



The Fifth Column

April, 2014

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

APRIL 2014

- 4-6 Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional [Information](#)
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- 11-13 Titusville Seven Cities Sectional [Information](#)

MAY 2014

- 3-4 District 5 GNT - Flights A & C [Information](#)
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JUNE 2014

- 7-8 District 5 GNT - Flights B & Championship [Information](#)
- 9-15 District 5 Summer STaC
- 20-22 Canton Lake Cable Sectional
- 28-29 Butler West Penn Tri-County Sectional

JULY 2014

- 11-13 Pittsburgh Summer Sectional [Information](#)

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Whistfully Yours by *Bev Carter*

Elections to the Board are upcoming at our April Sectional. Following are biographies of candidates who are interested to date. They are:

Harvey Bernstein has played bridge for 50 years and is also a certified director. He is a member of the International Bridge Press Association and wrote a weekly bridge column for the Cleveland Plain Dealer from 1992 through 2007. He directs a weekly game on Tuesday evenings from March through November and also directs a weekly game for the Hillcrest Duplicate Bridge Club. He has served as the Unit 125 Treasurer for the past two years. Harvey and his wife, **Irene** (also a bridge player) live in Solon. He also is a member of MENSA. Harvey earned a Master's degree in Information Systems from Case Western Reserve University in 1984 and retired from the Department of Defense in 1997. At the time of his retirement he was the Director of the Department of Accounting and Finance at DFAS-Cleveland.

Barbara Greenspan looks forward to returning to the Cleveland Whist Club Board. She has been active in the bridge community as a past member of the board and past president, chairman of many sectionals, director of a bridge club, co-chair of the Vichill league and frequent contributor of desserts to tournaments. She has worked with the other candidates for the Board and is excited to return with this fabulous hard-working group of people.

Bill Hogsett is a newcomer to the Unit, but not to bridge. Bill leads the effort for the new online results used at Unit Sectionals and other games and the Regionals. Bill also is revising the whistclub.org webpages. In addition Bill chairs the Vichill League. He plays mainly on the East side of town and has far far fewer masterpoints than most of the other Board members. He hopes to bring the perspective of a new player to the Board.

Sharon Robertson was asked to join the board in 2012 to replace a member who was leaving and is eligible for re-election. She has been an active member of the bridge community since the 1980s, although she did take a few years off to raise her kids. Last year,

she co-chaired of all three of the sectional tournaments and the master/non-master game. Prior to that, Sharon co-chaired other tournaments and events, served on many committees, and has been the editor of the 5th Column newsletter for our district for over a decade. She hopes to continue her service on the board for the next three years.

Flyers for our upcoming May Regional are available on line. Lots of events are planned for the newer to bridge players so be sure to check the schedule if you are one of those. The future Life Master Program is being chaired this year by **Patti Perlmutter**. She can be reached at (216) 591-1969 for FLM information and FLM Partnerships. Our FLM program includes single session games every day, lessons by guest speaker **Ron Kral** and a special meal Friday between sessions with hand analysis and lecture.

Scholarships will be presented at our Annual Awards Dinner which will be held on Sunday, June 29th at the Rocky River Memorial Hall (same location as the Tuesday day game.) Date has been changed due to cancelation of our Vichill League Game in March due to the terrible weather. Applications are available by going to the Board Info tab on the website and scrolling down till you see the application. They may be sent to **Bev Carter** at bcarter@zoominternet.net or **4505 Grand Teton Drive, Medina, OH 44256** by snail mail. Date for applying has been extended till May 15th due to Membership Meeting date being later in the year.

The Akron Sectional is being held as I write this. Plan to bombard you with names of our Unit 125 players who scored well. At the time of this writing the only known result is that **Stephanie** and **Jeff Alexander** won the Friday afternoon Stratified Pairs. Additional results can be found on the District 5 website.

Our annual **Member of the Year Award** needs your letters on who should receive it this year. Qualifications are:

- Be a member of Unit 125 (deceased members are also eligible)
- A person who exhibits integrity and ethics
- is friendly and considerate to partner and opponent alike
- who actively promotes bridge

- .Longevity of service to the Unit is also a consideration

Send your “essay” as to why your candidate should receive this honor to Bev Carter, 4505 Grand Teton Dr. Medina, Oh 44256 ASAP as it will be presented at the Membership Dinner.

Our Unit is looking for someone or several someones to chair the Summer IMP League. It will be held at St. Michaels, Woodside on Sunday afternoons starting in June. If you are interested, please contact **Barb Bacon or any Board Member** for details.

Humor Time:

- Have you heard the latest about Elvis Presley? It’s when your left hand opponent leads from a suit with an A-Q combination. The King is no longer dead!!!
- Rule of Eleven – the inevitable trick count when you are in slam
- Eight ever, nine never. The inevitable result when you raise 2NT to 3
- Did you hear about the man who wanted to learn bridge in *one* day? He ordered 35 copies of *Five Weeks To Winning Bridge*
- There are three kinds of bridge players: 1. Those who can count, and 2. Those who can't.....

ERIE EXCITEMENT *by Jim Mershon*

Congratulations to the following for achieving a new ACBL ranking:

Mary Avery, Sectional Master; **Phyllis Cohen**, Junior Master; Judith **Kissman**, Junior Master; **Richard Bambauer**, Club Master

Our January Players of the Month were:

New Deal—**Pat Smith**
 Grand Slam Newcomers—**Kathy Kern**
 Grand Slam—**Bob Blodgett**

Our February Players of the Month were:

New Deal— **Judie Lamberton**
Grand Slam Newcomers—**Mary and Charlie Avery**
Grand Slam—**Bev and Al Waltz**

2013 Mini McKenny Awards go to **Ann Moffatt, Mary Listerman, David Davis, Jim Mershon, Josie DeSantis, Jane Yusavage, Tom Yusavage, Elaina Dylewski, Kathleen Horan, Marc Sylvester, Pat Smith, Barb Grzegorzewski and Steve Grzegorzewski.**

Helen Shambrom Ace of Clubs winners are: 0-5, **Ann Moffat**; 5-20, **Mary Listerman**; 20-50, **Jim Mershon**; 50-100, **Archie Narducci**; 100-200, **Joe Sweeney**; 200-300, **Jane Yusavage**; 300-500, **Stephen Dylewski**; 500-1000, **Kathleen Horan**; 1000-2500, **Doris Kirsch**; 2500-5000, **Charles “Pat” Smith.**

The Erie Bridge Association is proud to announce that **Marc Sylvester** came in 2nd place in District 5 (2500-5000); he amassed 358.24 points in 2013. **Jane Yusavage** was in 2nd place in the 200-300 category earning 101.99 points and her husband **Tom Yusavage** came in 4th place with 96.28 in the same category.

Local winners bringing home Gold from the Independence, Ohio Regional: **Marc Sylvester, Vernon DeJong & Dolores Bloom, Barb & Steve Grzegorzewski, Tom & Jane Yusavage, Frank Grzegorzewski and Wayne Wagamon.**

Unit 229 News by Lois Porter

What a beginning this year has had!!! The weather has cancelled many games and we even missed the party for **Bill Blank** of Elwood City for his 90th birthday. Luckily, spring is around the corner and all the bad weather will be a memory.

Congratulations to our Ace of Clubs winners starting at the lowest level to the top: **Chuck Weber II** of Butler, **Sherina Tiberia** of New

Castle, **Lois Porter** of Zelenople, **Catherine Lesjak** of Cranberry, **Philippe Westreich** of New Castle, **Art Aronson** of Butler, **Brina Segal** of Beaver Falls, **Nick Tredennick** of Butler, **Alex Bealles** of Butler and **Barbara Norante** of Butler. Many names are the same for the McKenney Race except for **Gary Marcus** of Beaver Falls, **Alan Leaver** of Cranberry, **David Ruppert** of Zelenople and **Harry Nelson** of Zelenople. Well Done!

A new ACBL sanctioned game will starting at the Lutheran Senior Life Passavant Community in Zelenople on Tuesday, April 8. A free light buffet will be offered at 6:00PM with the game under the direction of **John Bernhard** beginning at 7:00 in the Scholl Auditorium. For further information contact **June Morrison** at 724-452-3686. This game will be held every other Tuesday with a lesson at 6:00 for those wishing to attend before the game at 7:00.

We have had some exceptional games in the area. At Elwood City on February **Lynn Rafferty** and **Alex Bealles** scored a 68.06% game with **Pat Wilde** and **Alan Leaver** scoring the same on February 24. Lynn and Alex score a 73.61% game in New Castle on March 6 and **Herman Feldman** and **Philippe Westreich** a 65% game on February 26. In Butler **Lois Porter** and **David Ruppert** scored a 66.07%. Our Unit games went off as scheduled the first Saturday of each month at the New Brighton YMCA. On February 1 **Alex Bealles** and **Lynn Rafferty** came in 1st overall with a 69.19% game. The March game had **Barbara** and **Ken Bergman** coming in first overall with a 66.07% game.

We are all looking forward to better weather and more games.

HAPPY SPRING!!!

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

Membership Meeting - The Membership Meeting and Banquet will be held at the Quirk Center on **Sunday, May 4**. After the banquet, there will be a short meeting followed by recognition of new Life

Masters and awards presentation. A **Unit Championship Game** will then follow.

2013 Winners - Awards are to be presented to the Akron Unit 2013 Winners at the May 4 Annual Meeting. **Marge Baldwin** won the Holland Award for receiving the most Master Points at the two Akron Sectionals. **Dick Traxler** won the Hugh Weinberg Award for receiving the most Master Points at Club games. The other winners are:

	Ace of Clubs		Mini-McKenney	
Rookie 0-5 MP	Eva Muir	25.89	Eva Muir	42.13
	Bruce Cahoon	23.52	Bruce Cahoon	26.20
	Peg Niemeyer	15.96	Peg Niemeyer	22.79
Junior Master 5-20 MP	Chris Murphy	15.08	Matt Muir	25.19
	Judy Garono	12.15	Chris Murphy	22.92
	Sandra Tuccillo	10.78	Judy Garono	12.15
Club Master 20-50 MP	Ray Sharrow	48.06	Ray Sharrow	73.10
	Barbara Sparhawk	36.27	Carma Sands	44.57
	Carma Sands	31.31	Barbara Sparhawk	36.27
Sectional Master 50-100 MP	Sylvia Levinson	58.91	Jim Fasnacht	72.98
	Jim Fasnacht	49.10	Sylvia Levinson	64.27
	Mary K Sears	40.23	Mary K Sears	47.45
Regional Master 100-200 MP	Linda Carter	26.10	Ken Gibson	55.75
	Joan Sinder	25.89	Wendy Gibson	55.75
	Georgia Laikos	25.05	Barbara Cruce	42.21
NABC Master 200-300 MP	June France	49.86	Gay Cable	97.35
	Gay Cable	40.86	June France	91.68
	Jo Ann	32.39	Sally Sharp	51.36
	Oelschlager			
Life Master 300-500 MP	Bob Ryan	55.47	Bob Ryan	112.57
	Kristen Kemp	43.15	Kristen Kemp	64.32
	Faye Regal	42.23	Keith Klafehn	61.92
Bronze Life Master 500-1000 MP	Judi Shapiro	79.44	Alper Buldum	183.40
	Marv Shapiro	77.71	Marv Shapiro	133.99
	Jon Wendelken	58.44	Judi Shapiro	125.20
Silver Life Master 1000-2500 MP	Chuck Lyon	102.87	Graham Kelly	187.59
	Donna Largent	84.65	Jayne Stahr	167.34
	Pat Slaven	76.94	Jerri Harper	141.92
Gold Life Master 2500-5000 MP	Dick Traxler	190.65	Gladys Martin	290.84
	Gladys Martin	146.22	Dick Traxler	263.26
	Susan Bedall	123.01	Susan Bedall	182.24

Diamond Life Master 5000-7500 MP	Adele Newman Mina Ronen Marge Baldwin	183.13 135.12 114.37	Mina Ronen Marge Baldwin Adele Newman	223.44 220.90 213.20
Emerald Life Master 7500-10,000 MP	Dick Early	96.08	Dick Early	222.00

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

Apr. 04 – No Game Garfield Heights Sectional

Apr. 11 – 12:30 Charity FUND Game

Apr. 18 - No Game Good Friday

Apr. 25 – Club Championship

Sunday May 04 - 1:00 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

May 09 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

May 16 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

May 23 – No Game – Independence Regional

May 30 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

June 06 – 12:30 Unit Championship Game

June 13 – 6:00 STaC Game and Picnic

Bridge is cool in Buffalo by *Dian Petrov*

Here are the winners of 2013 ACBL Masterpoints Competitions for Unit 116:

2013 Mini-McKenney

0-5 Masterpoints

1 Ronald Henrikson 101.55

2 Wufeng Luo 77.10

3 Yichuan Luo 74.35

5 to 20 Masterpoints

1 Lynn Witmer 14.97

2 Patricia Lanighan 14.53

3 Jeff Thier 14.49

20 to 50 Masterpoints

1 Sharon Wilcox 28.08

2 Kathleen Stamm 25.64

3 Janie Polk 20.19

50 to 100 Masterpoints

1 James Tao 44.82

2 Maryann Szafran 32.30

3 Violet Makhija 31.89

100 to 200 Masterpoints

1 Andrei Reinhorn 125.54

- 2 David Donaldson 105.06
- 3 Richard Cramer-Benjamin 99.06

200 to 300 Masterpoints

- 1 Gaurang Sheth 109.23
- 2 Barbara Sadkin 89.30
- 3 Larry Soong East 86.02

300 to 500 Masterpoints

- 1 Shakeel Ahmad 196.61
- 2 Manju Ceylony 187.51
- 3 Arthur Matthies 171.97

500 to 1000 Masterpoints

- 1 Martin Pieterse 197.04
- 2 Barbara Pieterse 180.80
- 3 Bill Boardman West 168.47

1000 to 2500 Masterpoints

- 1 John Ziemer 383.78
- 2 Judith Padgug 226.14
- 3 Mike Silverman 223.32

2500 to 5000 Masterpoints

- 1 Jerry Geiger 380.06
- 2 Saleh Fetouh 323.93
- 3 Elbert HargesheimerIII 237.16

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints

- 1 Randolph Seidenberg Jr. 241.22
- 2 Jay Levy 199.78
- 3 Jill Wooldridge 187.70

7500 to 10000 Masterpoints

- 1 Christine Urbanek 408.58
- 2 Margaret Klamp 308.14
- 3 John Toy 301.07

Over 10000 Masterpoints

- 1 Daniel Gerstman 446.25
- 2 Jim Mathis 194.20

2013 Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race

0 to 5 Masterpoints

- 1 Ronald Henrikson 75.54
- 2 Robert Farwell 17.20
- 3 Joyce Frayer 13.96

5 to 20 Masterpoints

- 1 Patricia Lanighan 13.86
- 2 Sudhakar Perala 13.34
- 3 Lynn Witmer 13.20

20 to 50 Masterpoints

- 1 Sharon Wilcox 20.67
- 2 Janie Polk 19.77
- 3 Ann Marie Battaglia 18.26

50 to 100 Masterpoints

- 1 James Tao 36.05
- 2 Violet Makhija 30.26
- 3 Maryann Szafran 28.02

100 to 200 Masterpoints

- 1 David Donaldson 78.51
- 2 Andrei Reinhorn 71.31
- 3 Richard Cramer-Benjamin 64.21

200 to 300 Masterpoints

- 1 Barbara Sadkin 67.77
- 2 Larry Soong 56.88
- 3 Gaurang Sheth 56.34

300 to 500 Masterpoints

- 1 Arthur Matthies 92.42
- 2 Shakeel Ahmad 88.53
- 3 Joyce Greenspan 88.00

500 to 1000 Masterpoints

- 1 Bill Boardman 152.10
- 2 Martin Pieterse 121.85
- 3 Barbara Pieterse 110.03

1000 to 2500 Masterpoints

- 1 John Ziemer 257.24
- 2 Mike Silverman 196.92
- 3 Elizabeth Clark 187.63

2500 to 5000 Masterpoints

- 1 Jerry Geiger 274.09
- 2 Barbara Libby 157.56
- 3 Judith Marshall 147.88

5000 to 7500 Masterpoints

- 1 Randolph Seidenberg Jr. 127.11
- 2 Jay Levy 81.15
- 3 Jill Wooldridge 5.74

7500 to 10,000 Masterpoints

- 1 Margaret Klamp 194.42
- 2 Christine Urbanek 114.23
- 3 John Toy 63.63

Over 10,000 Masterpoints

- 1 Jim Mathis 183.84
- 2 Daniel Gerstman 5.22

Congratulations to all!

Judith Bailey and **Howard Foster** organized an incredible party at the Unit 116 Pro-Am Event held February 23 at the Bridge Center of Buffalo with 18.5 tables.

Bridge winners:

- 1 **Thom Burnett - Miri Salamone-Burnett**, 64.48%
- 2 **Ken Meier- Gaurang Sheth** 61.47%
- 3 **Fred Yellen - Ed Drozen** 60.23%

On the evening of March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) everyone enjoyed the Unit's "Green IMPs" party at Bridge Club Meridian. Thank you for the nice turnout of 10 tables and thank to co-chair **Jim Tao**. A fun event for all.

The winners were:

- James Gullo - Eugene Harvey** 53 IMPs
Linda Zittel - Paul Zittel 48 IMPs
Gary Schmitt -Gaurang Sheth 38 IMPs

Spring activities feature April 4-6 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 - www.unit116.com.

Bridge milestones:

The new Junior Masters from Unit 116 are **Joan Ciszak, John and Martha Welte**.

Eugene Nawotniak and **Gail Pitterman** are Club Masters. **Gerald Hooley** is Regional Master

Congratulations to all

Postcard from Pittsburgh by Mary Lou D'Altorio



Greetings from Pittsburgh where the mysterious rumors of a soon-to-be springtime did indeed finally come true and as we had much faith in our anonymous sources, we invited all to our Pittsburgh Spring Sectional. Results of the tournament, photographs, and other tournament commentary will be revealed in the next Pittsburgh Postcard...

The Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theater entertained all with their version of "The Dating Game" (Now forever renamed "The Partnership Game") Their performance shrouded in theatrical secrecy until performance day, was enjoyed by all. **Ken and Barb Bergman**, as always, showed the rest of us how to put a great sectional together.

It was filled with super bridge, good food, good friends and good humor.

In other news, our unit is starting a Youth Bridge program. The first classes will be in the form of an after school program at the Sewickley Y. **Bill Holt, Lorraine Hanna, John Bernhard, Bruce Stephan, Mary Carns and Barb Bergman** are responsible for getting this program up and running. They are looking for volunteers to teach and assist with the classes. It is not necessary to be an ACBL certified teacher. You need a basic knowledge of the game of bridge, enthusiasm and a desire to work with children. Any person interested should contact any of the above.

Our unit #142 received a kind thank you letter from the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. With our donation of \$2,800 made possible by your generosity, we are now counted among their leading supporters.

We have some new folks to applaud as they reached new bridge plateaus:

Junior Master:

Mary Cosgrove , Janet Spear, George Yates

Club Master:

Sunny Lee, Moishe Wallach, Stephen Eisner

Regional Master:

Isabella Wagner, Arlene Cullen, Richard Kottler

Life Master:

N.J. Carbone, Ruth Hughes

Bronze Life Master:

N.J. Carbone, Gerrie Littman, Pat Evans, Jack Hammer

Silver Life Master:

Angela Agnello

Well Done! Well Done!

My name is **Mary Lou D'Altorio**. I'm taking over this column from Fran Prus. Thank you Fran for everything.

I was the one with camera strolling around, trying not to annoy, as the tournament progressed. If you have any news for me to share in this column, please contact me at mldaltorio@aol.com. or tap me on the shoulder anytime.

In Memoriam:

Rose Marie (Dolly) Wells

Antoinette (Toni) Rose

Joshua Lee Sindler (Son of Norman Sindler)

Janet Eames (Wife of Andrew Eames)

Elly Lazar

Margaret Rosenberger (Wife of Clem Rosenberger)

Patricia Fowkes (Wife of Richard Fowkes)

Marty Lerner

UPCOMING CALENDAR

APRIL

April 11 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
April 18 Open Pairs
April 25 Club Championship

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#) - Mar 28-30, Pittsburgh, PA

[Akron Spring Sectional](#) - March 14-16, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Canton Sectional](#) - Feb 15-16, Canton, OH

[Rock'n'Roll Regional](#) - Jan 15-19, Independence, OH

[Buffalo Winter Sectional](#) - Jan 3-5, Williamsville, NY