

# ♠ ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣

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## From Your President

Bridge in Buffalo sure has changed a lot this past year. One thing I have been hearing is how many of us really didn't appreciate the Bridge Centre as much as we might have. The Board is continually having difficulty with finding locations for Unit games, as most of the clubs are too small. We have had to go to non-club locations and that brings with it the joy of hauling oodles of card tables to and fro in addition to the extra rental cost and the need to supply a computer for the game.

I was very grateful for my co-chair for the April Sectional in Hamburg, Dave Larcom. Once he understood what was required of him, he worked really really hard. Dave will be a co-chair for most of the Sectionals this year so be sure he knows how much you appreciate all he is doing!

Thanks also to Kevin Gervase and Eric Phifer for running the Unit's Wine and Cheese Charity game. It netted a \$135 donation to the National Hospice Foundation in your names, the members of Unit 116. The event, one of our first non-club site Unit games, ran fairly smoothly with all of us now recognizing the extras required for that kind of site.

The Unit Knockouts are coming up right away starting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Get your teams together now and give Kathy Pollock or John Bielinski a call to register them.

Hey all you 299er members! Come and play at the 299er Sectional on May 16-18 at the new site for 2003, the Lockport Duplicate Club. Marge Schomers has a really nice setup there and you are sure to have a great time and several chances to earn those elusive silver points.

## Coming Events:

**Unit KO's** are starting **Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** at the **North Bailey Fire Hall**, on Sweet Home Rd. just south of Maple Rd. and north of Sheridan Dr. Prepare to knock out your opponents. Subsequent rounds will take place at various clubs. Register your team or find teammates by calling **Kathy Pollock** at **834-2855** or **John Bielinski** at **892-7472**.

**299er Sectional: May 16-18** at the **Lockport Duplicate Club**. Game time for these single session games is **1:00 p.m.** Contact **Diane Jeffrey** at **892-7472** for partnerships.

**June Unit Game:** The whole membership gets to enjoy a Unit game with Marge Schomers' wonderful hospitality on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** at the **Lockport Senior Citizen Building** at **1:00 p.m.** There is sure to be marvelous food as there has been in the past and loads of great people and good bridge to boot! Watch fliers for the details!

**July Pro-Am Game:** The **Rescue Fire Hall** is the setting for the **2003 Unit 116 Pro-Am Game**. Outstanding bridge hostesses Joyce Kindt and Donna Steffan are going to do it to us again. It takes place at the fire hall in North Tonawanda. More details will be available soon.

See you at the table!-**Kathy Pollock, President**

## The mother of invention!

They say that necessity is what creates so many wonderful things in our world. If you'd like to get in on a new invention in Unit 116, please check out the back page of this edition of The Buff!

## Upcoming Tournaments!

Erie Sectional	May 3-4
<b>Unit 299er Sectional</b>	<b>May 16-18</b>
Cleveland Regional	May 20-26

The Tom Wolstoncroft Sectional Apr. 2003Friday Afternoon UNL/1250/500 Pairs

A	B	C
1	Jill Wooldridge, Buddy Seidenberg	
2	Vince Pesce, Kevin Gervase	
3	Gerald Fried, A Greer	
4	Judith Marshall, Arthur Morth	
5	Gisela Browne, Harry Cheung	
6	Judy Graf, Michael Ryan	
1	Geraldine Krawitz, James Jacobi	
2	1 Joanne Kelley, Alberta Brown	
3/4	Don Cameron, Harold Meyers	
3/4	Donna Steffan, James Gullo	
5	Claire Gareleck, Patricia Burns	
2	Janet Frisch, Elizabeth Lawrence	

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs

D	E
1	1 Aage Pettersen, Craig Schmidt
2	2 Allen Beroza, Diane Jeffrey
3	Phyllis Wilkinson, June Replogle
4	3 Jean Macdonald, Judith Padgug
5	4 David Larcom, Eugene Giorgini

Friday Evening UNL/750 Pairs

A	B
1	Walter Majewski, Joan Rose
2	A Greer, Brian Meyer
3	1 Joanne Kelley, Alberta Brown
4	Jill Wooldridge, Buddy Seidenberg
5	Kathy Pollock, William Rushmore
6	Beverly Cohen, Jim Mathis
2	Fran Kurtz, Jeanne Gladysz

Friday Evening 299er Pairs

D	E
1	1 John Ricotta, Minish Shah
2	Eric Shreiber, Kirk Larson
3	2 Jane Larcom, David Larcom
4	John Kirsits, Brian Universal

Please note: The Buff is now available online. Please email [jbod@adelphia.net](mailto:jbod@adelphia.net) if you are interested in receiving this online. Circulation has been decreased about 30% as a result! Please make certain to contact John if you want an electronic copy or to join the Unit 116 mailing list.

Saturday Morning UNL/1250/500 Pairs

A	B	C
1	1	Luke Danielson, Nita Ferrell
2		A Greer, Jay Levy
3	2	Anne Watkins, Dorothy Brenner
4		Saleh Fetouh, Jim Mathis
5		Ann Hoylman, Arthur Morth
6		Walter Majewski, Stan Kozlowski
3	1	Joanne Kelley, Eugene Harvey
5		Jeanne Gladysz, Alberta Brown
6	2	Charles Heimerl, Frank Schlehr
4		Helen Gaylord, Betty Witzleben

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs

D	E
1	Brian Universal, Fran Kurtz
2/3	1 Teresa Fraas, Elaine Universal
2/3	Tom Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte
4/5	Janet Rookley, William Rookley
4/5	2 John Ricotta, Kirk Larson

Saturday Afternoon UNL/1250/500 Pairs

A	B	C
1		Warren O'Connell, Kevin Gervase
2		Saleh Fetouh, Jim Mathis
3		Ann Hoylman, Arthur Morth
4		Chris Urbanek, Buddy Seidenberg
5		Barry Passer, Elaine Kurasiewicz
6/7		Gerald Fried, Mark Pascale
6/7		Judy Graf, Donna Steffan
1	1	Joanne Kelley, Eugene Harvey
2		Michael Kisiel, Vincent Pesce
3		Mary Ludwiczak, Kathy Pollock
5		Walter Heilemann, Joyce Kindt

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

D	E
1	Tom Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte
2	Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber
3/4	Mary Ann Byers, Ruth Healy
3/4	1 John Ricotta, Brian Universal
5	Patricia Weber, Michael Weber
3	Aage Pettersen, Elizabeth Young

At the January Sectional held at The Rescue Fire Hall in N. Tonawanda, someone brought their padded card table chair but left it there. Anyone knowing the owner or wishing to claim it, please contact John Bielinski at 892-7472

Sunday Flight A Swiss Teams

- 1/2 Saleh Fetouh, William Rushmore, William Bascom, Jay Levy
- 1/2 Christine Urbanek, Jim Mathis, Buddy Seidenberg, John Kilmer
- 3 Gerald Fried, E Finton, Walter Majewski, Stanley Kozlowski

Sunday B/C/D Swiss Teams

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| B | C | D |   |
| 1 | 1 |   | David Millward, Jean Macdonald, Judith Padgug, Bob Padgug           |
| 2 |   |   | John Bielinski, Kathy Pollock, Michael Ryan, Nancy Wolstoncroft     |
| 3 |   |   | Warren O'Connell, James Reineck, Donna Steffan, Eugene Harvey       |
| 4 |   |   | Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber, Geraldine Krawitz, James Jacobi         |
| 5 |   |   | Robert Feasley, Patricia Burns, Mary Jo Crone, Claire Gareleck      |
| 2 |   |   | Janet Rookley, William Rookley, Willard Sanscrainte, Thomas Gibbons |
| 3 |   |   | Robert Barnes, Ed Borosky, Gerald Strauss, Paula Weiser             |
| 4 | 1 |   | Allen Beroza, Diane Jeffrey, Doanne Jackson, Parmalier Murphy       |

**TORONTO REGIONAL**

(see note at bottom re: SARS)

Side Game Series # 1

- 6C Janet Frisch, Ruth Jones

Thursday Stratified Swiss Teams

- 7B Brian Mampe, Alan Melohusky, Lori Meyer, Brian Meyer

Friday Flight A/X Imp Pairs

- 4A/1X Saleh Fetouh, James Reineck

Flight A/X Swiss (Sunday)

- 3 Bert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg, J. Kraus, C. Messinger, Burt Garrell, P. Clark

**MESA SENIOR REGIONAL**

Thursday Afternoon Strat Swiss Teams

- 4A Barb & Paul Libby, B. Cron, J. Carpenter

Friday Afternoon Strat Swiss Teams

- 4A Barb & Paul Libby, B. Cron, J. Carpenter

**GATLINBURG REGIONAL**

Monday Open KO-15

- 2A Ed & Elizabeth Harman, Constance Swick, Beverly Norton

Tuesday Open Pairs

- 5B F. Andreychuk, Don Heisler

Wednesday - Thursday KO 16

- 3/4 Ed & Elizabeth Harman, Constance Swick, Beverly Norton

**Titusville Sectional**

Friday Evening Stratified Pairs

- 5A/3B/1C Bonnie Bryar - William Elgar

Saturday Stratified Pairs

- 6A/4B/2C Bonnie Bryar - William Elgar

**CLIMBING THE LADDER!**

Junior Masters

- John Ricotta

Club Masters

- Elaine Universal
- Jeanne Grimmer

Sectional Masters

- Barbara Pieterse
- Elizabeth Young

Regional Master

- Clifford Vogelsang

Bronze Life Master

- Jeanne Gladysz

Silver Life Master

- Michael Ryan

**Diamond Life Master**  
**Christine Urbanek**

The Bridge Buff is now accepting advertising for future issues. Ads will be restricted to businesses of members of the bridge playing community and will be subject to Unit Board approval for suitability.

Costs per issue will be:

- \$75 full page
- \$50 half page
- \$25 quarter page
- \$15 eighth page.

Multiple issue discounts may be available. Please contact a unit board member with your advertisement or any questions you might have.

**SO LONG, FRIEND...**

By: John Bielinski

Jacques (Turk) Stehlin died March 15th. He was an accomplished player and a frequent contributor to The Bridge Buff (remember Sherlock Jacques?), one of the "old timers" around the Buffalo area, and friend to many. Health problems precluded him playing in recent years but those who knew him from years past will undoubtedly have stories and remembrances to tell as they discuss his passing.

**OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

Our unit would like to send heartfelt sympathy to the families of Gerald Marcussen, Jane Yates, Jim Craig, Ann Licata, and Jacques Stehlin. You will all be missed dearly.

**You're HOW OLD???**

By: Stan Kozlowski

A recent conversation was overheard while I was directing. The four players, who shall remain anonymous, were sorting their cards prior to the auction:

"WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN..."  
 -----"WERE YOU EVER A YOUNG MAN?"

"WELL, I WAS BORN AN OLD LADY!"  
 -----"I CAN'T REMEMBER!"

**WELCOME TO UNIT 116!**

A kind "hello!" to all who recently joined or transferred to our unit:

Dale Anderson	Janet Gibbons
Jean Pardee	Barbara Kloch
Edith Moran	Jane Raeke
Leonard Knabelkamp	

**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> COLUMN!**

When the Bridge Bulletin went to its new Magazine-style format, the 5<sup>th</sup> column stopped being inserted. However, it's still available online and via hard copy (ask your director!) You can access it through:

<http://my.voyager.net/%7Eshortsuit/5thcolumn.htm>

**What is:  
the Bridge Haven + the Amherst Bridge  
Club?****A GREAT PLACE FOR DUPLICATE BRIDGE!**

The bridge community is coming together as the Bridge Haven and the Amherst Bridge Club announce a new schedule starting Tuesday, April 29th:

Tuesday 10:25am - Lecture by Dorothy Boyd  
11:00am - Non-Life Master Game

Tuesday 7:30pm - Stratified Open Game

Wednesday 11:00am - Stratified Open Game

Wednesday 7:30pm - Stratified Open Game

Thursday 11:00am - Stratified Open /  
Intermediate Game

Friday 7:30pm - Stratified Open Game

Saturday 11:30am - Stratified Open Game

All games will be played at the Amherst Bridge Club located in the Game Zone (3860 Sheridan Drive near Harlem Road). Individuals who show up at least 15 minutes before any game will have a partner available. For further information call Bill at 836-7016 or Brian at 688-2829. In celebration, all table fees will be lowered to \$4.00 per player per session through May.

We remind you of the other games in town and encourage you to participate at the club that is most enjoyable and convenient for you.

**BE WARNED – THE USE OF THE STOP CARD IS OPTIONAL – THE PAUSE, HOWEVER, IS MANDATORY! WHETHER OR NOT YOUR OPPONENT USES THE STOP CARD, YOU **must** PAUSE FOR THOUGHT BEFORE YOUR NEXT CALL. DIRECTORS SHOULD BE CALLED.**

# Knockout Teams

Thursday, May 8 at 7:00  
 North Bailey Fire Hall  
 966 Sweet Home Rd., just south of Maple

To register your team contact:

Kathy Pollock: 834-2855 (katrinks88@yahoo.com)

John Bielinski: 892-7472 h / 822-4933 w (jbod@adelphia.net)

The teams will be bracketed by average points per team and divided into brackets based upon the discretion of the director. The cost per team per session is \$24. Teams may be made of four, five or six people. **299er teams are welcome and an attempt will be made to have a separate bracket.** A maximum of four sessions will determine the winner of each group and will be concluded by June 21, 2003. Subsequent games may be played during regular club games. Contact Kathy or John at the numbers listed above to arrange for team-mates and for subsequent game times and places.

## THE JUNE UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP!

**WHO:** Everyone in Unit 116.

**WHAT:** The monthly Unit Championship. Strats: B: 0-500, A: 0-infinity

**WHEN:** Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1pm.

**WHERE:** The Lockport Senior Center, 33 Ontario Street, Lockport, NY (see below for directions!)

**WHY:** Because of the TERRIFIC food, the wonderful, spacious playing area, and the Lockport friendliness!

For more information, feel free to contact Co-chairs:

**Joyce Kindt** 693-1331 and **Mike Ryan** 626-9332 ( [meryan@eng.buffalo.edu](mailto:meryan@eng.buffalo.edu) )

**Directions:** Go North on Transit into Lockport. Make a right on Main Street. Turn left at the second line (Pine Street) and go over the bridge. Turn left on Ontario Street and park in the lot on the left hand side (opposite the Senior Center)

FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED: THE NEXT BUFF DEADLINE IS JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY/ALL ARTICLES YOU MIGHT HAVE.. IN THE INTEREST OF MY SANITY, PLEASE TRY NOT TO WAIT UNTIL THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE. THANKS!

**Join in Our Dream - Together we can make it happen!**

**The Goal:** To bring the whole community together to support and foster a non-profit bridge club where everyone feels welcome and comfortable.

**The Site:** To have a centrally located, clean, spacious, well lit, heated and air-conditioned playing area. To have ample, lit parking with handicap spaces. To have clean, handicap accessible restrooms. To have comfortable chairs, stable tables and side tables, bulletin boards, chalk boards, a fully-equipped directors area, bookcases, coatroom, and storage. To have a kitchen area with a sink, microwave, coffee machines, a small refrigerator, and storage space. To have seasonal and other decorations and plants.

**The Games:** To have games 7 days a week and night games as wanted. To offer lessons in all levels of expertise. To actively recruit new bridge players. To have courteous, friendly, and welcoming directors and teachers. To assist in finding partners. To offer social and special events. To consider all suggestions.

**The Plan:** To create bylaws and policies based on the excellent and successful club in St. Catherines, Ontario. To offer shares in 2 forms...common and preferred, i.e. membership at \$50.00 and investor at \$1,000.00. To set up a board of directors and establish a management structure to run the club.

In order to succeed with this plan we need the support of the entire bridge community. It will take time, hard work, and a "can-do" attitude. Please take a moment to give us your opinions.

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|----|--|-------------|
| 1. | I would be interested in supporting this club by attending games.                                      | 1)Y___ N___ |
| 2. | I would be interested in supporting this club by purchasing a membership.<br>(which reduces game fees) | 2)Y___ N___ |
| 3. | I would be interested in supporting this club by investing.<br>(which includes free membership)        | 3)Y___ N___ |
| 4. | I would be interested in directing at this club.   | 4)Y___ N___ |
| 5. | I would be interested in teaching at this club.  | 5)Y___ N___ |
| 6. | I would volunteer time to help with the establishment of this club.                                    | 6)Y___ N___ |
| 7. | General comments _____   |             |

Signature (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

You may E-mail, US-mail or hand this form to:

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**We also welcome your questions by email and by phone.**

**Your response is greatly appreciated!**