



The Fifth Column

June, 2017

Upcoming Tournament Calendar

JUNE 2017

- 10-11 Butler Sectional *CANCELLED*
- 12-18 DISTRICT 5 STaC
- 23-25 Canton Hall of Fame Sectional [Information](#)

JULY 2017

- 14-16 Pittsburgh Summer Sectional [Information](#)

AUGUST 2017

- 4-6 Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional
- 29 - Sep 4 PITTSBURGH RONI REGIONAL [Information](#)

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Unit 142 News by Sharon Drake

Remember your first master point? Getting that first point - or decimal point- is a great moment. There's a new program in the Fifth District, which offers a lesson and 16 board duplicate play for those with zero to five points. Two Saturdays a month at the Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church, the Pittsburgh Bridge Association's president **Lorraine Hanna** runs the beginner-duplicate games. It starts at 10:30 with a class and then play begins at 11 a.m.

Margaret "Peg" Fischer finds Hanna's sessions the perfect games. "To me, it was very nonthreatening and a great way to get my foot in the water," Peg says. She had played bridge in college but knew duplicate was different. The 0-5 game was her way of getting in the swim and getting started with ACBL. "I thought duplicate was for accomplished players and I don't consider myself one." Peg, who lives at South Point in Pittsburgh, says the lesson and beginners' game is a good way for players like her to "step up your game."

As part of Lorraine's lessons before the game, she is slowly going over the convention card, one section at a time, following **Audrey Grant's** online articles. Lorraine shows newcomers how to use the scoring machines, too. And thanks to **Gus Costanzo**, the beginners' game gets hand-records, just like the weekly Saturday game at Glenshaw Valley run by Gus. Playing in the 0-5 game helps newcomers to duplicate get ready for open games like Costanzo's.

Phyllis Mellor wanted to play bridge when she retired. She joined the ACBL in September. Lessons with Lorraine led her to the Glenshaw 0-5 game and within six months she was over the limit and ready to move on to open games. In addition, through the lessons and beginner games, she made connections and even found a partner who is located within her Bethel Park plan. Phyllis says, "It's a good way to have some fun and meet a social group with common interests. It's a good way to find people who are just starting out." Along with finding bridge partners, Phyllis learned about other sanctioned games. "If you wanted, you could play every day

in Pittsburgh– or even twice a day,” Phyllis says. She even played in her first regional and planned to go to Cleveland’s.

The progression from novice to master is made easier with Lorraine’s lessons and 0-5 game. She initiated Glenshaw’s novice games almost a year ago. Lorraine says, “I restarted them because I saw an interest in it. We needed an avenue to move from lessons and at-home games to the duplicate world.”

Both Peg and Phyllis complimented Lorraine on her lessons and games. The feelings are reciprocated. “I really enjoy it. I get a lot of satisfaction from people enjoying the game. My goal for them is to have fun while learning to play serious bridge, and to grow our games,” Lorraine says.

Here is a link to a list of the winners of the Unit 142 Annual Awards:
<http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/Awards.htm>.

Whistfully Yours by Barbara Greenspan

Congratulations to **Joanne Weingold** of Beachwood who has won the Women’s Team Trials in Chicago and along with her team will be going to Lyon, France from August 12-26 representing the US. Joanne and her husband **Jack** have been popular players at the Beachwood Duplicate Club for many years (when they are in town.) This is a huge accomplishment and we wish Joanne and her team (**Jill Meyers, Migry Zur Campanile, Sylvia Shi, Beth Palmer, and Shannon Cappelletti**) much luck.

Also going to play in Europe this summer will be **Kathy** and **Don Sulgrove** along with former Clevelanders **Linda** and **Dennis McGarry**. They will be playing in the European Open Championships in Motecatini, Italy this June. This is an open event and you and your friends can make plans to play in events like this. It’s a fabulous way to travel and play bridge at the same time. Good luck to them also!

LAST CHANCE: If you act today, you will still be able to attend our Unit's Annual Membership Game. This will be held this Sunday, June 4, 2017 at noon followed by a Unit Club championship game. This event is where we celebrate the achievements of our unit's players. We will recognize new life masters, our Member of the Year and winners of the awards for top player in our sectionals and Vichill league {**Bob Hardies** award}, the top women player in our sectionals {**Larry Rock** award}, most points won by non-life master {**Marvin Melamed** award}, most points in each category {Mini-McKenney}, most club points in each category {Ace of Clubs} and winners of the different flights in the Vichill league. The Unit's Scholarship and Charity Committee will also be giving out scholarships. If you have not yet made a reservation, IMMEDIATELY contact **Bev Carter** 330-722-8214 or email her at bcarter@zoominternet.net. The cost is subsidized by your unit and is only \$10.00.

Congratulations to our Unit's winners in the Grand National teams held May 6-7 in Erie, Pa. The Super Flight was won by **Brian Ellis, Bernie Greenspan, Don Sulgrove, Kathy Sulgrove** with **Fred Schenker** from Pittsburgh and **Dan Roseberry** from Dover. Flight A was won by our **Michael Creager, Greg Michaels, Stan Dub** and **Hao Ge**. These two teams will represent our district this July in the Toronto Nationals and perhaps win a national championship.

It was so sad that so few teams participate in this event and actually the flight C {non-life master} teams had ZERO entrants. Hopefully next year you new players will field a team and come and participate. Any four players who were non-life masters could have shown up this year and have been given a cash stipend from the district to go and play in the nationals.

Make your games now for the popular summer STaC, which will be held June 12-18 in most of the clubs. This is an easy way for you to get some silver points. To see local clubs participating, ask your local director or go to <http://www.d5bridge.com> and click on STaC.

Rank Changes:

New Life Master: **Laura Palascak** of Rocky River-congratulate her if you see her

Anne Neville	Club Master
Gary Cole	Sectional Master
Merlene Treuhaft	Sectional Master
Ruth Addis	Junior Master
Clyde Nash	Junior Master
Robin Oliva	NABC Master
Ronna Rosenthal	Silver Life Master
Sue Lan Ma	Gold Life Master
Lois Butler	Sapphire Life Master
Paul Klarreich	Sapphire Life Master

AKRON ALERT by Jim Sullivan

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 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 2 – Unit Championship
- June 9 – NAP Qualifier
- June 16 – STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)
- June 23 – No Game – Canton Sectional
- June 30 – NAP Qualifier
- July 7 – Unit Championship
- July 14 – No Game Quirk Center Not Available
- July 21 – Unit Championship
- July 28 – Club Championship

Aug 4 –

No Game Parma Sectional

Fall 2017 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 **Subhash Agarwal** at agarwalssc@hotmail.com or 330-867-3195. You can sign up now for this four night 2017 Fall event which will be held at 7:00 on September 22, October 13, October 27, and November 10. 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.

Autumn Sectional - Mark **September 15- 17** 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 <http://www.akronbridge.org> website for more details.

Western New York News by Denise

Slattery

A Scintillating Spring Sectional!

Our Spring Sectional, conducted April 21-23 was directed by **Brian Meyer**, with the able assistance of **David Hemmer** for our Dupli-Swiss Event held on Sunday.

The winners, by stratification:

	Pct.
Friday Morning Side Pairs	
(A) Alexander Kowal and Stanley Koszowski	64.88%
(B) Ginny Panaro and Judie Bailey	58.04%
(C) William Rich and Lance Pollock	56.55%
Friday 2-Session Pairs	
(A) Fred Yellen and Judy Graf	61.98%
(B) Mohan Prabhu and Dian Petrov	60.35%
(C) Gary Gottermeier and Padmanabh Kamath	55.34%
Friday Afternoon Side Pairs	
(A,B) Howard Foster and Laurie Foster	59.90%
Saturday Morning Side Pairs	
(A, B) Helen Panza and Ed Drozen	59.38%
(C) Marie Kilian and Margaret Symington	54.04%
Saturday 2-Session Pairs	
(A,B,C) James Easton and Dennis Clary	61.12%
Sunday Swiss	
(A) David Hemmer, Saleh Fetouh, Randolph Seidenberg and Christine Urbanek	
(B,C) Amita Arora, Marilyn Wortzman, Jacqueline Chang, Sharon Chang	

Thanks to our helpers and generous supporters who contributed to make this such a success, to include **Pat Lakeman** and her Bevy of Beautiful Bakers!

Do You have a child or grandchild who enjoys a Challenge?

Do they enjoy playing games, puzzles? How about bridge? Encourages math skills, problem solving, team building and communication in a 'language' that's spoken internationally!

If you are in WNY and have a 'person of interest' in mind, consider our Bridge Lessons available to any and all!

Cost: Free - Refreshments will be provided.

Where: The **Bridge Center of Buffalo** – Corner of Sweet Home Road and Sheridan Drive, Buffalo NY (2nd floor)

Who: **Students – Grades 5-12**

When: **July 6 – August 31, 2017 (Thursdays, 9-11 AM)**

Once again a number of our members attained new Masterpoint ranking since our last newsletter. They are:

Junior Master: **Janet Desmon, Molly Morris, Fran Schmidt**

Sectional Master: **John Bava, Victor Bergsten**

Bronze Life Master: **John Welte, Martha Welte**

Silver Life Master: **Joanne Lafay**

Congratulations to All!

The Unit welcomed new members: **Colleen Stewart, Alice Sullivan, Connie Warnick** and **James Greno**.

The Unit was saddened by the passing of **Edward P. George** and **Jim Brown**.

Coming Events

June 12-18 District 5 Stac Week

Annual Picnic August 20

Refer to Unit 116 Website for further information

Unit 229 News by Lois Porter

Our members enjoyed the Pittsburgh Sectional from March 24-26. **Henry Nelson** and **Bill Lindgren** came in fourth in the Friday Evening A pairs. **Lois Porter** and **Sheila Rabovsky** were first in C in the afternoon pairs. The Saturday Swiss team of **Sheila Rabovsky, Gary Marcus, Cynthia Custer** and **Lois Porter** were first in B and C. **Alan Leaver** and **Phil Goulding** had a great game coming in first in the evening open pairs.

The Butler game is growing in its 10:30 AM time slot. **Lorraine Worsley** works very hard to get enough tables. **Lois Porter** was very fortunate to be her partner in April and coming in first with a 65% game. On April 27, **Ray Kramer** and **Art Aronson** had a 66% game. On May 11, **Jean Purvis** and **Virginia Evanko** had a 60.71% game. The Senior Center serves a nice lunch during a break in the play. Thank you, Lorraine, for making this all possible.

Zelienople continues to have a great game sponsored by **June Morrison** with **John Bernhard** as director. In April, **Alan Leaver** and **Phil Goulding** had a 70.24% game. **Hazel Allen** and **Jean Brackett** were first in C. On April 25, **Bill Holt** and **Barbara Bergman** were first overall with a 67.91% game. On May 9, **Barbara** and **Ken Bergman** were first with a 68% game and **Lorraine Worsley** and **Nick Tredennick** were second.

The Unit game on April 8 saw **Nancy Welsh** and **Lois Porter** with a 63.33% game for first and **Sheila Rabovsky** and **JoAnn Szymecki** tied for second with **John Killmeyer** and **Robert Park**. John is most gracious in being our director when **Alex Bealles** is busy on the national circuit. At the May 13th game **Bob Heasley** and **Sheila Rabovsky** were first and **JoAnn Szymecki** and **Brina Segal** were second.

We are happy to welcome **Jean Brackett** back after illness. The Pittsburgh Mandolin Orchestra had a concert on May 13 that was a memorial to **David Ruppert**. Bridge people are family and it is wonderful how we all care for each other.



RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

[All-American Regional](#), May 23-29, Independence, OH

[Cuyahoga Falls Springtime Sectional](#), May 19-21, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

[Buffalo I/N Sectional](#), May 20-21, Erie, PA

[District 5 Grand National Teams](#), May 5-6, Erie, PA

[Buffalo Spring Sectional](#), Apr 21-23, Williamsville, NY

[Cleveland NLM Sectional](#), Apr 22-23, Rocky River, OH

[Ohio Masters Sectional](#), April 7-9, Parma, OH

[Seven Cities Sectional](#), Mar 31 - Apr 2, Titusville, PA

[Pittsburgh Spring Sectional](#), March 24-26, Pittsburgh, PA