

# ♠ ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣

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Brian Meyer, Editor

## President's Report!

Our recent February Swiss game held on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success. There were snacks throughout the evening as well as liquid refreshments. The evening was topped off (for those who have a sweet tooth) with delicious cheesecake. Thanks to my co-chair, Donna Steffan who went 'above and beyond' doing all the "leg work" since my left leg wasn't functioning. Kudos to Faith Perry, who couldn't make the game, but was so helpful in getting the 299ers lined up for teams. Thanks too for all those board members (and several others) who contributed. We had lots of help setting up and cleaning up. I promise no more broken bones for me.

Jim Gullo tells me there's a good slate of candidates from which to choose in the upcoming special election. There are four positions that need to be filled on the board of directors. Jim and his committee - Anne O'Connor and Art Morth are getting the ballots printed and they should be in the clubs soon if they're not already. Voting can take place until April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ballots will be collected from the clubs and results of the election will be announced Saturday or Sunday at the Hamburg Sectional. If you know of someone who is out of town and wants to vote, please send them a ballot. Out of town ballots should be sent to Jim Gullo and **MUST** arrive by April 16<sup>th</sup>. His address is 12547 Alleghany Road, Silver Creek 14136. His phone number is 934-2445.

The March unit game will be held Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Zion church, 7pm. If you have questions about the board-a-

match teams, contact Sharon Benz 838-3654. Maryann Ludwiczak will be helping Sharon organize the evening. In addition, the Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney awards will be presented (see the results of those races later in this edition).

The Tom Wolstoncroft Sectional will be held April 23-25 at the Hamburg KofC. Sharon Benz and Joanne Kelley will be co-chairing this event. If you need partners, please call Sharon. We're trying to bring in new players to our sectionals - thus a game for those with less than 25 masterpoints will be held on Saturday. Check out page 7 for more information!

Several upcoming events have been scheduled. May 14-16 is the annual 299er Sectional at the Lockport Senior Center. (1 single-session event each day). June 12<sup>th</sup>, Marge Schomers will host the Unit game, also in Lockport. This event is very well attended, and there is plenty of food to go around! We are also scheduling unit knockouts in May.

Donna Steffan and I will be chairing another Unit Pro-Am game on July 24<sup>th</sup> @ the Rescue Fire Hall. This also includes the 'Taste of Buffalo' so be sure you register early for this popular event. If you have a partner in mind (remember, 1 is over 300 masterpoints, 1 is under), please register in advance. If you would like us to get you a partner, please let us know as soon as possible!

Don't trump your partner's ace - second hand low - see you at the table!

Joyce C. Kindt  
President, Unit 116 ACBL

**The Nat Gerstman Sectional Jan. 2004****Friday Evening 299ers**

D E

- 1 1 Elaine Universal, Teresa Fraas  
 2 2 Jane Larcom, David Larcom  
 3 Mary Ann Byers, Elizabeth Ross

**Friday Evening Open**

A B

- 1 Donna Steffan, Brian Meyer  
 2 Bert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg  
 3 Jim Mathis, Beverly Cohen  
 4 Saleh Fetouh, Randolph Seidenberg  
 5 John Sinclair, Dan Gerstman  
 6 Robert Olin, Richard Schad  
 2 Bert Feasley, Kathy Pollock

**Saturday Morning 299ers**

D E

- 1 1 John Ricotta, Walter Olszewski  
 2 2 Ethel Schippnick, Robert Rivard  
 3/4 Nancy Kessler, Carlton Stone  
 3/4 Charles Heimerl, Robert Davis

**Saturday Morning Open**

A B C

- 1 P. Thurston, Saleh Fetouh  
 2 Gerald Fried, A Greer  
 3 Robert Andersen, Robert Linn  
 4 Kathy Pollock, William Rushmore  
 5 1 Marianne Rindfleisch, Anne Watkins  
 6 William Bascom, Jay Levy  
 3 D. Megill, Mark Pascale  
 4 1 Tom Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte  
 5 2 Patricia Weber, Michael Weber

**Saturday Afternoon Open**

A B C

- 1 1 D. Megill, Mark Pascale  
 2 P. Thurston, Saleh Fetouh  
 3 Gerald Fried, A Greer  
 4 2 Claire Gareleck, Patricia Burns  
 5 Carolyn Siracuse, Robert Feasley  
 6 3 Margaret Schomers, Liliana Jassy  
 4 1 Tom Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte  
 5 Joanne Kelley, Eugene Harvey  
 6 Elaine Kurasiewicz, J. Manioci  
 2 Thelma Daughtry, Doanne Jackson  
 3 Alexandra Miller, Jane Whitmore  
 4/5 Faith Perry, Walter Heilemann  
 4/5 John Ricotta, Walter Olszewski

**Sunday 299er Swiss**

- 1 John Ricotta, Brian Universal, Elaine Universal, Teresa Fraas

**Sunday B/C Swiss Teams**

B C

- 1 1 Patricia & Michael Weber, Thomas Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte  
 2 Fran Kurtz, Bernice Baker, Judith & Robert Padgug  
 3 James Gullo, Donna Steffan, Joanne Kelley, Eugene Harvey

**Sunday A/X Swiss Teams Unl/2000**

A X

- 1 1 Paul & Barbara Libby, Elizabeth Clark, Harry Cheung  
 2 Christine Urbanek, Jim Mathis, Buddy Seidenberg, Sharon Benz, John Kilmer  
 3 Jay Levy, William Bascom, Saleh Fetouh, William Rushmore

**THE CLEVELAND REGIONAL****Thursday Swiss**

- 3A S. Landen, M. Zerbini, Dan Gerstman, M. Hirschman

**Friday Evening Side Game**

- 1A Patricia Rasmus, Kathy Pollock

**Saturday Flight A/X Pairs**

- 4X A. Ehrler, Patricia Rasmus

**Saturday Evening Side Game**

- 3B J. Merkel, James Gullo

**Saturday BCD Pairs**

- 6B Kathy Pollock, D. Roseberry

**Friday/Saturday KOs – Bracket 2**

- 3/4 Eugene Harvey, James Gullo, J. Merkel, Donna Steffan

**Friday/Saturday KOs – Bracket 2**

- 3/4 John Ricotta, Allen Beroza, Elaine Universal, Teresa Fraas

**Sunday Flight A/X Swiss Teams**

- 6A/1X Elbert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg, M. Spooner, P. Spooner

**DISTRICT 5 GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS**

**Superflight:**

- 2 P. Becker, K. Kranyak, K.Bhatia, F. Cymerman, Joel Wooldridge, Dan Gerstman
- 3 B. Fudor, J. Assini, P. Grover, Thomas Donnelly, John Toy, A Greer

**Flight A:**

Champions: Jay Levy, Saleh Fetouh, Jill & Pow Wooldridge, William Bascom

**Flight B:**

Champions: Warren O'Connell, James Reineck, Eugene Harvey, Brian Mampe, Brian Meyer

**Climbing the ladder!**

Congratulations to the following members of our unit who surpassed a masterpoint milestone! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

**Junior Masters**

Judith L Padgug  
Sheila E Rosenthal  
Isabelle Banas  
Jane O'Conner  
Robert Padgug

**Club Masters**

Janet Gibbons  
Alexandra Miller  
Judith Padgug

**Sectional Masters**

Jane Larcom  
Patricia Begin  
Edna Fill

**NABC Masters**

Brian Universal

**Regional Masters**

Eugene Giorgini  
Aage Pettersen

**Silver Life Masters**

Florence Smith

**Our Deepest Sympathy**

The Unit would like to extend its condolences to Ed Borosky on the recent passing of his wife. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Calling ALL Seniors**

The Empire State Senior Games will be held in Cortland in June. Those who are of age 50 or older may participate in Bridge on the 10th & 11th. Applications by May 1st. please call Joyce Kindt if you are interested. 4 people from WNY attended in 2003.

**Playing Card Trivia - con't from last Buff.**

They were produced in mass quantity after Johann Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 15th Century, and the four suits reflect the structure of the medieval society:

- Spades - Nobility
- Hearts - Priesthood
- Diamonds - The wealthy merchant class
- Clubs - Peasantry

While the 1,284 page Bible was the first thing printed, playing cards were second. And what of the Kings' better halves?

The Queen of Diamonds is Rachel, wife of Jacob and mother of the 12 sons who founded the tribes of Israel.

The Queen of Clubs is an anagram of Regina, signifying queen.

The Queen of Hearts is Judith of Bavaria, daughter-in-law of Charlemagne.

The Queen of Spades is said to represent Athena.

**Calling all unit members**

HELP! The Unit Board is down to the following 8 members until the next election. Sharon Benz, Doanne Jackson, Diane Jeffrey, Joanne Kelley, Joyce Kindt, Dave Larcom, Paul Libby and Eric Phifer.

Doanne Jackson is currently ill and unable to participate. Eric Phifer has informed the unit president that he has no intention of doing any work on or for the board or the unit.

It takes twelve board members to run the various games, activities, programs, etc that the unit is responsible for. With only 6 right now, events will have to be eliminated, a new directory cannot be published this year and on and on. Attendance drops at unit games and sectionals because a lot of telephone calls are required and there are not enough

people to do it. This is your unit. If you want to play bridge and enjoy the other benefits of unit membership, it is not right for all the work to fall to only six people.

If you can lend a hand in any way, please contact one of the working board members.

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### Unit 116 Conduct and Ethics Committee

**By: Sharon Benz (C&E Chairperson)**

The Ethics Committee was recently convened to discuss the recent unit elections. I would like to THANK ALL participants. When things go wrong, and they may again, I hope we can be open to discussion and criticism.

I am sure examination only makes us better! So let's put things behind us and enjoy our great game!!

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### Expressing Doubt

**By: Pat Rasmus**

A handful of concerned unit members attended a special board meeting on January 15th. The meeting was convened to discuss possible irregularities surrounding the election for the Unit 116 Board of Directors. As the meeting proceeded, it was apparent to me, that the Board wanted to right any irregularity that might have occurred, while some people were solely in attendance to criticize the election chairman- Kevin Gervase and the recommendations of the Conduct and

Ethics Committee presented by Sharon Benz. Keep in mind that board and committee members are not paid for their services. They volunteer their time and effort only to hear negative rather than positive feedback. Still they continue to work for all of us who play bridge. Fingers were pointed, accusations were made - END RESULT - a new election and the resignation of a terrific gentleman and hard working board member KEVIN GERVASE! Kevin has done a wonderful job as site chairman, finding sites and making arrangements for our sectionals. This task requires a tremendous amount of time and effort. Not only did Kevin find the sites for the sectionals he chaired two of them. Again, this is a job that requires hours of endless work. The members of Unit 116 have lost a very hard working board member. I hope the new election will produce someone to replace Kevin and all the hard work he has done for our unit. I have to say I have my doubts that this will happen.

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### An open letter to Kevin Gervase:

Dear Kevin,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your two years of service to the Unit 116 Board. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with you.

I worked on the "sites committee" myself years ago - there was not much work to be done because, at that time, most of our unit functions were held at the Bridge Centre. When that facility abruptly closed, the question of "Where can we go?" fell squarely on your shoulders. Within a few weeks, you had secured a number of different venues. What a relief for all of us!

You also assumed the responsibility for running the election in December. You were not responsible for any irregularities that may have occurred, and the recent attacks on your integrity and character are unconscionable. Your honesty and ethics



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
at the Unit **Board-a-Match TEAM GAME!!!**  
**STRATIFIED!!!**

March 13, 2004, 7:00pm

Zion Church(site of the Whist Club)

Koenig Circle at Parker Blvd.

Tonawanda, New York

***REFRESHMENTS, FUN, MASTERPOINTS!***

For information or partners, please call Sharon Benz, 838-3654

*"Like the warmth of the sun  
and the light of the day  
May the luck of the Irish  
Shine bright on your way."*

have been questioned by a few disgruntled individuals. This is totally unjustified and without merit. I was shocked when I heard that charges were being brought against you - even more shocked when I found out that those charges would be dropped as soon as your resignation was accepted by the unit board.

I wish you well, Kevin. Those of us who worked with you will remember your hard work and dedication. You, unlike others, have worked diligently to promote good will in our bridge community. And shouldn't we all strive to do just that.

All the best,  
Donna

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**GET OUT - AND VOTE!**

By now you know we are having a new election for the board of directors. The following folks have asked that you please read their campaign statements before you consider voting.

**John BIELINSKI**: I have been working hard for the unit since I've been on the board. Re-elect me and I will continue working to promote bridge in our area.

**Dorothy BOYD**: It would be my privilege to again serve the WNY bridge community by working to maintain the high standards of unit functions we've enjoyed during the past few years.

**Judy GRAF**: I have previously served on the board for six consecutive years. I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve the bridge community for another three year term.

**Eugene HARVEY**: Aggressive community outreach, mending broken relationships, and ending bitter struggles within the Buffalo Bridge community are essential to bridge's survival. My long term efforts will focus on such.

**Jim JACOBI**: I have had many enjoyable years playing bridge and I just wish to give some back.

**Barbara LIBBY**: If elected, I would propose that board members disclose any financial interest in any bridge club. They would be prohibited from voting on any matter that affects that club.

**Eric SHREIBER**: Why the new election? Because John Bielinski filled out ballots for people without their approval. This unit has censured him. I will work to restore the Board's severely damaged credibility.

**Donna STEFFAN**: It's important that we have positive, hard-working people on the unit board. Please consider those who have worked for you, and those who will. Vote carefully.

Ladies and gentlemen of Unit 116 - As decided upon in a motion by the Unit board: **ALL** OUT-OF-TOWN ballots need to be both SENT by me, and RECEIVED by me. Please contact me, Jim Gullo, (address and phone on page 1) and I will send the ballot to you (or your friend).

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**McGilvery Award**

It is time to propose candidates for the prestigious McGilvery Award for sportsmanship and ethics. This award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who epitomizes ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 15, 2004. Please send nominations, with supporting material, to Michael Ryan, 243 Frankhauser Road, Williamsville, New York 14221. The 2003 winner will be announced at the All-American Regional Tournament at Independence, Ohio, on Sunday, May 30.

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Ladies and Gentlemen: The deadline for the next Buff is April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send in any interesting hands or anecdotes. I hope you enjoy the expanded format of this buff. The\_bridge\_buff @ Yahoo.com

**Way to go!!!****By: Allen Beroza**

We all know how impressive the point totals are for the nationwide masterpoint races at every level. Eugene Harvey's accomplishment (listed on the ACBL website) of placing 16th in the country for 2003 for all NABC masters with 277 points is quite remarkable. Eugene is the only player at any level in Unit 116 to have placed nationally. A very well done!

**Unit 116 Email List & Online Community****By: Eric H. Shreiber**

Ladies and gentlemen of Unit 116:

In today's age, the internet is a vital tool for distributing information in a timely manner.

I used to be under the impression that Unit 116 had a central email list that was used to circulate Unit information. It recently was brought to my attention that the Unit, in fact, does not have any such list from which announcements can be disseminated to the membership. Instead, the Unit has relied on makeshift lists created by certain members of this Unit. However, these members believe that they have the right to unilaterally determine whether or not a given Unit 116 member receives Unit correspondence.

In order to move the Unit forward from this kind of tyranny, I have offered my services to the Unit Board to launch two new and exciting initiatives: a centralized email list of Unit 116 members and an online community for the membership.

Upon its creation, the email list will become the immediate property of Unit 116. To ensure that the Unit's correspondence gets sent to the maximum number of its members, the email list that I pledge to create will not exclude any Unit 116 member from it without their express consent. In other words, if a member has an email address for which she or he would like to receive Unit 116 information, then that address will be added to the list.

Likewise, a member may choose to remove their email address from the list at any time.

This email list additionally will be a part of the new UNIT 116 online community that has been set up. You can find this community at the following website:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Unit116/>

This online community has several features, each of which being designed both to benefit the greater membership and to promote the game of bridge in Western New York, including, but not limited to:

1. All announcements related to bridge, information, and other correspondence from the Unit and its Board may be found here.
2. Any member may use this site to circulate email messages to the membership.
3. A chat room is included. All Board members are encouraged to make themselves available on a weekly basis so that members may ask questions, address concerns, or just say hello.
4. Back issues of The Bridge Buff and other items *may* be archived here.
5. A calendar is included so that Unit, District, and National events may be highlighted.
6. Polls may be used to address any pressing issues.
7. Links to numerous bridge-related sites will be available.
8. An updated electronic version of the membership directory will be available here, upon its creation.
9. Spam and other inappropriate solicitations are prohibited.

Through previous interactions, I already have many of your email addresses. If you would like your email added to this list, then please let me know by emailing me at [shreiber@adelphia.net](mailto:shreiber@adelphia.net). Additionally, any

suggestions that you have on how to make this online community as effective as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Eric Phifer, Brian Meyer, and Sharon Benz, whose input and ideas helped inspire the creation of this online community.

**"The one that got away"**  
by Mark Pascale

At the Nat Gerstman Sectional, Doug Megill and I had one of those magical sessions that might come once in a lifetime. Thanks Doug!

After "practicing" for three sessions, we managed a monster 69% game in the 18-1/2 table section on Saturday afternoon for 1st Overall. When Doug asked me what my estimate was, after we played the last board, I told him that I did not want to guess ... I knew we had almost no bad boards (on a 12 top, we ended up with only 4 boards below a 5). We did nothing unusual. We just played a nice, steady game of bidding, declaring, defending and doubling unwise opponents.

There was one hand, however, that got away. Board 27. West (Dealer) held:  
♠A9x ♥ATxx ♦KQJxx ♣J. East held:  
♠KQxxx ♥K ♦A9x ♣xxxx. Apparently, everyone had trouble with this one. How did you bid it? Some did not get to game; some played in No Trump; no one bid the cold 6 Spade slam. We came close. Our bidding: 1♦ -- 1♠ -- 2♥ (yes, I stretched by reversing, but the alternate bids have their own serious flaws) -- 2 NT (2♠ is better) -- 3♠ (completing my pattern) -- 4♠. Doug did not recognize the huge fit that we had, so we stopped in game like the rest of the field, for an average. Could have been a rare 70+% game! Guess we have to try again. When is the next tournament?

**Did you know???**

- Partner is more likely to hold a 6 card suit than a 3 card suit when s/he opens with 1 of a minor?
- It's better to be lucky than to be good?

**ATTENTION ALL NEW PLAYERS!!!**

By: Paul Libby

Have we got a deal for you. We want YOU at our April Sectional. Saturday morning, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 we are running a special section for new players. This will be FREE to ACBL members with less than 25 masterpoints. If you have a partner who is not a member, bring him/her along and s/he will pay only \$1.00!!! This is a bargain that cannot be beat. Come on out and see how much fun our sectionals can be. For information and help with partnerships, please call Paul Libby at 836-8303.

**Suit Combinations**

By: Brian Meyer

Playing with Eugene Harvey recently, I had the misfortune of (overbidding, and thus) being over my head in a 5H contract. I lost the two minor suit aces, and had to turn my attention to the trump suit. I needed to lose ZERO tricks with the following: 10 7 6 opposite A K 8 3 2. There is only one position you can pick up for ZERO losers (without some defensive help). Do you see it?

5H made – and much to my surprise, the par result was 3H or 4H taking only 9 tricks. The vast majority of people found 2 trump losers. How is this possible? 5H made by pinning the 9 offside. However – most people did not need five winners in the suit. The 'normal' play is small to the Ace, and when the 9 shows up on your left, simply lead toward the 10 in the dummy. (Lay it out, you'll see it). This is a 100% safety play (assuming there are no enemy ruffs available). There is no lie of the opponents' cards that can produce more than 1 loser if both of your opponents follow suit the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. However, if the 9 was stiff, and you cash the King – oops.

**The 70% Club**

Did you & partner have a 70% game? Let us know when and where so we can recognize your great accomplishment!



<b><u>Rookie of the Year</u></b>		
1 Dorothy May		36
2 Nancy Kessler		29
3 Janet Gibbons		19

<b><u>Junior Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 John Ricotta		65
2 Ken Meier		42
3 Jean Macdonald		29

<b><u>Club Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Elaine Universal		124
2 Allen Beroza		98
3 Aage Pettersen		56

<b><u>Sectional Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Brian Universal		122
2 Alberta Brown		85
3 Clifford Vogelsang		57

<b><u>Regional Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Eric Shreiber		149
2 Eric Phifer		118
3 Fran Kurtz		104

<b><u>NABC Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Eugene Harvey		277
2 Willard Sanscrainte		79
3 Patricia Weber		68

<b><u>Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 S Luke Danielson		136
2 Brian Mampe		132
3 Joanne Kelley		120

<b><u>Bronze Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Donna Steffan		221
2 James Gullo		166
3 Michael Ryan		122

<b><u>Silver Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Christy Kellogg		260
2 Jerry Geiger		244
3 Judy Graf		177

<b><u>Gold Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Margaret Klamp		364
2 Bert Hargesheimer		291
3 Jill Wooldridge		225

<b><u>Diamond Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Dan Gerstman		539
2 Joel Wooldridge		377
3 John Toy		114

<b><u>Grand Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Jim Mathis		227

<b><u>Rookie of the Year</u></b>		
1 Dorothy May		26
2 Nancy Kessler		18
3 Janet Gibbons		13

<b><u>Junior Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Ken Meier		33
2 John Ricotta		32
3 Barbara Pieterse		22

<b><u>Club Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Allen Beroza		43
2 Elaine Universal		38
3 Aage Pettersen		30

<b><u>Sectional Master of the Year</u></b>		
1/2 Clifford Vogelsang		47
1/2 Alberta Brown		47
3 Richard Schad		35

<b><u>Regional Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Fran Kurtz		71
2 Eric Shreiber		60
3 Thomas Gibbons		55

<b><u>NABC Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Eugene Harvey		85
2 Patricia Weber		47
3 Betty Dorio		39

<b><u>Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Luke Danielson		103
2 Joanne Kelley		47
3 Pinky Regan		39

<b><u>Bronze Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Michael Kisiel Jr.		80
2 Vincent Pesce		73
3 Donna Steffan & Alfred Haber		68

<b><u>Silver Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Kevin Gervase		90
2 Stanley Kozlowski		89
3 Joan Rose & Christy Kellogg		86

<b><u>Gold Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Margaret Klamp		253
2 Gerald Fried		115
3 Beverly Cohen		106

<b><u>Diamond Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Dan Gerstman		11
2 Joel Wooldridge		9
3 John Toy		3

<b><u>Grand Life Master of the Year</u></b>		
1 Jim Mathis		124



## Frontier Unit 116 Tom Wolstoncroft Sectional

April 23-25, 2004  
Knights of Columbus  
36 Pierce Ave.  
Hamburg, NY 14075

Friday April 23 – 1 PM and 7 PM  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)  
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

Saturday April 24 – 10:30 AM  
\*\*Novice 0-25 Pairs (Single Session) – **FREE**  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)  
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

Saturday April 24 – 3 PM  
Stratified 299er Pairs (Single Session)  
Stratified Open Pairs (Single Session)

Sunday April 25 – 11 AM  
299er Swiss Teams (Single Session)  
Stratiflighted Swiss Teams (Playthrough)

**\*\*Special Notice:** We hope that Saturday morning's free novice (0-25MP) game will encourage you to come and experience the fun of sectional tournaments. It will be great practice for the upcoming 299er sectional May 14-16, 2004.

### **Stratifications**

Stratified Novice and 299er – as warranted  
Stratified Open UNL/1250/500  
Stratiflighted A/X UNL/2000-B/C 1250/500

\$8.00 per person per session

**Hospitality** – Friday evening, \*Saturday between sessions\*, Sunday morning  
Sandwiches will be available for purchase during Sunday's Swiss game.

### **Tournament Chairs**

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**Directions:** NYS Thruway to exit 57 (Rte. 75) south. Rte. 75 will become Camp Rd. Go approximately 3.5 miles to Rte. 62 (Pierce Ave.) and make a right.

