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Apr. 26-28 **Sectional**  
Pittsburgh, PA  
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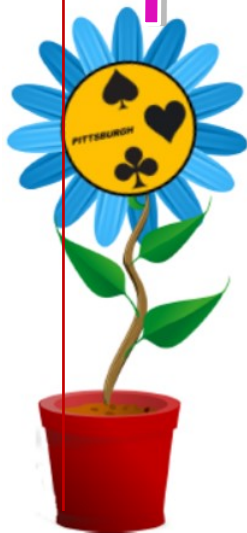
May 4-5 **GNT**  
Erie, PA  
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May 11 **Team Game**  
Glenshaw, PA

May 21-27 **Regional**  
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June 10-15 **STaC Week**

Jul 18-24 **NABC**  
Toronto, ON  
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# Spring Sectional

**Masonic Center North**  
3879 Cemetery Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

## April 26 - 28

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## Lunch Menu for Players

Friday

Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, and Green Salad

Saturday

Roasted Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, and Green Beans Almondine

Sunday

Chicken or Vegetable Tetrizzini, Pasta (wheat or rice), and Green Salad

Desserts

Assorted Sweets including Matzo with toppings

\*Small coolers are allowed if you plan to bring your lunch.

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The Newsletter Team is now publishing to our Facebook Page.

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

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[ACBL Unit 142](#)

### NEWS TEAM

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Lorraine Hanna	News, New to Duplicate
Marilyn Painter	Education,
Marilyn Sittig	Up the Ladder, Unit 142
June Threlkeld	Personal News
	Contributor
	New to Duplicate
	Unit 142

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

Cash and Credit Cards are Welcome  
For Game Fees

## Kibitzing

- Ask the player you would like to watch if it is alright
- Sit so you can see only one hand
- Do not speak, make expressions, jesters, etc.





# City of Bridge(s)

## Pittsburgh Spring Sectional Hospitality All Sessions!

### Friday, April 26

- 10:30 AM** Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 499er Pairs  
*Light Lunch Included!*
- 3:00 PM** Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 499er Pairs  
Single Session Swiss Teams

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*Passover Compliant Lunch Menu*

**Partnerships & Team Inquiries:**

[Fill out our Partnership Form](#)

Also available online at  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

500+ mps Call Barb Belardi  
412-496-5895, or email >

[Partners@pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:Partners@pittsburghbridge.org)

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

[499er@pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:499er@pittsburghbridge.org)

### Saturday, April 27

- 10:00 AM** Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 499er Pairs  
Compact Handicapped KO Teams  
*Light Lunch Included!*
- 2:30 PM** Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 499er Pairs  
Compact Handicapped KO Teams  
Single Session Swiss Teams

### Sunday, April 28

*Lunch Included!*

- 10:00 AM** Stratified Open Swiss Teams  
Stratified 499er Swiss Teams  
*Separate Play-through Events*  
*20 point VP scale*

**Newcomer / NLM Schedule:**

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

Contact Darlene for  
Partners & Team-building!



### Tournament Chair:

**Gus Costanzo 412-519-8450**  
**[Spring24@pittsburghbridge.org](mailto:Spring24@pittsburghbridge.org)**

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles  
Sanction # 2404341

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... Free 120 Day Guest Memberships—apply online. Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

### Open

**A: 3000+**  
**B: 1000-3000**  
**C: 0-1000**

Stratifications in All  
Events by Avg. MPs

### 499er

**5: 300-500**  
**3: 100-300**  
**1: 0-100**

499er Strats at  
Director's Discretion





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NEW TO DUPLICATE

## Partnership Desk

### Dear Dummy,

The Spring Sectional looks like fun however I do not have a partner and feel uneasy about the partnership process. How does it work? What if I am paired with someone much better than me or that plays a different system?

Thank you,

### Blind Dating Again!

### Dear Blind Dating Again,

**Blind Dates can be fun, let us take some of the mystery out of the process.**

Step One is to follow this [LINK](#) to the Partners Request Form located on our website. There you will be asked a series of questions to insure you are matched with a compatible partner.

Questions start with your contact information, name, email, and phone number. Next, when (which days and times you would like to play) and what (pairs or teams) do you want to play. The last couple of questions ask a bit about your game, how many masterpoints do you have and what bidding system do you prefer (standard American, 2 over 1, etc.). East Right!

Computer not your thing... with 499 masterpoints or fewer, phone Darlene Mannheimer 412-913-5944

With this information and the dedicated work of our Matchmakers, you will be matched with the partner most suitable.



Blind Date!  
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### DEAR DUMMY

*Please feel free to 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](#)*



## MEMBER NEWS

Please send any Member News to:

[Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com](mailto:Marilynlpainter@yahoo.com)

Text/phone: 412-708-7433



The Wednesday Greensburg bridge group threw a 97th birthday party for **Dorothy Murray**. She celebrated with a lovely lunch, cake, fudge, balloons, cards and gifts.

### CONDOLENCES

**Jean Kacerik Tuthill**, died March 15 at age 82.

Jean began playing bridge later in life. She earned about 100 Master Points playing at various games in our unit.

**Dan Wilhoit**, sided March 20

Dan was the son-in-law of Tom Jolly, and the late Betty Jolly. He was 66 and had cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and 2 sons.

**Donna Lee Alioto**, died March 21 at the age of 75

The wife of John Alioto, she is also survived by her children, grandchildren and sister.

**Bruce J. Schramm**, died April 2 at the age of 77

Bruce was the husband of bridge player and Unit 142 board member, Kathryn Rector for 37 years.

**Ralph Lund**, died April 15

Ralph is survived by his wife, Patti Hughes, and his 2 children. He was an industrial engineer for Alcoa for 43 years. He traveled extensively, having visited 47 countries.

**Audrey Lazar**, died April 19

Audrey was married to the late Robert (RP) Lazar. She is survived by her 3 children. Audrey and RP were long time congregants of Rodef Shalom. She was a gifted pianist using her talents as an accompanist.

**Don Faskow**, died April 15 at the age of 89

Don lived in McMurray. In addition to his wife, Nancy, he is survived by his 5 children and his sister, Judy Kugel. Don was an avid golfer.

The visitation and funeral service for **Marty Kumer** was held on April 6, at Good Shepherd Church in Monroeville.

Pictured are Bunny Miller, Sue & Gordon Israelson, Carol Gibboney, Ruth Boyd, Marty's cousin Bob Flynn, Linda Evans, Kitty Jo Hellmann, and Gen Novak.





# City of Bridge(s)

## CLUB NEWS

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



May 11th at 11:00 am  
**TEAM GAME**

**Pizza Lunch Provided by Unit 142**

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

**Club Games are Closed**

**April 26, 27, 28**

**See you at the Sectional!**

### LEBO DUPLICATE

Fridays at 11:00

**Now using Pre-Dealt Hands  
with Hand Records**

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church  
3319 West Liberty Ave

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

### EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

The Edgeworth Club  
511 East Drive, Sewickley

Wednesdays at 12:15

**ALL Black Point Games are \$8.00**

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

Need assistance getting a partner, ask your  
Club Director or Club Manager.

### 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 ZELIENOPE

105 Burgess Drive, Zelenople  
*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.



# City of Bridge(s)

UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## June's Highlights

Happy Spring at the Bridge Table!!

Spring has sprung along with our April 26-28 Sectional at the Masonic.  
Hoping it is a Must Do for all of you!!

Circle STaC Week June 10-15 on your calendar.  
That week will include a special game with Pot Luck & Awards Night. *Details to follow.*

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

### MILT FRAZIER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Milt Frazier Award recognizes the Member who has given the most effort for the good of Unit 142 in the previous year.

**Past recipients are encouraged to submit nominations.**

The Unit is most grateful for your help in making the Milt Frazier Award meaningful by emailing your nomination to Phyllis Geinzer, Awards Chair  
[pgeinzer@yahoo.com](mailto:pgeinzer@yahoo.com)

Deadline for nominations, May 15

Awards Ceremony and STaC Game  
If you have any questions, contact Phyllis



### 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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## BRIDGE TIPS

### THE RULE OF 15 aka Pearson Points and Casino Count

The Rule of 15 is used in the 4th seat, after Pass, Pass, Pass, to decide whether to open the bidding in spades.

To use the rule, add the number of high card points in your hand to the number of spades that you hold. If the total is 15 or more, you can open the bidding in spades. If the total is less than 15, pass the hand. The rationale is, if you open, the opponents will strive to compete for a partscore battle as they would have to overcall at the two level.

### BRIDGE MAXIMS! Lead Maxims Explained

When the dummy is to your **Right**, lead the weakest suit in sight.



In this example Clubs are the weakest suit in sight.

When the dummy is to your **Left**, lead through heft.



In this example Clubs are the heftiest or strongest suit.

Your goal in both of these is to assist partner.

In the first example playing to the weakest suit allows partner to know the highest cards that can be played after him.

In the second example, if opponent plays high partner plays low, if opponent plays low partner can play the king he may hold with confidence there is nothing higher after him.

Don't be cute, lead partner's suit.

If during the course of bidding partner names a suit, play it.

The lead of top of three small is worst of all.



You will lose face if you underlead an ace.



What if you played the 2 on first trick, it loses to opponent. The next time you are on lead and you play the Ace and opponent trumps.





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## Bridge Bites

### DEVEILED EGGS

Submitted by Doris Hess

May be prepared the day before, refrigerate, serve when ready!

#### Ingredients:

- 6 Hard-cooked Eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 3 tablespoons Hellman's mayonnaise



Red Bell Peppers  
may be used to garnish with  
Hearts and Diamonds.

#### Preparation:

1. Cut peeled eggs in half lengthwise
2. Slip yolk out and into bowl, mash with a fork
3. Mix in remaining ingredients
4. Fill whites of eggs with the yolk mixture heaping it up slightly

#### Optional Toppings:

- Paprika sprinkled for a little spice!
- Slice of Olive
- Bacon Bits



Do you have a recipe you would like to share?

Email Denise at

EdgeworthBridgeClub@gmail.com





# City of Bridge(s)

Advertisements

## CLASSES AND LESSONS

### Classes by Lorraine Hanna

Treesdale Community Center

Bridge Basics 1, Learn the Language of Bridge

Starting April 22nd

Play Course based on Bridge Basics 2

Starting May 17th

For additional information call Lorraine Hanna at 724-766-0865

Additional Information  
Available for these and  
Other Classes

On the Classes Page  
of our website

[PittsburghBridge.org](http://PittsburghBridge.org)

### Free Beginning and Ongoing Bridge Classes

Alternate Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Mt. Lebanon Library

To Register go to [MtLebanonLibrary.org](http://MtLebanonLibrary.org)

For additional information call Phyllis Geinzer at 412-341-2291

### Free Advanced-Expert Level Bridge Lessons

Online Zoom Lessons By Richard Finberg

First Monday of Every Month at 4:00 pm



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Individual Playing Lessons on BBO are also available.

For more information contact Richard at [DoubleMeNot@gmail.com](mailto:DoubleMeNot@gmail.com) or 412-

## Visit the Loeb Bridge Video Library



### Free Live Video Lessons

Weekly live stream lessons  
at 7:00 pm on Thursdays

#### Schedule

- 4/25 - Inverted Minor Raises
- 5/2 - 4th Suit Forcing
- 5/9 - Loser on Loser Plays

[Set Up Your Free Account](#)





# City of Bridge(s)

## GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS, GNT

**COME PLAY IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT!**



### **GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS DISTRICT 5 FINALS**

**May 4th & 5th, 2024**

**1221 Grant Avenue, Erie, Pa. 16505**



American Contract  
Bridge League

**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 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

Game time May 4th is 11am, with 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:rjtfranck@gmail.com)

Full Conditions of Contest : [d5bridge.com](http://d5bridge.com)