

April, 2013



## **DISTRICT 5 UPCOMING TOURNAMENT CALENDAR**

### **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 GNT 2
- 21-27 Cleveland All-American Regional

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**And Tournament Information**

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## ***Pittsburgh Posting by Fran Prus***

With special thanks to **Carole Shanahan** for her previous column "Under the Bridge," I'd like to introduce myself as the new writer for Unit 142. Please feel free to contact me at [Fran300@aol.com](mailto:Fran300@aol.com) with any content that you would like to see in this column.

Our unit has had many exciting events in recent months! The Pro-Am Charity Game was attended by 79 pairs, raising \$2500 for the Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations to winners **Ken Bergman** and **Doris Hess** and heartfelt thanks for the wonderful job done by **Jane Marshall, Sandy Spear** and **Asim Ulke**. The Fall Sectional was well attended with 294 players taking home silver points. Overall masterpoint winners were **Asim Ulke** with 30.78 and **Richard Katz** with 20.99. Congratulations to everyone that participated. Kudos to **Margie Tamres** (19.24points) and **Arlene Port** (15.53 points) who led all unit members in the December STaC week competition.

January saw **Bill Holt** hold a successful "Learn Bridge in 1 Day" clinic for 20 aspiring attendees. Thanks to all the dedicated unit members that make these events possible for our membership.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you return for our Spring Sectional April 12-14 at the Masonic Center North. It is always a good time and the Cubic Zicronia Players will entertain during the free lunch on Saturday. That is surely something that you won't want to miss! Newcomers can call **Darlene Mannheimer** at 412-343-0419

for partners and those players with over 299 points should contact **Jane Marshall** at 412-371-4067.

Another opportunity to test your bridge skills awaits you in Erie for the Grand National Team qualifiers. Play only against opponents with similar masterpoint levels and potentially win a subsidized trip to the Nationals in Atlanta. Put together a team and have a great time the weekend of April 27-28 (Flights A and C) or May 4-5 (Championship and Flight B). If you don't succeed the first weekend, you can always go back the second weekend and play up in a higher flight!

Special congratulations to our new Silver Life Masters **Joan D'Antonio, Charlotte Ludwig, Joan Pfeifer** and **Denis Pittman**, Bronze Life Master **Jean Livingston**, and Life Masters **Karen and Tom Piper, Jayant Rajgopal** and **Judith Vittone**.

It is with deep sadness that we say a final farewell to the following unit members: **Bill Berinski, Gerald Cox, Iola Croner, Joe Dragoun, Peg Hoffman, Delores Keating, Julie Kernan Semple, Marion Smith, David Speizer, Paula Williams, and Lou Zeidan**. Their presence at our games will long be remembered.

Make a note of our new PBA Hotline number. To get up to date information on local games, call 412-219-2582.

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

### **2012 Winners**

Awards are to be presented to the Akron Unit 2012 Winners at the April 28 Annual Meeting. **Dick Early** won the Holland Award for receiving the most Master Points at the two Akron Sectionals. **Adele Newman** won the Hugh Weinberg Award for receiving the most Master Points at Club games. The other winners are:

	<b>Ace of Clubs</b>		<b>Mini-McKenney</b>	
<b>Rookie 0-5 MP</b>	Barbara Sparhawk	30.25	Barbara Sparhawk	34.08
	Ray Sharrow	18.74	Ray Sharrow	32.16
	Roberta McNulty	10.61	Marilyn Berta	13.00

<b>Junior Master 5-20 MP</b>	Jim Fasnacht Roger Bucholtz Carma Sands	33.20 13.14 10.91	Jim Fasnacht Roger Bucholtz Carma Sands	66.12 14.91 14.71
<b>Club Master 20-50 MP</b>	Sylvia Levinson Mary K Sears Subhash Agarwal Indira Agarwal	39.06 30.22 18.50 18.50	Sylvia Levinson Subhash Agarwal Indira Agarwal	45.81 45.43 45.43
<b>Sectional Master 50-100 MP</b>	Jolee Nazworth Twyla Wise Albert Shuki	20.68 17.67 16.54	Jolee Nazworth Roy Gingery Judith Gingery	25.88 24.38 24.38
<b>Regional Master 100-200 MP</b>	Gay Cable Dale Neuhaus Nancy Moore	50.33 27.94 24.55	Gay Cable Ken Gibson Wendy Gibson	96.59 60.04 60.04
<b>NABC Master 200-300 MP</b>	June France Bonnie Aberth Keith Klafehn	40.51 27.80 25.37	June France Bob Whyler Keith Klafehn	62.00 55.26 47.79
<b>Life Master 300-500 MP</b>	Betty Miller Alper Buldum Faye Regal	63.37 60.92 58.71	Alper Buldum Betty Miller Bob Ryan	151.33 94.74 89.39
<b>Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP</b>	Mat Van Sickle Marv Shapiro Judi Shapiro	79.11 76.66 74.50	Marv Shapiro Judi Shapiro Flo Hinshaw	124.55 116.19 101.27
<b>Silver Life Master 1000-2500 MP</b>	Sue Bussan Donna Largent Jayne Stahr	88.63 81.46 78.05	Jayne Stahr Mike Stahr Jerri Harper	172.56 166.61 160.88
<b>Gold Life Master 2500-5000 MP</b>	Adele Newman Dick Traxler Mina Ronen	181.49 173.36 157.60	Dick Traxler Adele Newman Mina Ronen	232.50 217.00 209.81
<b>Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP</b>	Marge Baldwin Peter Grover	143.05 14.67	Marge Baldwin Peter Grover	250.38 69.38
<b>Emerald Life Master 7500-10,000 MP</b>	Dick Early	111.83	Dick Early	223.84

**Friday Unit Games** - Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, hand records and hospitality. If you need a partner call **Jim Sullivan** at 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

**Apr. 05 – No Game Cleveland Sectional**  
**Apr. 12 – 7:30 IMP League**  
**Apr. 19 – 12:30 Club Championship Game**  
**Apr. 26 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game &**  
**Apr. 26 – 7:30 IMP League**  
**Apr. 28 -- 12:30 Annual Meeting**  
**May 03 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game**  
**May 10 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game**  
**May 17 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game**  
**May 24 – No Game – Independence Regional**  
**May 31 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game**  
**June 07 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game**  
**June 14 – 6:00 STaC Game and Picnic**

Congratulations to all!

## ***Bridge is cool in Buffalo* by Dian Petrov**

Here are the winners of 2012 ACBL Masterpoints Competitions for Unit116:

### **2012 Mini-McKenney**

#### **0-5 Masterpoints**

- 1 Sharon Wilcox 40.73
- 2 Joel Brownstein 38.97
- 3 Lynn Witmer 12.68

#### **5 to 20 Masterpoints**

- 1 Janet Dimet 41.53
- 2 Kathleen Stamm 30.28

3 Judy Zeckhauser 27.64

**20 to 50 Masterpoints**

1 James Tao 49.02

2 Violet Makhija 33.85

3 Leuben Zaykov 27.56

**50 to 100 Masterpoints**

1 Beena Deshmukh NY 61.96

2 Richard Cramer-Benjamin 55.83

3 Madhav Deshmukh 49.32

**100 to 200 Masterpoints**

1 Arthur Matthies 120.84

2 Larry Soong 103.35

3 Gaurang Sheth 95.07

**200 to 300 Masterpoints**

1 Peter Shui 116.94

2 Sharon Chang 98.94

3 Jan Hasselback 87.34

**300 to 500 Masterpoints**

1 Bill Boardman 204.02

2 Joseph Rooney 135.58

3 Penny Shui 130.55

**500 to 1000 Masterpoints**

1 Fred Yellen NY 274.62

2 Ken Meier 222.62

3 Dorothy May 162.33

**1000 to 2500 Masterpoints**

1 John Ziemer 364.31

2 Judith Padgug 293.26

3 Dian Petrov 284.16

**2500 to 5000 Masterpoints**

1 Jerry Geiger 451.80

2 Saleh Fetouh 230.09

3 Judith Marshall 218.19

**5000 to 7500 Masterpoints**

1 Christine Urbanek 282.80

2 Jay Levy 271.22

3 Randolph Seidenberg Jr. 242.46

**7500 to 10000 and Over 10000 Masterpoints**

1 Margaret Klamp 293.15 2 John Toy 184.46

1 Daniel Gerstman 568.37 2 Jim Mathis 163.82

**2012 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race**

**0 to 5 Masterpoints**

1 Sharon Wilcox 30.97

2 Joel Brownstein 29.06

3 Lynn Witmer 12.68

**5 to 20 Masterpoints**

1 Janet Dimet 32.75

2 Judy Zeckhauser 21.41

3 Kathleen Stamm 20.12

**20 to 50 Masterpoints**

1 James Tao 48.89

2 Violet Makhija 29.43

3 Jane Roberts 19.31

**50 to 100 Masterpoints**

1 Beena Deshmukh 42.58

2 Jo Nasoff-Finton 36.23

3 Madhav Deshmukh 35.00

**100 to 200 Masterpoints**

1 Arthur Matthies 84.90

2 Miri Salamoneburnett 83.33

3 Larry Soong 69.16

**200 to 300 Masterpoints**

- 1 Sharon Chang 63.03
- 2 Jan Hasselback 53.06
- 3 June Feuerstein 47.94

**300 to 500 Masterpoints**

- 1 Bill Boardman NY 178.43
- 2 Joseph Rooney 110.84
- 3 Joyce Greenspan 101.62

**500 to 1000 Masterpoints**

- 1 Ken Meier 177.79
- 2 Dorothy May 138.49
3. Fred Yellen 134.94

**1000 to 2500 Masterpoints**

- 1 John Ziemer 201.08
- 2 Dale Anderson 199.66
- 3 Mike Silverman 193.30

**2500 to 5000 Masterpoints**

- 1 Jerry Geiger 279.22
- 2 Judith Marshall 177.17
- 3 Harry Cheung 159.63

**5000 to 7500 Masterpoints**

- 1 Randolph Seidenberg Jr. 150.78
- 2 Christine Urbanek 98.21
- 3 Jay Levy 84.93

**7500 to 10,000 and Over 10,000 Masterpoints**

- 1 Margaret Klamp 212.75
- 2 John Toy 33.58
- 1 Jim Mathis 132.93
- 2 Daniel Gerstman 11.13



Congratulations to all!

**Kathy Pollock** and **Larry Soong** organized an incredible party at the Unit 116 Pro-Am Event held February 14. It was "Taste of Buffalo". Here are the "culinary" winners:

Appetizer Category:

- 1) Broccoli Salad - **Joyce Greenspan**
- 2) Onion Fritters - **Manju Ceylony**
- 3) TIE - Veggies and Dip and Deviled Eggs

Entree Category:

- 1) Rice, Meat and Mushrooms - **Usha Khurana**
- 2) Mushroom Artichoke Casserole - **Carolyn Siracuse**
- 3) Orange Chicken - **Dordy Donaldson**

Desserts:

- 1) Mini Cheesecakes - **Paula Rosen**
- 2) Lemon Curd Pie - **Fran Wittnauer**
- 3) By-Cracky Bars - **Laurie Foster**

Bridge winners:

1. **Peter Shui - Gary Schmitt** 62.64%
2. **Christine Urbanek - Arthur Matthies** 59.86%
3. **Dale Anderson - James Tao** -59.44%

On the evening of March 4 everyone "SAW GREEN" at the Unit's "Wearing of the Green" St. Patty's party at **Bridge Club Meridian**. Green food, green prizes and more green clothes that anyone could imagine. Thank you for the nice turnout of 11 tables and thanks to co-chairs **Tova Reinhoarn** and **Dottie Soong**. A fun event for all.

The winners were:

**Jill Wooldridge - Powhatan Wooldridge** 67.00%  
**Christine Urbanek - Saleh Fetouh** 64.94%  
**Tova Reinhorn - James Gullo** 60.99%

Spring activities feature April 19-21 Buffalo Spring Sectional. Come join your fellow local players as well as bridge friends from Fort Erie, St.

Catherine's, Rochester, Erie and other communities in Southern Ontario and Western New York. Full details of the event can be found on our web site - <http://www.unit116.com>.

Bridge milestones:

The new Junior Masters from Unit 116 are **Mary Blanchard, Gail Pitterman, Wufeng Luo and Yichuan Luo**. **Patty Porter** is a Club Master. **Sean Bennett** and **Kathy Stamm** are Sectional Masters.

Congratulations to all!

## ***Erie Excitement by Kathy Dammeyer***

We are very excited to announce 4 new Life Masters to our Erie Bridge Club. **Elaina and Steve Dylewski** attained this milestone at the Cleveland Regional and **Maureen and Al Koseff** at the Sarasota-Manatee Regional.

Congratulations also to:

**Nancy Kern, Mary Listerman, Dave Yonkers** Club Master

**Ellen Gottschalk, Kathy Kern** Junior Master

Our February Players of the Month:

Monday New Deal **Judie Lamberton**

Friday Grand Slam **Bob Rizzo**

Double Trouble **Joe Sweeney**

Newcomer **Ann Moffatt and Mary Listerman**

The Erie Bridge Club will be hosting the District 5 Grand National Teams Finals on 2 upcoming weekends: April 27,28 Flights A (0-5000)and C(0-500 NLM) and May 4,5 Flights B(0-2000) and Championship(unlimited). Play both weekends and bring home the Gold. Contact Barb Bacon 440-724-6539 or [bbacon@cox.net](mailto:bbacon@cox.net).

The Yalta team games will resume in Meadville on Monday evenings beginning June 3.

The Play of the Hand lessons are continuing on Thursday mornings at 9:30 followed by a mini duplicate game. Call **Judie Lamberton** for details at 838-7637.

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

The bridge world lost one of its shining lights this past February. **Niel Waletzky** passed away suddenly and will be missed by all. A memorial scholarship has been established in his name to be awarded in May at our annual membership meeting. We also lost long-time player **June Sanders** who succumbed to illness after a short battle. A nursing scholarship has been set up in her name, which will also be awarded at the membership meeting. If you would care to donate to either of these scholarships, contact the CWC Scholarship Committee by email at [bcarter@zoominternet.net](mailto:bcarter@zoominternet.net). Tax deductible contributions may be sent to her at 4505 Grand Teton Dr. Medina, Oh 44256. We will all miss these wonderful folks at the table and hope they will find lots of bridge to play. Applications for scholarships will be accepted through April 30<sup>th</sup>. They can be downloaded from our website: [whistclub.org](http://whistclub.org) and sent to the CWC Scholarship Committee at the address shown above.

Election of new board members will be held at our April Sectional. Candidates are: **Barb Bacon, Wayne Heritage, Bob Hogsett, Peter Merker, Chuck Bisesi, and Kathy Sulgrove** (Kathy had filled in a vacant term and is now eligible to run for a full term).

Our Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting will be held at the Solon Senior Center on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. at 1:00pm. A Membership Meeting will be followed by an awards presentation for winners of the Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs, New Life Masters and Vichill winners. Dinner will be at 1:00 pm followed by an afternoon of bridge. Cost to attend TBD.

The annual Member of the Year Award will be presented at our Membership Meeting in May to the Unit 125 member who has given their "all" to us. **Sharon Fairchild** is accepting nominations so hurry and send her the name and reason you feel your candidate should receive this well deserved award.

The ever popular Olympiad game is coming up on **August 17<sup>th</sup>**. It runs both Saturday and Sunday and will be held at the K of C Hall in Garfield Heights. **Dick Early** is again in charge of this fun event. We want to see all you under 750 Unit 125 players there so we can retain possession of the trophy for the most points won overall. Session winners are presented with their very own gold, silver and bronze medals. Flyers will be available soon with complete details. Meanwhile, block our calendars for that date and.....be there!!!

The Unit is looking for someone or several someones to chair the Summer IMP League. If you are interested, please contact **Barb Greenspan** for details. She can be reached at: [specialops007@gmail.com](mailto:specialops007@gmail.com)

An upcoming special event is The "Longest Day". It is an ACBL Fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Association. There will be 5 bridge sessions, the first one starting at 6:00am, the last at 7:45pm. It will be held at **St Raphael's Church, Dover Center Road, Bay Village on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. Proceeds will benefit the Alzheimer's Association. So grab your favorite partner and come play in any or all of the 5 sessions. We promise you a good time and lots of bridge!!!

#### *Humor Time:*

- Put 4 bridge players at the table and you'll get 4 different opinions.
- I don't understand why you couldn't see my signal, partner. Everyone knows that a singleton is the top of nothing.
- Better to play very badly than very good. If things go wrong you are in good company.
- The doctor was checking up on three elderly bridge players who had head injuries from a car accident. Serene inquired "Doctor, Will I still be able to play bridge?" The Doctor asked "How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "60!" the lady replied. Worried, the doctor turned to Wayne "How about you? How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "Uh, Wednesday!" he shouted. Even more concerned, the doctor motioned to the other lady. "Well, what do you

say, madam? How many high card points in a deck of cards?" "Forty!" Sheryl replied. "Excellent!" the doctor exclaimed. "How did you get that?" "Oh, it's pretty simple," she explained. "You just subtract the 60 from Wednesday!"

- How many bridge partner jokes are there? Just two, all the rest are true.....

## ***Recent Tournament Results***

**Spring Time Sectional - March 8-10, Cuyahoga Falls, OH**

**McKinley Sectional - Feb 16-17, Canton, OH**