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President's Message

Amherst, NY 14226

To All Unit 116 Members:

2006 Unit 116 Board of Directors

This is a personal invitation to all Unit members to attend our first semi-annual membership meeting. It will be a multi-faceted event that will include two sessions of bridge (stratified pairs), a sumptuous dinner and, of course, the meeting.

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The event will be held at the Wheatfield Community Center on Sunday, August 27th. The starting time for the first game is 12:00 noon. The meeting and dinner will immediately follow the first game. The second game will begin at approximately 5:45 pm. The price is \$5.00 for each game and \$5.00 for the dinner. Tickets will be sold individually for each event. You may attend all three or just one if that's your all schedule allows.

If you have any issues, complaints, suggestions or questions you would like included on the agenda for the meeting, please send them to **Bernie Czarnecki** at bmczarnecki@aol.com or to me [Johntoy@msn.com](mailto:johntoy@msn.com). If you do not have access to a computer, call me at 885-5364. Hope to see you on August 27th.

John Toy

Important Notice

All mail regarding Unit 116 should be sent to the address listed below. Mail should no longer be sent to anyone's home.

**Frontier Unit 116
ACBL
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Bridge Calendar of Events-

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Date	Event
June 12-18	District 5 Stac-Variou clubs
June 30-July 2nd	Summer Sectional-Daeman College
July 22 nd -7:00 pm	Unit Pro-Am & Taste of Bflo-Wheatfield Community Center
Aug. 10-13	Non-Life Master Sectional-Amherst Bridge Club
Aug 27 th -Noon	Summer Event-& Semi-annual meeting – Wheatfield Com. Center
Sept. 29-Oct. 1	Fall Sectional- Amherst Bridge
Oct. 21 – 7:00 pm	Unit Stratified-Amherst Bridge
Nov.16-17- 7 pm	Unit 2-Session Swiss Team-Bridge Center of Buffalo
Nov. 27- Dec.3rd	District 5 Stac – various clubs
Dec. 17 th -noon	Holiday Party & Annual

	meeting – Daeman College
Dec. 26-31	Unit Game Week-various clubs

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Board Member Report by Dick Czarnecki

Twelve and a half tables of sugar-crazed bridge players enjoyed the Unit Game Dessert Challenge at the Buffalo Bridge Center of Buffalo on April 22nd. I asked the question “*Did anyone die from ‘Death by Chocolate’?*” There was laughter but no hands raised. **Claire Gareleck** won the dessert challenge with her dessert ‘*Death by Chocolate*’ (recipe is in this issue). In second place was **Linda Burroughsford** with her ‘*Oatmeal Cake*’ (recipe is in this issue).

After my taste buds were knocked senseless by ‘*Death by Chocolate*’, a piece of the ‘*Oatmeal Cake*’ got them back on their feet doing the Macharina.

I want to thank all who participated in the Challenge and the Unit Game.

The next Unit Board meeting is scheduled to meet on July 10th 4:30 p.m. at the Amherst Bridge Club.

Dick Czarnecki

Interview Corner



The Bridge Buff editors decided to interview two people for this issue.

*We recently interviewed an icon of bridge in our Unit. This lady directed games on Wednesday afternoons with dignity and grace. She is none other than **Betty Fudeman**. It was an honor to ask this grand lady how she started playing duplicate bridge.*

➤ *Betty started playing bridge at the age of eight in grammar school. She learned the*

game from her mother who belonged to a bridge club.

➤ *One of Betty’s favorite partners is **Frank Tripi**. She partnered with him in many Sectionals and Regionals.*

Betty reports the following:

➤ *In high school she played after homework and dinner were done at a classmate’s house until the father appeared at 11:00 pm in his nightcap and shirt winding an alarm clock.*

➤ *After completing school, marrying and raising a family, she entered the duplicate bridge world and soon realized how much she had to learn.*

➤ ***Peggy Fried** took her under her wing to the level where she has remained for many years – far from great but adequate.*

➤ *Loving the game, she did a lot of teaching and then studied to be a Director. She claims she probably was the worst local Director because she was insecure regarding the knowledge of the rules and always carried a rulebook with her.*

➤ *Since retiring from teaching and directing, she enjoys playing with her favorite partners and socializing with all the wonderful people she has met in the bridge world.*

The Editors also interviewed a young rising bridge star that has accomplished quite a feat in the two years he’s been in this area. This young man is **Dian Petrov**.

Some interesting facts about Dian:

➤ *He started playing bridge in college in Bulgaria; had a 12-year break and resumed playing the game in 2004 when **Joanne Kelley** told him about the Bridge Center of Buffalo. Some of his partners include **John Ricotta, Eva Schmidt, Judith Padgug, Joanne Kelley, Allen Beroza, John Kirsits, Jim Gullo and Betty Bronstein**. Betty encouraged him to join ACBL in 2004. His current partner is **Kathy Stanford** from Leesburg, FL*

- *He also plays on the Internet with **Sergei Akachinski**, a young man from Toronto.*

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Some of his recent accomplishments are:

- *Cleveland District 5 Olympiad – August 2005 – **John Ricotta** and he collected total points overall and took home trophies for MVP.*
- *Meadville 2005 NAP – **Judith Padgug** and he won the event which included a trip to Dallas for NABC.*
- *Placed second in ACBL Mini-McKenney Race for Rookie of the Year in 2005.*
- *He finished in top 10 players from unit 116 for 2005*

As for the man himself:

- *Has a wife Maria and two sons Assen – 15 and Daniel – 5.*
- *Graduated with a PhD from Moscow State University.*
- *His profession is Computer Science – Database Web Development.*

The Bridge Buff editors look forward to seeing other great things from Dian.

The Editors



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The Bridge Center of Buffalo needs mentors for its new player classes on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. If you're interested in helping build the bridge playing base in Western New York, call **Claire Gareleck** at 834-4222. This is a mutual beneficial activity because as you teach the game to someone else, you become more competent in the game yourself.

For Unit 116 bridge members who have 99 points or less, there is a bridge game just for you.

The Bridge Center has a 0-99 game every Monday at 10:30AM with prepared hands and discussion. Please inform any new or potentially new player about this game.
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congratulations!

Results of the Unit 116 Dessert Challenge game held at Bridge Center on April 20th, 2006.

Section tops North/South 12 ½ tables

A	B	C	Name	MP
1	1		Judith Padgug/Robert Padgug	3.26
2	2		Inge Gallant/Susan Bergman	1.83
5		1	Bernie Czarnecki/Elizabeth Young	1.12
4	3		Catherine Majewski/Joyce Kindt	.86

Section Tops East/West 12 ½ tables

A	B	C	Name	MP
1			John Toy/Christine Urbanek	2.45
2			Alice Lind/Robert Feasley	1.38
3	1		Eugene Harvey/Joanne Kelley	1.15
	2		Brian Universal/Jeanne Gladys	.64
		1	Barbara Pieterse/Martin Pieterse	.84

At the Gatlinburg Regional held April 17th – April 23rd, the following members did well

Monday Senior KO 1 - 12 Tables / Based on 19 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
17.79	1	Joyce Hampton, SC; Jerry Helms, NC; Ron Smith - Linda Smith, TN; Dan Gerstman, NY

Tuesday - Wednesday KO 17 - 16 Tables / Based on 40 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
9.23	2	Teresa Fraas, PA; Elaine Universal, NY; Sophie Chess, ON; Janet Rookley, ON

Laurel Falls Compact 1 - 16 Tables / Based on 56 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
13.92	3	Jerry Geiger, NY; Janine Bibb, ON; Diane Hibbard - Paul Hibbard, IL

Clingman Dome KO - 7 - 16 Tables / Based on 25 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
3.84	4	Teresa Fraas, PA; Sophie Chess, ON; Janet Rookley, ON; Elaine Universal, NY

Wednesday Senior KO - 1 - 11 Tables / Based on 20 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
13.80	2	Paul Cronin, ON; Don Heisler, NY; Mary Jo Crone, NY; Theresa Howard, ON

Metcalf Bottoms Cons - 1 - 8 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
11.71	1	G S Jade Barrett - Lili Nagle Williams, WA; Ken Horwedel, CA; Brian Meyer, NY

Elkmont Midnite Compact - 12 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
6.82	1	Dick Wilson - Marilyn Goldman, r NY; Jerry Geiger, NY; Janine Bibb, ON

Elkmont Midnite Compact - 12 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
8.05	2	Ken Horwedel, CA; G S Jade Barrett, WA; Patricia Riding, Bermuda; Brian Meyer, NY

Sat Eve A/X Swiss - 32 Tables / Based on 92 Tables

MPs	A	X	Names
3.53	8	5	Paul Cronin, ON; Mary Jo Crone, NY; Theresa Howard, ON; Don Heisler, NY

Sat Nit Zip KO - Bkt 4 - 8 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
2.73	1	Patricia Riding, Bermuda; Lili Nagle Williams - G S Jade Barrett, WA; McKenzie Myers, OR; Brian Meyer, NY; Ken Horwedel, NV

Sat-Sun KO Bracket 2 - 16 Tables / Based on 41 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
18.25	3/4	Patricia Riding, Bermuda; Brian Meyer , NY; Ken Horwedel, NV; McKenzie Myers, OR; Lili Nagle Williams - G S Jade Vancouver

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**Great Lakes Sectional - Erie PA
April 29-30, 2006**

Sat Aft Open Pairs - 14.0 Tables / Based on 21 Tables

MPs	A	Names	Score
5.17	1	Elbert Hargesheimer III , NY; Christy Kellogg , NY	65.38%

Sat Eve Open Pairs - 14.0 Tables / Based on 18 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
3.50	2	1	1	Barbara Pieterse - Martin Pieterse , NY	59.56%

Swiss Teams - 16 Tables

MPs	A	B	Names	Score
6.50	1		Elbert Hargesheimer III , NY; Christy Kellogg , NY; James Reeve , OH; Mary Spooner , OH John Ricotta , NY; Judith Padgug , NY; Catherine Majewski , NY; Allen Beroza , NY	151.00
3.92	5/6	1		112.00

**District 5 GNT Final -Meadville PA
May 6-7, 2006**

D5 GNT Flight "C" 4 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
15.00	1	John Ricotta , NY; Judith Padgug , NY; Nancy Kessler , NY; Carlton Stone , NY

D5 GNT Flight "B" 4 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
19.50	2	Michael Ryan , NY; Patricia Rasmus ,

13.00	3/4	NY; Donna Steffan , NY; Judy Graf , NY Joanne Kelley , NY; Eugene Harvey , NY; James Gullo , NY; Dian Petrov , NY
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D5 GNT Flight "A" 2 Tables / Based on 8 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
30.00	1	Jan Assini - Peter Grover , OH; Thomas Donnelly - A Greer , NY; Bernard Fudor , PA; Brian Meyer , NY
22.50	2	Jay Levy , NY; Jill Wooldridge - William Rushmore NY; Jay Costello NY

D5 GNT Flight "Championship" 4 Tables / Based on 14 Tables

MPs	Rank	Names
27.00	2	Niel Waletzky , OH; Phillip Becker , OH; Joel Wooldridge - Dan Gerstman , NY Saleh Fetouh - Randolph Seidenberg Jr. NY; Margaret Klamp , FL; Christine Urbanek , NY
18.00	3/4	

Sunday 1 Session Swiss 7 Tables

MPs	A	Names	Score
1.94	2	Pat Chisholm , OH; Marjorie Baldwin , OH; Lloyd Loux , OH; Christy Kellogg , NY; Elbert Hargesheimer I , NY	79.00

Results from Unit Team Game held May 21st at the Bridge Center of Buffalo

A	B	# of wins	Names
tie		4/5	Janet Frisch , Don Cameron , Ann Edwards & Rosemary Richert
tie		4/5	Meg Klamp , Jim Mattis , Christine Urbanek & Buddy Seidenberg
X		7/7	Carl Stone , Martin Pieterse , Nancy Kessler & Barbara Pieterse
X		6/7	Doanne Jackson , Thelma Daughtry , Paula Salamone & Marietta Kalman

Local Unit Members win the gold and silver at the Empire State Senior Games on June 8th and June 9th at SUNY-Cortland

Alex Miller and **Mike Kisiel** took the gold with **Janet Frisch** and **Betty Lawrence** walking away with the silver medals.

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Janet Frisch's reported they had a great time in Cortland. The motel they were staying 'Country Inn' provided a superb breakfast menu, free newspaper and even had a hot tub available for guests. **Alex Miller** and **Mike Kisiel** also stay at a local hotel. Dorm room charges ran \$25 - \$29 a night.

The Empire State Senior Games committee provided a free shuttle to events. At the event each participant received a bag containing a Tee shirt, Frisbee, 10% discount coupons for local restaurants. A 3x7 magnetic memo pad with an attached pencil.

On campus a wide selection of food was provided for lunch and dinner. Lunch costs \$6.50 while dinner cost \$10.00. The price was reasonable for the amount of food offered

The evening started with the lighting of torch. The American Flag followed with an honor guard. A DJ was present offering line dancing, slow dancing, etc. Door prizes were based on athletic theme; i.e. Yankee, etc.

On Thursday and Friday participants played 20 boards. There were 14 tables. The highest score by percentage game determined final scoring and awards. A Bridge clinic was presented after each session. The first session offered weak 2's and the second session offered strong 2's. The people present were very friendly.

Jan and Betty plan to go again but this time they will bring a bathing suit for the hot tub.

Results from June 10th 2006 game at Lockport Senior Center

North/South 8 tables

A	B	Names
1		Bob Andersen/Bill Finkelstein
2		Meg Klamp/Beverly Cohen
3		Gerry Fried/Bob Olin
	1	Jim Jacobi/Lilly Jassy
	2	Carol Siracuse/Joyce Kindt
	3	Beverly Norton/Dale Schlyer

East/West 8 tables

A	B	Names
1		Dan Gerstman/ Chris Urbanek
2		Sharon Bentz/John Toy
3		Church Schorr/Liz Clark
	1	Walt Olszewski/Eugene Giorgina

Congratulations – NEW Bronze Life Master

Pat Weber

Sad Tidings

Maryellen Curley-Reime State



Congratulations to Claire

Gareleck, our winner of the Unit 116 Dessert Challenge held at the Bridge Center of Buffalo on April 20th with her "Death by Chocolate" dessert. Here is the recipe:

- 1 box deluxe brownie mix
- 3 boxes chocolate mouse:

Made from 3 boxes Instant chocolate pudding made with 1-1/2 cup milk each. Let firm; fold in 1 cup Cool Whip.

Bake brownies. Let cool, puncture with fork; dribble Kaluha over crush 7-8 Heath bars. Alternate broken brownie pieces with layers of chocolate mouse – 8 oz Cool Whip and crushed candy. Top with Cool Whip – Sprinkle Jimmies over top.

Runner-up is **Linda Burroughsford** with her "Oatmeal Cake"

Measure 1 cup of quick cooking rolled Oats (Quaker oatmeal) into a mixing bowl. Add 1

cup of boiling water. Stir until oats are mixed well. Add:

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 ½ cup softened butter
 2 eggs
 1 tsp. Vanilla flavoring

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Mix by hand or with electric mixer until mixture is well blended.

Add:

1 tsp. Cinnamon
 ½ tsp cloves
 Pinch of salt
 1 tsp. Baking powder
 1-cup flour
 ½ cup raisins

Mix ¼ cup hot water and 1 tsp. Baking soda together and stir until well blended. Add to mixture and stir until well mixed.

Lightly grease (or spray with Pam) a small oblong cake pan (8" x 12"). Pour mixture into the pan and bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean.

As soon as the cake comes out of the oven, begin to prepare the topping. Mix together in a small (preferably non-stick) saucepan:

3 tbsp. Butter
 2 tbsp. Cream
 5 tbsp. Firmly packed brown sugar
 ½ cup shredded sweetened coconut

Bring to boil and boil lightly for 5 minutes making sure it doesn't stick to the pan. Turn on the oven broiler. Pour the topping over the hot cake and spread evenly to the edges. Put the cake under the broiler and watch it with the oven door open a crack. I can't stress this enough – Don't take your eyes off it. It will begin to turn brown very quickly and will be done within a

minute or two. When it's evenly light browned and bubbly, remove from oven. Cool a bit and serve warm if desired. Also good cooled. Enjoy!

Send your favorite recipes to
bmczarnecki@aol.com

A Bit of Humor! **Dick Czarnecki**

Quotes From Family Circle
 9/6/05



My Advice to you is not to inquire why or whither, but just enjoy the ice cream while it's on your plate.

- Thornton Wilder

Nothing excellent can be done without leisure.
 - Andre Gide

One cannot collect all the beautiful shells on the beach. One can collect only a few, and they are more beautiful if they are few/
 -Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Summer's lease hath all too short a date.
 -William Shakespeare

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawnmower is broken.
 -James Dent

Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it.
 -Russell Baker

Look on the sunny side! Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.
 -Anthony J. D'Angelo

Reporter's Column

From **Carl Stone** who has helped the editors retrieve tournament results. We like to share

his comment about the Gatlinburg Tournament event. Thanks.

“I didn’t realize that Gatlinburg was such a HUGE event!”

Editor’s Note: According to the June 2006 ‘Bridge Bulletin’

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“This year’s tournament, held April 17-23, attracted an amazing 9564.5 tables, topping the 2005 total of 9095.5 tables.”



Unit 116

PRO-AM (<299 MP) Tournament and Taste of Buffalo

Saturday, JULY 22ND, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.
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Unit 116 Summer Sectional Tournament

June 30th, July 1st and July 2nd



Location: Daemen College,

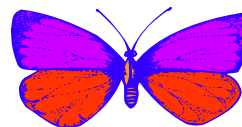
4380 Main Street
Amherst, New York
Wick Student Center
Social Room on 2nd floor
■ Lots of parking, air
Conditioning and elevators!!!



Events: **Friday, June 30th**
10:30 – Stratified open pairs
3:30 – Stratified open pairs

Saturday, July 1st
10:30 – Stratified open pairs
3:30 – Stratified open pairs
Stratifications: A) 1,000 pts+
B) 301-999
C) 0-300

Sunday, July 2nd
11:00 – Bracketed Swiss Teams – 7
round play through



Refreshments:

- Friday and Saturday – light lunch served **BETWEEN** sessions
- Sunday morning – Complimentary coffee and doughnuts
- Sunday during play – light lunches will be sold



For information/partners:

\$7.00 per session

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