

♠ ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣

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A Publication of Unit 116, Buffalo, New York

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From Your President

Unit 116 held another successful Margaret McCarthy Sectional in September. The weather was beautiful, the co-chairs did a great job and the event was well attended. It was our first Sectional at the Ellicott Creek Fire Co. in quite a few years, but at almost twice the price of other fire halls, we may not be returning there for a Sectional. However, we will be there again for the Annual Meeting on December 14; please see below for more details. This was the first Sectional for Dave Larcom and Kevin Gervase as co-chairs and, since they did such a nice job, we will let them run the one January 9-11, 2004 at the Rescue Fire Company too. Wink wink. Thanks you two!

Kathy Pollock, President Unit 116

Coming Events:

The Whist Club Unit Game will be held at the Zion Church of Christ on Koenig Ave. on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. It will be an Imp Pairs Game with the scoring a little different than matchpoints; masterpoints will still be awarded in the usual manner. Call Sharon Benz (838-3654 after 5:30 PM) or Paul Libby (836-8303) for partners or more information.

The Annual Meeting and Elections of Unit 116 will take place on December 14, for the Unit 116 Annual Meeting and elections to the Board. You will be able to find ballots at the local clubs; please be

sure to vote. Our thanks go to all the candidates willing to share their time to further bridge in Buffalo. The day's events start with the Pairs Game time at 12:00 noon, the meeting at 3:30 and dinner at 4:30. Tickets may be purchased from any Board member and cost \$6 for Unit members in good standing and \$10 for non-Unit members. It's always a good time. Come and join us! Look for fliers in the clubs soon.

Check the back page for information on the January 2004 Sectional. It will be held Friday through Sunday, January 9-11, at the Rescue Fire Company in North Tonawanda. Fliers will be out soon.

BEST OF LUCK, UNIT 116!

Our Unit produced three pairs who qualify for the Reno, NV Nationals in spring 2004. Congratulations to Joel Wooldridge and Dan Gerstman, Brian Mampe and Brian Meyer, Eric Phifer and Eric Shreiber, who finished 2nd in A, 1st in B, and 2nd in C respectively. Check out two different stories from the same hand on page 5 of this edition.

How about a free* trip to New York City?

Sounds like fun, right? All you need to do is win the district GNT qualifier in February. Our unit usually doesn't have a lot of representation in Flight C, so if there are non-life masters out there who might be interested in this event, please let me know! You have 3 months to work out details on winning the district finals!

*-subsidized.

On the tournament trail...

Buffalo Sectional	Jan 9-11
Cleveland Regional	Jan 14-18
District 5 GNT Qualifier	Feb 28-29

The September Sectional**Friday Afternoon Open Pairs**

A	B	C	
1			Gerald Fried, John Kilmer
2			John Toy, Alice Lind
3			Joel Wooldridge, Martin Miller
4			Elbert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg
5			Judith Marshall, Sharon Benz
6	1	1	Charles Heimerl, Frank Schlehr
	2		Eugene Harvey, James Gullo
	3		Joanne Kelley, Alberta Brown
	4		Claire Gareleck, Patricia Burns
5/6			Beverly Dale, Eva Schmidt
5/6			S Luke Danielson, Jeanne Gladysz
	2		Michael Weber, Patricia Weber
	3		Gilda Hutchinson, Janice Smith
	4		Pinky Regan, Gina Campbell

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1		Pat Rogers, Eugene Giorgini
2	2		Jane Larcom, David Larcom
3	3	1	Clyde Murphy, Thelma Daughtry
4	4		Edna Fill, Sandra Marcussen
5	5	2	Edith Moran, Suzanne O'Connor

Friday Evening Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Joel Wooldridge, Martin Miller
2	1		Eugene Harvey, James Gullo
3			Kevin Gervase, Dorothy Boyd
4/5			John Toy, A Greer
4/5			Gerald Fried, Elizabeth Clark
6			Joan Rose, Margaret Klamp
	2	1	Thomas Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte
	3		Claire Gareleck, Patricia Burns
	4	2	Michael Weber, Patricia Weber
	5	3	Eric Shreiber, James Jacobi

Friday Evening 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	John Ricotta, Kirk Larson
2	2		Jane Larcom, David Larcom
3			Nancy Acara, Mary O'Connor
4	3	2	Janice O'Mara, Shirley Berger

The deadline for the next buff is December 23rd, 2003. the_bridge_buff@yahoo.com will happily accept your stories!

Saturday Morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			J. Smee, Don Heisler
2			Claire Gareleck, Douglas Dean
3			Patricia Rasmus, John Kilmer
4			Martin Miller, Joel Wooldridge
5			Brian Meyer, Donna Steffan
6			Jim Mathis, William Rushmore
	1		Shirley Lyth, John Lyth
	2		Michael Kisiel Jr, Vincent Pesce
	3		Gisela Browne, S Neubecker
	4		John Ziemer, John Ricotta
5	1		Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber
	2		Chester Fell, Frank Schlehr
	3		Janet Frisch, Elizabeth Lawrence

Saturday Morning 299er Pairs

D	E	F	
1	1	1	Ruth Wurster, Maggie McNamara
2	2		Janice Butler, Barbara Multerer
3	3		Elizabeth Ross, Mary Ann Byers
4/6	4/5	2/3	Gillis Watson, Robert Davis
4/6	4/5	2/3	Franklin Belz, Evelyn Bennett
4/6			Thomas Gibbons, Janet Gibbons

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

1			Jane Larcom, David Larcom
2			Mary Terrana, Diane Jeffrey
3			Mary Ann Byers, Catherine Crocoston

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Martin Miller, Joel Wooldridge
2			Jim Mathis, William Rushmore
3			P. Thurston, Saleh Fetouh
4	1		Dorothy Grosicki, Joyce Kindt
5			Brian Meyer, Donna Steffan
6	2	1	Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber
	3		Douglas Megill, Mark Pascale
	4		John Lyth, Shirley Lyth

Sunday Stratum B/C/D Swiss

B	C	D	
1			Donna Steffan, Alberta Brown, Joanne Kelley, James Gullo
2			Harold Meyers, Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber, James Jacobi

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Sunday Stratum B/C/D Swiss

- B C D
 3 Janet Frisch, Richard & Bernardine Czarnecki, Elizabeth Lawrence
 4 Claire Gareleck, Eileen Karnofsky, Maurice Tatelman, Lois Tatelman
 5 Carolyn Siracuse, Joyce Kindt, Louis Stern, Gisela Browne
 1 Fran Kurtz, Willard Sanscrainte, Aage Pettersen, Craig Schmidt
 2 Jean Sullivan, Betty Rubins, Paula Weiser, Ann Coughlin
 1 Janet Gibbons, Thomas Gibbons, Ruth Jones, Helen Sloan

Sunday Flight A/X Swiss

- A X
 1 Jay Levy, Saleh Fetouh, William Rushmore, William Bascom
 2 Elbert Hargesheimer, Christy Kellogg, Joel Wooldridge, Joshua Donn
 3 Sharon Benz, Margaret Klamp, Joan Rose, Deborah Drury
 4 1 Michael Ryan, Judy Graf, Kevin Gervase, Robert Linn
 2 Paul Libby, Barbara Libby, Harry Cheung, Elizabeth Clark

THE BUFFALO SPOOKTACULAR REGIONAL**Tuesday Aft Side Game**

- A B C
 1 Vaidhy V., D. Rohrberg
 2 1 Don Cameron, Cliff Kaylor
 6 5 Nita Ferrell, S Luke Danielson
 4 Thelma Daughtry, Clyde Murphy
 5 Paula Weiser, Rita Pawelczyk

Knockout I - A

- 3/4 Claire Gareleck, Jerry Geiger, Robert Linn, Louise Mink

Knockout I - B

- 1 Pinky Regan, Shirley Lyth, Laurette Oak, Jeanne Gladysz, Jacquie Solomon
 3/4 Beverly Dale, Nancy Acara, Roseann Stoklosa, Ray Stoklosa

Knockout I - C

- 1 Elaine Universal, Willard Sanscrainte, Thomas Gibbons, Teresa Fraas
 3/4 Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber, John Ricotta, Brian Universal
 3/4 Janet Frisch, Elizabeth Lawrence, Janet Morgan, Richard Schad

Tuesday Stratified Pairs

- A B C
 4 P. Thurston, Saleh Fetouh
 4 James Gullo, Joanne Kelley

Tuesday Eve Side Game

- A B C
 2 Walter Majewski, Vaidhy
 3 1 Barbara Libby, Paul Libby

Goblin Series Pairs

- A B C
 1 Vaidhy, Stanley Kozlowski
 2 Jay Levy, Arthur Morth
 3 1 Brian Heaphy, Eugene Harvey
 5 2 1 Carlton Stone, Nancy Kessler
 6 Dorothy Boyd, Kevin Gervase
 3 2 Marie Zayan, Frances Witnauer
 4 Alfred Haber, Harold Meyers
 5 3 Robert Davis, William Rich
 6 Daniel Foley, Jeanne Gladysz
 4 P. Schneidau, William Schneidau

Wednesday Stratified Prs

- A B C
 1 Sharon Benz, K. Kuhlmann
 5 Beverly Cohen, Jim Mathis
 6 John Kilmer, Saleh Fetouh
 2 Kathy Pollock, William Rushmore
 3 2 Eric Phifer, Eric Shreiber
 4 3 Jane Larcom, David Larcom

Wednesday Eve Side Game

- A B C
 4 Walter Majewski, Vaidhy
 6 3 1 Henry Chudy Jr, John M Garrity
 4 2 Rajat Basu, Parimal Pal
 6 4 Steve Rashkin, Steve Shanley
 5 L. Rotman, Diane Jeffrey

Thur Aft Goblin Side Game

- A B C
 3 2 Marianne Rindfleisch, Jacquie Solomon
 5 3 Claire Gareleck, Bernice Baker
 4/5 Jeanne Gladysz, Judith Padgug
 4/5 Nita Ferrell, S Luke Danielson
 4 Mary Repert, Irene Otto

Bracketed KO II - A

- 2 Michael Ryan, Patricia Rasmus, Judy Graf, Donna Steffan
 3/4 John Toy, J. Doucette, A. Smith, S. Dillabough

Bracketed KO II - C

- 3/4 Michael Weber, Patricia Weber, Thomas Gibbons, Willard Sanscrainte
 3/4 Brian Universal. Elaine Universal, John Ricotta, Walter Olszewski

Goblin Series Pairs # 6

- A B C
 2 J. Costello, Brian Meyer
 6 1 1 John Ricotta, Walter Olszewski
 3 2 Lois Tippet, Martha Quinn
 5 John Bielinski, Bernice Baker
 6 3 Steve Rashkin, Steve Shanley

Side Game Series I

- 1 Vishnampet Vaidhyathan
 6 Walter Majewski

Broomstick Open Pairs

- A B C
 2 Saleh Fetouh, Jill Wooldridge
 1 Elaine Kurasiewicz, K. Kuhlmann
 3 Warren O'Connell Jr., James Reineck

Thursday Swiss Teams

- A B C
 1 Jerry Geiger, Barbara Libby, Paul Libby, Harry Cheung
 2 F. Andreychuk, L. Grenville, J. Smee, Don Heisler
 3 1 Bert Feasley, Robert Feasley, Mary Jo Crone, Patricia Karpen

Fri / Sat Series Pairs

- A B C
 2 1 Harold Meyers, Don Cameron
 3 2 Jeanne Gladysz, S Luke Danielson
 4 June Cohen, S. Ganeshan
 3 1 Patricia Yagle, Suzanne Davis
 4 2 Charles Heimerl, Robert Davis
 5 3 Barbara Pieterse, John Kirsits
 4 William Schneidau, P. Schneidau

Friday Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 John Toy, R. Early
 4 V. Oddy, Dan Gerstman
 5 Roni Gitchel, Sharon Fairchild
 7 1 1 William Elgar, Bonnie Bryar
 5 Michael Ryan, Robert Feasley
 5 John Ricotta, Minish Shah

Friday Evening Side Game

- A B C
 1 L. Loux, Walter Majewski
 6 4 Elaine Kurasiewicz, B. Passer
 6 2 Aage Pettersen, Craig Schmidt

Friday / Sat Side Series

- A B C
 2 1 1 Georgia Kells, Gina Campbell
 5 4 4 Nancy Kessler, Carlton Stone
 6 5 5 Minish Shah, Kirk Larson
 6 6 Teresa Fraas, Elaine Universal

Bracketed KO IV - B

- 1 Eugene Harvey, Joanne Kelley, S. Pearlman, E. Gallagher

Flight A/X Pairs

- A X
 1 V. Oddy, Dan Gerstman
 4 Joel Wooldridge, Jill Wooldridge

Fri/Sat Side Series Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 Teresa Fraas, Diane Jeffrey
 4 3 Elizabeth Clark, Charles Schorr
 5 4 Mary Ann Byers, Elizabeth Ross

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CLIMBING THE LADDER!

Congratulations to the following folks who have reached a new milestone WAY TO GO!

Junior Masters

Bruce Burr Nancy Kessler
Helen Colbert Janet S Gibbons

Club Masters

Raja Base Paula Kotowski
Parimal Pal Carlton Stone
Jean MacDonald

Sectional Masters

John Kirsits

Regional Masters

Teresa M Fraas David Larcom
Richard Schad Paula Weiser
Charles Heimerl Pat Rogers

New Life Masters

Frank Schlehr

Bronze Life Masters

Gisela H Browne
Eugene Harvey

Silver Life Masters

Donna M Steffan

The few, the chosen few...

The following souls have chosen to run for the Unit 116 board of elections. In alphabetical order, introducing...

John Bielinski - Sectionals, Unit games, e-mail notices, Membership, Unit directory, partnerships, telephoning. These things I have worked on and will work on again if I am re-elected

Dan Gerstman - I advocate fiscal responsibility. For example, card fees at sectionals should not be inflated to subsidize huge losses incurred at summer picnics and holiday parties.

Joanne Kelley - I joined the Buffalo Unit because it is a vibrant group loaded with talent. I will work hard to meet the challenges facing our unit.

Kathy Pollock - As a Board member for the past three years, serving as President and Vice-President, and as a past editor of The Bridge Buff, I am familiar with the workings of the Board. I made it my objective to ensure that Unit Games and Sectionals run smoothly and are well attended. I believe these non-club games are

important to bring unity to the bridge community and I would sincerely appreciate your vote for reelection.

Eric Shreiber - If elected, my priorities will be: Better use of Unit resources, increasing membership, lower table fees, fundraising beyond "50-50's", and all other constituent needs.

Donna Steffan - When you consider that I haven't run away to Rio with the checkbook, I hope you'll also consider re-electing me to the unit board!

A tale of two tops

Eric Shreiber & Brian Meyer

En route to a subsidized trip to Reno, NV, in March, this board produced a top for two different pairs, in two different flights, in two very different ways:

AKQ876	
AT93	
K2	
A	
9432	J
Q95	762
T95	874
KJ4	Q98753
T5	
KJ4	
AQJ63	
T62	

West Deals, E/W Vul

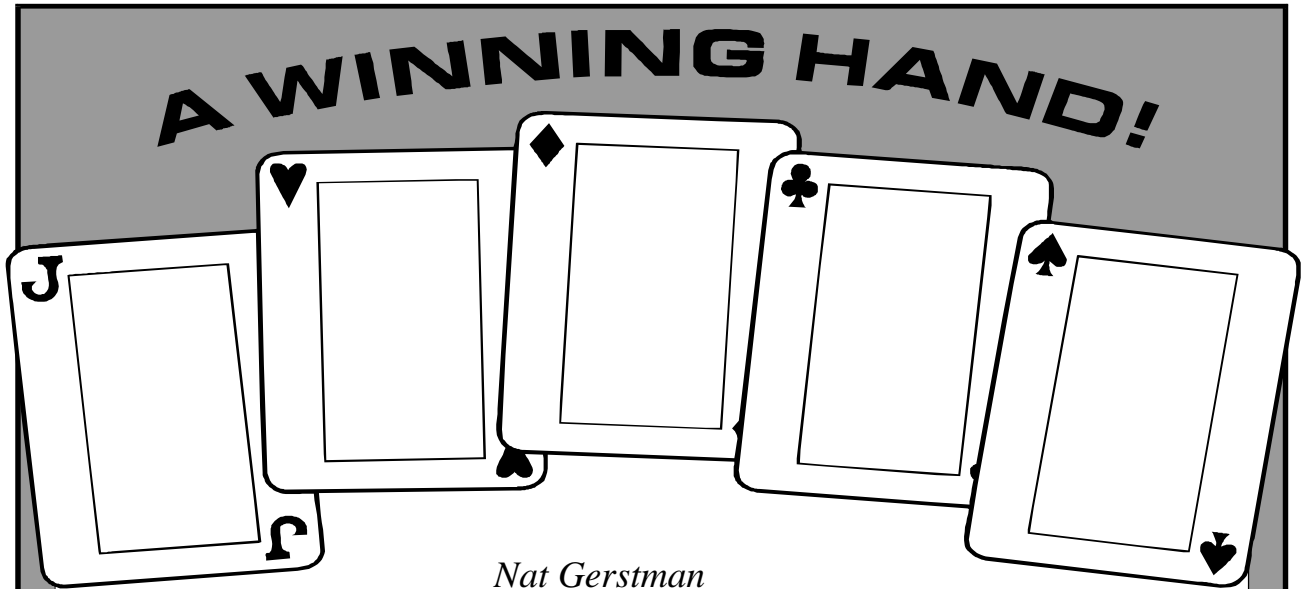
WEST	PHIFER	EAST	SHREIBER
PASS	1S	PASS	2D
PASS	3S	PASS	4S
PASS	4N	PASS	5D
PASS	6NT	(ALL PASS)	

6NT, North, making 7, +1020, and as Eric Shreiber put it, a "Cuh-hold top."

Brian Mampe and I took a slightly different route to a top board. We were holding the East/West cards and had the following auction:

MEYER	NORTH	MAMPE	SOUTH
PASS	1S	1NT (!!)	DOUBLE
PASS	PASS	2C	2D
PASS	2S	(ALL PASS)	

1NT wasn't conventional. It showed a balanced 15-18 HCP, sort of. -260 scored well for us.



Nat Gerstman

Buffalo Sectional

January 9-11, 2004

Rescue Fire Company

1241 Strad Avenue,
North Tonawanda, NY, 14120

Friday's Events:

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

All events are single session

Saturday's Events:

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
10:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.

All events are single sessions

Sunday's Events:

Stratified 299er Swiss Teams 11:00 a.m. (**single session**)
Strataflighted Swiss Teams 11:00 a.m. (**playthrough**)

Stratifications:

A: 1250+ B: 500 – 1250 C: 0-500

Fees:

\$8 per person per session for members/\$9 for non-members

Hospitality:

After the evening session on Friday
and before the start of the morning sessions on Saturday and Sunday.
Sandwiches will be offered for purchase during the Swiss on Sunday.

Tournament Chairs

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