



The Fifth Column

June, 2014

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

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](#)

AUGUST 2014

- 1-3 Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional
- 2-3 Wheeling Sectional [Information](#)
- 26-Sep 1 Pittsburgh RONI Regional [Information](#)

Deadlines for Columns and Tournament Information

Send Items to:
Sharon Robertson
23417 East Baintree
Beachwood, OH 44122
(216) 382-6948
Bunuzzer@aol.com

August Issue – July 15
October Issue -September 15
December Issue-November 15

Ann McGilvrey Award

(article taken from Regional Daily Bulletin)

Sharon Robertson was announced as the 2014 recipient. She is kind to everyone she meets at the bridge table. She greets everyone with great respect and friendliness. Sharon works tirelessly at Unit 125 sectionals with hospitality and co-chairing. She has been the sole editor of the District Five newsletter for years—never asking for help or complaining about the work involved. It was felt that Sharon was more than deserving of this special award and recognition!



AKRON ALERT *by* JIM SULLIVAN

Picnic Notice – Mark the date – June 13, 2014 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. Salads and desserts will be welcome. The entry fee will be \$14/pair. Be sure to sign up in advance so that the game can be seeded like any Sectional.

Friday Unit Games - The normal start time for the summer Unit Games at the Quirk Center will be at **12:30 p.m.** There will be hand records for all of the games. Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, and hospitality.

There will be hand records and automatic scoring for all games. If you need a partner call **Jim Sullivan** at 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

June 6 – Unit Championship

June 13 – Picnic & STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) @ 6:00/7:00 p.m.

June 20 – No Game – Canton Sectional

June 27 – Unit Championship

July 4– No Game – Holiday

July 12 – NAP Qualifier

July 19 – Club Championship

Because of a scheduling conflict the following two summer games will **start at 11:30.**

July 26 – NAP Qualifier

Sept 05 - Unit Championship

Fall 2014 Team League - Start getting your team together for the next IMP Team event. Anyone wanting to get on a team or needing someone to one to fill out a team should contact **Jim Sullivan** at sullivan01@aol.com or 330-659-4707. You can sign up now for this four night 2014 Fall event which will be held September 26, October 17, October 31, and November 21.

This Team League event will use the “Eight is Enough” format. Teams must be made up so the team total is no more than eight points; where A players (2000 or more master points) are 3 points, B players (750 to 2000 master points) are 2 points, and C players (0 to 750 master points) are 1 point. Teams will be placed in brackets based on the ACBL master points of the four highest team members. All matches will be handicapped based on the player used for each match. The handicap for each match will be assigned based upon the ACBL published team handicap table.

Springtime Sectional - Marv Shapiro 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 19- 21 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.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo *by Dian Petrov*

Congratulation to Unit 116 members **Saleh Fetouh** and **David Hemmer** and their teammates for winning the Flight A GNT trials in Erie. We will follow their progress in Las Vegas at the Nationals and wish them "Good luck!"

The Unit 116 "Barometer" Open Pairs gathered 8.5 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 they stand 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(winner for a second year in a row) -**Kathy Pollock**, Fredonia NY 65.77%

Randolph Seidenberg Jr - John Toy, Buffalo NY 61.90%

Kamil Bishara, Buffalo NY - **E Finton**, Getzville NY 60.71%

Penny Shui - Peter Shui, Clarence NY 58.93%

Bridge milestones:

David Bradshaw	Junior Master
Judy Katz	Junior Master
Mary Blanchard	Club Master
Robert Farwell	Club Master
Elizabeth Schulman	Club Master
John Welte	Club Master
Beena Deshmukh	NABC Master
Madhav Deshmukh	NABC Master

Congratulations to all!

Erie Bridge News *by Jim Mershon*

Erie Bridge Association Players of the Month for March 2014

New Deal	Jim Mershon
Double Trouble	Bruce Swanson
Newcomers	Judy Kissman
Grand Slam	Jim Davis
EBA Game	Pat Smith

Cross Creek Sectional winners for Erie/Meadville were: **Pat Smith** and **Jim Davis** 1st place on Friday evening, Saturday open pair winners were **Shirley Irish** and **Lois DiPlacido** and Sunday Swiss Team winners were **Steve** and **Barb Grzegorzewski**, **Francis Tseng** and **Marc Sylvester**. Congratulations to **Wayne Wagamon** and **Frank Grzegorzewski** who came in first in B and C on Friday afternoon and shared in the C division Swiss Team win with **Don Osborne** and **Roland Mariani**. **Shirley Irish** won 14.46 masterpoints and **Steve** and **Barb Grzegorzewski** each won 14.11 points.

Thanks to **Steve** and **Barb Grzegorzewski** for making the Cross Creek Sectional possible.



Postcard from Pittsburgh *by Mary Lou D'Altorio*





**Maybe we should learn to play bridge!
I hear there's a class...**

The Youth Bridge Program has begun. Two classes have taken place with more to come. Volunteers interested in teaching or assisting are still welcome. You do not have to be an ACBL certified teacher.

Bill Holt, Lorraine Hanna, John Bernhard. Bruce Stephan, Mary Carns and Barb Bergman are involved with this program.

If interested, contact any of the above.

A new ACBL sanctioned game has begun in Zelienople. It takes place every other Tuesday in Scholl Auditorium. **John Bernhard** will be directing and he will teach a free ½-hour class starting at 6:00pm. For more information call **June Morrison @ 724-452-3686**. The website is zelienoplebridge.com.

STaC week begins June 9th thru June 15. A STaC game is held at many sites. Your performance is compared to all participating and the masterpoint awards will be larger. Check to make sure your club is participating in STaC week at www.d5bridge.com. Thursday of that week, there will be a Pot Luck supper at the Glenshaw Moose. Dinner will begin at 6:15, the game following at 7pm. It would be appreciated if you would bring your favorite dish, but it's not required.

You can coordinate snacks with **Jeannie Baseman @ 412-889-2538** or **Ruthie Neafach @ 412-559-4351**.

STaC 'n Snack Entry is \$7.50.

PBA Schedule:

June 8 NAOP Qualifier

June 12 StaC 'n Snack Thursday evening @ Glenshaw Moose

June 13 Stac Pairs ans PBA Board meeting

June 27 Unit Championship Swiss Team

It is "Applause! Applause!" time as we celebrate our members moving up the Bridge ladder...

JUNIOR MASTER:

Cate Andrews, Paula Sculley, Marilyn Siebert, Margo Woodwell, Nancy Gusky, Judie Latella, Martha Lass, Lenore Radler

CLUB MASTER:

Jim Reynolds, Terry Zimmerman

SECTIONAL MASTER:

Eva Muir, Matthew Muir, Carol Stuart

REGIONAL MASTER:

Marlene Sienicki, Neil Zweig, Richard McNeer, Todd Phillips, Betty Weightman

NABC MASTER:

C. Nicholas Tredennick, Tammy Tjader

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Ildiko Baxter

SILVER LIFE MASTER:

Joel Roteman, M.G. Weisensee

Well Done! Well Done!

In Memoriam:

Ginny Headrick

Milt Wolfson

Albert Rabovsky (Husband of Sheila Rabovsky)

[Pittsburgh Summer Sectional Information](#)

Please contact me, Mary Lou D'Altorio, at mldaltorio@aol.com if you have anything you'd like to add.

Whistfully Yours *by Bev Carter*

Four new board members were elected at our April Sectional. They are: **Harvey Bernstein, Barb Greenspan, Bill Hogsett, and Sharon Robertson.** At the combined board meeting held on April 9th **Barb**

Greenspan was elected President, **Sharon Robertson**-- Vice President, **Bev Carter**-- Secretary and **Harvey Bernstein**, Treasurer. We wish them well.

Two of our members have reached milestones recently in their bridge life. **Jerry Rolnick** has gone over 10,000 masterpoints, and **Mary Chilcote** who has surpassed 20,000 masterpoints!!! Sincere congratulations to both of them for these monumental achievements.

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, **Patti Perlmutter**, did a great job hosting lectures and events for newer players. For results check out our website at whistclub.org.

STaC week will be held the week of **Monday, June 9th through Sunday, June 15th**. Check our website whistclub.org to see the list of participating clubs.

Our **Annual Awards Dinner** will be held on **Sunday, June 29th** at the **Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21012 Hilliard Road, Rocky River**. Cost—a reasonable \$18.00. Registration at Noon, will be followed by Dinner and Award presentations, completed by an afternoon of bridge. **For information or to RSVP, contact Barb Bacon at bcbacon@cox.net**. Awards will be 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** after June 30th. The Unit Member of the Year Award (which began in 2009 to recognize those Unit members who quietly contribute to the wellbeing of our Unit and its players) will also be presented. Previous recipients are **Barb Bacon, Bev Carter, Sharon Fairchild, Patrick Spooner, and Cathy and Kermit Wolford**. They are ineligible to repeat this honor so they serve on the Committee choosing the next recipient.

The Scholarship Committee has received 9 applications for scholarships this year. Recipients will be also be recognized at the Membership Dinner. **Jim Zimmerman** has retired as a committee member and we thank him for his many years of service. **Bev Carter** will also be retiring in July. She will be replaced by **John Spooner**. A silent auction at the upcoming August Sectional is in the works. If you, your club, or your business would like to donate items, tickets, bridge stuff, etc. to be auctioned off, please contact **Bev** at bcarter@zoominternet.net or call her at **330-722-8214** to arrange for pickup. The Committee hopes that the auction will raise tons of funds for scholarships. You can also donate in memory of loved ones, accomplishments in bridge or your lives, etc.

Our very popular **Summer IMP League** will be starting up On **Sunday, July 13th at St. Michael's Woodside, followed by Sundays, July 27th, August 10th and August 17th.** Time: 2:00pm—after you went to church, or heaven forbid—played golf, and prior to going out to dinner at your favorite eating spot, so we hope it will prove to be as popular as our Sunday STaC teams and Sectional Team events have been. Teams will be grouped according to total masterpoints, so get your 4 to 6 persons together and register your team by contacting Chairperson **John Spooner, 440-238-2846** or by email at **johnbspooner@yahoo.com**. If you aren't on a team and would like to be, let John know so he can "fix you up". OK, on to your favorite stuff:

- There are *three* kinds of bridge players: (1) Those who can count, and (2) those who can't
- Too bad, pard, that was an unlucky grand slam — the *ace of trumps* was offside.
- Don't let your worries get you down—play bridge instead!
- 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!

RECENT RESULTS

[All-American Regional](#) - May 20-26, Independence, OH

[District 5 GNT Flights A & C](#) - May 3-4, Erie, PA

[Seven Cities Sectional](#) - Apr 11-13, Titusville, PA

[Cleveland Ohio Masters Sectional](#) - Apr 4-6, Cleveland, OH

[Buffalo Spring Sectional](#) - Apr 4-6, Williamsville, NY