



IMPORTANT DATES

First Saturday - Teams & Pizza

Third Saturday - 0-99 Points

11:00 Glenshaw, PA

June 10-15 STaC Week

June 13 [STaC n Snack Information](#)

June 21-23 Sectional
Canton, OH
[Information](#)

Jun 27-29 [Sectional Pittsburgh, PA Information](#)

Jul 18-24 **NABC**
Toronto, ON
[Information](#)

July 12-24 Sectional
Buffalo, NY
[Information](#)

Summer June 27 - 29 Sectional

Masonic Center North
3879 Cemetery Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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Lunch Available for Players

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

Flyer with all the Details on Page 2

Cash and Credit Cards are Welcome
For Game Fees

Club Games are Closed
June 27, 28, 29
See you at the Sectional!

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.



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NEWS TEAM

Denise Dufour	Layout
Lorraine Hanna	News, New to Duplicate
Marilyn Painter	Education,
Marilyn Sittig	Up the Ladder, Unit 142
June Threlkeld	Personal News
	Contributor
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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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Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

Thursday, June 27

- 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

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

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

Tournament Chairs:

Judy Haffner 412-512-2753
June Threlkeld 412-953-8945
Summer24@pittsburghbridge.org

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
 Sanction # 2406326

Pairs Entries \$ 15 pp.
 Single Session Teams \$ 60/team
 Saturday Swiss Teams \$ 120/team
 499er Saturday Swiss \$ 108/team
 * Saturday Teams Stratified or
 Bracketed, at the Directors' discretion

All participants must be current or
 former ACBL members... Free 120 Day
 Guest Memberships—apply online.
 Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4
 additional per session.

<u>Open</u>	<u>499er</u>
A: 3000+	5: 300-500
B: 1000-3000	3: 100-300
C: 0-1000	1: 0-100
Stratifications in All Events by Avg. MPs	499er Strats at Director's Discretion

Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Partnerships & Team Inquiries:

[Fill out our Partnership Form](#)

Also available online at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

500+ mps Call David Loeb
 407-314-3094, or email >
Partners@pittsburghbridge.org

499ers call Darlene Mannheimer
 412-913-5944, or email >
499er@pittsburghbridge.org

Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

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

Contact Darlene for
 Partners & Team-building!



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

Why Join ACBL

Dear Dummy,

Why should I join ACBL?

I don't really care about masterpoints and since I am able to play at the games without being a member why spend the money??

Thank you,

Not a Joiner

Dear Not a Joiner,

ACBL Benefits:

- Explore new places, meet new people and make life-long friends
- Monthly subscription to the Bridge Bulletin magazine, full of great articles with a lot of tips for players of all levels
- If your travel plans get rained out go to a nearby bridge game, it's a fantastic way to meet the locals. ACBL offers access to 3000+ Bridge Clubs throughout the US, Canada, Mexico and Bermuda.
- You may qualify through [Grouper](#) to get your your ACBL membership for free
- Winning masterpoints, ACBL's exclusive measurement of success



Pittsburgh Bridge Association PBA Benefits:

- FREE Mentoring Program
- FREE play for members with 0 - 5 masterpoints
- Partner assistance for club games and tournaments
- Invitations to Special Games with pot-luck dinners such as the annual Pro-Am and semi-annual STaC and Snack.

VERY IMPORTANT! You get the PBA Newsletter with the Dear Dummy column emailed to you!

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

UP THE LADDER

Emerald Life Master

Frank Cymerman

Gold Life Master

James Gump

Ruby Life Master

Marilyn Painter

Silver Life Master

Madeline Frizzi

Masterpoint Requirements

Emerald 7,500

Diamond 5,000

Sapphire 3,500

Gold 2,500

Ruby 1,500

Silver 1,000

Cleveland Regional Results

Congratulations to all who attended the Cleveland (Independence) Regional Tournament in May.

A special WOW to Bernie Fudor with several impressive results!

TUESDAY

Bracketed Knockouts - 1st Place

Fred Schenker

WEDNESDAY

Gold Rush Overalls - 1st Place

Kathryn Rector & Robyn Fennell

AXY Open Pairs - 1st Place

Bernard Fudor & Frank Cymerman

THURSDAY

AXY Open Pairs - 1st Place

Bernard Fudor & Randy Pearson

OVERALL MASTERPOINT WINNERS:

3rd Place Bernard Fudor 62.43

4th Place Fred Schenker 56.61

[Link to Results Page](#)

Please send any Member News to:

Marilynpainter@yahoo.com

Text/phone: 412-708-7433

CONDOLENCES

Theresa Lasher, died April 15 at the age of 99

Theresa was the sister of Dorothy Murray. She lived in Oakmont. A graduate of Pitt's school of nursing, she worked many years as a registered nurse.

Thomas Naughton, died May 1, he was 88

Thomas was the husband of Mary Lou Naughton, they had been married 68 years. Tom was a member of Carpenter's Union Local 211.

Betty Dufour, died May 9th at age 92.

Betty was the mother of bridge player Denise Dufour. Betty lived in New Orleans was an accomplished artist. Denise learned to play bridge as a child by watching her parents play and feeling their love of the game.



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CLUB NEWS

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

UNIT 142 SUPPORTS ITS CLUBS

CLUBS USING UNIT FUNDS TO OFFER FREE PLAY!

EXPORT

Monday at 11:00

Anyone who brings a first-time player to this game gets a FREE GAME along with the player they brought to the game.

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

Wednesdays at 12:15

FREE GAME for first-time players at this game, and players that have not played at this game in over a year.

GREENSBURG

Friday at 11:00

Anyone who brings a first-time player to this game gets a FREE GAME along with the player they brought to the game.

CONCORDIA SOUTH HILLS

2nd and 4th Saturdays at 11:00

FREE GAME to the 2nd place pair in Strat C

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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First Saturday at 11:00 am

TEAM GAME

Pizza Lunch Provided by Unit 142

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

Third Saturday at 11:00 am

O - 99 GAME

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

Contact any Club Manager with questions.

SOUTH PITTSBURGH GAMES

Free mini-lessons 30-minutes before games.

**Now using the Common Game
Pre-Dealt Hands with Hand Records.**

Common Game hands offers practical advice from
some of the country's best bridge teachers.

Tuesdays at noon
Beth El, NLM

Wednesdays at 12:30
Temple Emanuel

Fridays at 11:00
Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church

Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

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

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

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



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UNIT 142, PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

June's Highlights

RECRUITING STRATEGY

As an incentive to bring more players to the bridge table, the PBA Board voted to subsidize each Club monetarily. These funds are to be utilized at the Club Managers' discretion to promote their game. It is to be reported back to the Board in what capacity the funds will be used to hopefully increase attendance.

Special Unit Games in Glenshaw

Team Games & Pizza
1st Saturday at 11:00

0 - 99 Game
3rd Saturday at 11:00

TOP PRIORITIES ON YOUR TO-DO LIST

Stac Week Pot Luck/Awards Night - Thurs, June 13 Fun starts at 6 p.m. - Bridge-7 p.m.
Main dish - Chicken Sides - Bring your favorite!!
Flyer with details on page 8

SUMMER SECTIONAL

Thurs, Fri, Sat - June 27, 28, 29
Contributions of baked goods, cookies, as so forth will be much appreciated.
Enjoy food, friends, & silver points!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JUNE THRELKELD

Looking for Teachers

You don't have to be a bridge expert to teach bridge. We are in need of teachers to teach bridge so that we could grow our game. There are teacher manuals online.

Contact Lorraine Hanna if you are interested. 724-766-0865 or lorrainehanna4@gmail.com

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.

Reimbursement



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STaC'n'Snack

*STaC Games All Week,
Plus an Awards Party!*

Thursday June 13th

*Get Your
Munch ON!*



*Don't Pass ...
Have 2nds!*

@ Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian

Game time 7:00, Pot Luck @ 6:00

Bringing big dishes? Please arrive early so all can sample!

**Come Celebrate the Winners, Workers, and
Ambassadors of the game!**

**We'll have a main course, but bring your favorite
side or sweet dish for all to enjoy!**

Or, just show up and help eat all the food!

**For more information, call
Ruthie Neafach @ 412-559-4351
STaC'n'Snack 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



www.pittsburghbridge.org



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BRIDGE TIPS

The real test of a bridge player isn't in keeping out of trouble, but in escaping once he's in it.

-Alfred Sheinwold

BRIDGE MAXIMS! Defense Play

Second hand plays low. Prevents wastage of useful cards. This is because your partner may be able to win the trick with a low card, and you don't accidentally finesse yourself. *Imagine playing your Ace in 2nd chair and partner has to play his singleton King on it.*

However, if you know partner can't possibly have a card capable of winning the trick and there's no reason why you don't want the lead or want the 1st player to remain on lead, don't play 2nd hand low.

Third hand plays high. Prevents opponent winning a trick cheaply and may help partner.

This only applies if there will be a choice of cards to play for 4th player (silly to play your king when 4th player has a singleton ace!) and there is a possibility of promoting something for your partner. For example, he might have three cards with the jack, and 4th player has the ace and the queen. If you play your king, 4th player has to play the ace, and now the queen can't drop partner's jack: it has been promoted.

Always remember you are a partnership, just like in volleyball, second hand hits to their partner who hits it over the net.

Rule of 11

In contract bridge, the **Rule of 11** is applied when the opening lead is the fourth best from the defender's suit. By subtracting the rank of the card led from 11, the partner of the opening leader can determine how many cards higher than the card led are held by declarer, dummy and himself; by deduction of those in dummy and in his own hand, he can determine the number in declarer's hand.

Opening Lead is 5 of Clubs, $11-5=6$

Dummy comes down and has 3 cards higher than 5

$11-6=6-3$ in dummy leaves 3 cards higher than 5

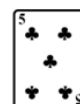
You have 3 cards higher than 5

$11-6=6-3$ (in dummy)-3 (in your hand)=0

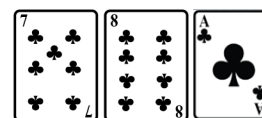
Conclusion, Declarer has NO cards higher than 5

If Dummy plays the 7 (2nd hand low) you may safely play your 9 to win the trick.

Your Partner



Dummy



You





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Bridge Bites

GREENSBURGH BRIDGE RECIPES

Submitted by Arlene Jacobell



MEATY CHIPS

- Mix 1 lb. ground beef and 1lb. loose hot sausage in a pan
- Brown and drain grease
- Add 1 lb. Velveeta cheese, diced into chunks – stir until melted⁽¹⁾
- Then mix in the following:
 - ◇ 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
 - ◇ 1 tsp oregano
 - ◇ ½ tsp garlic salt
- Spread on Party Rye bread⁽¹⁾
- Broil a few minutes
- Serve on a warming tray

⁽¹⁾ Party Rye bread made by Pepperidge Farm



VEGGIE CHIPS

- Mix the following:
 - ◇ 1½ cups cheddar cheese
 - ◇ 1 cup sliced olives
 - ◇ ½ cup green onions
 - ◇ ½ cup mayonnaise
- Sliced bread & butter chips (optional)
- Bacon Bits (optional)
- Spread on Party Rye bread⁽¹⁾
- Broil a few minutes
- Serve on a warming tray

Do you have a recipe you would like to share?

Email Denise at

EdgeworthBridgeClub@gmail.com



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Advertisements

CLASSES AND LESSONS

Classes by Lorraine Hanna

Treesdale Community Center

Bridge Basics 3, Popular Conventions

Starting June 7

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

Free Beginning and Ongoing Bridge Classes

Alternate Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Mt. Lebanon Library

To Register go to 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



Individual Playing Lessons on BBO are also available.

For more information contact Richard at DoubleMeNot@gmail.com or 412-304-9254

Visit the Loeb Bridge Video Library



Free Mini Lessons before Games

Weekly live stream lessons
at 7:00 pm on Thursdays

Tuesdays @ Beth El NLM
Wednesdays @ Temple Emanuel
Fridays @ Lebo DBC
Saturdays @ Zelienople

LONGEST DAY

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ACBL AND THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

BRIDGE FOR BRAIN HEALTH

The bridge community's Longest Day fundraiser is fighting to end Alzheimer's. Your donation means so much! To thank donors, we are raffling off bridge lessons and bridge games with expert players including:

- Online games
- Club games in Pittsburgh
- Club games in Orlando
- Regional games in Pittsburgh
- Regional games in Orlando
- Online lessons
- Lessons in Pittsburgh
- Lessons in Orlando

After donating, please leave a comment specifying your preferred prize.
Raffle winners are responsible for any applicable game fees.

[Link to ACBL Page
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