

# ♥ The Bridge Buff ♦ ♣



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## From Your President

Our congratulations to Joel Wooldridge, winner of the IMP Pairs, a national event, at the Summer Nationals in Albuquerque. Joel and his partner, Tom Carmichael, became the youngest pair ever to win a national event.

We probably take for granted that Joel will have his share of wins. But that should not diminish the excitement and pride we feel when he accomplishes them. So Joel, we are excited for you, we are proud you are from our Unit, and we wish you well as you commence your college career at the University of Buffalo.

A large thank you should go to Dorothy Boyd who chaired the annual picnic and to Judy Graf and Phyllis Post who assisted her. Over one hundred people attended and appeared to be having a great time. Preparation is the important factor in the success of the event and Dorothy spent hours promoting this and encouraging our less experienced players to attend.

Walt Majewski, chair, and Bill Rushmore, co-chair, deserve a "job well done" for the September Sectional. More work is created when we make our own coffee and sell sandwiches, etc., during the Swiss teams games on Sunday. Our thanks to them for chairing it two years in a row.

The annual meeting will be held Sunday, December 14 at the Ellicott Creek Fire Hall. Mark your calendars!

Joan Rose  
Frontier Unit 116 President

## UNIT ELECTIONS

By Phyllis Post



The slate of candidates for election in December to the Unit Board consists of:

Dorothy Boyd	Betty Bronstein
Bonnie Bryar	Jean Hays
Don Heisler	Brian Meyer
Marge Schomers	

Additional nominations may be made by the membership and submitted to the nominating committee 60 days prior to the annual meeting. Such nominations must be in writing and signed by at least 25 members in good standing.

Candidates will be requested to submit a personal statement to *the Bridge Buff* for inclusion in the November issue.

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

By Dorothy Boyd

Every year Unit 116 selects one person to receive the Sportsmanship Award. This award goes to a person who exhibits not only ethical play, but is calm and pleasant to everyone regardless of the trying circumstances that can arise while playing bridge.

Please send your nomination in writing to:

Dorothy Boyd  
149 Parkside Ave.  
Buffalo NY 14214

## Unit Games

Saturday October 18

and

Saturday November 15

7:45 PM

at the Bridge Centre

## Annual Unit Picnic

### 99er Pairs

- 1 Bettie and George Lennon  
 2/5 Carolyn Straeck and Frank Max  
 2/5 David Burns and Carmella Sava  
 2/5 Betty and Leslie Young  
 2/5 Doanne Jackson and Parmalier Murphy

### Open Stratified Pairs

- 1A/1B/1C Anne and Mary O'Connor  
 2A Walt Majewski and Kathy Pollock  
 3A Betty Olstolski and Trudy Manaher  
 4A/2B Jim Jacobi and Betty Bronstein  
 5A Tom Wolstoncroft / Christy Kellogg  
 6A Bob Olin and Alice Lind  
 3/4B Phil Thomas and Cathy Bentzel  
 3/4B MaryEllen Mulhern / Betty Murphy  
 5B/2C Shirley Lyth and Margaret Trott  
 6B/3C Don and Miriam Regnet  
 4C Elve and Dan Johnston  
 Bernie and Dick Czarnecki had a section top.

### Stratified Swiss Teams

- 1A Kathy Pollock, Christy Kellogg, Tom Wolstoncroft and Walt Majewski  
 2A Art Morth, Bill Rushmore, Jay Levy and Jacques Stehlin  
 3A Judy Graf, Barb Libby, Bruce Gillies and Paul Libby  
 4A Phyllis Post, Jim Jordan, Ethel Corbett, Betty Flood, Bob Feasley and Dorothy Boyd  
 5A/1B/1C Gene Wilke, Dolores Warmuz, June Buxton and Virginia Zwolinski  
 6/7A/2B Phil Thomas, Cathy Bentzel, Jim Jacobi and Betty Bronstein  
 6/7A Audrey Adams, Florence Smith, Mildred Harris and Jean Rosenthal  
 3B Marg Schomers, Jean Hays, Marianne Rindfleish and Jacqueline Solomon  
 4/5B Nancy Acara, Boe Noe, Bill Castle and Beverly Dale  
 4/5B Geraldine Mayfield, Donnie Duke, Betty Murphy and MaryAnn Mulhern  
 2C Norma Gelose, Eunice Carey, Caroline Straeck and Frank Max, Sr.  
 3C Don Regnet, Miriam Regnet, Don Vincent and Joe Saul

## WELCOME

We welcome the following new members to our unit: **Dorinne Ebel, Jayne Freeman, Eunice Johnson and Julia Marks.**

## Names In the News

Several members have been getting phone calls from the ACBL lately concerning their phenomenal success in the 12<sup>th</sup> Worldwide Bridge Contest held on June 6 and 7.

Out of a field of 2075½ tables in play on Saturday (this is not a typo!), **Suraj Jain and Terry Band** came in 14<sup>th</sup> overall. With that result, Terry and Suraj were first in our district for a repeat of last year.

**Chris Urbanek and Marcia Freed** wrapped up 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the Friday Women's Pairs of the worldwide contest.

**Saleh Fetouh and Louise Mink** received phone calls announcing that they were 2<sup>nd</sup> overall NS in our district.

Keep up the good work everyone. We want to run up the ACBL's phone bill!

## 1997 World Junior Team Championship

Hamilton, Ontario was the setting for the Sixth Annual World Junior Team Championships sponsored by the World Bridge Federation. Eighteen teams from sixteen countries competed for 10 days to see Denmark take the prize.

**Joel Wooldridge** and teammates Tom Carmichael, Chris Willenken, Eric Greco, Scott Lewis, Shannon Lipscomb and non-playing captain Bob Rosen, came in fifth place. Joel and Tom Carmichael then placed third in the pairs consolation, losing to two pairs from China.

This past spring, Joel was selected as the **King of Bridge**, an award given to a high school senior who is an exceptional bridge player, a pleasant and considerate opponent and partner, etc., and was given a \$1000 scholarship by the Homer Shoop Foundation. Joel had been awarded a \$5000 scholarship by the same foundation when he was 11 years old. Congratulations Joel!



## OFF THE WEB

### Albuquerque Summer Nationals

#### First Friday Stratified Pairs

3C Jim Jordan and Mike Ryan

#### Welcome to Albuquerque Knockouts - Bracket II

2 Mike Ryan, Jim Jordan, Christy Kellogg and Alan Steggles

#### First Sunday Flight A Swiss

11/13 Joel Wooldridge, Tara Gokavi, Lisa Kow, David Halasi and Colin Lee

#### First Saturday/Sunday Continuous Pairs

4B Carol Ehinger and Cleopatra Guastella

#### First Sunday Morning 299er Swiss Teams

2/3 Mike Ryan, Jim Jordan, Alan Steggles and Amal Dasgupta

#### ratified Mixed Pairs

3A John Toy and Jan Assini

#### 0-2000 Knockout Teams - Bracket VI

1 Brian Meyer, Jim Jordan, Christy Kellogg and Mike Ryan

#### 299er Trophy Pairs

6 Alan Steggles and Nora Branconi

#### NABC Senior Swiss

15 Jill and Pow Wooldridge, Marcia Freed and John Conway

#### Wednesday Flight A/X Swiss

10/11X Joel Wooldridge, Tom Carmichael, Scott Lewis, Christine Carmichael and Roman Shapiro

#### Morning Knockout Teams I - Bracket F

4 Mike Ryan, Alan Steggles, Brian Meyer and Jim Jordan

#### National IMP Pairs

1 Joel Wooldridge and Tom Carmichael

#### Second Saturday Stratified BCD Pairs

3D Nora Branconi and Mike Ryan

#### Morning Knockout Teams II - Bracket A

1 Joel Wooldridge, Tom Carmichael, Scott Lewis, Shannon Lipscomb, Chris Willenken and Eric Greco

#### Second Saturday Zip Knockouts - Blue Flight 2

1 Joel Wooldridge, G.S. Jade Barrett, Paul Kinney and Sheila Gabay

**Section Tops:** Dot Shorts (Albuquerque), Jim Mathis, John Kilmer and Kathy Pollock (Syracuse)

\* Report out of town results to Kathy Pollock at 834-2855 (or kandemmett@aol.com).



## Out of Town

### Tournament Results\*

#### Syracuse Summer Regional

#### Wednesday Stratified Senior Pairs

6A/3B Jim Scott and Bob Feasley

#### Wednesday Stratified Women's Pairs

1A Doreen Scott and Debbie Drury

#### Wednesday Afternoon Continuous Pairs I

3C Dolores Warmuz and Mary Davey-Carr

#### Wednesday Afternoon Stratified 99er Pairs

3A George and Bettie Lennon

#### Thursday Open Swiss Teams

4/5B Bob Feasley, Jim Scott, Carol Sutphen and Eric Luft

6/7B Bill Castle, Jean Castle, Bill Lynch and Eva Douglas

#### Thursday Senior Swiss Teams

1A Bev Cohen, Meg Klamp, Joan Rose and Walt Majewski

#### Thursday Evening Continuous Pairs I

4B Barb and Paul Libby

#### Friday Evening Continuous Pairs II

1A/1B Barb and Paul Libby

4A/3B Jerry Geiger and Christy Kellogg

#### Friday Stratified Open Pairs

2A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz

8A Chris Urbanek and Alan Greer

6B Suraj Jain and Saleh Fetouh

#### Friday Afternoon Continuous Pairs II

1A/1B/1C Dolores Warmuz / Mary Davey-Carr

#### Saturday Evening Continuous Pairs II

5B Barb and Paul Libby

#### Saturday Flight A Pairs

2 Alan Greer and Chris Urbanek

#### Saturday Afternoon Continuous Pairs II

1A/1B Barb and Paul Libby

#### Morning Knockouts - Bracket 4

3 Mary Davey-Carr, Dolores Warmuz, and Patrick and Joan Salve

#### Friday Evening Zip Knockout

2 Saleh Fetouh, Jerry Geiger, Peter Petruzzellis and Carolyn Feldman

#### Sunday Stratified Swiss Teams

7/8A/2B Art Morth, Sue Bergman, Paul and Barb Libby

#### Saturday Evening Zip Knockout

1 Saleh Fetouh, Suraj Jain + teammates

#### Continuous Pairs II Overall

1 Barb and Paul Libby

## Margaret McCarthy Sectional

### Friday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A Alan Greer and Bill Finkelstein
- 2A Buddy Seidenberg and Jacques Stehlin
- 3A Claire Chodorow and Walter Majewski
- 4A Bev Cohen and Meg Klamp
- 5A Chris Urbanek and Joan Rose
- 6/7A Louise Mink and Eileen Karnofsky
- 6/7A Dot Kumrow and Alice Lind
- 1B Suraj Jain and Bill Bascom
- 2B Cajeta Ciola and Betty Luschenat
- 3B Bruce Gillies and Judy Graf
- 4B Cathy Bentzel and Phil Thomas
- 5B Gisela Browne and Irving Jacobs

### Friday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs

- 2A Will Sancrainte and Lee Gordon
- 3A/1B Keim and Jane Brown
- 4A Janet Morgan and Ruth Jones
- 5A Anne and Mary O'Connor
- 6A Pinky Regan and Dede Kluckholm
- 2B Catherine Crocuston and Joanna Miller
- 3B Faith Perry and Ed Borosky
- 4B Eugene Wilke and Jack Gibbons

### Friday Evening Stratified 299er Pairs

- 1A Betty Dorio and Pat Lancaster
- 3A/1B George and Bettie Lennon
- 4A Shirley Lyth and Margaret Trott
- 5A Bonnie Bryar and Mary Lou Cross
- 2B Walter Heilemann and Frank Norwich

### Friday Evening Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A Walter Majewski and Jacques Stehlin
- 2A Jeanette Michienzi and Vidi Vaidhyanathan
- 3A Bert Hargesheimer and Jim Jordan
- 4A Kathy Pollock and Dorothy Boyd
- 5A Saleh Fetouh and John Kilmer
- 6A John Sinclair and Bev Cohen
- 1B Kevin Gervase and Warren O'Connell
- 2B Bruce Gillies and Judy Graf
- 3B Terry Band and Richard Shaw
- 4B John Bielinski and Elaine Kurasiewicz
- 5B Marianne Rindfleisch and Jane Yates

### Saturday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A Don Heisler and Sharon Benz
- 2A Bill Bascom and Art Morth
- 3A/1B Jim Jordan and Christy Kellogg
- 4A Walter Majewski and Joan Rose
- 5A Kevin Gervase and Dorothy Boyd
- 6A Jay Levy and Bill Rushmore
- 2B Suraj Jain and Terry Band
- 3B Eleanor Wright and Rita Sofia

4B John Lewis and John Valentine

5B Jerry Geiger and Phyllis Post

6/7B Thelma Ker and Jane Yates

6/7B Mary Bosard and Mary Lou Cross

### Saturday Afternoon Stratified 299er Pairs

- 2A Don and Miriam Regnet
- 4A June Buxton and Betty Rubins
- 5A/1B Keim Brown and Jane Brown
- 6A Pinky Regan and Dede Kluckhohn
- 2B Stuart Caswell and Lorraine Ciavatta
- 3B Faith Perry and Ed Borosky

### Saturday Afternoon Stratified Open Pairs

- 1A John Ziemer and Bob Anderson
- 2A John Toy and Brian Meyer
- 3A/1B Suraj Jain and Terry Band
- 4A Richard Siggelkow and Nels Larson
- 5A Pat Rasmus and Dick Clancy
- 6A Bernice Baker and Audrey Phillips
- 2B Betty Lawrence and Marianne Rindfleisch
- 3B Judy Graf and Bruce Gillies
- 4B Mimi Ashton and Lorna Brewer

### Saturday Evening 299er Pairs

- 1 Ed and Liz Harman
- 2/3 Shirley Lyth and Jeanne Gladysz
- 4 Betty Dorio and Charles Tripi

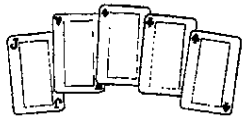
### Flight A Swiss Teams

- 1 Meg Klamp, Joan Rose, Sharon Benz and Don Heisler
- 2 Chris Urbanek, Alan Greer, Buddy Seidenberg and Jim Mathis
- 3 Jay Levy, Bill Rushmore, Walter Majewski and Jeanette Michienzi
- 4 Gerry Fried, John Kilmer, Betty Fudeman and Bill Finkelstein

### Stratified B/C Swiss Teams

- 1B Bill Feasley, Joan Feasley, Bob Feasley and Jim Scott
- 2B Jerry Geiger, Phyllis Post, Christy Kellogg and Jim Jordan
- 3B Vijay Devadass, Brian Meyer, Marianne Reinfleisch and Jacqueline Solomon
- 4B/1C Jean Hays, Miriam Regnet, Don Regnet and Don Vincent
- 5B Ed Loftus, Virginia Loftus, Joyce Kindt and Anne O'Connor
- 2C Dolores Warmuz, Rita Pawelczyk, June Buxton and Virginia Zwolinski
- 3C Thelma Ker, Alan Ker, Janet Frisch and Ann Torrell

Section Tops: Nancy Acara and Beverly Dale



## Charity Game

The Lockport Duplicate Club will hold their Annual Charity Game to benefit the Lockport Senior Center Development Fund on **October 7 at 7:30 PM** at the Senior Center at 33 Ontario Street.

The game will be stratified: 0 - ∞ and 0-200. A 99er game will be added if attendance warrants. Refreshments will be served and the cost is \$4. Call Marge Schomers at 434-8635 for more information or partners.

All proceeds will be donated to the Senior Center.

### *In the Beginning*

*By Dick Czarnecki*

I'm into my sixth month of recovery from double bypass heart surgery. I want to thank all who wrote or called to express their good wishes.

Jean Burgoine, now a resident of LaFeria, TX, has an offer for anyone who may be interested. She writes, "I just found out about the Nationals being held in San Antonio in the summer of 1999. I might take the pop-up trailer to a KOA campground located about eight miles from the playing site. Lodging expenses would run about \$5 plus a night per person. Of course, one would have to use the campground's bathing and toilet facilities. I would like to pick up the remaining gold points I need."

So, if some of you hardier souls would like to take Jean up on her offer, write her at PO Box 57, LaFeria, TX, 78559 and let her know you're interested. Being deep in the heart of Texas with a good partner like Jean would make a nice vacation.

Since my surgery, my philosophy of life is to enjoy life's experiences to the fullest. I am no longer living life for the future and using the present as a stepping stone to get there. Enjoy each day as a present, because that's what it is.

### *Letter to the Editor*

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all those people who played bridge with me on my way to becoming a Life Master.

A special thanks to my late partner, Marge Bowen, who went with me to my first duplicate game. It was at a National tournament and I haven't stopped playing since.

*Florence Notta*

## To the Unbelievers

By Louise Mink

To those unbelievers who don't appreciate the element of luck in bridge:

The bidding was pass, pass, and in third seat with a flat hand and 14 points, I decided to open 1NT. My left hand opponent passed. Here is the whole bidding sequence:

Partner	RHO	Me	LHO
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2♦*	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♥	Pass
"Oh, I don't know - 6♥"	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass**	

\* Transfer to hearts.

\*\*I'm dying. The doubler holds two aces and doesn't know their partner has the ace of trumps.

Here is partner's hand:

♠ Kxx  
♥ K10xxx  
♦ void  
♣ KJ10xx

and mine:

♠ xxx  
♥ Qxx  
♦ KQJx  
♣ AQx

My left hand opponent led the ace of diamonds. I ruffed in dummy and led a club to my hand and played the king, queen, and jack of diamonds, shedding my three spades. That's great - but I still had to find the ace and jack of hearts!

So I played a low heart to the king, losing to the ace, and a heart was returned. Do I play the queen or let it ride to the 10? I figured I'd been incredibly lucky so I played the queen, the jack fell, and there I was - making six hearts off three aces!

But for any other lead! 😊



## Sherlock Jacques

### Can You Make Four Spades?

By Jacques Stehlin

	North		East
	♠J74		♠Q96
	♥A654		♥KJ10972
	♦QJ8		♦54
	♣K83		♣AQ
West		South	
♠32		♠AK1085	
♥83		♥Q	
♦9732		♦AK106	
♣J10654		♣972	

#### North-South Vulnerable

East	South	West	North
1♥	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead 8♥

This hand appeared in Tannah Hirsch's column in the *News*. He writes, "Declarer won the opening heart lead with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, and then ran four rounds of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy. If East ruffs either diamond, declarer will eventually trump a club in dummy for the tenth trick. Pam Granovetter, sitting East, refused to ruff a diamond.

When declarer led a club to the king, East took the ace, cashed the queen of spades to remove the last trump from the table and unblocked the queen of clubs. Eventually declarer had to concede a third club for down one.

Declarer should have discarded a heart instead, then duck two clubs in the hope that East started with a doubleton ace."

I can make it if East holds more than a doubleton club. Can you?

#### Solution

Win the heart ace and ruff a heart. Cash the ace and kings of trumps and the ace of diamonds. Play a diamond to the queen and ruff another heart.

Play a diamond to the jack and ruff the last heart. Cash the king of diamonds, pitching a club from dummy. You have now won ten tricks - the heart ace, four diamonds and five trumps.

What if East ruffs the third or fourth diamond? He must return a heart, which you'll ruff and still pitch a club. The best East can ever do is win two clubs and a trump.

How about that!

## NEW LIFE MASTERS

Mike Ryan found himself at the Annual Picnic in need of less half a point of any color to wrap up his goal of **Life Master**. And Lady Luck was willing to oblige. He became a life master that day with his team's second win in the Swiss teams.

This just in - **Jim Jordan** made **Life Master** at the September Sectional. He needed 11 silver points and he earned them in the Stratified Open Pairs and the Stratified B/C Swiss teams.

Congratulations to you both!

## Oops!

It was **Dan and Elve Johnston** who placed 3/4 in Bracket III of the Handicapped Knockouts at the Buffalo Regional.

## WANTED!



A kindly soul to write "The Fifth Column" for publication in *The Bridge Bulletin*. The last few issues had no submission from our unit, nor will the October issue.

If you're interested, please call Joan Rose (835-9779) and offer your help. The deadline for the December issue is **October 1**.

## Tournament Trail

Rochester Fall Sectional	Sept. 26-28
National Charity Game (at Unit)	October 18
Lancaster PA Regional	Oct. 20-26
Niagara Falls ON Regional	Nov. 4-9
Unit Charity Game	November 15
St. Louis Nationals	Nov. 20-30
Unit Annual Meeting / Elections	December 14