



The Fifth Column

June, 2015

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

JUNE 2015

- 15-21 District 5 Summer STaC
- Buffalo Regional **Moved to October**
- 26-28 Canton Lake Cable Sectional [Information](#)

JULY 2015

- 10-12 Pittsburgh Summer Sectional [Information](#)
- 24-26 Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional **DATE CHANGE**
- 24-25 Buffalo 499er Sectional
- 25-26 Butler Tri County Sectional [Information](#)

AUGUST 2015

- 01-02 Wheeling Sectional [Information](#)
- 22 District 5 Olympiad – Cancelled

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Gladys Martin

2015 Ann McGilvrey Award Winner

This award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who epitomize(s) ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. On June 8, 1973 the District V bridge community suffered the loss of Ann Lytle McGilvrey, Ralph Vichill and Lee Caito in a tragic boating accident. In honor of Ann's memory, and her reputation as one who exemplified the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at the bridge table, the Board of Directors of District V instituted the Ann McGilvrey Award. It is presented at the May Regional each year to a player or partnership who reflects those same positive qualities. These recipients are not chosen on the basis of service or bridge ability. Only past winners are invited to participate in the selection process. Typically the selection committee will look for someone who has established a district-wide reputation for active ethics and good manners.

Gladys was nominated by Lynn Rafferty, who writes, "Gladys is one of the most pleasant people in the District to play against. She is always kind and gentle to her opponents and partner. Gladys has been a tireless worker for her Unit and District, serving for many years as partnership chair. She is always welcoming at the partnership desk and has a great attitude all around." (taken from the Memorial Day Regional Daily Bulletin)

Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter

Congratulations to **Stan Dub** who became our Unit's 8th Diamond Life Master. We are looking forward to seeing his name on the Emerald LM list very soon. Also moving up in the ranks are **Geraldean Jones** and **Barb Kotton**, who just became Silver Life Masters.

The Unit elected four new board members this past April. They are: **Peggy Gallagher, Steve Garfunkel, Fran Mulkins and Tommie Ruehr.** Fran and Tommie both direct for clubs in Middleburg Heights and bring their experience running games and special events. Peggy and Steve are relative newcomers to the game so they bring a fresh, new insight to the Board. We wish them the very best.

At its April meeting, **Bill Hogsett** was elected Board President, **Kathy Sulgrove** Vice President, **Harvey Bernstein** Treasurer and **Bev Carter** Secretary.

A low blow was delivered when the Garfield Heights location for our Sectionals notified the Board that they would no longer host our events. Your Board members scrambled to contact any and all places that might be able to host our July Tournament. It was decided that St. John's Hall in Parma was the best location for the time being, so it is booked for our this Sectional. If any of you know of a location that might serve us better in the future, please contact **Bill Hogsett**, 216-692-2184 or bhogsett@gmail.com.

Thirteen applications were received by the Scholarship Committee requesting awards this year. The Committee is currently reviewing the applications and will present them at our Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 31st. The Board has voted to change the direction of this fund to make it into a General Charity Fund instead of one specifically for scholarships. You can now donate money to a charity of your choice in memory of a deceased member or for any other occasion. General donations will go into a generic fund where recipients will be determined by the fund's new trustees. Scholarship requests will still be honored so you may donate money designated that it be utilized for that purpose.

Humor (?) Time:

- Of all the most common addictions—tobacco, alcohol, drugs, bridge is clearly the most socially acceptable.
- How can a game played with 52 pieces of cardboard have such potential for wrecking havoc at a card table?
- ACBL is dedicated to the fiction that bridge is a social pastime played by ladies and gentlemen for relaxation.
- Which leads to: "What would happen if you....." Among bridge players is a phrase that generally means "You idiot, why didn't you.....?"

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 Chicago at The Nationals and wish them "Good luck"!

The Unit 116 "Barometer" Open Pairs was organized marvelously by **Elaine Kurasiewicz**. 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:

1. **Michael Ryan, Buffalo NY -Judy Graf, Clarence NY 67.50%**
2. **Christine Urbanek, Tonawanda NY - Margaret Klamp, Ft Myers FL 61.25%**
3. **Eugene Harvey, Lackawanna NY - James Gullo, Hamburg NY 58.75%**

Future activities include "Strawberry Social" on June 13 at Lockport Duplicate and Unit 116 Summer picnic on July 19 at Hamburg Fairgrounds. Come join your fellow local players as well as friends from around the area.

Full details of the events can be found on Unit 116 web site.

Bridge milestones:

Barbara Scott	Junior Master
Robert Sommerstein	Junior Master
Marge Plumb	Club Master
Sol Messinger	Club Master
Laurie Foster	Sectional Master
Robert Kaprove	Bronze Life Master
Peter Shui	Bronze Life Master
Robert Olin	Gold Life Master

Congratulations to all!

BRIDGE IS BUSY IN PITTSBURGH by Jeanne Baseman

In addition to our regular club games, May and June bring many special events to many different venues in Pittsburgh. Friday night, May 15, marked the Awards Night at Wilkins Township. Each year the PBA recognizes the contributions of members who have excelled in their efforts on behalf of Bridge, together with those who have excelled with their performance at the tables.

On May 17 we celebrated the memory of **Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman** at a special Unit Championship Swiss game at the Edgewood Country Club. This is always a wonderful day of food, fun and fellowship, not to mention great bridge. **Richard Zack & Patsy Evans** put together all of the details.

STaC Week is June 15 thru June 21. A STaC Game is a Sectional which is held at many sites. Your performance is compared to all participating in STaC Week and masterpoint awards are greater. Check on your club to make sure they are participating at www.d5bridge.com. Thursday, June 18, there will be a Pot Luck supper at the Glenshaw Moose. Dinner begins at 6:15 followed by game time at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish if you can. No worries if you cannot. You may coordinate snacks with **Ruthie Neafach** at 412-559-351 or **Jeanne Baseman** at 412-889-2538.

Get ready for the Summer Sectional scheduled for July 10 thru July 12 at the Masonic Center North. There will be Stratified Open Pairs, single Session Swiss Teams and Compact Handicapped KO Teams. Mark your calendars and get your partners. It's a great tournament.

Thanks to **Bill Holt, Mary Paulone Carns, Lorraine Hanna and John Bernhard**, the Youth Bridge Program is going very well. An effort is being made to bring Youth Bridge to more schools. It has been a great success among the students participating. Thank you also to volunteer instructors **Anne Marie Gordon, Bill Holt, Connie Hoechstetter, Jane Weiss, Kathleen Wycoff, Michon Kirlin, Paul Caplan, Suellen Weir, Terri Tunick, Alisa Lenhardt and Susan Buerklin.**

Moving up the Bridge Ladder of late:

JUNIOR MASTER

Joanne B. Alaica

Joan C. Davis

Lee A. Hommel

Elizabeth J. Quinland

Olive M. Verbit

Richard Verbit

Cynthia J. Wancheck

REGIONAL MASTER

Hazel W. Allen

NABC MASTER

Marie Henry

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Mary Lou Flach

Susan A. McQuillan

Marilyn Painter

CLUB MASTER

Suzanne Morgan

Charles G. Weber II

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Vincentina Simak

CONGRATS TO ALL!

Unit 229 News by Lois Porter

Spring has arrived and bridge is back full swing!

The Pittsburgh Sectional was once again well organized and several of our unit members scored well. **Larry Puntureri** and **Tim Glass** placed third in the open pairs on Friday, **Katherine** and **John Lesjack** placed third in the 299er game on Saturday and in the 299er Swiss Teams, **Lois Porter**, **Rosemary Shirley**, **Jan Metcalfe** and **Hazel Allen** placed first. Besides bridge, the food and hospitality is great. Join us from July 10-12 for the next event.

We have had some huge games in our unit. In Ellwood City on May 11, **Lynn Raferty** and **Jim Wheeler** had a 80.95% game! They were also first overall in our Unit game on May 2 with a 62.96% game. Watch out for this partnership! In March, **Herman Feldman** and **Philippe Westreich** had a 73.61% game at the New Castle game. **Jim Wheeler** and **John Samarco** have had several firsts as have **Lorraine Worsley** and **David Ruppert** in this game with mid-60% games. New Castle had some stiff competition.

Zelienople welcomes back the snowbirds to their game. **David Ruppert** and **Alan Leaver** had a first overall on March 31 and earned 2.48 masterpoints. **Lucy** and **Harry Muckle** were first EW and earned 1.86

masterpoints. **John Bernard**, the director, has charity games that earn extra points.

Butler is back to its Main Street location and welcomes all players. On April 23, **Chuck Weber** and **Hazel Allen** were first with a 60% game.

Rank changes for our unit are: **Joanne Alaica** of Aliquippa-Junior Master, **Chuck Weber II** of Butler-Club Master and **Hazel Allen** of Slippery Rock-Regional Master. Hazel worked for Slippery Rock University and after retirement took bridge lessons from **June Morrison** in Zelienople. She is on the board of unit 229 and supports all games and activities. She is also known for her great desserts!

We hope to see all of you at the unit 229 sectional on July 25 and 26. Any questions you have can be answered by **David Ruppert** at 724-709-4508.

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

Picnic Notice – Mark the date – June 19, 2015 for the Unit's **Picnic and STaC Game** at the Quirk Center @ 6 p.m. The Unit will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, potato salad, chips, and drinks. Salads and desserts will be welcome. The entry fee will be \$15/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 5 – NAP Qualifier

June 12 - Unit Championship

June 19 – Picnic & STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) @ 6:00/7:00 p.m.

June 26 – No Game – Canton Sectional

July 3 – No Game – Holiday Weekend

July 10 – Unit Championship

July 17 – Unit Championship

July 24 – No Game Garfield Heights Sectional

July 31 – NAP Qualifier

Aug 7 – Club Championship

Fall 2015 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 2015 Fall event which will be held September 25, October 9, October 30, and November 20. 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 – **Jim Fasnacht** and **Ray Sharrow** did a great job as chairs 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 18- 20 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.

2015 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[Cleveland All-American Regional](#) - May 19-25, Cleveland, OH

[District 5 GNT - ALL Flights](#) - Apr 25-26 and May 2-3, Erie, PA

[Western NY Spring Sectional](#) - Apr 17-19, Williamsville, NY

[Ohio Masters Sectional](#) - Apr 10-12, Garfield Heights, OH

[Seven Cities Sectional](#) - Mar 27-29, Titusville, PA

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#) - Mar 20-22, Pittsburgh, PA

[Akron Springtime Sectional](#) - Mar 13-15, Akron, OH

[President McKinley Sectional](#) - Feb 20-22, Canton, OH

[Buffalo Sectional](#) - Jan 23-25, Williamsville, NY

[Rock'n'Roll Regional](#) - Jan 14-18 Cleveland, OH