

♠ ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣

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President's Message!

Be sure to look for ballots for the Unit Board Elections. This is your opportunity to elect the candidates who you feel will best represent your views in the upcoming year. Ballots are at your clubs and voting takes place until the 2000 Annual Meeting. We urge you to attend this meeting on Sunday December 10th, starting at noon. In addition to a nice meal and a bridge

me, this is an opportunity for you to hear a report from the Unit officers and to ask any questions that you might have. This will be my last letter as your President as new officers will be elected in early January. I want to thank all the board members who supported me during the last two years with special thanks to the four members who will not be returning next year. They are Marge Schomers, Betty Bronstein, Dorothy Boyd, and Brian Meyer. All four were hard-working members of the Board and a special thanks to Marge for all the hard work as our unit Treasurer.

Best of luck Jay Levy

In the District...

Plan now for the district V Grand National Teams District Qualifier. It starts March 2001, and you do NOT have to pre-qualify for this event. Our unit

traditionally sends good teams - this year we need FLIGHT C to participate! If you have any questions, please let me know! Lets go FLIGHT C!

2000 Annual Meeting and Bridge Game!

Our annual meeting and bridge game will be held on Sunday December 10th at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 4555 Ellicott Creek Rd. in Tonawanda.

The annual meeting is your chance to ask questions and hear about the 'state of the unit'. A hearty roast-beef luncheon will be served at noon. A bridge game will follow the meeting at 1pm. The results of the elections for board members will also be announced. The cost is only \$2.00 for members IF AND ONLY IF you purchase tickets thru 12/01. Any non-members, and anyone purchasing tickets after 12/01 are \$7.00. Please see a board member for tickets.

Upcoming Tournaments!

Buffalo Sectional	Jan 12-14
Cleveland Regional	Jan 16-21
Grand National Teams	Mar 3/4
Spring Nationals - Kansas City	Mar 15-25

Buff Deadline: December 28th. Email Tyrrhena@yahoo.com Please, I can always use your assistance putting this together! Know anyone selling an affordable laptop? I could use one for the Buff 691-1738. Brian

The Pittsburgh RegionalMORNING KO - 1

3/4 Robert Feasley, Michael Ryan, Jerry Geiger, Frank Scali, Elizabeth Dressler

THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

1A Doreen Scott, Vishnampet Vaidhyanathan

2A Walter Majewski, Sharon Fairchild

WOMEN'S PAIRS

1C Mary Schneider - Dolores Warmuz

FRIDAY OPEN SWISS

2B Robert Feasley, Mahmoud Kalla, Patricia Rasmus, Barbara Speckmann

SATURDAY STRATIFIED PAIRS

3B Suraj Jain, Saleh Fetouh

SUNDAY FAST PAIRS

3A Christine Urbanek, Phyllis Post

AFTERNOON CONTINUOUS PAIRS

1A Catherine Majewski - Walter Majewski

STRATIFIED B/C PAIRS

6C William Elgar - Bonnie Bryar

FLIGHT A/X PAIRS

3X Suraj Jain, Saleh Fetouh

FLIGHT A/X SWISS

4A/1X Saleh Fetouh, Vishnampet Vaidhyanathan, Suraj Jain, Doreen Scott

5A/2X Mary Spooner - Patrick Spooner, Christy Kellogg, Elbert Hargesheimer

FRIDAY CHARITY KO's

2 Jerry Geiger, Michael Ryan, Terry Jacobs, Katherine Tyler

Buffalo's Autumn SectionalFRIDAY AFTERNOON OPEN PAIRS

A	B
1	A Greer - John Toy
2	Susan Bergman, Art Morth
3	Saleh Fetouh, Buddy Seidenberg
4	Stan Kozlowski, V. Vaidhyanathan
5	Jerry Geiger, Misha Tomic,
6	Joan Rose, Christine Urbanek
1	Lorna Brewer, Nita Ferrell
3	James Gullo, Joanne Kelley
4	Mary Cerrone, Janice Butler
6	Florence Notto, Joyce Kindt

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 299ERS

A	B	C
1	1	1 Ruth Wurster - Jane Whitm
2		Faith Perry, Edward Borosky
3		Janet Morgan - Ruth Jones
4	2	Nancy Acara, Cath. Crocoston
6	4	Doanne Jackson, Suz. Jackson
	2	Jacqueline & Hugh Hanley Jr.
	3	Keith Herms, Richard Penfold

FRIDAY EVENING OPEN

A	B
1	John Sinclair - Christine Urbanek
2	John Toy - A Greer
3	Suraj Jain, William Bascom
4	Saleh Fetouh - Buddy Seidenbera
5	Walter Majewski, Joan Rose
6	Jay Levy, William Rushmore
1	Robert Feasley, Mary Jo Crone
2	Mary Cerrone, Anne Licata
3	Claire Gareleck, Betty Bronstein
4	Catherine Majewski, Guy Jones
5	Bonnie Bryar - William Elgar

Being both a player and a director, it is disturbing to me to see the condition that some of us leave the bridge table whether at our 'club' or not. Please, in the future, try to clean up after yourselves. Your mother definitely does *not* work there!

BE A NICE PARTNER & OPPONENT!

FRIDAY EVENING 299ERS

A	B	C	
	2	1	Hugh & Jacqueline Hanley
3			Faith Perry, Ed Borosky
4	3	2	Doanne Jackson, Art English
5			Janet Morgan - Ruth Jones
4/5			T. Daughtry, S Jackson
4/5			Robert Davis - Mary Cross

BEST BALL PAIRS - 1

A	B	
1		Bert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg
2		Walter Majewski, Deborah Drury
3		Jay Levy, Saleh Fetouh
4		William Rushmore - William Bascom
5		Jerry Geiger, Brian Mampe
6	1	Bill Rogers, John Moselle
	2	John Marvin III - Clifford Kaylor
	3	Margaret Schomers, John Lewis
	4	Bonnie Bryar - William Elgar

SATURDAY MORNING 299ERS

A	B	C	
			Patricia Lancaster, Faith Perry
4	2	1	Dodie Belden, D Nan Denn
5	3		Marilyn Brunner, Fran Kurtz
4	2		Pat Rogers, Guy Puccio

BEST BALL PAIRS - 2

A	B	
1		John Toy - A Greer
2		Gerald Fried, Randolph Seidenberg Jr
3		Kevin Gervase, Elbert Hargesheimer
4		Brian Meyer, Nora Branconi
5		Margaret Klamp, Christine Urbanek
6		William Bascom - William Rushmore
	1	S Neubecker, Gisela Browne
	2	John Marvin III - Clifford Kaylor
	3	Betty Bronstein - Carolyn Siracuse,
	4	Margaret Schomers, John Lewis
	5	Claire Gareleck, Bernice Baker
	6	Dorothy Boyd - Christy Kellogg

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 299ERS

A	B	C	
3	3	1	Keith Herms, Richard Penfold
4	4	2	Hugh & Jacqueline Hanley
5			Mary Ellen State - B. Ruth Hnath
6	5		Marilyn Brunner - Fran Kurtz

BEST BALL PAIRS - 3

A	B	C	
1			Walter Majewski, R. Seidenberg Jr
2			Suraj Jain, Saleh Fetouh
3			Jeanette Michienzi, Misha Tomic
4			Jay Levy, Gerald Fried
5			Doreen Scott, V. Vaidhyanathan
6	1		Charles Tripi, Carolyn Siracuse
	3		Dorothy Grosicki, Joyce Kindt
	4		Christy Kellogg - Dorothy Boyd
	5		Frances Le Boeuf, Mary Schneider

BEST BALL PAIRS - BONUS OVERALLS

1	Randolph Seidenberg Jr	132.85%
2	Walter Majewski	132.76%
3	Elbert Hargesheimer	128.47%
4	Saleh Fetouh	125.85%
5	Suraj Jain	123.87%
6	Gerald Fried	123.56%

FLIGHT A SWISS

1	A Greer - Thomas Donnelly - Joseph Branconi, Brian Meyer
2	Jay Levy, William Rushmore, Saleh Fetouh, Suraj Jain
3	Christine Urbanek, Joan Rose - Randolph Seidenberg Jr, Gerald Fried

STRAT B/C SWISS

B	C	
1		James Gullo, Joanne Kelley, James Scott, Carolyn Siracuse
2		Robert Feasley, Dorothy Boyd, Phyllis Post, Mary Jo Crone
5		Catherine Majewski, Joyce Kindt, Nora Branconi, Paul Orosz
2		Constance Swick - Edward Harman - Elizabeth Harman, Beverly Norton

B/C Swiss (continued from previous page)

B C

- 3 Doanne Jackson, Thelma Daughtry,
Suzanne Jackson, Juanita Tillmon

District Five NAOP Qualifiers

Sadly, the flight C attendance was non-existent for our unit! What happened? We definitely want to see the Non-life Masters represented next fall! While no one from flights A or B qualified for the nationals, the following flight B pairs placed in the overalls:

- 4 Harry Cheung - Gisela Browne
7 Arthur Morth - Susan Bergman
9 Elbert Hargesheimer - Kevin Gervase
12 Brian Meyer - Joseph Branconi

A visit to the ACBL Bulletin

By: Claire Gareleck

I found it particularly interesting that there is an article in the September bulletin on a subject that has been on my mind for a while. I have long known that some of those who became life masters "the hard way" many years ago resent the fact that it is easier to accumulate the necessary points to achieve that mark of distinction in present times. It certainly is true that it is possible to get points, even golds, in "bunches" nowadays but having made the trip in recent years I can attest that every point along the way is exciting, especially when the day finally arrives. The last few of whatever color is needed seem to be the most difficult. Those who play most often get there sooner than those who don't, but the number of accumulated master points is no indication of the ability of the player. We all know that. The better players still float to the top and some of us are in no hurry to get to that fateful 1000 and over mark where our scores will have to compete against the toughest field.

It seems to me that any incentive or encouragement that can be offered to play on their "way up" serves to increase the number of aspirants. After all, we all want to see our beloved game prosper and grow - a large field, even diverse and stratified, is a plus for all of us.

Welcome to the C-Section

Great turnout for the 299ers at the last sectional. Some of you liked the Pepsi Center, some did not. We try to please all players and use different sites as they become available. We had more tables in every section than we have ever had before, so I assume most of you enjoyed it. Hope to see you all at the January Sectional. Let me know if you would like a 299er swiss team game for that Sunday. We need at least 4 teams. I'm more than happy to make the phone calls, just let Curt and I know what you would like. Faith 681-5251 or email me at: cutzier@webtv.net

(LUB NEWS)

Attention club owners: How about free publicity? It takes you at least 10 seconds to call or email me with your information, so lets try it out, shall we?

THE WHIST CLUB - Located at 15 Koenig Circle Tonawanda, NY 14150. Contact Sharon Benz for more information, Saturday mornings @ 838-3654, or for partnershi, information.

November 13 'Women take requests'
November 20 ACBLwide Charity Game
November 27 STAC game (see pg. 1)
December 18 Holiday Party
NO GAME December 25 or January 1st.

As this issue is going to press - it has come to my attention that AL HABER made life master at the Buffalo Regional - WAY TO GO, AL!

UNIT ELECTIONS

following is a list of candidates, in alphabetical order, who are running for the UNIT board of directors. They wish to give you some background information to assist you in the voting process. Voting starts the middle of November, and ceases on December 10th at the annual UNIT meeting. Make sure you cast your vote! See your director for info. Please read the ballots carefully for further instructions.

NOTE: Some campaign speeches have been edited for content and for length - whew!

JOHN BIELINSKI - I joined this unit many years ago, have enjoyed the benefits of membership, and decided it was time to do something in return. Like most of us, I believe the future of our unit lies in recruiting new and/or younger members. I think there should be a place for this at the UNIT level. I am particularly interested in recruiting and helping our current, less-experienced players through special games, arranging partnerships, etc. Those of you who know me know that I am seasoned enough to play with and assist the newer players. It has been said that if you want a job done, ask a busy person - I am busy, however I will make the necessary commitment to bridge in our UNIT. I would appreciate your vote.

SHIRLEY LYTH - I am willing to serve and help where needed. I would very much like your vote.

MARK PASCALE - I have been playing bridge and directing games for over 25 years all over the country. Now that I am finally back home in Buffalo, I hope that my adventures will be of use to the UNIT board in improving the bridge environment here. THANKS!

KATHY POLLOCK - As one of the 'younger'

bridge players in this area, I feel very strongly about the longevity of duplicate bridge. There are things we could be doing on the local level to promote the game of bridge, and I am willing to expend a lot of energy doing so. Thank you for your vote.

MICHAEL RYAN - I have been playing duplicate bridge for approximately 15 years and have found the game to be an enjoyable and enriching activity. I would like the opportunity to work with the board members to expand and enhance bridge in Western New York. Please give me your constructive suggestions to improve the bridge experience for you and our fellow bridge players. I would appreciate your support. Thank you!

DONNA STEFFAN - Having just made Life Master, I understand the struggle that the up and coming players have. I want to do all that I can to help the Flight C crowd reach their goals. As a regular attendee at UNIT activities, it is encouraging to see you all trying your best. With your vote, I will try to make your bridge lives better! I will work with the board to achieve the optimum playing environment for all players.

THIS JUST IN....

Thank you to all who attended the October Unit Charity Game to help Parkinson's Research. The following was the result of that game:

A	B	
1		Jeanette Michienzi, Misha Tomic
2		William Rushmore, Jay Levy
3	1	James Gullo, Eugene Harvey
4	2	Brian Mampe, Kathy Pollock

Our beloved pastime can only be as good as you make it. The idea is to enjoy yourself and your experience at the bridge table. Try to make life pleasant for your partner as well as your opponents! Practice Active Ethics!



*January 12-14, 2001
The Amherst Pepsi Center
Across from UB on
Millersport Highway.*

Friday:

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

Saturday:

*Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs*

**note: Three sessions are again possible. See flyers
for exact details.*

Times: TBA

Sunday:

*Stratified Open Swiss
Stratified 299er Swiss
11AM - PLAYTHROUGH*

*The FIRST UNIT 116 event
of the new millennium! Join
us at the Pepsi Center for
our annual Nat Gerstman
Buffalo Sectional.*

Stratifications:

*A: 1000+
B: 500-1000
C: 0-500*

*For more information:
Bill Rushmore 839-1235*

*Concessions will be
available for purchase at
all times. Food will be
served Friday and
Saturday.*

