



## SPRING SECTIONAL

[Tournament Flyer is on Page 7](#)

March 24 - 26, 2023

ACBL is offering a 20% upgrade to overall awards at Regional and Sectional tournaments until 5/28/23

Take advantage of these **Extra Points** during our Spring Sectional

Get involved! There are still many ways to help!  
Contact Chairman, Gus Costanzo to Volunteer, 412.519.5450

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar. 3-5 Sectional, [Info](#)  
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- Mar. 24-26 Spring Sectional**  
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Rocky River, OH
- Apr. 29-30 GNT/NAP, [Info](#)  
Erie, PA
- May 23-29 Regional, [Info](#)  
Cleveland, OH

### SECTIONAL MENU

*Small coolers are allowed if you prefer to bring your own goodies*

*\* Vegetarian Options*

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Roasted Chicken	Ham	Pizza
Tuna Salad	Tuna Salad	Salad
Pasta Salad*	Sweet Potato*	Left Overs
Green Salad*	Green Been Almondine*	

### PRE REGISTER FOR TOURNAMENTS ON LINE

Help things run better  
Ensure your place  
Avoid the Lines

[Step by Step Directions on Page 6](#)

### NEWS TEAM

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Denise Dufour   | Layout                 |
|                 | News, New to Duplicate |
| Lorraine Hanna  | Education              |
|                 | Up the Ladder          |
| Marilyn Painter | Personal News          |
| Marilyn Sittig  | Contributor            |
| June Threlkeld  | From the President     |
|                 | Unit 142 - PSA         |

[Please click here to email Denise](#)  
anything you feel is of interest to our readers for possible publication.



Still trying to decide if you would like to join us in New Orleans?  
Breeze Airline has non-stops from Pittsburgh!!!

**HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL THERE!**



# City of Bridge(s)

## UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

### CONDOLENCES

**Harold Carl Weiss** died January 15 at the age of 99. He was married to member Lila Margolis who died in 2022.

**Sylvia Shaw** died January 18 at the age of 103. She was Cathy Caplans's mother.

**Vint Blackburn**, husband of Sue Blackburn, died January 31. He was 90.

**Nel Dekker**, McCandless Township, died February 17, at age 93. Nel was born in the Netherlands; survived the invasion of Germany, but spent some time as a child digging potatoes for the German Army. Her journey to the US and later accomplishments were book-worthy.

*The following were not currently members of our unit but may have been known/remembered by members:*

**Allen Moulton, Jr.** died December 20

**Charles A. Deger**, of Upper St. Clair, died January 5

**Janis L Bishop**, of Penn Hills, died January 17

**Virginia Frazier**, of Delmont, died January 26

**Lois Lebovitz**, died January 31

Our condolences to all the families and friends. *Marilyn Painter*

[Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com](mailto:Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com)

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

My message this morning starts with a thank you to Phyllis Geinzer, John Doyal and Barbara Logan for a successful start to a South Hills free bridge class which introduces players to duplicate play.

Edgeworth Club in Sewickley was the site of Intro to Duplicate, a free class taught by Denise Dufour. This class was designed to help new bridge players and long time party bridge players transition to duplicate.

Keep a look out for FREE "Filling out a Convention Card Workshops" starting in April!

I hope everyone likes the new format of our newsletter!!

Welcome to new Board member Patty Wynn.

Alert - March Must - Pittsburgh Spring Sectional, March 24-26.

Only "U" can make it a success.

See you there!!

June Threlkeld.

**Caddies Needed for Spring Sectional**  
**\$90 per day novice \$100 per day experienced**  
Please contact John Doyal 412-206-1931 ~ [jfdoyal@gmail.com](mailto:jfdoyal@gmail.com)



HAPPY BELATED 90TH BIRTHDAY, ANDY MAKAR

In November, the Wednesday Greensburg gang had a 90th birthday party for Andy Makar.....gag gifts, cake, food and photo board.

Gen Novak, Linda Evans, Arlene Jacobelli and Sue Israelson were guilty of this caper

### Keep Informed

**For last minute closings of our games sign up for Text Alerts.**

Better to know in advance if your game has been cancelled before walking out the door.

To signup for Text Alerts follow [this Link](#) or go to link at the bottom of the Club Results page of our website.

**Did you know** the PBA sends cards and well wishes to our members who are ailing? Please let us know of members who are facing a hard time. I'm sure it would be comforting to know we care.

We would also like to hear good news. Send an email to [news@pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:news@pittsburghbridge.org)

### Well Wishes

A few of our members have experienced falls. Tom Kerr is all fixed up after dental repairs and Dina Fulmer has a brand new shoulder. Many of us are at that age: Use railings, careful on wet, snowy sidewalks, and gather up those scatter rugs and donate them to an animal shelter. Bernie Fudor is on the mend after a pneumonia bout. I'm thinking the great play by the Pitt basketball team hastened his recovery. *-Marilyn Painter*



# City of Bridge(s)

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### FREE CLASSES

- March 6 BridgeWhiz, online
- March 20 Filling Out a Convention Card  
9:00 to noon, Sewickley, PA  
more on page 4
- April 15 Learn Bridge in A Day  
\$15 Fee for print materials  
[Link to More Info & to Register](#)
- May 8 Intro to Duplicate  
9:00 - noon, Sewickley, PA  
more on page 4

### Volunteers Needed for Learn Bridge in a Day

[Link to signup page](#)

### BRIDGEWHIZ

Is a FREE Online Basic Bridge Course for school students from 4th -12th grade.

Did you know? Young bridge players out-scored their non-playing counterparts on the 2007 Iowa Test of Basic Skills by 39.31% in Science, 24.22% in Math and 22.74% in Social Science. Bridge offers many advantages including social interaction, communication, deductive reasoning and imagination to name a few.

**Classes are from March 6 through April 29.**

For more information, and to register, visit this [ACBL web page](#).

Please spread the word!!

### SOUTH HILLS CLASS IS AN ON GOING SUCCESS!

The South Hills Bridge Community is having a wonderful time presenting bridge to a class at the Mt. Lebanon Library. The FREE class meets alternating Wednesday evenings. On the "off Wednesday" whoever would like comes to The Galleria for supervised play, AKA Lab Work. There are 25 students in the class. The Library will make the space available for these classes not just for this first Spring session, but through Summer and Fall.

For information, check the Mt. Lebanon Library website or call Phyllis Geinzer 412-341-2291 or Barbara Logan, 412-344-6691.

### Game ON!!!

Here is your chance  
to learn the  
World's  
Greatest  
Game!



### Learn Bridge in a Day!

*Designed for the complete newcomer...*

**\$15 pp**

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**

**LSL Passavant Retirement Community**  
**105 Burgess Dr, Zelienople, PA 16063**

**FREE Follow-up 'Supervised Play'  
Practice Session Sat April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Includes Lesson Manuals**  
**Advance Reservations and**  
**Proof of Vaccination Required**

Register Online / or for more information:  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D)  
Or Call: 412-407-CLUB (2582)



American Contract  
Bridge League



Pittsburgh Bridge  
Association

### TEACHERS NEEDED!

We need more teachers to bring the Wonderful World of Bridge to the masses. **Best Practices Workshops** are the first step towards becoming an ACBL certified teacher.

[Click here information on the process of becoming a teacher.](#)

DOUBLE DUMMY is a Documentary streaming worldwide and on PBS stations across the nation. It highlights the 2012 North American Bridge Championship of players 21 and under representing the United States.

The film features 2023 ACBL Player of the Year, Zach Grossack.

Here's a link <https://doubledummymovie.com/>

### MENTORING

Thank you Mentors! You are serving a very important role in the education of our less experienced players. Newer players have told me they feel a sense of security and belonging when paired with a Mentor. You don't have to be an expert to be a Mentor. Mentoring can also improve your own game by checking more closely on bidding, play and defense. Mentors need to be patient and encouraging.

One of our Mentors who was also a Mentee said the experience of mentoring has improved his game because he verifies and confirms his explanations. Also makes him more confident and aware of improper plays While being mentored and playing against experienced opponents who don't make as many mistakes, he's more aware of the mistakes he does make.

Sign up to be a Mentor or Mentee at this link. <http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/Mentor.htm>



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## NEW TO DUPLICATE

### 0-5 Masterpoints

The Board has extended reimbursement to those having 0-5 masterpoints through June, 2023.

[Click Here for the terms.](#)

**Under 200 Masterpoints??  
FREE Mentoring Program for  
ACBL Members in  
Units 142 & 229**

[Info and registration is on our website.](#)

### LIVE FOR CLUBS An Important Learning Tool

Learning from our mistakes is an important part of the game. With Live For Clubs, you can compare how you and your partner fared against all the other pairs you played against. This tool enables you to replay the hands and learn from them.

Check our Club Results page for the link. Live for Clubs can also be found on your private ACBL page; search for the link "My Club Results"

### DEAR DUMMY

*Is a new feature of the New to Duplicate page. Please feel free share your experiences, ask questions, no matter how silly you think they may be, let us know what is on your mind.*

*You may remain anonymous. [Email Here](#)*

#### Dear Dummy,

I have been playing at a club for about a month now. It feels as though more experienced players are constantly correcting me, telling how I should have bid, played the hand... This makes me very uncomfortable and is taking all of the fun away.

Help Please, Did not signup for Lessons!

#### Dear Did not signup for Lessons,

You are absolutely entitled to your feeling and if this makes you uncomfortable you have two options. First, ask the person giving the unsolicited advice to please stop. Second, ask the Director to handle this for you. After all, it is his job to ensure everyone is having FUN!

That said, please consider that these people are not trying to criticize but to help. Perhaps try explaining that you would appreciate their help AFTER the game.

**Thank you, to Unit 142 and everyone that helped make the FREE NEW TO DUPLICATE CLASS possible.** We attended the February 27th class; there were 5 full tables and all attendees agreed that it was a wonderful and informative class. An 8-page handout was given to each attendee outlining the rules and etiquette of duplicate, and ending with images of the Bridgemate and a scorecard.

Following an hour of lecture by Denise Dufour everyone was given the opportunity to play in a Pupil game. We all made it through our first attempt at using a Bridgemate!!

We encourage anyone who is new to bridge, new to duplicate or unsure of any of the procedures involved in a duplicate game to attend a future class.

*-Terri Tunick & Marilyn Sittig*

# Free

### FILLING OUT A CONVENTION CARD - MARCH 20TH

This workshop will go over the Convention Card line by line as participants complete a card tailored to their game.

### INTRO TO DUPLICATE CLASS - MAY 8TH

This class was designed to get players comfortable with duplicate. A few of the topics covered are table movements, calling the director, and how to enter your score in the Bridgemate. An hour lecture with Q & A is followed by a 6-board Pupil game.

9:00 to noon ~ Edgeworth Club in Sewickley

**These classes can travel, let us know if you have an interested group.**

For information check the ["Classes" page of our website](#) or contact Denise Dufour, [dufour.blancett@gmail.com](mailto:dufour.blancett@gmail.com)



# City of Bridge(s)

## PLAYER RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the Following!

### UP THE LADDER

Sapphire Life Master

Leroy Hackenberg II

Ruby Life Master

Sandra Melosky

# Let's Cheer Them On!!



### NAP FLIGHTS

*Flights are determined by  
masterpoint holding on June 1*

Flight A:

Unlimited Overall points are gold

Flight B:

0-2500 Overall points are gold

Flight C:

0-Non-Life Master Overall points are 50%

Gold 50% Red

## UNIT 142 REPRESENTED IN NEW ORLEANS!!

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

DISTRICT 5 WINNERS COMPETING AT THE SPRING NABC

Flight A:

Jan Assini & Frank Cymerman

Fred Schenker & Player from Cleveland

Flight B:

David Collura & Jim Gump

Bob Flynn & John Doyal

Flight C:

Celine O'Neill & Paul O'Neill

Alec Sun & Mingkuan Xu



## WHAT ARE THE NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS

The North American Pairs (NAP) is a set of annual North American championships for pairs contested over two days at the spring American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) North American Bridge Championships (NABC). The events are restricted to pairs that have qualified through local, regional and district levels within their ACBL Districts.

## North American Bridge Championships (NABC), Phoenix:

Team results:

Henry Nelson (Zelienople) and his team were 16th out of 90 in the Mitchell Open Board-a-Match teams

Henry Nelson and his partner were 22nd out of 221 pairs in the Kaplan Blue Ribbon Pairs

Phil Goulding (Wexford) and his partner were 11th out 191 in the Nail Life Master Pairs







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## TOURNAMENT PRE-REGISTRATION!

### Step by Step Guide to Purchasing

Before you start, have your partner's name or their ACBL number and a credit card handy.

Steps:

- 1) Log Into your ACBL account [LINK to ACBL](#)
- 2) From the Menu select "Find-a-Tournament"
- 3) Select "Tournament Calendar"
- 4) To prepay you MUST click on the large Blue Bar at the top of page

ENTRY EXPRESS

AVOID THE LINE



CLICK HERE TO SEE AVAILABLE TOURNAMENTS



- 5) This will bring you to a list of all tournaments happening, preregistration is usually available 30 days prior to start of tournament.

Scroll to see tournaments listed by date  
When orange "Buy Entries" button is available you may begin registration.

Find a Tournament

Filter by

PAST

UPCOMING

Mar 8 - 19, 2023	NABC	2023 Spring NABC New Orleans, LA	District: 99	Open	☆	Buy Entries
Mar 9 - 11, 2023	Sectional	67th Beaumont Spindletop Sectional Beaumont, TX	District: 16 Unit: 201	Open	☆	Buy Entries
Mar 24 - 26, 2023	Sectional	Pittsburgh Spring Sectional Pittsburgh, PA	District: 5 Unit: 142	Open	☆	Details

- 6) Click on Buy Entries  
This option becomes available closer to the tournament.

Buy Entries

- 7) "Select" Game with Blue Button

Select

Friday, January 20, 2023

10:00 AM	Datil 499er Pairs no player over 500 MPs	Strat 2	Pairs	Select
10:00 AM	Morning Side Pairs	Strat 1	Side-Game Series	Select

- 8) Enter Partner's or Team's information

- 9) Select Add Entry

Add Entry

Entry Registration

January 20, 2023

10:00 AM Strat 1 Side-Game Series

Morning Side Pairs  
Allowed number of players 2

Event Players

Name or Membership ID

1. Denise Dufour You

Special request  
Please let us know if your team requires special care

Stationary Table  
 An electrical plug nearby

Additional request (please specify)

Cancel Add Entry

- 10) After making all of your selections click on Pay Now in the top right of the page.

Pay Now <sup>1</sup>

- 11) Now just go through the steps to pay and your done.

- 12) The day of the tournament your table number will be posted at the tournament and will be emailed to you.



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### Partnerships:

**Fill out our Partnership Form**

Also online at [www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

Or call Barb Belardi

412-795-4235

Partners@pittsburghbridge.org

499ers Call Darlene Mannheimer

412-913-5944

499er@pittsburghbridge.org

### Tournament Chair:

Gus Costanzo 412-519-8450

Spring23@pittsburghbridge.org

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles

Sanction # S2303337

Pairs Entries \$ 15 pp.

Single Session Teams \$ 60/team

Sunday Swiss Teams \$ 120/team

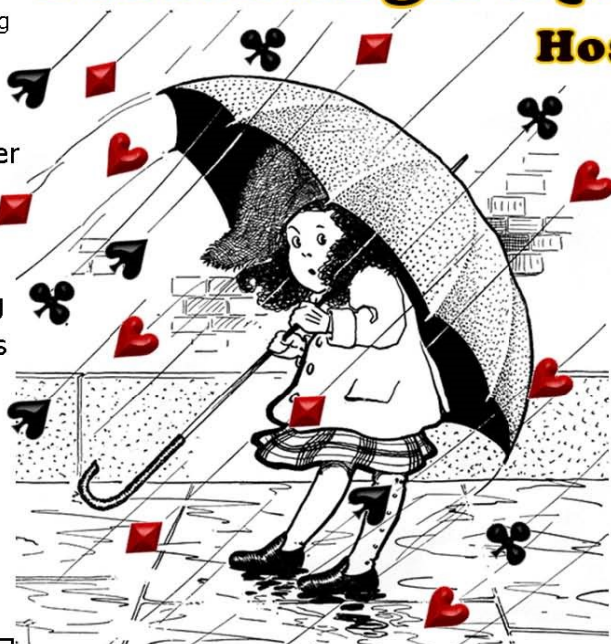
499er Sunday Swiss \$ 110/team

All participants must be current or former ACBL members.

1-month membership: \$7.99.

Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

## Pittsburgh Spring Sectional Hospitality All Sessions!



★ **Early Playtimes!!!** ★  
**Fri - Sat - Sun**

### Friday, March 24

**10:30 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

#### Lunch Included !

**3:00 PM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)  
Single Session Swiss Teams

### Saturday, March 25

**10:00 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)  
Compact Handicapped KO Teams  
(1st of 2 sessions)

#### Lunch Included !

**2:30 PM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)  
Compact Handicapped KO Teams  
(2nd of 2 sessions)  
Single Session Swiss Teams

### Sunday, March 26

#### Lunch Included !

**10:00 AM** Stratified Open Swiss Teams  
(7 rounds of 7 boards)  
Stratified 499er Swiss Teams  
(6 rounds of 6 boards)  
Separate Play-through Events/  
30 point VP scale

### Open

A: 2000+

B: 750-2000

C: 0-750

Stratifications in All Events by Avg. MPs

### 499er

5: 300-500

3: 100-300

1: 0-100

499er Strats at Director's Discretion

*Proof of Vaccination is required by the ACBL*

**Fast Trac your Vax Stat:**

Email Proof of Vax

With your name and ACBL#

to >> [Vax@Pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:Vax@Pittsburghbridge.org)

We'll supply you with a wristband.

Claim wristband at the front desk.

We will observe then-current CDC and local guidelines on masks.

**March 24-26, 2023**

**Masonic Center North**

**3579 Masonic Way**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15237**



Pittsburgh Bridge Association



American Contract Bridge League

### Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

Newcomer / 499er Pairs -  
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday  
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!

Play ONLY against other New Players

Contact Darlene for  
Partners & Team-building!

Full Schedule & Directions at  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

**GET TO THE BRIDGE GAME ON TIME, NO MATTER WHAT!!**

*On time is defined 15 minutes before the game starts.*

Years ago, I was playing with Monica Groves who moved out of state. She came to the game flabbergasted because she was in a fender bender and the other driver would not give Monica her insurance information. As soon as Monica sat down at the table, a police officer came in and wanted to know why she left the scene of the accident. She said she had to get to bridge on time and the other driver was not cooperating. I still laugh about this to this day. -Lorraine Hanna

### Unit 142 Membership Directory

Bill Holt updated and emailed out the latest Membership Directory on February 20.

If you were not included and are interested in having your name and contact information included [click on this Link](#) or go to the link on Results page of our website.

**Never Stop Learning!**

[Click to Visit Biddle Bits for tips, famous hands and so much more.](#)





# City of Bridge(s)

## INTRO TO DUPLICATE CLASS

February 27



### Advertisement

## Online Bridge Lessons with Richard Finberg

Wednesday mornings (10:00-11:30 a.m.) OR evenings (6:30-8:00 p.m.).

Planning the Defense	Mar. 1
Responding to Partner's 1NT	Mar. 8
Negative Doubles & Responses	Mar. 15
RKC Blackwood and Cue Bidding	Mar. 22
Bidding in Competition	Mar. 29

Attend at either time.

Cost: \$12 for 1 lesson; \$30 for 3 lessons; \$45 for 5 lessons; or \$60 for all 8, (just \$7.50 per lesson). Free handouts included.

To sign up, please email me at [doublemenot@gmail.com](mailto:doublemenot@gmail.com) or call me at 412-304-9254 (cell) for more information or alternative times. Individual playing lessons on BBO with post-game review are also available.

\* \* \* \*

Free Lessons: The first Monday of every month at 4:00 p.m. EST.

All are welcome. Join the free Zoom lesson through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5664734334?pwd=Ui9vcIFBeVpZby9MRfZ6eiswUWROUT09>