



The Fifth Column

October, 2013

Tournament Calendar

OCTOBER 2013

- **5-6 District 5 North American Pairs Final**
[Information](#)
- **19-20 Cleveland NLM Sectional** Cancelled

NOVEMBER 2013

- **1-3 Cleveland Buckeye State Sectional**
<http://www.d5bridge.com/Flyers/1311Clv.pdf>
- **8-11 Pittsburgh Fall Sectional**
- <http://www.d5bridge.com/Flyers/1311Pgh.pdf>

DECEMBER 2013

- **9-15 District 5 Winter STaC**

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ERIE EXCITEMENT *by Jim Mershon*

Congratulations to the following for achieving a new ACBL ranking: **Richard Perfetto**, Regional Master; **William Schneider**, Regional Master.

Our July Players of the Month were:

New Deal—**Lois DiPlacido**
Grand Slam Newcomers—**Eileen Nill**
Grand Slam—**Pat Smith**
Double Trouble—**Archie Narducci**

Our August Players of the Month were:

New Deal—**Shirley Irish**
Grand Slam Newcomers—**Ann Moffatt and Mary Listerman**
Grand Slam—**Bob Rizzo**
Double Trouble—**Bruce Swanson**

The following is excerpted from “Bridge News” by **Judy Lambertson** as published in the Erie Times News Sunday Paper. My sincere thanks to her for letting me use her column.

On July 13, the third annual bridge tournament was held at the State Correctional Institution of Albion. Local EBA players teamed up with bridge players at SCI. The Albion SCI club meets once a week for lessons and a game.

Kudos to Erie Bridge Association President **Duke Orr** and **Elaina Dylewski**, the association’s vice president, who recently spent hours in the sweltering heat powerwashing and painting the EBA building.

Congratulations to **Marc Sylvester** and his teammates, **Lorraine Cable, Randall Robinstein, Bill Begert, Doug Anderson and Doug Herrin**, who placed second in the mini Spingold event held at the Atlanta Nationals. Each team member was awarded approximately 87 gold masterpoints.

Erie Bridge Association lost a valuable asset with the passing of **Arlene Millhouse**. She served in many positions on EBA's board and was an avid promoter of bridge, teaching students at many levels. EBA members offer condolences to her family.

Congratulations to Erie Bridge Association players who won masterpoints at the Pittsburgh Regional. In descending order, starting with the highest number of points won, they are **Marc Sylvester; Barb Grzegorzewski-Steve Grzegorzewski; Elaina Dylewski-Tonia Barbaro; Al Walz-Bev Walz; Jim Davis; Doris Kirsch; Pat Smith; Allen Selling; Tom Ritter; Judy Lyons; Frank Grzegorzewski-Francis Tseng; Barb Spencer-Joann Ende; Sue Weber-Shirley Irish; and Scott Baldwin.**

Having trouble with overcalls, doubles, what suit to bid, Blackwood, Gerber, interference and more? Come to Play of the Hand lessons on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., at EBA, 1221 Grant Ave. You don't need a partner. Cost is \$5 per session. **Call Judie Lamberton, 838-7637, for details.**

UNIT 229 REPORT *by Lois Porter*

Congratulations to **Cynthia Custer** of Aliquippa on becoming a Life Master and Bronze Life Master in the Pittsburgh Summer Sectional in July.

In August **William Lindgren** and **Sydney Steiner** played a 71.30% game in Elwood City. They carried this fine play into the Pittsburgh Roni Regional and accumulated a total of 28.39 master points. Newcomers to ACBL, **Pat Dotson and Rosemary Shirley**, earned first place in both Thursday's and Friday's 299er game. Good start! **Lois Porter and Maxine Gant** also placed first in B, with **Donna Betres and Jean Purvis** of Butler first overall in Friday's 299er game. In Sunday's side game, **Philippe Westreich and Larry Puntureri** of New Castle placed first. **Henry Nelson** of Zelienople topped the list of master point gains with a total of 52.33. A good time was had by all and as usual Pittsburghers were friendly and hospitable.

The Passavant Retirement Center in Zelienople has a remarkable woman who has been teaching and promoting bridge without pay for the past eight years. **June Morrison** took lessons from **Kay Havrilla** at CCAC and was asked by Slippery Rock University to teach in their Learning in Retirement Program at Passavant. Kay helped her set up and the rest is history. She taught all three of **Audrey Grant's** Basic courses. She now teaches under the auspices of the Passavant Community. "I like teaching better than playing—because when I am teaching, I am always right!" is her favorite saying.

June has also become interested in encouraging duplicate games in Zelienople. She has recently sponsored weekly beginner games every Saturday at 12:30 at the Passavant Main Building. New players are encouraged to ask questions or for help. June hopes it will eventually become an accredited game with a director to fill this need in the area. You can Google June Morrison bridge games or classes to find information about the program.

Please keep me posted of any news and remember the Pittsburgh Fall Sectional November 8-10.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo by *Dian Petrov*

Congratulations to **Shakeel Ahmad and Manju Ceylony** and teammates for reaching the finals of Grand National Teams – Flight C (0-5000) at the Summer NABC at Atlanta!

Summer is drawing to an end and that brings us to our many bridge opportunities from now until the end of the year.

UNIT GAME: October brings the unit “8 IS ENOUGH” game. A, B and C players are mixed into the same team.

ELECTION: The unit is preparing for its annual election. The nominating committee has been busy - this election is very important as it shapes the makeup of the Unit Board. Full details of these events can be found on our web site - www.unit116.com.

Another great example a fabulous Unit 116 bridge event was the NLM/500 Sectional that took place at the end of August at the Bridge Center of Buffalo. What a wonderful weekend! **Betty Metz and Elaine Moon** did a marvelous job! Comments from “out-of-towner” players:

“Good Morning- Congrats to our team for coming in 2nd in the afternoon Swiss Team Game! Thank you for a great day! “

“Betty- as always the Buffalo Bridge Center has the best hospitality of any of the tournaments I have attended. Thank you! The fresh doughnuts in the morning got us going. Pizza, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables gave us the energy for the afternoon. Everyone loved the variety of homemade cookies! You have some excellent bakers in your group. “

“Again a great time was had by all!”

Unit 116 winners by day:

Friday:

Beena Deshmukh, Lockport NY; **Elaine Moon**, Wilson NY 69.35%

Madhav Deshmukh, Lockport NY; **Elaine Moon**, Wilson NY 69.35%

Saturday:

Linda Zittel, Eden NY; **Patricia Lakeman**, Lackawanna NY 63.99%

Beena Deshmukh - Madhav Deshmukh, Lockport NY 61.67%

Sunday:

Arthur Kean, Tonawanda NY; **Arthur Matthies**, East Amherst NY 58.00%

Team game - **Larry Soong - Arthur Matthies**, East Amherst NY; **Andrei Reinhorn**,
Williamsville NY; **Arthur Kean**, Tonawanda NY 98 VP

Bridge milestones:

Dianne Bloom is Club Master, **Ronald Henrikson** is Sectional Master, **Richard Cramer-Benjamin** is NABC Masters and **Shakeel Ahmad** and **Manju Ceylony** are the newest Life Masters and Bronze Life Masters.

Congratulations to all!

Whistfully Yours *by Bev Carter*

Our very popular round robin team event began in late September at St. Michael's Woodside with 31 teams participating this year. We are always in need of substitutes, so if you don't want to commit to coming to every session, contact **Bill Hogsett** at bhogsett@gmail.com and he will be happy to add you to our sub list.

Congratulations to **John Spooner** who became a Life Master at the Regional in Pittsburgh. There are way too many Unit 125 players who did well at Pittsburgh to list in this column. You can find out who they were by going to our District website: www.d5bridge.com. Our website, whistclub.org is currently being completely revamped by **Bill Hogsett**. You are now able to retrieve Sectional results, recaps and hand records by logging on to the tournament site with more upgrades to come. Our overwhelming thanks to Bill for taking on this monumental endeavor.

We will be hosting our annual Master/Future Master day on **Wednesday, October 30th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806 Granger Road, Garfield Heights. Future Masters must have less than 300 points to be eligible to play with a Master. The event will include a fantastic dessert buffet. Contact [Sharon Robertson](#) or [Kathy Sulgrove](#) if

you are a pair and plan on playing. If you would like a partner, please let us know and we will find you one. Non-Masters, this is a great opportunity to play with a more experienced player.

Make sure you attend our **November Sectional**, to be held **November 1st through 3rd** at The Knights of Columbus Hall, 10806 Granger Road in Garfield Hts. Chaired by **Sharon Robertson** and **Rosemary Kleis**. Friday sessions begin at 1:00 pm. Per many requests to finish earlier, there will be a new start time for Saturday's afternoon session of 3:15pm. The early session starts at 11:00 am as usual. There is a strat for every level of player, so be sure to attend. We promise you a good time and wonderful hospitality.

Our ever popular **STaC Swiss Team** Event will again be held at the Solon Senior Center on **Sunday, December 14th**. It will be combined with our annual Holiday Party, featuring a wonderful dessert buffet. The game begins at 11:00am. Lunch is included, as is the dessert buffet. Cost is \$28 per person for both sessions, an additional \$5 per person if a 5 or 6 person team. Reservations suggested but not required. Contact **John Spooner** at johbspooner@yahoo.com or sign up on our website: **whistclub.org**.

Our **Rock and Roll Regional** is coming up in January. As usual it will be at the Holiday Inn, Rockside beginning Wednesday, January 15th. There are many events especially for newer players—free lectures between sessions on Thursday and Saturday and a Future Master Reception will be held between sessions on Friday. A review of the hands played on Friday will be discussed at the Reception and any and all bridge related questions are answered by our guest lecturer, **Ron Kral**. We urge all you newer to bridge players to attend. We promise you a really good time! For a complete listing of events, please check the Tournaments page on our website. What with the price of gas down and our session fees one of the lowest in the ACBL you can't find a better bridge bargain anywhere!

OK, Humor Time:

- Don't let worries get you down - play Bridge instead
- Bridge is like a hot bath. It feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay, the more wrinkles there are.
- Amnesia Double: When you make a lead directing double when you are going to be on the opening lead
- Partners are extremely important. Who else to blame when you lose?
- Declarers are like ducks. They look cool, calm and unruffled on the surface, but are paddling like crazy underneath

Pittsburgh Posting by *Fran Prus*

The previous few months have been a busy time for local bridge players. Our Summer Sectional was hosted by **Barbara Belardi, Cecilia Powell** and **Bill Holt** and was an outstanding success. With over 333 in attendance, it was an event not to be missed. Overall Masterpoint winners for the tournament were **Asim Ulke** with 30 points, **Mary Paulone Carns** with 25.43 and **Ken and Barb Bergman** with 24.83. Congratulations to all of our point winners and heartfelt thanks to everyone that contributed to make it such an enjoyable experience. Please mark your calendars for our Fall Sectional, November 8-10. Co- chairmen **Ron Franck and Barb Weinstein** are planning an event not to be missed!

Of course, our annual Roni Regional was attended from players throughout the United States. We are fortunate to have such dedicated members as **Mary Paulone Carns** and **Lou Joseph** who work to make this tournament attractive to top bridge players. For many of our members that do not travel outside of the area, this is the only opportunity to play against top level competition and learn from them without leaving home. This year the top Masterpoint winners were **Matt and Pamela Granovetter** from Cincinnati, OH, along with **Ron Smith** of Las Vegas, NV, and Stan Tulin, of Highland Beach, FL. The Granovetters are renowned for their bridge columns and International Tournament play. Unit member **Warren Oberfield** achieved the most Masterpoints of local players. Congratulations to all 634 masterpoint winners.

Bill Holt ran another successful Learn Bridge in One Day at the Roni Regional. Twenty-six people were introduced to the basics of the game, fed a light supper and invited to play in the evening session. Thanks to his efforts, our unit is reaching out into the community and welcoming new members to participate.

October 2 is this year's Annual Instant Matchpoint Game. The game will be held at the Glenshaw Moose with a pot-luck dinner at 6:15 and game time at 7:00 PM. Play for gold points and receive an expert hand analysis prepared by everyone's favorite bridge author, **Larry Cohen**.

The 16th Annual Pro-Am game will be held on Thursday, October 10 at 7 PM at Rodef Shalom in Oakland. Cost per pair is \$30 and includes dessert and munchies, beginning at 6:15 PM. Proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Association. To find a partner, contact **Jane**

Marshall at 412-371-4067. You are also invited to participate with a partner of your choice. This is always a fun, social event and in support of a worthy cause.

A less formal Pro-Am Potluck Luncheon and Bridge Game is being planned at Temple Emmanuel. The spring event was such a hit that **Darlene Mannheimer** is organizing another game for this fall. All pairs play the same convention card which makes for a very relaxing game. You can reach Darlene at 412-913-5944 for more information.

Four players from Pittsburgh attended the Olympiad in Cleveland this summer. Though few in number, **Jeanne Baseman, Ruthie Neafach, Tammy Tjader and Ildiko Baxter** garnered enough points to elevate Pittsburgh to second place. Any player with under 750 points should talk to these players about the event and are encouraged to plan to participate next year.

Congratulations to new Bronze Life Masters **Bharat Shah and Cynthia Custer; Bunny Kerr and Patricia Anders** on achieving Silver Life Master status; and **Ernie Retetagos and Patricia Cunkelman** on Gold Life Master. Kudos!

Our unit is sad to report the loss of members **Gabrielle Rumsch, Delores Kelly, Dee Braddock, Don Overcashier, and Bill Lesser**. Our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.



Results of Recent Tournaments

[Akron Fall Sectional](#) - Sep 20-22, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Erie Presque Isle Sectional](#) - Sep 14-15, Erie, PA

[Pittsburgh RONI Regional](#) - Aug 27 - Sep 1, Pittsburgh, PA

[District 5 Olympiad](#) - Aug 17-18, Cleveland, OH

[Wheeling Sectional](#) - Aug 9-11, Wheeling, WV

[Buffalo NLM Sectional](#) - Aug 9-11, Amherst, NY

[Silver Bowl Sectional](#) - July 26-28, Cleveland, OH

[Pittsburgh Summer Sectional](#) - July 19-21, Pittsburgh, PA

[Buffalo Regional](#) - June 25-30, Grand Island, NY

[Lake Cable Sectional](#) - June 21 - 23, Canton, OH

[District 5 STaC](#) - June 10 - 16, Various Locations