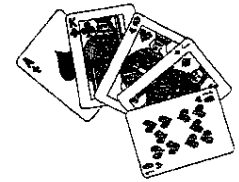


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From Your President

By Joan Rose

Are you a member of Frontier Unit 116? Many bridge players assume because they play at clubs, and attend local Sectionals and Regionals they are members of this Unit. Not so! You are a member of our Unit if you are a member in good standing of the ACBL.

Unit 116 derives its operating monies from the local dues paid to the ACBL. As our membership declines, our ACBL reimbursement declines.

Why is this important? Our Unit subsidizes the picnic and the annual meeting lunch. The Unit Board voted at its September meeting to charge those attendees who are not members an additional \$5. The lunch at the annual meeting will be \$2 for members and \$7 for nonmembers.

Other Unit Board activities from the September meeting:

- Voted to give clubs permission to hold StaC's at clubs. (unanimous)
- Voted to establish a local Hall of Fame by a committee of four Board members, the Board President, and five nonboard members. (8-1)
- Voted to establish a permanent trophy and individual plaques for the Unit award winners for the most points won in each calendar year by category: 1000+, 300-999, 20-299, under 20. (unanimous)
- Voted to consult with the ACBL on a legal policy to prevent experienced players, who are not ACBL members, from playing in limited games. (unanimous)

Annual Meeting

By Sue Bergman

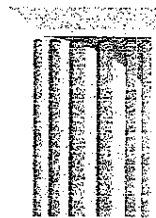
Our festive Annual Meeting and Bridge Game will be held on December 14 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall, 455 Ellicott Creek Road in Tonawanda. All ACBL members are invited to attend (\$2 per person). There will be a \$7 charge for each nonmember. New memberships will be accepted at the meeting for the full 1998 year.

A hearty luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. The Unit meeting and announcements, including the results of the elections to the Board and annual awards, and the bridge game will follow starting at 1:00 PM.

Balloting for elections to the Unit Board will be closed promptly at 12:00, so be sure to vote before then.

Please join us!

UNIT 116 HALL OF FAME



The Unit will be accepting nominations through November 30, 1997 for the initial inductees to the Unit 116 Hall of Fame. A committee of ten, headed by Jay Levy, will meet to discuss and vote on all nominations.

Nominees should be individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions to our Unit. The contributions need not be limited to prowess at bridge. Call Jay Levy (849-2048 days) to make your nominations.

Elections to the Board of Directors of Unit 116

The following people have been nominated for election to a three year term on the Unit Board. The basic functions of Board members are to promote bridge, to set policy for our Unit, and are responsible for running Unit games and Sectional tournaments within our district.

All members of Unit 116 are requested to vote for four of these candidates. Ballots can be found at your local clubs and also at the Annual Meeting on December 14. The deadline for voting is 12:00 noon on December 14 at the Annual Meeting in the Ellicott Fire Hall.

Each of the candidates was asked to submit a short campaign statement:

My thanks to the committee for placing my name on the slate for the Unit Board.

I promise to give to the Unit as much time as it takes to repay the members, and all other players, for the many benefits I have received playing bridge.

Betty Bronstein

It has been a great pleasure for me to be part of the bridge community; both for its intellectual challenge and the friendships I've made.

In running for the Unit Board, I hope to contribute my ideas and time to our Unit's continued growth. Thank you for the opportunity to participate and I look forward to working on our behalf.

Bonnie Bryar

I have enjoyed working on the Board for these three years and, if elected, will continue to do what I think is best for all bridge players in Unit 116.

Dorothy Boyd

I enjoy playing bridge and enjoy the people I play with. I have a lot to learn. However, I would do anything I could to help the Board do what is expected of them.

Jean Hays

Stimulating interest in duplicate bridge has always been my goal. Encouraging and teaching newer players, fostering enjoyment of bridge through "Zero Tolerance", is an integral part of this goal. Serving on the Board has allowed me to represent the membership in a positive way. I would appreciate your vote.

Marge Schomers

The time has come to give back to this wonderful game. I am in the process of arranging a teaching program at local high schools and universities. Getting new people interested, especially young people, is the future of our terrific pastime. With your vote, I'll see that it happens.

Brian Meyer

The Unit Election Committee regrets to inform you that Don Heisler has withdrawn from the race; however, his name will still appear on the ballot.

District 5 News

At a recent District 5 Board meeting, Roni Mitchell of Pittsburgh was elected president of the Board and **Pat Rasmus** was elected vice-president. Congratulations and good luck Pat!

October Unit Game Results

- 1A Phyllis Post and Trudy Manaher
- 2A/1B Kathy Pollock and Dorothy Boyd
- 3A Walter Majewski and Jeanette Michienzi
- 4A Vijay Devadass and Joel Wooldridge
- 5A Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
- 6A Bob Olin and Alice Lind
- 2B Bill Rushmore and Terry Band
- 3B Marge Schomers and Jean Hays
- 4B Jim Jordan and Christy Kellogg
- 3/1C Anna Wallens and Paula Weiser
- 2C Cajeta Ciola and Betty Luschenat

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

We are still accepting nominations for the annual sportsmanship award to be given to a person who exhibits not only ethical play but is calm and pleasant to everyone.

Please send your nomination in writing by November 21 to:

Dorothy Boyd
149 Parkside Ave.
Buffalo NY 14214

SNOWBIRDS

If you are flying South for the winter and want to receive your copy of the *Bridge Buff*, send a note with your address and the months you'll be away to Kathy Pollock, 322 Ashford Ave., Tonawanda, NY, 14150-8562.

Seen in the August issue of the *Post Mortem*, the newsletter from the Pittsburgh area: "The Buffalo Regional had fewer than 15 Unit 142 players participating...All who attended praised the tournament and enjoyed the hospitality."

Answers to Sherlock Jacques:

- 1. Cappelletti
- 2. Michaels Cue Bid
- 3. Splinter
- 4. Foster Echo
- 5. Key Card Blackwood
- 6. Negative Double



OFF THE WEB

Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional

Thursday Stratified Women's Pairs

2A Meg Klamp and Portia Miller

Thursday Stratified Open Pairs

9A/3B Brian Meyer and Vijay Devadass

Flight A Open Swiss

3 John Toy, Peter Grover, John Gillespie, Allan Smith, Vince Oddy and Barbara Clinton

Stratified Senior Pairs

6B Don Heisler and Mildred Sable

Sunday Flight A Pairs

7 John Kilmer and Jim Mathis

Monday Flight A Swiss

8/9 Saleh Fetouh, Doreen Scott, Walter Majewski and Vidi Vaidhyanathan

Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs

2A John Toy and Allan Smith

Saturday-Sunday Knock Out Teams - Bracket I

1 John Toy, Frank Cymerman, Howard Lebow, Warren Oberfield and Robert Winters

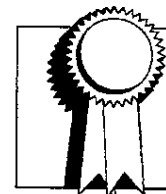
Friday Late Night Zip Knock Outs

1 John Toy, Howard Lebow, B. Fudor, T. Fudor, Reanette Frobouck and Jan Assini

3/4 Vijay Devadass, Brian Meyer, R. Elwin Brown and Jerry Geiger

UNIT AWARDS

Beginning in 1998, the Unit will be giving annual awards to individuals with the best performance in the Sectional and Unit games.



These awards will be given to those with the most masterpoints won in all these games held during the calendar year. There will be four categories, based upon total masterpoints at the start of the year:

- 1000+ masterpoints
- 300-999 masterpoints
- 20-299 masterpoints
- 0-19 masterpoints

Winners will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.



Sherlock Jacques

Scrambled Bridge

By Jacques Stehlin

Can you straighten out these scrambled bridge conventions?

1. TELL PIPE ACT
2. CHEMISE AID CLUB
3. RENT LIPS
4. FOOT CHEERS
5. BOY WORK DAD CACKLE
6. I LEAVE NO BUDGET

To the Unbelievers

By Louise Mink

Dear readers,

In case you're not convinced of the element of luck at duplicate bridge, picture this...

A few weeks ago at the Whist Club (Monday Evenings, 7:30 PM, Knights of Columbus on Kenmore Ave.) my partner and I had the following auction:

Partner	RHO	Me	LHO
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5♦	Pass
6 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Here is my hand:

♠ x
♥ A K Q J 10 9 x x
♦ Q x
♣ 10 x

and my partner's:

♠ A K x x
♥ void
♦ A J 10 x x
♣ K Q x x

My hand is probably too good to sign off at 4♥ but my partner, with a void (!) in hearts, bid 6NT. You can get to my hand with a crowbar if the king of

diamonds is on my right, but that's down one (off the A♣).

For some reason, East, a seasoned player, led the J♣. Her partner contemplated the dummy, but daunted by eight running hearts, he went up with the ace and it's all over. My 10♣ provided the needed entry to make the hand.

So if your bidding is cockeyed, let's hope something good happens in the play. 😊

The Tale of the Ape

By Powhatan Wooldridge

Dlr: South	♠ 10 8 5 4 3		
Vul: None	♥ Q J 10 7 5 4 2		
	♦ 6		
	♣ void		
♠ K 9 7 2		♠ A Q 6	
♥ void	N	♥ K	
♦ Q J 7 2	WE	♦ K 9 5 4 3	
♣ K J 9 3 2	S	♣ 8 7 5 4	
	♠ J		
	♥ A 9 8 6 3		
	♦ A 10 8		
	♣ A Q 10 6		

In a qualifying round of the NABC Senior Swiss Teams, Marcia Freed sat North and heard her partner (John Conway) open 1♥! The bidding proceeded:

West	North	East	South
	Marcia		John
			1♥
Double	4♥	4♠!!	5♥
5♠	?		

At this point it seemed virtually certain to Marcia that the opponents were 4-4 in spades and her partner was void. Since her fifth spade could be established by ruffing, she bid 6♥ with confidence. East doubled. John, a firm believer in the adage that the preemptor should not bid again, scowled.

West led a spade to East's ace as John followed with the jack. East had bid 4♠ on A Q x, presumably as a lead director, planning to run to his five card diamond suit if doubled. All was well, however, since John held the two red aces and was soon claiming.

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At the other table, this is how the auction went (Pow was playing with his wife, Jill):

West <i>Pow</i>	North	East <i>Jill</i>	South
			1♥
Double	1♠!	2♦	3♣
Pass	3♦	Pass	4♥
5♦	5♥	Double!	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Pow was quick to justify Jill's double to their teammates... "It was a striped-tailed ape double." That's a double of a game bid aimed at keeping the opponents from bidding a slam. Marcia's decision to bid on to 6♥ converted a 7 imp loss to a 10 imp gain.

Editor's note: This article was originally published in the Daily Bulletin from the Albuquerque Nationals. It is also found on the Web thru the ACBL home page at <http://www.acbl.org>

Tournament Trail

Niagara Falls ON Regional	Nov. 4 - 9
Unit Charity Game / Pot Luck	Nov. 15
St. Louis Fall Nationals	Nov. 20 - 30
District 5 StaC	
at participating clubs	Dec. 1 - 7
Waterloo LM/NLM Tournament	Dec. 6 - 7
Unit Annual Meeting / Elections	Dec. 14
Nat Gerstman Sectional	Jan. 9 - 11
Independence OH Regional	Jan. 14 - 18

November Unit Game Local Charity Game to Benefit Friends of the Night People

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th
AT THE BRIDGE CENTRE
2371 GEORGE URBAN BLVD.
6:30 PM

Potluck Supper and Bridge Game

The November Unit Game will include a potluck supper for a total cost of \$6. If possible, please register ahead of time by telephone or mail. If you are unable to "make or bake", a cash donation to help defray the cost of paper products or other expenses would be welcomed.

COME HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES HAVE A FUN TIME



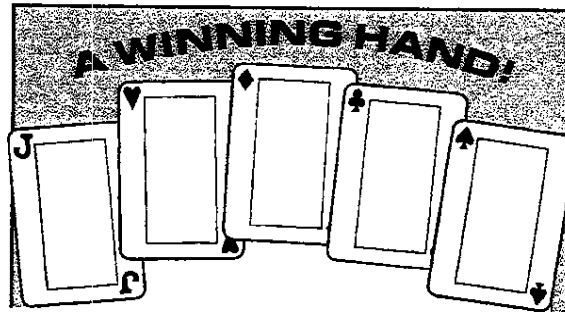
Pot Luck Supper

Name: _____

Partner: _____

I am bringing: Entree _____
 Salad _____
 Dessert _____
 Other _____
 Cash _____

Please call or mail to:
Joan Rose - 835-9779
369 Woodbridge Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14214



Nat Gerstman
Buffalo Sectional
January 9 - 11, 1998
Holiday Inn, Grand Island, NY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 PM
0 - 300 Stratified Pairs	1:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs	7:00 PM
0 - 300 Stratified Pairs	7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

Stratified Open Pairs	1:00 PM
0 - 300 Stratified Pairs	1:00 PM
Stratified Open Pairs	7:00 PM
0 - 300 Stratified Pairs	7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Strataflighted Swiss Teams* 11:00 AM

*Playthrough event—sandwiches available from hotel.

Stratifications
 A (750+) B (300-750) C (0-300)

Entry Fee: \$7.00 per person per session
Partnerships: Jay Levy 849-2048 (days)
Hospitality: After the Friday and Saturday evening sessions. Coffee and doughnuts before the game on Sunday.

Hotel: Grand Island Holiday Inn
 (716)773-1111 Ask for bridge rate.
Tournament Co-Chairs:
 Jay Levy 849-2048(w) 689-2110 (h)
 Don Cameron 837-3398