



# Bridge Buff

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### *President's Message*

Vacationing in North Carolina and wondering whether I am the only one who does not know how to "tweet" or "twitt" and I don't really care to learn.

Had some time to look at the ACBL website and noticed that as of May 6, the following unit 116 players are leading the district Master Point races: **Jan Hasselback, Florence Boyd, Franklin Kidd, Judy Kaprove, Ruth Kozower and Dale Anderson.**

They lead for both the Mini-Mckenny and Ace of Clubs contests . the following people lead from the Ace of Clubs: **Carl Hasselback, Mike Kisiel, Judy Marshall and Meg Klamp.** For all of the above keep up the good bridge.

Also congratulations to **Kathy Pollock, Chongminn Zhang and Saleh Fetouh** who will be representing our unit and District 5 in the Grand National Teams in Washington this summer.

That's all for now, have to find out what is a "facebook"

**Jay Levy,**  
*Your President*

### **Important! Please Read** **Editor's Note**

To eliminate the cost of printing the Buff, this is the last Buff that will be provided in printed form.

**Judy Bailey** asks that anyone with an e-mail address contact her and they will receive the Buff by electronic delivery.

The Editors will continue to e-mail Buffs to those asking for this service in the past. The next on-line issue of the Buff will be sent on or about August 18<sup>th</sup>. Submissions accepted through August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Buff is also available on the Unit 116 website courtesy of **Dick Rasmus.** It can be read or downloaded from that facility.

Thanks for your attention.

*Bernie and Dick Czarnecki,*  
*Editors*

### ***Buff by E-Mail***

Unit 116 Board Member **Judie Bailey** has all known e-mail addresses of members in the Unit in her computer. If you would like to receive the Buff by e-mail, send her a message at [J.anneb@verizon.net](mailto:J.anneb@verizon.net) and let her know.

### **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.

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**Czarnecki** will be an interim reporter for Unit 116 events.

If you would like to fill this correspondent position, give Dick a call at 731-1707 or e-mail him at [sanbornjoker@aol.com](mailto:sanbornjoker@aol.com) and he will provide the requirements and compensation for the position. It's a chance to have your own by-line in a District 5 publication.

**SINGLE SITE UNIT GAMES RUN - 2009**

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**

9/11-13	Main & Transit Fire Hall - Williamsville	Judie Bailey – 636-6148
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Your editor recently interviewed an IRS Customer Service Representative. Here is what **Sue Neubecker** had to say:

***UNIT 116 - Presidential Masterpoints Race***

**0 to 100 MP's**

- 1 9.27 Florence Boyd
- 2 7.85 Franklin Kidd
- 3 5.38 Robert Kaprove

**100 to 300 MP's**

- 1 14.04 George Donsky
- 2 8.81 Carol Bedell
- 3 8.34 Dorothy Soong

**300 to 1000 MP's**

- 1 10.30 Dick Czarnecki
- 2 9.40 Dale Anderson
- 3 9.27 Faith Perry

**1000 to 2500 MP's**

- 1 27.26 Judith Padgug
- 2 18.25 Kathy Pollock
- 3 16.05 Allen Beroza

**2500 + MP's**

- 1 44.51 Jim Mathis
- 2 33.26 Randolph Seidenberg, Jr.
- 3 29.56 Dan Gerstman

**Joan Rose** got me into it. Joan has tried for 40 years to answer my questions.

My favorite players are anyone who will play with me, especially now that I am retired.

I have been married 43 years to Bob and have three children and five wonderful grandchildren.

I worked for 20 years at the dreaded IRS. When I retired, my coworkers would ask: "What are you going to do when you retire?" I said I play bridge and then they wanted to know what else I would do. Obviously, most in the real world don't understand Duplicate Bridge.

The editor also interviewed a talented bridge player who inspired the co-editor of the Buff to get involved in the game of bridge – **John Marvin**.

Bridge:

- He started playing duplicate with friends who were interested in the game. They found the Barrett Club and started going there a couple of

**-----Reporter Wanted-----**

**Allen Beroza** will not be writing the District 5<sup>th</sup> Column in the future. **Dick**

times a month. After a few weeks they learned there was a regional at the Statler and they entered an event. Somehow they got a couple of red points so when the ACBL started with its rainbow foolishness they didn't need anything but 300 points including 50 reds. Of course, all points were more difficult to get in those days.

- On the question of how he learned to play bridge – John responded “I am an autodidact. I learned the most when I got a job teaching bridge in Sweet Home's adult education program.”
- He was fortunate enough to have played with some fine players. **Ray Blake** taught him more than any single player. Ray shared his notes with him. They were better than any book out at the time. He became a life master playing with Ray in an afternoon game run by **Allen Greer** at the Eldrich Club.
- Locally John admires **Dan Gerstman** and **Jim Mathis** the most because he's known them the longest. Dan has been kind enough to invite him to have a game from time to time. All of the local experts are superb players. More important in John's view is that they are ladies and gentlemen at the table. John thinks western New York and Ontario players mostly put people first. That's one of the reasons why bridge in this area is so much fun.
- On his goal for Duplicate Bridge, John answered: “Working in the Tuesday afternoon mentor and 299er groups I hope I can help people acquire the skills to enable them to enjoy the game as much as I do.”

Personally:

- John's wife Lucille does not play bridge. They have many other common interests. His children, grandchildren, family and friends make him feel very fortunate to be alive.
- John was a social studies teacher for 33 years. Now he's an independent scholar and poet. He has published articles in literary journals, participate in scholarly conferences, and has had poetry in many magazines and newspapers locally and around the country. Among the denizens of the local literary scene, John is well known for his poetry readings.
- John is an avid golfer (aka “hacker”) and enjoys the NBA as a spectator sport. John was very sorry when the Buffalo Braves moved to California. If he's ever paid the billions he should have earned as a teacher he'll try to buy them back.

Our own local Centurion Bridge Player



Thanks to **Bill Bascom** for the photo and **Meg Klamp** for the following:

**Renzo Renzoni**, one of the icons of bridge in our area, just reached his 100th birthday! The Bridge Center of Buffalo arranged a celebration complete with champagne and birthday cake.



Renzo began playing bridge at age 22. He has been a presence in the Buffalo bridge world for many years and became a Life Master in 1974. Our guest of honor played all 26 boards. The word was out that the gray cells remain definitely operative — one more argument for encouraging our favorite vocation.

Many thanks to the attendees who brought beautiful and delicious food. Renzo seemed delighted to see many old familiar faces. His friends and acquaintances turned out in force. A good number came, not to play bridge, but to wish the guest of honor best wishes and good health.,

The day was complete with 15 tables of bridge in play. Renzo sat at table number one. He played the entire game - - all 26 boards. Word has it that he hasn't lost his touch.

How about that at the age of 100????? Look for Renzo story in the ACBL Bulletin home page!

**Goren Visits Charity Match** 1962

**Bascom-Murphy Pair Wins Tourney**

**William E. Bascom** and **Dr. Lawrence M. Murphy**, with a score of 206-1/2, won the duplicate bridge Open Pairs charity tournament held Wednesday evening at the Hotel Statler Hilton.

The entire proceeds of the tournament were donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Institute of Logopedics, the two designated beneficiaries of the American Contract Bridge League's 1962-1963 charity programs.

There was a total of 45 tables in play, divided into three sections. The attendance was probably the largest ever in Buffalo for a tournament at which only local players participated.

By coincidence, **Charles H. Goren**, Courier-Express columnist was in Buffalo



for the day and made a brief talk to the audience reminiscing on his frequent appearances here many years ago at the beginning of his notable

bridge career. Goren also chatted with **Mrs. Ralph W. Gordon**, outstanding local woman player who has been his partner often, and **Hubert A. Gerstman**, co-chairman of the tourney.

Second-place winners were **Mrs. Raymond Blake** and **Lawrence J. Meehan** with a score of 204; tied for third were **Charles Meitner – Mrs. Henry W. Ferel** and **Mrs. John J. Carney – Gerald Dottery**, 198; fifth-place winners were **Mrs. Paul Strachan** and **Mrs. Al Rosenfeld**, 195; sixth were Mr. and Mrs. **Gordon**. 193-1/2.

## Buffalo Silver Point 299er

Amherst (Buffalo)

June 12-14, 2009

### Friday AM 9.5 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
1.52	2			<b>Nancy Littenberg, FL; Bill Regan</b>
1.14	3			<b>Betty Metz; Diane Lyons</b>
0.91	5	3		<b>Ruth Wurster, Nancy Russell</b>
1.11	6	4	1	<b>H Ronald Helfman; Stewart Brenner</b>

### Friday Afternoon – 17.5 tables

MP's	A	C	Names
2.83	1		<b>Jean MacDonald; Myra Razik</b>
0.86		3	<b>Arthur Kean; Joe Miranda</b>

### Buffalo 299er Tourney

Mp's	A	B	C	Names
1.82	1			<b>Franklin Kidd; Betty Metz</b>
0.86	5	3	2	<b>Lois Tippet; Martha Quinn</b>

### Saturday AM 17.0 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
2.05	2			<b>Gary Schmitt; Tova Reinhorn</b>
1.92	3/4	1/2		<b>Barbara Landree; Diane Jeffrey</b>
1.23	5	3		<b>Maggie McNamara; John Lyth</b>
0.82			3	<b>Sharon Chang; Jacqueline Chang</b>

### 299 Sectional 14.5 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
1.89	2	2	1	<b>Parimal Pal; Gaurang Sheth</b>

### 299er Sectional 9 tables

MP's	A	B	C	Names
0.89	5	5	2	<b>Stan Zionts, Terri Zionts</b>

### 299er Single Session Swiss

MP's	A	B	C	Names
2.12	1			<b>Betty Metz; Franklin Kidd; Barbara Landee; Gary Schmitt</b>
1.59	2			<b>Judy Kaprove; Tova Reinhorn; Carol Bedell; Ruth Kozower</b>
1.62	3	1		<b>Joe Miranda; Marilyn Sultz; Arthur Kean; Charles Klanian</b>
1.22	4	2		<b>Robert Kaprove; Robert Hessel; Susan Barclay-Kay Barclay, ON</b>
1.19		3	1	<b>Patricia Guterman; Irving Shuman, FL; Marilyn Shuman, June Feuerstein</b>

## Duplicate Bridge By **Dick Czarnecki**

**Omar Shariff** was quoted as saying, "Duplicate Bridge was invented by a person who hated people".

Some master players have deemed it a simple counting game. So, we have a game that could be described as devilishly simple. Maybe, that is the attraction.

It certainly caught the attention of **Renzo Renzoni** and kept it for seventy-eight years.

Many bridge players have literally made a living or at least a lifestyle of this game.

**Sue Neubecker** said in an interview, "When I retired my co-workers asked, 'What are you going to do?'" I said "Play Bridge." They then said "What else?" "Obviously, most in the real world don't understand Duplicate Bridge."

The game can fill up your life. There is always a game somewhere, every day, morning, noon and nite. For some, it's to climb the ACBL ladder to fame and fortune. For others, it's to prove your mastery of the game and of your opponents. It's also a way to be in the company of others who are like minded.

For me, it was a way to exercise my mind and learn a past time I could share with my wife. I'm not interested in gardening, knitting or crafts of any kind. These have been the hobbies of my wife Bernie. But she was willing to learn to play bridge. So from **Allan Greer**, I passed the knowledge to **Bernie Czarnecki**. She is now as addicted to the game as anyone I know. In fact she plays as much with others as she does with me.

In bridge you have the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. But you also have a healthy memory, friendship, travel, adventure and satisfaction. Not bad for a simple counting game.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING  
CHANGE IN YOUR UNIT DIRECTORY:

**NITA FERRELL, 715 RENAISSANCE  
DRIVE, APT. B 310, WILLIAMSVILLE,  
NY 14221-8035, (716) 929-5455.**

**Congratulations-New Life Master  
Chongmin Zhang**

**Sad Tidings  
Mary Robb**

***If you know of a recent member  
passing,***

***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.

From **Judie Bailey:**

If we had no winter, the spring would not  
be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes  
taste of adversity, prosperity would not be  
so welcome.

~Anne Bradstreet

From **Dotty May:**

An elderly duplicate bridge player is  
getting his physical. The doctor says,  
"O.K. Sam – How do you keep mentally  
fit?"

Sam says, "Well, I play duplicate bridge  
regularly."

The doctor then says, "That's great – Now  
what do you do to keep physically fit?"

Sam says, " I always play East-West."

The quest for the perfect system!  
By **John Marvin**

This hand was played in the BCB's  
Tuesday 299er game. Could your system  
get you to one of the makeable games (or  
the low percentage slam)?

Board 12	♠-JT32	
Dlr: W	♥-Q52	
Vul: N-S	♦-A5	
	♣-K962	
♠-AQ94	N	♠-76
♥-KT83	W E	♥-AJ6
♦-Q962	S	♦-KJ873
♣-3		♣-AT7
HCP	♠-K85	N:
10	♥-974	S:
11 13	♦-T4	E:6D5H2N
6	♣-QJ854	W:6D5H2N

Goren would open the W hand 1♠, 'the  
suit below the singleton.' Weak Roman  
players would open it 2♦s (11 – 14 & any  
3 suits). Standard bidders will say 1♦. No  
matter what, it's hard to stay out of the  
unmakeable 3NT except for the few  
cautious Es who carry on to 5♦s. The  
Moysian ♥ fit seems an unlikely contract  
these days and the less than 25% slam is  
unbiddable unless West takes a flyer on  
the belief that they've missed a 'cold' 3NT

Interesting hand because most players  
who bid game will go down in NT without  
a defensive error like letting the club suit  
block



## Unit 116 Wine & Cheese Party

When: Saturday- July 18, 2009  
 Where: Bridge Center of Buffalo  
 3362 Sheridan Drive  
 Time: 7:00

For Partners or Information contact:

**John Toy** 885-5364  
 or  
**Pat Rasmus** 649-4634

Stratified by attendance  
 Entry Fee \$6.00



## **UNIT 116 SUMMER FINALE SECTIONAL**

September 11, 12, and 13, 2009  
 Main-Transit Fire Hall  
 6777 Main Street  
 Williamsville, NY



Friday, Sept 11th  
 Stratified

**A/B/C Pairs (Single Session) 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM**



**Saturday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Stratified A/B/C Pairs (Single Session) 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM**

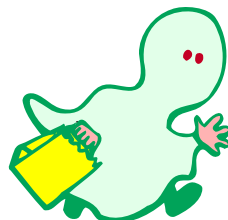
**Sunday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Bracketed\* A and B/C Swiss Teams 10:30 AM**

\* If 24 teams (two session playthrough)

**STRATUM "A" 2000+**  
**STRATUM "B" 500 to 2000**  
**STRATUM "C" 0 to 500**

Entry fee per player per session - \$8.00  
 Non & unpaid ACBL members - \$9.00

Tournament Information/partnerships:  
 Chairperson, Judie Bailey – 636-6148 or  
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## Buffalo's Spooktacular Regional

Holiday Inn  
 Grand Island NY ♣ October 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*TUESDAY – October 20<sup>th</sup>*

**Tuesday Bracketed KO's**  
 9:00A 1:30P 7:00P  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 Sessions  
**299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)**  
 9:00A 1:30P 7:00P  
**Morning Side Series Pairs 9:00A**  
**Tuesday Stratified Open Pairs**  
 (2 Sessions) 1:30P 7:00P  
**Afternoon Side Series Pairs 1:30P**  
**Evening Side Series Pairs 7:00P**

*WEDNESDAY – October 21<sup>st</sup>*

**Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's**  
 9:00A  
**299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)**  
 9:00A 1:30P 7:00P  
**Morning Side Series Pairs 9:00A**  
**Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's**  
 1:30P 7:00P  
 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Sessions  
**Wednesday Stratified Open Pairs**  
 (2 Sessions) 1:30P 7:00P  
**Wednesday Stratified Swiss Teams**  
 (1 Session) 7:00P  
**Afternoon Side Series Pairs 1:30P**  
**Evening Side Series Pairs 7:00P**

THURSDAY – October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Wednesday/Thursday Compact KO's**  
9:00A

**299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)**  
9:00A 1:30P 7:00P

**Morning Side Series Pairs**  
9:00A

**Wednesday/Thursday Bracketed KO's**  
1:30P 7:00P  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 4 Sessions

**Thursday Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions)**  
1:30P 7:00P

**Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions)**  
1:30P 7:00P

**Afternoon Side Series Pairs** 1:30P  
**Evening Side Series Pairs** 7:00P

FRIDAY – October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Friday/Saturday Compact KO's** 9:00A  
**299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)**  
9:00A 1:30P 7:00P

**Morning Side Series Pairs** 9:00A  
**Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's**  
1:30P 7:00P

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 Sessions

**Friday Stratified Open Pairs**  
(2 Sessions) 1:30P 7:00P

**Friday Stratified Swiss Teams**  
(1 Session) 7:00P

**Afternoon Side Series Pairs** 1:30P  
**Evening Side Series Pairs**  
7:00P

SATURDAY – October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Friday/Saturday Compact KO's** 9:00A  
**299er Stratified Pairs (Single Session)**  
9:00A 1:30P 7:00P

**Morning Side Series Pairs** 9:00A  
**Friday/Saturday Bracketed KO's**  
1:30P 7:00P

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 4 Sessions

**Saturday Compact KO's**  
1:30P 7:00P

**Saturday Stratified Open Pairs**  
(2 Sessions) 1:30P 7:00P

**Afternoon Side Series Pairs** 1:30P  
**Evening Side Series Pairs** 7:00P

SUNDAY – October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Stratified Swiss Teams**  
10:00A

PLAYTHROUGH 7-7 Board Matches  
Stratum "A1" 3000+  
Stratum "A2" 0-3000  
Stratum "B" 1000-2000  
Stratum "C" 300-1000  
Stratum "D" 0-300

**District 5 Continues The Tradition!**  
Low, Low Entry Fees!



**\$10.00 per session**  
**\$12 for non & unpaid**  
**ACBL members**

**INFORMATION:**

**Stratified Events**

Stratum "A" 2000+  
Stratum "B" 750-2000  
Stratum "C" 0-750

**299er's - Faith Perry** 716.681.5251

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