



The Fifth Column

October, 2015

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

2015

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Whistfully Yours by Bev Carter

On Wednesday, September 16th, our very popular Vichill Team League began its season with 28 teams in play. There are 4 brackets this year, 3 with 6 teams each and 1 with 10. We wish them all the best. **Prior to the game on November 18th, there will be a short membership meeting. Please plan to arrive about ½ hour prior to game time.**

Our **Future Life Master Sectional** is coming up **Saturday, October 17th and Sunday the 18th** at the Rocky River Memorial Hall **21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio 44134**. Game time for both sessions is 11 am. **Chuck Bisesi** is again chairing this fun event. We pray he doesn't fall and wind up in the hospital this time around. But even if he does, there are 2 co-chairs waiting in the wings. The Event is limited to **newer players with less than 500 masterpoints** and there are 3 strats within that point range, so you are bound to find a level with which you are comfortable. There will be ongoing lectures by area bridge players and great hospitality. Sunday's event will be a stratified team game. If you need a partner or a pair, please contact **Barb Bisesi 440-826-9439**. This is a great way to get your feet wet before you tackle a regular Sectional, Regional or National Event. Chuck, Barb and co-chairs **Peggy Gallagher** and **Steve Garfunkel** promise you a really fun time!!!

Our Board decided we all need to know who each other is so it decided to offer personalized name tags to its members. Cost is \$5.00 with the board subsidizing \$2.50. So for \$2.50, you can order a magnetic tag showing your name and Unit. I am terrible at connecting names and faces so this is a wonderful, friendly thing to do. It is so nice to be able to greet my opponent by name and they never know it's because I read their nametag. If you would like to order one, please contact **Peggy Gallagher** at 216-321-0701 email: pgallagher711@gmail.com or your club director to do so. The name tags will be offered through our January Sectional. After that, you would need to contact the supplier and pay the full \$5.00.

We have instituted a mentoring program due to the large number of newer players who belong to our Unit. You can sign up by contacting your local club director or by calling **Bev Carter 330-722-8214** (Bev's email is bcarter@zoominternet.net) or **Andy Halpern 216-464-3553**. Once you have arranged for a mentee or a mentor, the person mentoring will receive a sign-up form for entering the name of the individual being mentored, the date and having the director sign it to verify that you played on that date with that individual. When you mentor your mentee 5 times, as a "thank you" for participating, you will be able to turn in the completed form at one of our sectionals for a free play. You are permitted to turn in 2 completed forms. After you have played 10 times with your mentee the board feels you have created a partnership.

Fran Mulkins has relocated her Monday and Saturday games to a new location. They are now being held at St. John's Hall, 1900 Carlton Road in Parma, where we held our August Sectional. This location is so easy to get to (it is 5 minutes away from the Holiday Inn Rockside at I-77. You can contact Fran at 440-668-7457 or 440-353-6931 or by email at vul7nt@yahoo.com for more information. Partners are available at game-time so don't let the lack of one keep you away.

HUMOR TIME IS HERE AGAIN:

- **Charles Goren** once said, "it dawned on me that bad bids, that is bids I wouldn't have made, frequently make good drama. Without them, bridge would be dull, like errorless baseball."
- **Alfred Sheinwold** said, "Most people at the bridge table are pleasant enough, but every once in a while you're pitted against a fiend in human shape" (*I bet you're thinking of one right now*)
- Universal Laws of Bridge:
 1. Whatever you bid is wrong.
 2. When the opponents make a bad bid, it works out well for them. When you make a bad bid it also works out well for them.
 3. The probability of a bad trump break increases in direct proportion to how high you have bid, whether you are doubled and whether you are vulnerable. *Corollary:* If you bid a game, trumps don't split; If you don't, they do.

Akron Alert by Jim Sullivan

UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY - Get ready! Mark the date! The Unit Christmas Party will be **December 11** at 6 p.m. for dinner (meat & potatoes plus tableware provided), and 7 p.m. will be a **STaC Game** (Sectional Tournament at Clubs), where you can win those elusive Silver points. **Barb Sparhawk** will be the chair for this event.

2016 MENTOR/MENTEE PROGRAM - 2016 will be the start of the 10th year of the Mentor/Mentee program. We need more players who are willing to be Mentors to the newer and improving players. **Carolyn Sullivan** will be handling sign-ups again this year. Please let her know if you are willing to be a Mentor. Contact via e-mail: bridgenews@aol.com is preferred method, but a note will also work.

Friday Unit Games - What better way to start the weekend than to play Bridge at the Friday Unit Game. There will be hand records and automatic scoring for all of the games. Come on out and enjoy the fun, competition, hospitality and win some of the extra Masterpoints. If you need a partner or more information, contact **Jim Sullivan** at sullivan01@aol.com or 330-659-4707. The schedule is:

Oct. 2 – 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.
Oct. 9 – 7:30 is the second session of the Fall IMP League.

Oct. 16 – 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.
Oct. 23 – 12:30 is a Club Appreciation Game.
Oct. 30 - 7:30 is the third session of the Fall IMP League.

Nov. 6 – No Game - there is a Cleveland Unit Sectional.
Nov. 13 - 12:30 is a Unit Championship Game.
Nov. 20– 7:30 is the fourth session of the Fall IMP League.
Nov. 27 – No Game - Thanksgiving weekend.

Dec. 4 – 12:30 is a Club Championship Game.
Dec. 11 – 6:00 is the Annual Christmas Party. The STaC Game (Sectional Tournament at Clubs won't begin until about 7:00 in order to allow time for socializing,

Pittsburgh Pyrotechnics by Jeanne Baseman

The Annual Roni Regional took place over Labor Day at the Pittsburgh Airport. Glad to report that it was highly successful and we were glad to see all of our friends in the District and elsewhere showing up for a good time and plenty of bridge. Thanks to **Mary Paulone Carns** for her hands on Tournament Contacts, to **Lou Joseph** for organizing the Newcomer Events, to **Ron Franck** for his work as Partnership Chair and to **Jane Marshall** and **Sue McQuillan** for their ever present volunteering at the welcome/parking validation desk and for handling the prizes. A big thank you to **Bill Holt** for his dedication to Learn Bridge in One Day. To all **Alice Williams, Judi Sonan** and **Barb Balardi**, thank you.

The top Masterpoints went to **Reanette Frobouch** and **Alan Graves** with a total of 108.71 points. Congratulations to them and to all 584 winners.

If you are still seeking gold points, be sure to play at the Instant Matchpoints game on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church. Attendance is limited so please reserve your spot by calling **Barbara Bergman** at 724-935-4591.

This is your chance to compete against bridge players from across North America, playing the same hands with expert analysis. Free hand analysis booklet by bridge superstar **Larry Cohen**; don't miss this fun day!

On October 8, at Rodef Shalom, game time 7:15, there will be the Annual Pro Am game. An All-Star lineup of the Top Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area are here to play with you. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM. All proceeds will benefit GLOBAL LINKS Sharing Surplus, Saving Lives. This organization works to redirect still-useful medical materials away from US landfills to support public health programs. Call **Jane Marshall** at 412-371-4067 to be partnered with a Pro.

Fall brings so many fun games and wonderful camaraderie to our area. Let's keep it going.

The Pittsburgh Fall Sectional is upon us. Mark your calendars for November 13 through 15 at the Masonic Center North, 3579 Masonic Way, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15237. This is always a great tournament and there will be hospitality at all sessions.

Bridge is cool in Buffalo by Dian Petrov

Summer is almost over but we are still enjoying warm weather in Western New York. School started and our Unit would like to begin promoting youth bridge in our schools. Anyone who has contact with persons in the school system that you can talk to (or have us talk to) regarding starting a program in their school system, please contact **Elaine Kurasiewicz** at ekurasiewicz@roadrunner.com for details on how to go about this.

We have a great group of candidates for our upcoming elections so be sure to vote.

Milestones: Congratulations to **Gaurang Sheth** for becoming a Bronze Live Master!

Buffalo Regional Tournament is scheduled for October 20-25, 2015 at Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Expect exciting bridge topped with the traditional great hospitality! Look for a flyer at the District 5 web site (www.d5bridge.com) and Unit 116 web site (www.unit116.com)

RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[Akron Autumn Sectional](#), Sept 18-20, Akron, OH

[Greensburg / Johnstown NLM](#), Sept 19, Greensburg, PA

[Buffalo Fall Sectional](#), Sept 18-20, Buffalo, NY

[Erie Presque Isle Sectional](#) - Sept 12-13, Erie, PA

[Pittsburgh "RONI" Regional](#) - Sept 1-7, Pittsburgh, PA

[Wheeling Sectional](#) - Aug 1-2, Wheeling, WV

Buffalo Regional

October 20-25, 2015

spooktacular

<u>Tuesday, October 20</u>			
299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	3pm	
Tuesday Bracketed KO's 1,2,3 of 3 sessions	10am	3pm	7:30pm
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm
<u>Wednesday, October 21</u>			
299er Pairs (Single Session)	10am	3pm	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Stratified Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Evening Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's			7:30pm
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm
<u>Thursday, October 22</u>			
Gold Rush Swiss (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Swiss Teams (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Evening Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's			7:30pm
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm
<u>Friday, October 23 "Tom Donnelly Day"</u>			
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
1&2 of 4 sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Evening Friday/Saturday Compact KO's			7:30pm
1&2 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm
<u>Saturday, October 24</u>			
Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Open Pairs (2 sessions)	10am	3pm	
Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's	10am	3pm	
3&4 of 4 sessions			
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)		3pm	
Evening Friday/Saturday Compact KO's			7:30pm
3&4 of 4 Sessions			
Morning Side Series (Continuous) Pairs	10am		
Afternoon Side Series (Continuous) Pairs		3pm	
Evening Side Series (Continuous) Pairs			7:30pm
<u>Sunday, October 25</u>			
Stratified Swiss Teams	10am		
Playthrough Seven 7 Board Matches			

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120 Church St. Buffalo, NY 14202

Call direct for reservations 716-845-5100

Reserve before Sept. 20, 2015

Ask for ACBL Bridge rate of \$109.00

Includes Free Parking

Entries \$12 pp US\$ (per session)
\$16 pp US\$ unpaid or non-ACBL members
Hospitality Daily
Section Top Prizes
(Choose from our Famous Prize Room)

Stratified Events:

Stratum "A" 2000+

Stratum "B" 750-2000

Stratum "C" 0-750

Open Events:

"A" = 3000+

"B" = 1500 - 3000

"C" = 0 - 1500

All events by Average MP's

KO Events will not be Handicapped

Restricted Events:

Gold Rush - all players < 750MP's

299 Events - all players < 300MP's

Tues. and Wed. 299's 2:15pm - Dessert and Featured Speaker



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Buffalo links/information - www.unit116.com

