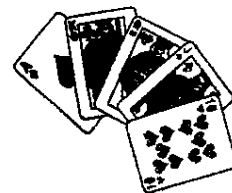


# ♠♥The Bridge Buff♦♣

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## President's Corner

By Jay Levy

Our Unit holds three sectionals each year during January, April, and September, and a Unit game during each of the other months. Attendance at these games has been decreasing, with the exception of the March Unit game hosted by Betty Bronstein. Your attendance at these games is vital to the Unit and enables us to support the summer picnic and the Annual Meeting in December.

As your president my goal is to increase attendance at these events. In this regard I am looking for your help. If you have any input on scheduling, types of games, hospitality, etc., please contact me. I can be reached during the days at 849-2048 or you can e-mail me at Jay\_Levy@ml.com

To Walter Majewski, Joan Rose and Sue Bergman, former Unit officers who are leaving the Board after having made significant contributions as members to bridge in the Buffalo area, we thank you and wish you luck in your future endeavors.

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## The Buffalo 500

### Unit Game

Saturday, March 20

7:30 pm at the Bridge  
Centre

Call Jay Levy for partners  
849-2048 (daytime)

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## Election of New Officers

At the Unit Board meeting in January the following people were elected as officers:

President	Jay Levy
Vice-President	Bill Rushmore
Treasurer	Marge Schomers
Secretary	Louise Mink

Please feel free to contact the officers or any of the other board members: Dorothy Boyd, Betty Bronstein, Don Cameron, Lorraine Ciavatta, Judy Graf, Curt Hallis, Brian Meyer, and Phyllis Post with any of your concerns.

## Unit Notes

The March Unit Game will serve several functions:

- ♣ The 1998 Mini-M<sup>c</sup>Kenny Winners will be announced.
- ♦ The 1998 Ace of Clubs Winners will be announced.
- ♥ The Unit will be having its first Buffalo 500 Game. Pairs must consist of one player with more than 500 points and one player with less than 500 points. You may arrange your own partnerships or call Jay Levy (849-2048 days, or e-mail at Jay\_Levy@ml.com) and he will arrange a partner for you.
- ♣ Start forming your teams now for the Unit Knockouts (Flights A, B, and C) to be held in early May. Also, don't forget to shore up your partners for the Tom Wolstoncroft Memorial Sectional in April!

## February Unit Game Results

1A	Gerry Friedman and Liz Clark
2A	Jim Mathis and John Kilmer
3A	Jay Levy and Bill Rushmore
4A	Alice Lind and Stan Kozlowski
1B	Don Cameron and Judy Graf
2/3B	Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
2/3B	Bob Olin and Christy Kellogg

## Nat Gerstman Sectional

### Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

- 1A/1B Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth
- 2A Bert Hargesheimer and John Kilmer
- 3/4A Bill Finkelstein and Alan Greer
- 3/4A Walt Majewski and Bob Anderson
- 5A Judy Graf and Walter Bluestone
- 6A Bev Cohen and Jim Mathis
- 3B Anne Watkins and Rita Sofia
- 4B Brian Meyer and Joe Branconi
- 5B Robert Gala and Jim Gullo
- 6/7B Betty Ann Johnson and Jane Yates
- 6/7B Betty Lawrence and Betty Dietrich

### Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 3A Don and Miriam Regnet
- 4A/1B/1C Bill Haring and Jack Miller
- 3B Eva Schmidt and Rita Pawelczyk
- 4B Faith Perry and Ed Borosky

### Friday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A Walt Majewski and Joan Rose
- 2A Chris Urbanek and John Sinclair
- 4A Betty Ostolski and Trudy Manaher
- 5A Bill Finkelstein and Alan Greer
- 6A Suraj Jain and Bill Bascom
- 1B Nora Branconi and Cathy Bentzel
- 2B Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth
- 3B Doyce Coffman and John Ziemer
- 4B Mike Ryan and Paul Orosz
- 6B Ann Torrell and Janet Frisch

### Friday Evening 299er Pairs

- 2A/2B/1C Doanne Jackson and Arthur English
- 3A/2B Faith Perry and Ed Borosky

### Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- 1A Chris Urbanek and Buddy Seidenberg
- 3A Jill Wooldridge and Marty Miller
- 4A Don Heisler and Gini Garrell
- 5A MaryAnn Ludwiczak and Judy Marshall
- 6A Joe Branconi and Debbie Drury
- 1B Carol Siracuse and Betty Bronstein
- 2B Ann Torrell and Janet Frisch
- 3B Marilyn Brunner and Betty Lawrence
- 5B Jackie Solomon and Marianne Rindfleisch
- 6/7B Florence Notto and Dolores Warmuz
- 6/7B John Marvin and Cliff Kaylor

### Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1A/1B/1C Georgia Kells and Joan Crane
- 4A/4B Bill Schneidau and Chester Fell
- 5A Roy Crocker and Catherine Capen

### Saturday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A John Kilmer and Bob Cannizzaro
- 2A Jill Wooldridge and Marty Miller
- 3A Dorothy Boyd and Christy Kellogg
- 5A Walt Majewski and Jeanette Michienzi
- 6A Cathy Bentzel and Vidi Vaidhyanathan
- 3B Sue Neubecker and June Cohen
- 4B John Marvin and Cliff Kaylor
- 5B Marianne Rindfleisch and Jackie Solomon
- 6B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
- 3C Jane Whitmore and Ruth Wurster

### Flight A Swiss

- 1 Gerry Fried, Buddy Seidenberg, John Kilmer and Jim Mathis
- 2 Art Morth, Sue Bergman, Kevin Gervase and Joe Branconi
- 3 Chris Urbanek, Dan Gerstman, Tom Donr "y and Alan Greer
- 4 Jay Levy, Saleh Fetouh, Suraj Jain and Bill Rushmore

### Stratified B/C Swiss

- 1B John Ziemer, Warren O'Connell, Jim Reineck and Doyce Coffman
- 3B Bob Feasley, Cliff Kaylor, John Marvin and Mary Jo Crone
- 4B Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Christy Kellogg and Nora Branconi
- 1C Faith Perry, Ed Borosky, Bill Schneidau and Chester Fell

## Welcome

To the following new members of Unit 116:

Barbara Booi	Marilyn Brunner
Helen Colbert	Terry Griggs
Edith Knaszak	Janice O'Mara
Richard Penfold	Chris Percival
Deborah Percival	Joann Smith

We also welcome the following people who have transferred into our unit:

Mary Carey Robert Gala Myra Razik

## In Remembrance of

The members of Unit 116 wish to express our deepest sympathy to Bill and the Castle family on the passing of his wife, Jean, a bridge player also. We wish also to extend our condolences to the family of Phoebe Lang who passed away recently and to Sue Bergman on the recent death of her daughter.



# Off the Web

## Rochester Fall Sectional

### Friday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 6A Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
- 1B Suraj Jain and Bill Bascom

### Friday Afternoon Stratified 1999er Pairs

- 1A Lorraine Ciavatta and Donna Steffan

### Friday Evening Stratified Open Pairs

- 3A Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
- 4B Lettie Vona and Gisela Browne

### Friday Evening Stratified 1999er Pairs

- 4A Lorraine Ciavatta and Donna Steffan

### Saturday Flight A Pairs

- 1 John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

### Saturday Evening B/C/D Pairs

- 2B/1C Jeanne Gladysz and Shirley Lyth
- 4C/3D Lorraine Ciavatta and Donna Steffan

### Flight B/C Swiss Teams

- 2C Bill Elgar, Bonnie Bryar, Doug Campbell and Carol Kalbfleisch

## Cleveland Regional

### Bracketed Knockouts - Bracket 1

- 3/4 Joel Wooldridge, Marty Baff, Colin Revill, and Ken Warren

### Handicapped Knockouts - Bracket 1

- 1 Joel Wooldridge, Dick Early, Larry Long, Dan Fowler, Marc Rabinowitz and Howard Lebow

### Stratified Senior Pairs

- 2A/1B Cliff Kaylor and Bob Feasley

### Friday Evening Continuous Pairs II

- 3C Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

### Friday Lose and Snooze Knockouts

- 2 Bert Hargesheimer, Henry Caspar, Barry Lippitt, Toni Bales, and Diane Travis
- 3/4 Brian Meyer, Joel Wooldridge, Lan Sasa, Chad Krause, John Kranyak and Howard Lebow

### Saturday Charity Lose and Snooze Knockouts

- 3/4 Shirley Lyth, Paul Orosz, Mike Ryan and Donna Steffan

### Flight A Swiss Teams

- 2 Joel Wooldridge, Dick Early, Larry Long, Dan Fowler and Keith Woolf
- 8 Sharon Benz, Don Heisler, Ken Warren and Steve Epstein

## Rochester Charity Sectional

### Stratified Swiss Teams

- 6A/2B Donna Steffan, Shirley Lyth, Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar

### Saturday Afternoon Flighted B/C Pairs

- 2B Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth

### Saturday Evening Flighted B/C Pairs

- 5B Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth

## St. Catharines Sectional

### Friday Afternoon Stratified Pairs

- 6B/3C Dan and Elve Johnston

### Friday Evening Flight A Pairs

- 3 John Kilmer and Bert Hargesheimer

### Saturday Flight B/C Pairs

- 7B John Ziemer and Doyce Coffman

### Flight A Swiss Teams

- 8 Sharon Benz, Don Heisler, Sue Bergman and Art Morth

### Flight B Swiss Teams

- 7/8 Betty Bronstein, Cliff Kaylor, Carol Siracuse and Bob Feasley

### Flight C Swiss Teams

- 4/5 Janet Frisch, Betty Raum, Eunice Carey and Willard Sancrainte



## Unit 116

## Award Race

Masterpoints earned as of  
3/1/99 at Unit 116 Games or Sectionals

### 1000+ Points

1	John Kilmer	22.28
2	Chris Urbanek	17.86
3	Buddy Seidenberg	16.91

### 300-999 Points

1	Kevin Gervase	10.40
2	Joe Branconi	10.27
3	Shirley Lyth	9.89

### 20-299 Points

1	Donna Steffan	9.17
2	Janet Frisch	3.82
3/4	Ed Borosky	3.64
3/4	Faith Perry	3.64

### 0-19 Points

1	Joan Crane	1.70
2	Betty Raum	0.90
3	Ruth Wurster	0.79

## Grand National Teams

During the recent competition held in Edinboro, no Buffalo teams qualified for to represent the District at the Summer Nationals. However, several teams performed admirably:

### Flight A

- 2/3 Bert Hargesheimer, Patrick Spooner, Frank Aquila and Albert Freeman  
 2/3 Alan Greer, Tom Donnelly, Peter Grover, Dick Fleischman, John Toy and Dan Gerstman.

### Flight B

- 2 Brian Meyer, Frances Prus, Chad Kraus and Bob Middleton

### GNT Consolation

- 1 Saleh Fetouh, Pat Rasmus, Suraj Jain and Phyllis Post  
 2/3 Jay Levy, Bill Rushmore, John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

## Barry Crane 500 / Mini-McKenney Race

Misha Tomic placed 10<sup>th</sup> on the ACBL 1998 Rookie Race with a total of 113 masterpoints earned during 1998. Joel Wooldridge and Jim Mathis placed 155<sup>th</sup> and 491<sup>st</sup> on the Barry Crane 500 Race with 616 and 389 masterpoints respectively.

Joel was also 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Gold Life Master Race and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Youth Race and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior Race.

Congratulations to all of you!

## International Fund Game #3 Winners

Gerry and Peggy Fried had the highest percentage in our district in the International Fund Game #3 played on July 24. What is worthy of note is that they also had the top percentage in our district in the 1997 International Fund Game #3!

Here's to two in a row, Peggy and Gerry!

## New Life Masters!

Our newest Life Masters are Anne O'Connor and Dolores Warmuz. They both joined the ranks getting the last smidgen of silver that they needed at the Buffalo January sectional.

Unknown at the time, Anne received her last 1.23 silver points in the Sunday B/C Swiss with teammates Shirley Lyth, Jeanne Gladysz and Pinky Regan. Dolores had been waiting for her last 0.14 silver point and received it in the Saturday Afternoon Open pairs with partner Florence Notto. Congratulations to you both!



## Sherlock Jacques in "Disciplined Weak Two Bids"

By Jacques Stehlin

A lot of players open weak twos with anything from 3 to 12 high card points and a suit containing from 3 to 7 cards. This confuses the opponents almost as much as partner and makes for some interesting auctions and contracts!

Some people use the Ogust Convention where-in partner asks for the strength of opener's hand and the texture of their suit. This convention is helpful but sometimes rather vague. Author Ron Klinger has refined this system to remove any doubts. His convention works as follows:

- Weak Two opener must have precisely a 6 card suit headed by the ace, the king, the queen-jack or the queen-ten.
- Responder bids 2NT to ask for clarification of opener's bid.
- Rebids by Opener:
  - 3 ♣ - Weak hand (6-8 HCP) and one top honor
  - 3 ♦ - Weak hand and two top honors
  - 3 ♥ - Strong hand (9-11 HCP) and one top honor
  - 3 ♠ - Strong hand and two top honors
  - 3NT - Strong hand and three top honors
- If the opponents interfere:
  - Make the appropriate conventional bid if available
  - Double if they steal your bid
  - Pass with anything else
- After opening a weak two, opener never bids again unless forced to.

You'll find the correct strain and level and sometimes find a good notrump contract when opener shows an AKQxxx suit.

*Happy Weak Twosday!*

We all wish Jacques luck with his surgery on March 9.

## District 5 Charity Committee

Each year the District 5 Board of Directors appoint two people in their district to promote charity games within that district. This honor is bestowed on people who are known workers in the charita' aspects of the game and is a lifetime appointment. We are proud to have **Joan Rose**, a member of our unit, to be so honored for her good work. Nice work Joan!

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

By now almost everyone must know that Bonnie and I had a "magic" tournament during the October Regional. We played in three different knock-out events, in three different brackets, with three different pairs, and our team won each of them. It was a team effort every time. As many times as we overbid or underplayed a hand, our partners made the correct bid or play for a net gain.

Not only did Bonnie make Life Master, but we helped a good friend earn the last gold points that she needed. It was exciting to meet and play against some of the players that we had known only from seeing their names on the Barry Crane 500 list.\* It was a rewarding tournament because of the encouragement we received from players we have looked up to since we started to play bridge in Buffalo.

Our "magic" tournament stands as a testament to every player we have played with or against. Your patience and impatience, encouragement and derision, your insight and hindsight, is all part of what made it happen. Thank you to each and every one of you.

*Bill Elgar*

\* Two of their opponents went on to place #5 and #6 on the Barry Crane 500.

## The Top Twenty-Five

Here is a list of the current top masterpoint holders of Unit 116 at the start of 1999:

1. Jim Mathis	10,052
2. Bob Freedman	8,665
3. Dan Gerstman	8,277
4. John Toy	7,078
5. Mary McKenna	5,059
6. Chris Urbanek	4,119
7. Joel Wooldridge	3,241
8. John Kilmer	3,172
9. Jacques Stehlin	3,053
10. Jill Wooldridge	3,022
11. Buddy Seidenberg	2,901
12. Meg Klamp	2,900
13. Bev Cohen	2,829
14. Sharon Benz	2,729
15. Mary Dowd	2,609
16. Gerry Fried	2,569
17. Trudy Manaher	2,404

18. Tom Donnelly	2,181
19. Stan Kozlowski	2,158
20. Renzo Renzoni	2,097
21. Walter Majewski	1,997
22. Jay Levy	1,987
23. Claire Chodorow	1,986
24. Judi Marshall	1,944
25. Pow Wooldridge	1,928

## Never Say Die

George Klemic and Brian Meyer barely made it to the finals of the Red Ribbon Pairs, qualifying 155<sup>th</sup> out of 156 pairs to make the cut. After the first final session, they were 82<sup>nd</sup>.

Never willing to quit, however, the Juniors won the evening session with a 70% game and vaulted to 10<sup>th</sup> overall.

The following deal helped Klemic and Meyer in their comeback:

N/S vulnerable. Dealer North.

♠ 8 6 4	
♥ K 10 9 5	
♦ K Q J 10 4	
♣ 10	
♠ J 10 5 3	♠ A K 9 7 2
♥ 8 2	♥ J 6 3
♦ 9 6 3	♦ A 8
♣ 9 7 6 2	♣ Q J 3
♠ Q	
♥ A Q 7 4	
♦ 7 5 2	
♣ A K 8 5 4	

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
Klemic		Meyer	
	Pass	INT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Meyer won the opening lead of a low club with the queen. The spade ace was cashed, and Meyer now led the club three towards dummy. South, unsure of whether North or declarer held the club jack, ducked. Meyer then cashed out, taking eight tricks altogether. Note that the opponents are cold for ten tricks in hearts.

Plus 120 was good for 74 out of 77 match points.

Editor's note: The above article was originally published in the Daily Bulletin from the Chicago Summer Nationals. It can be found on the Web through the tournament section of ACBL's home page at <http://www.acbl.org>.



**TOM  
WOLSTONCROFT  
MEMORIAL SECTIONAL  
APRIL 23 - 25, AT THE BRIDGE CENTRE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 23**

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	1:00 PM	7:00 PM
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	1:00 PM	7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24**

Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	11:00 AM	4:00 PM
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	11:00 AM	4:00 PM

Pizza will be served between sessions

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

Stratified Open Swiss Teams	11:00 AM	playthrough
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams	11:00 AM	playthrough

Sandwiches and drinks available for purchase during session

**Tournament Bill Rushmore** - 834-0045 days, 839-1235 evenings

**Co-chairs:** Louise Mink - 634-8321

**Partnerships:** Louise Mink - 634-8321

**New Stratifications!** A: 1000+ B: 500 - 1000 C: 0 - 499

**Tournament Calendar**

<b>March 18-28</b>	Vancouver Spring Nationals
<b>March 20</b>	Buffalo 500 Unit Game
<b>March 23</b>	ACBL-Wide Charity Game
<b>Mar. 30-Apr. 4</b>	Toronto Regional
<b>April 23-25</b>	Buffalo Sectional
<b>May 12</b>	International Fund Game #2
<b>May 15-16</b>	Waterloo Sectional
<b>May 25-31</b>	Cleveland Regional
<b>June 29-July 4</b>	Buffalo Regional

**Club Notes**

The Buffalo Whist Club has distributed a list of special games for 1999. With the exception of the April and November dinners, all games are on Monday evenings at 7:30 at the Knights of Columbus, 285 Kenmore Ave., Buffalo. Here are the spring games:

- Monday, March 22 - Charity Game**
- Sunday, April 11 - Dinner**
- Monday, May 17 - Welcome Spring Pot Luck Dinner**

For more information, call Sharon Benz at 838-3654.