

BRIDGE

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From the President
by Joan Rose

Members of Unit 116 wish to thank Sharon Benz for the time and effort she has expended for the past two years as Editor of the BUFF. Thanks, Sharon, for the hours you put in getting the editions out bimonthly.

Kathy Pollock is the new editor. Contact her (834-2855) if you have material you would like printed.

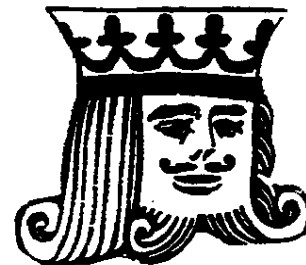
Election Day Regional
by Sharon Benz

The Election Day Regional is now history! I'd like to THANK YOU, the players who attended and made it a success. You put up with the CPA exam at the Convention Center which took all our parking spots and the 70degree day!! You were very patient and I appreciated it!!

Thanks to all the tournament chairpersons. Meg Klamp and Chris Urbanek ran a great novice program and hosted a fabulous cocktail party. Joan Rose matched up many partners and even took calls at 7:00 am!! Don Heisler

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spent hours organizing the hospitality room, filling baskets with fruit and providing great refreshments.(even the loganberry!!) Alan Greer could give Macy's Department store competition in his prize room. Thanks also to Stan Kozlowski, our photographer. Watch future ACBL bulletins for some of his work.

Some of the highlights were June Cohen, Phyllis Post and Joan Feasley making life master. Jim Jordan, Linda Vassallo, Steve Bullard, Phyllis Post and Jerry Geiger won their first regional event. Bonnie Bryer and Bill Elgar did well in the bracketed knock-outs and came home from the tournament with their first GOLDS-approximately 15! Tom Donnelly had some incredible results. He plays bridge about once a year. He was 1st in TWO regional events, and 2nd and 3rd in others. Maybe "lack of practice makes perfect!!"

This and That
by Dick Czarnecki

Well, I received not a single story useful for an "In the Beginning" column. Whether people are too busy, too important or too shy to

participate is really immaterial. I pulled most of this column out of my files from people who had shared with me in the past.

Adam Dzimian did contact me regarding his recent elevation to Lifemaster at the Margaret McCarthy Sectional. Adam playing with Dick Czarnecki and teamed with Edna and Ron Fill won the last two of six matches to achieve enough silver to hit the heights.

I took the following statement from Adam: "England had its finest hour. Now it's my turn. In all seriousness, I would like to thank everyone who made this possible, particularly Roger Abell, Bill Castle, Dick and Bernie Czarnecki, Nita Ferrell, Fenton Harrison, Irving Hill, John Mugas, Flo Notto and Jackie Solomon. It's been a great ride.

To assist Lorna Brewer to achieve her Lifemaster, Adam led a team of Nita Ferrell, Graham Philpott to the Erie, Pa. Sectional. Starting slowly, the team won several matches at the end of competition and placed third in "B" Swiss and won 2.27 silvers narrowly missing the three needed by Lorna. I'm sure we will be celebrating Lorna's Lifemaster achievement soon.

Walter Bluestone reminded me of a Golden Oldie when he and George Bills played in the Canadian Nationals. He was playing a Four Heart Contract and pulled all of the

trump he thought. On the last heart played, the opponents had discarded other suits.

So it was a surprise that on the last trick played by Walter that a female opponent trumped! Walter called for the Director and the woman freely admitted revoking on the previous trick with the excuse, "I wanted to save the trump for a time when I really needed it."

LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT MATERIAL!!

I need material from YOU if we are to keep the "In the Beginning Column" alive. Send any stories, achievements or comments to:

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THANK YOU!!!!

Sherlock Jacques and the Blake 2 Diamond Bid

by Jacques Stehlin

It's helpful for partner to know that when you open a major suit you have 5 or more or when you open 1 diamond you have 4 or more and 1 club shows 3 or more. But when you pick up a 4-4-3-2 distribution, you have to tell a fib but not if you use the Blake 2 diamond bid. This bid shows that shape, exactly 4 spades, 4 hearts, 3 diamonds and 2 clubs with minimum opening strength-12-14 HCP. The responses are as follows: 2 hearts, 2 spades and 3

clubs are to play. 2 notrump, 3 hearts and 3 spades are invitational asking opener to go with maximum values. 3 diamonds is forcing, asking opener to show his minor suit stoppers as follows: 3 hearts, the cheapest rebid, shows a club stopper, 3 spades shows a diamond stopper and 3 notrump shows stoppers in both minors. 4 clubs shows not stoppers and a minimum holding a 4 diamonds shows no stoppers and a maximum or course in order to respond 3 diamonds you must have a game going hand since opener's rebid may be at the 4 level.

One of the advantages of this convention is that the partnership invariably gets to the right level in the right strain. Another plus is that the opponents find it more difficult to get into the auction, letting you steal a contract occasionally and if the opponents do buy the contract your side, after seeing dummy, knows declarer's exact distribution and general strength.

A disadvantage is if the opener becomes declarer the bad guys will know his general strength and exact distribution. Big deal. So play well. I've been playing this convention for some years with mediocre to very good players and have yet to get a poor result because of the system. So what can I tell you? Try it, you'll like it.

FRONTIER UNIT 116 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Ellicott Creek firehall
455 Ellicott Creek Rd.

Directions: North on Niagara Falls Blvd. Turn right on Ellicott Creek Rd

December 15, 1996

Lunch: 12 noon

Meeting: 12:45pm

Game: 1:15pm

\$2.00 charge for lunch

NAT GERSTMAN SECTIONAL
Holiday Inn, Grand Island

January 10-12, 1997 Flyers are in clubs. New times for Friday-1 and 7 starting times.

Make your plans now!!

Great room rates!!

Give yourself a vacation!

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Nominations are now being accepted for the Sportsmanship Award for this year. This award goes to a person who consistently exhibits both ethical behavior and a gracious demeanor.

Please give nominations to Dorothy Boyd, along with a brief statement as to why you feel your nominee deserves the award. You may hand them to Dorothy or send to: 149 Parkside Ave, Buffalo 14214 by December 7th.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

Betty Dorrio and Lorraine Chiavetta were 4th overall in the regional 199er event at the Batavia summer regional.

More Batavia News:

CLAIRE GARELECK made lifemaster placing third in the Women's Swiss Teams in Batavia with teammates Louise Mink, Nana Stromberg and Betty Bronstein. (My apologies for forgetting this last month-I must have blocked it out as they BEAT our team!!!)

1st in the Women's Teams-
Chris Urbanek, Meg Klamp, Joan Rose and Jill Wooldridge.

1st in Open Teams-Pow
Wooldridge

1stin Flight C teams-Alan Melohusky, Brian Meyers, George Klemic, Vijay Devadoss

1st Senior Pairs-Joann Lafay and Rita Stewart

1st Flight C Pairs-Nora Branconi and Mike Ryan

1st 199er Pairs-Jim Jordan, Bill Schneidau, Betty Rubins, Eleanor Machado, Anne Lee, Ed Borosky, Anne Licata

Joel Woolridge took the East Coast by storm this summer. He earned approximately 350 masterpoints in 8 weeks, playing at regionals in Cherry Hill, Alexandria

and Miami.

BERNARD NEUHART of Hamburg, New York, with partner Robert Neuhart of Schenectady, were 1st overall in both the C and B strata of the Stratified Open Pairs at the Cleveland All American Regional. They were also 1st overall in the C strata and 1st E/W in B.

This pair also had 2 section tops in the Continuous Open Pairs at the Albany Split Regional.(Too bad you don't live closer together-you have a very successful partnership going!!)

Margaret McCarthy Sectional
Friday afternoon-Open Stratified Pairs

1. Meg Klamp & Beverly Cohen
2. Carol Siracuse & June Cohen
Stratum B

1. Carol Siracuse & June Cohen
2. John Ziemer & Doyce Coffman
299ers-A Stratum

1. Willard Sancrainte & Lee Gordon
2. Marianne Rindfleisch & Jackie Solomon
299ers-B Stratum

1. Willard Sancrainte & Lee Gordon
2. Bonnie Bryar-Bill Elgar
299ers-C Stratum

1. Willard Sancrainte & Lee Gordon
2. Kathryn Leah & Phil Leah
Friday Evening Open A

1. Chris Urbanek & Buddy Seidenberg
2. Don Heisler & Sharon Benz
Open-B

1. Walter Bluestone & Judy Graf
2. Ann Licata & Bill Schlaerth
299er-A

1. Betty Ann Johnson & Jane Yates
2. Ann Licata & Bill Schlaerth
299er-B

1/2 Jean Hays & Roy Crocker
299er-C

1. Doanne Jackson & Suzanne Jackson
2. Josephine Giordano & Ann Mallens

Saturday Afternoon-Open Pairs A

1. Joel Wooldridge & John Toy
2. Jill and Pow Wooldridge

Open B

1. Alfred Haber & Harry Meyers
2. George Klemic & Vijay Devadass

299er-A

1. James & Jean Magill
2. Georgia Kells & Pinky Regan

299er-B

1. Georgia Kells and Pinky Regan
2. Shirley Lyth & Margaret Trott

299er-C

1. Jack Gibbons & Norman Fitsimmons
2. Phil and Kathryn Leah

Saturday Evening- 299er A

2. Lorna Brewer & Graham Philpott

299er-B

2. Mary Ann Byers & Catherine Crocuston

299er-C

1. Mary Ann Byers & Catherine Crocuston
2. Jean Sullivan & Eva Schmidt

Open-A

1. Bill Finkelstein & Doyce Coffman
2. Joel Wooldridge & John Toy

Open -B

1. Bill Finkelstein D& Doyce Collman
2. Suraj Jain & Terry Band

Sunday Flight A Teams

1. Bob Freedman, Buddy Seidenberg, Jim Mathis, Chris Urbanek
2. Vijay Devadass, George Klemic, Alan Greer, Bill Finkelstein

Flight B Teams

1. Claire Gareleck, Walter Bluestone, Judy Graf, Nana Stromberg

Flight C-Teams

2. Alan and Thelma Ker, Rose Marie Gervase, Jane Yates

Unit Charity Game-October 19, 1996

OpenA

- 1/2 Chris Kellogg & V. Vaidhyathan

- 1/2 Stan Kozlowski & Terry Band

Open B

1. Nancy Wolstoncroft & Carol Siracuse

2. Paul & Barbara Libby

99er's 1. Ed Borosky & Lorraine Ciavatta

2. Jean Sullivan & Jeanne Gladys

BUFFALO ELECTION DAY REGIONAL

Tuesday-Stratified A

1. Tom Donnelly & Dan Boye
2. Buddy Seidenberg & Chris Urbanek

Stratified -B

1. Jim Jordan & Linda Vassallo
2. Anne O'Connor & Beverly Dale

Statified -C

1. Jim Jordan & Linda Vassallo
2. John Giordano & Joyce Kindt

Continuous Pairs-A

1. Saleh Fatouh & Stan Koxlowski
- 2/3 Bob Feasley & Mary Jo Crone

- 2/3 Barb Libby & Paul Libby

Wednesday-Women's Pairs A

2. Meg Klamp & Bev Cohen

Women's Pairs B

1. Joanne Lafay & Rita Stewart

Open Pairs-A

1. Alan Greer & Sharon Fairchild
2. Tom Donnelly & Dan Boye

Continuous Pairs-A

1. John Toy & Dan Gerstman

99er-B

1. Doanne Jackson & Beulah Thomas

2. Celia Calabrese & Ed Borosky

99ers-Evening A

2. Jean Sullivan & Eva Schmidt

99er-B

1. Dennis Woods & Peg Izzo

99er-C

1. Dennis Woods & Peg Izzo

2. Henry and Carol Chudy

Thursday

Seniors -A

2. Frank and Elizabeth Butler

Seniors-B

1. Frank and Elizabeth Butler

2. Audrey Adams & Florence Smith

Seniors -C

1. Robert Fellman & Poz Akman

2. Mary Davey-Carr & Phyllis Wilkinson

Stratified Open-A

1. John Toy & Angela Forsyth

Stratified-B

1. Steve Bullard & Phyllis Post
 2. Harry Meyers & Debbie Drury
- Stratified -C
1. Phyllis Post & Steve Bullard

Thursday- Swiss Teams-A& B winners all from out of town!!

Swiss Teams-C

2. George Klemic, Brian Meyer, Bernice Butler, Pat Freiter

Bracketed KO's I

1. Joel Wooldridge, Jade Barrett, Anne Hoffamn Marty Caley, Jackie Boisseau
- KO's-I-2

1. Jerry Geiger, Richard Clancy, Warren O'Connell, Jim Jordan, James Raineck
- KO's I-3

2. Kathryn & Phil Leah, Mary Lobraico, Isla Winkler

99er's Stratum A

1. Janet Frisch & AnnTorrell
2. John Popp & Georgia Kells

99er's-C

1. Laurie Grace & Terrence Grace
- 99er's Evening -A

2. Georgia Kells & Gina Campbell
- Friday Stratified Open -A

1. Tom Donnelly & Dan Boye
- 99er's Stratum -A

1. Ann Torrell & Janet Frisch
- Continuous Pairs -B

2. Bob Olin & Barbara Berg
- Senior Pairs-B

1. Bernice Baker & Rita Stewart
 2. Barbara Libby & Geraldine Krawitz
- Senior Pairs-C

2. Nancy Acara & Lillian Hohensee
- AM Knockouts I-1

1. Bob Freedman, Roslyn Kurlan, Jim Mathis, Ron Andersen, John Fout
- AM Knockouts I-2

1. Jerry Geiger, Jim Jordan, Phyllis Post, Linda Vassallo

Bracketed Knockouts II-1

2. Dan Gerstman, Geoff Hampson, Lynn Deas, Jim Reiman, Gail Hanson

Knockouts II-2

2. Jerry Geiger, Phyllis Post, Bonnie Bryar, Bill Elgar

Knockouts II-3

1. Brian Meyer, Vijay Devadass, George Klemic, Jim Jordan

Saturday Afternoon 99er's-B

2. Josephine Giordano & Anna Wallens
- Sunday Swiss-A

1. Gerry Fried, John Kilmer, John Toy, Alan Greer, Chris Urbanek

Tournament Travels

December 2-8- Sectional Tournament at Clubs(Earn lots of MP's)-Bridge Center all games and Whist Club

December 15th-Unit Holiday Game

January 3-5 Toronto Sectional-Royal York Hotel

January 10-12-Grand Island Holiday Inn

January 16-20 Pittsburgh Regional Monroeville Mall

GOOD-BYE!!

THANK YOU to all the people that have contributed material to the Buff over these past two years ESPECIALLY Dick Czarnecki and Jacques Stehlin. They always had an article ready for each issue and on time!!

I've enjoyed doing the BUFF but don't feel I have the time to do it as thoroughly as I would like. Next issue will be done by Kathy Pollock and I know you will help her as much as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

