

♠♥The Bridge Buff♦♣



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President's Corner

By Jay Levy

Attendance at Sectionals, Unit Games and club games have been declining over the past few years. I wonder why this is, because for me, personally, duplicate bridge is as much fun and challenging as it was when I started playing 35 years ago.

I wonder if cost is the issue, although I would argue that the cost of an afternoon or evening of bridge is less expensive than other forms of entertainment such as the movies (and it is certainly more stimulating than television). The bridge facilities have improved over the years and offer a pleasant environment.

So, if it is not the game, the cost, or the facilities, then it must be something or a combination of factors that is causing the decrease in attendance. This is something that concerns me personally and as your Unit president. I would like to hear your input on this subject. Please call me at 849-2048 or e-mail me at jlevy@pclient.ml.com.

Unit Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 18, 2:00-6:00PM

The Bridge Centre

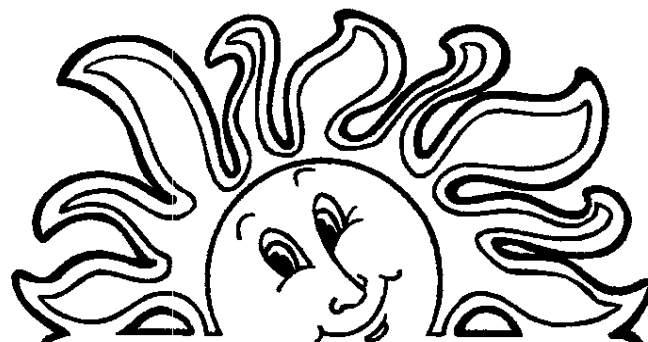
2371 George Urban Blvd., Depew

Refreshments will be served

Call Dorothy Boyd (837-4807)

or Phyllis Post (822-9575)

for partners or information



Unit 116 Summer Social

August 22

The Unit Summer Social is being held on Sunday, August 22, at Fontana's Banquet Center at 2440 Clinton St. in West Seneca.

The party starts with brunch at 11:00 a.m., followed by Stratified Pairs beginning at noon. 4:00 p.m. is the start of the first round of a Stratified Swiss Game, with a break for dinner at 5:00 p.m., and the Swiss will then continue. Beer, wine and soda will be served.

What's the ticket price for all this bridge and bounty? \$20 for Unit members, \$25 for non-members, \$5 additional at the door.

Call **Betty Bronstein** for tickets, partners, teammates or info at **689-7400**.

Tournament Calendar

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| July 18 | Unit Swiss 2:00 p.m. |
| July 16-18 | Akron, OH Sectional |
| July 21-31 | San Antonio Nationals |
| July 23 | International Fund Game #3 |
| Aug. 17-22 | Syracuse Regional |
| Aug. 22 | Unit Summer Social |
| Aug. 31 - Sept. 6 | Pittsburgh Regional |
| Sept. 15 | Instant Matchpoint Game |
| Sept. 24-26 | Buffalo Sectional |
| Oct. 26-31 | Niagara Falls, ON Regional |

Buffalo Summer Regional**Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs**

- 3A/1B Mike Ryan and Paul Orosz
 2B/1C Jim Reineck and Ravi Arulnandhy
 3B/2C Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth
 5B Dorothy Boyd and Kevin Gervase

Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs

- 3A Chris Urbanek and Buddy Seidenberg
 7A Debbie Drury and Rose Burke
 2B Phyllis Post and Dick Clancy
 3C Richard and Deborah Montesanti
 5C Anne O'Connor and Joyce Kindt

John Toy Knockouts 1 - Bracket 1

- 1 Don Cameron, Judy Graf, Walter Mack and Myles Grant

Thursday TOPS Pairs

- 1A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz
 3A Pat Rasmus and Vidi Vaidhyanathan
 1B Judy Graf and Don Cameron
 2C Sue Neubecker and Gisela Browne

Thursday Swiss Teams

- 1A John Toy, Tom Donnelly, Dick Early, Larry Long, Jan Assini and Peter Grover
 2A Jay Levy, Buddy Seidenberg, Jim Mathis and John Kilmer
 5A Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, Joan Rose and Jeanette Michienzi
 1B Dorothy Boyd, Phyllis Post, John Bielinski and Elaine Kurasiewicz
 5B Jerry Geiger, Bob Dibianca, Jim Reineck and Mike Ryan
 2C Faith Perry, Ed Borosky, Ian McArthur and Michael Farebrother
 3C Janet Frisch, Willard Sancrainte, Lee Gordon and Marilyn Brunner

Handicapped Knockouts II - Bracket 1

- 1 Art Morth, Sue Bergman, Don McGill and Claire Gellman
 3/4 Geri Krawitz, Christy Kellogg, Kathy Pollock and Pat Karpen

Handicapped Knockouts II - Bracket 2

- 3/4 Bill Castle, Bob Noe, Anne Bartels, Cajeta Ciola and Frank Davies

Friday Stratified Open Pairs

- 4A Bill Rushmore and Art Morth
 5A/1B Judy Graf and Bruce Gillies
 7A Debbie Drury and Rose Burke
 3B Dorothy Boyd and Kathy Pollock
 4C Jim Schiffner and Richard Schiffner

Friday-Saturday Early Bird Swiss

- 3A/1B Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Faye Reinherz and Nancy Donnell

Friday Stratified Senior Pairs

- 5/6B/2C Virginia Zwolinski and Dolores Warmuz

Friday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs

- 3A/2B Faith Perry and Pat Lancaster

Friday Charity Midnight Knockouts

- 2 John Bielinski, Elaine Kurasiewicz, Carole Sutphen and Julie Kraus
 3/4 Don Heisler, Sharon Benz, Debbie Drury and Rose Burke

Morning Knockouts

- 1 Jerry Geiger, Brad Mampe, Bob Dibianca and Jim Reineck
 3/4 Harry Meyers, Phyllis Post, Dick Clancy and Al Haber
 3/4 Alan Greer, Dan Boye, Betty and Steve Bloom, Varis Carey and Kevin Bathurst

Saturday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs

- 2A Pinky Regan and Phyllis Wilkinson
 5A/3B Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones

Saturday Flight A Pairs

- 1 Joel Wooldridge and Tom Carmichael

Saturday Stratified B/C Pairs

- 4B Bob Feasley and Mary Jo Crone

Old Glory Continuous Pairs II

- 3/4 Gerry Fried

Handicapped Knockouts III - Bracket 1

- 3/4 John Toy, Jan Assini, Peter Grover, Vince Oddy and Barbara Clinton

Handicapped Knockouts III - Bracket 2

- 2 Harry Cheung, John Ziemer, Lori Benacci and Francis Tseng

Handicapped Knockouts III - Bracket 3

- 2 Dan and Elve Johnston, Don and Helen Brock
 3/4 Shirley Lyth, Jeanne Gladysz, Donna Steffan and Lorraine Ciavatta

Saturday Charity Midnight Knockouts

- 3/4 Jim Reineck, Brian Meyer, Jerry Geiger and Doug Couchman

Sunday Flight A Swiss Teams

- 1 Joel Wooldridge, Tom Carmichael, Phillip Becker and Marty Baff
 3 Gerry Fried, John Toy, Alan Greer, Chris Urbanek, Tom Donnelly and Fred Neuburger
 9/10 Jill and Pow Wooldridge, Marty Miller, Josh Heller and Kevin Bathurst

Sunday Stratified B/C Swiss Teams

- 3B/2C Brad and Brian Mampe, Jim Reineck and Doug Couchman
 5B Dorothy Boyd, Christy Kellogg, Jeanette Law and Peter Speksnyder

Senior Stratified Swiss Teams

- 3A Bob Feasley, Trudy Manaher, Bette Ostolski and Jean Considine

Tuesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs I

- 5A Paul Libby and Madelon Bultman
 4B Eva Schmidt and Rita Pawelczyk
 5B Lee Gordon and Willard Sancrainte
 6B Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones
 2C Catherine Crocoston and Mary Maurer

Tuesday Evening Continuous Pairs I

- 4A Art Morth and Madelon Bultman
 2B Eva Schmidt and Rita Pawelczyk
 4B Lee Gordon and Willard Sancrainte

Wednesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs I

- 1A Vince Pesce and Bob Andersen
 5A/2B/2C Eva Schmidt and Betty Rubins

Wednesday Evening Continuous Pairs I

- 3A/2B/1C Keith Herms and Richard Penfold
 4A Claire Gareleck and Betty Bronstein
 6A/3B Bonnie Bryar and Charles Tripi
 5B Betty Dorio and Katherine Tyler

Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs I

- 6A/4B/2C Gil Krawitz and Pol Akman
 3C Dolly Ladds and Joanie Dann

Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs I

- 2A Kathy Pollock and Pat Karpen
 4A Paul Orosz and Rosemary Dunn
 5B Nancy Acara and Mary O'Connor
 2C Henry Chudy and Gene Giorgini

Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs II

- 1A Gerry Fried and Philip Horton
 3A Mary McKenna and Eleanor Horton
 5A/3B/3C Lee Gordon and Willard Sancrainte
 6A/4B/4C Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones

Friday Evening Continuous Pairs II

- 4A Gerry Fried and Philip Horton

Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs II

- 4A George Bills and Trudy Manaher

Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs II

- 3B Kathy Pollock and Geri Krawitz

Section Tops by players not already mentioned in the overalls: Joe Branconi, Dot Brenner, Mary Bosard, Alberta Brown, Liz Clark, Nan Denn, Saleh Fetouh, Curtis Hallis, Suraj Jain, Anne Licata, Guy Puccio, Marianne Rindfleisch, Pat Rogers, Marge Schomers and Anne Watkins.

Cleveland Regional**Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs I**

- 4A Joel Wooldridge and John Kranyak

Early Bird Open Pairs

- 2A/1B Brian Meyer and Josh Heller

Women's Swiss Teams

- 1A Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, Jeanette Michienzi and Marjorie Melamed

Friday Charity Knockouts

- 2 Brian Meyer, Henry Caspar, Lev Pinsky and Todd Wolford

Continuous Pairs Overall

- 2/3 Bert Hargesheimer

- 2/3 Misha Tomic

Saturday Senior Pairs

- 1A Doreen Scott and Vidi Vaidhyanathan

- 2B Jim Scott and Sardarsinh Gohel

Saturday Charity Knockouts

- 2 Joel Wooldridge, David Halasi, Lon Sasa, Kevin Wilson, Anne Wilson and Howard Lebow

- 3/4 Brian Meyer, Pat Rasmus, Mike Ryan and Paul Orosz

Handicapped Knockouts III - Bracket 1

- 2 Joel Wooldridge, Gavin Wolpert, David Halasi, Josh Heller and Ken Warren

- 3/4 Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, Jeanette Michienzi and Marjorie Melamed

Handicapped Knockouts III - Bracket 2

- 3/4 Harry Cheung, Lori Benacci, Leland Bailey and Francis Tseng

Sunday Senior Pairs

- 1A Doreen Scott and Vidi Vaidhyanathan

- 1B Jim Scott and Harold Pikler

Sunday Charity Knockouts

- 2 Joel Wooldridge, David Halasi, Josh Heller, Howard Lebow, Lon Sasa and Toni Bales

Senior Swiss Teams

- 3/4A Doreen and Jim Scott, Vidi Vaidhyanathan, Gerald Mindell and Robert Rinehart

Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams

- 5B Joe Branconi, Brian Meyer, Bob Middleton and Frances Prus

- 5C Paul Orosz, Mike Ryan, Misha Tomic and Patricia Young

Thursday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- 1A/1B Gene Speckman and Ronald Kral

Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- 3A Bert Hargesheimer and Misha Tomic

Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- 3B Misha Tomic and William Gilmore

Sunday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- 1A Bert Hargesheimer and Misha Tomic

Sunday Evening Continuous Pairs

- 1A Bert Hargesheimer and Misha Tomic

Section Tops by those not already mentioned in the

Overalls: Sharon Benz, Don Heisler, Marianne Rindfleisch and Jackie Solomon

Charlottesville, VA Sectional**Saturday Stratified Open Pairs**

- 1A/1B/1C Elve and Dan Johnston



OFF THE WEB

Fingerlakes Sectional

Saturday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

4A John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

6B/4C Don and Miriam Regnet

Stratified Swiss Teams

4A Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

ANNOUNCING

The Buffalo Whist Club has moved to a new location - Zion Church, 15 Koenig Circle, in the Town of Tonawanda. Games are held at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Special games will be held August 9 (Jackpot Game/Handicapped), August 16 (Club Championship), and September 13 (Apples and Awards). For information call Sharon Benz at 838-3654

Directions from the North: Go south on Niagara Falls Blvd. and go under the I-290 (Youngman Expressway) overpass. Take a right at the light on Koenig Rd. (Hollywood Video will be on your right.) The church is on the right in a few blocks.

Directions from the South: Go north on Niagara Falls Blvd. and make a left at the light on Koenig Rd. (Tim Horton's is on the corner). The church is on the right in a few blocks. Alternate route: Take Eggert Rd. north and make a right on Parker Blvd.. Make a right on Koenig Rd. just before expressway overpass. The church is on your left.

May Unit Knockout Results

Congratulations to the following teams on their KO victories:

Flight A: Jim Mathis, John Kilmer, Chris Urbanek and Buddy Seidenberg

Flight B: Jerry Geiger, Jim Reineck, Brian Meyer and Christy Kellogg

Flight C: Mary Ellen State, Ruth Hnath, Bob Gala and Jack Miller

WELCOME

To the following new member of Unit 116:
Ronald Ingwall

District International Fund Game Winners

Kudos to Jim Mathis and Buddy Seidenberg who had the highest percentage game (62.96%) in District 5 in the International Fund Game #1 held in January.

In Remembrance of

The members of Unit 116 wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of Catherine (Totchie) Capen who passed away recently.

UNIT ELECTIONS



If you are interested in running for the Unit Board of Directors, please contact Election Committee Members Judy Graf (741-3815), Claire Gareleck (835-0635), or Donna Steffan (636-9653). Elections for three year terms are held during the Annual Meeting in December.

The Election Committee is available to answer your questions, put your name on the slate for election, or take suggestions for other qualified candidates.

June Unit Game Results

Stratified Open Pairs

1A Barb and Paul Libby
2A Doreen Scott and Vidi Vaidhyanathan
3A Nita Ferrell and Dan Foley
4A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz
5A Alice Lind and Bob Olin
6A/1B Phyllis Post and Betty Bronstein
2B Mike Ryan and Paul Orosz
3B Dot Brenner and Anne Watkins
4B Betty Lawrence and Janet Frisch

299er Pairs

1 Roy Crocker and Anne Licata
2/3 Howard Turner and Robert Horanberg
2/3 Dan and Elve Johnston
4 Connie Swick and Beverly Norton

Wedding Bells



Congratulations to Bert Feasley and Paula Kruska on their nuptials in December. Bert promises to send a bride hand to celebrate the occasion.

Congratulations go out also to former Buffalo bridge players, Marcia Freed and John Conway on their recent wedding.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The twinkle in his eyes, his beaming smile, his sincere appreciation, and his disbelief at the size of the turnout were enough to let us know we'd done a great job of celebrating Renzo Renzoni's 90th birthday.

I'd like to thank the Bridge Centre and Dick Rasmus for the cakes and decorations, Meg Klamp for her great story and poem, Dot Brenner for her help and the balloons, Bernice Baker for the beautiful flowers, Judi Graf for her help and the punch, and Bette Ostolski for her help cleaning up. I also wish to thank all of you who brought a marvelous food.

Renzo has thanked me many times and I want to pass that on to all of the people who made the party possible.

Judi Fischer

Dear Editor,

I wanted to pass this column along from *The Orlando Sentinel* from June 16, 1999, in case it didn't show up in the Buffalo paper.

Bruce Gillies

Goren on Bridge By Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch
Both vulnerable, North deals.

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| | NORTH | | |
| | ♠ A Q 8 6 2 | | |
| | ♥ 7 4 | | |
| WEST | ♦ K Q 8 2 | EAST | |
| ♠ J 9 3 | ♣ A 6 | ♠ 10 7 5 | |
| ♥ A J 10 3 | | ♥ 9 5 | |
| ♦ J 6 | SOUTH | ♦ 10 7 4 3 | |
| ♣ 5 4 3 2 | ♠ K 4 | ♣ Q J 10 8 | |
| | ♥ K Q 8 6 2 | | |
| | ♦ A 9 5 | | |
| | ♣ K 9 7 | | |

The bidding:

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|-------|------|-------|------|
| NORTH | EAST | SOUTH | WEST |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 ♦ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♥ | Pass | 6 NT | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening Lead: 5 of ♣

The most successful player in Northern New York State is Buffalo's James Mathis. He represented the United States in the 1970 World Bridge Olympiad and, while his appearances on the national scene have been few these days, in local events he shows he has lost little of his skill. This deal was played recently at the Buffalo Whist Club.

The hand is not easy to bid. With 15 points, all prime opposite a partner who made a 'high' reverse, six no trump as not an unreasonable, though aggressive, contract to reach. It needed considerable skill to bring home, though. Mathis provided that element.

The opening lead was won in dummy with the ace of clubs and a heart was led to the king, which held. Declarer cashed the king of clubs, then started on spades, and was considerably relieved when the suit broke evenly. The spades were cleared, declarer letting go three hearts from hand as West parted with two clubs and East with a club and a heart.

Reading the distribution perfectly, declarer cashed the table's king of diamonds, carefully unblocking the nine from hand, then crossed to the ace of diamonds before exiting with a club to East's queen. Down to only the 10 7 of diamonds, the defender was forced to lead that suit into dummy's K 8 tenace, and declarer scored the last two tricks to wrap up the slam, losing only a club trick.

Note that it would not have helped West to win the first heart. When declarer cashes his last major-suit winner, East cannot make a safe discard.



Niagara Falls Regional

October 26-31, 1999

The Skyline Brock Hotel
5685 Falls Avenue
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6W7
(800) 263-7135 or (905) 374-4444

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| <p>Tuesday, Oct. 26</p> <p>Senior KO Teams (1st) 7:30 pm</p> <p>Open KO Teams (1st) 7:30 pm</p> <p>Stratified Charity Pairs 7:30 pm</p> | <p>Wednesday, Oct. 27</p> <p>Senior KO Teams (2nd, 3rd, 4th) 9:00 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Open KO Teams (2nd, 3rd, 4th) 9:00 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Stratified 0-200 Pairs 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Continuous Pairs (1st) 7:30</p> |
| <p>Thursday, Oct. 28</p> <p>Bracketed Morning KO (1st) 9:00 am</p> <p>Senior Swiss Teams 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Open Swiss Teams 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Stratified Open Pairs 1:30 7:30</p> | <p>Friday, Oct. 29</p> <p>Bracketed Morning KO (2nd) 9:00 am</p> <p>Bracketed KO Handicap (1st, 2nd) 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Triple Options Pairs (any 2 of 3) 9:00 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Triple Options Senior Pairs (any 2) 9:00 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Continuous Pairs (2nd, 3rd) 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Night Owl KO 11:30 pm</p> |
| <p>Saturday, Oct. 30</p> <p>Bracketed Morning KO (3rd) 9:00 am</p> <p>Bracketed KO Handicap (3rd, 4th) 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Senior Pairs 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Strataflighted Open Pairs 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Stratified Pairs (0-200) 1:30 7:30</p> <p>Night Owl KO 11:30 pm</p> | <p>Sunday, Oct. 31</p> <p>Bracketed Morning KO (4th) 8:00 am</p> <p>Senior Swiss Teams 11:00 am, TBA*</p> <p>Strataflighted Open Swiss Teams 11:00 am, TBA*</p> <p>*Dinner break to be announced</p> |

Hotel Accommodations - Two nights (per person, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner) Double \$153.03, Triple \$127.65. Three Nights (per person, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners) Double \$242.60, Triple \$204.53. Please book before **October 6** and request ACBL bridge rate. All prices in Canadian dollars, taxes and gratuities included.

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Buffalo

Margaret McCarthy Sectional

September 24-26, 1999
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Stratifications:

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