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Louisville, KY
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- Apr. 5-7 Sectional
Cleveland, OH
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- Apr. 26-28 **Sectional**
Pittsburgh, PA
- May 4-5 **GNT**
Erie, PA
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2024 BRINGS

Unit 142

Team Games

First Saturday of each Month

INCLUDES PIZZA

11:00 am

\$8.00 per person

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



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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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NEWS TEAM

- Denise Dufour Layout
- Lorraine Hanna News, New to Duplicate
- Marilyn Painter Education, Up the Ladder, Unit 142
- Marilyn Sittig Personal News
- June Threlkeld Contributor
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[Please click here to email Denise](#) anything you feel is of interest to our readers for possible publication.

New monthly feature,
Bridge Bites!

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Game Cancellations

Cancellations are posted on the RESULTS page of our website
[Pittsburgh Bridge Club Results](#)

Even Better,
Get Text Message Alerts to your Cell Phone!
To enroll, simply send a text To: 84483 with
GAMEOFF in the message box.

*NOTE: PBA will absorb the costs.
Ignore requests to 'sign up and pay' for this service.*



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

Dear Dummy,

Me again...I saw the flyer with pizza on our Facebook page this time. What are Team Games?? How is this different from a regular game? How do I get on a team? Do I have to be a really good player?

Thanks,

Attracted to the Social Aspect of Bridge

DEAR DUMMY

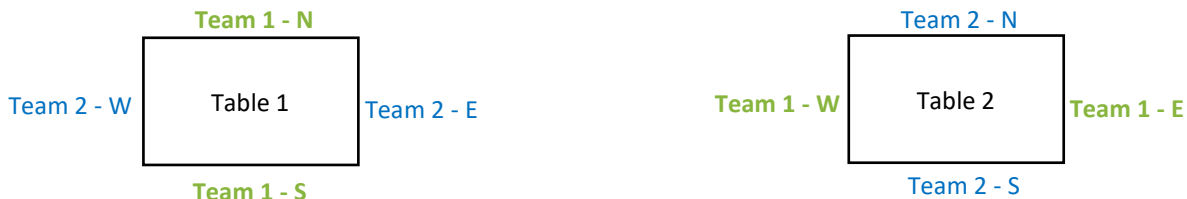
Please feel free share your experiences, ask questions, no matter how silly you think they may be, let us know what is on your mind. You may remain anonymous. [Email Here](#)

Dear Attracted to the Social Aspect of Bridge,

The Unit 142 Board, sponsoring these games, hopes others feel the same about the social aspect! No special bridge skills are necessary.

Swiss Teams are teams of four players compete against other teams. An example may explain this best.

- To start, players will sit as shown in the diagram below.



- Table one will play a stack of boards as will table two.
- When finished one player will hold up their hand and call out "Caddy", the Caddy will swap the boards between the two tables. For example boards 1-6 go from Table 1 to 2, Boards 7-12 go from table 2 to 1.
- When all the boards have been played the 4 team members get together and compare scores, noting the "Difference" between each board. For example on Board 1 Team One scored 450 in the North and Team Two scored 420 in the North, the "Difference" is 30. Team One gets 30 points for that hand.
- Those points are converted to IMPs, International Match Points. Not to worry, there is a chart on the score sheet and plenty of folks willing to help. 30 points = 1 IMP
- When finished tallying all the hands in that round, the winning team calculates how many more IMPs they earned than the other team. The difference is the score for that round. In our example

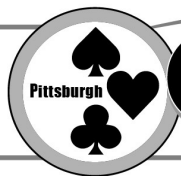
Team 1 Score Sheet					
ACBL Team Private					
Bd. No.	Contract	Score	+	-	IMPs
1	4H-N	450	1		
2	2N-S	120		-	
3	4H-E		100	12	
4	3D-W	150			
5	4S-N	620	10		
			+17		
Match #	1	Vs. Team 2			
Result: We	23	They		6	

INTERNATIONAL MATCHPOINT SCALE		
Diff. in Pts.	IMPs	
20 - 40	1	
50 - 80	2	
90 - 120	3	
130 - 160	4	
170 - 210	5	
220 - 260	6	
270 - 310	7	
320 - 360	8	
370 - 420	9	
430 - 490	10	
500 - 590	11	
600 - 740	12	
750 - 890	13	
900 - 1090	14	
1100 - 1290	15	
1300 - 1490	16	
1500 - 1740	17	
1750 - 1990	18	
2000 - 2240	19	
2250 - 2490	20	
2500 - 2990	21	
3000 - 3490	22	
3500 - 3990	23	
4000 and up	24	

Team 2 Score Sheet					
ACBL Team Private					
Bd. No.	Contract	Score	+	-	IMPs
1	4H-N	420			
2	2H-S	110		-	
3	4H-E	620			
4	5D-W		100	6	
5	3S-N	170			
Match #	1	Vs. Team 1			
Result: We	6	They		23	

Need assist putting together a team, ask your Club Director or Manager.

[Link to Larry Cohen's webpage on scoring](#)



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EDUCATION

FREE PLAY FOR 0-5 MASTERPOINT PLAYERS

Qualifications for FREE PLAY:

- Players must have fewer than 5 masterpoints.
- Be an ACBL member, free 120 day memberships are available.
- Only for play in Face to Face Club Games held in Units 142 or 229.

After playing in that club game, for full reimbursement of your entry fee, use the link below to the Reimbursements form found the PGA website. Reimbursements are sent out monthly.

[Reimbursement](#)

FREE Mini Lesson Series Sponsored by the Zelienople Bridge Club

Saturday at 12:00
Free 15-20 minute lesson
taught by David Loeb

- 2/3 What to Lead and What to Return
- 2/17 Defensive Signal, What? How? When?
- 2/24 Opener's Rebid

Game starts at 12:30

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- Help players enjoy the [health benefits](#) of playing bridge
- Help players improve their bridge game
- Help players have more fun at the bridge table

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- The website, LoebBridge.com
- Video lessons available at LoebBridge.Locals.com. Many of the video are free. Subscribers have unlimited access to all our video lessons.
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MEMBER NEWS

UP THE LADDER

Sapphire Life Master

Ken Eichler

Ken was surprised with a cake and party.



CONDOLENCES

Hugh McMaster, died December 24 at the age of 74.

Hugh was a life long resident of Sewickley, talented florist, past Borough Council and Sewickley Zoning Hearing Board member. He is survived by his two children.

Hugh was Director and Manager of the Edgeworth Bridge Club for many years. He found joy in mentoring and teaching bridge. We will miss him dearly.

Nicholas Rescher died January 5. He was 95. An internationally renowned philosopher, he helped establish Pitt's philosophy program into one of the world's best and was a professor there for 60 years. Born in Europe, he came to the US in 1938 at age 10, as a refugee fleeing Nazi Germany. He earned his doctorate at age 22 from Princeton. He authored over 300 scholarly articles and philosophical books. His awards were many. He spoke 6 languages. He took up bridge in his 80's and became a Life Master.

MEET THE LOEBs, A TRUE BRIDGE FAMILY

Maureen O'Grady and David Loeb met at the Reno Regional in 1986. After Maureen's team beat David's team, David was asked if he was looking at the cards or Maureen. They married June of 1989, daughter Kathleen was born in 1993.

David and Maureen took a hiatus from bridge while pursuing careers and raising their daughter. When Kathleen began high school, Maureen and David dove back into bridge. In December 2012, Kathleen began partnering with her father at the local bridge club. She enjoyed it so much that she wanted to play in tournaments and within a year she won the ACBL Rookie of the Year! Kathleen's most frequent partner was Maureen.

When David and Maureen retired, they committed to promoting the joy and the health benefits of bridge. They share their expertise as commentators for [The Common Game](#) and their [LoebBridge.com](#) website.

November 2023, Maureen and David moved from Orlando to Pittsburgh to be close to their daughter. They appreciate the warm welcome from the Pittsburgh bridge community and are committed to helping local clubs promote bridge. David and Maureen will be directing at the Edgeworth Bridge Club and the Zelienople Bridge Club.



Please send any Member News to:

Marilynpainter@yahoo.com

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

Marty Kumer was in town briefly and had an open house for bridge friends.

Among those pictured are Ruth Boyd, Bunny Miller, Sue Israelson, Carol Gibboney, Marty, Ken Eichler, Cecilia Powell, Kitty Jo Hellman, and Charlotte Ludwig.



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CLUB NEWS

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

Bridge Bites

February's Recipe is from Maxine Gant
Zelienople Bridge Club

BERRY BLUE CHEESE SPREAD

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup dried blueberries
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 6 oz blue cheese, coarsely crumbled
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- Assorted whole grain crackers or cracker bread, broken

Preparation:

1. Place dried berries in a small bowl. Pour boiling water over berries. Let stand 1 minute. Drain; set aside.
2. In a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese and blue cheese with an electric mixer on medium speed until nearly smooth. Stir in drained berries, green onions, and garlic just until combined. Transfer spread to a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate up to 4 hours before serving. To serve, sprinkle with pecans and serve with crackers. Makes 16 2-tablespoon servings.

Each month a different club will provide a favorite recipe to serve at a bridge game.

LEBO DUPLICATE

Fridays at 11:00

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church
3319 West Liberty Ave

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

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

The Edgeworth Club
511 East Drive, Sewickley

Wednesdays at 12:15

[Check the "EBC Info" Page on the PB website](#)
for our News and 2024 calendar of Special Games

RODEF SHALOM

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.

For the latest information on our game including a schedule of CHARITY and UPGRADED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Check the ["Update from Karl"](#) page on our website

PASSAVANT ZELIENOPLE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelienople
Scholl Auditorium, Abundant Life Building

Saturdays at 12:30
\$7.00 game

Welcome David Loeb
Director & Teacher
Free Mini Lessons at 12:00

For additional information check the ["Zelie Info" Page on the PB website.](#)



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90TH ANNIVERSARY CITATION

Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

Congratulations

In the Senate, December 4, 2023

Whereas, *The Senate of Pennsylvania takes great pride in recognizing those organizations which, through adherence to the highest standards of service, contribute in a meaningful way toward a better and more productive society; and*

Whereas, *The Edgeworth Bridge Club is celebrating the momentous occasion of its ninetieth anniversary; and*

Whereas, *Established in 1933, the Edgeworth Bridge Club joined the American Contract Bridge League in 1937 and is active in competitive league-sanctioned and social games. The club offers its members the opportunity to bid, strategize, win, form friendships and have fun with other individuals. The Edgeworth Bridge Club has developed a strong reputation for the highest quality of service throughout its history. By steady adherence to the principles of fairness, reliability and integrity, it has become a leader in the community and a model that is worthy of emulation. Over the years, those in leadership positions, as well as its members, have contributed in a tremendous way to its growth and development.*

Now therefore, *the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Edgeworth Bridge Club upon its richly deserved recognition; extends warmest wishes for a future replete with ever-increasing success;*

And directs *that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator Devlin J. Robinson, be transmitted to the Edgeworth Bridge Club.*



Devlin J. Robinson
Senator Devlin J. Robinson

Kim Ward
Kim Ward, President Pro Tempore

Attest:
Michael C. Gerdes
Michael C. Gerdes, Secretary

January 24, Senator Devlin J. Robinson presented the Edgeworth Bridge Club with a 90th Anniversary Citation from the State of Pennsylvania.



Accepting the Citation from Senator Robinson was EBC Board Secretary, Marilyn Sittig.





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UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

June's Highlights

Another event winner!! Thanks to our dedicated, supportive bridge family our December Pot Luck Brunch was a huge success with 16 tables. Players enjoyed great food supplied by our gourmet players, camaraderie, and our love of the game.

Ruthie Neafach gets an extra shout out for continuing to be our "Hostess with the Mostest!!"

A huge thank you to our fantastic Board!! Success depends on your team - Mine is the Best!!

Fun new monthly feature has been added to our unit newsletter, Bridge Bites! Each month a different club will provide a favorite recipe to serve at a bridge game.

May your New Year be filled with in-person bridge, promoting the game, and good health.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

2024

Unit 142 Masterpoints Winners

[Helen Shanbrom Ace of Clubs](#)

[Mini-McKenney](#)



The Grand National Teams (GNT) national bridge championship is held at the summer ACBL North American Bridge Championship. The 2024 District 5 Grand National Teams competition will be May 4th and 5th in Erie.

The District GNT does not require pre-qualification, so get a team together, register your team by the deadlines and win a chance to play at the national GNT. The District offers financial support to the winning teams and Units may also provide support.

Pre-registration is mandatory. The registration deadline is May 1st at 5 pm.

See [FLYER](#) for details



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GRAND NATIONAL PAIRS, GNT

COME PLAY IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT!



**GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS
DISTRICT 5 FINALS**



May 4th & 5th, 2024

American Contract
Bridge League

1221 Grant Avenue, Erie, Pa. 16505

**Your chance to represent District 5 in a
National Championship event!**

- ♠ Champion Flight (Unlimited)
- ♠ Flight A (0-6000)
- ♠ Flight B (0-2500)
- ♠ Flight C (0-500 & Non-Life Master)

Flight eligibility as of September 2023.

Teams Must Pre-Register by 5pm May 1st

**Email Players Names, ACBL #s and Captains' Contact
Info to Ron Franck: rjtfranck@gmail.com**

Game time May 4th is 11am, with 2nd session starting
after the provided lunch. Game time May 5th is
10am, with final matches directly after 1st session.

Schedule of Saturday matches: Saturday matches will
be KO, Swiss or Round-Robin, depending on the
number of teams.

**Flight winners qualify to play in the NABC Final at the
Toronto Summer NABC starting July 17, 2024.**

Entry Fees Entry fees are \$60 dollars per session per team.
Entrants pay upfront for 2 sessions on Saturday.



***What are you waiting for?
It's your chance to play
for a National Title!***



For more information, contact Ron Franck
412-913-1505

Or email rjtfranck@gmail.com

Full Conditions of Contest : d5bridge.com