</b>
Life Masters:	<b>Madhav Deshmukh, Chip Kean, John Welte, Martha Welte</b>
Bronze Life Master:	<b>Jan Hasselback</b>
Silver Life Masters:	<b>Ruth Kozower, Art Matthies, Tova Reinhorn</b>
Gold Life Master:	<b>Mark Pascale</b>
Sapphire Life Master	<b>Dian Petrov</b>

The Unit has welcomed three new members since the last newsletter. They are: **Bonnie Clement, Donna Saia, and Pearl Brenner.**

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

**UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Get ready! Mark the date! The Unit Christmas Party will be **Dec. 9** at 6 p.m. for dinner (meat, potatoes, & beverages plus tableware will be provided), and 7 p.m. will be a **STaC Game** (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs), where you can win those elusive Silver points. **Leslie Bain** will be the chair for this event.

**2017 MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM** - 2017 will be the start the 11th year of the Mentor/Mentee program. We need more players who are willing to be Mentors to the newer and improving players. **Carolyn Sullivan** will be

handling sign-up again this year. Please let her know if you are willing to be a Mentor. Contact via e-mail: [bridgenews@aol.com](mailto:bridgenews@aol.com) is preferred method, but a note will also work.

**Friday Unit Games** - What better way to start the weekend than to play Bridge at the Friday Unit Game. There will be hand records and automatic scoring for all of the pair games. Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, hospitality and win some of the extra Masterpoints. If you need a partner or more information, contact **Jim Sullivan** at [sullivan01@aol.com](mailto:sullivan01@aol.com) or 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

**Oct. 7 – 7:00 p.m.** is the first session of the **Fall IMP League**.

**Oct. 14 – 7:00 p.m.** is the second session of the **Fall IMP League**.

**Oct. 21 – 12:30 p.m.** is a **Club Appreciation Game**.

**Oct. 28 - 7:00 p.m.** is the third session of the **Fall IMP League**.

**Nov. 4 – No Game; there is a Cleveland Unit Sectional.**

**Nov. 11 - 12:30 p.m.** is a **Unit Championship Game**.

**Nov. 18– 7:00 p.m.** is the fourth session of the **Fall IMP League**.

**Nov. 25 – No Game - Thanksgiving weekend.**

**Dec. 2 – 12:30 p.m.** is a **Club Championship Game**.

**Dec. 9 – 6:00 p.m.** is the **Annual Christmas Party. The STaC Game** (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) won't begin until about **7:00 p.m.** in order to allow time for socializing,

## **Unit 111 News by Elizabeth Goldthwait**

We are saddened to note the passing of **Jerry Geier**. Jerry has been an active member for decades, most recently serving as treasurer for Southside Duplicate Bridge Club. His easy smile and gentle ways will be missed by all of us.

The tournament committee worked hard to prepare for the Youngstown Sectional, which was held September 24 and 25 at a new location: Andrews Hall, 4750 West South Range Road in Canfield, Ohio. Several of our local players have been welcomed at clubs they visited in order to pass out flyers and promote the tournament. Thanks to all who welcomed us – and we have had a great time meeting you and getting to play with you.

We have initiated a mentoring program, beginning Sunday, August 14. Mentors are required to have at least twice as many masterpoints as their mentees, and the mentor/mentee partnerships are asked to schedule games at least twice a month. The unit will provide \$3 vouchers to be used towards the entry fees for mentors. In addition, we will hold mentor/mentee unit championship games twice a year. The initial response has been wonderful, with 14 partnerships already registered.

Congratulations to **Terry** and **Becky Murray**, the overall winners of the July Unit Game, and to **Millie Artman** and **Jon O’Heren**, overall winners of the August Unit Game. Unit games for the remainder of the year will be on Sunday, October 9; Sunday, November 13; and our annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Southside Duplicate Bridge Club held Championship Games the second week of August. Congratulations to **Helen Dunn** and **Pauline Sostarich**, **Beverly Titzel** and **Jean Hodge**, **John Samarco** and **James Wheeler**, **Mildred Artman** and **Jon O’heren** – the overall winners at the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday games. Southside will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, Oct. 17, with lunch served before the game.

Trumbull County Duplicate Bridge Club wishes to thank **Kalina Braun** and **Rosemary Brophy** for serving as bookers for their Tuesday evening games, and to introduce the new booker: **Carol Rich**. Trumbull will hold their Annual Meeting before the game on Tuesday, October 11. Elections for a new board, a vote on the purchase of Bridgemates, and a decision concerning an earlier starting time for games, will be held at this meeting. The Christmas party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3.

2016 has been a busy and exciting year thus far for the Canfield Bridge Club. **Carol Rich, Beverly Gibson, Mike Briceland** and **Paul Brocklehurst** were welcomed as new additions to Canfield's roster. March 24th kicked off the annual 6 week Derby. Participants play with a different partner each week and **Tim Kneen** emerged as the Champion with a 59.83 percent average, missing only the last week. The Derby was followed up by the annual steak fry where players were treated to Filet Mignon cooked by Grill Masters **Norm Howell, Gary Singer** and **Tim Kneen**. In August Norm, Gary and Tim worked their magic again for the annual picnic, this time with hot dogs and hamburgers. The Past President's party, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held on September 15th and was catered by A La Cart Catering. New Officers and Directors will be announced at a later date. Our Christmas party will be held December 8th at Tippecanoe Country Club. Canfield is working to support the Youngstown Sectional and has members participating in the new Mentoring Program.

Sadly we regret to report, the passing of three of our most active members, **Art Cooksey** who served as Past President and a Director for many years, **Jerry Geier** who served in a number of capacities over the many years and whose helpful ways shall be sorely missed, and **Pat Ventling** whose smiling face and pleasant ways were ever present.

The Thursday Morning Bridge Game is missing their teacher and director, **Sally Sobota**. Sally's recent hospitalization is keeping her away from us, and we can't wait for her return. Recent lessons have focused on understanding the convention card, and then on defensive card play. The current lessons will answer the question, "What does that double mean?"

Our Wednesday afternoon study sessions held at Southside Duplicate Bridge Club have been attracting 6 – 8 participants most weeks. Recent discussions have revolved around No Trump bidding in competitive auctions. We have also been focusing on filling out a convention card in preparation for the upcoming sectional tournament, which will be the first tournament for many of the participants.

## **Unit 229 News by Lois Porter**

Congratulations are in store for **David Ruppert** of Butler who earned the rank of Ruby Life master and **Judith Jacobs** of Mars who became a Life Master.

Thanks to **David Ruppert**, Tournament Chair and **Alex Bealles**, Tournament Director and all the helpful members of Unit 229 for their efforts at our tournament on June 11 and 12. On Saturday, **Lois Porter** and **Maxine Gant** came in 2nd in the 499er game. In the evening game, **Alan Leaver** and **David Ruppert** were tied with **George Cross** and **Lorraine Worsley** for 3rd. In the Sunday Swiss Teams, **Elio Catulfamo** of Pittsburgh, **Jim Wheeler** of New Castle, **Bill Lindgren** of Slippery Rock and **Lynn Rafferty** of Columbiana, Ohio came in first in the A. A good time was had by all and we appreciated the support of other ACBL clubs.

Seen at the Cleveland Regional in May were **Tim Glass**, **Larry Puntureri**, **Cynthia Custer**, **Brina Segal**, **Gary Marcus**, **Sheila Rabovsky**, **Maxine Gant**, **Lois Porter**, **Philippe Westreich**, and **David Ruppert**. Our Butler born **Alex Bealles**, now a full time director of ACBL, was directing and making us proud. We thought the new hotel was excellent and the players were gracious.

**Bill Stewart** and **Max Rubin** have been scoring well in Zelienople. On May 17 they had a 64.81% game and continued their run to a second place finish on July 12 with a 58.35% score. Other top scorers in this game are **Barbara** and **Ken Bergman** of Wexford and **David Ruppert** and **Alan**

**Leaver.** On July 5 **Ron Franck** and **Philip Goulding** had a 74.40% game-AWESOME! **June Morrison** continues to be a gracious hostess and **John Bernard** a dedicated Director. The Passavant Retirement Community Scholl Auditorium is a great facility for the game.

Ellwood City continues to be a fine game-thanks to **Jane Crowley, Helen Greenburg** and **George Cross**. On June 6, there was a tie for first between **Lynn Rafferty** and **Alex Bealles** and the pair of **Helen Greenburg** and **Art Aronson** with 70.83% games.

The Butler game is still meeting at **Jean Brackett's** home. On June 30, **David Ruppert** and **Alex Bealles** came in first with a 65.48% game. She has a lovely home and is so kind to open it while the previous venue is under repair.

Happy bridge playing and happy fall!!

## RECENT RESULTS

[Youngstown Autumn Sectional](#), Sep 24-25, Canfield, OH

[Akron Fall Sectional](#), Sep 16-18, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Buffalo Fall Sectional](#), Sep 16-18, Williamsville, NY

[Lake Erie Sectional](#), Sep 10-11, Erie, PA

[Pittsburgh RONI Regional](#), Aug 30 - Sep 5, Monroeville, PA

[Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional](#), Aug 5-7, Parma, OH

[Wheeling Sectional](#), Aug 6-7, Wheeling, WV

[Pittsburgh Summer Sectional](#), July 15-17, Pittsburgh, PA