



Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

July 7-9, 2023
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Hospitality All Sessions!



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 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

Did you know... Medicare Element 3 care covers ACBL dues, as a way to counteract Alzheimer's?

Congratulations Alex !!

ERIN SAID YES !!!



NEWS TEAM

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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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UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

CONDOLENCES

Margaret 'Peg' Patterson Becker Died June 7 at the age of 92

With a PhD from Pitt, Peg founded Psychological Services, Inc. in the North Hills. She worked into her 80's. Long a resident of Fox Chapel, Peg moved to Longwood in 2011. In addition to bridge, Peg excelled at golf and tennis.

Lawrence Thomas Ferlan died June 3

Son of unit member Joan Ferlan, died at age 63 from a brief battle with esophageal cancer. He was quite the adventurer, with interests that included skydiving (2,000 jumps), SCUBA diving, and mountain biking. Our sympathies to Joan for the loss of her son.

Our condolences to all the families and friends. Marilyn Painter

Member News

Dina Fulmer

PICT (Pittsburgh International Classic Theatre) is hosting a dinner to kick off the new season and to introduce the new artistic director. The honoree for the event is our very own, unit member Dina Fulmer. Dina has been a long time supporter of PICT, including serving on the theater's board. The event is at Casbah July 11. Call 412 561-6000 or info@pictheatre.org. And check on line for the season lineup. The plays are held in the theater at WQED.

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The Newsletter Team is now publishing to our Facebook Page.

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

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June's Highlights

Kudos to Ruthie Neafach for heading a successful Awards Night along with being our master entrée chef!! She should receive an award for that!!!

Our Pot Luck couldn't have been memorable without the tasty dishes provided by all the attendees. Please note that I'm up for adoption or at least taste testing.

Put on your Summer Sectional hats July 7-9 and join us for a bridge filled weekend!!! "U" will make it a success!!!

A health reminder - PLEASE be considerate of your fellow bridge players and refrain from attending Club & Tournament games if you are having ANY health issues.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

WHAT'S THE ROLE OF THE PBA?

PART 4

Sectional Site Contact: Bill Holt

Site Assessment

Unit Night Game and Sectional locations are determined by Bill Holt, Gus Costanzo and Craig Biddle with the approval of the Board.

Recently we have been having Sectionals at Masonic and Special Games at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church. Our Site Assessment team searches for alternatives. Many venues are becoming increasingly expensive. The Masonic charges \$4,000 to rent their space for our Sectional Tournaments.

The District is in charge of site rentals for our Roni Day Regional. In the past the Regionals were held at the Convention Center in Monroeville and area hotels which have become cost prohibitive.

Tournament Caddymaster

John Doyal is our Chair and responsible for employing Caddies for our tournaments. Go to our website and click on the Caddies link for more information along with a form to fill out. Caddies can be as young as 14 and as old as infinity (provided you can move quickly). Experienced caddies can earn \$100 per day.

Ken Bergman is our Election Chair

Nominations for Board Members are taken in the summer with an election during our Fall Tournament. Elections haven't taken place in recent years because Board Members have been unopposed. Please consider becoming a Board Member. **We would like all areas around the Burgh to be represented on the Board.** A Petition is required to be signed by 10 ACBL members in our unit, 142. Ken Bergman has these forms, or, you could just get a sheet of paper and have 10 people from Unit 142 sign on your behalf. Petition must include date, print and sign name, include ACBL number and turn it in to Ken Bergman. Petitions will be available at our Summer Sectional July 7-9.

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

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



**July 4th Game
Glenshaw
10:30**

GLENSHAW

Saturdays - Games Start 11:00
Open and 0 - 199 Games

**Free Mini-Lesson on Preemptive Bids
July 29 at 10:30**

0 - 199 Point Game
With 2 tables, we play a Team Game
With 2 1/2 tables we play a Pairs Game

You don't need a partner!

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church
1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw

THERE IS A NEW GAME!!!

PASSAVANT ZELIENOPE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelenople
Scholl Auditorium, Abundant Life Building at
Lutheran Seniorlife Passavant Community

Saturdays

Game 12:30, \$6

Lesson 10:30 to Noon, \$5

Bargain - \$8 for Lesson and Game

Zelie Club offers a "Lunch and Learn" opportunity for newer players with a class taught by Jim Lauf at 10:30. You can bring a lunch or buy one at the Bistro inside the Abundant Life Building.

Information: Patty Dotson 717.372.2610

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15

**[Check the EBC Info Page](#)
for Special Games**

Gus Costanzo now
Directing once a month!!

Summer Location:
Allegheny Country Club
250 Country Club Road, Sewickley

RODEF SHALOM

Every first Thursday of the month (when not blocked by the ACBL) will be Club Charity games. Charity games that support our local food banks or other local charities are \$9/player.

[Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#) and
[JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry!](#)

The next Thursday game with 7 or more tables will be UPGRADED TO A CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.



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PLAYER RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the Following!

UP THE LADDER

Diamond Life Master

Henry Nelson

Silver Life Master

Erin Gonzalez

Life Master

James Liacos

UNIT 142 ANNUAL AWARDS



PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
presents the

MILT FRAZIER AWARD 2022

to

Denise Dufour

The Person who has Given
The Most Effort for the Good of the Unit.

June Threlkeld, President, ACBL Unit 142



PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
presents the

JANE MCINTYRE AWARD 2022

to

Lynne and Alan Colker

The Member deemed to have Done the Most
To Help Others Enjoy the Game of Bridge.

June Threlkeld, President, ACBL Unit 142



PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
presents the

NIMMI AWARD 2022

to

Douglas Sterrett

Non-Life-Master who has Won The Most Masterpoints
in Face-to-Face Bridge for the Year.

June Threlkeld, President, ACBL Unit 142



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

FROM THE DIRECTOR

LAW 5 - Assignments of Seats

A. Initial Position The Director assigns an initial position to each contestant (individual, pair or team) at the start of a session. Unless otherwise directed, the members of each pair or team may select seats among those assigned to them by mutual agreement. Having once selected a compass direction, a player may change it within a session only upon instruction or with permission of the Director.

B. Change of Direction or Table Players change their initial compass direction or proceed to another table in accordance with the Director's instructions. The Director is responsible for clear announcement of instructions; each player is responsible for moving when and as directed and for occupying the correct seat after each change.

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,

Why, does the Director assign us seats? I want to sit East/West and there are empty spots!! What difference does it make??

Annoyed

Dear Annoyed,

The Director is helping you, and other players, have better results by "seeding" the players.

Seeding a field for bridge (or any sport for that matter) is an attempt to even the field which gives players an equal chance to win. It is not an exact science and players can play above (or below) their ranking, but is the best attempt to have a fair competition.

Let's look at a couple of examples using 7 tables.

In both examples the Pairs masterpoint averages are as follows:

4 pair with 2,000 , 5 pairs with 500, 5 pairs with 50

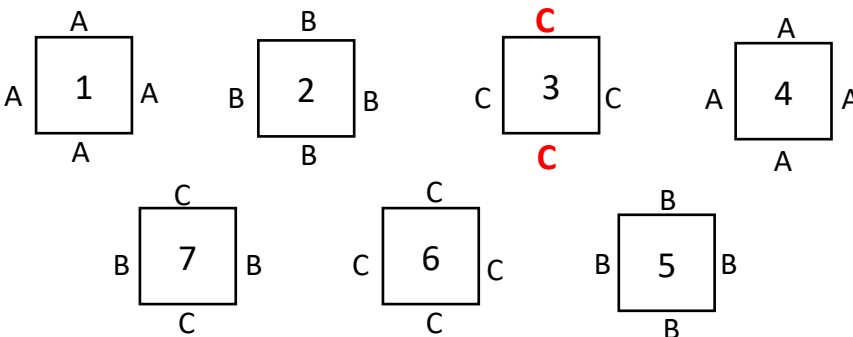
You will be the **C** Pair shown in Red

Director seats Pairs to Balance the Field

Note, the tables are also mixed when possible so that there are not 2 tables of the same **strat** next to each other.

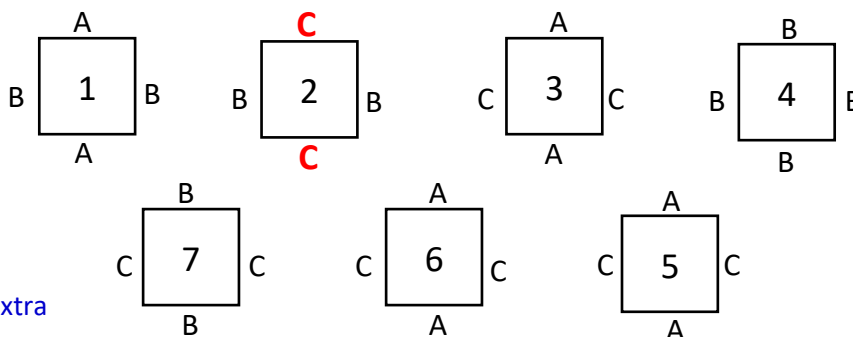
In this example you play against 2 A pair, 2 B pair and 2 C pair. Balanced, your best chance for a good score.

** Remember you are being scored against the other pairs in your same direction.*



Pairs just sit anywhere

In this example you play against 4 A pair, 2 B pair and Zero C pair. Is that really what you want?



SUGGESTIONS:

Arrive early if planning to ask for special seating

Say "Thank You" to the Director that has gone to the extra effort to Balance the Field FOR YOU!



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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MINI LESSON

July 29 10:30

Glenshaw

Preemptive Bids

Laraine Hanna, Instructor

Saturdays 10:30 to noon

Zelienople

Lunch & Learn every Saturday

Beginner Level

\$5 or \$2 if you stay for the bridge game

Check our [website](#) for other classes

BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS

Prior to Covid we had a successful Bridge in Schools program. Our gracious volunteers taught in a number of schools throughout the Burgh and it WAS Growing. We need a Leader/Coordinator to try and get this beneficial program back into our schools. In the June, 2023, *Bridge Bulletin*, on page 81, there is an article regarding a research project with the goal to encourage schools to incorporate Bridge in their activities. There are so many benefits in learning and playing bridge, as you know. Let's do our part by going back into the schools to not only improve the thinking and socialization of our young people but to keep Bridge alive for generations to come.

Rhoda's Rules



There is a new website, rhodasrules.com

Multiple world champion Rhoda Walsh posts her lessons of a lifetime (every other day gets new stuff) and also great bridge stories.

1. **What is it?** This site was created in response to growing interest from her followers, to share with all visitors Rhoda's wisdom and experience about the greatest game on Earth: BRIDGE!
2. **What will you find inside?** At least every other day, new content is posted on the site: three new rules during the work week, for your study of the game, and one new story every weekend, for your entertainment.
3. **Where do I find it?** The newest content is always available right here on the home page. **IMPORTANT:** When newer content is posted, the previous rules and stories are moved and become accessible only from the **navigation bar** (tabs) at the top of each page.

Rule #19: Your Opponents Stop Low. Should You Balance?

Rule: When your opponents stop at the two level, you should give thought to balancing, particularly if they have shown a fit. To balance, you need proper shape for the balance (a five or more card suit or support for any suit partner may bid). Your high card point count is immaterial.

Rationale: When your opponents stop at the two level, your side invariably has half the deck, which is eighteen to twenty-two high card points. Due to your combined assumed strength, you are quite likely to make your contract or push your opponents to venture too high.



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American Contract Bridge League

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Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Hospitality All Sessions!

Partnerships & Team Inquiries:

[Fill out our Partnership Form](#)

Also online at www.pittsburghbridge.org

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412-855-9232, or email >

Partners@pittsburghbridge.org

499ers call Darlene Mannheimer
412-913-5944, or email >

499er@pittsburghbridge.org

Tournament Chair:

Carol Shanahan 412-952-3583

Summer23@pittsburghbridge.org

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S2307324

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.

New Strats!

Open

A: 3000+

B: 750-3000

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

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

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

Play ONLY against other Newer Players*

* - Attendance Dependent

Contact Darlene for
Partners & Team-building!



Friday, July 7

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, July 8

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

Lunch Included !

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

Sunday, July 9

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

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