

♠ ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣

Jan/Feb 2004!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

A Publication of Unit 116, Buffalo, New York

Brian Meyer, Editor

Editor's Ruminations

I am sure you'd like to read the standard President's message in this spot. Please allow me to fill-in in her absence. Hopefully I will *report* on the events in our unit. This issue is being taken to the publisher pre-Christmas so rest assured that I hope you have a terrific holiday!

First of all, congratulations to our newest board member! Joanne Kelley was lucky (?) enough to win a seat in the election held last year. John Bielinski, Kathy Pollock, and Donna Steffan were also re-elected to the board for another three year sentence, I mean term. Good luck to each of you, and we are of course expecting many more great things.

If you missed the Unit game in November (and approximately 460 of you missed it!), you cheated yourself out of a great event. The bridge was great, the food was superb, and our hosts at the Whist club were terrific. Having directed the game, I have to say how much fun it was to see a different 'game' for everyone to enjoy. Hopefully you will take advantage of the opportunities the unit presents to you this calendar year.

On another note of your unit working to make life easy for you - we've recently purchased a computer and printer. How does this help you? Well, it allows for your results to be submitted to the ACBL in a timelier, streamlined fashion. Thus, you'll get your masterpoints sooner.

The next edition of the Buff will feature a new President writing the 'President's column.' To this I say, better you than me! Here's to each of you having a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

-Brian Meyer, Editor

Upcoming Events:

Nat Gerstman Buffalo Sectional, Fri. - Sun., January 9-11, Rescue Fire Company 1241 Strad Ave., North Tonawanda. 299er and Open Pairs Games, single sessions, will be offered on Friday (1:00/7:00) and Saturday (10:30/3:30) and Swiss Teams on Sunday (11:00 a.m.) The 299er Swiss is a single session event and the Open Swiss a double session. Come, enjoy and earn those silver points!

Unit Swiss Teams, Saturday, February 21, 7:00pm, Rescue Fire Hall, 1241 Strad Ave. in N. Tonawanda. Donna Steffan (636 9653) and Joyce Kindt (693 1331) are hard at work setting up everything for this popular event. Pre-registration of teams is required. Please contact either of them for more information.

Keep your calendar open for the **March Unit Game.** We will be trying something a little different in March - Board-A-Match teams. Checkout the March/April edition of the Buff for more information, or contact Sharon Benz.

Upcoming Tournaments!

Buffalo Sectional	Jan	9-11
Cleveland Regional	Jan	14-18
District 5 Grand Nat. Teams	Feb	28-29
Reno Nationals	Mar	18-28

The Buffalo Regional (Continued)**Saturday B/C/D Pairs**

B C D

- 7 D. Roseberry, Kathy Pollock
5 James Jacobi, Jeri Krawitz

Side Game Series II

- 2 Teresa Fraas

Saturday Lose & Snooze Knockouts

- 2 John Bielinski, Kathy Pollock,
A. Costanzo, D. Roseberry

Flight A Swiss Teams

A X

- 2 Dan Gerstman, V. Oddy, R. Bishop,
D. Baxter,
7 Christine Urbanek, Jim Mathis, John
Kilmer, Buddy Seidenberg

Flight B/C/D Swiss

B C D

- 4 Claire Gareleck, Harold Meyers, Eric
Shreiber, Eric Phifer
6 James Gullo, Kevin Gervase, S. Pearlman, E.
Gallagher

District Five North American Pairs Results

- 2A Joel Wooldridge, Dan Gerstman
1B Brian Mampe, Brian Meyer
10B Warren O'Connell Jr, James Reineck
11B Judy Graf, Donna Steffan
2C Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber

Unit Imp Pairs Championship

A B C

- 1 1 Joanne Kelley, Eugene Harvey
2 Beverly Cohen, Jim Mathis
3 Sharon Benz, Mary Ludwiczak
4/5 Brian Mampe, Christine Urbanek
4/5 Marguerite Rieker, William Rieker
6 2 1 Elizabeth Lawrence, Dona Tepas
3 2 Elizabeth Young, Robert Rivard
4 Alice Lind, Robert Olin
5 James Reineck, Donna Steffan
3 Joyce Kindt, Dorothy Grosicki

Unit Holiday Party Championship

A B

- 1 Saleh Fetouh, Gerald Fried
2 Randolph Seidenberg, John Kilmer
3 Joel Wooldridge, Dan Gerstman
4 Jill Wooldridge, Powhatan Wooldridge
5 Patricia Weber, Michael Weber
6 Brian Meyer, James Reineck
1 Anne O'Connor, Mary O'Connor
2 Kathy Pollock, Bert Feasley
3 Daniel Johnston, Elve Johnston
4 Elaine Kurasiewicz, Charles Schorr

HOLIDAY 299ER PAIRS

C D

- 1 Judy Padgug, Bob Padgug
2 Elaine Universal, Brian Universal
3 Jan Butler, Barbara Multerer
4 Jane Gibbons, Thomas Gibbons
5 Pat Lakeman, Mary Terrana
6 Mary Scofield - Ken Madell

Keeping up the great work!**By: Claire Gareleck**

The committee in charge of the Buffalo Regional, particularly Pat Rasmus needs big kudos for the job well done on the Spooktacular Tournament.

Many people who came to my table commented on what a nice regional they enjoy in Buffalo.

Don't blame me this time!!**By: Brian Meyer**

Recently, my inbox was clogged with emails regarding the Buff being 'stuffed' with information from another club. Please understand that a given club manager took it upon him or herself to place said club's flyers into the Buff. At no time is the hardcopy of the Buff ever more than 6 pages in length. If there are any inserts other than pages 3 and 4, they are placed there by someone without permission of the editor. I would strongly advise emailing those people instead of me. In the future, perhaps this person will email me the information to be printed.

Thank you so much, Don!**By: Marge Schomers**

Our Unit lost a friend when Don Regnet passed away Friday November 7. Don and his wife Miriam helped me immeasurably at Lockport Duplicate. I will miss him dearly!

The Unit 116 Masterpoint Race for 2003

(these are points won only at Unit Games/Sectionals)

Category 1:	(players with 0-20 Masterpoints)
John Ricotta	16.32
Jean Macdonald	10.35
Kirk Larson	5.90

Category 2:	20-300 Masterpoints
Eugene Harvey	32.11
Eric Shrieber	26.38
Eric Phifer	23.72

Category 3:	300-1000 Masterpoints
Bill Bascom	41.54
Donna Steffan	36.99
Joanne Kelley	31.91

Category 4:	1000+ Masterpoints
Christine Urbanek	58.65
John Kilmer	48.38
Jim Mathis	48.02

Summary of The Annual Meeting**By: John Bielinski**

Unit 116 held their annual meeting on Sunday, December 14th. Newly elected Board members are: Donna Steffan, John Bielinski, Kathy Pollock and Joanne Kelley.

Masterpoint winners in Unit games and Sectionals were: John Ricotta (0-20), Eugene Harvey (20-300), Bill Bascom (300-1000), and Chris Urbanek (1000+).

Deceased members since the last annual meeting in 2002 are: Al Bernhardt, Joe Carr, Hugh Hanley, Millie Harris, Lillian Hohensee, Gerald Marcussen, Phyllis Post, Donald Regnet, Jacques and Agnes Stehlin and Jane Yates.

New Life Masters since last year's meeting are:

Alex Kowal, Eugene Harvey, Gilda Hutchinson, Connie Swick, Jackie Solomon, Marianne Rindfleisch, Will Sanscrainte, Frank Schlehr and Gisela Browne.

The deadline for the next Buff shall be February 25th.

Please send your stories to: the_bridge_buff@yahoo.com

Climbing the ACBL Ladder!!**Junior Masters**

Clyde Murphy
Adeline Swartz
Judith Grant
Beverly Mallon

Club Masters

Martha Drachenberg
Nancy Kessler
Jean Wilson

Sectional Masters

John Ricotta
Scott Wilson

NABC Masters

Elizabeth Lawrence
Eric Phifer
Eric Shreiber

New Life Masters

Marianne Rindfleisch
Willard Sanscrainte
Jacqueline Solomon

Bronze Life Masters

Brian Mampe
Marianne Rindfleisch

Silver Life Masters

Warren O'Connell

'Blast' from the past...**By: John Bielinski**

Is there anyone here who doesn't bid too much? Of course not. But, imagine opening the traveler at the Regency Motel (November, 1985) and seeing these results:

1	5S-XX	-1	+400
2	5S-X	+6	-1050
3	4S	+6	-680
4	5S-X	+6	-1050
5	6S-X	-1	+200
6	7N-XX	-11	-6400
7	6S-X	+6	-1660
8	5S-X	+5	-850
9	5S-X	+6	-1050

Please note the result at table 6 where partner (John Sinclair) and I managed to get a little overboard. Sure, we've all played a slam off two aces, even a grand slam...have you every played a grand off two suits? Lucky for us it was matchpoints, not IMPs. I believe we created the adage that 'down 11 is good bridge.'

Card meanings...**By Mark Pilarski submitted by Eugene Harvey**

Just when you wanted to hate the French even more, you must thank them for their influence on the modern deck of cards. They reduced the size of the deck to 52 cards, and simplified the suit symbols to red diamonds and hearts, and black spades and trefoils (clover leaves). (see the March/April Buff for more details!)

FRONTIER UNIT 116
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003

BALANCE 12/31/02 \$14,609.59

INCOME

ACBL Membership \$1361.20
Table rental - regional 264.00
Sale of directories 12.00
Canadian ads in Buff 50.00
Whist Club "free play" purchase 7.00
Interest - all accounts 519.32
Reimbursement of deposits 500.00

\$2,713.52

EXPENSES

Board dinner \$ 645.84
Buff editor & printing 1337.86
Liability insurance 177.00
Postage, copies, publicity 129.18
Deposit Fontana's 8-04 200.00
Memorials (10) 150.00
Sec'y & Treasurer gift 300.00
Unit supplies 405.70
Deposits Rescue F.H. '04 600.00
Deposit K of C '04 175.00
Computer & printer 1011.44
President's discretionary fund 100.00
Board meeting expenses 38.19
Mini McKenney medals 65.10
Coffee pot 45.49

\$5,380.80

MONTHLY REPORTS - SECTIONALS, UNIT GAMES, KNOCKOUTS

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
JAN (sect)	\$4922.00	\$3612.77	\$1309.23
FEB (unit game)	504.00	306.13	197.87
MAR (unit game)	625.00	644.85	(19.85)
APR (sect)	4171.00	3381.27	789.73
MAY (299er sect)	960.00	623.50	336.50
JUNE (unit game)	635.00	349.30	285.70
JUNE (KO's)	960.00	702.89	257.11
JULY (Pro-Am)	540.00	655.34	(115.34)
AUG (Summer Affair)	2590.00	3433.83	(843.83)
SEPT (sect)	4549.00	4302.24	246.76
NOV (unit game)	300.00	272.75	27.25
DEC (Annual meeting)	768.00	1841.98	(1073.98)

TOTAL LOSS FOR THE YEAR \$1270.13

BALANCE 12/31/03 \$13,339.46