



Bridge Buff

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President's Message...

The days are getting shorter as the summer nears the end but we in Western New York know that autumn is a great season.

For Unit 116, the summer has been full of fun events. We started off with the June Strawberry Social, followed by the July picnic and now in August we have just held our first event at the historic Herschell Carrousel Museum. 54 folks took a tour, rode the carrousel, enjoyed a picnic lunch and then sat down for a pairs game. Another 8 people joined into the activities minus the game. What a fun and informative day we had and all the while we made a little money for the museum. Thanks to Elaine K., our wonderful hostess, for this event. Great thanks for all who helped, especially Chris Urbanek who donated her directing skills to the event.

Just around the corner is the Fall Sectional. Paul Zittel has promised red peppers as prizes. So line up your partners and mark the dates. Full details on page 3.

October brings the Regional. This year it is being held at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. This is just a short drive and conveniently located just off route 90. Make your plans and come join the fun.

Come out to these events and play with regular partners, new friends and meet people from Canada, Rochester, and Erie, etc.

Enjoy,
Betty Metz, President Unit 116



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Deadline for the Nov/Dec 2014 issue

Clubs (limit ¼ page) and other contributors must submit articles or information by:

Sunday, October 25th

Inclusion or editing will be at the editor's discretion

News & Mews

Western New York UNIT 116 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., September 11th - Club-hosted unit game – BCB – afternoon game

2014 FALL SECTIONAL

September 12-14, 2014 – Main-Transit Fire Hall

Tues., September 16th - Club-hosted unit game – BCB – afternoon game

Thurs., October 16th - Club-hosted unit game – BCB – evening game

Friday, October 31st - Club-hosted unit game – BCB – morning game

DISTRICT 5 REGIONAL Oct 21-26, 2014
at Erie County Fairgrounds

Sat., November 8th - Club-hosted unit game – BCB – afternoon game

“EIGHT IS ENOUGH” TEAM GAME

Sunday November 9th – Airport Bridge Club

2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Dec 6, 2014 - Main-Transit Fire Hall

2015

2015 Winter Sectional Jan 23-25 (MTFH)

2015 Spring Sectional Apr 17-19 (MTFH)

2015 Fall Sectional Sept 18-20 (MTFH)

Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, Dec 6 – Rescue Fire Hall, N. Tona

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 News column; or go to www.news.com website first, then add the date you want to the search prompt, i.e.: "duplicate bridge Sept 1"

Welcome to New Members

Amita Arora Pearl Harris William Noltee
Maryann Martin Padmavathi Perala
Marian Roecker

Life Passages:

Douglas Dean Joan Feasley Paul Libby

New Masterpoint Rankings

SILVER LIFE Master:

John Kirsits Walter Olszewski

BRONZE LIFE Master:

Dede Kluckhohn Paul Zittel

REGIONAL Master: Elizabeth Beishline

NABC Master:

Carl Hasselback Michael Kozower

SECTIONAL Master:

Eugene Nawotniak Sandra Rifkin Martha Welte

CLUB Master:

Terrence Camp Christine Grant

JUNIOR Master:

Bonne Hall Judy Reich Howard Wilinsky

New Address:

Larry & Dotty Soong

715 Renaissance Drive, Apt. B203

Williamsville, NY 14221- 8034

Has anyone else moved or have a new email address??? I continually update the database for the directory, so let me know.
Judie

A women's black sweater was left at the Carrousel after the Unit Game 8/24. If it is yours contact Betty Metz.

The Buff is being distributed electronically to at least 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 and add this email address to your address book so it isn't perceived as "Junk" by your server.

Unit 116 Fall Sectional



September 12-14, 2014

Main-Transit Fire Hall ~ 6777 Main Street, Williamsville (Buffalo), NY

Friday 9/12 - Pairs

10:30 am - Single session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
3:00 pm* - Single session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
10:30 am & 3:00pm* - Double Session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
*New Afternoon Start time

Saturday 9/13 - Pairs

10:30 am - Single session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
3:00 pm* - Single session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
10:30 am & 3:00pm* - Double Session - Stratified A/B/C pairs
*New Afternoon Start time

Sunday 9/14 - Swiss Teams

10:30 am Stratified A/B/C (with short break)

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

Pairs and teams stratified by average masterpoints

ENTRY FEE per player per session:
\$10.00 members/\$13.00 non/unpaid members

For TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

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Sanction #1409063

How About a Little Squeeze?

From John Marvin

This hand was played 24 times in 2 different games at the Bridge Center of Buffalo (a unique occurrence in itself). Only 6 pairs reached small slam. Suppose you're South and have stumbled into 7 NT. Do you have a chance?

	♠-A4	
Dlr: E	♥-JT85	
Vul: N-S	♦-AK7	
	♣- KQ86	
♠-J82		♠-965
♥-93		♥-Q742
♦-92		♦-Q854
♣- JT9543		♣-72
	♠-KQT73	
	♥-AK6	
	♦-JT63	
	♣-A	

Opening lead: ♣J to A
Tricks 2 – 6: run the ♠s (see last paragraph)

Position after trick 6, S to lead:

	♠-	
Dlr: E	♥- JT8	
Vul: N-S	♦- AK	
	♣- KQ	
♠-		♠-
♥-93		♥-Q742
♦-92		♦-Q85
♣- T95		♣-
	♠-	
	♥- AK6	
	♦- JT63	
	♣-	

Tricks 7 & 8: AK of ♦
Trick 9: ♣K

Position after 9: Dummy to lead the ♣!

	♠-	
Dlr: E	♥- JT8	
Vul: N-S	♦-	
	♣- Q	
♠-		♠-
♥-9		♥-Q74
♦-		♦-Q
♣- T9		♣-
	♠-	
	♥- AK6	
	♦- J	
	♣-	

The biggest decision for declarer is how to play the ♠s. Should declarer take the finesse or play for the drop? Since she needs 5 tricks she plays the top honors. That's a 54% play as opposed to a 50% finesse.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 6th
Unit 116 Annual Meeting

Buffalo Regional

Lou Joseph, President of District 5, has informed Unit 116 that plans are moving along for the Buffalo Regional. It will be played at the EC Fairgrounds on October 21-26. The schedule of events has been approved by ACBL and can be found on the ACBL website under tournaments.

John Toy is Chairperson

Sunshine contact

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Let Tova know when a player needs a sunshine message and/or you know someone who is ill, having surgery or of any deaths in our bridge community.

WNY Unit 116 Annual Picnic Results

Two sections with different sets of boards:

Morning July 20, 2014 26.0 Tables				
A	B	C	Names	Score
1			John Ziemer; Jerry Geiger	65.94%
2			Jay Levy; Randolph Seidenberg	65.91%
3	1	1	Jan Hasselback - Carl Hasselback	63.77%
4	2		David Millward - Jean Macdonald, Vero Beach FL	60.93%
5	3		Jo Nasoff-Finton - E Finton	60.04%
6	4		Penny Shui; Ken Meier	59.02%
	5		Sue Neubecker; Carol Bedell	57.73%
	6		Joseph Rooney; Dorothy May	57.34%
		2	Jane Larcom - David Larcom	56.65%
		3	Howard Foster - Laurie Foster	56.38%
		4	Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong	56.12%
		5	Patricia Haynes; Terrence Camp	55.14%
		6	Eugene Nawotniak,; Andy Fairweather, Niagara Falls ON	55.06%

Afternoon Section B July 20, 2014 ... 12.0 Tables				
A	B	C	Names	Score
1	1		Robert Padgug - Judith Padgug	62.82%
2			Jay Levy; Randolph Seidenberg Jr	61.72%
3			Donna Steffan; James Gullo	61.14%
4	2	1	Richard Cramer-Benjamin; Jeffrey Bender	60.56%
5			Michael Ryan; Judy Graf	54.75%
6	3	2	Tova Reinhorn - Andrei Reinhorn	54.72%
	4		Helen Panza - Betty Metz	52.37%
	5	3	Jane Larcom - David Larcom	51.45%
	6	4	Eva Schmidt; Ronald Henrikson	51.33%
		5	Judy Zeckhauser; Enid Sweet	51.05%

Afternoon Section C July 20, 2014 ... 12.0 Tables				
A	B	C	Names	Score
1	1		Penny Shui; Ken Meier	63.43%
2	2		Teresa Fraas; Catherine Majewski	61.81%
3	3		Dian Petrov; Ted Kahn	59.03%
4	4	1	Carl Hasselback - Jan Hasselback	57.64%
5	5		Elaine Kurasiewicz; Julie Kraus, Southfield MI	56.71%
6	6	2	Howard Foster; Laurie Foster	56.02%
		3	Karen Geiger - Joanne Eckhardt	55.56%
		4	Larry Soong - Dorothy Soong	55.32%
		5	Christine Grant - Don Grant	47.45%

Nominations & Elections

Election Committee:

Liz Clark (chair) Jerry Geiger Kathy Pollock

At the present time there are three board members to be elected for a three-year period each and 1 to fill out an unexpired term.

Nominees for the Unit Board are:

Allen Berosa Elaine Kurasiewicz
Barb Libby Violet Makhija
Joe Miranda Paula Salamone

According to the By-Laws, "Additional nominations may be made by the membership and submitted to the Nominating Committee sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Such individual nomination petitions must be in writing, signed by at least twenty-five (25) members in good standing."

Petitions for other candidates can/must be submitted before October 6, 2014

On Page 7, I begin a "Play Nice" series. However, if you wish to access the total article immediately, feel free to go to
http://district4.info/syracuse/Monday_Aug_4.pdf

Eight Is Enough!

#L411116B

ACBL Unit 116 Team Game

Each four-person team must total no more than eight points

A players (2000+ masterpoints) have 3 points

B players (750-2000 mps) have 2 points

C players (0-749 mps) have 1 point

Teams will be stratified according to their average masterpoints



1:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 9

Airport Bridge Club

247 Cayuga Road

\$8 Unit 116 members

\$9 non-members

We can help you find a team or partner

Sign up in person or contact:

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Food

Fun

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Friends

Finesse(s)

Unit Game at the Carrousel Museum – August 24, 2014 – 13 tables

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 North-South

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPs	Player's Names
			A	B	C	A	B	C		
1	60.26	188.00	A	1			1		3.26(OA)	Judith and Robert Padgug
6	58.81	183.50	A	2			2		2.45(OA)	Fred Yellen – Buddy Seidenberg
7	54.97	171.50	B	3	1		6	2	1.86(OB)	Hilda Fairweather - Ten-Pao Lee
2	52.56	164.00	B	4	2			6	0.91(SB)	Joyce Frayer - Judie Bailey
13	52.40	163.50	B	5	3				0.65(SB)	Joyce Kindt - Carolyn Siracuse
10	51.44	160.50	C		4	1		3	0.79(OC)	Andy Fairweather – Bob Lederhouse

Scores after 13 rounds Average: 156.0 East-West

Pair	Pct	Score	Section Rank			Overall Rank			MPs	Player's Names	
			A	B	C	A	B	C			
12	56.73	177.00	B	1	1		3	1	2.48(OB)	Charles Schorr - Julie Kraus	
9	55.77	174.00	A	2			4		1.38(OA)	Jerry Geiger - John Ziemer	
5	55.29	172.50	A	3			5		1.03(OA)	Michael Ryan - Judy Graf	
2	53.69	167.50	C	4	2	1		3	1	1.40(OB)	John and Barb Scott
6	53.53	167.00	B	5	3			4		1.05(OB)	Andrei and Tova Reinhorn
11	52.88	165.00	C			2		5	2	1.05(OC)	Daniel and Julie Pfeffer

PLAY NICE!!

The Opening DAILY BULLETIN at the Syracuse Regional contained some “ideas to engender courtesy and pleasant play at the table.” As space allows, these will be reprinted in the Buff. They were and are in no particular order and many are, I believe, commonly known. These are just the tip of the iceberg, so here goes...

*Courtesy is probably the Golden Rule — always be courteous at the bridge table. This applies to how one relates to partner, the opponents and the director when s/he is called. Carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause embarrassment to any other player – or which might interfere with his/her enjoyment of the game.

- It is always good practice to greet your new opponents at the table.
- The director should always be called to the table in a courteous manner. Using the word “please” assists in this courtesy. Being mindful of the tone in one’s voice when summoning the director underscores a recognition that this official has an onerous task in providing a valued service to bridge players.
- At the end of a round it is courteous to thank your opponents before moving on to the next table.
- Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.

THE LEADER BOARD

Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs Masterpoint Race as of 8/01/14

0 to 5 Ace of Clubs	
Bonne Hall	3.96
David Hall	2.81
5 to 20 Ace of Clubs	
Eugene Nawotniak	26.45
John/Martha Welte	26.41
20 to 50 Ace of Clubs	
Christopher Kulig	8.71
Laurie Foster	7.32
Anne Astmann	6.79
50 to 100 Ace of Clubs	
Brian Block	16.77
Ann Marie Battaglia (unit 45C)	15.72
Violet Makhija	15.10
100 to 200 Ace of Clubs	
Ronald Henrikson	34.63
Ten-Pao Lee	25.26
Madhav Deshmukh	15.40
200 to 300 Ace of Clubs	
Richard Cramer-Benjamin	24.18
David Donaldson	24.12
Jo Nasoff-Finton	23.68
300 to 500 Ace of Clubs	
Robert Kaprove	26.57
Barbara Sadkin	25.39
Arthur Matthies	23.96
500 to 1000 Ace of Clubs	
Bill Boardman	41.45
Judy Kaprove	38.97
Sue Neubecker	33.86
1000 to 2500 Ace of Clubs	
David Millward	71.31
Fred Yellen	64.58
John Ziemer	62.33
2500 to 5000 Ace of Clubs	
James Gullo	58.07
Judy Graf	55.57
Judith Padgug	52.59
5000 to 7500 Ace of Clubs	
Jerry Geiger	68.96
Bert Hargesheimer	47.54
Jay Levy	28.68
7500 to 10,000/10,000+ Ace of Clubs	
Margaret Klamp	98.95
Christine Urbanek	34.04
John Toy	14.06
Jim Mathis	40.79
Daniel Gerstman	7.08

Mini-McKenney Masterpoint Race as of 8/01/14

0 to 5 Mini-McKenney	
Joan Cizak	5.97
Bonne Hall	4.97
Vincent Taeger	3.63
5 to 20 Mini-McKenney	
John/Martha Welte	35.63
Eugene Nawotniak	32.74
20 to 50 Mini-McKenney	
Christopher Kulig	11.28
John Scott	10.36
Sudhakar Rao Peralo	9.66
50 to 100 Mini-McKenney	
Wufeng Luo	62.01
Yichuan Luo	50.34
Sharon Wilcox	22.25
100 to 200 Mini-McKenney	
Ten-Pao Lee	46.38
Ronald Henrikson	39.40
Madhav Deshmukh	38.78
200 to 300 Mini-McKenney	
Andrei Reinhorn	47.29
Richard Cramer-Benjamin	44.73
Linda Zittel	44.33
300 to 500 Mini-McKenney	
Jan Hasselback	46.99
Paul Zittel	45.85
Robert Kaprove	39.90
500 to 1000 Mini-McKenney	
Davis Huessler	65.73
Martin Pieterse	51.49
Judy Kaprove	48.54
1000 to 2500 Mini-McKenney	
John Ziemer	97.67
David Hemmer	94.37
Fred Yellen	89.67
2500 to 5000 Mini-McKenney	
Kathy Pollock	121.48
Saleh Fetouh	117.03
Christy Kellogg	100.12
5000 to 7500 Mini-McKenney	
Bert Hargesheimer	100.64
Jerry Geiger	92.22
Jill Wooldridge	77.22
7500 to 10,000/10,000+ Mini-McKenney	
Margaret Klamp	113.75
Christine Urbanek	107.99
John Toy	104.53
Daniel Gerstman	114.19
Jim Mathis	45.12