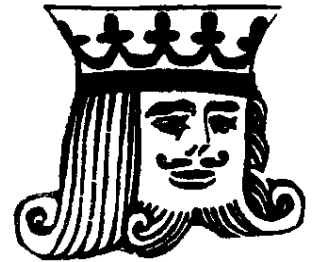


BRIDGE

Editor: Sharon Benz

BUFF



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"ONLY 50 DAYS LEFT!!!"

FROM THE PRESIDENT...

by Joan Rose

Are you ready for the Margaret McCarthy Fall Sectional? Are you wondering who Margaret McCarthy was? When I came into bridge a "few" years ago, Margaret was the person you contacted if you wanted or needed anything. She was Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman to name a few titles. But, probably the most valuable thing about Margaret wasn't the jobs but the knowledge of the ACBL. She knew the headquarter staff, their job description, who to call if you really needed help, better than they knew. So when she passed away after decades of service to our Unit, the Unit Board decided to remember her by naming the Fall Sectional in her memory.

We are looking for a new editor of the BUFF beginning with January '97 edition. Sharon Benz is retiring after the November issue.

(you are interested aren't you?) call me-835-9779. The BUFF editor receives \$75 per issue to edit, gather news, take to printer and distribute to clubs. There are six issues per year. DO CALL ME!

Didn't Dorothy Boyd do an excellent job with the picnic? And also Marge Schomers who chaired the wine and cheese party in July. Both events were a lot of fun. If you were there, and had a good time, say something to the people who made these events happen. It's always nice to know your hard work is appreciated.

IN THE BEGINNING.....

BY DICK CZARNECKI

Snapshots:

Three years ago Mary Lou Cross and her husband, George took bridge lessons from Joan Rose in a Kenmore East night school class. From that class she graduated to winning an overall with Bonnie

Bryar at a tournament in Niagara Falls. She credits Bonnie for encouraging her in the game. MaryLou has accumulated fifty-six master points.

"Keeping my gray cells from turning to much" is one of the reasons she plays duplicate. "A first overall in a Howell movement with a gentlemen from Virginia during a cruise from Tahiti to Hawaii." There has got to be more to this story than this snippet I got from Mary Lou. Ask Mary Lou.

"Success with first-time partners" continues. "In the last tournament on Grand Island with a first-time partner, I opened Three Diamonds and he goes to 3NT. He makes the contract and we win Section B of the 299ers."

Some years back Bernie Czarnecki asked her husband to teach her bridge. She said, "My chief mentors are my husband Dick, Jeanette Michenzi and Allan Greer. She credits her partners with continued growth in the game; Jackie Solomon, Mary Lou Cross, Adam Dzimian, Judy Graf and Shirley Lyth.

When asked about highlights in her bridge career she indicated the following. "I came in first in a Sectional with Charlie Tripi."

Playing in another Sectional with Judy Graf and after Judy asked for Aces and Kings, she bid Six Spades. To her surprise, I upped the ante to Seven Spades and made the

contract." Finally playing with a novice in a Sectional and telling him "When I bid 4C, I'm asking for Aces." During the game, I preempted with Four Clubs and he answered with Aces. I replied 5C and he gave me Kings and so I bid 6C and made the contract."

When asked why she plays duplicate, Bernie replied "It's a great way to meet nice people and I enjoy the mental stimulation as I strive to achieve a 50% game or better."

Bernie also served Unit 116 ably on the Board and her creativity is well known in the events Bernie has managed or assisted. Unit 116 is lucky to have her as a resource and I'm lucky to have Bernie as my wife.

* *I need your help!! It is difficult to interview people during a bridge game. I've given out questionnaires in person and by mail to overcome this. For those who provided information, my profound gratitude because you've made this exercise in sharing about ourselves work.

If you think the column is worth saving, then immediately and I mean right now, take out a sheet of paper and write out your favorite bridge story. If you would like to spotlight the growth in you bridge career to encourage other, answer the following and send me the information.

I. When and from whom did

you learn?

2. Who are your chief mentors?
3. Who are your steady partners?
4. How long have you played?
5. Share tournament highlights.
6. Anecdotes, ETC,ETC,ETC,

THANX.

Dick Czarnecki, 7282 Shawnee Rd. #5, North Tonawanda, NY,14120

SHERLOCK JACQUES

by Jacques Stehlin

How would you bid these hands?
Compare your bids with those of
John Toy, Dan Gerstman and Mr. X.

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
----	1C	DBL	pass
2C	pass	2 hts.	pass
?			

AS SOUTH YOU HOLD:

1. S-KJT6 H-QT87 D-A43 C-82
2. S-KJT6 H-QT87 D-AQ3 C-82
3. S-KJT6 H-A43 D-82 C-QT87
4. S-KT86 H-AQ3 D-82 C-QJ97
5. S-KJT62 H-AQ3 D-QT87 C-8
6. S-AQ3 H-KJT62 D-T872 C-A
(Answers on last page. No peeking!)

A PARODY ON THE MAD BRIDGE PLAYER DISEASE....

by Stan Kozlowski

The first symptoms appear:
glazed eyes and an inaudible
"HMMMM." The victim thinks: "I am

the dealer with 10 HCP and one additional point for the fifth card of a suit and one more for the doubleton equals 12. Everyone knows an ace is undervalued at four Goren points and four tens at half a point each gives me a total of 15. A definite one No Trump opener and I have not given up on a possible slam yet!!(inspired by the British Mad Cow Disease!!)

THANKS TO OUR CLUB DIRECTORS

by Bob Winkler

I wish to thank all the club directors that have run club games over the last 22 years. I have played bridge in Buffalo and elsewhere. They have taken their time to make places for people to play and enjoy the game.

These people have often gone out of their way to do things to make the game more enjoyable for every body.

I have heard people complain about poor calls but on the whole, I think if these people stop to think, they would realize the calls were fair for the circumstances.

They also have problems getting partners for people at the last minute and although their choice might not have been someone you wanted to play with. I have found they always got the best partner they could find at the time.

Then think of what you would be doing if they didn't go to the

trouble of starting and running a club.

I know most of us appreciate what has been done for us by the directors, and hope in the future everyone who plays bridge will appreciate them more.

See you at the bridge table!!

UNIT 116 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING-July 14, 1996

Annual meeting will be December 15, 1996. Possibility of a new site. The unit will combine with the district to run another sectional/299er regional to be chaired by Pat Rasmus. Discussion of the unit acquiring bidding boxes, fall sectional and election committee. Next meeting- October 23 at Carol Siracuses's.

ELECTIONS TO UNIT 116's BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S is fast approaching. Statements from the candidates follow.

DON CAMERON

After more years than I care to remember of competing at the bridge table, my pleasure-pain index is surprisingly high. It seems only logical then to offer to give something back to this great game of ours by offering to help to maintain and build upon the past record of excellence in this unit.

As a relative new comer to this area, I have been extremely

impressed by the quality of play and even more so by the friendliness which the members of this unit demonstrate time and time again.

For the record, I have had two careers. One in a major international money center bank and a second in academia as a teacher of finance at the undergraduate and graduate levels.(while these professional experiences were both thoroughly enjoyable, neither has ever provided much help in deciding in which direction to take a two way finesse)

JUDY GRAF

If I am elected to the board, I would like to be the voice of the intermediate players. I would also like to work on increasing attendance at tournaments and unit meetings. Over the last six years bridge has given me a great amount of enjoyment. This is my chance to give back some of what has been given to me.

ELAINE KURASIEWICZ

"EK LIVE"

[Interview held with and conducted by Elaine Kurasiewicz]

Q. What does bridge mean to me?

A. A challenge and favorite diversion. I love it and hate it, and keep coming back to it.

Q. What can I do for bridge?

A. Promote it as an amusement, as

a test of mind and will, and as a life long endeavor.

Q. What will I do for our unit?

A. I will help "bridge" the gap between the people who are in it for the spirit of fun and those who have the spirit of conquest.

Within the time constraints of balancing a stressful career and the pleasures of life and bridge, I will do all I can to find creative ways to make our unit even better. If you already know me, you realize this is what I do best.

Bridge Rules!!

JAY LEVY

I have been involved in Duplicate Bridge for over 30 years as a player, Unit Director and Unit President, and District Representative. If elected, I would use this experience to make improvements in our Unit. In this regard, I have prepared a list of programs I would like to implement. This list is available at your clubs.

PHYLLIS POST

Bridge has taught me so much it is time I give something back. I have become adept at taking finesses in the wrong direction, underleading aces in suit contracts, and especially making negative doubles with either not enough or too much of something. The cooking prowess demonstrated at Sectionals awes me and I want to

warn all that my specialty is dropping, splattering or burning it.

PINKY REGAN

I began playing duplicate bridge 6 years ago. It was so exciting to discover the competitive aspect of the game and yet I find it very relaxing. You come out of a session all wired.

There are so many talented, interesting people and I run into them all over the city. Everyone has been helpful and supportive to newcomers. My hope is to get more people like myself into duplicate.

Someday I want to find more time to play and my goal is to make lifemaster by 2000.

BETTY RUBINS

I've found membership in Unit 116 to be life enriching. I have many new friends, fun in competitive bridge, and a constant struggle to improve my play.

If elected I would work to continue the excellent tournaments and leadership of the current Board.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

UNIT PICNIC-

99er afternoon

1. E. Borosky/C. Calabrese

2. D. Vincent/J. Saul

3. E. Garey/N. Gelose

99er evening

1. C. Swick/L. Stoker

2. D. Duzak/N. Gnamn

Open afternoon-A

1. K. Pollock/A. Morth
2. Barb&Paul Libby
3. M. Schomers/D.Czarnecki

Open-B

1. P. Lang/B. Luschenat
2. B. Dorio/L. Ciavatta
3. B. Finkelstein/B. Meyer

Evening-C flight

1. M. State/B. Ruth Hnath
2. N. Gnamn/ T. Poland
3. K. Nasgowitz/S.Wisniewski

Swiss-Open

1. T. Manaher, B. Berg, M. Dowd, B. Ostolski
2. A.Morth, W.Majewski, K.Pollock, J.Stehlin
- B.1. V. Zwolinski, D. Warmuz, J. Buxton, M. Grieco
2. S. Jackson, E. Gilbert, D. Duke, K. Morseon

JULY UNIT GAME

Open-A

1. T. Manaher/D. Scott
2. A. Morth/J. Ziemer
3. J. Sinclair/S. Bullard
- B.1. E. Kurasiewicz/J. Bielinski
2. D. Cameron/C. Siracuse
3. P. Thomas/B. Dorio
- 299er 1. M. Cerrone/J. Kindt
2. B. Rubins/A/ Coughlin
3. P. Wilkinson/M. Carr

(PLEASE call me[838-3654] if you have a section top or place in the overalls at out of town tournaments. I won't know if you don't call)

LONDON ONTARIO-John Toy and Judi Marshall were 3rd overall in Swiss Team Games and 2nd overall in a Stratified Pair.

PITTSBURGH LABOR DAY

Chris Kellog helped her partner become a life master by winning the B flight of the Swiss Teams.

Paul and Barbara Libby were 5th in one Senio Pair and FIRST in another!!

Brian Meyer, Bill Finkelstein, George Kunik and Vajey WON a

bracketed knockout. This team seemed to be having lots of fun and I'm sure Pittsburgh will never be the same!!

Section tops not already mentioned: Meg Klamp, Don Heisler, Patti and Dick Rasmus, Jim Mathis, John Kilmer

BATAVIA(ROCHESTER) REGIONAL

John Toy and Chris Urbanek put together a Swiss team at 11pm Saturday night and WON Sunday's Swiss!!

Section tops: Walter Majewski, Jacques Stehlin, Don Heisler, Mary McKenna(PLEASE CALL IF YOU PLACED OVERALL OR HAD A SECTION TOP)

SHERLOCK JACQUES' ANSWERS

1. John-4 hearts. Two suit fit. Dan-3 hearts. That's enough. Mr. X. 3 hearts-give partner a chance to get out
2. John-4 hearts. Game. No more Dan-3 hearts. That's enough. Mr. X-4 hearts. Strong enough opposite a minny.
3. John-2NT. Invitational only Dan-2NT What else? Mr. X-2NT straight value bid. Partner can bid spades if he wishes
4. John-3NT Points for game and double club stopper Dan-2NT but better than #3 Mr. X-3NT too strong for 2NT
5. John-3 spades, forcing, looking for spade or diamond slam Dan-2 spades. Would have bid 4 spades on my first turn Mr. X-2 spades. Need more information for proper level and strain
6. John-3 clubs. Again looking for slam Dan-4 clubs. This is only hand suitable for a 2 club bid. Mr. X-3 clubs. Too strong for 4 hts.

LOCAL CHARITY UNIT GAME

October 19, 1996

Bridge Center

7:45 p.m.

**FOR INFORMATION: ART MORTH
773-9187**

**Local Charity Agape-a respite
home for parents of disabled
children. Funds from game will
be matched so let's all
attend!!!**

TOURNAMENT TRAVELS:

September 27-29, 1996-116 sectional

October 19, 1996-Unit game

October 26-27, 1996-NAOP pairs
Medaville, PA.(Top pairs trip to
Dallas in the Spring!!)

November 5-10, 1996-Buffalo
Regional at Hyatt Hotel

Next Buff deadline:

November 1, 1996

**Remember CALL, CALL, CALL
with tournament results(838-
3654)**

THANK YOU

A Friendly Reminder from Unit 116



DON'T FORGET THE

MARGARET McCARTHY SECTIONAL

September 27-29, 1996

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Niagara Falls, New York 14303
1-800-519-9911
716-285-2541

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY SEPT. 27	OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED 0 - 300 STRATIFIED	2:00
	OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED 0 - 300 STRATIFIED	8:00
SATURDAY SEPT. 28	OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED 0 - 300 STRATIFIED	1:00
	OPEN PAIRS STRATIFIED 0 - 300 STRATIFIED	7:00
SUNDAY SEPT. 29	PLAY THROUGH SWISS TEAMS FLIGHTED A 0 - INFINITY B 0 - 750 C 0 - 300	11:00

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Bill Rushmore (716) 839 - 1235**

Partnerships: Catherine Bentzel (716) 689 - 0921



ELECTION DAY REGIONAL

Hyatt Hotel, Buffalo, New York
November 5-10, 1996



TUESDAY, November 5
Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Continuous Pairs.....7:30
(to qualify for overalls you must
play in 2 sessions of continuous pairs)

WEDNESDAY, November 6
Bracketed AM Knockouts.....9:00
(1st session)
Bracketed Knockouts.....1:30 & 7:30
(1st & 2nd sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Women's Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Continuous Pairs.....7:30

THURSDAY, November 7
Bracketed AM Knockouts.....9:00
(2nd session)
Bracketed Knockouts.....1:30 & 7:30
(3rd & 4th sessions)
Stratified Swiss Teams.....1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Continuous Pairs.....7:30
Stratified Seniors Pairs.....10:00&3:00**net

FRIDAY, November 8
Bracketed AM knockouts.....9:00
(3rd session)
Bracketed Knockouts.....1:30 & 7:30
(1st & 2nd sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Seniors Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Continuous Pairs.....7:30

SATURDAY, November 9
Bracketed AM Knockouts.....9:00
(4th session)
Bracketed Knockouts.....1:30 & 7:30
(3rd & 4th sessions)
Stratified Open Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30
Stratified Senior Pairs.....1:30 & 7:30

SUNDAY, November 10
Stratified Swiss Teams.....11:30
Playthrough -SEVEN- 7 board matches
**Flights: A-1000 B-300-1000 C-0-300

RESERVATIONS:
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Buffalo, New York, 14202
(716)856-1234
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UNTIL THE REGIONAL!!**

CITY OF BUFFALO
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
R. Gil Kerlikowske
Police Commissioner

74 Franklin Street Telephone: 716-851-4444
Buffalo, New York 14202

August 13, 1996

Dear Visitor:

On behalf of the members of the Buffalo Police Department we are delighted that you will be attending the bridge tournament at the Hyatt Hotel. We carefully monitor and review reports of crime throughout the city and particularly our downtown theater, dining and meeting venues. This on-going review reflects very few problems.

A special detail of police officers is assigned downtown, and they work closely with all of the establishments and private security forces. These officers patrol in uniform and plain clothes and in cars or on bicycles and horse back. They are headquartered in a building located in the heart of the Theater District and communicate through police radios and a secondary radio system that connects them with businesses and private security personnel.

Even with fewer reports of crime and the increased visibility and protection of the police, we encourage all visitors to take common sense precautions so that they are not victimized by crime. These steps include:

- * Using well-lighted and staffed parking garages close to the location where you will be.
- * Never leaving personal property visible in your parked vehicle.
- * Walking in groups or with a buddy.
- * Carefully reviewing the enclosed brochure on personal safety.

I hope you enjoy your bridge tournament this fall, and the Buffalo Police Department is pleased to assist you with your needs.

Sincerely,

R. Gil Kerlikowske
R. Gil Kerlikowske
Police Commissioner



Information: Stanton Bell
(716)856-3054
Anticipation: Joan Rose
(716)856-9779

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all 1:30 sessions
SORRY-no in and out privileges

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