

♠♥The Bridge Buff♦♣



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President's Message

By Jay Levy

In this issue there is some information about the Unit 116 Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 12, starting at 12:00 noon. In addition to a nice meal and a bridge game, this is an opportunity for to hear a report from the Unit Officers and to ask any questions that you might have. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Unit 116 Award Race

Masterpoints earned
as of 11/1/99 at Unit
Games or Sectionals

1000+ Points		
1	John Kilmer	48.88
2	Jay Levy	48.39
3	Buddy Seidenberg	48.09
300-999 Points		
1	Suraj Jain	43.08
2	Bill Bascom	33.07
3	Jim Reineck	32.93
20-299 Points		
1	Donna Steffan	24.80
2	Jeanne Gladysz	16.16
3	Lorraine Ciavatta	11.71
0-19 Points		
1	Brian Mampe	3.37
2	Joan Crane	1.70
3	Anne Licata	1.28

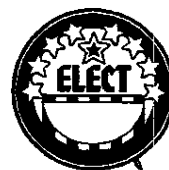
**1999
Annual Meeting**

Our festive Annual Meeting and Bridge Game will be held on Sunday, December 12, at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall at 4555 Ellicott Creek Road in Tonawanda. All are invited to attend at a cost of \$2 per member and \$7 per non-member. New memberships will be accepted at the meeting for all of 2000.

A hearty roast beef luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon. The bridge game will follow the meeting and announcements at 1:00 p.m.

Voting for Unit Board members will close promptly at noon.

Unit Charity Game
Saturday, November 6
7:30 PM
at The Bridge Centre
 to benefit
The Autism Society of America



Don't forget to vote in the elections for the Unit Board. Elections close on December 12 at 12:00 noon. Ballots can be found in the clubs. Candidates' statements on page 2 of this issue.

Elections to the Board of Directors of Unit 116

The following Unit members have been nominated for election to a three year term on the Unit Board. The basic responsibilities of Board members are to (1) promote bridge, (2) set policy for our unit, (3) be responsible for running unit games and sectionals tournaments within our district.

All members of Unit 116 are requested to vote for four of these candidates, each of whom was asked to submit a short campaign statement. Ballots can be found at local clubs and also at the Unit 116 Annual Meeting on December 12, 1999. The deadline for voting is 12:00 noon at the Annual Meeting.

As a practicing physician in the area for over 22 years, I would be contributing my professional expertise and thoughts in directing the business of the Board in order to meet its present and future challenges.

Saleh Fetouh

I have only been playing duplicate for three years... A long way yet to go for life master, but I will get there!

As a board member I intend to be the voice of the new member, novice, and intermediate player. Ideally, our ideas and suggestions will help introduce bridge to potential new players and yet keep the game fun for its existing members, so we can increase attendance.

Terry Fraas

My main objective will be to assist in promoting those aspects of the game which add to the quality of my life, such as sharpening my mental edge, offering opportunities to socialize and meet new people, and best of all, have fun!

I will work to encourage participation in tournaments and specials games, plan social activities, and spread the word to potential duplicate players. Thank you.

Mary Ellen State

I have really enjoyed serving on the Board for the past three years. I hope you will let me continue to serve for one more term. Thank you.

Judy Graf

The Unit President wrote he couldn't understand why attendance at games was decreasing. It's time for someone who does. Our unit is very fractured. Survey by mail ALL the membership as to what times, locations, and events they want... then implement their wishes. Promote duplicate bridge, not just the unit.

Bill Finkelstein

Challenging, frustrating, rewarding, competitive, mind-strengthening, confidence building, stimulating! That's life AND bridge. Each time I play, I learn from my partner and my opponents. It's time for me to lend a hand to the Unit 116 organization. Your vote would be appreciated.

Joyce Kindt

I will try my best to promote the game of bridge in an enthusiastic and friendly manner and work hard to make all tournaments and social events run as smoothly as possible. If you vote for me, please support me and help me reach my goal.

Faith Perry

During the past three years on the Board, I have served as vice-president and currently as president. We still have much to accomplish and I would appreciate your support to reelect me to the Board. Thank you.

Jay Levy

WELCOME

to the following new members:

Joseph Day	Dorothy Katz
Dolly Ladds	Pat Rogers
Won Yang	

SNOWBIRDS

If you are flying south for the winter and want to receive a copy of *The Bridge Buff*, send a note or e-mail with the months you'll be gone to Kathy Pollock, 322 Ashford, Tonawanda, NY, 14150-8562 or kandemmett@aol.com.

**NEW LIFE MASTER**

Dan Johnston went over the top at a regular pairs game this past week while playing with his wife, **Ive**, at the B & P Duplicate Club. Congratulations Dan!

Corrections ✓

Omission: The list of earlier Anne McGilvrey Award winners from Unit 116 should have included John Toy and Kayla Lawson.

Clarification: The District 5 Masterpoint Race does **not** include masterpoints won at District 5 Regionals, only District Sectionals.

CLUB NOTES**Lockport Duplicate**

Lockport Duplicate will be holding a **Charity Game on Tuesday, November 16**, at the Lockport Senior Center, 33 Ontario Street, at **7:30 p.m.** The game will be stratified and all proceeds will go to the Center. Call Marge Schomers at 434-8635 for partners or information.

Buffalo Whist Club

The Whist Club has several special games planned for November and December:

November 8	Club Championship
November 22	Charity Game
December 20	Holiday Party

ACBL-wide International Fund Game #2

Congratulations to **Buddy Seidenberg** and **Chris Urbanek** for the highest percentage game (67.45) by players in our District during the game held last May.

The Best Laid Plans...

By Bill Elgar

A great deal of playing bridge depends upon recognizing patterns. Louis Watson's *Play of the Hand* teaches card play primarily by presenting hand patterns, and teaching the students to recognize and use them to produce the desired number of tricks. Most bidding systems are designed to communicate your hand pattern to your partner.

Conventions, a subset of bidding systems, often are designed to describe a particular hand pattern. Michaels Cue-Bid, for example, (invented by the late Mike Michaels) is designed to take advantage of the playing strength of a two-suited hand. A direct cue-bid of the opponent's suit, Michaels promises a hand containing two suits of at least five cards each, and is used when the cue-bidder's hand is either very strong or very weak. My partner made a Michaels cue-bid on the following deal: (N-S vulnerable)

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

At most tables the final contract was 5♣ by South, but at our table the bidding went:

North	Partner	South	Me
	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♦	2♦(1)	2♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

(1) Michaels cue-bid, showing the unbid suits

Of course, my bid, after 2♠ by South, should have been 4♥ with the willingness to compete to 5♥. However, I failed to recognize the meaning of my partner's 2♦ bid. If I had been paying attention, we could have shared a top score of 4♥, doubled, off one, instead of sharing a bottom at 5♣, making.

Conventions are wonderful things, but unless both partners are paying attention and aware of the meaning of the bid, the best laid plans of mice and men...

Margaret McCarthy Sectional**Friday Afternoon Open Pairs**

- 1A/1B Jim Reineck and Brian Meyer
 2A/2B Paul and Barb Libby
 3A Doreen Scott and Harry Meyers
 4A Louise Mink and Cliff Kaylor
 5A/3B/1C Bonnie Bryar and Bill Elgar
 6A Buddy Seidenberg and Gerry Fried
 4B Bernice Baker and Claire Garelick
 5B John Ziener and Bill Finkelstein
 6B/2C Betty Lawrence and Janet Frisch
 3C Jeanne Gladysz and Donna Steffan

Friday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 1A/1B Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones
 2A/2B Paula Weiser and Chester Fell
 3A/3B Pat Lancaster and Faith Perry
 4A Marvin Morber and Dorothy Katz

Friday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A Saleh Fetouh and Buddy Seidenberg
 2A Liz Clark and Gerry Fried
 3A/1B Pat Burns and Betty Bronstein
 4A Jay Levy and Jim Mathis
 5A Bill Rushmore and Art Morth
 6A/2B Kathy Pollock and Geri Krawitz
 3B Dorothy Boyd and Christy Kellogg
 4B/1C Jeanne Gladysz and Donna Steffan
 5B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan
 6B/2C Willard Sancrainte and Lee Gordon
 3C Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones

Saturday Afternoon 299er Pairs

- 2A Dorothea Sterne and Phyllis Wilkinson
 3A Eva Schmidt and Rita Pawelczyk

Saturday Afternoon Open Pairs

- 1A/1B Jim Reineck and Brian Meyer
 2A Buddy Seidenberg and Jim Mathis
 3/4A Meg Klamp and Joan Rose
 3/4A/2B/1C Willard Sancrainte and Lee Gordon
 5A John Kilmer and Gerry Fried
 6A Walter Majewski and Judi Marshall
 3B Audrey Adams and Florence Smith
 4/5B/2C Misha Tomic and Mark Pascale
 4/5B Dorothy Boyd and Phyllis Post
 6B Jerry Geiger and Gisela Browne
 4C Florence Notto and Joyce Kindt
 5C Irene Seefeldt and Marge Schomers

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

- 1A/1B Curt Hallis and Pat Young
 2A Saleh Fetouh and Suraj Jain
 3A Bill Bascom and Jay Levy
 4A John Kilmer and Gerry Fried
 5A Jeanette Michienzi and Walter Majewski
 6A/2B Nora Branconi and Betty Bronstein

- 3B Gisela Browne and Jerry Geiger
 4B/1C Florence Notto and Joyce Kindt
 5B Jim Scott and Pol Akman
 3C Irene Seefeldt and Marge Schomers
 5C Bruce Bronstein and Lorraine Ciavatta

Flight A Swiss Teams

- 1 Jay Levy, Bill Bascom, Saleh Fetouh and Suraj Jain
 2 Art Morth, Kathy Pollock, Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
 3 Chris Urbanek, Buddy Seidenberg, Jim Mathis and John Kilmer

Stratified B/C/D Swiss Teams

- 1B Jerry Geiger, Jim Reineck, Phyllis Post, Brian Meyer and Ravi Arulnandhy
 2B Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Florence Notto and Joyce Kindt
 3B Mark Pascale, Christy Kellogg, Dorothy Boyd and Judy Graf
 4B/1C/1D Constance Swick, Elizabeth Harman, Edward Harman and Beverly Norton

Section Top: Mary Davey-Carr

Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional**Wednesday Evening Continuous Pairs**

- 3A/2B Jerry Geiger and Doug Couchman
 6A/5B/3C Shirley and John Lyth

Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs

- 6/7B/3/4C Shirley and John Lyth

Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs

- 6A Pat Rasmus and Cathy Bentzel

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs

- 6A Jim Mathis and John Kilmer

Sunday Afternoon Side Game

- 5A/5B Paul Orosz and Mike Ryan

Flight A Swiss Teams

- 7A Joel Wooldridge, Phillip Becker, Lon Sasa, and Laurie Kranyak

Bracketed Knockout I - Bracket 2

- 3/4 Jerry Geiger, Doug Couchman, Terry Jacobs and Jim Gullo

Morning Knockouts - Bracket 1

- 2 Jerry Geiger, Doug Couchman, Terry Jacobs and Jim Gullo

Bracketed Knockout II - Bracket 2

- 2 Jerry Geiger, Doug Couchman, Terry Jacobs and Jim Gullo

Compact Knockouts

- 1 Mike Ryan, Paul Orosz, Bill Elgar and Bonnie Bryar

Bracketed Knockout III - Bracket 1

- 1 Joel Wooldridge, Ken Kranyak, John Kranyak, Howard Lebow, Frank Cymerman and Kent Mignocchi

The Alert Procedure - Part II

By Brian Meyer

We all know now that we are not allowed to "hear" partner's alerts and their explanations. However, if we do, we are not allowed to take inference when partner explains something incorrectly.

There is a flip side to the coin... if partner fails to alert our conventional bid, we must still alert partner's follow up bids if appropriate.

For example:

	Partner	You
	1♥	2NT (1)
	3♣ (2)	

(1) Jacoby - forcing raise to game

(2) Shows club shortness

Partner does not alert your 2NT bid. Do you alert their 3♣ bid? Absolutely! You are not allowed to hear partner's alert but you are also not allowed to hear partner's failure to alert.

A pair recently had this auction:

You	LHO	Partner	RHO
Pass	1NT	2♣ (1)	Pass
2♦ (2)			

(1) You think it's clubs so it's not alerted.

(2) Partner intended his/her bid to be Cappelletti showing a single suit with 2♦ asking partner to bid their suit. 2♦ must be alerted.

The 2♦ bid was not alerted at the table. Consequently, the opponents were entitled to some redress after both not bidding and not defending properly because of the inaccurate explanations.

Remember, just because you "heard" partner not alert, it doesn't mean you are off the hook. Alert!

Next issue - Specific alertable sequences and specific not alertable sequences, to be followed by the stop card, its use and abuse... stay tuned!

Pittsburgh Regional - cont.

Thursday Midnight Charity Knockouts

1 Jerry Geiger, Doug Couchman, Terry Jacobs and Jim Gullo

Friday Midnight Charity Knockouts

2 Joel Wooldridge, Howard Lebow, Lon Sasa, David Sokolow, John Kranyak and Kent Mignocchi

Saturday Midnight Charity Knockouts

1 Joel Wooldridge, Howard Lebow, Lon Sasa, Phillip Becker, Lindsay Perlman and Kent Mignocchi

2 Jerry Geiger, August Contanzo, Claire Sable and Nick Barshay

Sunday Midnight Charity Knockouts

2 Joel Wooldridge, John Kranyak, Howard Lebow, Kent Mignocchi, Lon Sasa and Lindsay Perlman

Section Top: Bert Hargesheimer

Oswego Sectional

Friday Afternoon Open Pairs

3B Dan and Elve Johnston

Saturday Afternoon Senior Pairs

2B Don and Miriam Regnet

Stratified Swiss Teams

2B Don and Miriam Regnet, Dan and Elve Johnston

Presque Isle Sectional

Friday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

1A/1B/1C Ed and Liz Harman

Friday Evening Stratified Open Pairs

1A/1B/1C Ed and Liz Harman

3A/2B/2C Don and Miriam Regnet

Saturday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

3A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

5C Ed and Liz Harman

Saturday Evening Open Pairs

1B Adam Dzimian and Norma Gelose

Stratified Swiss Teams

1A Bert Hargesheimer, Misha Tomic, Patricia Young, Virginia Moody and Sharon Fairchild

Rochester Fall Sectional

Saturday Evening Flight B/C/D Pairs

3C Don and Miriam Regnet

In Memoriam

The members of Unit 116 wish to express their deepest sympathy to the friends and family of **Larry Doherty** who passed away recently after a lengthy illness and also our condolences to Donna Steffan on the recent death of her husband.

Tournament Trail

Nov. 6.	Unit Game
Nov. 13-14	District NAOP Finals
Nov. 18-28	Boston Fall National
Nov. 22	ACBL-wide Charity Game
Dec. 12	Unit Annual Meeting/Game
Jan. 5-9	Pittsburgh Regional
Jan. 21-23	Buffalo Sectional

**A Bridge
Tournament
for the Year 2000**

Nat Gerstman Buffalo Sectional

**January 21-23, 2000
The Bridge Centre
2371 George Urban Blvd., Depew**

Tournament Co-Chairs:
Paul Orosz (716) 691-6207
Jay Levy (716) 689-2110

Stratifications:

A 1000+ B 500 - 1000 C 0-499

FRIDAY

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
1:00 PM 7:00 PM
Single Sessions

SATURDAY

Stratified Open Pairs
Stratified 299er Pairs
11:00 AM 3:30 PM
Single Sessions

SUNDAY

Stratified Open Swiss Teams
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
11:00 AM playthrough
Sandwiches and drinks available
for purchase