

# BRIDGE

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## FROM OUR UNIT PRESIDENT...

by Joan Rose

The annual Unit 116 Knockouts came to a conclusion with new winners in both the Open and Non-Life Masters bracket.

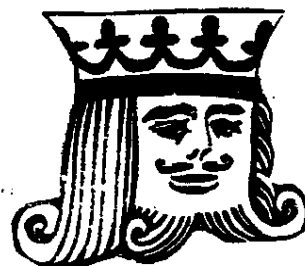
The Non-Life Masters winners were Claire Garelick, Judi Graf, Phyllis Post and John Giordano. This bracket had eight teams, so they played four head to head matches, with the winners going into the semi-finals. The team of Bruce Bronstein, Bernie Neuhart, Mike Eberle and Sue Neubecker was the other finalist. The Chairperson was still putting this latter team together at 6:30 pm of the opening evening.

The Open bracket started with 12 teams, so they played four round robins the opening round with two teams emerging from each. This allowed for four rounds to be played in this bracket. The finalists were Jay Levy, Bill Rushmore, Chris Urbanek and Buddy Seidenberg versus Walter Majewski, Peter Mollement, John Toy and Dan Gerstman. The winner by two imps: The Levy team.

Congratulations to the winners of the finals, and to the winners of each match played along the way.

# BUFF

JULY/AUGUST, 1996



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As chairperson, I am appreciative of the 20 teams which signed up to play and, in most cases, put their own teams together. I am also appreciative of the cooperation of the bridge players who were approached to help fill out teams. My thanks also to the individual directors of games at the Bridge Centre who had the extra task of directing matches during their regular games.

I'm not sure why, but this one was easier. Maybe the number of teams, maybe because of the number of teams which signed up as whole teams, maybe because of the lack of time conflicts in the follow-up matches or maybe because I chaired it enough times that I refused to allow the minor details to upset me, but it was easier!!

You may start signing up for next year NOW! Ask the winners and the second place teams how many master points they won. And the more teams there are, the more points which can be earned. And besides that, it is Fun!  
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IN THE BEGINNING.....

by Dick Czarnecki

Fred Astaire sings to Ginger Rogers "A Fine Romance" and in the dark of the theatre Virginia

Zwolinski hears the lyrics, "I might as well play bridge with my old maid Aunt." From that moment Virginia had no interest in bridge.

However later in life, a girl friend, Lee, learned bridge from her new husband, Don, who was addicted by the Bridge virus. She, in turn, passed on her enthusiasm to Virginia. In 1983 the Pied Piper of Duplicate on the Niagara Frontier, Alan Greer, welcomed a new student into his free lesson class at the Eldredge Club.

In that class were "some very colorful outspoken characters"- Mary Levinson, Dorothy Grosicki, Dorothy Boyd, Pat Kilbury, Ron and Edna Fill. At this point I'd like to inject Dick Czarnecki was part of that class as well.

Steady partners changed from her husband, Louis to Mickey Grieco, Dorothy Grosicki, Marian Kalata and Dolores Warmuz in recent years. Virginia is impressed with people in her class that became Lifemasters, especially Christine Pesce. When they were both still novices in Alan's class, Christine and Virginia bid and made a slam. Christine jumped up and did a dance that would have made Deon Sanders of the NFL Dallas Cowboys proud.

Due to recent events a Victory Dance is appropriate for Virginia as well. In the 1995 Syracuse regional, playing with Dolores Warmuz, she won her first gold points(6.85). Virginia also passed the ACBL

Director's exam and is now qualified to be a Club Director. At the Ensminger Senior Center in the Town of Tonawanda she now directs a game on Wednesday at 1:00pm.

Virginia enjoyed the tournament trail with Dorothy Boyd, Pat Kilbury and Dot Grosicki in Toronto. While not playing bridge, they filled their time shopping for fur coats. Recent tournaments in Hamilton, Niagara Falls and Pennsylvania with Dolores Warmuz have been satisfying. Dolores, besides being a good partner, has become a dear friend.

In her own words, Virginia wants to make a revelation regarding her Eldredge Club adventures. "Maybe it's time for me to make a confession to Alan. The reason I bring it up is because he really floored me with his almost "total recall" of cards. Dorothy Grosicki and I were playing on a Tuesday night. Tuesday was where we graduated to when we couldn't stay in the Monday night novice game. Anyhow, I didn't feel like "Making the cards" so instead I just switched all the pockets. Everything went along fine till a few tables later. We were all startled by the slamming of a palm on the table and Alan shouting, "Who at Table 3 did not shuffle these cards. I played this hand yesterday." He, then told us what cards each pocket contained. Anyhow, I know he couldn't know

which one was guilty. I planned to confess the next week when he had cooled off, but Dottie talked me out of it."

The funniest incident that occurred to Virginia also happened at the Eldredge Club. "How I loved that dirty old bar. I was playing with Mary Levinson against Walter Majewski and partner. Mary, as Declarer was concentrating. Walter was chewing and snapping gum. With her concentration broken Mary turned and asked Walter, "Do you always chew gum?" "Yes" Walter snapped. Seconds later, still distracted, Mary asked, "Even when you're screwing?" Stopped for a moment, Walter then replied, "Gee, I don't know. I'll let you know the next time I see you."

Virginia likes duplicate because it gets her out of the house and she meets a diverse group of people. However, Don Corp, her original bridge virus host, now admits duplicate is more interesting than "kitchen bridge." "We have a couples group and we play duplicate once a month at each other's homes. We're called the 'Odd Couples'. In other words, you can go home again.

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SHERLOCK JACQUES

By Jacques Stehlin

THE HAND THAT MUST BE MADE!!

You're in the final round of a HUGE team event. It's a close match and

the winner will take home all the marbles. You and Pard bid six hearts on these cards. You gotta make it!

S QTx  
H xxx  
D Jxxx  
C KQx

S Jxxxx  
H x  
D x  
C AJxxxx

S xx  
H Txx  
D QT9x  
C xxxx

S AKx  
H AKQJxx  
D AKxx  
C - - - -

The opening lead is the stiff diamond.

Have fun!! Results on back page(Don't look!)

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"MOON OVER MIAMI....."

Our District #5 Flight C Grand National team is just about taking off to the Miami Summer Nationals to represent us. The team consists of NORA BRANCONI, GERRI KRAVITZ, SCOTT ELWOOD and BRIAN MYER. We hope all their finesses work, slams make, squeezes execute and opponents revoke!!

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL AND HAVE FUN!

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**THE MARGARET MC CARTHY  
SECTIONAL**

**Fallside Inn, Niagara Falls,  
N.Y**

**September 27-29,  
1996**

**SCHEDULES IN CLUBS NOW!!**

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**JUNE UNIT GAME**

**by Bernie Czarnecki**

Approximately 90 people heard the new ACBL alert rules at the Bridge Centre from our very own Tom Wolstoncroft. The bridge game winners are listed in the results section that follows.

The Bake-Off Contest was won by our reigning Queen, Mary Lou Cross, followed by our hard-working Board member Carol Siracuse. The winning recipe is as follows:

**Banana Split Cake**

**Crust:** 1 1/2 sticks melted butter or margarine  
3 cups graham cracker crumbs  
**Filling:** 2 sticks margarine or butter  
2 cups confectioners' sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
6 or 7 bananas  
1-1lb 4oz can crushed pineapple, drained  
2 envelopes whipped topping mix or frozen whipped topping or sweetened whipped cream  
chopped nuts  
sliced maraschino cherries

For crust, combine crumbs and 1-1/2 sticks margarine. Press against bottom and sides of a 9x13 inch pan.

Place two sticks of softened margarine, sugar, eggs and vanilla in mixer bowl. Beat 20 minutes with electric mixer. Spread on crust.

Meanwhile, slice bananas lengthwise. Dip in lemon juice. Arrange on batter.

Spread pineapple atop bananas. Prepare whipped topping mix if necessary. Spread it on topping of whipped cream over pineapple. Sprinkle with nuts and sliced cherries.

For better results, chill several hours.  
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**NOTICE OF ELECTION COMMITTEE  
by Sue Bergman**

The ELECTION COMMITTEE for 1996 will consist of board member, Sue Bergman and unit members, Bernice Baker and Betty Bronstein.

They will begin their candidate recruiting shortly!!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW  
DISTRICT #5 EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MEMBER!!**

Pat Rasmus was appointed to the District 5 executive board by President Linda Mrowca at the Memorial Day regional in Cleveland. This is a deserving award for a very hard worker!

Meg Klamp retired from the executive board after serving a term to replace John Toy. Her negotiating skills will be sorely missed. We THANK her for her time and effort in representing unit 116.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### JUNE UNIT GAME

#### OPEN PAIRS-A stratum

1. J. Zierner and A. Morth
  2. V. Pesce and P. Thomas
- B-1. V. Pesce and P. Thomas
2. J. Hays and M. Schomers
- #### 99er's A-stratum
1. M. O'Connor and J. Kindt
  2. T. Burnett and P. Solomone
- B-1. D. Vincent and J. Saul
2. W. Scheidau and E. Borosky

### LAS VEGAS REGIONAL

Winning approximately 50 master points and tons of \$\$\$ were Jim Mathis and Bob Freedman.

- 3rd overall in an Open Pair  
2nd overall in a Knockout Team Event  
2nd overall in a side game-Debbie Drury

### CLEVELAND REGIONAL

Many 116 members enjoyed the masterpoints and the hospitality of this Memorial Day Tournament.(Come to Pittsburgh on Labor Day for more of the same!!)

- KNOCKOUTS-BRACKET III 3 / 4-** F. Notto, A. Dzimian, W. Castle  
**Continuous Pairs-4/5-**W. Castle/ J.Castle  
**Stratified-7th-**J. Stehlin and D. Drury  
**9th-**R. Freedman and J. Mathis  
**Women's-4th-**D. Drury and M. Klamp  
**Early Stratified-6th-**J. Stehlin and J. Kilmer  
**Continuous(C)-5/6-**J. Buxton/B. Rubins  
**99er's A-2nd-**Elve and Dan Johnston  
**Compact KO's-2nd-**W. Castle  
**Knockouts Bracket IV-1st-**B. Myers. G. Klemic, V. Devadass, S. Elwood  
**Charity Knockout-1st** Joel Wooldridge  
**Senior Pairs-2nd-**R. Olin and A. Lind  
**Stratified-6th-**J. Mathis/R. Freedman  
7th M. Klamp/C. Urbanek

**SECTION TOPS:** M. Freed, M. Klamp, R. Freedman, J. Mathis, C. Urbanek, A. Lind, R. Olin, J. Kilmer, D. Drury, J. Stehlin, D. Johnston, E. Johnston, P. Orosz, M. Ryan

## TOURNAMENT TRAVELS

JULY, AUGUST-NAOP qualifiers(check with local directors for dates)

JULY 16-21 ROCHESTER(BATAVIA)  
REGIONAL

AUGUST 1-11 SUMMER NATIONALS -Miami

AUGUST 12-18-Albany Split REGIONAL

AUGUST 19-25 Kingston, Ontario, Split REGIONAL

AUGUST 25 UNIT PICNIC

AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 2-  
PITTSBURGH(MONROEVILLE) REGIONAL

## MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS

Interesting Stuff for Travelers  
by Dick Czarnecki

Knowing that bridge players love traveling, I obtained the following information from Marie Gates, a traveler of significant distinction. Ms. Gates, a neighbor of mine, did an Alaskan trek in July of 1995. Besides nuggets of gold, the following nuggets of information can be obtained from an Alaskan junket.

Near Fairbanks one acre of land sells for \$20-40,000 and a 50 ft square home sells for \$100,000.

Male and female reindeer both have antlers.

The "Ladies of the Night" put out red geraniums to say, "we're in business" so other ladies never plant or set out red geraniums.

In Alaska good roads come

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from pipeline profits. Dividends from the pipeline are also provided to every man, woman and child once a year.

Moose droppings are collected and made into jewelry.

There is a land lottery for residents of Alaska. You must be a resident for one year. The government sets aside parcels of land and you can buy a \$2.00 ticket on each parcel of land wanted.

If you have teacher credentials, a position in Barrow can earn \$87,000 a year.

In the Town of Talkeetna, they have a bachelors contest because the women outnumber men 7-1. The ladies bid on the gentlemen and the woman must bring the man back in twenty-four hours-sober. They have a saying, "The odds are good but the goods are odd!"

In the Watamuska Valley, they have twenty-one hours of sunlight and with good soil they raise huge vegetables. If you're a vegetarian, you've discovered paradise!!

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### SOLUTIONS TO SHERLOCK JACQUES' SLAM

Play the spade ace and a small spade to the ten! Play the club king and pitch your spade king. West's goose is cooked. He must put you in dummy with a black card giving you two diamond pitches. How about that. You made it. You win. But

wait. You match cards and discover that your counterpart bid a grand slam in hearts and got the club ace lead. Oops, you lose!!

### GET YOUR PARTNER NOW!!

-only 113 days left until our ELECTION DAY REGIONAL at the Hyatt Hotel, November 5-10, 1996.(Sorry to keep you in suspense!!)

### UPCOMING BUFF DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER 1

NOVEMBER 1

THANK YOU to all who provided information for the Buff. I appreciate it. Please keep calling with tournament results, announcements or special games. (838-3654)

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