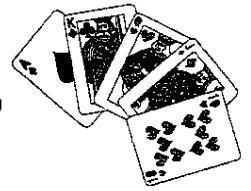


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From Your President

The Unit's summer meeting was held Monday, June 30th. Jay Apfelbaum and Sharon Fairchild presented their platforms and handled a question and answer period as District 5 candidates for the ACBL Board of Directors. Our Unit Board will be voting for one of them on the morning of the picnic.

Have you seen the "Zero Tolerance for Unacceptable Behavior" adopted by our neighbors to the North? They have graciously given us permission to use it as we desire. Please read it (reprinted on page 5) and personally adopt it so that bridge is more pleasant for all.

Have a great summer!

Joan Rose,
Frontier Unit 116 President

UNIT ELECTIONS

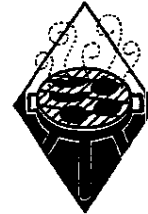
The Election Committee for Unit 116 has been formed and consists of Nora Branconi, Walter Bluestone and Phyllis Post.



They are available to answer any questions, to put your name on the slate for elections in December, or take suggestions for other good candidates to be approached.

Please feel free to talk to a committee member at a bridge game or call Phyllis at 822-9575.

Annual Unit Picnic



The Unit 116 picnic is being held on Sunday, August 17 at the Colonial Grove on Wehrle Drive. A hot dog and hamburger lunch will be served at 12:00 noon with a stratified open and a stratified 0-100 game starting at 1:00 PM. Chicken, corn on the cob, salads and dessert following with an open Swiss team game and a stratified 0-100 game to follow dinner. All this - two meals and two games of bridge for \$20. You can't beat that price!

Tickets must be purchased in advance by August 12 from: Dorothy Boyd, Phyllis Post, Judy Graf, Marge Schomers and Joan Rose.

District 5 News

By Pat Rasmus

John Toy and I would like to thank everyone who attended the Buffalo Summer Regional. It was nice to be back on Grand Island. We would also like to thank the committee chairpersons for all the hard work and long hours they put in to make the tournament a success.

People, especially the out-of-towners, were very impressed with the food and beverages provided by Judi Marshall. Alan Greer had a wonderful selection of section top prizes. Mike Ryan did a good job with partnerships, and Cathy Bentzel and Walt Majewski made the future masters feel welcome. Sharon Benz selected the perfect caddies and Peter Mollemet and the fine staff of directors ran the tournament very smoothly.

There were two split club raffles to benefit the Canadian National Team who is trying to raise \$35,000 to play in the Bermuda Bowl in Tunisia. The raffles raised \$140 for the team, which includes Paul Thurston and Rick Delogu from St. Catharines, both of whom have always played in and supported our local tournaments.

John and I hope those who played enjoyed themselves and will make plans to attend our next Buffalo Regional in October 1998.

Buffalo Regional**Tuesday Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs**

- 1A/1B Janet Frisch and Ann Torrell
 2A/2B/1C Darroyl Burt and Val Derenda
 3A Willard Sancrainte and Lee Gordon
 4A/3B Mary Ellen State and Ruth Hnath
 2C Frank Catalino and Tom Guttuso

Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs

- 3A/1B Bill Rushmore and Doyce Coffman
 4A Bev Cohen and Jim Mathis
 7A Alan Greer and Bill Bickford
 5B/2C Christopher Pease and Dale Schlyer

Tuesday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs

- 5A/3B/1C Steve Shanley and Steve Rashkin
 5B Walter Heilemann and Frank Norwich

Tuesday Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 1A Doreen Scott and Debbie Drury
 5A/4B/3C Betty Bronstein and Nita Ferrell

Bracketed Knockouts - I

- 3 /4 Dan Gerstman, Paul Thurston, Stan
 Dillabough and John Duquette

Bracketed Knockouts - II

- 1 Jerry Geiger, Phyllis Post, Christy
 Kellogg, Jim Gullo and Jim Jordan
 2 Bruce Gillies, Judy Graf, Kathy
 Pollock and Geri Krawitz

Bracketed Knockouts - III

- 1 Mike Ryan, Brian Meyer, George
 Klemic and Paul Orosz
 3 /4 Bill Castle, Bob Noe, Sr., Margery
 Edwards and Carroll Edwards

Bracketed Knockouts - IV

- 3 /4 Bill Elgar, Bonnie Bryar, Philip and
 Kathryn Leah
 5 /8 Faith Perry, Lorraine Ciavatta, Mary
 Davey-Carr and Pinky Regan

Morning Knockouts - I

- 2 John Toy, Dan Gerstman, Dick Early
 and Larry Long
 3 /4 Bill Castle, Bob Noe, Sr., Andrew and
 Sandra Monk

Morning Knockouts - II

- 2 Lorraine Ciavatta, Mary Davey-Carr,
 Joan Mitchell and Grace Shantz
 3 /4 Thelma and Alan Ker, Janet Frisch
 and Ann Torrell

Handicapped Knockouts - I

- 1 Dan Gerstman, Paul Thurston, Rick
 Delogu and Nader Hanna

Handicapped Knockouts - II

- 3 /4 Bruce Gillies, George Bills, Judy Graf
 and Walter Bluestone

Handicapped Knockouts - III

- 3 /4 Dan and Scotty Johnson, George and
 Bettie Lennon

Wednesday Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs

- 2A/2B/1C Darroyl Burt and Val Derenda
 3A Willard Sancrainte and Lee Gordon
 4A/3B/2C Steve Shanley and Steve Rashkin
 5A/4B Celia Calabrese and Ed Borosky
 6A/5B Helen Tucker and Mary Bosard

Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A/1B Suraj Jain and Saleh Fetouh
 7/8A John Kilmer and Jim Mathis
 9A John Toy and John Conway
 3B/2C John Bielinski and Burt Garrell
 6B Don Cameron and Phil Thomas

Wednesday Stratified Women's Pairs

- 5A/2B Rhoda Jacobs and Claire Gareleck
 6A Jeanette Michienzi and Marcia Freed
 3B/1C Rita Sierocinski and Eleanor Wright
 4B Bernice Baker and Rita Stewart
 2C Lettie Vona and Sue Neubecker

Wednesday Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 2A/2B/2C John Mugas and Frank Schlehr

Wednesday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs

- 4A Ron and Edna Fill

Thursday Stratified Open Swiss Teams

- 1A John Toy, Barbara Clinton, Don
 Mills, Vince Oddy and Darren
 Wolpert
 7/8A Jay Levy, Buddy Siedenberg,
 Christine Urbanek and Jim Mathis
 7/8A Tom Donnelly, Larry Long, Dick
 Early, Joel Wooldridge and Michael
 Wolf
 2B Jerry Geiger, Dick Clancy, Phyllis
 Post and Jim Gullo
 4B/2C George Klemic, Brian Meyer, Gary
 Catcott and Brad Helman
 4C Mike Ryan, Scott Elwood, Nora
 Branconi and Jim Jordan

Thursday Afternoon Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 1A/1B Audrey Adams and George Bills
 2A Pow Wooldridge and Alfred Haber
 3A/2B/1C Betty Bronstein and Claire Gareleck
 4B/2C Pol Akman and Gil Krawitz

Buffalo Regional**Thursday Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs**

- 1A/1B Sandra and Richard Demus
 5A/4B Mary Ellen State and Ruth Hnath
 1C Carol McMahon and Pat Zieja
 2C Frank Max, Sr. and John Wolf

Thursday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs

- 2C Pat Zieja and Carol McMahon

Thursday Evening Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 2A/2B Bob Olin and Pat Burns
 3A/3B/2C Nita Ferrell and Frank Schlehr
 5A/5B/4C Bill Schlaerth and Anne Licata

Thursday Stratified Senior Pairs

- 4C Anne and Mary O'Connor

Thursday Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A/1B Suraj Jain and Terry Band
 2A Alan Greer and Virginia Moody
 A/2B Warren O'Connell and Kevin Gervase
 4A John Conway and Gene Finton
 5A/3B/1C Christopher Pease and Dale Schlyer
 6A Walt Majewski - Jeanette Michienzi
 2C Geri Krawitz and Christy Kellogg

Friday Afternoon Stratified 199er Pairs

- 3A Joseph Saul and Don Vincent
 6A Mimi Ashton and Estelle Gafter

Friday Stratified Senior Pairs

- 3B Paul and Barb Libby

Friday Stratified Open Pairs

- 4A Pow and Joel Wooldridge
 5A Tom Donnelly and Dan Boye
 6A Alan Greer and Christine Urbanek
 A John Kilmer and Jim Mathis
 5B Suraj Jain and Saleh Fetouh
 3C Lorna Brewer and Frank Schlehr

Friday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs

- 1A/1B Ron and Edna Fill

Friday Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 4A Steve Bullard and Phyllis Post
 5A Doreen and Jim Scott
 4C Anne O'Connor and Adam Dzimian

Saturday Stratified Senior Pairs

- 4A/1B Joanne Lafay and Rita Stewart
 5/6A Liz Clark and Chuck Schorr
 3B/2C Virginia Zwolinski - Dolores Warmuz
 4B Don Cameron and Phil Thomas
 4C Anne Watkins and Rita Sofia

Saturday Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 4A/4B Bruce Gillies and Judy Graf

Saturday Stratified Continuous Pairs

- 3 / 4C Anne O'Connor and Dot Grosicki

Saturday Flight A Open Pairs

- 1 Joel Wooldridge and Martin Miller
 8 Alan Greer and John Kilmer

Saturday Stratified B/C Pairs

- 1B Suraj Jain and Bill Bascom
 3C Bonnie Bryar and Mary Cross

Saturday Evening Stratified 199er Pairs

- 1A/1B/1C Tom Poland and Jim Greico
 2/3A Jean Sullivan and Eva Schmidt
 4A/2B Ron and Edna Fill

Friday Charity Knockouts

- 2 John Bielinski, Elaine Kurasiewicz,
 G. Tourajian and Judy Schulman

Sunday Flight A Swiss

- 1 / 2 Gerry Fried, John Kilmer, Alan Greer,
 John Toy, Chris Urbanek and Tom
 Donnelly

Sunday Flight B/C Swiss

- 1B Jerry Geiger, Phyllis Post, Art Morth
 and Sue Bergman
 2B Saleh Fetouh, Suraj Jain, Kevin
 Gervase and Bill Bascom
 3B/1C Mike Ryan, George Klemic, Scott
 Elwood and Jim Jordan

Section Tops (by people not already mentioned in the overalls) were achieved by: Jacques Stehlin, June Cohen, Claire Chodorow, Marianne Rindfleisch, Pat Rasmus, Cherry Searle, Karen Kylo, Carol Ehinger, Bob Fellman, Bill Finkelstein, Lori Richau, Dorothy Boyd, Bill Reiker, Peg Reiker, Irving Jacobs and Max Mingal.

Unit Knockouts

By Judy Graf

I want to thank all those who participated in the knockouts. Thanks to all who readily accepted my invitation to complete a team when I called. It was fun to see the Bridge Center bursting at the seams on May 6th.

Flight A Winners (9 teams): Jay Levy, Chris Urbanek, Peter Mollemet, Bill Rushmore and Buddy Seidenberg.

Flight B Winners (10 teams): Jerry Geiger, George Klemic, Brian Meyer and Phyllis Post

Flight C Winners (10 teams): Faith Perry, Mary Ellen State, Ed Borosky and Ruth Hnath.



OFF THE WEB

Cleveland Regional

Stratified Women's Pairs

5B Debbie Drury and Nancy DeWeese

199er Trophy Pairs

4 Bruce Bronstein and Monica Stanley

Early Bird Open Pairs

3C Mike Ryan and Paul Orosz

Stratified Senior Pairs

2A Alice Lind and Bob Olin

Stratified Open Pairs

9A Chris Urbanek and Sharon Benz

5B Christy Kellogg and Geri Krawitz

Tuesday-Wednesday Knockouts - Bracket III

1 Jay Levi, Debbie Drury, Norm Bash and Rose Burke

Saturday-Sunday Knockouts - Bracket I

3 / 4 John Toy, Dick Early, Larry Long and Dan Fowler

Saturday-Sunday Knockouts - Bracket IV

2 Bill Castle, Adam Dzimian, Miriam and Don Regnet

Evening Continuous Pairs Overall

2/3 Paul Orosz

2/3 Mike Ryan

Wednesday Afternoon Stratified Continuous Pairs

6B Brian Meyer and Alan Malohusky

Thursday Evening Stratified Continuous Pairs

4C Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

Friday Evening Stratified Continuous Pairs

2A/2B/1C Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

Saturday Afternoon Stratified Continuous Pairs

5A/3B/1C Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

Thursday Midnight Knockouts

3 / 4 Debbie Drury, Gail Hanson, Nancy DeWeese and Rose Burke

Sunday Charity Knockouts - First Half

2 John Toy, Keith Woolf, Michael Freeman, Jan Assini and Howard LeBow

Sunday Charity Knockouts - Second Half

3 / 4 Betty Bronstein, Bob Andersen, Bob Olin and Bob Feasley

Section Tops were had by Kevin Gervase, Bert Hargesheimer and Harry Cheung.

Erie Sectional

Saturday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

1A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

2A John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

Saturday Evening Stratified Open Pairs

1A John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

4A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

Sunday Stratified Swiss

2A Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, Jim Mathis and John Kilmer

5B Lori Richau, George Klemic, Brian Meyer and Jim Jordan



Out of Town Tournament Results*

Toronto Canadian Nationals

World Fund Bracketed Knockouts - Bracket II

1 Jerry Geiger, Brian Meyer, George Klemic and Cliff Kaylor

Rochester Spring Sectional

Flight A Swiss

4 Jay Levy, Jim Mathis, Bill Bascom and John Kilmer

Flight B/C Swiss

1B Jerry Geiger, Peter Speksnyder, Jan Law and Phyllis Post

1C Lori Richau, George Klemic, Brian Meyer and Vijay Devadass

* Please notify Kathy Pollock (834-2855) of any out of to results.

June Unit Game Winners

1A/1B George Klemic and Jim Jordan

2A Sue Bergman and Art Morth

2B Carol Siracuse and Nancy Wolstoncroft

1C Ann and Dan Torrell

International Fund Game

Betty Fudeman and Stan Kozlowski were second in our district with a 68.25% game.

ACBL -Wide Senior Game

Jean Considine and Betty Ostolski were second in our district with a 67.86% game.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Recent tournaments have allowed several of our Unit members to attain the coveted rank of Life Master.

Paul Orosz reached his goal playing in the Continuous Pairs at the Cleveland Regional.

Brian Meyer became a Life Master with an overall result in a Swiss game at the Erie Sectional.

Geri Krawitz joined the ranks when her team was guaranteed at least a semifinal finish in the Bracketed KO's at the Buffalo Regional.

Judi Graf earned her gold card when her team came in second place in their bracket. This was the same knockout team that helped Geri earn her LM in the semifinals.

NORTH AMERICAN 49ER PAIRS

Here's your chance to earn big bucks playing bridge. The award for 1st overall in District 5 is \$400 per pair in ACBL bucks (can be used for paying bridge entries or ACBL dues). The award for 2nd overall is \$200 per pair. Last year's second place winners were Faith Perry and Ed Borosky.

To be eligible for the North American 49er Pairs, you must be a member of the ACBL, have fewer than 50 masterpoints, and play in a NA 49er game. The Bridge Center will be scheduling NA 49er Pairs games in September.



...to play bridge at our **NEW LOCATION**

The Bridge Centre
2371 George Urban Boulevard
Cheektowaga, NY
685-4124
(¾ mile East of Dick Road)

INTERCITY IMP LEAGUE

Nine IMP League teams from Buffalo, Rochester, and St. Catharines recently competed in an intercity playoff. Buffalo teams won the top two spots:

- 1 Christy Kellogg, Jim Jordan, Stan Kozlowski, Jerry Geiger and Phil Thomas
- 2 Kevin Gervase, Bert Hargesheimer, Dorothy Boyd and Liz Clark

Zero Tolerance for Unacceptable Behavior

Unit 166 / ACBL wants to do everything possible to enforce a policy of zero tolerance for unacceptable behavior at any of our tournaments or at any club within the boundaries of Unit 166. We need your help on **PROMOTING** the following behaviors and **REPORTING** the following unacceptable behaviors.

Commendable Behavior

Anything that makes bridge more enjoyable for others, including greeting others in a friendly manner, praising the play or defense of opponents (or partner when opponents are NOT at the table), leaving your left hand corner of the table free for your opponent, making your convention card readily available to opponents for their entire stay at the table, and just generally doing everything possible to make bridge the incredibly enjoyable game we know it can be.

Unacceptable Behavior

Anything that makes bridge less enjoyable for others, including publicly criticizing partner or others or continuing to discuss previous hands after the round has been called, gloating over the results of a board or making negative comments to opponents or to partner concerning the play or defense of a hand, poor personal hygiene, grooming, or dress, badgering, rudeness, insinuations of wrongdoing, profanity, threatening or violent behavior, baiting partner or opponents or being loud or obnoxious.

Tournament Trail

Albuquerque Summer Nationals	July 24 -Aug. 3
Syracuse Regional	Aug. 5-10
Pittsburgh Regional	Aug. 26-Sept. 1
Buffalo Sectional	Sept. 5-7
Rochester Fall Sectional	Sept. 26-28
Lancaster Regional	Oct. 20-26
Niagara Falls ON Regional	Nov. 5-9

**Margaret McCarthy Sectional****September 5 - 7, 1997****Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Hall, Amherst NY****45 South Ellicott Creek Rd (off Niagara Falls Blvd)****Friday, September 5**

Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 PM

0 - 300 Stratified Pairs 1:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs 7:30 PM

0 - 300 Stratified Pairs 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 6

Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 PM

0 - 300 Stratified Pairs 1:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs 7:30 PM

0 - 300 Stratified Pairs 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 7

Strati - Flighted Swiss Teams 11:00 AM

A 0 - Infinity B 0 - 750 C 0 - 300

Co-chairpersons: Walt Majewski 681-7107 Bill Rushmore 839-1235**Partnerships:** Cathy Bentzel 689-0921*In the Beginning**by Dick Czarnecki*

Ron Fill and his wife, Edna, think bridge is the best game ever invented. It stimulates the mind and encourages socialization. They have long been active in the Delaware Bridge Club which meets at the Knights of Columbus every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM.

Besides being a Sales Manager for Vibratech, Ron is also a poet. Here is an excerpt from his poem, entitled, "Summer Rain":

A drop of rain	Dreary and dismal,
And then another.	As life now seems,
Is this the start	The sun is only hiding
Of a long wet summer?	And soon will burst its seams.

From your editor: Please call or write **Kathy Pollock** with any items of interest at **834-2855**, 322 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY, 14150 (or kandemmett@aol.com).

**Benefit Bridge
Auction**

Have you ever wished you could play with a really, really good bridge player? You'll get your chance on **September 13th, 6:00 PM, Renaissance Hotel Fallsview, Niagara Falls, Canada.**

Some of the finest players from Buffalo and Ontario will be auctioned off for an evening of bridge. Games with local players Bob Freedman, Dan Gerstman, Jim Mathis and John Toy, along with members of the Canadian National Team and other outstanding Canadian players will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

If you're not interested in bidding, you can come just for the bridge game. For \$10 Canadian, you can play bridge and enjoy desserts and wine and cheese and win door prizes.

For more information or tickets, contact Pat or Dick Rasmus at 649-4634.