Message from the President:

First and foremost, thanks and deepest appreciation to Ronnie Orr who just completed his second two-year term as President of Unit 168. Ronnie has served our Unit in many ways and continues to serve as Unit Tournament Coordinator, not an easy job! Thanks also to Bridget Whitley and Kelly Zeller for their many years as Bridge Bits Editor and Unit Secretary, respectively. Kelly is stepping up to be the new Bridge Bits Editor and Debbie Klinger has agreed to serve as the Unit Secretary.

As you will see in the following pages, there are many activities taking place in Unit 168 over the next several months. These include Sectionals in Chambersburg, Lancaster, York and Hagerstown. The schedule for many of these tournaments includes earlier Game Times (approximately 10:00 am and 3:00 pm), which members seem to appreciate. Of course there is usually great hospitality provided after the second session. Enjoy!! In addition, there will be a Non-Life Master Game in Harrisburg and a Swiss Team Game in Hagerstown in May as well as STACs (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) in late July. These all require a great deal of planning, so your participation is greatly appreciated. (Earning silver master points is a secondary benefit!)

I look forward to seeing you across the bridge table (or at the hospitality) at many of these events!

Bert Murray

Kudos to Bridget!

Bridget Whitley has been the Editor of Bridge Bits for the past 17 years!!! Thanks to her, we have had the skinny on what’s happening in Unit #168. Great Job Bridget!!! You will be missed. Bridget is still involved with the Unit activities, you will see her around.

If you have any info, calendar events, stories, etc, that you feel might be good info for this Flyer, Send it to me: kmzeller1@comcast.net

Kelly Zeller

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendars!!!

April 1-3  Chambersburg Sectional
April 15-17  Lancaster Sectional
May 1st  Hagerstown 2-Session Swiss w/Dinner Fountain Head CC
May 7th  Harrisburg NLM Sectional
June 24-26  York Sectional @ Springetts
July 10th  Christmas in July Charity @ Bridge Boardroom
July 11-17  STAC Games at Clubs
July 17th  Hagerstown Charity Game
Aug 14th  York Bridge Boardroom NLM Sectional
Sept 23-25  Hagerstown Sectional

Kelly’s Korner

Okay, so let’s talk about Pre-empts.

Bridge Players know this bid shows a weak suit, however, there is another Pre-empt available. The Pre-emptive apology. This works well after the opponents lead and you are placing dummy on the table. The pre-emptive apology allows you to accept responsibility for over-bidding (lacking the points required), supporting partner with fewer than the required amount of their suit or simply losing your mind. So, the next time that you fall from grace, try one of these lines; Sorry Pd, this might not work, if not, I assume full responsibility or Sorry Pd I took an optimistic view of the hand or simply... Sorry Pd, I had a moment. And the absolute best line to add to the pre-emptive apology is..... Well Pd, I allowed for your expert Declarer Play!!! It’s worth a shot, regardless of the outcome..... Keep Playing. Keep Smiling....... See you at the Tables.
Chambersburg Sectional Tournament*  
April 1-3, 2011

Friday, April 1  
April Fool’s Day*Therefore, everything subject to change 12:00 pm  
Clowns Stratified Open Pairs (0-500; 500-1000, 1000 up) Fools Intermediate/Newcomer pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)*  
6:00 pm Jokers Stratified Open Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000 up) Comedians I/N pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)*

Saturday, April 2  
10:30 am Stratified Open Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000 up) I/N pairs (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)*  
3:00 pm Stratified IMP’s Open Pairs (0-500, 500-2000, 2000 up)  
I/N pairs match play (0-100, 100-200, 200-300)*

Sunday, April 3  
12:00 pm Two Session Swiss Teams with food. $100.00 per team. Stratified by team average at discretion of director

ACBL members with 0-5 points, play free  
Chambersburg Recreation Center, 235 South Third Street, Chambersburg, Pa, 17201

Contact Tom Silverwood (717) 261-0336;  
Phil Davis (717) 352-8434  
Barbara Spohn (717) 334-0810;  
Diane Shriver (717) 263-0311.  
Partners: Alan Walter (717) 709-0949  
Assisting Manager: Bob Knuff (717) 263-0911

Hotel: Quality Inn, 1095 Wayne Ave. (717) 263-8386: $60 standard room; $80 Suite

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Lancaster Sectional April 15-17  
The Lancaster Sectional will be held on Friday, April 16th 1:30 and 7:30

Saturday April 17th 10:00 and 3:00

Please Note Earlier Play Times on Saturday!  
Swiss on Sunday the 18th (a play through starting at 11:00 a.m.). We will run a 499er section at ALL of the game times and are really encouraging all the Intermediate/Newcomer players to come out and earn lots of SILVER points!

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Harrisburg NLM Sectional May 7th  
Harrisburg Bridge Club @ Noon  
329 N 21st St, Camp Hill, PA

Two session NLM pairs play through  
This tournament includes All Non Life Masters!!!  
No point limit for NLM’s!!!
Pre-registration is requested  
A light meal will be provided between sessions.  
Prepaid $40/pair - At the Door $50/Pair  
Director Bob Priest (717) 579-5665 fhtr_bob@yahoo.com  
108 Hanna St, Harrisburg, PA 17104  
Partnership Betsy Davenny (717) 234-8154

York Sectional June 24-26  
Springetts Fire Company  
3013 East Market Street, York, PA 717-755-3171

Friday, June 24th  
Stratified Pairs Noon & 6 PM  
Stratified 499er Pairs Noon & 6 PM  
Saturday, June 25th  
Marian Heffner Memorial Pairs  
Stratified Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30PM  
Stratified 499er Pairs 10:00 AM & 2:30PM
Sunday, June 26th

Please Note : All Stratified by Team Average
Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00 AM  
Stratified 499 Teams - Single Sessions 11:00 & 2

Short Break between Sessions - Pizza Party!
Chair: Kelly A Zeller 717-246-8034  
kmzeller1@comcast.net  
Partnership - Debbie Klinger 717-394-0171  
dhklinger@epix.net

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Harrisburg Charity Swiss July 10th
@ the Bridge Boardroom
IT’S CHRISTMAS...IN JULY........
Mark this date – Sunday, July 10 – on your calendar, and plan to play in the Unit Charity Swiss Team Game at the Bridge Boardroom, 2109 Industrial Highway, York. In addition to great bridge and the great eats for which the Bridge Boardroom is famous, we’ll be featuring the always-popular Re-Gifting Raffle. How does it work? Round up your least loved and under-appreciated gifts. The ones gathering dust in a closet somewhere in your home. Wrap them up, and bring them with you. Then purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win one of these “terrific” prizes. You never know, one person’s trash is another person’s treasure!

Check at your club this spring for more details on starting time, entry fee and dinner menu. Hope to see you there.

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York NLM Sectional August 14th
Sunday, NLM Tournament & Party
Bridge Boardroom
2109 Industrial Highway
York, PA 17402
Bridgeboardroom@yahoo.com
717-755-9505
$25.00 per person, includes food & beverage
Reservations Required!!!
Register Early!!!
10-11 Brunch
11-2 Silver Point Game
2-2:45 Social Buffet
2:45 - 5:45 Silver Point Game
Dessert Buffet during 2nd game
Games for all Levels:
0-20 Newcomers - Beginners Only!
0-50,0-99, 0-NLM
Door Prizes

Did you know it takes more muscles to frown than to smile? 😊 So smile...... and bring your Smile to the Bridge Table!!!

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WHAT’S HAPPENING AT THE CLUBS........

Harrisburg Bridge Club
The Harrisburg Bridge Club started a new OPEN evening game on Friday, 2/18 @ 6:30 PM. On the 4th Wed of every month there are Swiss Teams and here are the NAP Qualifier dates June 6th 10:30AM, June 7th 7:00 PM (0-1000), June 9th -12:30PM,
June 11th - 1:00 PM, June 13th - 7PM,
June 14th - 12:30 PM.
Tim Trissler, timtriss@aol.com

Lancaster Maple Grove
The Maple Grove Players bridge club meets at 12:15 on Mondays at the Maple Grove Community Center. There is a bridge lesson EVERY week at 11:15 followed by a light lunch. There are always two sections – Open and 299er and also a beginner practice table. Players of any ability are encouraged to come out and join the fun!
Andie Sheaffer, Andie.sheaffer@comcast.net

Bridge Boardroom
The Boardroom has added a Wed. evening open game in conjunction with the NLM @ 6 p.m. Our Friday evening game also has a 199er game in conjunction with the open game--lesson at 6, game starts at 6:30. Once a month(usually 3rd Friday) we have Bridge University, an in-depth lesson and game which includes lunch and our Wonderful Sat. Night Special usually 4th Sat...With Appetizers, Meal and Enchanted Masterpoint Game.
Edward Scanlon, edjsiii@yahoo.com

White Rose BC
Sweet Silly Swiss was a great success the first time held in November 2010. A second game was on Sunday, January 30,2011 and again, enjoyed by all. For the event, anyone interested signs up as a single, indicating his/her ACBL points, (no partner required). The day of teams are put together making an effort to have the teams as even as possible, having at least one A player who would be the team captain. Plans are to have this game whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month.
Peggy Thacker, peggy1455@aol.com
And the Winners Are……

2010 Ace of Club Winners for Unit#168
Most Points Earned at Club Games during 2010

0-5       M Wesley Maneval
5-20      Marion Ong
20-50     Barbara Sturgis
50-100    Charles Meister
100-200   Angela Reiner
200-300   Steve Valencic
300-500   Vernon Hester
500-1000  Harry Laspino
1000-2500 David Abuhove
2500-5000 Judith Groenenboom
5000-7500 H Philip Monyer
10,000 +  John & Selena Swanson

2010 Mini McKenney Winners for Unit #168
Most Points Earned at Tournaments during 2010

0-5       M Wesley Maneval
5-20      Marion Ong
20-50     Kathryn Markley
50-100    Charles Meister
100-200   Angela Reiner
200-300   Steve Valencic
300-500   Ella Zimmerman
500-1000  Edward Scanlon
1000-2500 Tim Smith
2500-5000 Dennis Wick
5000-7500 Mel Lubart
10,000 +  John & Selena Swanson

Unit #168 Sectional Players of 2010

Open
Kurt Kilhefner 66.25
John Sheaffer  39.43
H Philip Monyer 30.51
0-1500
Steve Valencic 19.36
Joe Anne Williams 19.19
Robert Williams 19.19
0-500
Steve Valencic 19.36
Robert Knuff 14.72
Roseann Romito 14.34

Mama always said…if you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all. The same rule should apply at the Bridge Table, keep it nice or keep it quiet!

York NLM Sectional - February 6th,2011
Results

Sunday Morn NLM
Patricia Vandrey -Flora Bradley
Robert Felix - Zachary Felix
Frances Vanden -Myrna Kinman
Mary Kiley - Constance Wingate
Kathryn Markley -Irene Appleyard
Shirley Prutch -Russell Williams
Noel Szundy - Lirish Murphy
M Jeanne Maloney - Linda Zimmerman
Barbara Scheetz - Becky Brown

Sun Morn 49er
Ken Wenger -Phyl Accardi
Marilyn Zanger - J Scott Zanger
Stan Cohn - Sharon Sherban
Linda Johnson - Dorothy Disney

Sun Aft NLM
Toby Frame - Debbie Zimmer
Larry Abramowitz -Norman Garfield
Lisa Collins - Oleg Savinov
Jeffrey Cook - Sarah Crall
Nancy Fair - Anita Smith
Robert Felix - Zachary Felix
Harry Stamer - Dan Wagner
Constance Wingate - Mary Kiley
Diana Mulligan - Lee Miller

Sun Aft 49er
Nancy Anderson - Richard Anderson
Barbara Spohn - Dick Spohn
Sharon Sherban - Stan Cohn,
Bob Kurtz - Floyd Montgomery
Virginia Lowe - Robbie Cohen

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Harrisburg - Jan 2011 Results

Friday Afternoon A
Steve Valencic - H Philip Monyer
Travis Crump - Alfred Crump
Michael Zeller - Ella Zimmerman
John Sheaffer - Andrea Sheaffer
Thomas Kris - John Schwartz
Lynn Harris - Peg McKim

Friday Afternoon B
Gail Berra - Kathryn Gaither
Deborah Butz - Gary Hillenbrand
Timothy LeVan - Russ Palkendo

Friday Afternoon 299er
Amedee Dean - David King
Michele Martin - Constance Jeff
Sue Brocklebank - Byron Daudelin
M Wesley Maneval - Irene Appleyard
Donald Johnson - Richard Jentsch
Kevin Harter - Kathleen Harter
Barbara Sturgis - Martha Lewis
Eugene Sawyer - Thomas Parnell

Friday Evening Open
Carol Reitz - Jess Goodman
John Miller - Michael Young
Thomas Kris - John Schwartz
Steve Valencic - Mark Henderson
Denyse Le Maire - Geoffrey Mallette
Peg McKim - Lynn Harris
Carolyn Shirk - Ella Zimmerman
Timothy LeVan - Russ Palkendo

Friday Eve 499er
Isabelle Thabault - Kenn Pendleton
Myrna Kinman - Robert Knuff
George Lepley - Ken Bloom
Carol Gibboney - Dennis Gibboney
Howard Newstadt - John Campbell
Albert Snyder - Paul May

Sat Aft Open
Bobette Hayden Thorsen - Todd Thorsen
John Sheaffer - Barry Gorski
Denyse Le Maire - Geoffrey Mallette
Edward Magee - Ella Zimmerman
Thomas Weik - Ed Shapiro
Albert Bingaman Jr - Melvin Lubart
Steve Valencic - Mark Henderson

Sat Aft 499er
Russell Pal kendo - Robert Reed
Chris Eaton - L Irish Murphy
Isabelle Thabault - Kenn Pendleton
George Lepley - Ken Bloom
Timothy LeVan - Kathryn Shumaker
M Wesley Maneval - Marvin Maneval
Kevin Harter - Kathleen Harter
Nan Reisinger - Kathryn Markley

Sat Eve Open
Gene Gardner - Ed Shapiro
Todd Thorsen - Bobette Hayden
Albert Bingaman Jr - Melvin Lubart,
Denyse Le Maire - Geoffrey Mallette
Barry Gorski - John Sheaffer
David Hoover - Susan Nichols
Eugene Sawyer - L Irish Murphy

Sunday A/X Swiss
1 - John Swanson - Selena Swanson Joann Hano - Buddy Hano
2-4 - Michael Zeller - Kelly Zeller - Ronald Orr, Andre St Omer Roy
2-4 - Michael Mullendore - Irv Kipnis - Margaret Irvine - Paul Irvine
2-4 - Ed Lazarus - Diane Lazarus - Denyse Le Maire, Geoffrey Mallette
5 - Robert Priest - Linda Ivanoff, Andrea Sheaffer, Lynn Harris

Sunday BCD Swiss
Timothy LeVan - Dotti McNichol - Russell Pal kendo - Robert Reed
Betsy Daveny - Dian Wise
Connie Bamer - Virginia Marshall
Nevin Daveny - Shirley Krentz
Joe Anne Williams - Robert Williams
Dennis Gross - Marsha Nettles
Carol Gibboney - Dennis Gibboney
Michele Martin - Constance Jeff
Ruth Witman - Bob Kurtz
Nancy Hoffman - Linda Keim
Kathryn Gaither - Gail Berra

Irene Harpster - Connie Bamer
Edward Magee - Ella Zimmerman
Bridge Bits
March 2011

What’s going on in Unit #168

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