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President's Message...

SPRINGTIME, what a pleasant word that is!! Everyone conjures up thoughts and visions when they hear this word. Birds return and build nests. Sprouts start peeking out of the ground. The days get longer and warmer. (Less than a month and daylight savings time begins.) Activities change, golf clubs are dusted off, bicycle tires are checked and summer plans are in the works. Even though bridge continues throughout the year, it too takes on a "Spring" look as snowbirds start appearing at the clubs.

All these things remind us of beginning a new season with new opportunities. Let your opportunities be positive for you and those around you. In that frame of mind, the Unit Board has prepared FUN events for the coming year, including: team Knock-outs, Eight-is-Enough team game, picnic and annual meeting. We have the Spring and Fall Sectionals as well as the Non-Life Master Sectional.

ATTENTION!! Bridge Players of Western New York you have a Unit Event each month this year. So check the schedule (elsewhere in this Buff), get a positive outlook on the possibilities and get moving!!!

Completed – **Pro-Am** held January 26. Check results in this Buff or on the Unit website.

COMING SOON – "Wearing of the Green" – March 5 at 7:15pm Zion Church and Spring Sectional – April 20 – 22 – Main Transit Fire Hall – full info in this Buff on these events. Also **Knock-Outs** – Saturday, June 9th - 1pm - Zion Church, Koenig Rd

Come join the fun!!! Something for everyone!!!

Betty Metz, President Unit 116



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April 25, 2012

WNY UNIT 116 – 2012 EVENTS

"Wearing of the Green" Pairs Game

March 5 – 7:15pm – Zion Church, Koenig Rd.

Spring Sectional

April 20-22 - Main-Transit Fire Hall

Team Knock-Outs

Saturday, June 9th - 1pm – Zion Church, Koenig Rd

Annual Unit Picnic

Carousel Room – Erie County Fairgrounds July 8 – save the date!

Non-Life Master Sectional

August 24-26 - Lockport, NY

Fall Sectional

September 21-23 - Knights of Columbus - Chktg.

District 5 Spooktacular Regional

October 23-28 – Grand Island Holiday Inn

Unit 116 Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 2 – Knights of Columbus - Chktg.



Welcome to New Members

Nadia Bergenstock Elaine Cryer Anne Gioia Elizabeth Schulman

Mary Blanchard Ginna Gallivan Elizabeth Hemenway Peggy Stock

Jeff Their Arthur Warlow Lynn Witmer

Congratulations for MP Achievements

New Life Masters:

Diane Bielinski Peter Patterson

New Bronze Life Masters:

Dave Larcom John Welch

New Silver Life Masters: Judie Bailey Chongmin Zhang



2010 Directory Updates:

If you move, change your phone number and/or email address, please report it to us if you want it made known to other players.

Enter or update info you want to share into the Electronic Directory on the unit website

If you were not listed in the 2010 directory and want your info/changes reported here, you can request it to be printed and to be included in the next directory. Though there are no plans to do another at this time we are keeping info updated. Limited quantities of the 2010 directory are still available for \$2.00 at BCB, Meridian or contact Judy Kaprove.

For the latest information and detailed game results directly from the clubs, check the web sites of clubs in Western New York at www.unit116.com.

There is also a link on our website to the Buffalo News column; go to LINKS; choose BUFFALO NEWS - and search for Dale Anderson. (there may be an easier way but this is how I did it, ed.)

The Buff is being distributed electronically to at least 302 Unit 116 members. This is approximately 2/3 of our membership base. If you have an e-mail address but don't receive anything from the Unit, please send an email to the editor at baj 42@msn.com.

Unit 116 Volunteer Hall of Famers

Betty Metz Franklin Kidd Alice Lind - In Memoriam Dave Larcom

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Mega Events at Meridian -by Dian Petrov

In January BC Meridian held several events with pre-dealt boards, where the same hands were played at multiple clubs.

The first one played on January 2 was the ACBL Inter-Club Championship Game - ACBL-wide event wherein ACBL manages the results and across-the-field scoring through the Internet to determine overall rankings at all clubs that participate. The game file is e-mailed to ACBL to be included in the overall scoring. Players earned black regular club masterpoints at the club in addition to club championship masterpoints when they placed in the overalls (players get better amount). Each club represents a separate section and the face-to-face play is complimented with across-the-field scoring through the Internet. This 141 table event was won nationwide by players from our Unit - Jay Costello and Donna Steffan scored 68.71% and earned 10.06 black points. Bob Padgug and Gene Finton finished 5th with 65.59% - earning 5.45 masterpoints. The nice bonus from this game is that ACBL provides frequencies from all played hands – the most popular contracts from each board and how many times it was played and with what result. The data is a real representation of what the most "on par" result is and the players can fairly analyze their performance. The web links for the game http://www.acbl.org/play/iccGames/1201104.HTM results are: and for frequencies: http://www.acbl.org/play/iccGames/ICC0102F.HTM

On January 23 and 24 Meridian participated at the charitable events organized by the World Bridge Federation. The club donated a dollar per player to UNICEF. At those fun charity events same hands were played at multiple clubs around the world and participants checked and followed their scores against fellow bridge players from around the globe in countries like England, Peru, Jordan, Japan, Germany and others. Those were an enjoyable couple of days while raising money for charity. Monday's event was played in 20 clubs by 412 pairs and Tuesday's - in 21 clubs by 377 pairs. Meridian contributed with 16 and 10 tables respectively. Again participants can download club frequencies and overall frequencies, which provide really interesting material for those interested in analyses. The organization handling and processing the results is the same that process the results in the ACBL World Pairs Games at the beginning of June each year. Their website is www.ecatsbridge.com. The top pairs from our unit on Monday were Vince Pesce and Jerry Geiger, 60.75% (24th worldwide); Bev Cohen and Judith Padgug, 60.21% (29th); Dorothy and Ed Rupp, 57.12% (67th). And on Tuesday - Dale Anderson and Bob Padgug, 63.64% (13th worldwide); Dan Gerstman and Christine Urbanek, 63.22% (16th); Jim Gullo and Judith Padgug, 60.19% (26th). All players received a souvenir brochure with analyses for each hand.

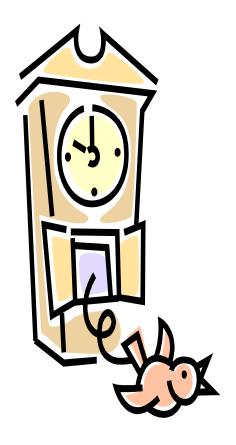
The next Meridian ACBL-wide event will be the Senior Pairs Game on March 5 - with hand records, analyses and potential masterpoints bonuses. Stay tuned for even more additional Mega events coming to BC Meridian!

Hall of Fame

Several years ago the Unit Board wanted to create a Hall of Fame to recognize those members who have worked over the years to build Unit 116 into the organization it is today. Dick Czarnecki took on this endeavor and successfully built a web of nominees/recipients.

Henceforth, the Board will decide on the recipient(s) which will be announced at the Annual Meeting. *Judy Kaprove* will accept a letter or email, in 100 words or less, nominating a member you think has gone beyond the norm in contributing to the Unit's success **over the years**.

Please help the Board recognize people who should be thanked and **remembered** for their contributions.



Local winners at the Buffalo Winter Sectional January 6-8, 2012

Friday Morning Pairs

A	В	C	Names	Score
1			Dian Petrov, Arthur Morth,	66.99%
2			Beverly Cohen; Jim Mathis	64.78%
3			Jay Levy; Saleh Fetouh	62.63%
4/5			Kathy Pollock; Bill Rushmore	62.02%
4/5			Donna Steffan; James Gullo	62.02%
6			Harry Cheung; John Ziemer	60.46%
	1		Tova Reinhorn; Paul Libby	59.78%
	2		Claire Gareleck; Patricia Burns	59.46%
	3		Eleanor Whelan; Carlton Stone	58.47%
	4	1	Thom Burnett - Miri Salamoneburnett	57.83%
	5		Fred Yellen; Judith Padgug	57.37%
	6		Walt Olszewski; Tom Gibbons	57.21%
		2	Carl Hasselback - Jan Hasselback	51.76%
		3	Linda Zittel - Paul Zittel	50.96%
		4	Faith Perry; Jane Larcom	49.75%
		5	Ruth Kozower; Nadine Stein,	48.72%
		6	Sharon Chang; Mary Davey-Carr	47.95%

Friday Afternoon Pairs

A	В	C	Names	Score
1			Bill Rushmore; Kathy Pollock	66.67%
2/3			Jay Levy; Saleh Fetouh	65.97%
2/3			Daniel Gerstman; Patricia Rasmus	65.97%
4			Dian Petrov; Art Morth	60.42%
5/6	1/2	1	Paul Zittel - Linda Zittel	59.26%
5/6	1/2		Jim Madan; Mark Pascale	59.26%
	3		Fred Yellen; Judith Padgug	56.48%
	4		Michael Ryan; partner	56.25%
	5		Claire Gareleck; Patricia Burns,	56.02%
	6	2	Judy Kaprove - Robert Kaprove,	54.63%
		3	Jan Hasselback - Carl Hasselback	50.93%
		4	Sharon Chang; Dave Donaldson	49.07%
		5/6	Barbara Sadkin; June Feuerstein,	47.45%

Saturday Morning Pairs

A	В	C	Names	Score
2			William Rushmore; Art Morth	66.09%
3			Saleh Fetouh; Jim Mathis,	62.88%
4	1	1	Peter Shui - Penny Shui	61.36%
5			Buddy Seidenberg; Jay Levy	60.15%
6	2		Fred Yellen; James Gullo,	59.19%
	3		Patricia Burn; Jeanne Gladysz	58.30%
	4		Diane Bielinski; Robert Olin	57.64%
	5	2	Richard Cramer-Benjamin; Jeffrey Bender	57.11%
	6		Mike Silverman; Helen Panza	56.24%
		3	Faith Perry; Florence Boyd	55.88%
		4	Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony,	53.58%
		5	Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong,	53.27%

Saturday Afternoon Pairs

A	В	C	Names	Score
1	1	1	Peter Shui - Penny Shui	68.25%
2			Jay Levy; Buddy Seidenberg,	65.67%
3			Saleh Fetouh; Jim Mathis	61.91%
5			Paul Libby - Barbara Libby	57.23%
6	2		Patricia Burns; Jeanne Gladysz	56.77%
	3		John Marvin; Arthur Matthies	55.64%
	4		Howard Foster - Michael Ryan	55.61%
	5	2	Barbara Sadkin; June Feuerstein,	55.57%
		3	Paul Zittel; Bill Boardman	52.12%
		4	Mary Terrana; Patricia Lakeman	51.94%
		5	Janice O'Mara; Sandra Marcussen	50.24%
		6	Judy Kaprove - Robert Kaprove	49.35%

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DIRECTOR?

The Unit is considering a director course. If you would be interested in taking such a course, contact Betty Metz.

Winter Sectional ~ January 8, 2012 ~ Sunday Swiss Teams:

	А	В	С	
С		5	3	Brian Quinlan - Kevin Latter - Martin Swales - Norman Gill
В				Claire Gareleck - Harold Meyers - Paul Libby - Barbara Libby
С				Faith Perry - Pawan Matta - Florence Boyd - Dale Anderson
С				Barbara Kopko - Paige Drake - Beverly Gibbs - Betty Delvecchio
В				Mike Silverman - John Kirsits - Helen Panza - Ken Meier
Α	4			Chongmin Zhang - Joanne Kelley - Kathy Pollock - Judith Padgug
С	3	1	1	Peter Shui - Penny Shui - Madhav Deshmukh - Beena Deshmukh
В				Carlton Stone - Nancy Kessler - Eleanor Whelan - Walter Olszewski
С				Barbara Sadkin - June Feuerstein - Betty Metz - Sharon Chang
С			4	Arthur Kean - Arthur Matthies - Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong
Α	6			John Ziemer - Elizabeth Clark - Harry Cheung - Jerry Geiger
Α				HargesheimerIII - Kellogg - Alexander Kowal - Stanley Kozlowski
Α	2			Levy - Costello - Steffan - Rushmore - Daniel Gerstman - Brian Meyer
С				Salamone - Miri Salamoneburnett - Bill Nash - Robert Lederhouse
С	3	2	3	Paul Zittel - Linda Zittel - Robert Kaprove - Judy Kaprove
A	1			Saleh Fetouh - David Hemmer - Buddy Seidenberg - Jim Mathis
В				Cramer-Benjamin - Charles Schorr - Timothy Butt - Carol Leroux
С				Mary Terrana - Patricia Lakeman - Gloria Brown - Marilyn Sultz
В		4		Clyde Paul - Robert Feasley - Betty Bronstein - Brian Macartney
С				Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony - Kit Nash - N Wolstoncroft
В	5	2		Michael Ryan - Fred Yellen - Dian Petrov - James Gullo

Western NY Unit 116



"Wearing of the Green" Open Pairs Game

Bridge Club Meridian at Zion UCC - 15 Koenig Circle, Tonawanda NY 14150

Monday, March 5, 2012 7:15 pm

Entry fees: \$8 Unit Members (\$9 Non-Members)

Green refreshments + Surprise awards for those wearing green

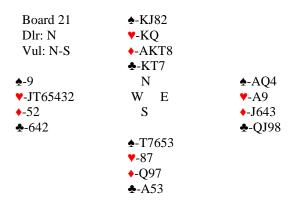
Overall & section masterpoint awards for unit championships are black points & are 100% of a sectionally rated event.

For more information and partners contact: Betty Metz at 773-7398 or bettymetz@roadrunner.com Elaine Moon at 751-9209 or lizgram@gmail.com

Beware the 6 of clubs!

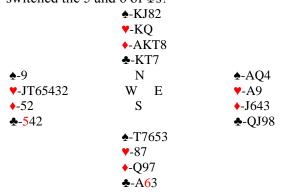
Variations on Bd. 21 (Bridge Center - 1/7/12)

By John Marvin



Contract: 4♥. No matter how hard you look, declarer must discover the "backward" ♦ finesse in order to make 10 tricks. There is no squeeze because there is no threat in the S hand and E discards after N so he can adjust accordingly. More subtle is the fact that the location of the ♣ 6 is crucial. As W, would you realize that you must neither lead the ♣6 nor discard a ♣ during the play of this hand? To do so transforms S's 5 spot into a threat behind what Clyde Love called "the busy hand," and the squeeze is on!

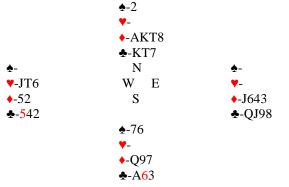
Look at it another way. What would happen if we switched the 5 and 6 of ♣s?



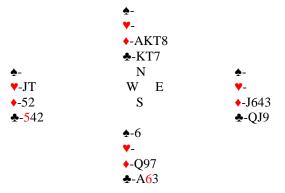
Let's follow one possible line of play. W leads a low ♥ to the A, a ♥ is returned to the K. Suppose neither side wants to commit in the minors yet and declarer is willing to give up 2 ♠ to rectify the count in case a squeeze is in the cards.

Recap: The fundamental idea here is that for a squeeze to work, at least one of the threat cards must play after the hand burdened with guarding two suits. If the only threats were in the N hand, which discards before E, then E could adjust accordingly.

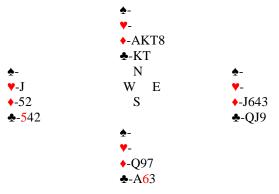
Position after trick 5 having played 2 ♥s and 3♠s.



If S plays 2 more ♠s, what will E discard? He can afford to discard a ♣ on the 1st ♠:



But note the position after S has led his last \(\Delta \) and E and N have discarded:



If E discards a ♣, declarer cashes his K and A and his 6 spot is good to discard dummy's ♦ loser. If E discards a ♦, declarer takes the last 6 tricks with 4 ♦s and 2♣s.

Savor the crucial pressure exerted by the • 6! Were it not for that, W would have a • guard and E would be under no pressure. Note again, that in the hand as dealt, must not part with a • from his 642. Would you have known that?

2011 Mini-McKenney Winners

0-5 Masterpoints

1. James Tao 45.54 2. Leuben Zaykov 20.26 3. Brian Block 14.22

5-20 Masterpoints

1. Richard Cramer-Benjamin 78.55 2. Violet Makhija 16.86 3. Janie Polk 12.12

20-50 Masterpoints

1. Miri SalamoneBurnett 87.90 2. David Donaldson 63.66 3. Beena Deshmukh 47.18

50-100 Masterpoints

1. Art Matthies 114.76 2. Barbara Sadkin 86.97 3. Linda Zittel 84.68

100-200 Masterpoints

1. June Feuerstein 144.30 2. Paul Zittel 127.23 3. Peter Shui 107.47

200-300 Masterpoints

1. Bill Boardman 173.98 2. Penny Shui 150.83 3. Ginny Panaro 139.20

300-500 Masterpoints

1. Judy Kaprove 140.87 2. Paula Salamone 134.91 3. Manmohan Bhavra 130.79

500-1000 Masterpoints

1. Mike Silverman 305.93 2. Fred Yellen 193.59 3. Ken Meier 174.39

1000-2500 Masterpoints

1. Dian Petrov 343.35 2. John Ziemer 275.16 3. Mike Kisiel 251.62

2500-5000 Masterpoints

1. Bev Cohen 429.63 2. Jerry Geiger 351.77 3. Brian Meyer 240.76

5000-7500 Masterpoints

1. Chris Urbanek 307.09 2. Buddy Seidenberg 291.49 3. Jay Levy 269.22

7500-10,000 and 10,000+ Masterpoints

1. Meg Klamp 387.58 2. John Toy 177.70

1. Dan Gerstman 795.85 2. Jim Mathis 270.01

2011 Ace of Club Winners

0-5 Masterpoints

1. James Tao 41.53 2.. Brian Block 13.57 3. Maureen Cancilla 9.02

5-20 Masterpoints

1. Richard Cramer-Benjamin 60.95 2. Violet Makhija 14.29 3. Janie Polk 10.72

20-50 Masterpoints

1. Miri SalamoneBurnett 83.66 2. David Donaldson 37.85 3. Beena Deshmukh 36.82

50-100 Masterpoints

1. Art Matthies 73.85 2. Barbara Sadkin 69.57 3. Jim Madan 62.66

100-200 Masterpoints

1. June Feuerstein 114.84 2. Paul Zittel 62.75 3. Sharon Chang 58.56

200-300 Masterpoints

1. Bill Boardman 146.45 2. Ginny Panaro 131.71 3. Marilyn Sultz 108.24

300-500 Masterpoints

1. Paula Salamone 121.92 2. Judy Kaprove 79.81 3. Adrian Figliotti 78.69

500-1000 Masterpoints

1. Mike Silverman 231.90 2. Fred Yellen 136.32 3. Ken Meier 135.89

1000-2500 Masterpoints

1. Mike Kisiel 237.51 2. John Ziemer 191.44 3. Liz Clark 183.27

2500-5000 Masterpoints

1. Bev Cohen 330.53 2. Jerry Geiger 285.39 3. Harry Cheung 182.01

5000-7500 Masterpoints

1. Buddy Seidenberg 142.54 2. Jay Levy 89.74 3. Chris Urbanek 84.16

7500-10,000 and 10,000+ Masterpoints

1. Meg Klamp 257.77 2. John Toy 13.82

1. Jim Mathis 178.67 2. Dan Gerstman 16.14

Unit Pro-Am Game Results – February 26, 2012

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Pair	Pct	Score	S	Secti	on R	lank	Ove	rall F	Rank	MPs
				A	В	C	A	В	C	
7	69.64	117.00	A	1			1			4.11(OA) Harry Cheung - Gaurang Sheth
1	63.69	107.00	A	2			3			2.31(OA) Christy Kellogg - Paul Piciulo
4	55.36	93.00	A	3						0.68(SA) Kathy Pollock - Jo-Ann Gertler
9	50.60	85.00	В	4	1					0.98(SB) Judith Padgug - Marcia Wright
8	49.40	83.00	В		2					0.69(SB) Charles Schorr - Craig Schmidt
5	46.43	78.00	C			1				0.72(SC) Elaine Universal - Peggy Stock

Section A East-West

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Pai	r Pct	Score	Secti	on R	ank	Overall Rank			MPs				
			A	В	C	A	В	C					
5	61.01	102.50	A 1			4			1.73(OA) Donna Steffan - Sharon Chang				
2	54.76	92.00	B 2/3	1			4		1.24(OB) Mark Pascale - Beena Deshmukh				
7	54.76	92.00	A 2/3						0.82(SA) Joanne Kelley - Arthur Kean				
9	51.79	87.00	C 4	2	1				0.72(SC) Walter Olszewski - Peter Shui				

Section B North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	S	ecti	on R	ank	Ove	erall	Rank	MPs
				A	В	C	A	В	C	
10	60.54	101.71	A	1			5			1.42(SA) Stanley Kozlowski - Joyce Greenspan
3	58.16	97.71	C	2	1	1	6	2	1	2.20(OB) Eleanor Whelan - Gary Schmitt
6	55.44	93.14	C	3	2	2		3	2	1.65(OB) John Kirsits - Barbara Landree
1	55.36	93.00	A	4						0.50(SA) Barbara Libby - Mary Ann Byers
9	54.08	90.86	C		3			6	4	0.84(OC) Helen Panza - Rivona Ehrenreich

Section B East-West

Pair	e Pct	Score	S	Secti	on R	ank	Ove	rall R	Rank	MPs
				A	В	C	Α	В	C	
4	64.58	108.50	В	1	1		2	1		3.08(OA) Arthur Morth - Arthur Matthies
5	54.46	91.50	\mathbf{C}	2	2	1		5	3	1.11(OC) Robert Padgug - James McClure
1	52.68	88.50	A	3						0.71(SA) Powhatan Wooldridge - Madhav Deshmukh
7	52.38	88.00	A	4						0.50(SA) Elbert HargesheimerIII - Sean Bennett
3	52.08	87.50	\mathbf{C}		3	2			5	0.63(OC) Thomas Gibbons - Paul Zittel



COOK OFF WINNERS

Donna Steffan – **dessert**: fruit pizza; Carolyn Siracuse – **entrée** – chicken salad; and Usha Khurana – **appetizer** – bean dip

Thank you to the chairs: Kathy Pollock and Joyce Greenspan