



IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 23 - Dec. 3

NABC

Atlanta, GA

[Information](#)

**Dec. 9 STaC n Snack Brunch
Glenshaw**

Jan. 3-7 Regional, [Info](#)
Cleveland, OH

Feb. 24-25 Sectional
Canton, OH

Mar. 8-10 Sectional
Akron, OH

Mar. 13-24 **NABC**
Louisville, KY
[Information](#)



STaC'n'Snack at the... Brunch'n'Munch!!!

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

STaC Week is December 4-10, 2023

STaC Games All Week, Plus a Holiday Party!

Get Your Munch ON!



Don't Pass ... Have 2nds!

Saturday Dec 9th

@ Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian

Game time 11:00, Pot Luck Brunch @ 10:00am
If you like, bring a favorite dish for all to enjoy!

Please Coordinate with
Ruthie Neafach @ 412-559-4351
Brunch'n'Munch 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

Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org



Pittsburgh Bridge Association



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UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

June's Holiday Highlights

What a memorable 90th Anniversary celebration of the **Edgeworth Bridge Club** on November 15 including an invitational thank you luncheon for 40 dedicated members along with an afternoon of our favorite pastime - Bridge!! [Be sure to read the article on page 30 of the December ACBL Bulletin!](#)

Holiday Docket Agenda - STaC Week December 4-10 with our new **STaC n Snack** Brunch event Saturday December 9 at 10 am with bridge at 11 am. Please bring your favorite brunch delicacy to share!!

Wishing you a holiday season filled with family, friends, and wonderful memories. Hoping 2024 finds you enjoying bridge and friendship shared at the table. I appreciate your continued support.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD



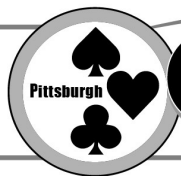
ACBL MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

Membership dues will be increased to \$59 on January 1, 2024. Renew your membership prior to the end of the year to get the current rate of \$49. Junior Memberships are currently \$5 for those players 25 and under. Free Guest Memberships are available for 120 days. Go to the ACBL website and search under Membership for other offers and the benefit of being a member of the ACBL.

Snowbirds

Please remember to keep Pittsburgh, Unit 142, as your home base. Our Unit receives money from the ACBL having you as a member.





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CLUB NEWS

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

LEBO DUPLICATE

Fridays at 11:00

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church
3319 West Liberty Ave

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

Check your local club game for possible cancellations during the Holidays. [Link](#)

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

[Link to Feature Article in the Bridge Bulletin](#)

The Edgeworth Club
511 East Drive, Sewickley

Wednesdays at 12:15

All games will play as normally scheduled through the holidays.

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

PASSAVANT ZELIENOPE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelienople
Scholl Auditorium, Abundant Life Building

Saturdays at 12:30
\$6.00 game

Optional Lunch

RODEF SHALOM

All games will play as normally scheduled in December.

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.



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STAC GAMES

Most Clubs have an extra fee for these games, so be prepared and bring an extra dollar or two.

Monday			
Milt Frazier DBC	10:30	Glenshaw	Open
Export DBC	11:00	Export	Open
Tuesday			
Lauri Ann West / Glenshaw DBC	10:30	Glenshaw	Open
South Hills DBC	12:00	Pittsburgh	Limited: 500
Wednesday			
Greensburg Morning Bridge	11:00	Greensburg	Open
Edgeworth Bridge Club	12:15	Sewickley	Open
South Hills DBC	12:15	Pittsburgh	Open
Thursday			
Women of Rodef Shalom	11:00	Pittsburgh	Open
Friday			
Milt Frazier DBC / Wilkins	10:30	Wilkins	Open
Greensburg Friday Morning DBC	11:00	Greensburg	Open
Lebo DBCI	11:00	Pittsburgh	Open

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Instructor: Richard Finberg

- Practice playing at your personal private table using Shark Bridge.
- Play live with Richard on BBO or Face to Face at local club, with hand review.
- Group lessons on Zoom every Wed. at 6:00 pm, 5 for \$40.
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Satisfaction guaranteed or your lesson is free.



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MEMBER NEWS

UP THE LADDER

Life Master

Kermit Houser

Sapphire Life Master

Peggy Shivetts

Peggy's friends helped her celebrate with a sapphire themed party.



CONDOLENCES

George Arthur (Art) Anderson, brother of member Nancy Walsh, died November 22. He was 73

Andy Makar died September 16. He was 90. He played in the Export and Greensburg games

Peggy Legal, wife of Dave Legal, died September 15. Dave plays at the Export game. Peggy was the game's food chief for many years.

Ricky Frohlich died October 28 at the age of 65. Ricky was the son of member Marilyn Frohlich (now deceased) and the brother of current member David Frohlich.

Shirley Eskew died November 5 at the age of 87. A resident of Mt. Lebanon, she played at the South Hills games for many years.

Arlene Roberts died November 12. Both her late husband, Arnold, and she were Life Masters. Arlene was active in many roles at Rodef Shalom Congregation.

Irving Lieberman died Nov. 6 at age 86. Irv earned his PhD in Electrical Engineering at Northwestern University. In 1963 he began his career at Westinghouse. His work on research and development on lasers and optical systems contributed to our nation's defense systems. He published more than 50 articles on laser technology and held 8 patents.

Robert (Bob) Perkoski, of Churchill, age 69, died November 18. Bob was the brother of unit member Terri Tunick.

Please send any Member News to:

Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

Florence Chapman took a tumble while vacationing in Palm Desert. A shoulder fracture has forced her to be left handed.....fortunately only temporarily.



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

Dear Dummy,

What is STaC ?? I saw the flyer on our website, the brunch sounds fun but please explain the game.

Thanks,,

Still Trying at Cards?

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 Still Trying at Cards?,

STaC is an acronym for Sectional Tournament at Clubs. More importantly, what does that mean to the player?

Silver Points

Silver points are awarded at Sectional Tournaments. Since STaC is a Sectional Tournament STaCs provide bridge players with the opportunity to win Silver Points at their local clubs. All of the ACBL's rules, regulations, and procedures for a Sectional tournament apply to the organization and management of a STaC, except that players need not have an ACBL number nor be paid-up members.

STaC n Snack is an opportunity for club members from all over our Unit to gather socially. Players are encouraged to bring a dish for everyone to share. Meet new friends, catch up with old friends, and just have a relaxed time before the director tells everyone "keep your voices down, people are playing".



Mentoring

The PBA Board has approved reimbursement through 2024 to support our Mentoring Program plus free play for ACBL Members with 0-5 masterpoints.

The stipulations and to sign up are on our website.

Play is Face to Face in Units 142 or 229. Mentees are required to have 200 points or less.

Changes in Teacher Directory

The ACBL has a new site to find a teacher. It's BridgeConnect.me

This new vehicle to connect students with teachers has Advanced Search Filters, Personalized Recruiting Link, Advertising Support and Free Teaching Materials.

The ACBL now recognizes experienced teachers without certifications. Go to BridgeConnect.me or contact the ACBL at education@acbl.org to request your name be added to the Teacher Directory. If you are currently an ACBL accredited teacher, update your Profile by going to your personal webpage.



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EDUCATION - WHAT'S ONLINE

Deal Me In

Newsletter especially for players with fewer than 50 points. Tips and puzzles. Past articles are available. Everyone could benefit from the pointers! Ready to dive into the exciting world of cards? Say hello to Deal Me In, a monthly newsletter for beginner bridge players brought to you by the Bridge Bulletin magazine staff. Each month, you'll uncover bridge basics with breakdowns and puzzles crafted just for newer players. [Subscribe on ACBL website.](#)



Biddle Bits

Our own Craig Biddle generates interesting scenarios for all to enjoy.

[Link to his page.](#)

BridgeFeed - For Players of all Levels

Hungry for more bridge strategies and puzzles? Read posts on BridgeFeed, the blog from the American Contract Bridge League.

Choose from **Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced** Articles on the [ACBL Website.](#)

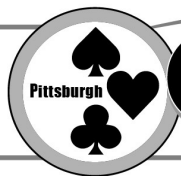


Here's the deal: BridgeWhiz can give your child a brighter future.

BridgeWhiz, an organization affiliated with the [ACBL Educational Foundation](#), is a **FREE, online course designed to teach children in grades 4 through 12** the essentials of a fascinating game whose benefits, intellectual stimulation, and adventure will last a lifetime.

Learning to play bridge will nurture your child's team and individual competitive spirit. Build social skills. And enhance deductive reasoning and math abilities.

- BridgeWhiz is designed for beginner bridge players, with opportunities for graduates to continue lessons at all skill levels through grade 12.
- Weekly classes are offered at different times in multiple time zones to accommodate busy schedules.
- Our partners include the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), American Bridge Teachers Association (ABTA), and SharkBridge.
- All teachers are fully vetted, certified bridge teachers with expertise in the SharkBridge teacher console.
- An assistant teacher is assigned to every teacher to assist in digitally monitoring each child's screen to ensure no student falls behind.
- Opportunities to play in youth tournaments locally, nationally, and internationally.



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WLGBTQ+ BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

SIN CITY CLASSIC | JAN 11-15

Over MLK Weekend (Jan 11-15, 2024), we are running a bridge tournament at the Sin City Classic, the world's largest annual LGBTQ+ sporting event. Bridge is one of 24 sports.

DETAILS FOR PROSPECTIVE PLAYERS:

This will be the most fun you've ever had playing bridge! At the Flamingo Las Vegas, there are many events that connect you beyond the bridge table with gay athletes from around the world. Thanks to the generosity of some of our players and sponsors, your entry fee includes:

- Seven bridge games (Each game is roughly 12 tables)
- Those coming solo are guaranteed a partner
- Four hosted cocktail parties
- Free coffee & tea at all games
- One group dinner
- Free entry into the nightly all-sport parties
- Discounts on food & drinks at the hotel
- A few famous bridge players - especially for Jeopardy fans

There is a discounted \$47 special on the entry fee if you register by December 15th.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

1 [Sin City Classic - Bridge Info](#)

2 [Tournament Schedule](#)

3 [Register to Play](#) ← Register by 12/15 to get the discount

4 [Book at Host Hotels](#) ← Link for block rate discount (Book soon! Only 30 rooms left at the Flamingo)

5 [Book a Flight](#) ← Many Cyber Monday flight specials continue through Thursday 11/30

6 [Share Business Cards](#)

7 [Like us on Facebook](#)

8 [Join our Facebook Event](#)

9 [Other Sin City Events](#)

Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

We hope you join us!

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