

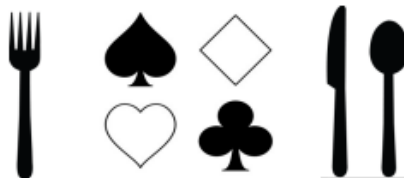


AWARDS NIGHT! & STAC'N'SNACK!

*STaC Games All Week,
Plus an Awards Night Party!*

Thursday June 15

*Get Your
Munch ON!*



*Don't Pass ...
Have 2nds!*

IMPORTANT DATES

- 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
- 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**
- Sept 8-10 Sectional
Cheektowaga, NY
- Sept 16-17 Sectional
Erie, PA

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

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@ Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian

Game time 7:00, Pot Luck @ 6:00

Those bringing big dishes, please arrive so all can sample!

**Come Celebrate the Winners, Workers, and
Ambassadors of the game!**

**We'll have a main course, but bring your favorite
dish for all to enjoy! Can't bring a snack? It's OK ...
Show up and help us to eat all the food!**

Please Coordinate Snacks with
Ruthie Neafach @ 412-559-4351
STaC'n'Snack Entry just \$ 9 pp.

A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites. So
your performance at your local club is compared with other
games — for a larger award! Check to make sure your club
is participating in STaC Week at www.d5bridge.com

Stratifications: "A" 2500+ "B" 750-2500 "C" 0-750
All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.
Stratifications by Average MPs in all STaC Events
www.pittsburghbridge.org



REGISTER CLUB GAMES FOR STAC WEEK

Marc Sylvester, District 5 STaC Coordinator
814-397-6949
marcsylvester@hotmail.com

[District 5 STaC - New Procedures Page \(d5bridge.com\)](#)



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UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

CONDOLENCES

Bernard (Bernie) Flynn died February 18. He was 75. Bernie was the brother of member Robert (Bob) Flynn. Formerly of Penn Hills, and upon graduating from CMU, Bernie worked and lived in Butler.

Edna Mae (Grissinger) Kane, died Feb. 26. She was 72. Edna, a previous member, was a Life Master, having played bridge most of her adult life. She is survived by her 4 children. She found time to travel, volunteer, and cheer on the Steelers and Penn State.

Leroy Supowitz died April 18. He was 94. Leroy was the husband of member Elaine Supowitz. Elaine died about 2 years ago. Leroy was president of the family business, S&S shoes.

Maxine E. Miller, died April 22. Maxine was a previous member, native of Greensburg, and attended Penn-State. Maxine 'took up' bridge later in life. Death was due to Alzheimer's.

Our condolences to all the families and friends. Marilyn Painter

Member News

GATLINBURG

Our unit was represented at the tournament which just ending April 23. Bringing home some MPs were Tom Jolly, Cathy and Paul Caplan and the gang from Greensburg.....

Martin Kumer, Genevieve Novak, Sue Israelson, Ruth Ann Boyd, Linda Evans, Sue Dillon, Leroy Hackenburg, and Angela Angelo.

Congrats to them and to all who attended from our unit!!!!

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Text/phone: 412-708-7433



The Newsletter Team is now publishing to our Facebook Page.

Have an item you would like uploaded [email it here](#).

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[ACBL Unit 142](#)

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

Summer Sectional Attaining bridge hero status, kudos to

Carole Shanahan & William Seran

for volunteering to head the Summer Sectional, July 7, 8, 9.

We can show our appreciation by Volunteering to help them!

Note that the stratifications have been changed which should make

entering the various events more appealing.

Red letter dates in June are Stac Week, June 12-17 with our much anticipated delicious Stac' N' Snack on June 15 along with celebrating Awards Night. Thanks in advance to all who contribute your culinary delights making this one of our most popular events.

Looking forward to your continued participation & support in these & weekly Club Games.

WHAT'S THE ROLE OF THE PBA?

PART 2, COMMITTEES

Awards: Ruthie Neafach, Chair

Awards will be resumed (after having been paused during Covid) and presented on Thursday evening, June 15 at STaC n' Snack at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church. Mark your calendar now! Past recipients can be found on our website under the tab Annual Awards.

Milt Frazier Award is given to the person who has given the most effort for the good of our Unit. Past recipients nominate and vote on this award.

Jane McIntyre Award is given to the person who contributed the most towards helping others enjoy the game. The President chooses the recipient.

Nirmala Somani (Nimmi) Awar is given to the non-life master player who has won the most masterpoints in face to face bridge for the year. Nimmi's family has donated funds for this annual award in her memory.

Education, Bridge Teacher Liaison, and Mentoring Programs, Lorraine Hanna, Chair

Darlene Mannheimer and Lorraine Hanna are Co-Chairs of **Novice Liaison**.

The mission of Education is to recruit new players by offering lessons and mentoring opportunities to bring novice players into the World of Duplicate.

Bill Holt is licensed to present "Learn Bridge In A Day". On April 15, Bill held this presentation at Passavant in Zelienople.

Click on the side panel of our website for more information on Classes offered throughout the Burgh and our Mentoring Program.

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](#).



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CLUB NEWS

RODEF SHALOM

The next 7 or more Tables

+

Upgraded Club Championship Game

=

More Points

The next Thursday game with 7 or more tables will be upgraded to a Club Championship Game.

GLENSHAW

NOVICE GAMES ON SATURDAYS!

FREE Mini-Lesson 10:30 Game 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

CLUB NEWS

All Club Managers and Directors are encouraged to send news and pictures. **This is Your Page!** [Email Link](#)



EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

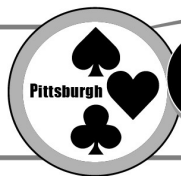
WEDNESDAYS AT 11:15

**FREE Mini Lessons
Prior to Game
with Optional Lunch**

GAME STARTS AT 12:20



[Link to Webpage](#)



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PLAYER RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the Following!

UP THE LADDER

Life Master

Richard Laird

Patricia Rambasek

Chicago Bound

Congratulations!



**Grand National Teams
District 5 Qualifier
April 29th & 30th, 2023**

Flight winners qualify to play in the NABC Final, expected to be played in-person at the Chicago Summer NABC starting on July 12, 2023.

Champion Flight (Unlimited)

Marc Sylvester
Edinboro, PA

Christine Urbanek
Tonawanda, NY

Jay Levy
Amherst, NY

Bernard Fudor
Pittsburgh, PA

Flight A (0-6000)

Jack Hawthornes
Valencia, PA

August Costanzo
Pittsburgh, PA

Barbara Grzegorzewski
Meadville, PA

Steven Grzegorzewski
Meadville, PA

Flight B (0-2500)

David Collura
Elizabeth, PA

Robert Flynn
Pittsburgh, PA

Susan Israelson
Murrysville, PA

James Gump
Pittsburgh, PA

Flight C (0-500 & Non-Life Master)

Alec Sun
Pittsburgh, PA

Mingkuan XU
Pittsburgh, PA

Richard Laird
Sewickley, PA

Patricia Rambasek
Sewickley, PA

**Strats determine by masterpoints held prior to cutoff date.*



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

FROM THE DIRECTOR

On the topic of Scores...

LAW 12

DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY POWERS

A. Power to Award an Adjusted Score

On the application of a player within the period established under Law 92B or on his own initiative the Director may award an adjusted score when these Laws empower him to do so (in team play see Law 86B). This includes:

1. ...
2. The Director awards an artificial adjusted score if no rectification can be made that will permit normal play of the board (see C2 below).
3. ...

B. Objectives of Score Adjustment

1. The objective of score adjustment is to redress damage to a nonoffending side and to take away any advantage gained by an offending side through its infraction. Damage exists when, because of an infraction, an innocent 16 side obtains a table result less favorable than would have been the expectation had the infraction not occurred.
2. ...

C. Awarding an Adjusted Score

- 2.(a) When owing to an irregularity no result can be obtained [see also C1(d)], the Director awards an artificial adjusted score according to responsibility for the irregularity: average minus (at most 40% of the available matchpoints in pairs) to a contestant directly at fault, average (50% in pairs) to a contestant only partly at fault, and average plus (at least 60% in pairs) to a contestant in no way at fault.

In our example to the right:
 Board 1, if Pair 9 had adjusted scores
 Average = total matchpoints, in this example 30, divided by number of other pairs. 30 / 8 = 3.75 NS & EW (50%)
 Average minus = 3.0 NS & 4.5 EW (40%)
 Average plus = 4.5 NS & 3.0 EW (60%)

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,

Please explain the Club Results!!

Did I Win??

Dear Did I Win,

A picture may be worth a thousand words, in this case picture, arrows...and words.

HOME

Club Results

To sign up for the Pittsburgh Bridge Players Directory, go [HERE](#)

Monday

[Glenshaw](#)

[Export Moose](#)

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[ACBL Live](#)

First the Options

Simplified HTML

ACBL Interactive

Pair = Pair's Number

Pct = Score Divided by Highest Possible Score

Score = Total Matchpoints

Strat Letter = A, B or C

Rank = Ranking in Stats

MPs = Masterpoints Won

Players Names

Monday Morning Pairs	Monday Morn Session	April 24, 2023		Section	North-South
Scores after 9 rounds	Average: 108.0			B	
Pair Pct Score	Section Rank	A	B	C	MPs
4 68.75 148.50	B 1	1	1		0.90(A) Dennis Jacobs - Carol Bolen
9 80.88 131.50	A 2		2		0.63(A) Frank Cymerman - August Costanzo
3 56.25 121.50	A 3		3		0.45(A) Arlene Port - Judy Haffner
6 51.62 111.50	A 4		4		0.32(A) William Holt - Robert Park
1 51.16 110.50	B 2			2	0.34(B) Karen Shipkovitz - Dorothy Mehok
7 48.61 105.00	B 2				John Alioto - Marilyn Burke
8 42.13 91.00	C 1			1	0.24(C) Carole Shanahan - William Seran
5 37.04 80.00	C 1				Michael Pascal - Rose Pascal
2 33.56 72.50	C 2				Benjamin Wechsler - Rodney Lipman

PAIRS									
BOARD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
V									
1>	2-	2-	2-	6	0	8	2-	6	6
	-480	-480	-480	-450	-510	-100	-480	-450	-450
2>	7	3-	1	7	1	7	5	1	3-
	150	90	-100	150	-100	150	120	-100	90
3>	7	4-	4-	4-	1	8	4-	1	1
	-200	-650	-650	-650	-680	-170	-650	-680	-680

Matchpoints Earned

Score for the hand

Earning Matchpoints:

One matchpoint is earned for each pair you score higher than and 1/2 point for each pair you tie. A negative scores indicates a positive score by opponent.

Pair 2, Board 2

In this example Pair 2 scored higher than pairs 3, 5, & 8 and tied pair 9, earning 3 1/2

The total Score is all of the Matchpoints the pair earned. Here Pair 4 earned 148.5.

With 9 pairs playing, if you scored higher than all you would earned 8 matchpoints.

At this game 27 boards were in play, 8 x 27 = 216, a perfect game.

Percent is calculated by dividing matchpoints earned by a perfect game. In this case 148.5 / 216 = 68.75

If some players have a "Sitout" or "No Play" and others do not, no problem, the perfect game number reflects the number of boards PLAYED, so all remains fair.

Rank is Determined by Percent



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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

FREE MINI LESSONS

PRIOR TO GAMES

Glenshaw

Saturdays 10:30

Lorraine Hanna, Instructor

Game at 11:30

Edgeworth Bridge Club

Wednesdays 11:15, Optional Lunch

May 3 Responding to Partner's Preempt

Denise Dufour

May 10 Managing Trump

Jim Lauf

May 17 Unblocking

Annmarie Gordan

May 24 Signaling

Lorraine Hanna

Game at 12:20

Check our [website](#) for others Classes

Congratulations Jim Lauf !

Jim received an ACBL Best Practices Teacher Certification after completing the workshop held recently during the Gatlinburg, TN Regional.

This workshop covers proven techniques that help teachers be more effective in their classroom. The focus is on how, rather than what, to teach. Participants may opt to demonstrate their Best Practices proficiency on Sunday afternoon or Monday morning to earn certification as an ACBL Best Practices teacher.



FREE CLASS

Passavant Retirement Community, Zelienople, PA

May 6 10:30 to noon - Intro to Duplicate

Break with Optional Dutch Treat Lunch in the dining room

12:30 - Participate in a Teaching Game

[Email for more information](#)



Upcoming Online Bridge Lessons

By Richard Finberg

Group Lessons on Zoom every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Planning the play

Choosing your opening lead based on the auction

Winning Tactics at Team Games (Imp scoring)

Competitive auctions

Planning the defense

Negative Doubles & Responses

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

May 31

June 7

Each lesson is \$10 but get 5 or more lessons for \$8 each. Free handouts included. Shark Bridge will be used as needed. Schedule subject to change. Satisfaction guaranteed or there is no charge for the lesson.

To sign up or request alternative times, or subjects, please call me at (412) 304-9254 or email doublemenot@gmail.com.

Individual lessons and playing lessons on BBO with post-game review are also available.

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Next FREE lessons: Monday, May 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. EST,
and 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=Ui9vcjFBcVpZby9MRfZ6eiswUWR0UT09>

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