



Bridge Buff



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President's Message

The unit has started the year with 2 very successful unit games. For me, it brought back memories of my first unit game some 20 years ago.

The February game had good food and drinks and most importantly, was a lot of fun for those who attended. Thanks to Pat Rasmus, Kathy Pollock and all those who brought food.

Next on the agenda is a sectional on April 11-13 at the Rescue Fire Hall, followed by a Pro-Am on April 27th at the Amherst Bridge Club. Hope to see you at both of these events. Regards,

Jay

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Unit Sectionals

Date	Place
July	TBA
Aug. 15-17, 2008	Daemon College
Oct. 31-Nov 2, 2008	Lamm Post

Unit Games

Date	Place
April 27, 2008	Pro Am-Airport @ 12:00 noon
May 17, 2008	Dale Assn-Lockport@ 1:00 pm
June 2, 2008	Zion Church-Whist Club @ 7:30 pm

Unit 116 News

Unit 116 has a website created by **Dick Rasmus**.

www.arejayare.net/u116off/

You can find the following information:

- Board Member information
- Bridge Buff
- Clubs
- Electronic Directory
- Masterpoints
- Results
- Schedule

This is a sample form you can fill out OR go on-line to <http://arejayare.net/u116off/> and give your contact information electronically. The last directory contained names of deceased Unit members. In order to weed out these members' names, it is important that you input your information either electronically, the information form on the next page or on the form at your local bridge club to assist your new Directory Committee. Please do this right now so the Committee can print the new directory soon.

PLEASE PRINT ONLY

FYI

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/Town _____ Zip code _____

State/Province _____

Day Telephone Number _____

Evening Telephone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____@_____

Instructions for use of this Information:

- E-mail me notification of Unit happening
- Include me in the hard copy directory
- Include me in the electronic directory
- I request that I not be included***

Special Requests to include some but not all of the above information:

Please sign and date this form:

Signature

Date

Send completed registration to **Dick Czarnecki**,
2961 Lockport Road, Sanborn, New York 14132.

Thank you.



Please note submissions to the Buff will be accepted until the Buff reaches eight (8) pages. The Buff will be published on the schedule listed below:

- May/June 2008 - Week ending June 27, 2008
- Sept/Oct 2008 - Week ending Oct. 24, 2008
- Nov/Dec 2008 - Week ending Dec. 26, 2008

Thank you for helping us make the Bridge Buff what it is.

The Editors

Bernie informed me that many people interviewed for the Buff indicated that one goal that Unit 116 should achieve is a policy of civility at all times during bridge play. As Chairman of Membership, I believe a policy that encourages people to come back to play bridge is a good thing. The average age of a member in the ACBL is 68 years and rising.

A policy that would produce a pleasant environment for all levels of play is important. If experienced players act out of a belief that tough love is the way to season rookies to the game, our pool of beginning players will continue to languish.

The Buffalo Bridge Center has adopted a policy that encourages players to call the director if they feel their sensibilities are under attack. The policy is printed below and your editors encourages its adoption by the clubs for the benefit of their players and to attract and keep beginning bridge players

Dick Czarnecki
Membership Chair

Call the Director If

- **Negative comments are made concerning partner's or opponent's play or bidding.**
- **There's badgering, intimidation, rudeness, insinuations, profanity, threats or violence.**
- **There are constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.**
- **There is loud and disruptive arguing.**
- **There is annoying behavior or embarrassing remarks made.**

Penalty: ¼ of board's points.

The Dash
By Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral
of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone from
beginning to the end

He noted first came the date of her birth and spoke
of the following date with tears
But, he said, what matters most was the dash
between the years.

For that dash represents all the time she spent on
earth
And now only those who truly loved her know what
that little line is worth

For it matters, not how much we own – the cars,
house, the cash
What matters is how we live and love and how we
spent that dash

So think about this long and hard. Are there things
you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that can
still be rearranged

If we could just slow down enough to consider what
is true and real
And always try to understand how other people feel
And be less quick to anger and show appreciation
more
And love the people in our lives like we never loved
before

If we treat each other with respect and more often
wear a smile
Remembering this special dash might only last a
little while

So when your Eulogy's read with your life's actions
to rehash
Would you be proud of the things they say about
how you spent your dash

UNIT 116 FINANCIAL REPORT
Nov. 13 to Dec. 2007

Beg. Balance		\$8000.24
Expenses:		
Nov. Sectional	\$ 75.60	
Game Supplies	17.50	
President Exp.	25.00	
Meeting Exp.	7.00	
Table storage	50.00	
Bridge Buff	276.57	
Annual Mtg.	<u>14.00</u>	<u>465.67</u>

End. Balance \$7534.57



Interview Corner

The editor interviewed **Ron Fill** recently:

Re Bridge:

- Ron first learned how to play from friends from France who visited his home during the Christmas holidays. They played all night.
- He also learned from lessons from **Allan Greer** at Eldridge Bridge Club.
- He has been playing bridge since 1981-2.
- His favorite players are his wife Edna and **Chuck Wolf**.
- One of his most memorable moments playing bridge is bidding 7Nt and making the contract.
- Another memorable moment is playing at the Barrett Bridge Club in a TriCity Tournament (Pa, Ohio, and NY) and winning a trophy plus a trip to San Diego.
- Ron and his wife are currently teaching their son-in-law how to play bridge.
- His goal for the unit is to make the game more player friendly – too much conflict for the occasional player. Zero tolerance is not practiced.

On a personal note:

- Ron is married to Edna, has two children and two grandchildren.
- Ron has worked in different divisions of Houdaille Industries.
- Favorite past times: Woodworking 2 days and Art Class once a week at Senior Center.
- He enjoys watching all types of sports
- He travels to Florida visiting his children and grandchildren

The editor also interviewed Faith Perry:

Regarding bridge:

- Faith received free lessons from Allen Greer.

- She has been playing bridge for approximately 10 years.
- Her mentor is Dorothy Boyd
- Her favorite players are: **Dorothy Boyd, John Toy, Allen Greer, Yula Ziv and Dave Larcom.**
- She was a member of Unit 116 Board for three years.
- She ran one of the first .299'er sectionals.
- She has been partnership chair for '299ers for Regionals
- One of her memorable moments playing bridge came when she played with **Vicki Burns** at **Bill Rieker's** game. Vicki made an insufficient bid and when Bill ruled that the bid needed to be sufficient or her partner would be barred from bidding, Vicki interpreted that to mean that she would be banned from playing bridge.
- Faith has been the chief contributor to the Buff editor in letting the Editor know who passed away in the community.
- Faith's goal for Unit 116 is more harmony at the bridge table. At times zero tolerance is not practiced.

On a personal note:

- Faith is married, has three stepchildren, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.
- She worked as a Credit Manager/Office Manager for Birge Wall Coverings.
- Favorite things to do – Nintendo, Sewing, Video Poker and going to the Seneca Casino.



Congratulations!!!!

2008 New Life Masters!
Robert Padgug

2007 New Life Masters!
Ken Meier
David Millward
John Welch

2007 Bronze Life Masters
Rick Benstock
Alberta Brown
Joan Feasley

Inge Gallant
Fran Kurtz
Robert Noe
Carlton Stone

2007 Silver Life Masters
Allen Beroza
Don Cameron
S. Luke Danielson
Dian Petrov

2007 Gold Life Masters
Tom Donnelly
Saleh Fetouh
Brian Meyer

2007 Diamond Life Master
Jill Wooldridge

2007 Sad Tidings
Don Cameron
Gerry Fried
Peggy Fried
Max Mingel
Jean Pardee



Bridge Club News

MENTORING ON
Tues. & Thurs. @ BCB

Every week, Newcomer Games, 0-20 masterpoints, are held on Tuesday morning and Thursday evening, and are "mentored" games running in parallel with stratified pair games. Both games are preceded by a free Mini-Lesson a half hour before game time on Thursday evening or before lunch on Tuesday morning. During "mentored" games, players are allowed to ask more experienced players what to do with hands that are giving them difficulty in the bidding or on the play. Partners are guaranteed, so come on in with or without a partner and enjoy the game!

Bridge Lessons @ various clubs

Amherst Bridge Club will be featuring "Advanced Basics" on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to noon. Each lesson will be self-contained, so players can register for each one individually and instead of memorizing rules, it will emphasize

judgment in bidding, play and defense. To sign up, call **Bill Finkelstein** at 603-6943.

Also, The Amherst Bridge Club will begin a series of 10 lessons for beginners at 1:00 pm on Wednesday starting May 7. For info, call 836-7016.

At the BCB, **Joan Rose** will teach a course on *Defending Low Level Doubles* on Monday afternoon from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on June 1, 9, and 16 at a cost of \$36.00.

**54th Niagara District
St Catharines On
February 1 – 3, 2008**

Friday Eve Open Pairs – 10.0 tables

MPs	A	B	Names
4.83	1		Beverly Cohen – Jim Mathis
1.53	5	3	Judith Padgug, NY, Barbara Harris, ON

Friday Eve 299er Pairs – 9.0 tables

MPs	A	B	Names
1.92	1	1	Gary Schmitt, Tova Reinhorn

Friday Evening Swiss – 8 tables

MPs	A	Names
3.00	1	Paul Thurston, ON, Saleh Fetouh, Joel Wooldridge, NY Martin Miller, NY

Friday Open Pairs – 12 tables

MPs	A	Names
7.67	1	Martin Miller, NY Joel Wooldridge NY
5.75	2	Beverly Cohen, Jim Mathis NY
4.31	3	E. Hargesheimer III, Christy Kellogg

Friday Aft 299er Pairs – 12 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
1.90	2	1	1	Linda Burroughsford, ON, Joe Miranda NY
.80	6	4	3	Tova Reinhorn, Andrei Reinhorn, NY

Sat Aft 299er Pairs – 16 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
2.62	1	1	1	Gary Schmitt, Carol Bedell
.97	4/5	4/5	3	Diane Lyons, Dorothy Soong

Saturday A/X Pairs – 15.5 tables

MPs	A	X	Names
12.19	2		Martin Miller, Joel Wooldridge
.32		3	Michael Ryan, Dian Petrov

Saturday KO's – 6 tables

MPs	Rank	Names
13.09	1	Paul Thurston, On, Rick Delogu, ON, John Toy, Dan Gerstman, NY

Sunday 299er Swiss – 13 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
1.71	3	1	1	George Donsky, Nymph Linda Burroughsford, Peter Patterson, On, Gary Schmitt, NY

Sunday Swiss – Flight A – 12 tables

MPs	A	Names
10.88	2	Paul Thurston, Rich Delogu, Stan Dillabough, ON John Toy, NY

Sunday 299er Swiss – 13 tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names
1.71	2/3	1	1	George Donsky, NY Linda Burroughsford, Peter Patterson, ON, Gary Schmitt, NY
.96		3		Tova Reinhorn, Carol Bedell, Andrei Reinhorn, Marietta Kalman

**Unit 116 Wine and Cheese
February 29, 2008 – 18 tables**

MPs	A	B	C	Names
3.97	1			Christy Kellogg, Bert Hargesheimer
2.98	2			James Gullo, Eugene Harvey
2.23	3			Jay Levy, Beverly Cohen
2.39		1		Chongmin Zhang, Bert Feasley
1.57		2/3	1/2	Cleveland Fleming, Maggie McNamara
1.57		2/3	1/2	Carol Chudy, Henry Chudy, Jr.
.73			3	Mercedes Reinbolt, Franklin Belz



From Carl Stone

Spinach Spoon bread

- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1 package (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeeze dried
- 6 green onions, sliced (or chopped)
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 box (5 ½ oz) cornbread mix
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 ¼ teaspoons seasoned salt

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl, mix well.

Pour batter into oiled, preheated slow cooker. Cook, covered but with lid slightly ajar to allow excess moisture to escape, on HIGH 1 ¾ hours or on LOW 3 to 4 hours or until edges are golden and knife inserted in center of bread comes out clean.

Serve bread spooned from slow cooker, or loosen edges and bottom with knife and invert onto plate (I don't think this latter words well, if at all).



LAUGHTER

By Dick Czarnecki

Laugh and the world laughs with you, or they look at you strangely.

Did you know April is National Humor Month! Laughter is defined as a physical act often stimulated by humor but it can be a response to other stimuli as well.

Human beings even born blind or deaf laugh practically from birth. Babies laugh instinctively when parents talk or make faces to be rewarded by the child's joy.

Laughter's many benefits include enabling the immune system to function efficiently and it communicates pleasure, comfort, security and happiness. Laughter provides safe, gentle

exercise involving large and small muscles, heart, lungs and joints, essentially a body massage. Laughter is not a cure all, but if recent medical findings are accurate, we are not laughing enough. Physicians recommend at least fifteen (15) minutes of laughing per day. It would take 300 jokes a day to make that minimum.

To prime the pump, below are a few quick jokes to get you started. Think of it like walking 10,000 steps a day to exercise your body:



Little Boy: "Dad, where did I get my intelligence?"

Dad: "You must have gotten it from your mother because I still have mine."

Divorce Court Judge: "I've decided to give your wife \$775 a week"

Husband: "That's fair and every now and then, I send her a few bucks myself."

Doctor: "After examining your wife, I don't like the looks of her at all."

Husband: "Neither do I but she's a great cook and really good with the kids."



Husband: "Wizard, can you take this curse away that I have been living with for 40 years?"

Wizard: "What are the exact words of the curse?"

Husband: "I now pronounce you man and wife."

Husband: "My wife got me to believe in religion."

Friend: "Really?"

Husband: "Yeah! Until I married her I didn't believe in hell."



Nurse: "Well, Mr. Johnson, how did the surgery go?"

Mr. Johnson: "Okay, but I didn't like the four letter word the doctor used

in surgery."

Nurse: "What did the doctor say?"

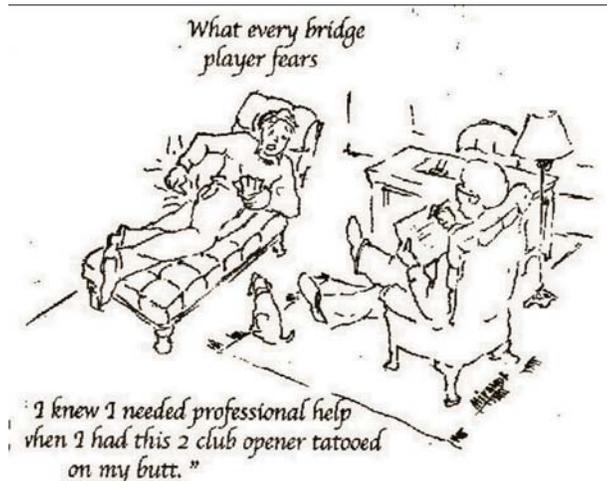
Mr. Johnson: "OOPS!"

From a card that **Bob Olin** received:

"Oh, Wise One

Liz was driving home from the mall when she saw an older woman walking. Liz asked if she wanted a lift and the old woman said, 'Sure' and got in. She sat silently until she noticed a bag on the seat. The old woman asked, 'What's in the bag?' Liz said, 'A bottle of wine. I got it for my husband.' The woman sat back, was silent for a moment, then speaking with the wisdom of her years replied ...'...a good trade.'
Happy Birthday"

From **Joe Miranda**, we received:



If you have an interesting story or informative bridge article, contact the Editors either by 731-1707 or email bernieczar@aol.com

Buffalo Regional 2008

Holiday Inn

Grand Island NY ♣ June 24th to 29th

TUESDAY – June 24th

Tuesday Bracketed KO's

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

1st, 2nd & 3rd of 3 Sessions

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

Morning Side Series Pairs - 9:00A

Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

1:30P 7:30P

Afternoon Side Series Pairs - 1:30P

Evening Side Series Pairs - 7:30P

WEDNESDAY – June 25th

Morning Bracketed KO's

9:00A - 1st of 4 Sessions

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

Morning Side Series Pairs - 9:00A

Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's

1:30P 7:30P - 1st and 2nd of 4 Sessions

Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

1:30P 7:30P

Wednesday Stratified Swiss Teams

(1 Session) 7:30P

Afternoon Side Series Pairs - 1:30P

Evening Side Series Pairs - 7:30P

THURSDAY – June 26th

Morning Bracketed KO's

9:00A - 2nd of 4 Sessions

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

Morning Side Series Pairs - 9:00A

Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's

1:30P 7:30P - 3rd and 4th of 4 Sessions

Thursday Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

1:30P 7:30P

Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)

1:30P 7:30P

Afternoon Side Series Pairs - 1:30P

Evening Side Series Pairs - 7:30P

FRIDAY – June 27th

Morning Bracketed KO's - 9:00A

3rd of 4 Sessions

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

Morning Side Series Pairs - 9:00A

Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's

1:30P 7:30P - 1st and 2nd of 4 Sessions

Friday Stratified Open Pairs

(2 Sessions) 1:30P 7:30P

Friday Stratified Swiss Teams (1 Session) 7:30P

Afternoon Side Series Pairs - 1:30P

Evening Side Series Pairs - 7:30P

SATURDAY – June 28th

Morning Bracketed KO's - 9:00A

4th of 4 Sessions

299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)

9:00A 1:30P 7:30P

Morning Side Series Pairs - 9:00A

Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's

1:30P 7:30P - 3rd and 4th of 4 Sessions

Saturday Compact KO's

1:30P 7:30P

Saturday Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)

1:30P 7:30P

Afternoon Side Series Pairs - 1:30P

Evening Side Series Pairs-7:30P

SUNDAY – June 29th

Stratiflighted Swiss Teams - 11:00A

PLAYTHROUGH 7-7 Board Matches

Stratiflighted Events

- Stratum "A1" 3000+
- Stratum "A2" 0-3000
- Stratum "B" 1000-2000
- Stratum "C" 300-1000
- Stratum "D" 0-300

Stratified Events

- Stratum "A" 2000+
- Stratum "B" 500-2000
- Stratum "C" 0-500

Partnerships

Mike (The Matchmaker) Ryan

716.626.9332 or 716.645.6029

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Tournament

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John Toy 716.885.5364

E-Mail: johntoy@msn.com

Hotel

Holiday Inn

100 Whitehaven Road

Grand Island NY 14072

716.773.1111

1.800.HOLIDAY

Ask for American Contract Bridge rate

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(Available until June 6th)

Great Hospitality!

Free Parking!

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\$12 for non & unpaid ACBL members

Unit 116

Pro-Am Event

There will be two mini-sessions of 18 boards, each awarding Masterpoints at Unit rating. The field will be split by Masterpoints, adjusted by skill level for non-members and others where appropriate. The two fields will be randomly paired (a "Pro" with an "Am"). Each session you will get a different partner.

Come and enjoy this unique event where players intermingle while getting two chances to earn the increased points of a Unit game.



SUNDAY, April 27, 2008

11:00 am – 1st Pairs Mini-Session

1:00 pm – Pizza for Lunch

1:30 pm – 2nd Pairs Mini-Session

Event ends about 3:30 pm

\$6.00 for the entire event with pizza



REGISTER IN ADVANCE

Partnerships will be posted when you arrive

Bill Finkelstein

716-836-7016

Billfink1234@hotmail.com

At the Amherst Bridge Club at the Airport

247 Cayuga Road near Maryvale
Cheektowaga, New York

Look for the gray rear door in the South Parking Lot

