



# Bridge Buff

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### *President's Message*

As we enter the Spring Season, (at least according to the calendar) there is a lot going on in Unit 116. In addition to our recently completed Sectional, we have an increased amount of unit games scheduled for the year as shown in the Buff.

Also in April is the Toronto Regional (April 7-12 at the Doubletree Hilton). In May (2-3) there is the Grand National Teams in Pittsburgh (with the winners to Washington in July) and the Regional in Independence (Cleveland (May 19-23).

So lots of opportunities for all of you to accumulate Master Points and move up in the various rankings. Good luck to all.

**Jay Levy,**  
*Your President*

### ***UNIT 116 - Presidential Masterpoint Race***

#### **0 to 100 MP's**

- 1 4.50 Florence Boyd**
- 2 2.44 Robert Kaprove**
- 3 2.34 Franklin Kidd**

#### **100 to 300 MP's**

- 1 4.85 Tova Reinhorn**
- 2 4.43 Dorothy Soong**
- 3 3.61 George Donsky**

#### **300 to 1000 MP's**

- 1 6.36 Fred Yellen**
- 2 5.08 Rita Sofia**
- 3 4.50 Faith Perry**

#### **1000 to 2500 MP's**

- 1 12.05 Judith Padgug**
- 2 6.65 Robert Olin**
- 3 6.13 Michael Ryan**

#### **2500 + MP's**

- 1 19.10 John Kilmer**
- 2 17.72 Jim Mathis**
- 3 13.46 Randolph Seidenberg Jr**

### **SINGLE SITE UNIT GAMES RUN - 2009**

5/17	Bridge Center	1:00 PM	J. Bailey	636-6148
6/9	Zion Church	7: 00 pm	P. Rasmus S. Benz	649-4634 838-3654
7/18	Bridge Center	7:00 pm	J. Toy	885-5364
12/6	Knights of Columbus- Union Rd	11:00 – Lunch / 12:00 mtg		

### **UNIT SECTIONALS – 2009**

6/12-14	'299er-Bridge Ctr	Kathy Pollock – 834-3654
9/11-13	Main & Transit Fire Hall - Williamsville	Judie Bailey – 636-6148

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## Notice!

Members who have e-mail addresses are requested to go to Unit 116 website

[www.arejayare.net/u116off](http://www.arejayare.net/u116off)

And enter their names so Unit Games and Sectional flyers can be e-mailed to them electronically. You can also download the Bridge Buff from this website.

## Interview Corner



The editor interviewed an energetic bridge player named **Linda Burroughsford**.

Bridge:

- Linda started playing bridge in 2005 when a golfing friend encouraged her to do something over the long golf-free winters. The women were all really good cooks and throughout the summer, their bridge teacher had several delicious barbecues and taught the women as well as their husbands.
- In October 2005 **Peter Patterson** and Linda were at a golf club's closing dinner seated with **Claire** and **Irv Gareleck**. Another couple asked what they did in the winter months and Linda told her she started to learn bridge. A connection was made with Claire and Claire invited her to play at the Bridge Center for lessons and mentoring. Much to their surprise the bridge she learned from her friend at the Bridge Centre was not the same her friend taught her. **Claire Gareleck** and **Judi Fischer** were patient and answered all questions regarding Duplicate Bridge. Peter and Linda earned their first master points in 2006 and they *LOVE* the game!
- She has many favorite players among them **Chris Urbanek**, **Judy** and **Bob Padgug**.
- **Eugene Harvey's** lessons on doubling and basic conventions were invaluable

as well as **Christy Kellogg** hand analysis sessions after Monday's games.

- Her favourite bridge memory is from a tournament in Cleveland with **Eugene Harvey** in a knockout event. They were NV against V and after two passes Eugene opened 2H. RHO doubled. Linda raised to 3H with 7 HCP and 3 hearts. LHO passed, Eugene passed and RHO doubled. Linda passed, LHO bid 3S and her partner raised to game. When the doubler's hand went down, she had 28 HCP! As the hand played out, Linda realized Eugene had made his bid with 1 HCP and six of the worst hearts you ever saw. Their opponents made 6 but they prevented them from finding the slam that Linda and Eugene's partners found at the other table. They went on to win the knockout event and Linda got her first gold points.
- When the Director of the Fort Erie Duplicate Bridge Club (non-sanctioned) wanted to retire in 2006, she asked for a volunteer among the players to take over the game. She was told she had to buy the snacks, unlock the doors, make the coffee, set up the Mitchell (no matter how many tables!), collect the \$1.00 entry fee, do the manual scoring on the recap sheets and lock the doors after the game. When nobody volunteered, Linda did. One of the first things she did was purchase bidding boxes and she took a Director's course in December. The only calls she ever gets are for established revokes. They average approximately five tables throughout winter and about seven in summer. She's currently reading the Laws Book and the Bridge Director's Companion in preparation for her Director's exam. Good luck to you Linda!
- As for bridge goals, she hopes to become a life master sometime in 2009.

- Peter and Linda received formal permission from the ACBL to be a part of Unit 116 instead of their ACBL-assigned home unit of 166 in Canada. Both consider Unit 116 their “home”

Personally:

- Linda met Peter in high school in Nova Scotia and have been married for 26 years and have a 16 year old son named Casey. Casey is interested in volleyball and basketball and Peter and Linda are able to attend his games. Linda is the oldest of eight children while Peter is the youngest of three.
- They both graduated from St. Mary’s University in Halifax with Bachelors of Commerce and moved to Ottawa.
- Linda worked for the Revenue Canada on projects that include the computerization of Customs processes, data mining for Customs Intelligence, the introduction of the Free Trade Agreement and the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.
- They moved to Fort Erie where they bought the McDonald’s restaurants in 1998. Peter oversees the daily operations and Linda takes care of the books and deals with the Government. These are full-time jobs and allows them to create their own work schedules and be available to play bridge, golf and attend to their son’s activities. She does her paperwork mostly between 8:00 pm and 2:00 am
- Both Peter and Linda are avid golfers. Linda started in 1998 and she shot her lowest round last season – a 71, 1 under par. She had the honour of being named “*Female Golfer of the Year*” for the Niagara Region (Canada) in 2007. She plays on three women’s amateur golf tours – Western New York, Buffalo District and Niagara Region. She was “*Club Champion*” five years in a row while she was a member of Bridgewater Country Club and has just begun serving a two-year

term as President of the Women’s Golf Association of Western New York.

- When Linda finds spare time, she would love to resume her piano lessons, which she abandoned when she took up bridge.

The editor interviewed a knowledgeable and hardworking individual. This person is **Pat Rasmus**.

Bridge:

- Pat was introduced to bridge by her cousin **Cathy Majewski**, so she could fill-in for Cathy at her social bridge club.
- When Pat started playing bridge she received help from **Mickey Lenzer** and **Sue Ganley**.
- Her first partner was **Bob Olin**, who was kind enough to play with her. In her 35 years of playing bridge, she had many partners but her favorite was **Dr. Vidi**, Pat never knew whether you would win or lose but you always knew it would be an adventure.
- At present, Pat is a Unit 116 Director. For many years she was on the District V Board serving as Secretary, Vice President and President. Pat served as the Coordinator for Newcomer Events at the 2005 Pittsburgh Nationals. Pat has worked very hard to promote bridge events in the past and will continue to do so in the future.
- Her goal for Unit 116 is to have more people involved in the Unit. People need to volunteer to help the Board with Unit Games and Sectionals. Nine people on the Board can’t do everything. Pat also hopes that players would support Unit games regardless of where they are held. If they are held at an existing club, players should attend the game to support the Unit and not worry about where it is being held.

Personally:

- Pat is married and has two sons and five grandchildren. Her oldest son, Jeffrey and his family live in Buffalo while her younger son, Michael and his family live in Michigan.
- Pat is a retired elementary school teacher.
- Since she has retired, she does a lot of traveling and enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.

## Buffalo Spring Sectional North Tonawanda (Buffalo) NY April 3-5, 2009

*Friday Morning-Stratified – 20 tables*

MPs	A	B	C	Names
5.00	1	1		Inge Gallant, Paul Libby
3.75	2			Sharon Benz - Judith Marshall,
2.46	3/4			Beverly Cohen - Jim Mathis,
2.46	3/4			Jay Levy, Randolph Seidenberg Jr,
2.42		2		Claire Gareleck, Patricia Burns,
1.82		3		Judith Bailey, Dale Anderson,
1.95		4	1	Gordon Crone, George Donsky,
1.46		6	2	Marietta Kalman, Carol Bedell,
1.10			3	Ruth Kozower, Judy Kaprove,

*Friday Afternoon – Stratified- 20.5 tables*

MPs	A	B	C	Names
5.17	1			Beverly Cohen - Jim Mathis,
3.88	2	1		William Rushmore, Arthur Morth,
2.91	3			Jay Levy, Randolph Seidenberg Jr,
2.42	5	2		Bernardine Czarnecki - Richard Czarnecki,
1.84		4	1	Gordon Crone, George Donsky,
1.21		6/7	2/3	Barbara Landree,; Diane Jeffrey,
1.21		6/7	2/3	Dorothy Soong - Larry Soong,

*Saturday Morning- Stratified – 22.5 tables*

MPs	A	B	C	Names
5.50	1			John Toy - Dan Gerstman,
4.13	2			James Gullo, Eugene Harvey,
3.09	3			John Kilmer, Dian Petrov,
2.74	6	2	1	Gary Schmitt, George Donsky,
2.05		3		Judith Padgug,; Kathy Pollock,
1.63		4	2	Ross Markello - Shirley Cassety,
1.22			3	Shakeel Ahmad - Manju Ceylony,

*Saturday Afternoon – Stratified – 20.5 tables*

MPs	A	B	C	Names
3.88	2			Saleh Fetouh - Randolph Seidenberg Jr,
2.91	3			Judith Marshall - Sharon Benz,
3.37	6	1		Judith Padgug, Kathy Pollock,
2.53		2	1	Florence Boyd, Faith Perry,
1.90		3	2	Ruth Kozower, Robert Padgug,
1.22		5	3	Gary Schmitt, George Donsky,

*Sunday Stratified Swiss – 20 tables*

MPs	A	B	C	Names
5.63	2	1		Kathy Pollock, David Hemmer,; James Reineck, Judith Padgug,
4.22	3			Jay Costello - Donna Steffan,; Powhatan Wooldridge - Jill Wooldridge,
3.64	4	2		Richard Czarnecki,; Margaret Schomers,; Robert Olin, Carolyn Siracuse,
2.73		3	1	Elizabeth Metz, Franklin Kidd, Peter Shui - Penny Shui,
2.05		4	2	Peter Patterson - Linda Burroughsford, Dorothy Soong,; Carol Bedell,

## Bridge Cruise

**Betty Metz** reported the following on the cruise:

### ***Great Time on the Bridge Cruise***

The last week in February, 29 people enjoyed an incredible week of warm weather in the Caribbean. An absolutely beautiful ship (the Crown Princess), fantastic food, and bridge games run by our own Chris Urbanek. We enjoyed mini lessons and sanctioned bridge games. Participants had plenty of bridge mixed with the activities and entertainment provided by the ship. Old friendship were enjoyed and new friendships were made - this was a mighty nice group of people.

Regarding the recent bridge cruise presented by **Betty Metz** and **Chris Urbanek**, the editor heard the following:

- Chris had a lesson prior to the game
- There were approximately 5 tables.
- Bridge was played while the ship was moving.
- People who attended indicated they would attend another bridge cruise in the future.
- Only negative comment was that the ship did not announce the activity in their newsletter or public address system.

So, when Chris and Betty plan another cruise, be sure to sign up and have a good time.

## **Agnes Gordon chosen for Bridge Hall of Fame**

Gordon, one of ACBL's top players for three decades, has been chosen for the von Zedtwitz Award by the ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame Committee. The award is given to a deceased person who has made outstanding contributions to the game as a player or in some other capacity. **Eric Murray**, who played with Gordon frequently, wrote in support of her Hall of Fame election, "There was no better female bridge player in North

America (including Helen Sobel) than Agnes and very few male players her equal. She achieved remarkable success frequently playing with mediocre partners." The two had a record 78% game in the final session of the Rockwell Mixed Pairs, which they won in 1963. Wrote Murray: "Agnes never came close to touching a wrong card or making a questionable bid. Everyone who played with Agnes marveled at her perfection. She unquestionably ranks with the all-time very best."

Gordon, who died in 1967, won seven North American championships, including the Chicago Board-a-Match Teams (now the Reisinger) in 1948; the Mixed Board-a-Match Teams in 1951, 1952 and 1962; the Women's Pairs in 1961; the Mixed Pairs and the Womens' Teams in 1967. She had numerous second-place finishes in NABC events and many regional wins. She was on the second-place squad in the World Women's Teams in 1964 and represented the U.S. in two world championships.

Born in Ontario, Canada, she moved to Buffalo NY but remained a Canadian citizen.

Gordon served on the ACBL Board of Directors representing District 2, was a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee and president of Unit 116. She also taught bridge and ran a bridge club

### *Smile for You*

By **Doanne Jackson**

Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today, I started  
smiling too.

I passed around the corner and someone saw  
my grin

When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to  
him.

I thought about that smile then I realized its  
worth,

A single smile, just like mine could travel  
round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it  
undetected

Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

**Sharon Benz**, one of many Bridge players who lend a helping hand



**Congratulations**

Bronze Life Master  
**John Kirsits**

**Sad Tidings**

*If you know of a recent member passing, please send info to Editor. Thank you.*

**Bridge Club News**



Bridge Center of Buffalo  
Phone # 834-4222 for reservations and information.

**MENTORING ON**  
*Tues. & Thurs. @ BCB*

Newcomer Games, 0-20 master points, 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.

**BEYOND BEGINNERS WITH JOAN**

Mondays - 2:30- 4:30  
April 20<sup>th</sup> - May 18<sup>th</sup>

FIVE WEEKS FOR \$50.00

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- A. counting winners or losers
- B. declarer's options
- C. when to finesse (or not)
- D. dummy reversal
- E. avoidance plays
- F. establishing long suits

MINIMUM CLASS SIZE= 12  
MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE= 16

SIGN UP AT THE CLUB OR CALL 834-4222

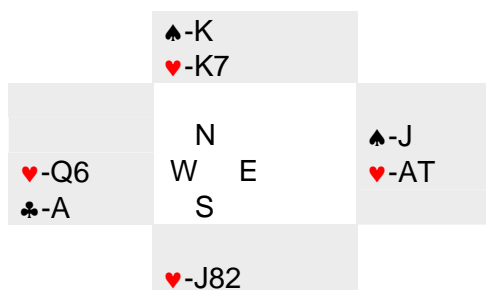
**"Yes we can!"**  
by **John Marvin**

This hand came up in the Buffalo Bridge Center's Tuesday 299er game.

		♠-KT84	
		♥-K75	
		♦ -	
		T8654	
		♣-J	
♠-9	N	♠-AJ753	
♥-Q6	W E	♥-AT943	
♦-A9	S	♦-J7	
♣-AKT87653		♣-Q	
		♠-Q62	
		♥-J82	
		♦-KQ32	
		♣-942	

Let's say W decides to bid 6♣s and gets a ♦5 for an opening lead. She wins S's A and plays to the ♠A, roughs a ♠, plays low to the ♣Q, and roughs another ♠<sup>1</sup>. She gives up a ♦<sup>2</sup>, wins the club return (best) and cashes ♣s until reaching the 3 card ending:





The ♣A is the squeeze card and N is helpless. He must give up one of his guards and declarer discards accordingly from dummy

Footnotes:

1. The ♠ plays are for the purpose of shifting all of the guards into N's hand if possible.
2. To rectify the count.

## OLYMPIAD VI

August 15-16, 2009  
HOLIDAY INN, 6001 ROCKSIDE RD  
INDEPENDENCE, OHIO 44131

A Sectionally-Rated, Stratified Pairs Bridge Competition

This is a unique tournament where players with less than 750 master points have an opportunity to represent their units to claim the District 5 Olympiad Trophy. Also, gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three overall winners of *each session*.

After each session, hand analyses and discussion by **Dick Early**, *Emerald Life Master*, will be provided on an overhead.\* He will answer any questions you may have about a particular hand you played, defended, or bid.

### Schedule of Events:

#### Saturday, August 15

- 1:00 pm Stratified pairs competition  
4:30 pm \*hand discussion
- 7:00 pm Stratified pairs competition  
10:30 pm \*hand discussion

#### Sunday, August 16

- 11:00 am Stratified pairs competition  
2:30 pm \*hand discussion  
4:00 pm Closing ceremony and awards

Entry fee: \$9 per session

### *Past Olympiad Winners*

Olympiad I Akron Unit  
Olympiad II, III, IV, V Cleveland Unit

See the official Olympiad entry form for Olympiad rules, and if you have any questions, contact **Dick Early** at 330.928.1104 or [qbidrje@yahoo.com](mailto:qbidrje@yahoo.com) or **Sally Veauthier** at 330.482.3175 or [sallyv@localnet.com](mailto:sallyv@localnet.com)

### OLYMPIAD VI ENTRY FORM

Register today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The Olympiad will be held August 15-16, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Rd, Independence, OHIO. Mail your entry to: **Sally Veauthier**, 1804 Timberline Drive, Columbiana, OH 44408

### Official Olympiad Rules

- Participant must have *less than 750* master points. Life Masters are welcome. The games will be stratified.
- The events are open to all players, but only District 5 members will be qualified for Olympiad awards.
- Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top *three* District 5 partnerships in **each event**.
- The Olympiad Trophy will be awarded to the Unit with the most Olympiad points, which consist of:
  - a) Master points won by the medal winners and
  - b) Master points won by the top B and C pairs, but not a medal winner.

- You are *not* required to play with the same partner in each event. However, to qualify for Olympiad Awards and Olympiad Points **in any event**, both members of the partnership must be from the same Unit.
- Advance registration is not required, but would be greatly appreciated by the Planning Committee. Please use this form or e-mail. Room reservations at the Holiday Inn can be made at 216.524.8050.

**Good luck to all – support your Unit!**



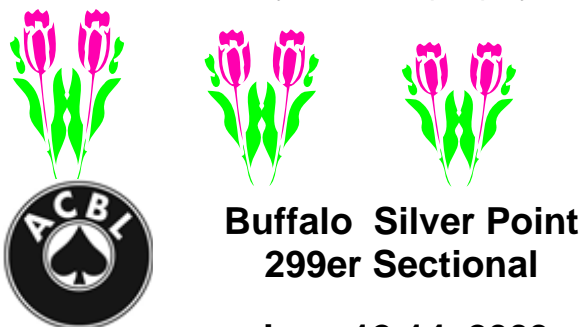
**Unit 116 Pro-Am Championship**

Bridge Center of Buffalo  
3362 Sheridan Drive  
Amherst, NY

**Sunday, May 17, 2009  
1:00 pm**

Contact **Judie Bailey** at 636-6148 or [j.anneb@verizon.net](mailto:j.anneb@verizon.net) to sign up. Please provide your ACBL points – partnerships by random draw

Entry fee \$6.00 per player



**Buffalo Silver Point  
299er Sectional**

**June 12-14, 2009  
Bridge Center of Buffalo  
3362 Sheridan Dr.  
Amherst, NY, 14226**

**Friday, June 12**

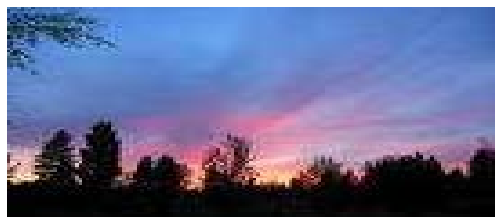
Single Session Pairs 9 am, 1:30 pm, 7 pm  
Free Lesson at 6:15 pm  
Food before and between sessions

**Saturday, June 13**

Single Session Pairs 10 am, 3 pm  
Free Lesson at 2:15 pm  
Food before and between sessions

**Sunday, June 14**

10 am Single Session Pairs  
3 pm Single Session Swiss  
Lesson on Team Tactics at 2:15 pm  
Food before and between sessions



**Stratifications:**

0-100, 100-200 and 200-300

**Game fees:**

\$8 for ACBL members \$9 for non-members  
and unpaid members

**Tourney Chairs:**

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