



## SPRING SECTIONAL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 21-23 Sectional, [Info](#)  
Rocky River, OH
- Apr. 29-30 GNT/NAP, [Info](#)  
Erie, PA
- May 23-29 Regional, [Info](#)  
Cleveland, OH
- June 12-18 STaC District 5  
Local Clubs
- June 15 STaC and Snack
- June 23-25 Sectional,  
Canton, OH
- Jun 26-2 Regional, [Info](#)  
King of Prussia, PA
- July 7-9 Sectional,  
Pittsburgh, PA**
- July 12-23 NABC, [Info](#)  
Chicago, IL**
- Aug. 4-6 Sectional,  
Rocky River, OH
- Aug. 30-4 Regional, [Info](#)  
Pittsburgh, PA**

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

Two New Life Masters Bloomed at the  
Spring Sectional! Congratulations!!

Margaret Ball & Lonnie Carrie



## Spring Sectional Success



Director in Charge  
Alex Bealles

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Be part of the FUN!  
Volunteer NOW for the  
Summer Sectional!  
Contact Gus or June



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## UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

### CONDOLENCES

**Herbert Heller** died October 15, 2022. He was 91, lived in Squirrel Hill, and was a Pitt grad.

**Bill Brownlee** died March 6. He was 92. Bill lived in Point Breeze until recently moving to Penn Hills. He was a Pitt grad. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Contact William F. Gross funeral home.

**Gail Stoner** died April 1. Gail was 87 and lived in Sewickley.

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

### Well Wishes

Darn those falls! Arlene Port met up with a nasty sidewalk and a tumble ensued. But she quickly returned to the bridge table.

### Member News

The ACBL Barry Crane Top 500 awards for 2022 were announced. These awards are based on master points won. Our own Reanette Frobouck placed 128th with 696 MPs. Awesome!

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

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

**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.

We would also like to hear good news.

Send an email to

[news@pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:news@pittsburghbridge.org)

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

Congratulations to all who represented our unit in the New Orleans NAP, we are proud of all of you!!

A huge Thank You to all who worked tirelessly to make our Spring Sectional a success!

Tremendous thanks to Gus Costanzo, Chairman, Rose Pascal and Ernie Retetagos!

You too can be a part of a Sectional Committee...Volunteer now for July!

Thank you to Hugh McMaster for his years as a Director, we hope he is enjoying his retirement! Not to worry, Hugh has left the Edgeworth Bridge Club game in Denise Dufour's capable hands.

Congrats to the Edgeworth Bridge Club on a successful event,

"Bridge to the Future", what a great theme. (see Club News page)

Next time the ECB has a party please schedule it when I can attend!!

### WHAT'S THE ROLE OF THE PBA?

*Editors note: What's the Role of the PBA? Is a new monthly column by past PBA president, Lorraine Hanna, if you would like Lorraine to address a specific question [please email her.](#)*

We are Unit 142 in District 5. The Pittsburgh Bridge Association's Mission Statement is "To serve the bridge-related interests of its members, and to promote and sustain the game of bridge."

Board Members are listed on our website.

As stated in our ByLaws, "Each Director shall be a PBA member. Directors shall serve for 2 years and shall be eligible for re-election. The terms of approximately 1/2 of the directors shall expire annually....Directors shall not exceed 15."

The Executive Board consists of The President, Vice President and Treasurer and are voted into office following the annual election.

The Officers of the PBA are the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

June Threlkeld, President. The President's role is to foster and grow the game of bridge, preside over Board and General Meetings, appoint all Committee Chairs, and to select annual recipient of the Jane McIntyre Award. The President traditionally serves for 2 years. The President can run again, but not immediately following his/her term.

Gus Constanzo, Vice President, acts in the President's place when needed.

John Alioto, Treasurer, has custody of our funds, securities, and properties of the Unit. Pays Unit obligations as directed by the Board.

Pat Anders, Secretary, appointed by the President with approval of the Board. Maintains Roster of Unit, Board and Committee Members. Prepares Agenda and records minutes of Board and Planning meetings. Files and receives various reports with ACBL. Sends welcome letters to new members in our Unit and sends Get Well and Condolence cards.

Look for other Board Members and Committees in our upcoming newsletters.



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## CLUB NEWS

### RODEF SHALOM

**NO GAME APRIL 6,**

Rodef Shalom will be closed in observance of Passover.

Every first Monday and Thursday of the month (when not blocked by the ACBL) will be Club Charity games. \$9/player.

### GLENSHAW

**NOVICE GAME RETURNS! APRIL 22**

**FREE** Mini-Lesson 10:30    **G**ame Starts 11:00

Novice Player has between 0 - 99 masterpoints

3 table minimum needed

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church  
1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116

Instructor - Lorraine Hanna  
Director - Gus Costanzo

Glenshaw

April 12

Wednesday

Games Resume!



### SOUTH HILLS BETH EL

**No Games**

April 7, Good Friday ~ April 11, Passover

NON-LIFE MASTER GAME

TUESDAYS AT 12:00

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

### Bridge to the Future



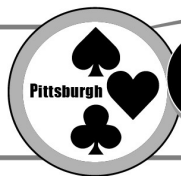
### EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 12:25

The election of the Edgeworth Bridge Club's new board and the first game of Spring were celebrated at the EBC's March 22 game.

The well attended event was themed "**Bridge to the Future**". Players were treated to a complimentary buffet lunch prior to the game giving everyone the opportunity to visit with old friends and make new ones.

This fresh start to Spring game included new bidding boxes, new boards... even new pencils!



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## PLAYER RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the Following!

### UP THE LADDER

Diamond Life Master

Phip Goulding

Sapphire Life Master

Dot Murray

Gold Life Master

Alex Bealles



[See all of the results here.](#)

# Congratulations!

## UNIT 142 PLAYERS PLACE NATIONALLY!!

NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS, NEW ORLEANS

Flight A, Baldwin North American Pairs:

**Fred Schenker & Bernie Green from Cleveland  
placed 7th**

**Jan Assini & Frank Cymerman  
placed 15th**

Flight B, Golder North American Pairs:

David Collura & Jim Gump

Bob Flynn & John Doyal

Flight C, President's Cup North American Pairs:

**Alec Sun & Mingkuan Xu  
placed 10th**

Celine O'Neill & Paul O'Neill

made it to the last round!



Our Road to New Orleans North American Pairs (NAP) started with qualifying to play in Erie. Paul and I had fun in Erie, and we ended up winning our flight, and some \$ to use for the New Orleans (NOLA) NAP.

Earlier in the week we played in a couple of Gold Rush pair games, and got some gold points.

Saturday, day one of NAP, we played well enough to continue playing on Sunday, but unfortunately no points for us! We met some nice people, from around the country, so it was a win win for us.

Thanks Y'all!  
-Celine O'Neill

Photo: Celine & Paul O'Neill, Mingkuan Xu, Alec Sun



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## NEW TO DUPLICATE

### FROM THE DIRECTOR

Did you know...the following 8 items are Actual Laws subject to Penalties, not just good manners?



### LAW 90 PROCEDURAL PENALTIES

#### A. Director's Authority

The Director, in addition to implementing the rectifications in these Laws, may also assess procedural penalties for any offense that unduly delays or obstructs the game, inconveniences other contestants, violates correct procedure, or requires the award of an adjusted score.

#### B. Offenses Subject to Procedural Penalty

The following are examples of offenses subject to procedural penalty (but the offenses are not limited to these):

1. arrival of a contestant after the specified starting time.
2. unduly slow play by a contestant.
3. discussion of the bidding, play or result of a board, which may be overheard at another table.
4. unauthorized comparison of scores with another contestant.
5. touching or handling of cards belonging to another player (see Law 7).
6. placing one or more cards in an incorrect pocket of the board.
7. errors in procedure (such as failure to count cards in one's hand, playing the wrong board, etc.) that require an adjusted score for any contestant.
8. failure to comply promptly with tournament regulations or with instructions of the Director.

### DEAR DUMMY

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,

Last week several pairs scored higher than we did and did not receive masterpoints yet we did. Please explain how that works.

Happy for the points, but Confused

Dear Happy for the points, but Confused,

**Thank you for the opportunity to explain a Stratified Game!**

Every director may stratify the club game into two or three stratifications, and awards more masterpoints by doing so. Small games of three to five tables may only have two stratifications (A,B) while larger games of six or more tables will frequently have three (A,B,C). **To award a "1st in C" there must be at least five pairs in that stratification.**

The director will assign seating to "balance the field," having an equal number of strong, intermediate and newcomer players sitting in each direction.

Once the players are seated, the director sets up the strats based on those in attendance. One day it might be Open/2000/750 and on the next it might be Open/750/100. Both are perfectly reasonable. *The Director will stratify by the person in the pairs with the highest number of points -or- by the pair's average.*

A stratified game is advantageous to all strats:

Strat A - Players get ranked on the number of tables in the entire field resulting in additional masterpoints.

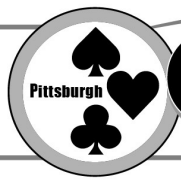
Strat B - Players have the advantage of possibly winning points in a higher strat, yet their own overall awards are based on the tables in B plus C, which yields more masterpoints.

**Strat C - Players are ranked against other Strat C players providing the experience of playing against more skilled players without diminishing the chances of winning. The Strat C players also have the advantage of possibly winning points in the two higher strats, which yields more masterpoints.**

Masterpoints are awarded to each group based on the number of tables in that (and all lower) groups. More Tables, More Points!

Strat A	3 Tables	Masterpoints based on 10 Tables	Can be 1 <sup>st</sup> in A
Strat B	4 Tables	Masterpoints based on 7 Tables	Can be 1 <sup>st</sup> in B and possibly A
Strat C	3 Tables	Masterpoints based on 3 Tables	Can be 1 <sup>st</sup> in C and possibly B or even A

Pct	Score	Sectn	Rank	MPs		Pct	Score	Section	Rank	MPs	
		A	B					A	B	C	
64.58	31.00	A	1	0.70(A)		64.88	109.00	A	1	0.70(A)	
61.46	29.50	A	2	0.49(A)	<i>1st in C, B and 2nd in A</i>	51.49	86.50	C	2	1	0.49(A)
50.00	24.00	A	3	0.35(A)		50.89	85.50	C	3	2	0.35(A)
47.92	23.00	A				48.21	81.00	A			
44.79	21.50	B		1	0.24(B)						
42.71	20.50	B			<i>1st in B, receiving points even though an A player scored higher</i>						



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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### FREE CLASSES

- 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  
[Information](#)
- TBA Filling Out a Convention Card  
9:00 to noon, Sewickley, PA  
[website](#)

### MINI LESSONS

- Saturdays 10:30  
Glenshaw
- Wednesdays 11:15  
Edgeworth Bridge Club

Check our [website](#) for a schedule of dates

### FREE MINI LESSONS

Lunch and Learn Series starting soon!

Wednesdays at 11:15, Edgeworth Club, Sewickley

Lunch orders are placed & a Free Mini Lesson will take place prior to being served.

When lunch is served, chat about anything with new bridge friends!

**Edgeworth Bridge Club Game starts at 12:25**

Country Club Casual ~ Check, Venmo or charge lunch back to your Club

Check our [website](#) for a schedule of dates and topics still being added!

**BridgeWhiz Kids** In June 2022, over 400 young students graduated from this online class. See ACBL March 2023 Bulletin page 38 for more info.

## Volunteers Needed for Learn Bridge in a Day

[Link to signup page](#)



### 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)



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## GROWN UP GAMES: BRINGING BRIDGE BACK

Written by [Lois Thomson](#)

According to Phyllis Geinzer, "Bridge is not just playing cards, it is a social event." Geinzer, Vermont Avenue, came to that conclusion decades ago, as she explained, "I have been playing bridge since I was 16." She lived in West Virginia at the time and came to Pittsburgh for a job shortly after graduating from college.

[Link to full Article](#)

Anyone interested in joining the classes can sign up at the library or call 412-531-1912.

## Mt. Lebanon MAGAZINE



Photo by: Elizabeth Hruby McCabe

**Super Gerber:** Gerber is always a jump. After opening 3nt (25-27pts) 4 clubs is Stayman, 5 Clubs is Gerber. After an opening of 1nt or 2nt a jump to 4 clubs is Gerber. "Dear Billy" addresses this bid in ACBL Bulletin, March 2023 page 73. Larry Cohen has a useful article on this auction as well. You can sign up for free articles and quizzes via emails from Larry Cohen by going to his website.