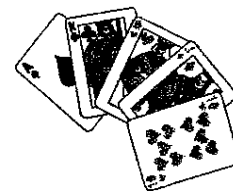


# ♠♥The Bridge Buff♦♣



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## President's Message

The Unit Board wishes all members and their families a Happy New Year.

The Unit Annual Meeting at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall was very successful. Our thanks to chairperson Paul Orosz, and to Marge Schomers, Judy Graf, and other committee members who gave a helping hand. Thanks also to all those who helped take down tables and clean up.

At the Annual Meeting, ballots were counted and the result was that the following were elected to three year terms: Judy Graf, Joyce Kindt, Faith Perry, and yours truly. The Board is going to miss our retiring members, Don Cameron and Phyllis Post. Don helped in many ways, including being responsible for bringing all of the bridge supplies to the Unit Games and Sec-nals. Phyllis was very active on the Election Committee and helped chair many Unit Games. Thanks to both of you.

Election of Unit Officers for 2000 was held on January 13.

Until next time,  
Jay Levy

## 2000 Unit Board Officers

**President: Jay Levy**  
**Vice-President: Bill Rushmore**  
**Treasurer: Marge Schomers**  
**Secretary: Curtis Hallis**

♣ Good luck and thank you! ♣  
May you help the Unit grow



## Unit 116 Award Race

### Final Winners for 1999

#### 1000+ Points

1	John Kilmer	48.88
2	Jay Levy	48.39
3	Buddy Seidenberg	48.09

#### 300-999 Points

1	Suraj Jain	43.08
2	Bill Bascom	33.07
3	Jim Reineck	32.93

#### 20-299 Points

1	Donna Steffan	24.80
2	Jeanne Gladysz	16.16
3	Lorraine Ciavatta	13.30

#### 0-19 Points

1	Brian Mampe	3.37
2	Joan Crane	1.70
3	Anne Licata	1.28

## Annual Meeting Game Results

### 299er Pairs

1A/1B	Faith Perry and Kathryn Adams
2A/2B	Irene Seefeldt and Sandy Lechner
3A/3B/1C	Paul Piciulo and Terry Fraas
4A/4B	Paula Weiser and Anna Wallens
5A	Eunice Carey and Willard Sancrainte
2C	Guy Puccio and Pat Rogers

### Open Pairs

1A	Saleh Fetouh and Suraj Jain
2/3A	Dan Gerstman and Pat Rasmus
2/3A	Chuck Schorr and Liz Clark
4A	Bev Cohen and Buddy Seidenberg
5A	Sue Bergman and Art Morth
6/8A/1B	Pat Burns and Geri Krawitz
6/8A	Jay Levy and Bill Rushmore
6/8A	Jill and Joel Wooldridge
2B	Barb and Paul Libby
3B/1C	Betty Rubins and June Buxton
4/5B/2C	Dona Tepas and Betty Luschenat
4/5B	Nora Branconi and Betty Bronstein
6B	Dot Brenner and Claire Garelick
3C	Ed and Liz Harman
4C	Anne and Mary O'Connor
5C	Marge Schomers and Mildred Harris

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - FRONTIER UNIT 116  
DECEMBER 31, 1999**

<b>Balance 12/31/98</b>		<b>\$17,077.55</b>
<b>1999 INCOME</b>		
ACBL Membership	\$1,387.19	
Directory Sales	60.00	
Sectional Table Fees	5,268.62	
Summer Social: Cash	1,398.00	
Script	617.00	
Unit Game Receipts	725.00	
Annual Meeting	324.00	
Knockouts	310.00	
Table Rental: Regional	264.00	
Interest	455.92	
Bridge Buff Advertisement	35.00	
Script: Entry Fees	<u>122.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$10,966.73</b>
<b>1999 EXPENSES</b>		
Annual Meeting	\$979.11	
Awards	91.12	
Board Dinner	485.44	
Bridge Buff: Editor and Printing	1,145.11	
Liability Insurance: ACBL	225.00	
CD-ROM Directory: ACBL	72.70	
Summer Social	2,300.90	
Election Expense	13.63	
Postage and Copy	49.69	
Sectional Expenses	3,310.23	
Unit Games: Refreshments	25.41	
Rent	480.00	
Sanction	117.85	
Secretary Gift	150.00	
Treasurer Gift	150.00	
Secretary Expense	8.94	
Treasurer Expense	21.00	
Membership Expense	20.00	
Memorials	105.00	
Knockout Sanction	42.90	
Carting and Supplies	497.90	
Script Paid	<u>1,356.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>(\$11,647.93)</b>
<b>Profit or (Loss)</b>		<b>(\$681.20)</b>
<b>BALANCE 12/31/99</b>		<b><u>\$16,396.35</u></b>

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Schomers

### Additional Details of the Treasurer's Report

Sectionals:	Date	Profit or (Loss)
	January 1999	\$68.32
	April 1999	258.27
	September 1999	<u>0.80</u>
	Total Profit	\$327.39

Unit Games:	Date	Profit or (Loss)
	February 1999	(\$46.00)
	March 1999	74.50
	May 1999 (KO's)	117.10
	June 1999	134.00
	July 1999	6.60
	November 1999	<u>(40.41)</u>
	Total Profit	\$128.69

Two special games were held by the Unit. The member's ticket price or entry fee does not cover the total cost of the event. The subsidy listed is the extra cost of the event to the Unit.

Special Games:	Date	Unit Subsidy
Summer Social	August 1999	\$333.60
Annual Meeting	December 1999	\$868.06

### NEW LIFE MASTERS

Hats off to the latest crew of Unit 116 Life Masters! Our congratulations go out to the following new gold card holders of Unit 116: **Eleanor Barrett**, **Elve Johnston**, and **Miriam Regnet**.

Eleanor received the last few gold points she needed at the Niagara Falls Regional during the Handicapped Knockouts.

Elve received the final points she needed to become a Life Master at a local game held at the Lockport Duplicate Club.

Miriam got her last pieces of silver during a STaC game held at B&P Duplicate.

### In Remembrance of

The members of Unit 116 wish to express their condolences to the family and friends of **Cajeta Ciola** who passed away recently after a short illness, and also to give our condolences to all who knew and loved **Ethel Anderson**.

Our thoughts are with Rita and the **Stewart** family on the death of her husband **Richard**, also a local bridge player for many years.

### WELCOME

To the following new member of Unit 116:

**Don Joslyn**

### November Unit Charity Game Results

1A/1B	Phyllis Post and Dick Clancy
2A	Bob Olin and Alice Lind
3A	Bev Cohen and Meg Klamp
4A	Sue Bergman and Art Morth
5/6A	Marge Schomers and Audrey Phillips
5/6A/2B	Barb and Paul Libby
3B	Judy Graf and Don Cameron

### District V News

District 5, which includes the cities of Cleveland and Pittsburgh besides Buffalo, has announced the results of the election of new officers.

**Pat Rasmus** is the new Board President, **Phyllis Post** is the Secretary, **Walter Majewski** is one of the thirteen voting members of the Executive Board and **Peter Mollemet** was named Tournament Coordinator.

**Walter Majewski** was also appointed to the 2000 National Charity Committee. This award is bestowed on people who are known workers in the charitable aspects of the game or the game in general. It is a lifetime appointment. He joins **Joan Rose** who was elected to the Committee in 1999.

Congratulations and good luck to all of you.

### The Bridge Centre

**The Bridge Centre** (685-4124) will be having several special games and lessons. **Beginner lessons** start the week of January 24 and another session of lessons from bridge pro **Paul Thurston** begins the week of January 31.

**January 29** ACBL Fund Game 12:30 pm

**February 6** Winner's + Game 7:00 pm

**February 28** ACBL Senior Game 11:30 am

**March 5** Winners'+ Game 7:00 pm

### The Buffalo Whist Club

**The Buffalo Whist Club** has announced its special game schedule:

**February 21** Presidents' Day - Cherry Desserts

**March 6** St. Patty's Day - Green Surprises

**March 27** Club Championship

For partners or more information, please contact Sharon Benz at 838-3654.

**Niagara Falls Regional****Wednesday Afternoon 199er Pairs**

- 1A/1B/1C Nan Denn and Ruth Althouse  
2A/2B Willard Sancrainte and Lee Gordon

**Wednesday Senior Pairs**

- 6A Bev Cohen and Meg Klamp  
5B Claire Garelick and Geri Krawitz

**Wednesday Open Pairs**

- 2A John Kilmer and Gerry Fried  
3A Alan Greer and Joe Branconi  
5A Saleh Fetouh and Buddy Seidenberg

**Wednesday Continuous Pairs**

- 4B Barb and Paul Libby  
5B Rita Stewart and Bob Olin

**Thursday Open Swiss Teams**

- 2A Gerry Fried, Jim Mathis, Malcolm Ewashkiw  
and Don Brock  
1B Jerry Geiger, Allen Selling, Charles Smith and  
Doug Couchman  
2B Kathy Pollock, Geri Krawitz, Christy Kellogg and  
Pat Karpen

**Thursday Senior Swiss Teams**

- 2/3A Jay Levy, Jacqueline Solomon, Joan Klap and  
Shirley Tartick

**Thursday Open Pairs**

- 1A Joel Wooldridge, Joe Branconi, Debbie Drury and  
Les Bart

**Friday Afternoon Continuous/199er Pairs**

- 2A/1B Sue Neubecker and June Cohen  
4B/3C Joan and Jim Hoover

**Open Choice Pairs**

- 5A Chris Urbanek and John Toy  
7A Bill Bascom and Walter Majewski  
2B John Bielinski and Saleh Fetouh

**Friday Continuous Pairs**

- 2A Barb and Paul Libby  
5/6B Mike Ryan and Alan Steggle  
1C Marilyn Brunner and Janet Fritsch

**Saturday Flight A/X Pairs**

- 2A Dan Gerstman and Nader Hanna

**Saturday Senior Pairs**

- 4/5B Anne Watkins and Rita Sofia

**Saturday Stratified B/C Pairs**

- 2/3B Mark Pascale and Misha Tomic  
4C Stuart Caswell and Lorraine Ciavatta

**Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams**

- 10A Jay Levy, Saleh Fetouh, Jim Mathis and Buddy  
Seidenberg

**Sunday Stratified B/C Swiss Teams**

- 7/8B John Bielinski, Bill Bascom, Art Morth and Sue  
Bergman  
7/8B Jerry Geiger, Dorothy Boyd, Phyllis Post and Jim  
Reineck

**Sunday Senior Swiss Pairs**

- 1C Janet Fritsch, Ann Torrell, Thelma and Alan Ker

**Continuous Pairs Overall**

- 5/6 Barb Libby  
5/6 Paul Libby

**Open Knockouts I**

- 3/4 Betty Bronstein, Mike Ryan, Nora Branconi and  
Alice Lind  
5/8 Jim Reineck, Brian Meyer, Doug Couchman and  
Mickey Geiger

**Senior Knockouts - Bracket 2**

- 1 Dan and Elve Johnston, Elizabeth Heard and  
Louise Johnson  
3/4 Joyce Kindt, Shirley Lyth, Ken and Natalie  
Rapley

**Senior Knockouts - Bracket 3**

- 3/4 Pinky Regan, Phyllis Wilkinson, Mary Davies-  
Carr and Lorraine Ciavatta  
3/4 Janet Frisch, Janet Morgan, Thelma and Alan Ker

**Handicapped Knockouts - Bracket 2**

- 2 Art Morth, Sue Bergman, Don McGill and Claire  
Gellman

**Handicapped Knockouts - Bracket 3**

- 1 Brian Meyer, Joe Branconi, Jeanne Gladysz and  
Donna Steffan  
2 Anne and Mary O'Connor, Eleanor Barrett and  
Beverly Dale

**Handicapped Knockouts - Bracket 4**

- 3/4 Ed and Liz Harman, Constance Swick and  
Beverly Norton

**Friday Midnight Knockouts**

- 1 Brian Meyer, Phil Becker, Lan Sasa, Nancy  
Adair, David Halasi and Laurie Kranyak

**Saturday Midnight Knockouts**

- 1 John Bielinski, Jerry Geiger, Janet Dunbar and  
Henry Caspar

**Section Tops by those not already mentioned in the  
overalls: Cathy Bentzel, Sharon Benz, Don Cameron, Nita  
Ferrell, Kevin Gervase, Judy Graf, Don Heisler, Cliff  
Kaylor, Jeanette Michienzi, Frank Schlehr, Doreen and  
Jim Scott**

**Newark NY LM/Non-LM Sectional****Saturday Life Master Pairs**

- 6A Bill Finkelstein and Ann Hoylman

**Bid Box Alerts and Announcements**

When using bid boxes, ACBL requires that  
players say "Alert" and tap the Alert strip at the  
same time.

For announcements, such as "Transfer",  
you must also tap the strip as you make the  
announcement.

**Boston Nationals****Life Master Open Pairs**

34 Joel Wooldridge and Jim Zimmerman

**Life Master Women's Pairs**

13 Joan Rose and Chris Urbanek

40 Jeanette Michienzi and Meg Klamp

**Charity Knockouts - Bracket 3**

3/4 Sharon Benz, Debbie Drury, Shirley Seals and Julie Sykes

**First Sunday Senior Swiss Teams**

6A Debbie Drury, Charles Galloway, William Allison and Phil Hook

**Open Board-a-Match**

30 Dan Gerstman, Robert Lebi, Nader Hanna and Lou Reich

**Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs**

4B Brian and Bradley Mampe

**Bridge World Tues-Wed Knockout Teams - Brkt 3**

4 Misha Tomic, Betty Bursey, Cassandra Smith and Roberto Verthelyi

**Thursday Zip Swiss - Stuffing Bracket**

3/4 Joel Wooldridge, Lindsay Perlman, Joe Grue and Kent Mignocchi

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday Pairs**

5B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

**Second Saturday Evening Board-a-Match**

4B Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Amal Dasgupta and Helen Moskowitz

**District V STaC****Monday Afternoon**

3A Trudy Manaher and George Bills

13A/4B Art Schumacher and Barb Multerer

5C Jack Miller and Wilson McClaren

C Joe Peters and Marilyn Brunner

**Monday Evening**

6A/2B/1C Fenton Harrison and Kathryn Rogers

7A Claire Chodorow and Debbie Drury

3B/2C Steve Shanley and Steve Rashkin

5B Donna Steffan and Jeanne Gladysz

**Tuesday Afternoon**

8A Debbie Drury and Doreen Scott

6B Jeanne Gladysz and Donna Steffan

1C Dorithea Sterne and Phyllis Wilkinson

2C Jim and Joan Hoover

4C Elsie and Melvin Braun

**Tuesday Evening**

4B/3C Irene Seefeldt and Sandy Lechner

5C Beverly Norton and Bill Wasson

**Wednesday Afternoon**

8A Bill Bascom and Suraj Jain

9A Vince Pesce and Bob Andersen

11A Paul Thurston and Judy Graf

**Wednesday Evening**

8A Gerry Fried and Liz Clark

5B Florence Notto and Carol Siracuse

**Thursday Afternoon**

3/4B Pol Akman and Gil Krawitz

**Thursday Evening**

1A Phyllis Post and Christy Kellogg

6B Misha Tomic and Mark Pascale

5C Henry Chudy and Gene Giorgini

**Friday Afternoon**

5/6A Joe Branconi and Debbie Drury

8A Irene Seefeldt and Peg Reiker

3C Lee Gordon and Willard Sancrainte

**Saturday Afternoon**

7A/2B Don and Miriam Regnet

5B/2C Rosemary Richert and Helen Sfeir

6B Irving Jacobs and Sue Neubecker

6C Bettie and George Lennon

**Sunday Evening**

1A Bob Olin and Pat Burke

2A Carol Siracuse and Trudy Manaher

3A Vidi Vaidhyanathan and Pat Rasmus

4A/1B/1C Henry Chudy and Gene Giorgini

5A Phyllis Post and Jerry Geiger

6A Christy Kellogg and Mark Pascale

2B Brian Meyer and Jim Reineck

3B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

4B Florence Notto and Jean Considine

**Pittsburgh Regional****Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs**

2A Pat Rasmus and Phyllis Post

6A Walter Majewski and Christy Kellogg

5B Brian Mampe and Jerry Geiger

**Saturday Stratified Open Pairs**

2B Joe Branconi and Brian Meyer

**Saturday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs**

5A/3B Parmalier Murphy and Doanne Jackson

**Saturday Charity Knockouts**

1 Brian Meyer, Nancy and Lan Adair, Chad Krause and Phil Becker

**AM Knockouts - Bracket 2**

3/4 Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Betty Bronstein and Nora Branconi

**Bracketed Knockouts - Bracket 1**

3/4 Jerry Geiger, Phyllis Post, Brian Mampe and Terry Jacobs

**District North American Pairs****Flight A**

4/5 Joel Wooldridge and Howard Lebow

**Flight B**

3 Brian Meyer and Joe Branconi

### The Alert Procedure - Part III

By Brian Meyer

As promised, I will be discussing alertable and non-alertable sequences. You might be surprised by some of these.

For instance:

Pass - 1♥ - Pass - 4♣      Pass - 1♦ - Pass - 1♥  
 Pass - 4♣

The Splinter bid, 4♣, is alertable here.      The same Splinter bid, 4♣, is not alertable here.

Why?

Any conventional call above the level of 3NT, beginning with opener's first rebid, is not alertable.

What does this mean?

It means bids like the Splinter, Kickback Stayman, and Exclusion Blackwood are not alertable if made after the first round of bidding is completed (includes the opening bid and a response by partner), but are classified as delayed alerts.

#### Delayed Alerts

Delayed alerts are alerts announced after the auction is completed, but before the opening lead is made. Declarer or dummy may make the required announcement. These include all artificial bids above the level of 3NT beginning with the opening bidder's rebid. However, artificial doubles, redoubles, and passes are always alerted immediately.

Simply put, before your opponents lead, let them know that you have had a Key Card or a Splinter auction, etc. It is important to remember that you need to fully disclose your methods. If - as dummy or declarer - you find your partner has explained your agreements incorrectly, fix their explanation before the opening lead is faced. This is not a courtesy; it is expected of you. (Do not do this when defending because you'll give your partner information he/she is not entitled to; let the opponents know after the last card is played - Ed.)

Practicing active ethics means always fully disclosing your agreements to the best of your knowledge. I would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the alert procedure, just ask! If you would like more information also check out:

[www.acbl.org/info/charts/alertproc.htm](http://www.acbl.org/info/charts/alertproc.htm)

In the next issue we will discuss the use and abuse of the stop card... Stay tuned!

From your editor: Please call (716) 834-2855 or write Kathy Pollock at 322 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY, 14150-8562 ore-mail me at [kandemmett@aol.com](mailto:kandemmett@aol.com). The next *Bridge Buff* deadline is April 25, 2000.



### Thinking About Michaels

By Bill Elgar

Last time I tried to show how a Michaels Cue-Bid could suggest a good sacrifice when both hands are quite weak and you do not expect to make the contract. This time let's look at what happens when one of the two hands is strong.

After partner passes and your right hand opponent (RHO) opens 1♠, you hold: ♠- ♥AQ1092 ♦AQ74 ♣KJ104. What do you do? If you overcall 2♥, it may be passed out and you could miss a cold game in hearts. If you double, partner will assume you hold only four hearts and may bid a minor suit holding ♥Kxx.

A cue-bid here is Michaels and promises five hearts and a five card minor suit. Hmm... But wait! If the opponents cooperate, there is a way to combine different bids to suggest exactly this hand.

If, after you cue-bid 2♣, LHO raises and it is passed around to you, bid 4NT (a special use of r Unusual Notrump bid). This requests partner to bid his or her best minor at the five level.

Here was our auction:

LHO	Partner	RHO	Me
	Pass	1♠	2♣
4♣	Pass	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♦	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass
	Me		
	♠ -		
	♥ AQ1092		
RHO	♦ AQ74	LHO	
♠ KQJ1096	♣ KJ10	♠ A8743	
♥ 3	Partner	♥ KJ84	
♦ K9	♠ 52	♦ 63	
♣ A753	♥ 765	♣ 62	
	♦ J10852		
	♣ Q98		

With the king of spades for a lead, and finessing for the king of trump, the contract is assured. The result was a tie for a top rather than 4♣, making four for an average result. While it is possible to set 4♣, no one found the perfect defence that night.

#### Tournament Trail

Jan. 21-23	Buffalo Sectional
Jan. 29	International Fund Game #1
Feb. 4-6	Solon, OH Sectional
Feb. 25-27	Pittsburgh Sectional
Feb. 28	ACBL-wide Senior Game
Mar. 4-5	GNT Flights A,B,C
March 9-19	Cincinnati Nationals