

# The Fifth Column

## June, 2013

### Upcoming Tournament Calendar

#### **JUNE 2013**

- 10-16 District 5 Summer STaC
- 21-23 Canton Lake Cable Sectional
- 25-30 Buffalo Regional

#### **JULY 2013**

- 19-21 Pittsburgh Summer Sectional
- 26-28 Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional **DATE CHANGE**

#### **AUGUST 2013**

- 9-11 Wheeling Sectional
- 17-18 District 5 Olympiad
- 27-Sep 2 Pittsburgh RONI Gitchel Atkins Regional
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### *Ann McGilvrey Award\*\**

Barb Grzegorzewski, Meadville, is this year's Ann McGilvrey Award winner. She consistently demonstrates a high level of ethics and is always pleasant to everyone she comes into contact with during an event. She is willing to play with anyone who needs a partner for the evening, regardless of the person's quality of play. She is never critical of her partner and always works to make the person happy to have played that night.

Congratulations!!!

*\*\* taken from the tournament daily bulletin*

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## ***ERIE EXCITEMENT*** by Kathy Dammeyer

The April Seven Cities Sectional at Cross Creek in Titusville was again successful under the coordination and hard work of Steve and Barbara Grzegorzewski.

Judie Lamberton and Lois DiPlacido were 1<sup>st</sup> in the Friday afternoon game.

Steve and Barbara Grzegorzewski, with Tom and Jane Yusavage, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the KO team game.

In the Saturday open game the results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Marc Sylvester and Pat Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Young and Grant Shorts

3<sup>rd</sup> Doris Kirsch and Shirley Irish

Placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Sunday Swiss Team game were Pat Smith, Kathleen Horan, Vernon De Jong and Doris Bloom.

Our March Players of the Month were:

New Deal-Rose Jaskiewicz

Grand Slam Newcomers-Josie DeSantis

Grand Slam-Doris Kirsch

Double Trouble-Joe Sweeney

Our April Players of the Month were:

New Deal-Al Richardson

Grand Slam Newcomers-Betty Motsch

Grand Slam-Pat Smith

Double Trouble Joe Sweeney

Congratulations to Marc Sylvester who amassed 66 points at the North American Bridge Championship spring tournament. Steve and Elaina Dylewski also participated and brought home gold.

Kudos also to Mark Baker who has become a Club Master and Kay Kramer a Sectional Master.

Kathy Dammeyer became a Life Master and Bronze Life Master; Kathy Dobrznski a Life Master; and Elaina Dylewski, a Bronze Life Master at the Gatlinburg TN Regional in April. They were joined by Kathleen Horan in the Gold Rush team game to place 1<sup>st</sup> of 83 teams. Also adding encouragement and gold to their stash were Shirley Irish and Barbara Grzegorzewski.

Judie Lamberton and Peggy Weibel are continuing bridge lessons and can be contacted at the Erie Bridge Center.

Our condolences are extended to the friends and family of Lois Buseck who recently passed away. She was a lovely lady and dear friend who loved the game of bridge.

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

Congratulations to Unit 116 members **Bert Hargesheimer III** and **Christy Kellogg** and their teammates for winning the Flight A GNT trials in Erie.

Congratulations also to **Dan Gerstman** and his team for winning the Superflight.

We will follow their progress in Atlanta at the Nationals and wish them "Good luck!"

The Unit 116 "Barometer" Open Pairs gathered 10.5 tables. This type of game required duplication of multiple boards. All pairs play the same boards at the same time throughout the event. Scores and standing are posted for inspection by the players after each round, so each pair knows where it stands at all times. And the goal as usual is to be at the top after the last round! This year event's winners are:

**Chongmin Zhang**, Getzville NY; **Joanne Kelley**, Fredonia NY 64.58%

**Margaret Klamp**, Ft Myers FL; **Judy Graf**, Clarence NY 63.37%

**Beena Deshmukh - Madhav Deshmukh**, Lockport NY 57.61%

**William Rushmore**, Buffalo NY; **Arthur Morth**, Grand Island NY 56.48%

**Linda Zittel - Paul Zittel**, Eden NY 54.32%

Summer activities feature the June 25-30 **Buffalo Regional**. Come join your fellow local players as well as friends from around the bridge world.

Full details of the event can be found on District 5 web site.

Bridge milestones:

<b>Robert Farwell</b>	Junior Master
<b>Karen Stephenson</b>	Club Master
<b>Lynn Witmer</b>	Club Master
<b>Heather Roberts</b>	Sectional Master
<b>Nancy Russell</b>	Sectional Master
<b>James Tao</b>	Sectional Master
<b>Sharon Wilcox</b>	Sectional Master
<b>David Donaldson</b>	Regional Master
<b>Mary Jo Crone</b>	Silver Life Master

Congratulations to all!

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

Four new board members were elected at our April Sectional. They are: **Barb Bacon, Chuck Bisesi, Wayne Heritage and Kathy Sulgrove**. At the combined board meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, **Barb Bacon** was elected President, **Sharon Robertson**-- Vice President, **Bev Carter**—Secretary, and **Harvey Bernstein**, Treasurer. We wish them well.

By the time you read this, our May Regional will be a thing of the past. Lots and lots of gold points were given out, hospitality was great. Our new Future Life Master Chairperson, Fran Mulkins, did a great job hosting lectures and events for newer players. For results check out our website [whistclub.org](http://whistclub.org).

Our Annual Awards Dinner was held Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center in Solon. Awards were presented to the winners of the Ace of Clubs, the Mini-McKenney and the winners of the annual Vichill Team League. For details on who won what, check our website [whistclub.org](http://whistclub.org). The Unit Member of the Year Award (which began in 2009 to recognize those Unit members who quietly contributed to the wellbeing of the Unit and its players) was presented to **Barb**

**Bacon.** She joins previous recipients **Sharon Fairchild, Bev Carter, Patrick Spooner, and Kermit Wolford.** Barb is known throughout our Unit for her dedication to the game of bridge; she has served many terms as President and Vice President, was the Unit Tournament Coordinator for several years, doing the difficult job of negotiating site and date contracts with many locations, etc. Barb is always willing to step in and offer her ongoing support wherever it is needed. *Congratulations, Barb, for jobs well done and yet to be done.*

The Scholarship Committee presented awards to 5 very deserving young people. They were: **Shelby Bauer**, attending the University of Rochester majoring in biology and pre-med, **Paige Heneghan** majoring in Criminal Justice, **Mary Kostell** attending Loyola University majoring in anthropology and international studies, **Charles Merriman**, attending Ohio State majoring in Civil Engineering with minors in Environmental Engineering and Public Policy. Charles received **the Niel Waletzky Memorial Scholarship**, Receiving the **June Sanders Memorial Scholarship is Abbey Wyrick.** She will be attending Otterbein University, planning to become a pediatric nurse anesthetist. All of these applicants had ACT's in excess of 31 and GPA's of 3.4 or above. Every applicant has contributed to all kinds of volunteer work in their communities. Our Unit can be very proud of these young people who well deserve their awards.

On **Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>** (which is the longest day of the year) **Lynn Nosse, Bill Toller and Ann Kostell** will be hosting The Longest Day, an all day bridge marathon. There will be an open game, a novice game and a social game for a total of five events, beginning at—would you believe it—6:00AM. The final session will end about 10:30pm. To find out about a specific game time, contact **Ann at 440/567-7266 or Bill at 440/667-0407.** **Location is St. Raphael Catholic Church, 5t25 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, Oh.** All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association. We all know that playing bridge helps keep us mentally active, so it is appropriate that we support this great organization.

Our very popular **Summer Team Game** will be starting up On **Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Michael's Woodside, followed by July 24<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.** Time: 7:15pm. Teams will be grouped according to total masterpoints, so get your 4 to 6 persons together and register your team with Bev Carter 330/722--8214 or by email at [bcarter@zoominternet.net](mailto:bcarter@zoominternet.net). If you aren't on a team and would like to be, let Bev know so she can "fix you up."

OK, on to your favorite stuff:

- Don't let your worries get you down—play bridge instead!
- I can't understand why you didn't read my signal, partner. Everyone knows a singleton is the top of nothing
- There is a fine line between wanting to play bridge and mental illness
- Partners are extremely important. Who else can you blame when you lose

- Bridge is like potato chips. You can never get enough of either!

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

**Picnic Notice** – Save the date – June 14, 2013 - for the Unit's Picnic and STaC game at the Quirk Center @ 6 p.m. The Unit will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips and drinks. Look for the flyer. Be sure to sign up in advance so that the game can be seeded like any sectional

**2013 Winter Team League**– The winners were:

Bracket A: **1<sup>st</sup>** - Rick Trogdon, Jill Smith, Doris Mikstay, Elena Steingraf, and Bob Wood.

: **2<sup>nd</sup>** - Dick Traxler, Graham Kelly, Alper Buldum, and Chantel Whitney.

: **3<sup>rd</sup>** - Marv and Judi Shapiro, Rick and Susan Roberts.

: **4<sup>th</sup>** - Jim Sullivan, Rose Cassmer, Mike Marks, and Larry Rosenthal.

Congratulations to all. Hope to see all of you back and many new players for the Fall 2013 League.

**Springtime Sectional**-Rick Roberts did a great job as chair of this Sectional. Also, thanks to the volunteer workers and the many people who provided the bake goods for the bountiful hospitality that was enjoyed by those who played at the tournament. A lot of silver points were awarded to the many winners.

**Autumn Sectional** Mark September 20- 22 on your Bridge calendar for the Autumn Sectional. This Sectional Tournament will also be held at the Quirk Center because there have been so many good comments about the last tournaments held at this facility. Stratification will be by average Master Points. Check the Newsletter and akronbridge.org Website for more details.

**Friday Unit Games** - The **Time** for the summer Unit Games at the Quirk Center will be at **12:30 p.m.** There will be hand records for all 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:

**June 7 – Unit Championship**

**June 14 – Picnic & STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) @ 6:00/7:00 p.m.**

**June 21 – No Game – Canton Sectional**

**June 28 – Unit Championship**

**July 5 – No Game – Holiday Weekend**

**July 12 – No Game – Quirk Center Unavailable**

**July 19 – Unit Championship**

**July 26 – No Game – Cleveland Sectional**



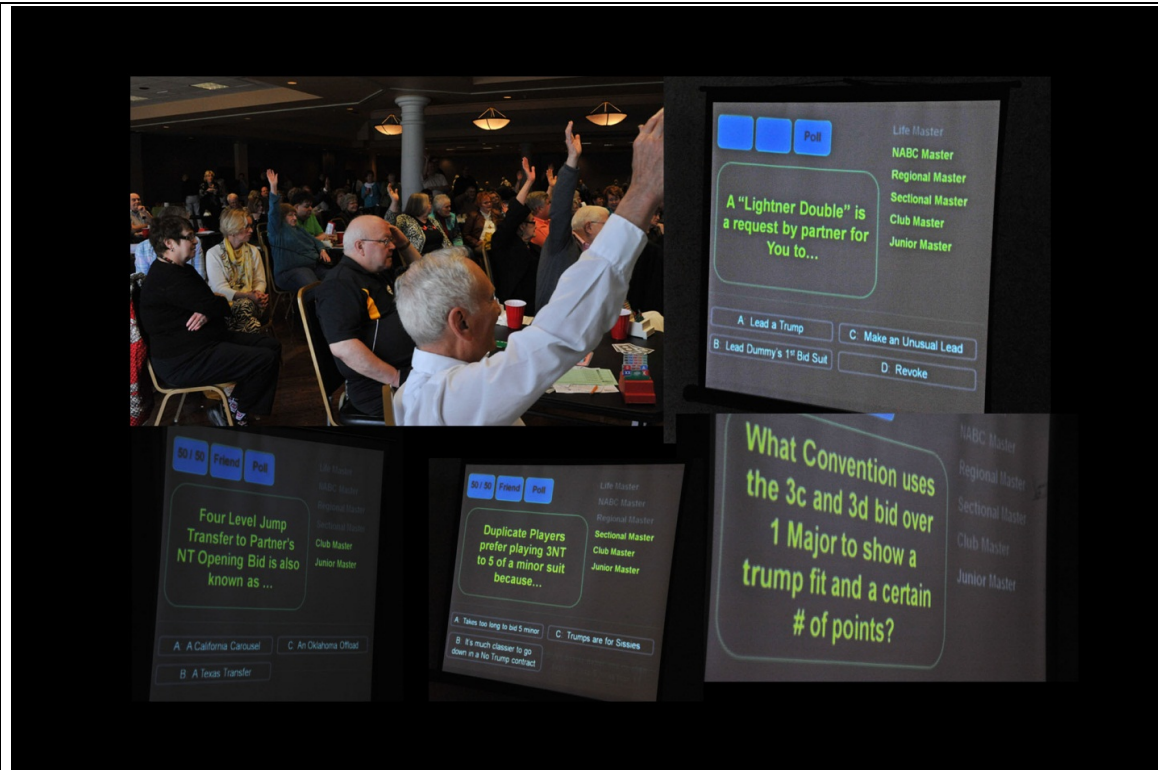
### ***Pittsburgh Posting* by Fran Prus**

I hope that all of you attended and enjoyed the Spring Sectional. Many thanks to Ken and Barb Bergman, Ron Franck, Jane Marshall, Ernie Retetagos, Darlene Mannheimer, Bill Holt and Bill Craig for their extraordinary efforts to make this such a wonderful event for our members and guests. With 327 participants heading home with Masterpoints, the overall winners were Jean Prior with 20.51 and Don Averbach close behind with 19.54. Congratulations to all of our winners. For those of you that may have missed it, check out the photos from the Cubic Zicronia Life Master Theatre presentation of “Who Wants to be a Life Master?” It’s not every bridge tournament that can provide such quality

entertainment along with great food and bridge. Be sure to make plans to attend the Summer Sectional at the Masonic Center July 19-21 for the same fantastic hospitality, fellowship, and of course, great bridge!







May 17 is the date for the PBA Annual Awards Party. This year's event is hosted by Ron and Shirley Franck, with Lou Joseph serving as Master of Ceremonies. Award winners will be posted in the next Fifth Column (can't let the cat out of the bag just yet!).

Another upcoming event that you won't want to miss is the Fossic-Goodman Team Game at Edgewood Country Club on Sunday June 2, 11:00 AM. Entry includes a late afternoon buffet dinner. All proceeds benefit local bridge education.

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Masters Carole Shanahan, Donald Turacy, Sr. and Ursula Brown, Silver Life Masters Marlene McConnell and Russell Sheldon, and the exalted status of Emerald Life Master to Bernie Fudor! Well done!

It's always difficult to say goodbye to longtime members that you have spent so much time with at the table. Mary Alice Shenefiel, Susan Wald, Roni Ostfield (Cymerman), Mitch Nanny, Aubrey George, Max Gomborg and Ethel Farrell will be dearly missed by many. Their innumerable contributions to our unit are valued and fondly remembered.

# RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Ohio Masters Sectional April 5 – 7, 2013

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2013/04/1304012.htm>

Seven Cities Sectional April 5 – 7, 2013

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2013/04/1304071.htm>

Pittsburgh Spring Sectional April 12 – 14, 2013

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2013/04/1304068.htm>

Buffalo Spring Sectional April 19-21, 2013

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2013/04/1304046.htm>

GNT District 5 Finals April 27-28, 2013 and May 4-5, 2013

<http://www.d5bridge.com/Results/13GNT.htm>

All American Regional May 21-27, 2013

<http://www.d5bridge.com/D5Regionals/1305Clvres.htm>