

City of Bridge(s)



Pittsburgh Fall Sectional



Thu Oct 19

10:30 AM

Open Pairs
499er Pairs
2-Day KO Teams #

3:00 PM

Open Pairs
499er Pairs
2-Day KO Teams #

2-Day Bracketed KO: Play Round Robin Thursday, with 4 teams per Bracket advancing.

Fri Oct 20

10:00 AM

Open Pairs
499er Pairs
2-Day KO Teams Semi-Finals #.

2:30 PM

Open Pairs
499er Pairs
2-Day KO Team Finals #
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sat Oct 21

10:00 AM

Bracketed Swiss Teams
Top MPs: Bracket 1 'A'
Next MPs: Bracket 2 'X'
Remaining Teams in BCD
(7 rounds of 7 boards)

3 Separate
Play-through Events
20 point VP scale

Lunch included all 3 days!

October 19-21, 2023
Masonic Center North
3800 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Tournament Chair:
Craig Biddle 303-720-4164
Fall23@pittsburghbridge.org

Hospitality Chairs:
XXXX XXXX 412-222-2222
XXXX XXXX 724-333-3333

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles



NOTE THE DATES!

This is a Cashless Tournament!
Most Credit Cards accepted
Pairs Entries \$ 15 pp.
Single Session Teams \$ 60/team
Sunday Swiss \$ 120/team

All participants must be current or former ACBL members.
1-month membership: \$7.99.
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

Newcomer / 499er Pairs -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
Play ONLY against other
Newer Players*

Open Pairs

A: 3000+
B: 750-3000
C: 0-750
Stratifications in All
Events by Avg. MPs

499er Pairs

5: 300-500
3: 100-300
1: 0-100
499er Strats at
Director's Discretion*

* - Attendance Dependent

Partnerships & Team Inquiries: [Fill out our Partnership Form](#)

Also online at www.pittsburghbridge.org

500+ MPs Call Barb Belardi
412-4965895
or email>

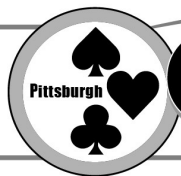
Partners@pittsburghbridge.org

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

499er@pittsburghbridge.org



Hospitality All Sessions!



City of Bridge(s)

UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

June's Highlights

Fall Fun Festivities

Oct. 12 - Pro-AM Charity Event designed to acquaint PROs & AMs while supporting the “Kids Meal Network”.

Oct. 19-21 - Fall Sectional Check your local club game for possible cancellations during these days. [Link](#)

Congratulations NAP Qualifiers! We are proud to have you representing us and will be cheering you on at NACB. Thank you to our own Ron Franck for Chairing this District 5 event, we appreciate you.

Zero Tolerance Zone I strongly encourage everyone to read this month’s “Dear Dummy” on page 6, and remember those import lessons from kindergarten, **Play Nice!**



FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

A BIT OF HISTORY

Unit 142 became a part of the ACBL. November 1, 1971. On that date, our Unit Charter covered Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong, Indiana, Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington, Greene and Fayette Counties. Thanks to John Alioto for providing the Board with a copy of the certificate.

The role of the over 300 ACBL Units is to promote bridge. Units host sectionals in their territory as well as special games. Each **Unit receives a share of ACBL membership fees; that’s why it is imperative for the SNOWBIRDS to keep Unit 142 as your home base when you change your address for the winter month.**

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

On the homepage of our website, there is a link to your Board Members. There you can contact the Board and receive approved minutes of Board Meetings. Following the November Board Meeting, the list of the members serving you on the Board will be changing. Elections are in October. If you're interested in serving, act now by notifying Ken Bergman at the number listed below.

UNIT 142 BOARD NOMINATIONS

If YOU ARE INTERESTED in serving on the Unit Board

Contact Ken Bergman, 724-524-1049

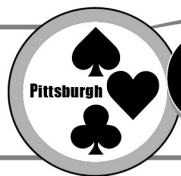
Directors must be a member of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association, PBA

PBA members are members of the ACBL that live in Unit 142

Terms are 2 years

The Board Meets 4 to 5 times per year

Election held during the Fall Sectional



City of Bridge(s)

MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER NEWS

UP THE LADDER

Ruby Life Master

M.G. Weisensee

Silver Life Master

Brina Segal

On September 22, the Lauri Ann West Center in O'Hara Township, celebrated its 40th year. It was built on the site of the Boyd Elementary School. Back then, three local women decided to turn the old school into a community center. One of the three was Sue Golier, past member of our unit and director of the bridge game played at the center, who died in 2022. The monies from this anniversary event will support, among other programs, the Sue Golier Speakers Series. While no longer with us, Sue's dedication to her community and to the Center, lives on.

Donna Trust has been seen with a 'boot' on one foot. A freaky ankle accident, resulted in broken bones and tendons. Fortunately, it doesn't keep Donna from the bridge table.

Edgeworth Bridge Club

FREE Mini Lessons

Wednesdays at 11:15

Edgeworth Club, Grill Room

11:15, Place your order for lunch, coffee...water

Food payment by Check, Venmo, or charge back to your club

Lesson while lunch is being prepared

approximately 20 minutes

Lunch and Small Talk

Make new bridge friends, form partnerships

October 4

Forcing & Reverse Bids

October 11

Bill Holt, Fall Sectional Committee

Team Games & How They Work

October 18

Showing a Two Suited Hand with

Michael's Cuebid - Unusual NT - Sandwich Stayman

October 25

Cuebids

All are encouraged to stay for the 12:20 Game

CONDOLENCES

Nolly Chess died peacefully September 8th,

at home, at the age of 97. Her daughter, Jean, writes: "Nolly was a long time resident of South Hills. She had many bridge friends from all over the Pittsburgh area and she enjoyed catching up with them at local, sectional and regional tournaments. She is survived by her daughters Jean Chess and Nolly Gibbs."

Sandie Brand died September 10.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, her children Heidi and Scott, their children, and Bob's children. Sandie's passion for bridge and for life was unparalleled.and she lived it to the fullest. Not just the bridge community, but the world has lost an irreplaceable woman who will be remembered for her zest for life.

Herb Sachs died Saturday, September 23.

Herb and his late wife, Roslyn, were long time fixtures at the bridge table. Their children, Katie, Amy, Alfred and Heidi survive them. Herb is also survived by his sister, Annabelle Joseph.

Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com

Text/phone: 412-708-7433



City of Bridge(s)

CLUB NEWS

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

FALL INTO BRIDGE ACBL WIDE INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

Wednesday, October 25, 12:15 pm

\$9.00 Entry

Temple Emanuel, *Director Dustin Hoover*

And

Edgeworth Bridge Club, *Director Gus Costanzo*

Gold, Red & Black points awarded



Win Gold at Your Local Club

One gold masterpoint® is up for grabs when you finish at the top of a section (both directions) at a participating face-to-face club. Bonus: See your score immediately after each deal in a pre-printed Fall IMG traveler.

Take Home an Expert's View on the Game

The Fall IMG features pre-printed written analyses of all 36 deals for participants. Don't miss the in-depth coverage from this report.

Enjoy Hand Records for Each Deal

Along with the pre-printed analyses for all 36 deals, participants will receive full hand records (also pre-printed!).



City of Bridge(s)

CLUB NEWS

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

Check your local club game for possible cancellations during the Fall Sectional.

[Link](#)

PASSAVANT ZELIENOPE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelienople
Scholl Auditorium, Abundant Life Building

Saturdays at 12:30
\$6.00 game

Optional Lunch

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

The Edgeworth Club
511 East Drive, Sewickley

Wednesdays at 12:15

Optional Lunch, 11:30

Lunch Details on the EBC Info page

October will feature a Lunch & Learn Series

[Check the "EBC Info" Page on the PB website](#)
for details and other Special Games

RODEF SHALOM

NO GAME October 19
See you at the Fall Sectional

Every first Thursday of the month (when not blocked by the ACBL) will be a Club Charity game. These games support our local food banks and are \$9/player.

The next game that has 7 full tables or more will be an
UPGRADED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

Check the ["Update from Karl"](#) page on our website
for the latest information on our game.



City of Bridge(s)

NEW TO DUPLICATE

Dear Dummy,

There is a person at our club game that talks while we are playing the hand no matter if they are declarer or defending. Comments like, “we know where the queen is”, “you thought to long about that, come on play your ace, we all know you have it, can’t take it home with you”.

Is there a rule about this? There should be.

Signed,

Annoyed, but new, so nervous about saying anything



Dear Annoyed,

Yes, there is a rule and we will discuss that, first please never feel too nervous to ask your Director a question. You can always stay after, email or phone if you prefer privacy. It is the Director’s job to assure the game is Fair and Fun for everyone. So next time this happens, raise your hand and call the director immediately.

Laws of Duplicate Bridge, Law 74, Conduct and Etiquette.

A. Proper Attitude

1. A player should maintain a courteous attitude at all times.
2. A player should carefully avoid any remark or extraneous action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.
3. Every player should follow uniform and correct procedure in calling and playing.

C. Violations of Procedure The following are examples of violations of procedure:

1. using different designations for the same call.
2. indicating approval or disapproval of a call or play.
3. indicating the expectation or intention of winning or losing a trick that has not been completed.
4. commenting or acting during the auction or play so as to call attention to a significant occurrence, or to the number of tricks still required for success.
5. looking intently at any other player during the auction and play, or at another player’s hand as for the purpose of seeing his cards or of observing the place from which he draws a card (but it is appropriate to act on information acquired by unintentionally seeing an opponent’s card23).
6. showing an obvious lack of further interest in a deal (as by folding one’s cards).
7. varying the normal tempo of bidding or play for the purpose of disconcerting an opponent.
8. leaving the table needlessly before the round is called.

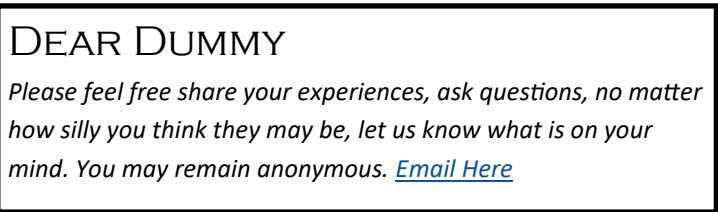
What happens after the director is called?

ACBL Zero Tolerance Handout for Clubs published in 2015 addresses this very thing.

Law 91 A. In performing his duty to maintain order and discipline, the Director is empowered to assess disciplinary penalties in points or to suspend a contestant for the current session or any part thereof. The Director’s decision under this clause is final and may not be overruled by an appeals committee.

ACBL Handbook Excerpt (Chapter IV) The club manager can handle many behavior problems by discussing them with the offenders, by issuing a warning or declaring a period of probation. In extreme cases or cases of repeat offenses, the manager can bar an ACBL member from the club game for a stipulated period of time or permanently.

In some cases the comments could also fall under the category of Unauthorized Information addressed by Law 16.



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](#)



City of Bridge(s)

DISTRICT 5 NAP FINALS

[Link to Results](#)



Ron Franck, *NAP Chair, Unit 142 Board*
Patty Wynn, *Unit 142 Board*

