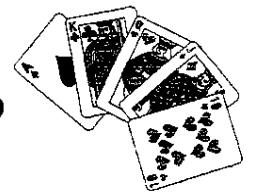


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From Your President

My best wishes for a very successful '97 to all our bridge players and their families.

We are saying good bye to four Unit Board members: Bob Anderson, Bernie Czarnecki, Alice Lind and Chris Urbanek. If you combine the hours they have volunteered for this wonderful game of bridge in just three years, most players would be shocked. They have been capable, dependable board members and they will be missed.

We congratulate and welcome the new board members: Don Cameron, Judi Graf, Jay Levy and Phyllis Post. All are new to the board and fresh ideas and directions should be forthcoming. It should be an exciting year.

Sharon Benz has resigned as *BUFF* editor. I speak for all members in thanking her for her efforts for the past two years. We welcome Kathy Pollock as our new editor. Be sure to tell her everything; knowing only material that is relevant and in good taste will be published.

Dick Czarnecki has resigned as our *5th Column* editor (included in *The Bridge Bulletin* bimonthly). We thank him for his efforts for the past couple of years. Coming up with new ideas every two months isn't easy, but the column is written well in advance of publication. If you are willing to try your hand at it, give me a call at 835-9779.

Now for the annual meeting: To all the board members who took responsibility for the lunch, to everyone who pitched in to setup and serve, to Dick Rasmus for duplicating the boards for the game,

and to all the people who helped cleanup, we give a huge THANK YOU! This is volunteerism at its best!

Joan Rose,
Frontier Unit 116 President



Annual Meeting

All feedback from the annual meeting has been very good. The new location at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall in Amherst was wonderful; more spacious, quieter, cleaner, etc., than our previous location.

Results

299er Stratified Pairs Overall

- Strat A
1. Richard and Sandy Demus
 2. Dan and Elve Johnston
 3. Anne and Mary O'Connor
 4. Donnie Duke and Suzanne Jackson
 5. Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar
 6. Ethel Reisch and Joan Smith

- Strat B
1. Richard and Sandy Demus
 2. Florence and John Johnson
 3. Beulah and Pleasant Thomas
 4. Doanne Jackson and Parmalier Murphy

Open Stratified Pairs Overall

- Strat A
1. Christy Kellogg and Tom Wolstoncroft
 2. Trudy Manaher and Betty Ostolski
 3. Jay Levy and Bill Rushmore
 4. John Bielinski and Elaine Kurasiewicz
 5. Jim Mathis and Buddy Siedenberg
 6. Betty Murphy and Phyllis Post

- Strat B
1. Bielinski and Kurasiewicz
 2. Murphy and Post
 3. Christine and Vince Pesce
 4. Doyce Coffman and Bill Finkelstein
 5. John Lewis and John Valentine
 6. Bob Feasley and Jim Scott

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



The Annual Sportsmanship Award really is really a "feel good" award. Each year the committee does an outstanding job of choosing a person that is the epitome of pleasantness at the bridge table. This year it goes to another one of those people - **VINCE PESCE**. Congratulations, Vince! It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Results of Regional Survey

Pat Rasmus, as the survey coordinator, has finished compiling the data from the recent survey on desired locations for the Buffalo area Regional tournaments.

She says: "On behalf of District 5 and the Unit 116 Board of Directors, I would like to thank all the players who took time to fill out the Regional Survey. I would also like to thank the following clubs for distributing the survey: B&P, Bridge Centre, Delaware Wednesday Evening, Lockport Duplicate, and Whist Club. I apologize to the East Aurora Duplicate Club, which offered to participate in, but never received, the surveys."

SURVEY DATA

- 186 people returned surveys, 140 of whom had played in the November 1996 Buffalo Regional.
- 12 chose the Buffalo Hilton
- 39 chose the Hyatt Regency
- 108 chose Holiday Inn on Grand Island
- 27 chose Other Places, and suggested the following: Best Western in Lockport, the Marriott, and both Sheratons, on Walden Ave. and in Batavia

Regarding the other locations mentioned by the survey takers, we have looked into all of them and only the Sheraton in Batavia is large enough to hold the Regional. We need at least 10,000 square feet of playing area.

We are currently looking into a site for the July Regional, held from the 1st to the 6th. We have contacted the Holiday Inn, Hyatt and Sheraton in Batavia.

SURVEY COMMENTS

Hotel	Pro	Con
Hyatt or Hilton	Centrally located Good playing area Easily accessible Restaurants nearby Convenient	Unsafe area Parking costly, inconvenient unguarded
Holiday Inn Grand Island	Easily accessible Parking is free, convenient, and safe Not too much traffic Safe area	Restaurants inconvenient (need to drive)

Although it appears the majority of the bridge players prefer the Holiday Inn, it may not be possible to hold the summer regional there because of the high cost. However, we are trying to negotiate a deal with them.

Once, again, thanks to all who participated.

STaC

Anyone unfamiliar with the Sectional Tournament at Clubs probably thinks 'StaC' is a typographical error when they come across it in print. It is actually a one week sectional held in the local clubs all over our district, an area which includes both Pittsburgh and Cleveland. The clubs still hold their regular games but award coveted silver points to the winners (and the clubs have to charge more money too.)

One of your district representatives, Sharon Benz (Ed. - the other representative is Pat Rasmus), writes:

"The District #5 STaC is now history. Over 800 tables were in play throughout the district during the week of December 2 - 8, 1996. The big winner in the district was Frank Aquila with 48.21 master points!!! Our local masterpoint leader was Jim Jordan with 22.18, followed by Linda Vassallo with 12.11 points. This seems like a great way to get those silvers. We hope you'll join us next year.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know. Call 838-3654 or write Sharon Benz at 82 Larchmont Rd., Buffalo, NY, 14214."

StaC Overall Results

Mon. Afternoon Open
 7A, 3B Bill Castle and Beverly Dale
 7/8B, 4C Jim Jordan and Linda Vassallo
Mon. Evening Open
 7/8A Jay Levy and Buddy Seidenberg
 6/9B Lorna Brewer and Graham Philpott
 6/9B, 2C Audrey Paepflow and Betty Rubins
 6/7C Scott Elwood and Mike Ryan
Mon. Evening 99ers
 1A Bill Schneidau and Jean Sullivan
Tues. Afternoon 99ers
 1A Chester Fell and Jim Jordan
 3A, 2B Josephine Giordano and Anna Wallens
 4A Mary Ellen State and Ruth Hnath
Tues. Afternoon Open
 Bob Fellman and Pol Akman
Tues. Evening Open
 5A, 2B Kevin Gervase and Vince Pesce
 5B Warren O'Connell and Joe Branconi
Weds. Afternoon Open
 5A Betty Ostolski and Trudy Manaher
Weds. Evening 99ers
 1A Jean Sullivan and Jeanne Gladysz
 2A Walter Heilemann and Frank Norwich
 3A Caroline Greer and Helen Tucker
Weds. Evening Open
 2BC Linda Vassallo and Jim Jordan
 3B Dona Tepas and Gerry Kravitz
Thurs. Afternoon Open
 5A, 3B, 2C Jim Jordan and Dick Clancy
 3C Pol Akman and Gil Krawitz
Thurs. Afternoon Open
 3/4C Linda Vassallo and Jim Jordan
 3/4C Scott Elwood and John Giordano
Fri. Afternoon 99ers
 1ABC Ethel Corbett and Betty Flood
 2ABC Barbara Multerer and Carmella Sava
Fri. Evening Open
 7A Chris Urbanek and Alan Greer
 2B Bert Feasley and Terry Band
 6B, 2C Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
 3C Emily Gilbert and Ruth Hnath
Sat. Afternoon Open
 4B Jim Jordan and Linda Vassallo
Sat. Evening Open
 4A Don Heisler and Deborah Drury
 6A Powhatan and Joel Wooldridge
 4C Mike Ryan and Bill Haessly
Sun Evening Open
 2A Alan Greer and Brian Meyer

3A Bert Hargesheimer and Jim Jordan
 5A Mary McKenna and Bill Rushmore
 2B Lorna Brewer and Bob Binda
 4B Vince and Christine Pesce
 5B Dick Czarnecki and Don Cameron
Sun. Evening 99ers
 1A Ken Morseon and Val Derenda
 2A Eleanor Machado and Ruth Hnath

Additional Overall Results from the Election Day Regional

Tues. Afternoon 99ers
 1 Willard Sacrainte and Lee Gordon
 2 Georgia Kells and John Popps
Tues. Evening 99ers
 4A, 3B Lance and Pam Pollock
Tues. Stratified Pairs
 3A Pat Rasmus and Dan Gerstman
 5A John Kilmer and Alan Greer
 4B Warren O'Connell and Deborah Drury
Weds. Open Pairs
 4A John Kilmer and Buddy Seidenberg
 4C John Giordano and R. Sauer
Weds. Women's Pairs
 6A Audrey Phillips and Pat Burns
Weds. Women's Pairs
 3/4B Sue Bergman and Betty Bronstein
Weds. Evening 99ers
 3A Mary Ann Byers and Taby Richards
Thurs. Bracketed KO's I-1
 3/4 Mary and Anne O'Connor, Janes Yates and Betty Ann Johnson
Thurs. Senior Pairs
 6A, 3B Dorothy Brenner and Anne Watkins
Thurs. Stratified Open
 4C Betty Dorio and Lorraine Ciavatta
Thurs. Afternoon 99ers
 5A Norman Fitzsimmons and Jack Gibbons
 6A Helen Tucker and Jean Sullivan
 4B Edward and Florence Ott
Thurs. Swiss Teams
 3B Lorna Brewer, Graham Philpott, Robert Hall and Ellen Kumm
Fri. Stratified Open
 9/10A Mary McKenna and Bill Rushmore
 4C Faith Perry and Lorraine Ciavatta
Continuous Pairs
 3rd Saleh Fetouh
Sat. AM KO's I-2
 3/4 Jean Hays, Donald Regnet, Miriam Regnet and Catherine Capen
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UNIT 116 1996 TREASURER'S REPORT
1/1/1996 to 12/31/1996

Checking Account Balance, 12/31/95	\$1,036.97
Savings Account Balance, 12/31/95	\$15,803.15
Net Checking Account Receipts	
Picnic Tickets	2100.00
ACBL Membership Reimbursement	1616.95
Services to Regionals	636.00
Directory Sales	102.00
Sectional Profit	588.15
Unit Game	265.36
Annual Meeting	324.00
Other Receipts	23.00
Transfers from Savings	1000.00
Total Receipts	\$6,655.46
Net Checking Account Disbursements	
Buff	1088.15
Charity	100.00
Annual Meeting	1229.52
Installation Dinner	734.54
Liability Insurance	250.00
Election Expense	33.00
President Expense	6.00
Picnic	2530.25
Gifts	300.00
Postage	33.33
Supplies	86.62
Table Carting	150.00
Total Disbursements	\$6,541.41
Checking Account Balance, 12/31/96	\$1,151.02
Savings Account Balance, 12/31/96	\$15,823.90

Submitted by
Art Morth

In the Beginning

by Dick Czarnecki

Thanks to Larry Doherty, we have another column. Larry recently played in the Election Day Regional held in downtown Buffalo.

"As usual," Larry writes, "I participated only on weekday afternoons, single sessions. On Wednesday, Allen Johnson and I finished first in 'C' and won some red points. On Thursday, Tom Poland and I finished first in 'C', first in 'B' and third in 'A' with a 57% game earning 1.66 gold points; the first time I had reached for gold and was successful. On Friday, Allen and I finished first in 'C'. I have now accumulated 121.5 masterpoints."

"What does all this mean? I thoroughly enjoy playing bridge and these results encourage me in my desire to improve my game. Allen and Tom were wonderful partners who didn't 'snipe' at me when I made a mistake or vice versa. Never did we forget that the tournament consisted of people playing bridge (a game), to the best of their ability for enjoyment. During the tournament I met many people from Canada (Toronto, Mississauga, St. Catharines, etc.). Everyone was extremely pleasant."

It is obvious that Larry is learning much more about duplicate than how to win. It is essential to build self esteem in your partner precisely because it is a partnership effort. This will assure good results, both socially and in matchpoints.



An Open Letter to Unit 116 Members

Since I began playing bridge 28 years ago, I have been a member of the Unit Board for over 20 years and a member of the District 5 Board for 14 years.

During that time I have served and observed many people functioning as presidents of their respective boards and know that we are very lucky to have the consummate president in Joan Rose.

She has been president for two years now and has handled her authority with firmness but kindness in her effort to be sure that the Unit runs efficiently.

No job is too big or, conversely, beneath her.

Nothing is too small for her personal touch and she is as effective cleaning up the kitchen after the annual meeting as she is running a sectional or writing articles for the *BUFF*.

We are most fortunate to have her and it would be nice if you said, "Thank you, Joan," when you see her.

Sincerely,

Alice Lind

Additional Overalls from Regional cont.

Sat. AM KO's I-2 cont.

3 /4 Bill Castle, Adam Dzimian, Dot Grosicki and Beverly Dale

Sat. Stratified Open

3A Tom Donnelly and Howard Lebow

5A Chris Urbanek and John Sinclair

4B Christy Kellogg and Dorothy Boyd

7B Carol Siracuse and Nancy Wolstoncroft

Sat. 99ers

4A Sandy and Richard Demus

5A Sandy Lechner and Irene Seefeldt

6A Jean Sullivan and Eva Schmidt

5B Jutta Lewkowicz and Ethel Corbett

Sun. Flight A Swiss

3 /4 Sharon Benz, Don Heisler, Joe Dragoun and Robert Beighel

7 Dan Gerstman, Steve Bullard, Craig Nathan and Kevin Bathurst

10 Bob Freedman, Jim Mathis, Ron Anderson and John Fout

Sun. Stratified B/C/D Swiss

2B Warren O'Connell, Jim Reineck, Terry Band and Suraj Jain

6B Joe Branconi, Kevin Gervase, Deborah Drury and Harry Meyers

2C Mike Eberle, Bruce Bronstein, Bernard and Robert Neuhart

6C Vijay Devadass, George Klemic, Brian Meyer and Lori Richau

In Remembrance of

The members of Unit 116 wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Frank Podsiadlo** who passed away recently and to Paula and the **Weiser** family for the passing of her husband **Siegfried**, who was also a player until recently.

District 49er Pair Second Place Winners!

Faith Perry and **Ed Borosky** finished second in the **District 49er Pairs** for a sizable cash award. Congratulations to you both! Thanks for representing us so well!

Nat Gerstman Sectional Overalls

Fri. Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1A, 1B Wilson McClaren and Lance Pollock
 2A Jean Hays and Miriam Regnet
 3A June Buxton and Dolores Warmuz
 4A Bill Edgar and Bonnie Bryar
 5A Betty Dorio and Donald Gregory
 6A Donald Regnet and Roy Crocker
 4B Rita and Bill McDonald

Fri. Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A Alan Greer and John Kilmer
 2A Audrey Phillips and Pat Burns
 3A Walter Majewski and Saleh Fetouh
 4A Betty Ostolski and Trudy Manaher
 5A Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
 6A, 1B Phyllis Post and Dick Clancy
 2B Phil Thomas and Don Cameron
 5B Linda Vassallo and Jim Jordan

Fri. Evening Master Pairs

- 1 Bill Finkelstein and Alan Greer
 2 Harry Cheung and John Zierner
 3 Joan Rose and Walter Majewski
 4 Terry Band and Gerri Krawitz
 5 Bob and Maria Winkler
 6 John Sinclair and Bev Cohen

Fri. Evening Stratified 299er Pairs

- 1A, 1B Doanne and Suzanne Jackson
 2A Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar
 3A Bruce Bronstein and John Mugas
 4/5A Dan and Elve Johnston

Sat. Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 2A Alan Greer and Chris Urbanek
 3A Tom Donnelly and Joan Rose
 5A, 2B Steve Bullard and Phyllis Post

Sat. Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs

- 1A Dan and Elve Johnston

Saturday Evening Stratified Open Pairs

- 2A Tom Donnelly and John Toy
 3A Walter Majewski and Jacques Stehlin
 4A Joan and Howard Rose
 6A, 3B Dorothy Boyd and Kevin Gervase
 4B Terry Band and Art Morth
 5B, 1C June Buxton and Dolores Warmuz
 2C Scotti Johnson and Jane Yates

Sunday Flight A Swiss

- 1 Tom Donnelly, Paul Thurston, Rick Delogu and Stan Dillabough
 2 Jay Levy, Bill Rushmore, Buddy Seidenberg and Chris Urbanek
 3 Bert Hargesheimer, Kevin Gervase, Bert Feasley and Terry Band
 4 Gerry Fried, John Kilmer, Alan Greer and John Toy

Sunday Flight B Swiss

- 1 Betty Bronstein, Don Cameron, Phil Thomas and Jim Jacobi
 3 Kathy Pollock, Art Morth, John Zierner and Dorothy Boyd

Section tops were awarded to the following people not already mentioned in the overalls: Bob Binda, Frank Max and Willard Sancrainte.

NEW LIFE MASTERS 1996

The following people from our unit achieved life master status during 1996: **John Bielinski, Lorna Brewer, Bill Castle, Dick Clancy, June Cohen, Beverly Dale, Adam Dzimian, Joan Feasley, Bill Finkelstein, Claire Garelick, Christy Kellogg, Kathy Pollock, Phyllis Post and Marge Schomers.**

TODDERS

Bob Olin and Meg Klamp were recently nominated to the ACBL National Goodwill Committee.

Jacques Stehlin promises to introduce us to the **Losing Trick Count** in his column next month.

Funny story time...**Anne O'Connor** was partnering recent life master **Beverly Dale**. Beverly had just been informed that she had, in fact, received enough silvers in the StaC game the day before to become a life master after going home thinking that she still needed something less than 0.1 silver points.

It was the first round and the bidding had gone:

Anne LHO Beverly

1♦ Pass "Oh, I don't have my earrings on!"

To which Anne replied, "Oh, that's okay, now that you're a life master, you can play without them!"

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

January 16 - 20 Pittsburgh Regional

February 1 -tentative- 7:45 Unit Game, Bridge Center

February 1 - 2 Webster Sectional

February 7 - 9 St. Catharines Sectional

February 24 ACBL Senior Pairs

check for times at local clubs

March 1 - 2 District 5 Grand National Teams in

Meadville, PA. Flight A: unlimited

Flight B: 0 - 1500

Flight C: 0 - 500, non-life master

From your editor: Please call or write **Kathy Pollock** at **834-2855**, 322 Ashford Ave, Tonawanda, NY, 14150 with any items of interest. Thank you.