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**Plan Ahead**

**2017 REGIONALS**

Milwaukee Summer Regional

August 22 - 27

**2017 UNIT 222 SECTIONALS**

Waukesha Summerfest

July 13 - 16

Milwaukee Fallfest

October 5 - 8

Holiday

December 27-30



## UNIT 222 CHARITY TEAM GAME

*Come play and support the ACBL JUNIOR FUND*

SUNDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> - START TIME: 10:30 A.M

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH  
2400 W. State Road 59  
Waukesha, WI

Two Session Swiss Teams  
0-500, 2500, and unlimited

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## Wisconsin Holiday Sectional December 27-30, 2016

**Total masterpoints awarded: 1,221.80**

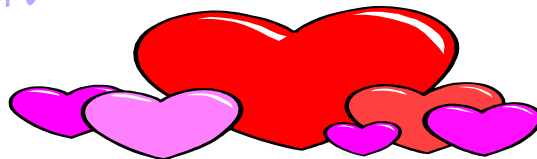
### TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

34.20 William McFall  
26.78 Paul Schroeder  
24.39 William Malesevich  
24.39 Michele Foran  
24.35 Robert Steuer  
24.35 Alan Horowitz  
24.24 Kerry Smith  
22.31 Doug Henry  
22.31 David Schudson  
18.59 Steven Picus  
18.48 Yvette Neary  
17.72 Mark Kinzer  
17.01 John Winter  
16.82 Joanne Behling  
16.53 Bob Marheine  
14.66 Emmanuel Vuvunas  
12.38 Marlene Feldman  
12.35 Jill Polacheck  
12.18 Henry Sokol  
11.75 James Vagourdes  
11.37 Suzanne Haidinger  
11.10 Sandy Palmer  
10.79 Arnold Weiss  
10.56 George Urquhart  
10.56 Betty Marggraf  
10.49 Marian Brill  
10.32 Wesley Hanson  
10.31 Mary Spyers Duran  
9.42 Vicki Sosnay  
8.91 Sharon May

8.85 Ronald Gould  
8.51 Lizabeth Kennedy  
8.21 Paul Stern  
7.69 Tobey Belmont  
7.14 Harriette Myers  
6.77 Paul Karas  
6.68 Vinod Chaudhary  
6.50 James Ellis  
6.36 Ted Witt  
6.36 Donald Scholz  
6.27 Janis Friesler  
6.14 James Lathrop  
6.14 Donna Neal  
6.10 William Crise  
6.10 Jane Crise  
5.90 Dianne Kiehl  
5.84 Ron Ramaker  
5.68 Sandra O'Brien  
5.68 Jim O'Brien  
5.63 Marlene Backus

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# Valentine Sectional



**FEBRUARY 8 - 11, 2017**

**BRUCE BROWN CUP PAIRS**  
Yvette Neary - Bill Malesevich

**Total masterpoints awarded: 721.16**

## TOP 50 UNIT 222 WINNERS

29.98 William Malesevich  
26.71 Kerry Smith  
20.70 Michele Foran  
17.28 Paul Schroeder  
16.12 Yvette Neary  
15.54 John Winter  
15.54 George Urquhart  
15.39 Bob Marheine  
14.37 William McFall  
13.30 John Pereles  
12.10 Paul Karas  
12.05 Nishat Chishti  
11.04 Lee Petzold  
10.88 Steven Picus  
10.83 Tamas Szabo  
10.82 Donald Urquhart  
10.23 Paul Stern  
9.28 Robert Steuer  
9.28 Alan Horowitz  
8.91 David Spicuzza  
8.62 Jay Miller  
8.47 Barbara Schuelke  
8.14 Melodee Curtes  
8.06 Suzanne Haidinger  
8.02 Irene Bolton  
6.96 Aniko Szabo  
6.88 Mark Kinzer  
6.79 Joan Stein  
6.49 Sandy Palmer  
6.46 Barbara Volk  
6.25 Sharon May  
5.44 Janet Holmes  
5.39 Marian Brill  
5.15 Mary Spyers Duran  
5.15 Joanne Behling  
4.86 Barbara Swansby  
4.68 Mark Harrington  
4.52 Thomas Allen  
4.52 Harry Kollman  
4.44 Audrey Rubin  
4.25 Monica Ansay  
3.95 Ronald Gould  
3.93 Nancy Burke  
3.93 Mary Emory  
3.87 Betty McDermott  
3.40 Paul Dorsey  
3.32 Frank Dethloff  
3.09 Doug Henry  
3.09 David Schudson  
3.03 Marlene Backus

## **“THANK YOU” TO HOLIDAY & VALENTINE SECTIONAL VOLUNTEERS**

**Thanks to everyone who attended these tournaments and made them both enjoyable and successful.**

**Special thanks to Peter Wilke for putting up with all of us and doing such a great job directing and getting the tournaments underway and keeping them on time.**

**Mardi Mattison is so very much appreciated for her work on the flyers.**

**A big THANK YOU to the following people who volunteered their time to fill in as needed: John Pereles, Mark Harrington, Mark Nehs, Marlene Backus, Ron Gould, Gwen Rotter, Jim Vagourdes, Lisa Clapsaddle, Ron & Maxine Cohn, Myrna Grossman, Bob Steuer, Alan Horowitz, John Watson, Judy Burzynski and Richard Johnsonbaugh. My most sincere apologies to anyone who spared that I might have forgotten to mention.**

**The great homemade goodies at the Valentine tournament were provided in part by: Judy Burzynski, Barbara Schuelke, Yvette Neary, Jan Litscher. Again, please forgive me if I forgot anyone else. These yummy treats really add to everyone's enjoyment.**

**Thanks to Bob Steuer and Judy Burzynski for their help with the I/N people. Also, thanks to Sandy Palmer for doing all the financials.**

**Last but not least, thanks to Ron Gould who was my co-chair for the Holiday tournament and for set up work at the Valentine tournament and all the assistance he gives at every tournament.**

- **Yvette Neary**



## **Progressive Sectional Finals**

**March 4 2017**

**Total masterpoints awarded: 294.84**

### TOP UNIT 222 WINNERS

15.94 Steven Picus  
15.94 Lizabeth Kennedy  
14.98 Ted Witt  
14.98 Donald Scholz  
14.09 John Winter  
14.09 George Urquhart  
12.72 Wesley Hanson  
12.72 David Schudson  
9.54 Kerry Smith  
9.54 David Spicuzza  
8.94 Melodee Curtes  
8.94 Barbara Schuelke  
7.93 Marjorie Thien  
7.93 Betty Marggraf  
7.16 Paul Stern  
7.16 Bob Marheine  
6.20 Kathy Karolewicz  
6.20 James Karolewicz  
5.94 Michael Wierzbicki  
5.94 Joan Stein  
5.72 Nishat Chishti  
5.72 Lee Petzold  
5.03 Suzanne Haidinger  
5.03 Sharon May  
4.65 Mary Matthews  
4.65 Henry Kensler  
4.37 Tamas Szabo  
4.37 James Vagourdes  
4.37 Don Solomon  
4.37 Aniko Szabo  
4.04 Robert Steuer

4.04 Alan Horowitz  
3.79 Ray Kalinowski  
3.79 Mark Nehs  
2.84 William Crise  
2.84 Jane Crise  
2.84 Don Hyra  
2.84 Brian Zimmerman  
1.91 James Lathrop  
1.91 Donna Neal  
0.63 Roberta London  
0.63 Janet Howenstine

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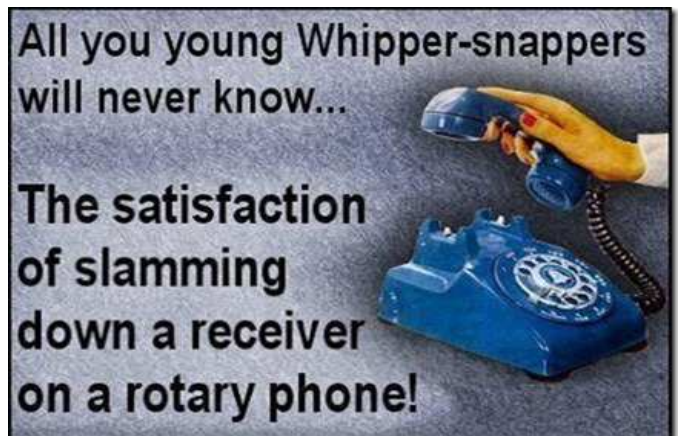
*THANK YOU* to all who made the 2017 Unit 222 Progressive Sectional and Annual Meeting possible, including the following program participants:

**STEVE PICUS - YVETTE NEARY - PETER WILKE**

**DAN DENNEHY - DAVE SCHUDSON**

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Yvette Neary and Ron Gould for their Partnership work
- Sandy Palmer for the Unit Financial Reports, collecting payments, and tracking attendance
- Mardi Mattison for preparing the flyer and assisting with the agenda
- John Pereles for his work in arranging the playing site
- Tom Krueger





# 2017 UNIT 222 AWARDS DINNER

The Greater Milwaukee Bridge Association held its Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 4, at the Radisson Northshore Hotel where many players were recognized for their 2016 bridge accomplishments. Also, the Progressive Sectional Pair Finals were played in the morning and afternoon sessions.

## Rank Advancements

Awards were presented to 2016 New Life Masters, and Silver, Ruby, Gold, Sapphire, Diamond, and Emerald Life Masters.

### NEW LIFE MASTERS

RICHARD KRUEGER    THOMAS KRUEGER  
JOHN MEYERS        ROBERT STEUER  
DONALD URQUHART

### SILVER LIFE MASTERS (1000 MASTERPOINTS)

MARLENE BACKUS    IRENE BOLTON  
MARY LOU FINDLEY   DONALD SCHOLZ  
LARRY SHERKOW     JOSEPH WOLLMAN

### RUBY LIFE MASTER (1500 MASTERPOINTS)

JANET BROWN        MARY MATTHEWS  
MARY MCCORMICK

### GOLD LIFE MASTER (2500 MASTERPOINTS)

GERALD HAIG        JANET URQUHART  
HENRY SOKOL

### SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER (3500 Masterpoints)

PAUL KARAS         TAMAS SZABO

### DIAMOND LIFE MASTER (5000 Masterpoints)

JUD GORDON         PAUL SCHROEDER  
MARJORIE THIEN     JOHN WINTER

### EMERALD LIFE MASTER (7500 Masterpoints)

YVETTE NEARY

### 2016 Club Players of the Year

Flight D (0-299 points)    ALAN HOROWITZ  
Flight C (300-1499 points)   BOB STEUER  
Flight B (1500-4999 pts)    DAVID SPICUZZA  
Flight A (5000+ points)     BILL MALESEVICH

### 2016 Sectional Players of the Year

Flight D (0-299 points)    ALAN HOROWITZ  
Flight C (300-1499 pts)    BOB STEUER  
Flight B (1500-4999 pts)   BOB MARHEINE  
Flight A (5000+ pts)        BILL MALESEVICH

### Glen Lokken Trophy

*(The player who won the most MPs  
at Unit 222 Sectionals)*

BILL MALESEVICH

### Unit Player of the Year

BILL MALESEVICH

### 2016 MINI-MCKENNEY

#### TOTAL POINTS WON

#### 0-5

1. FRANK DETHLOFF
2. LOIS MICHALAK
3. BARRIE MERAR

#### 5-20

1. JAMES KOROM
2. MARY REISS
3. ERV BLUEMNER

#### 20-50

1. MARYJOY MADRIGRANO
2. HERMAN HERSH
3. PAUL RACE

50 – 100

1. JAMES ELLIS
2. WILLIAM CRISE
3. JANE CRISE

100 – 200

1. ALAN HOROWITZ
2. NISHAT CHISHTI
3. BHADRA CHHEDA

200 – 300

1. LEE PETZOLD
2. TED FINE
3. SHIRLEY THIEME

300 – 500

1. ROBERT STEUER
2. DONALD URQUHART
3. THOMAS LOUCHBAUM

500 – 1000

1. SUZANNE HAIDINGER
2. SHARON MAY
3. LARRY SHERKOW

1000 – 2500

1. THOMAS OHLGART
2. DEE BECKER
3. JANET URQUHART

2500 – 3500

1. DON SOLOMON
2. PAUL KARAS
3. TAMAS SZABO

3500 - 5000

1. JOHN WINTER
2. GABRIEL TAWIL
3. BOB MARHEINE

5000 – 7500

1. YVETTE NEARY
2. GEORGE URQUHART
3. BETTY MARGGRAF

7500 – 10,000

1. WILLIAM MCFALL
2. MICHELE FORAN
3. DAVID SCHUDSON

10,000 +

1. BILL MALESEVICH
2. KERRY SMITH
3. JOAN STEIN

## 2016 ACE OF CLUBS MOST POINTS WON IN CLUB GAMES

0 – 50

1. LOIS MICHALAK
2. FRANK DETHLOFF
3. MARY LOU HARRIS

5 – 20

1. JAMES KOROM
2. GEORGIE ANN O'DELL
3. ERV BLUEMNER

20 – 50

1. PAUL RACE
2. HERMAN HERSH
3. PRISCILLA BEADELL

50 – 100

1. WENDY BOSWORTH
2. JOHN WATSON
3. ANN KELLEY

100 – 200

1. BEA HUSTING
2. LAINA MARSH
3. NISHAT CHISHTI

200 – 300

1. TED FINE
2. LEE PETZOLD
3. PAUL DORSEY

300 – 500

1. ROBERT STEUER
2. DONALD URQUHART
3. CHERYL LUTZ

500 – 1000

1. SUZANNE HAIDINGER
2. JAMES BRUCKNER
3. JILL POLACHECK

1000 – 1500

1. THOMAS OHLGART
2. SUSAN GENTZ
3. JUDY NICK

1500 - 2500

1. BONNIE ELLIOTT
2. JANET URQUHART
3. MURIEL BECKER

2500 – 3500

1. EMMANUEL VUVUNAS
2. NANCY LIEBERMAN
3. DON SOLOMON

3500 - 5000

1. ARNOLD WEISS
2. JOHN WINTER
3. ROBERT GENTZ

5000 - 7500

1. GEORGE URQUHART
2. YVETTE NEARY
3. BETTY MARGGRAF

7500 - 10,000

1. MICHELE FORAN
2. DAVID SCHUDSON
3. WILLIAM MCFALL

OVER 10,000

1. WILLIAM MALESEVICH
2. JOAN STEIN
3. KERRY SMITH

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**2017 BRUCE BROWN CUP OPEN PAIRS**

*(Won at the Valentine Sectional)*

YVETTE NEARY – BILL MALESEVICH

**2017 GARY WILLIAMS MEMORIAL**

**SWISS TEAMS**

*(Won at Fallfest)*

WILL ENGEL – SUZANNE DUNN

JOSHUA STARK – TREVOR JOIKE

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**Special Awards**

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

**Winnie Lawrie Service Award**

**John Dereles**

**Judith Schudson  
Goodwill Award**

**Donna & James Karius**

**Bernice Larson Lifetime  
Achievement Award**

**Don Solomon**

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**DRAFT of the  
2017 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Subject to Approval at the  
2018 Annual Meeting**

MINUTES OF GMBA  
ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Yvette Neary at 1:20 p.m.

Secretary Mary Matthews read the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. There was a motion to approve by Bob Steuer, seconded by Mike Wierzbicki. Motion carried.

Sandy Palmer presented the Treasurer's Report. She noted that while the Unit lost over \$4,000 in 2015, we would show a profit of just over \$500 for 2016. She further reported that changes in state law meant that we would no longer have to pay Wisconsin State Sales Tax which cost the Unit over \$2,800 in 2016. We currently have over \$27,000 in checking and savings. There was a motion to approve the report by Al Horowitz, seconded by Bob Steuer. Motion carried.

Yvette Neary thanked the tournament chairs, Richard and Thomas Krueger, and discussed the



changes in the format for the Annual Meeting tournament. In response to questions from participants, Peter Wilke explained that you can't advertise a stratified progressive tournament and ACBL rules prohibit pair/team games at clubs. He further pointed out that the progressive sectional allows for nearly tripling the master point awards. A show of hands revealed that a majority of those present preferred a Saturday tournament and preferred to keep the new format of an exclusively pair event. Attendees also preferred to keep the box lunch option for lunch instead of the dinner option.

The Annual Awards were presented by Master of Ceremonies Steve Picus.

Yvette Neary announced that the Regional tournament would be held August 23-28 at the Crowne Plaza near the airport and that the next Annual Meeting would be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

There was a motion to adjourn by George Urquart, seconded by Shirley Thieme. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Matthews  
Recording Secretary

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## IN MEMORIAM



**FRANCIS JEFFERSON**

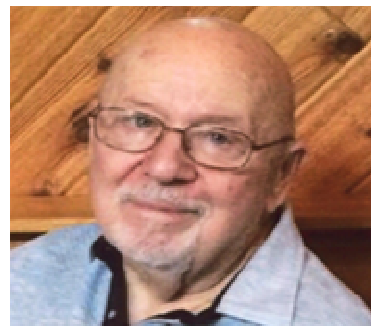
Frances passed away peacefully on February 8, 2016, at age 79.

After graduating from Rufus King High School, Frances went on to earn a BS at UW-Madison and a master's degree from UW-Milwaukee. She worked for Milwaukee Public Schools for 32 years.

Francis was a member of a social bridge club to which Barbara Hill and I belonged, and soon decided that she wanted to play "real bridge".

Barbara and I suggest that Fran join Peter Wilke's bridge class. Soon, she went on to play duplicate bridge at Peter's bridge club, the 4 Aces Bridge Club, and joined the East Bay Duplicate Club.

Submitted by: Ethel Walker



**JAMES J. KARIUS**

Jim passed away peacefully on January 20 at the age of 85. He was a 1949 graduate of

Pius High School. On October 13, 1956, he married Donna Zelhofer at Christ King Church in

Wauwatosa, recently celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jim worked for Wisconsin Electric for more than 40 years, starting as a lineman and retiring as a meter tester in 1995.

In his retirement, Jim, along with Donna, was a founding member of Learning in Retirement (LIR) at WCTC. Jim started as Curriculum Chairman in 1996, planning class schedules and recruiting coordinators. He then served as LIR President from 1997-1999 as the program grew increasing from the original 150 members to nearly 500. When the original LIR Bridge teacher did not work out, Jim, again with Donna as his partner, decided to concentrate on bridge and started teaching bridge at LIR and later at many other venues to hundreds of mature students.

From there, they went to Waukesha Park & Recreation and began a 20-year stint volunteering with Jim as Director and Donna as Club Manager. In league with the American Contract Bridge Association (ACBL), they directed several games per week which included 40 or more people at each session.

In addition to being an avid duplicate bridge player and bridge teacher, Jim was a lifelong learner and loved to read. He often read multiple books at once and enjoyed discussing and sharing what he learned with others. Most of all, though, Jim loved spending time with his family. Jim will be remembered for his guidance and coaching over the years, his love of spending time with grandkids and great-grandkids, his witty conversation, and his wonderful sense of humor.

•Source: Randle Dable Brisk Funeral Home

## MIRIAM R. MOLLER



"Mimi" passed away peacefully on February 16, at the age of 91. She was married to the late William August Moller for 54 years, and considered herself to be a "devoted mother" to Black Labrador Sam, Siamese cats Samantha and Alvin, beloved cat, Charlie, and Japanese Bobtail cat, Wendy. She had a full life, and for the last 16 years, she resided at Alexian Village of Milwaukee.

After 33 years of teaching at Marquette University, she was promoted to Associate Professor Emeritus upon her retirement in 1989.

Mimi was an avid bridge player achieving the rank of Silver Life Master, and traveled as a certified ACBL teacher. She was also an accomplished pianist and music lover, a dedicated volunteer at public TV Channel 10 Auctions, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and president of Chi Chapter.

"Life is like a hand of bridge - only the dummy shows all of his cards."

- Source: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



# SUIT PREFERENCE

By Kerry Smith

Defense is not just guesswork. There are ways to communicate with partner through suit preference.

## A BASIC EXAMPLE IS:

	K K K Q	
	Q J Q 9	
	9 8 9 8	
	3	
8 2 J 10		2 A 4 A
5 10 5		10 2 7
4 7 4		9 6
6 3		7 2
5		5
		3
	A Q A K	
	J 6 8 J	
	10 3 3	
	7	
	6	

After partner opens a weak 2 heart bid, the opponents get to 4 spades. You lead your singleton 2 of hearts and it goes: 8 – A – Q. Partner is not fooled by the “false-card Queen” and leads back the heart 3 as a suit preference asking for a club return after you ruff. When you dutifully lead back a club, you defeat the 4 spade contract after partner gives you a second ruff.

If partner had instead led back the heart 10, that would be screaming for a diamond return after your ruff.

A “middle” heart lead from partner would suggest no preference. Take note of the spots in dummy and in your hand when a ruff becomes a possibility.

## EXAMPLE TWO:

The contract is 5 diamonds by South:

		4	K	A	K					
			J	6	J					
			10	4	10					
			9	3	9					
A	6	5	6				Q	8	V	A
K	5	2	5				J	7	O	Q
7	4		4				10	3	I	3
3							8	2	D	2
2							5			
		9	A	K	8					
		6	Q	Q	7					
			J							
			10							
			9							
			8							
			7							

The opponents get to a five diamond contract. You cash a high spade and when looking at dummy, you are on a blind guess about what to play next. Or are you?

Whenever a singleton appears in dummy, the standard attitude situation reverts to suit preference. Partner plays the spade 5 at trick one. This strongly suggests a club switch. If partner played the Q, that would strongly suggest hearts. A middle spade would be neutral.

As you can see, the club shift will defeat the contract while anything else would allow an overtrick as the two club losers will go away on the hearts.

# TRUMP SUIT PREFERENCE

The next example displays a very advanced partnership defense which involves suit preference in the trump suit – and also a *smooth duck*.

**THE CONTRACT IS 4 SPADES BY SOUTH:**

	8 K K K		
	7 Q J J		
	6     10 10		
	9 9		
A J 6 6		J 8 A 7	
4 10 5 5		3 7 Q 2	
9 4 4		2 6 3	
2    3		5 2	
	K A 8 A		
	Q 3 7 Q		
	10 2    8		
	9		
	5		

The heart J is led, and it goes Q – 8 – 2. Declarer plays a spade from dummy, you play the 3, declarer plays the K, and partner makes a *smooth duck* and plays the 4. If partner had taken the spade Ace, declarer would be able to reenter dummy with a heart and take the percentage play of finessing the spade jack. So even with the tiny trump spots, it still represents suit preference.

As you can see, when partner wins the trump Ace, there would be a guess about what to return. But you have suggested a diamond with your first trump play of the 3. The trump 2, if played on the first round of the suit, would have suggested a club. Declarer would make 11 tricks if a club return was made after winning the trump Ace. Declarer would be able to discard one losing diamond on the long clubs.

A further note on suit preference when you hold *idle* (i.e., small losing) cards: On the heart lead, you initially played the 8 at trick one. You follow with the 7 on the second round of the suit. These plays could be construed as count. However, delving further, these plays are not random. They also could suggest suit preference by the size of the cards.