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Plan Ahead

2014 NATIONALS

March 20 – 30	Dallas
July 17 – 27	Las Vegas
November 27 – December 7	Providence RI

2014 UNIT 222 SECTIONALS - REGIONAL

April 4 – 6	Sturtevant Sectional
July 17 – 21	Summer Sectional
August 19 – 24	Milwaukee Regional
October 9 – 12	Fallfest Sectional
December 27 – 30	Holiday Sectional



**Wisconsin Holiday Sectional
December 26-29, 2013**

TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

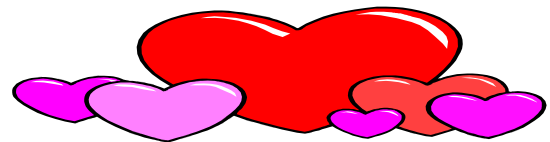
- 19.04 Doug Henry
- 18.19 William McFall
- 17.47 Paul Stern
- 16.85 Nancy Burke
- 16.20 Paul Schroeder
- 16.04 Donald Croysdale
- 14.55 Betty Marggraf
- 14.02 Mary Emory
- 13.65 David Spicuzza
- 13.11 J Hanley
- 12.38 Eric Mane
- 11.80 John Winter
- 11.63 Mark Kinzer
- 10.95 William Malesevich
- 10.95 Michele Foran
- 10.92 Thomas Louchbaum
- 10.29 Yvette Neary
- 10.29 Jerry Duckler
- 10.15 B Wolff
- 8.92 David Schudson
- 8.41 Charles Bantz
- 8.39 Tamas Szabo
- 8.39 Aniko Szabo
- 7.66 Barbara Schuelke
- 7.62 Ronald Cohn
- 7.50 Kerry Smith
- 6.97 S Tuff
- 6.92 Emmanuel Vuvunas
- 6.88 Harriette Myers
- 6.70 Nancy Mandel
- 5.92 Sharon May
- 5.52 Nancy Lieberman
- 5.46 Larry Sherkow
- 5.32 Thomas Krueger
- 5.32 Richard Krueger
- 5.30 Dianne Kiehl
- 5.18 Irene Bolton
- 5.05 Marlene Backus
- 4.90 Joanne Behling
- 4.88 Paul Karas

- 4.88 George Urquhart
- 4.85 Barbara Recht
- 4.71 Janet Holmes
- 4.43 Sandy Palmer
- 4.34 Mark Nehs
- 4.28 Maxine Cohn
- 4.15 Mary Spyers Duran
- 4.15 Caroline Duerson
- 4.02 Melodee Curtes
- 3.96 Dennis Hawtin

I would like to thank Partnership Chair Nancy Mandel for her work for the tournament; Michael Fehrenbach, our caddy; and, of course, Peter Wilke for his continued expertise to see that the tournament runs smoothly.

Nancy Burke

Valentine Sectional



FEBRUARY 5 - 8, 2014

BRUCE BROWN CUP OPEN PAIRS

Yvette Neary ~ Bill Malesevich

TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

- 24.94 Yvette Neary
- 24.94 William Malesevich
- 20.85 David Spicuzza
- 19.90 Donald Croysdale
- 19.88 Ronald Gould
- 19.24 William McFall
- 16.94 Michele Foran
- 15.66 Joan Stein

15.56 Jerry Duckler
 14.85 Eric Hochman
 14.50 John Winter
 14.50 George Urquhart
 14.33 Bhadra Chheda
 12.92 James Ellis
 10.21 Paul Karas
 9.58 Betty Manggraf
 8.92 Henry Sokol
 8.78 Patrick Borman
 8.68 Burton Goodman
 7.83 Bud Stein
 7.58 Jill Polacheck
 7.49 Paul Schroeder
 7.44 Bob Marheine
 7.25 Janet Urquhart
 7.25 Eric Mane
 6.87 Vicki Sosnay
 6.87 Al Marino
 6.77 Joyce Dalal
 6.48 Marlene Backus
 6.43 M Halmstad
 6.10 James Lathrop
 6.10 Donna Neal
 5.86 Nancy Burke
 5.86 Mary Emory
 5.77 Richard Stieger
 5.77 Gerald Haig
 5.74 Patricia Peck
 5.74 Marianne Ludwick
 5.65 Thomas Louchbaum
 5.44 Mark Kinzer
 5.44 Doug Henry
 5.44 David Schudson
 5.30 Robert Frontczak
 5.24 Sandy Brown
 5.15 Joanne Behling
 5.11 N Heinitz
 5.11 Henry Kensler
 4.99 Adriana Humada
 4.97 Sharon May
 4.89 Monica Ansay
 4.89 Laina Marsh

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 Yvette Neary - Partnerships Chair
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And those who brought food:

Sue Daniels	Sandy Brown
Irene Bolton	Sue Haidinger
Peggy Parsons	Kathy Karolewicz
Melodee Curtes	Michele Foran



TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

30.00 John Winter
 30.00 George Urquhart
 22.50 Mark Kinzer
 22.50 Bob Marheine
 20.67 Paul Karas
 20.67 Eric Mane
 16.88 Yvette Neary
 16.88 William Malesevich
 12.86 Barbara Schuelke
 12.00 Doug Henry

12.00 David Schudson
 10.00 Sandy Palmer
 10.00 Dennis Hawtin
 9.57 Sharad Jugal
 9.57 Sachin Jugal
 9.00 Don Solomon
 9.00 Charles Bantz
 8.47 Peter Jones
 8.47 Michael Wierzbicki
 8.43 Kurt Litscher
 8.43 Janet Litscher
 7.66 Sharon May
 7.66 Dianne Kiehl
 6.75 Robert Mandel
 6.75 Nancy Mandel
 6.75 Marjorie Thien
 6.75 Daniel Dennehy
 6.37 William McFall
 6.37 Betty Marggraf
 4.74 Joanne Behling
 4.74 Irene Bolton
 4.16 Mark Harrington
 4.16 John Pereles
 2.19 Susan Daniels
 2.19 Shirley Thieme
 1.75 Ronald Cohn
 1.75 Robert Steuer
 1.21 Marilyn Wescott
 1.21 Henry Kensler
 0.94 Lee Petzold
 0.94 Adriana Humada
 0.71 Michael Fehrenbach
 0.71 David Spicuzza
 0.46 Thomas Louchbaum
 0.46 Steven Picus
 0.46 S Derrwaldt
 0.46 Robert Van Eerden
 0.46 Paul Schroeder
 0.46 M Halmstad
 0.46 Lizabeth Kennedy
 0.46 Joan Stein
 0.46 Jerry Duckler
 0.46 Donna Billings
 0.46 Donald Croysdale
 0.46 Bud Stein
 0.46 Al Marino



2014 UNIT 222 AWARDS DINNER

The Greater Milwaukee Bridge Association held its annual Unit Dinner on Sunday, March 2, at the Hilton Gardens Inn. In addition to the Progressive Sectional Finals and a delicious buffet dinner, many players were recognized for their 2013 bridge accomplishments.

Awards were presented to the following winners:

2013 Club Players of the Year:

Flight D (0-300 points): William Parsons
 Flight C (300-1499 points): Wes Burzynski
 Flight B (1500-5000 points): Janet Urquhart
 Flight A (5000+ points): David Spicuzza

2013 Sectional Players of the Year:

Flight D (0-300 points): Judy Burzynski
 Flight C (300-1499 points): Mary Emory
 Flight B (1500-5000 points): Jim Hanley
 Flight A (5000+ points): Bill McFall

2013 Glen Lokken trophy for the player who won the most MPs at Unit 222 Sectionals: Bill McFall

2013 Unit Player of the Year: Bill Malesevich

2013 BRUCE BROWN CUP OPEN PAIRS
 (WON AT THE VALENTINE SECTIONAL)

ARTHUR FLASHINKSI – LEE PRELLWITZ

2013 MIKE WILKINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY
(WON AT UNIT DINNER)

JERRY DUCKLER – BOB MANDEL

2013 BOB CHARLSON MEMORIAL WINNERS
(WON AT THE SUMMER SECTIONAL)

S. FUHRMANN – DIANE VAUGHAN
BOB ESSER – WORTH VAUGHAN

2013 GARY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL
SWISS TEAM WINNERS (WON AT FALL FEST)

DOUG HENRY – MARK KINZER
DAVID SCHUDSON – BOB MARHEINE

Rank Advancements

Awards were presented to 2013 Life Masters and Silver, Gold, Diamond, Emerald, Grand Life Masters.

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Melodee Curtes	Jay Miller
William Parsons	Suzie Potter
Barbara Schuelke	Sharad Jogal

SILVER LIFE MASTERS (1000 MASTERPOINTS)

Tom Allen	Marian Brill
Robert Frontczak	Robert Krauss
Vicki Sosnay	Pat Stuehler
Lucy Will	

GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500 MASTERPOINTS)

John Grandine	Paul Karas
Steve Picus	Emmanuel Vuvunas

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 MASTERPOINTS)

Liz Kennedy

EMERALD (7500 MASTERPOINTS)

Doug Henry

GRAND LIFE MASTER (10,000 MASTERPOINTS)

Kerry Smith

Special Awards

Saving the best for last, three very special awards were presented:

Winnie Lawrie Service Award **Wes Erni**

Judith Schudson **Goodwill Award** **Paul Karas**

Bernice Larson Lifetime **Achievement Award** **Meredith Mattison**

2013 MINI-MCKENNEY ***TOTAL POINTS WON***

0 – 5

1. LEE PETZOLD
2. PAUL DORSEY
3. RICHARD JOHNSONBAUGH

5 – 20

1. ROBERT STEUER
2. BARBARA KARSTEN
3. ALLEN WEBER

20 – 50

1. BHADRA CHHEDA
2. MARGRET PARSONS
3. MARILYN EISENHUT

50 – 100

1. BETTY RILEY
2. CAROL COBUS
3. TED FINE

100 – 200

1. SHARON MAY
2. THOMAS LOUCHBAUM
3. SANDY BROWN

200 – 300

1. JUDY BURZYNSKI
2. WILLIAM PARSONS
3. MELODEE CURTES

300 – 500

1. BARBARA SCHUELKE
2. JILL POLACHECK
3. WES HANSON

500 – 1000

1. WES BURZYNSKI
2. VICKI SOSNAY
3. SUZANNE HAIDINGER

1000 – 2500

1. ROBERT MANDEL
2. EMMANUEL VUVUNAS
3. GEORGE KAISER

2500 – 5000

1. DAVID SPICUZZA
2. BUD STEIN
3. TAMAS SZABO

5000 – 7500

1. DON CROYS DALE
2. BILL MCFALL
3. YVETTE NEARY

7500 – 10,000

1. DAVID SCHUDSON
2. KERRY SMITH

10,000+

1. BILL MALESEVICH
2. JOAN STEIN

**2013 ACE OF CLUBS
MOST POINTS WON IN CLUB GAMES**

0 – 50

1. LEE PETZOLD
2. PAUL DORSEY
3. RICHARD JOHNSONBAUGH

5 – 20

1. ROBERT STEUER
2. WENDY BOSWORTH
3. NONA TAYLOR

20 – 50

1. JAMES LATHROP
2. BARBARA HILL
3. CAROL LEWENSOHN

50 – 100

1. TED FINE
2. BETTY RILEY
3. CAROL COBUS

100 – 200

1. SHARON MAY
2. THOMAS LOUCHBAUM
3. DARLENE WALTERS

200 – 300

1. WILLIAM PARSONS
2. JUDY BURZYNSKI
3. MITCHELL JACOBSON

300 – 500

1. BARBARA SCHUELKE
2. JILL POLACHECK
3. ROSLYN KRAUSE

500 – 1000

1. WES BURZYNSKI
2. VICKI SOSNAY
3. JAMES BRUCKNER

1000 – 2500

1. JANET URQUHART
2. ROBERT MANDEL
3. GEORGE KAISER

2500 – 5000

1. DAVID SPICUZZA
2. BUD STEIN
3. NANCY MANDEL

5000 – 7500

1. GEORGE URQUHART
2. JERRY DUCKLER
3. BETTY MARGGRAF

7500 – 10,000

1. DAVID SCHUDSON
2. KERRY SMITH

OVER 10,000

1. BILL MALESEVICH
2. JOAN STEIN



Declarer Play

By Kerry Smith

Not every bridge hand we play is as easy as the one shown above. Most often declarer must use counting and logic to be successful. How do you succeed in making your contract in the two deals shown below?

You reach 5C after LHO opens 3H and partner doubles. You bid 4C and partner raises to 5. The HK opening lead wins and then they switch to the D2.

Dummy

AQ10
5
A76
AQJ876

Declarer

54
QJ10
93
K109543

Is there any chance to avoid losing 3 tricks if the SK is offside?

The full deal:

Dummy

AQ10,
5
A76
AQJ876

732
AK98764
852
Void

KJ986
32
KQJ104
2

Declarer

54
QJ10
93
K109543

On the second trick, win the DA and then lead a club to hand. Now lead the HJ to ruff out the HA, and then return a trump to hand to discard a diamond on your good heart.

Now a trump to dummy to lead diamonds so when RHO takes a high diamond RHO must lead a spade into AQ or give you a ruff-sluff.

It can't cost to lead the diamond from dummy in case LHO has an entry -- RHO will have a hard time ducking, holding the diamond K & Q.

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You reach 4H after RHO opens 1NT (15-17). The opening lead is a low club. Plan your play to tricks 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

Dummy

Kxx
1098xx
Kxx
Kx

Declarer

Axx
KQJxx
Jx
Axx

You have four possible losers: 2 diamonds, the trump A, and a spade. You are armed with the knowledge that RHO has at least 15 points, you and your partner have 24 points between you, leaving LHO opponent with a maximum of 1 point.

If you try drawing trump you will fail. RHO will switch to a spade. If you ruff out the clubs and try A, K and a 3rd spade, LHO can get in with the 10 or possibly the J to switch to a diamond.

This is a layout where you need to play diamonds before trumps. It requires you to win the first trick in dummy and take an unusual finesse by leading low toward the DJ to win the tempo for a spade discard. When RHO flies the Q on air and switches to a spade it's too late. Declarer simply continues diamonds to build a trick with the DK in order to discard a spade even before trumps are played. RHO holds QJxx, Ax, AQx, QJ10x and will surely see what's coming when declarer plays three rounds of spades. RHO will avoid being end played by allowing partner to win the S10 if declarer tries to strip out the hand.

Another case where counting and logic prevail!



IN MEMORIAM

WES BURZYNSKI

Wes was passed away on February 27, at the age of 71.

Born during the dark days of World War II, Wes was a deprived War Baby. Because of shortages and rationing during the war, his little toy cars, trucks, and tractors all had wooden wheels which quickly snapped in half – so Wes had a number of little vehicles without wheels. But the important thing was, we won the war!

Wes grew up during the serene 1950s, and during the turbulent 1960s met and married Judy, and they started their family of four children. The family flourished in the 1970s, 80s, and 90s. Wes moved into blissful retirement in the 21st century. He loved his family and enjoyed attending his children's sporting events and other school activities. A generation later, he relished doing the same things with his grandchildren.

Wes greatly enjoyed sports and followed the Badgers, Bucks, Packers, Braves, and later the Brewers. He looked forward each morning to reading the sports section to see what Mike McCarthy and Ted Thompson were saying and doing. He followed the various teams on television and went to as many Brewers games as he could. He also played golf in his younger

days. For thirty years Wes, Judy, and three other couples met for a few days each summer at various motels and resorts for golf and bridge. In fact, Judy was in the process of scheduling a group outing for this summer. When Wes could no longer play golf, he still was out on the course driving the cart for Judy. When not playing golf, this group played a lot of party bridge. Wes and Judy also belonged to a number of groups playing party bridge.

It was in 2005 that Wes started playing duplicate bridge, and he loved it. He played some conventions, but relied mainly on good bidding and sound play. Wes liked bidding aggressively, and he particularly liked bidding and playing no trump. He got Judy involved in duplicate, and soon she was enjoying it as much as he did. Because she is still working, they played on evenings and weekends at various games and tournaments.

Wes accumulated points quickly and earned his Life Master. Wes and Judy both became members of the Unit 222 board of directors and helped plan various tournaments and events. On the day of his death, he was scheduled to play a team game.

When you bid and make a slam, particularly in no trump, you can bet Wes is looking down on you with an approving smile.

■ Jerry Schlais

JOHN GRANDINE

John was one of those people who made bridge a wonderful opportunity to meet truly bright, caring, and kind people. He was always friendly, and he and Dorothy were so welcoming to all who played at the Hartford game. It was as if you were doing them a favor by coming to their game, rather than the favor they were doing you by running such a nice, friendly game.

John and Dorothy were instrumental in having Hartford become part of GMBA. In the mid 90s, WUMBA agreed to let four counties bordering Milwaukee vote to stay in WUMBA or to join GMBA. It was John and Dorothy who led the vote in their area to join the GMBA.

John was on the GMBA board of directors in the mid 80s when Peter Wilke, Paul Karas, and Dick Streeter asked for "seed money" in the form of an interest-free loan in order to open the Bridge Center. Although there was no real value for the Hartford area, John and Norm Heinitz from Racine were the two board members from outside Milwaukee who voted to approve the loan -- a vote that the president of the Unit 222 board had to break with his "yes" vote. And what would we have done in Milwaukee without the Bridge Center?

We have many reasons to thank John for being a man of such integrity and foresight.

■ Dan Dennehy

John Grandine lives in my memory, and every Tuesday night I feel his presence at the Hartford Bridge Club. I fondly remember the tough math problems he gave to me, and I am still working on two of them! I assume some of his very best math students also spend time today trying to prove a difficult *Grandine Theorem*.

John consistently made bridge enjoyable for everyone with his cheerful attitude and his sincere interest in each player. He always guaranteed a partner at his club, and quite often a player would be rewarded by having John be that partner. He was an excellent player who felt at home with both novices and experts sitting across from him.

I also knew John to be indispensable at Marilyn Charlson's Monday Club. He often set up the game, and even when he was in great pain during his last years, he would get up each round and

move the boards, making sure everything went smoothly.

I miss John, but he lives on not only in my memory, but also in my heart.

■ Michele Foran

We had played party bridge for some ten years before we started playing duplicate bridge in the early 1980s in Oconomowoc at a game run by Mickey Washington. We had been playing there for less than one year (having accumulated a handful of master points). One day this friendly new couple, John and Dorothy, appeared at the game. We assumed they were new to the game since we had never seen them before and so we “helped” explain how duplicate bridge worked. We are not sure exactly how many master points they had at that time but, as we came to find out later, they were life masters. They patiently listened to our unsolicited advice and counsel, perhaps amused, but never making us feel like we were out of our league. That began a friendship that has covered over 30 years.

At some point, they mentioned that they had a game on Tuesday nights in Hartford if we were interested. It was a very pleasant game. John made a point of introducing new players to the Hartford game and made them feel very welcome. At the end of the game, he would tell them how much he enjoyed having them and made sure they knew that were more than welcome back. John and Dorothy had a policy of guaranteed partners, so that anyone who came to the game without a partner would play with one of them. Neither John nor Dorothy would make a lesser player feel that they weren’t “good” enough to play with them, and more times than not would come in first or second.

They had a second home in Little St. Germaine where they summered. They offered us a standing invitation to stay at their Little St. Germaine home (“Grand Inn”) during the Minocqua Sectional and to play with them in the knockouts which we did every year. During our

visits to Little St. Germaine, we got to know a lot more about John.

John was an avid Wisconsin Badger supporter and attended most Badger athletic sporting events. He was a high school math teacher in Hartford, coached wrestling, timed track and swimming meets, and eventually became the athletic director at Hartford High School. He had a close relationship with his Hartford High School students and athletes and spoke of them as proudly as if they were his own children, feelings that were reciprocated by the students and athletes as well.

When he discovered that our daughter, Jenny, was a soccer player, he invited us to attend a soccer tournament that Hartford was playing in Neenah. Needless to say a lot of our conversations revolved around sports.

John loved people and always had a smile on his face, even in the last few years when he was in excruciating pain from the cancer. He loved to poke fun, in a good natured sense, at the ones he cared for the most. Jim gave him a lot of material to work with and will miss being on the receiving end of John’s humor.

John came from a family of card players and was a great card player. While in Little St. Germaine with John & Dorothy, we would play a card game, for money, called three bye in which the dealer gets to look at his hand and select the game to play from among three alternative options. It was a high stakes game. For the evening, you could lose as much as \$1.50 and win as much as \$2.00. We have played the game with John and Dorothy for more than ten years. Two things were certain. Jim almost always lost \$1.50 and John almost always won \$2.00. Jim hated losing which made it all the more enjoyable for John.

John was an avid reader and loved music. He had a fantastic memory. He could sing any song written by Tom Lehrer from his favorite album “An Evening Wasted with Tom Lehrer”. He was familiar with the music from most musicals and would often sing excerpts from his favorites. He

loved Dorothy unconditionally and doted on her. He loved and admired his two sons Tom & Dave and his four granddaughters – Gabby, Madeline, Haley, and Hannah. He was proud of each and every one of them. He was a great friend. We will miss his smiling face.

■ Jim and Sandy O'Brien

John Grandine was a teacher and athletic director at Hartford Union High School. At his funeral, I was not surprised to hear emotional and inspiring stories of students, athletes, and family members upon whom John had a significant positive influence. I used to work northwest of Hartford, and the bridge club in Hartford run by John and Dorothy was always a welcome oasis on my way home each Tuesday evening. I still try to play there whenever I can, and I know that the experience has been beneficial both inside and outside of the world of bridge.

John and Dorothy always made people feel welcome. They were a successful bridge partnership and their conduct was always beyond reproach. They were an easy choice to be among the very first recipients of the Goodwill trophy presented each year by our unit. It is my hope that John's memory will live on as a shining example for club managers, directors, and all bridge players.

■ David Schudson

JAMES R. HANLEY

Jim died peacefully on January 4 at the age of 77. Those who knew him well knew he could play bridge and win against the best. The very best!

As a youngster, he learned counting skills and cards from his grandpa, and Jim excelled at many card games, including Scat and gin rummy. He played gin and bridge for money and did well. He became a life master at 22, the youngest life master in the country at the time. Although he

lived in the Milwaukee area, he and his partner, Jack Wachter, went to Chicago to play bridge for money. At some point Jim and Jack started playing duplicate in Milwaukee. They were so successful that they qualified to play in the nationals. Their team was the only one to beat Charles Goren's team in the summer nationals in 1960 in the double elimination tournament.

Jim became a lawyer and entered business as a banker, eventually becoming president of a small Milwaukee bank. He also was mayor of a northern Milwaukee suburb. When career and family responsibilities became too much, he found it necessary to give up duplicate bridge. Then, after an absence of almost 40 years, Jim started playing again and formed a successful partnership with Eleanor Pollock. They did well at local games and won many sectionals and regionals.

I was lucky enough to meet Jim when one of his partners failed to appear at a local game. We played together for about three years, playing in the Holiday Sectional just a week before he died. We had many wins and high scores. I always felt that if we didn't do well, it was primarily my fault because I usually was the one who made the "mistake."

Jim did well with many other partners also, particularly with David Spicuzza. Jim played a simplified system. He had a few gadgets over 1NT and strong 2 Clubs. He was a very intuitive bidder and often found slams others didn't. He was excellent at defense. However, what he really excelled at was play of the hand. Partial, game, or slam, he could place cards better than anybody. I forgot to mention, he was legally blind the whole time I knew him. He had special glasses and one lens was fitted with an eyepiece. He had health problems for the last few years and suffered from shortness of breath and limited mobility.

Jim had a great memory, and weeks later would bring up a hand to discuss. As much as I enjoyed playing with him, I enjoyed our non-bridge time as well or better. As he didn't drive for the last years, I would pick him up and drive

to games, giving us many hours for discussion in the car. He always knew where to get a good lunch or dinner near any event. He lived life to the fullest and had many great stories to tell. I will miss him.

■ Larry Sherkow

SUE SMITH

Sue passed away on October 29, 2013. She was so full of life that it is hard to believe she is gone. Sue loved bridge and had about 900 masterpoints. She was always anxious to learn more about bridge and especially enjoyed playing with her sister, Patsy.

Sue also enjoyed playing golf. She was devoted to her family and loved all of her friends, especially her companion, John.

Susie was a classy lady and will always be missed.

■ Mary Ann Heinitz

RICHARD STERNLIEB, M.D.

Dr. Sternlieb passed away at age 86 on December 26 after a long illness.

The number 7 might make you think of the game "craps," but Doc was a slots player and he loved going to the casinos. My honey and I would meet Doc and his wife, Jeannie, at Potawatomi Casino and play slots with them. For a number of years, Doc and Jeannie invited us, Bernice Larson and her friend, along with nieces and nephews to the Ho-Chunk casino where they treated all of us to dinner. Doc was very generous.

I spoke to some of our younger bridge players who are now top players but at the time were just starting duplicate. They remembered Doc as an established player who would discuss bridge

with them between sessions and pick up most of the drinks.

Doc loved the Minocqua tournament when it was played at the golf club. His dad at the age of 90 would come along and play golf with Doc and me. In 2010 Doc and I returned to the tournament but spent most of our time at the casino (Lake of the Torches) where we stayed. We both ended up ahead.

Jeannie and Doc loved animals and Doc's cat was very special to him. After bridge and dinner (in the spring of 2013), I would take Doc to the pet store where he would really stock up. He fed the cat just like he would feed us.

Doc will be missed in the bridge world.

■ Vernon Nelson

I always liked Dick Sternlieb. Perhaps his sense of humor might have seemed caustic at times to those who did not know him. But, frankly, he made me laugh and invariably demonstrated a quick wit

Dick had a huge heart and showed that constantly to his wife, Jeannie, and to his various and extensive family members. He loved to travel as long as there was a casino close by to wherever and whoever he visited.

He supported several organizations with financial contributions, especially the various Milwaukee-based professional sports teams. He was a dyed-in-the-wool Wisconsin Badger fan.

Dick loved the game of bridge. I met him at the table for the first time when he was an opponent in Lake Geneva. He was playing with Rob Crawford, a bridge professional. I think that Dick was surprised when he and Rob came to my table for the first time and Rob greeted me. Rob would ask me how I was able to get so many of the young, yet-up-and-coming players as partners. That was also when Dick learned that I had played with Rob's wife, very

successfully I might add. As partners, we had won a regional team event the previous spring.

Soon thereafter, Dick approached me about playing together and we did, playing at a sectional in the Racine area. Although we had made out a convention card, Dick truly wanted to play the conventions and use the approach that he wanted, not necessarily what we had put on our card. Once I understood that (between our first two sessions), we got along fine at the table. We did soon thereafter change our card, playing what HE wanted to play. At one point in time he commented to me that we had a winning streak of nine sessions in a row. Not bad for a couple of fuddy-duddies.

In addition to playing a few club games and several nearby sectionals and regionals, I played with Dick at the nationals in St. Louis and Detroit, and we had plans to play together in New Orleans and Cincinnati. He called me the day before we were supposed to play in New Orleans to say he could not make it. I learned later that he had misplaced his wallet and did not have a valid ID necessary for boarding an airplane! That was the first time someone had to cancel on me because they misplaced their wallet! Unfortunately, Dick suffered a fall just a couple of days before we were scheduled to play in Cincinnati, so we never did manage to play again at a national.

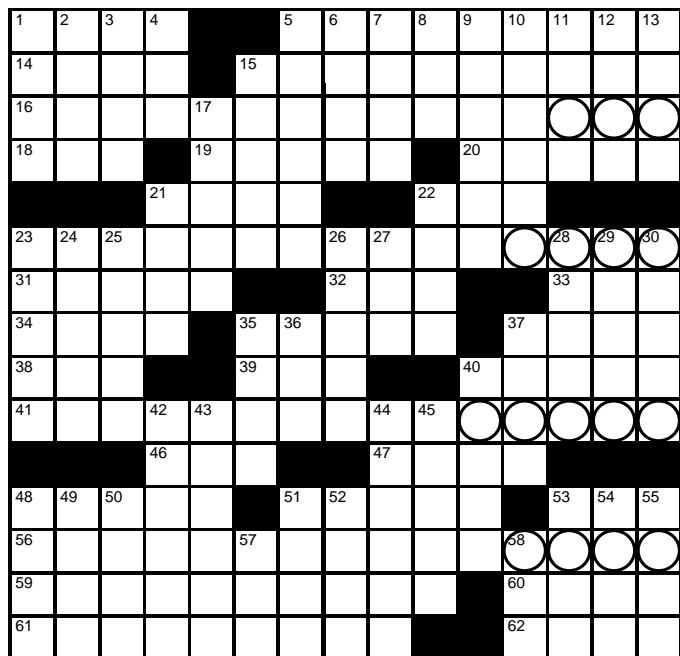
Dick took enormous pride in being a conservationist. I think he would almost prefer to be remembered for being a conservationist than as having been a physician at the VA for many years, or even as a truly fine bridge player. When we would drive together on the way to local or sectional tournaments, the discussions usually covered politics and the stock market.

Dick Sternlieb was a fine gentleman, and the Wisconsin bridge community will miss his presence at the bridge table.

■ Paul Stern

PUNOGRAPHY

- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.
- This dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus!
- I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- All the toilets in London police stations have been stolen. Police say they now have nothing to go on.
- Velcro - what a rip off!



FINAL HONORS CROSSWORD

BY STEVE PICUS

Across

1. Minnesota ____
5. Emotional cleansings
14. Prefix with culture
15. One who's left hanging?
16. The sequel to the 2006 Bond film "Casino Royale"
18. Half a school yr.
19. ____ Good Feelings
20. Belarus's largest city
21. Opportunist, perhaps
22. Bourg's department of eastern France
23. Tennyson's 12-poem series
31. "I've Just ____ Face" by The Beatles
32. Bother
33. Cambodia's Lon ____
34. " ____ long story"

35. "She loves me, she loves me not" flower
37. Where a leather split might end up
38. ____ Valley, San Francisco
39. Sea eagle
40. The merry widow in "The Merry Widow"
41. The de facto British national anthem
46. Japanese salad ingredient
47. Av follower
48. Over and done with
51. "Why, ____ crime?"
53. Vegas opener
56. Trivia game now available as an app
59. "The Battleship Potemkin" director
60. "Handy" man

61. Private school requirement, perhaps
62. Defensive spray

Down

1. What newbies read on-line
2. Chill
3. Disney World transport
4. Sloth, for one
5. Chevrolet introduced it in 1966
6. Suffix with buck
7. Petty quarrel
8. Green giant utterances
9. Breakdown of societal norms
10. Chain together again
11. Ollie's partner in slapstick
12. Series conclusions: Abbr.
13. Hide's partner
15. Romanian river that flows into the Tisa (anagram of "serum")
17. Early partner of Westinghouse
21. Wrist attachment
22. Mating call?
23. Gershwin's "Of Thee ____"
24. Part of a "Star Wars" name
25. Was sycophantic to
26. Barely visible
27. 6-pointers
28. "...two mints ____!"
29. "And that's ____" ("Believe you me.")
30. Follow the reaper
35. "Whip It" singers
36. "What ____ you getting at?"
37. Motown music category
40. ____ Valley, Calif.
42. Handbag materials
43. Extensions
44. Tush (even more slangy)
45. "Rocket Man" John
48. Gave the once-over
49. Roulette bet
50. Bernhardt contemporary of old theater (Eleanora ____)
51. Put ____ (ask hard questions of)
52. TV listings
53. Superboy's girlfriend
54. Flexible, electrically
55. Kind of terrier
57. Defense advisory grp.
58. Pickle

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