



IMPORTANT DATES

First Saturday - Teams & Pizza

Third Saturday - 0-99 Points

11:00 Glenshaw, PA

Aug 17-18 Sectional
Boardman, OH
[Information](#)

Aug 27-31 Regional
Pittsburgh
[Information](#)

Sep 6-8 Sectional
Buffalo, NY
[Information](#)

Sep 14-15 Sectional
Erie, PA
[Information](#)

Sep 20-22 Sectional
Akron, OH
[Information](#)

Pittsburgh

August 27-31

Roni Regional

Masonic Center North
3879 Cemetery Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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**Club Games
are Closed
August 27-31
See you at the
Regional**

Lunch Available for Players

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

Lunch Menu (subject to shuffle)

Tues: Pasta with Swedish Meatballs and Salad

Wed: Roasted Chicken, with Roasted Potatoes and Zucchini / Squash

Thurs: Spiral Ham with Yams and Green Beans

Fri: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans and Chips

Sat: Pizza and Salad

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	New to Duplicate
	Unit 142

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

Partnership Desk

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[Partnership Desk Form](#)

Hotel Information

Hampton Inn Sewickley
2622 Wexford Bayne Rd.
Sewickley, PA 15143
412-528-1901



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PITTSBURGH



RONI REGIONAL

Aug 27—31, 2024

Masonic Center North
3579 Cemetery Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

We provide Great Hospitality. The Bridge is up to you!

FIVE DAYS OF GOLD RUSH!

Win Gold Points in events restricted to 750 MPs

FREE LIGHT LUNCH
between sessions!

Continental
Breakfast before
morning session.
Coffee, Tea, Soda

Entries \$15/session pp

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

Stratified Events*

A: 3000+
B: 750 to 3000
C: 0 to 750

A/X/Y Swiss

A: 3000+
X: 1500 to 3000
Y: 0 to 1500

Gold Rush

D: 300-750
E: 100-300
F: 0-100

Tournament Contacts:

Ron Franck
412-931-1505

Bill Holt
412-860-2794

Menu posted online

Online Partnership Form:

www.pittsburghbridge.org/RONI

Or call our
Partnership Chairs!
Barb Belardi & Judi Sonon
724-888-PARD (7273)

Partners Guaranteed!

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Hampton Inn Sewickley
2622 Wexford Bayne Rd.
Sewickley, PA 15143
Bridge Rates: Single \$109
Double \$129
412-528-1901

Price Good thru
July 17 ONLY



American Contract
Bridge League

All the Info is on the Website!

www.pittsburghbridge.org/RONI

Time Tuesday, Aug 27
10:30 am Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
Bracketed Swiss Teams

3:00 pm Gold Rush Pairs Continue
Open Pairs Continue
Bracketed Swiss Continues

Wednesday, Aug 28

10:30 am Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
Bracketed Swiss Teams

3:00 pm Gold Rush Pairs Continue
Open Pairs Continue
Bracketed Swiss Continues

Thursday, Aug 29

10:30 am Gold Rush Swiss (2 Sessions)
A/X/Y Swiss (2 Sessions)
Two Session Open Pairs

3:00 pm Gold Rush Swiss Continues
A/X/Y Swiss Continues
Two Session Open Pairs Continue

Friday, Aug 30

10:30 am Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
Bracketed Swiss Teams

3:00 pm Gold Rush Pairs Continue
Open Pairs Continue
Bracketed Swiss Continues

Saturday, Aug 31

10:30 am Gold Rush Pairs (2 sessions)
Open Pairs (2 Sessions)
Bracketed Swiss Teams

3:00 pm Gold Rush Pairs Continue
Open Pairs Continue
Bracketed Swiss Continues

*Stratification by Avg. MPs in all
events, subject to Director's discretion.
Two-Session Open and Gold Rush Pairs
events are open to single session play.



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NEW TO DUPLICATE

Dear Dummy,

My partner and I are considering playing at the Pittsburgh Regional but are afraid the other players will be much better than us. We both have fewer than 50 masterpoints.

Thank you,

Intimidated

Dear Intimidated,

Not to worry, all five days of the regional offer a game for players at your level, the GOLD RUSH!

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GOLD RUSH games do not allow anyone with over 750 masterpoints to play.

Within the GOLD RUSH game there are three stratifications, you would be scored in the 0-100 group.

Play starts at 10:30, there is a lunch break with play resuming at 3:00

Most Important is to Relax and Have Fun!

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](#)



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MEMBER NEWS

UP THE LADDER

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

August Costanzo

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Bud McElhaney

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Randy Pearson

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Andrew Eames

Douglas Sterrett

Joann Szymecki

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Lois Porter

LIFE MASTER

James Lauf

CONDOLENCES

June Morrison, of Zelienople (formerly of Sewickley), died May 29, 2024. June both played and taught bridge.

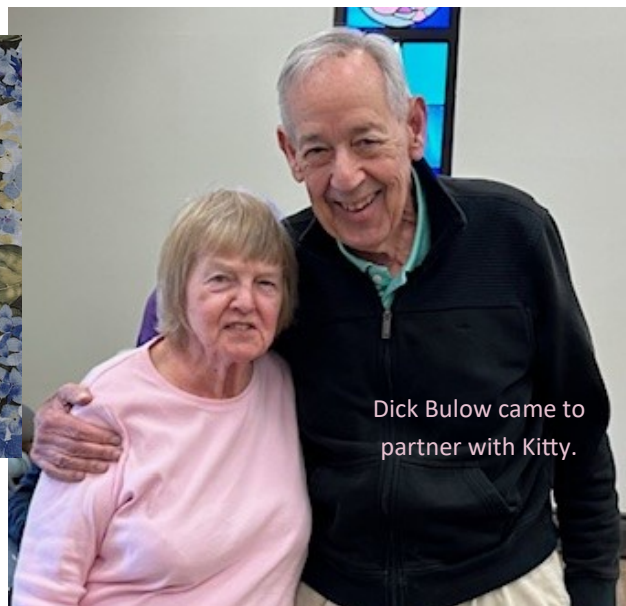
Rhea "Rickie" Jean (Breth) Black-Zold, age 95, of Plum Borough, died June 12, 2024. Widowed with 3 children, Rickie was very involved in her community. Once, after playing bridge, her partner liked being her partner so much, he proposed to her. They were married.

Bill Hickmott, age 96, of Moon Township, died July 6. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Hickmott, daughter, Ann and son, Joseph. An avid bridge player, Bill was chair of the Moon Area Duplicate for many years.

Susan Henderson, of Fox Chapel, daughter of past Unit members, Carol Henderson (who resides at Longwood) and the late Tom Henderson, died July 7 at age 54. In addition to her mother, Susan leaves behind her son, James and brother, Paul.

Lew Averbach, age 94, died July 14. Lee was the partner of the late Marilyn Frohlich for many years. He is survived by his children and by his cousin, Unit member Don Averbach

Peggy Stewart Stein, age 100, died July 21. For many years, Peggy and her husband Arthur spent their winters in Florida. After his death, she became a full time Fort Lauderdale resident in 2008. She continued playing bridge well into her nineties.



Dick Bulow came to partner with Kitty.



The Greensburg Wednesday game hosted a 92nd birthday party for director Kitty Jo Hellmann.

Gen Novak made chicken Divan, the beautiful cake came from DeLallo's Anne Allen

Pictured with Kitty Jo are Sue Dillon and Charlene Benedict.



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MEMBER NEWS

Grandson of Edgeworth Bridge Club Player John Hite,

Michael Grady

Team USA earns Olympic Gold in men's rowing

Bradford Woods native and Central Catholic grad Michael Grady won a gold medal in Thursday's Men's Four rowing final at the Paris Olympics, becoming the first Team USA boat to win the event since 1960.

Grady, along with teammates Nick Mead, Justin Best and Liam Corrigan, led the race from the start and fended off a late surge from New Zealand, finishing with a time of 5 minutes, 49.03 seconds.

Grady, who competed in two World Rowing Junior Championships while at Central Catholic under coach Jay Hammond and rowed collegiately at Cornell, wasn't a stranger to the Olympic stage, but he was to the presence of fans, which were absent from Tokyo due to COVID-19 restrictions.



But Wednesday, with his family on hand, the 27-year-old made history.

"It's such an honor to represent Pittsburgh, to represent the USA, to represent every walk of life that I've been a part of," Grady said.



ZOE SKIRBOLL, granddaughter of member Jackie Skirboll, competed in the Olympic swimming trials

Zoe, Fox Chapek Graduate and Cavaliers swimmer competed in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke hoping to reach the semifinals in both events. Zoe didn't qualify for the Olympics, but the experience and opportunity to compete with the very best will long be remembered

Zoe Skirboll swims for Virginia at the 2024 NCAA swimming & diving championships in March.



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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 and the player that brought them to 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
0 - 99 UNIT GAME

\$4 game fee for ACBL Members

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1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA

Contact any Club Manager with questions.

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

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

David Loeb, 407-314-3094
Darlene Mannheimer, 412-913-5944

EDGEWORTH BRIDGE CLUB

Allegheny Country Club, until Aug 21st
The Edgeworth Club, starting Sept 4th

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

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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

ACBL WEBSITE PROBLEMS

Tournaments ecosystem was affected by lack of internet access to HQ in Horn Lake, MS (construction cut the fiberwire). We expect this work to be completed by the night of Friday August 2nd.

Uploads to Live for Tournaments are being affected. Clubs & Membership services should be fine.

The outage also caused a delay in publication of this newsletter.

UNIT 142 LAUNCHES 99ER GAME

Saturday, June 15 at the Glenshaw playing site was a banner occasion. There were 13 pairs of first time and under 99ers playing that initial game.

Two of the pairs said that it was wonderful to be able to play against people at their same level. Several pairs said they would definitely be back.

This 99er game will be happening the third Saturday of every month at 11:00 AM. \$4 for ACBL members

Submitted By Phyllis Geinzer

Congratulations!

Save the Date

District 5 NAP Finals
2024-2025

October 5-6, 2024

Erie Bridge Club



GOLDMAN GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS Flight A Overalls

District V Team
Places Third

Fleur Howard
Gates Mills, OH

Ronald Franck
Pittsburgh, PA

Charles Ladiha
Vermilion, OH

Steven Allen
Middleburg Hts, OH



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CLASSES AND LESSONS

BRIDGE LESSONS

Learn the game for a lifetime!
Designed for the beginner!

Classes start September 4

7 Wednesday Sessions, choose:

2:00-4:00 pm OR 6:15-8:15 pm

\$175 member, \$210 non-member; + \$20 textbook



LAURI ANN WEST
COMMUNITY CENTER

1220 Powers Run Road

Pgh, PA 15238

*No Class Oct 2nd

412-828-8566 x105



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association

Details at: www.pittsburghbridge.org/LAWCC



[Link to this Online Class Information](#)

Each class features hands-on learning with plenty of practice for your new skills.

Additional Information

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Other Classes

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