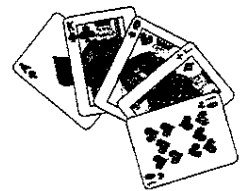


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President's Corner



By Jay Levy



ACBL sponsors two Junior Teams, which will participate in the World Junior Bridge Championships to be held in Fort Lauderdale this coming August. We are privileged to have two players from our Unit playing on these teams. Brian Meyer is a member of the team U.S. I and Joel Wooldridge is on the team U.S. II. Joel's team recently participated in an extensive training session conducted by their coach, Bobby Wolff. Joel will also participate in the World Junior Pairs this summer in Prague. Good luck to both Brian and Joel.

Reserve a spot on your calendar for the Unit Summer Social on Sunday, August 22 at Fontana's Banquet Center on Clinton Rd. in West Seneca. The format will be a little different this year with a late morning brunch followed by an afternoon pairs game and dinner and swiss teams in the evening.

The next Unit Board meeting is Thursday, May 13, at Marge Schomers' home.

Amnesty ACBL

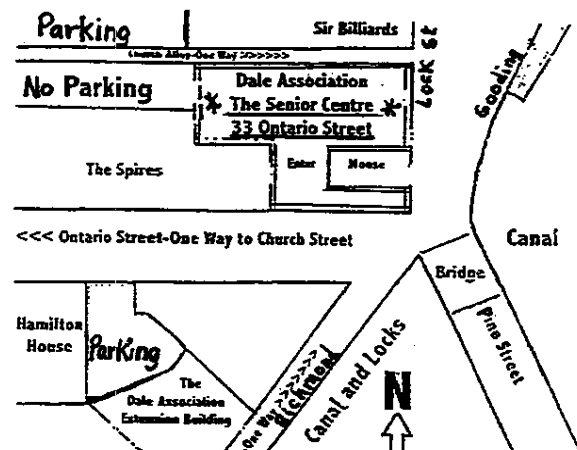
During May, June, July, and August, inactive ACBL members may pay dues for one or more years and receive masterpoints earned while your membership was in arrears. This is a one time offer only. Hey, all you procrastinators, renew this summer and get your masterpoints registered without charge!

June Unit Game
Saturday June 5 1:00 PM
Lockport Duplicate Bridge Club
33 Ontario Street, Lockport

Open Game and 299er Pairs
Refreshments

Call Marge Schomers (434-8635)
for partners or information

Directions to Lockport Senior Centre: Go north on Transit Rd. (Rte. 78) into Lockport. Make a right on Main St. Turn left at the second light on Pine St. and go over the bridge. Turn left on Ontario St. and park in the lot.



Tournament Calendar

May 12	International Fund Game #1
May 15-16	Waterloo Sectional
May 25-31	Cleveland Regional
June 5	Unit Game
June 4,5	Instant Matchpoint Games
June 29 - July 4	Buffalo Regional
July 21-31	San Antonio Nationals
July 23	International Fund Game #3
July 18	Unit game 2:00 p.m. Swiss
August 22	Unit Summer Social

Tom Wolstoncroft Memorial Sectional**Friday Afternoon Open Pairs**

- 1A Bill Rushmore and Art Morth
 2A John Kilmer and Bert Hargesheimer
 3A Judy Fischer and Betty Ostolski
 4A Stan Kozlowski and Betty Fudeman
 5A/1B Bill Bascom and Suraj Jain
 6A Doreen Scott and Harry Meyers
 2B Bernie and Dick Czarnecki
 3B/1C Jeanne Gladysz and Pinky Regan
 4B Betty Bronstein and Claire Gareleck
 5B/2C Betty Ann Johnson and Jane Yates
 6B Kevin Gervase and Joe Branconi
 3C Lorraine Ciavatta and Bill Haring
 5C Betty Dorio and Curt Hallis

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 2A/2B/1C Georgia Kells and Gina Campbell
 4A/4B Suzanne Jackson and Thelma Daughtry
 5A/5B/3C Paula Weiser and Eileen Karnofsky

Friday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A Jeanette Michienzi and Vidi Vaidhyanathan
 2A Harry Cheung and Gisela Browne
 3A Chris Urbanek and John Sinclair
 4A Pat Rasmus and Steve Bullard
 5A/1B Brian Meyer and Doug Couchman
 6A/2B Suraj Jain and Bill Bascom
 3B/1C Donna Steffan and Shirley Lyth
 4B Cathy Bentzel and Christy Kellogg
 5B/2C Betty Murphy and Betty Luschenat
 6B/3C Irene Seefeldt and Marge Schomers
 4C Florence Notto and Joyce Kindt

Friday Evening 299er Pairs

- 1A Bob Gala and Misha Tomic
 2A Don and Miriam Regnet
 3A/1B/1C Paul Kokoszka and Gillis Watson
 4A/2B Thelma Daughtry and Suzanne Jackson

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- 1A Betty Ostolski and Trudy Manaber
 2/3A Kevin Gervase and Bert Hargeheimer
 4A/1B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
 5A Joel Wooldridge and Marty Miller
 6A/2B Pat Burns and Betty Bronstein
 3B/1C Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar
 4B Suraj Jain and Saleh Fetouh
 6B Dorothy Boyd and Christy Kellogg
 3C Dot and Ed Rupp
 4C Janet Frisch and Marilyn Brunner
 5C Jeanne Gladysz and Pinky Regan

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A Jay Levy and Bill Rushmore
 4A/1B Suraj Jain and Saleh Fetouh
 5A Kevin Gervase and Bert Hargesheimer
 6A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

- 2B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
 3B/1C Irene Seefeldt and Constance Swick
 4B/2C Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar
 5B/3C Nora Branconi and Cathy Bentzel
 4C Dot and Ed Rupp
 5C Betty Rubins and Kay Rogers

Sunday Flight A Swiss

- 1 Joel Wooldridge, Marty Miller, Jill and Powhatan Wooldridge
 2 Bev Cohen, Joan Rose, Jeanette Michienzi and Walter Majewski
 3 Pat Rasmus, Claire Chodorow, Bill Bascom and Suraj Jain

Sunday Stratiflighted B/C Swiss

- 1B Mike Ryan, Brian Meyer, Paul Orosz and Nora Branconi
 2B Betty Bronstein, Dot Brenner, Pat Burns and Claire Gareleck
 3B Warren O'Connell, Jim Reineck, Jerry Geiger Brian Mampe
 4B/1C Pinky Regan, Phyllis Wilkinson, Donna Steffan and Lorraine Ciavatta
 2C Faith Perry, Ed Borosky, Mary Ellen State and Ruth Hnath

Section Tops by those not already listed in the overalls:
 Shirley Besch, Bettie Lennon, George Lennon, Buddy Seidenberg

Unit 116 Awards Race (up through 5/1/99)**1000+ Points**

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|---|---------------|-------|
| 1 | John Kilmer | 28.93 |
| 2 | Chris Urbanek | 24.91 |
| 3 | Walt Majewski | 22.19 |

300-999 Points

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|---|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Suraj Jain | 22.59 |
| 2 | Bill Rushmore | 20.49 |
| 3 | Kevin Gervase | 19.26 |

20-299 Points

- | | | |
|-----|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Donna Steffan | 14.03 |
| 2 | Pinky Regan | 6.45 |
| 3/4 | Ed Borosky | 6.05 |
| 3/4 | Faith Perry | 6.05 |

0-19 Points

- | | | |
|---|-------------|------|
| 1 | Brian Mampe | 2.11 |
| 2 | Joan Crane | 1.70 |
| 3 | Betty Raum | 0.90 |

'Buffalo 500' Unit Game Results

- 1 Jim Reineck and Jay Levy
 2 Bruce Bronstein and Betty Bronstein
 3 John Bielinski and John Zierner
 4 Misha Tomic and Jerry Geiger
 5 Cliff Kaylor and Bob Andersen
 6 Roy Crocker and Val Chodorow



**1998
Ace of Clubs
Winners**



Rookie of the Year

1 Misha Tomic	40.59 mp
2 Richard Montesanti	31.17
3 Deborah Montesanti	30.47

Junior Master of the Year

1 Joan Lewis	26.84
2 Stuart Caswell	20.34
3 Ed Ott	16.43

Club Master of the Year

1 Darroyl Burt	52.31
2 Chester Fell	46.37
3 Donna Steffan	34.64

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Jeanne Gladysz	44.01
2 Larry Doherty	39.80
3 Bill Schneidau	39.38

Regional Master of the Year

1 Mildred Harris	49.91
2 Lorraine Ciavatta	49.09
3 Shirley Lyth	41.78

NABC Master of the Year

1 Anne Watkins	48.07
2 Cathy Bentzel	41.97
3 Nora Branconi	36.50

Life Master of the Year

1 Brian Meyer	46.66
2 Joe Branconi	44.85
3 Geri Krawitz	44.76

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 Judy Graf	101.91
2 Phil Thomas	98.57
3 George Bills	78.94

Silver Life Master of the Year

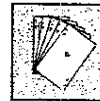
1 Doreen Scott	142.45
2 Trudy Manaher	130.13
3 Walter Majewski	109.44

Gold Life Master of the Year

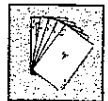
1 Meg Klamp	131.64
2 Bev Cohen	82.25
3 Chris Urbanek	58.57

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Jim Mathis	93.54
2 Dan Gerstman	6.46
3 Mary McKenna	2.52



**1998
Mini-McKenney
Winners**



Rookie of the Year

1 Misha Tomic	112.60 mp
2 Richard Montesanti	49.29
3 Deborah Montesanti	48.59

Junior Master of the Year

1 Joan Lewis	31.71
2 Stuart Caswell	22.41
3 Ed Ott	16.43

Club Master of the Year

1 Darroyl Burt	68.57
2 Donna Steffan	63.48
3 Chester Fell	60.77

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Jeanne Gladysz	90.80
2 Bill Schneidau	50.41
3 Larry Doherty	50.09

Regional Master of the Year

1 Lorraine Ciavatta	80.13
2 Bill Elgar	78.38
3 Shirley Lyth	71.81

NABC Master of the Year

1 Jim Reineck	82.98
2 Cliff Kaylor	74.74
3 Bonnie Bryar	74.59

Life Master of the Year

1 Brian Meyer	267.19
2 Mike Ryan	140.83
3 Paul Orosz	140.16

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 Suraj Jain	279.17
2 Jerry Geiger	216.79
3 Bill Bascom	179.64

Silver Life Master of the Year

1 Debbie Drury	259.40
2 Bert Hargesheimer	242.57
3 Doreen Scott	191.64

Gold Life Master of the Year

1 Joel Wooldridge	615.89
2 Buddy Seidenberg	284.88
3 Chris Urbanek	265.53

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Jim Mathis	388.74
2 John Toy	200.73
3 Dan Gerstman	131.23



OFF THE WEB

Vancouver Spring Nationals

Flight A North American Open Pairs

18 Joel Wooldridge and Howard Lebow

San Antonio AM Continuous/Side Pairs

4B Brian Meyer and David Brower

Saturday Open Pairs

32 Alan Greer and Peter Mallela

Saturday Evening Board-a-Match Teams

3/4B Brian Meyer, Alan Epley, Kevin Bathurst and Michael Kitces

Flight A Swiss Teams

8A/2X Debbie Drury, Gerald Korn, Lawrence Dubrofsky and Clifford Hargrove

First Saturday Midnight KO's - Green Bracket

3/4 Brian Meyer, Lisa Weaver, Laurie Endsley and Kevin Bathurst

First Saturday Midnight KO's - Red Bracket

2 Joel Wooldridge, Gavin Wolpert, Ian Boyd, John Kranyak, Jason Feldman and Joe Grue

Sunday Morning Continuous/Side Pairs

3A Debbie Drury and Chris Urbanek

Team Havoc Knockout Teams - Bracket 2

2 Debbie Drury, Shirley Seals, Dorothy Johnson and Gerald Korn

Camrosa 0-750 Knockout Teams - Group 1

3/4 Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Jan Loftin and William Smith

Vanderbilt Knockout Teams

9/16 Joel Wooldridge, Tom Carmichael, Marc Umeno and Jeff Roman

Great Bridge Links Wednesday Midnight Zip Swiss

3/4 Debbie Drury, Mary Singer, Helen Miller and Barbara Dicker

Rochester Spring Sectional

Friday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

5B/2C Don and Miriam Regnet

Saturday Afternoon Flight B/C Pairs

4C Don and Miriam Regnet

Saturday Afternoon Flight A Pairs

1 Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

3 John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

Flight A Swiss

3 Jim Mathis, John Kilmer, Susan Yates and Bob Cannizzaro

Toronto Canadian Nationals

Wednesday Senior Swiss Teams

1A Bev Cohen, Jay Levy, Joan Rose and Jim Mathis

Wednesday Open Pairs

1A Joel Wooldridge and Toni Bales

Bracketed Knockouts I - Bracket 1

3/4 Jerry Geiger, Jim Gullo, Denise Arena and Pamela Nixon

Thursday Senior Pairs

4A Doreen Scott and Vidi Vaidhyanathan

Friday Stratified by Experience Pairs

4C Mark Pasquale and Misha Tomic

Friday Lose and Snooze Teams

2 Bert Hargesheimer, Toni Bales, Bonny Norris, James Luxford and Jeff Chute

Afternoon Continuous Pairs

6A/5B Christy Kellogg and Geri Krawitz

Flight A/X Swiss

1A Joel Wooldridge, Gavin Wolpert, Ron Bishop and Joe Grue

7A John Kilmer, Bert Hargesheimer, Misha Tomic and Jim Mathis

Saratoga Spring Regional

Tuesday Senior Pairs

4C Marianne Rindfleisch and Jackie Solomon

Thursday Senior Pairs

5A/1B/1C Marianne Rindfleisch and Jackie Solomon

District 5 Masterpoint Race

Congratulations to the following Buffalo area players who made it on the list of the top 15 players district-wide in each category for District 5 Sectionals: **Suraj Jain** (#2 on the 0-750 list with 64.16 mps), **Bill Bascom** (#14 on the same list with 35.58) and **Misha Tomic** (#13 on the 0-100 list with 14.38).

A Caddy is Born

Join us in welcoming **Megan Meyer** into the world. She joined her parents, Lori and Brian Meyer, on April 1st at 7 lbs., 13 oz.

In Remembrance of

The members of Unit 116 wish to express our condolences to the family and friends of **Andrew Bottaro** who passed away after a long illness.

⇌ Club Notes ⇌

The **Hamburg Bridge Club** is running 'Green Point Teams'. Join us for a **swiss team club championship** on **June 7** that will award cash as well as master points. For more information please contact Brian Meyer at 835-5480 or sixnt@msn.com. There will be two flights and we need at least 15 teams! Come one, come ALL!

The **Buffalo Whist Club** is holding special games on **May 17 - Welcome Spring Pot Luck Dinner**, **June 7 - Club Championship** and **June 14 - Flag Day Strawberry Festival**. Please join us! For information call Sharon Benz at 838-3654.

WELCOME

To the following new members of Unit 116:

Shirley Berger	David Dearlove
Dorothy Blaich	Alexander Glockner
Gloria Brown	Eugene Harvey
Pat(ricia) Burke	Shrikant Joshi
Richard Cataldi	John Mahoney
Gillis Watson	

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My husband and I wish to express our appreciation and thanks to the members of the bridge community for your kind support and prayers, personal cards and condolences, and donations made in memory of our daughter, Elizabeth.

Sue and Jerry Bergman

Dear Editor,

On February 26 I lost a friend.

Phoebe Lang introduced me to the world of duplicate bridge. I was playing party bridge but she encouraged me to sign up for free lessons with none other than Alan Greer.

Phoebe and her husband Cliff lived down the street from me and raised three children. When the last one was a tyke, Phoebe went to college for a teaching degree. That's where we met, teaching at the same school. She had already been playing bridge, not serious stuff or going to tournaments, but just for fun, money, and to win! Sharp character, that one. You always looked forward to being Phoebe's partner at party bridge because you were guaranteed a good score on that round.

After Phoebe retired, she and her sister Jean wintered in Mexico where she conducted bridge games and gave physical education instructions pool-side to the elders(!). Phoebe didn't have enough muscles in her whole body to do any exercise except hold thirteen cards in her hand!

Phoebe loved going to tournaments, local and faraway. It gave her a chance to dress up and do what she liked to do best - play bridge. Even as the years progressed and her health deteriorated, off she'd go to play bridge with her oxygen tank and nebulizer in tow. She played at many of the clubs, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned, and for 35 years she and her "girl-

friends" got together every Friday for two or three tables of bridge.

When it became more difficult for her to navigate, there was always a table or two of home bridge on the weekends. She often said that no matter how terrible she felt, all she had to do was pick up a bridge hand and her troubles automatically went away.

Those of us who knew her personally will remember the laughs, the fun times, and the jaunts to the theater. Phoebe Lang was a seven no-trump lady.

Good-bye, dear friend.

Joyce Kindt

Favorite Partners

By Bill Elgar

We gravitate to people with whom we like to play bridge and these people tend to become our favorite partners. Let me illustrate why MFP (my favorite partner) is my favorite. On the following deal we reached 4♠:

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

MFP, as South, was declarer and I could tell that she was not happy when the dummy came down. She didn't yell or scream or kick me under the table. It was the faraway look in her eyes that had me apologizing.

West led the 2♦. With a finesse in clubs and a club ruff to set up the suit, the contract is pretty safe. When we checked the results later that night we were one of only two pairs to reach game. Most of the other pairs stopped short of game and had scored +170.

What makes MFP my favorite is that she took a moment to thank me for helping her reach the game contract. I hope your favorite partners are as wise.

From the editor: Please call (834-2855) or write Kathy Pollock at 322 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY, 14150-8562 or e-mail me at kandemmett@aol.com. The next *Bridge Buff* deadline is June 28.

BUFFALO'S SIZZLING SUMMER REGIONAL



JUNE 29 - JULY 4 GRAND ISLAND HOLIDAY INN

Schedule of Events

Events	Tuesday June 29	Wednesday June 30	Thursday July 1	Friday July 2	Saturday July 3	Sunday July 4
Uncle Sam Bracketed Knockouts	9:00 am (1 st) 1:30 pm (2 nd) 7:30 pm (3 rd)	9:00 am (4 th)				
Independence AM KO's		9:00 am (1 st)	9:00 am (2 nd)	9:00 am (3 rd)	9:00 am (4 th)	
Firecracker Bracketed KO's		1:30 pm (1 st) 7:30 pm (2 nd)	1:30 pm (3 rd) 7:30 pm (4 th)			
Liberty Bracketed KO's				1:30 pm (1 st) 7:30 pm (2 nd)	1:30 pm (3 rd) 7:30 pm (4 th)	
Looze & Snooze Late Nite KO's				11:30 pm	11:30 pm	
Stratified Open Pairs (single sessions)	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm		1:30 pm 7:30 pm		
Stratified 299er Pairs (single sessions)	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	
Stars & Stripes Continuous Prs	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm			
Old Glory Continuous Prs				1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	
Stratified Triple Options Pairs (choose 2 sessions)			9:00 am 1:30 pm 7:30 pm			
Stratified Open Swiss Teams			1:30 pm 7:30 pm			
Early AM Swiss				9:00 am (1 st)	9:00 am (2 nd)	
Stratified Senior Pairs (single sessions)				1:30 pm 7:30 pm	1:30 pm 7:30 pm	
Stratiflighted Open Pairs (single sessions)					1:30 pm 7:30 pm	
Stratiflighted Swiss (playthrough)						11:00 am
Stratified Senior Swiss (playthrough)						11:00 am

Co-chairs : John Toy (716) 885-5364
Pat Rasmus (716) 649-4634 or
patasmus@aol.com

Hotel information: (716) 773-1111
Book early!! Ask for Bridge Rate of \$79 single or
double. Special rates are available only until 5/30.

Partnerships: Mike Ryan (716) 626-9332 or (716) 645-2774 ext. 113