

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port and lou joseph

There are several absolutes that we can count on: Death, taxes, the fact that April follows March each year—AND—the PBA has scheduled wondrous events for members.

However, before we extol the virtues of the PBA, the editors wish to point out that the lateness of this issue is due solely to the procrastination of Lou Joseph, who not only didn't bother to set his clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time, apparently didn't even bother to turn the calendar page and was still convinced it was only the third week of March. When you see him, feel free to give him a frusk on the head.

Now, on to the main events! April 23rd brings the PBA Spring Sectional at the Masonic Center, a favorite location hosted by those famous work-a-holics Ken and Barbara Bergman. You can be assured that with the Bergman's in charge, the hospitality will be amazing. Grab your partners and come on out.

May 14th brings the annual Awards Party at the PBA. Lou is in charge of this (now that he sees it in print, maybe he'll remember.) This is the time of year when we honor our own - come out and play, eat and be merry. It's always lots of fun!

Our monthly team games seem to be a hit. The steady increase of players is due partly to that and to the tireless efforts of Jane Marshall and Alice Williams, who continuously try to convince people to come out on Friday night. And why not? Where else could you find entertainment like that for only \$6.00 a head?

By the way, have a wonderful holiday season!! Enjoy the Spring! (You know it won't last...) (Ed Note) I only wrote three lines of this. Out of guilt, Lou wrote the rest. One can only hope he is late again next month. - arlene



Grand National TEAMS DISTRICT 5 FINALS

Dates: May 1 & 2, 2010

May 1st 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

May 2ⁿ 10:00 AM & TBA

Place: Solon Valley Party Center

Solon, Ohio

440-248-4893

Area Hotel Information:

SpringHill Suites 866-573-4235

Hampton Inn 866-678-6350

Homewood Suites 866-767-0278

Championship Level= Unlimited

Flight A= 0-5000

Flight B= 0-2000

Flight C= 0-500, Non Life Master

For more information please call:

Barb Bacon 440-331-8702

District Coordinator



NOTEWORTHY Achievement

We are extremely proud to recognize the recent accomplishment of Fred Schenker who, partner with Dian Petrov of Buffalo, won the Golder North American Pair Flight B at recent Spring NABC in Reno. I had to do a double take when I saw his picture on the cover of the Reno Daily Bulletin - not that I was surprised that he won, but I didn't recognize Fred without a hat! He also had a hand written up in the New York Times. (way to go, Fred)

The PBA doffs our collective cap to Fred for this tremendous achievement!!

SEVEN CITIES SECTIONAL

Titusville, PA 03/26-03/28-10

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Sunday Swiss Teams

A B C

- 1 MP Carns, G Carns, A Ulke
PJ Prahbu
- 2 A Bealles, E Catalfamo,
L Rafferty, N Michael
- 3 1 B Grzegorzewski, F Tseng,
S Grzegorzewski, M Sylvester
- 2 J Davis, L Placido, D Kirsch,
J Lambertson
- 3 V DeJong, D Bloom, C Smith,
K Horan
- 1 D Kresh, C Kresh, B Spine,
G Spine
- 2 K Braun, G Braun, N Tripodi,
N Lietzow
- 3 A Cooksey, R Rigo, J Geier,
A Keppler

HELP WANTED POST

We are trying to restart the mentoring program for our unit. Anyone interested in either being a mentor or being mentored can contact Bill Seran at:

bridgeplayerx2@verizon.net
or call: 412-952-3582.

CLUB POSTS

The Rodef Shalom Sisterhood is pleased to announce that the last Monday of every month will now be a charity game. This means lots of extra points!!

AND

The Thursday Afternoon Greensburg game is now a charity game with a sectional rating every week- WITH NO ADDITIONAL COST!! The points are there waiting for you - go out and grab 'em!

PBA MONTHLY SWISS TEAMS

Friday, April 30, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, May 21, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, June 25, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, July 23, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, August 27, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, September 10, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, October 22, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, November 26, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, December 17, 2010 - 7 PM

Pittsburgh

Spring Sectional

April 23-25, 2010

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Schedule & Directions:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

Hospitality All Sessions!

New Saturday Schedule!

Free Lunch Between Sessions

Sunday Swiss

includes Brunch & Lunch!

Partnerships:

MaryAnne McNeirney
412-922-1136

Newcomers & 299ers:

Darlene Mannheimer
412-913-5944

Tournament Chairs:

Barb & Ken
Bergman
724-935-4591

Sanction # S 1004042
Mike Roberts: Director in Charge



Friday, April 23

1:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

7:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(1st of 3 sessions)

Saturday, April 24

New Times! Free Lunch!

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(2nd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped Knockout Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

*Free Lunch between sessions!
Play twice and STILL get home early!*

3:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(3rd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped Knockout Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)

Sunday, April 25

Fabulous Brunch Beforehand & Lunch Included!

11:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams
(7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
(6 rounds of 6 boards)
*Separate Play-through Events/
30 point VP scale*

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

"Newcomer / 299er Pairs" -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!

Play ONLY against other New Players

Contact Darlene for
Swiss Team-building!

Lesson from an Expert...

Friday @ 6:45 PM
Saturday @ 2:45 PM

Student Discount \$5 per Session

Open Stratifications:

A: 2000+
B: 750-2000
C: 0-750

299er Stratifications:

A: 200-800
B: 50-200
C: 0-50

Pairs Entries \$10 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$88/team
299er Swiss \$ 68/team

*Non & Unpaid ACBL Members \$1
additional per session*

Open Swiss Strat's by Average MPS
299er Strat's at Director's Discretion

Spring Sectional

EDUCATION POST

Even though the breath of Spring is not quite on the air, it is nevertheless prudent to prepare. The PBA Education program is gearing up for the Spring Season. Keep an eye out for a flyer with dates and specifics, which will be available as soon as the schedule is confirmed. However, here is a preview of what we intend to offer:

THE CLUB SERIES - Beginning Bridge

I'm sure you all have friends, relatives and countrymen who are always astounded by your never-ending supply of bridge tales. Well, here is their chance to get with the program! Lou Joseph will teach the beginning series at Rodef Shalom Temple in Oakland. Classes will once again be held on Monday Mornings starting at 9 AM, dates to be announced shortly. This series has withstood the test of time and has proven to be the most effective and informative class for beginning bridge players.

MOVING FORWARD - Advancing Bridge

Arlene Port is whipping up a series designed to move the advancing and intermediate player forward. This seven week course will focus on three different aspects of bridge - two weeks devoted to bidding with interference ; two weeks devoted to play of the hand, and three weeks devoted to defense (the hardest part of the game!) - signals, count and leads! Think you've seen it all before? You ain't seen nothing' yet! When this class is over, you will be able to beat Arlene regularly like a drum! Think we're kidding? Come prove us wrong! *(Editor's note: Hey, If I wasn't teaching the other class, I would enrol myself in this one!! - Lou)*

The details will be available at local club games, on the PBA Website, or by e-mailing or calling Arlene or Lou (contact information shown on the front page of the Post Mortem). Plan to attend - it will be time and effort well spent! Classes will begin in late April or early May.

You are South, matchpoints, both vul.

Your hand is:

S	A Q 10 7 2
H	K 8
D	6
C	A Q 7 5 4

The bidding is

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
—	4H	DOUBLE	PASS
?			

What do you bid?

Ernie Retetagos 6Spades. Since no slam is assured, I am only concerned about bidding the slam that is most likely to make, with no concern about the highest scoring slam. 6 No trump is wrong when I can only run 11 tricks without letting East in. 6 spades is wrong when Ace of hearts and a heart lead lets east score a trump trick. I think that the first scenario is more likely.

Lou Joseph I'll start with 4NT - if partner shows 2 aces, we're heading for 7NT ; if partner shows 1, I'll consider 6NT long and hard and probably chicken out with 6S. If partner shows no aces, I bail at 5S and discuss this with him away from the table. Can't afford to have him bid spades and have the lead go through my KH

Asim Ulke: 5H. I'll pass 5S. At least I'll have invited. Even for a vulnerable west, QJT98765 of hearts probably is good enough for a 1st-seat 4H bid.

Bruce Keidan: 5H. I'll pass 5S. At least I'll have invited. Even for a vulnerable west, QJT98765 of hearts probably is good enough for a 1st-seat 4H bid.

Gail Carns: 6S anything could be right

Herb Sachs: 4nt is not blackwood, five hearts could have my partner playing spades and he might have two hearts neither the ace, i bid a simple inelegant six spades. 6nt too risky-partner may have somethings like kjxx xx aqjxx kx. preempts are supposed to create problems for opponents as this one certainly does. im just going for a plus score.

Florine Walters: 4NT—Blackwood. I can zip into 6S, but I want to find out if there is a chance for 7 spades. We could easily have 7.

PJ Prabhu: 6NT. What I think I can make. I first chose 6S; but upon reflection, 6NT appears better especially at matchpoints. 6NT has higher risk and higher return. It should make almost any time 6S makes. It may also make when 6S fails. An example hand for partner is Jxx, x, AKQJxx, KJx.

Warren Oberfield: I bid 6S. 6N or 7 of a black suit could easily be making, but if it is, other N/S pairs will have similar difficulty finding it also. This isn't a time for science. I want to declare just in case partner has two losing hearts. At matchpoints, when lacking enough bidding room to make an informed decision, the goal should be to land in a reasonable spot without risking a zero, even if that may not be the best possible contract under more favorable circumstances. 6S qualifies.

Bill Holt: 6S. We might make 7 and we might go down on a H ruff but my hand is too good to settle for less.

Richard Finberg: 6S. A "practical" guess. We really want to know how many Aces partner has, and whether C, S or NT is best -- but not enough room. Could make 7 or only 5, but I will compromise with 6 of partner's promised major.

Steve Nolan : 4NT, and hope it's Blackwood. If partner surprises me by bidding 5H, it is Blackwood, and I'll ask for kings. If partner bids 5C, he must have taken 4NT to mean choose a minor. (I have so many of the remaining points that it's impossible to construct a hand for partner which is missing both aces but is still worth a double). Over 5C, I'll bid 5S, which partner will take as a cue-bid. He'll bid 6 or 7C, which I will convert to spades at the same level. If partner bids 5D over 4NT, I don't know how he's interpreted 4NT, but since we are (i) missing an ace, or (ii) have a slight misfit in the minors, I'm bidding 6S.

Stan Ruskin: I don't think this is very complicated for me anyway. I would bid 6S – it is called a Pie press. I don't know of any holding that we couldn't make a slam assuming partner had his double. Unless there is some strange system that says 4NT is key card blackwood, 4NT would be to pick a minor. You have to assume that the 4H bidder had AQJ 8th or 9th, partner must have enough remaining to make a slam. Could he have doubled with KJxxx, x, KQJx and KJx? Yes, he could have and we would go down one. On the other hand, he could have a similar hand with a H void or he could have the A of Diamonds and the other 2 kings. There are too many hands where a slam is guaranteed and only one where you go down so I bid the slam.

Trudy Cohn: Six spades seems to be a reasonable bid to me.

Auxilliary Expert

Marvin Rulin 6 NT we should have a slam and at first glance 6S looks good, but the ace of hearts lead may bring on a ruff and down goes a "cold" slam. a bid of 6NT negates that possibility but risks taking only 11 tricks. i still would try 6NT

INTERNET POST HOW EXPERTS VOTED

	BID
Phillip Alder	6S
Michael Becker	4NT
David Berah	6S
David Berkowitz	5NT
Larry Cohen	6NT
Billy Eisenberg	4NT
Lt.Col Robert Friend	6NT
Barbara Haberman	6S
Cark Hudecek	6S
Edwin Kantar	6S
Edgar Kaplan	6S
Sami Kehela	6S
Eric Kokish	4NT
Michael Lawrence	4NT
Sidney Lazard	6NT
Bob Lipsitz	6S
Jeff Meckstroth	6S
Marshall Miles	6NT
Peter Nagy	6NT
Eric Paulson	6NT
Arthur Robinson	5H
Beverly Rosenberg	6S
Al Roth	4NT
Jeff Rubens	6NT
Ira Rubin	6S
Joey Silver	4NT
Robert Wolff	6S
Kit Woolsey	5S
Mahmood Zia	5NT
Tom Zinkle	6NT

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

A BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
6S	11	7	100
4NT	6	4	90
5NT	3	0	80
6NT	3	2	70
5H	2	2	40
5S	1	0	30
PASS	0	0	20
4S	0	0	10
7S	0	0	10

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DISTRICT 5 FINALS**

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May 1st 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM
May 2nd 10:00 AM & TBA
Place: Solon Valley Party
Center
Solon, Ohio
440-248-4893
Area Hotel Information:
SpringHill Suites
866-573-4235
Hampton Inn
866-678-6350
Homewood Suites
866-767-0278
Championship Level=
Unlimited
Flight A= 0-5000
Flight B= 0-2000
Flight C= 0-500, Non Life
Master
For more information
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Friday Aft Open Pairs

A B C
1 1 W Obitz, J Gray
2 2 P Cunkelman, J Janitor
3 3 JK Hellman, A Jacobelli
1 D Shoup, S Shields
2 B Wedekind, WL Fan
3 J Brackett, P Bachman

Friday Eve Open Pairs

A B C
1 1 D Guerra, V Knox
2 2 L Worsley, R Freemon
3 D Bonner, P Novak
3 KJ Hellman, A Jacobelli
1 L Creal, E Bellow
2 F Wilson, J Purvis
3 C Kresh, D Kresh

Friday Late Night Zip KO's

1 B Hackenberg, L Hackenberg II,
A Agnello, Y Coursen
2 J Gray, W Obitz, B Belardi,
C Powell

Handicapped KO - Bracket 1

1 J Gray, W Obitz, B Belardi,
C Powell
2 V DeJong, B Grzegorzewski,
D Bloom, S Grzegorzewski

Saturday Late Night Zip KO's

1 J Gray, W Obitz, B Belardi,
C Powell
2 C Ludwig, D Kresh, J Klein, B Klein

Saturday Open Pairs

A B C
1 1 A Bealles, G Cross
2 2 B Feasley, M Pascale
3 B Bergman, K Bergman
3 1 C Kresh, D Kresh
2 D Shoup, C Ludwig
3 L Creal, D Megill

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BRIDGE IN THE BURG

Ernie Retetagos produces another fascinating hand!

	N	VUL: NONE
	♠J73	
	♥AQ94	
	♦A96	
	♣JT4	
W		E (D)
♠KQT92		♠85
♥5		♥72
♦82		♦KQJ53
♣Q8532		♣K976
	S	
	♠A64	
	♥KJT863	
	♦T74	
	♣A	

The auction:	S	W	N	E	
			1♣	1♦	Lead: 8♦
	1♥	1♠	2♥	P	
	4♥	ALL PASS			

Although 3NT would have been easier, South jumped to game in hearts. West led his partner's suit, which was ducked to the J. The 8♠ return was ducked to the Q, and the diamond return was won with the A. Declarer played a club to the A, crossed to the board in the trump suit to ruff a club, and played another trump to the board to ruff the last club. After cashing the A♠, declarer could exit with a diamond or a spade:

	N	
	♠J	
	♥Q4	
	♦9	
	♣-	
W		E
♠KT		♠-
♥-		♥-
♦-		♦KQ5
♣Q8		♣K
	S	
	♠6	<i>Whichever opponent won the trick</i>
	♥A8	<i>would be forced to give declarer a</i>
	♦T	<i>ruff and sluff for the 10th trick!</i>
	♣-	

GREENSBURG OUTPOST *by Mary Jo Johnson*

Congratulations to Greensburg's newest Life Master, Dennis Gibboney, who achieved this level in "record time"! And his wife, Carol, isn't far behind. Now we are all "keeping our fingers crossed" for Ed Collins, who hopes to get his few (but much needed) GOLD points in Cleveland in May.

Peggy Shivetts was a "sight to behold" at the duplicate games at The Villages, FL in January and February. Not only did she have a 71.76% game with Davd Hudson (a first time partner) she garnished a little over 24 points.

Mark your calendars for Aubrey George's class on Defense beginning April 8th for 7 weeks prior to the Thursday game at the First Christian Church in Greensburg. The cost is \$25 and class time begins at 11:00 AM.

Plans for the Greensburg Sectional are progressing nicely. Kitty Jo Hellmann has the flyer ready for distribution and please be advised that it will be held in a new location: Greensburg Civic and Garden Center and the dates are June 11,12, and 13th. Anyone needing a partner can contact Arlene Jacobelli; Jacki Plummer will be the cookie chairman; and Dennis Gibboney and Kitty Jo planned the motel packages. No one likes change but we're confident that our sectional will continue to be the leader in "hospitality" as in years past.

Bridge Quote of the Month: "One advantage of bad bidding is that you get practice at playing atrocious contracts." Alfred Sheinwold

In closing, let me wish everyone a Happy Easter, Happy Passover, and Happy Spring. After this year's winter, spring will be much more appreciated.... for sure ! Won't it be delightful to see the first robin, the crocuses, the tulips, and the daffodils? AND before you know it, Larry Evans will be able to get out his lawn mower and cut his grass(if he hasn't done so already)...LOL

PBA 3 MONTHS FORWARD AT A GLANCE

REMEMBER: GAME TIMES NOW 7:00 PM!

APRIL 2010

- 04/02 Open Pairs
- 04/09 Club Championship and PBA Board Meeting
- 04/16 Unit ACBL Charity Championship
- 04/23 PBA Spring Sectional @ Masonic Center (see ad on page 4)
- 04/30 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

MAY 2010

- 05/07 Unit Championship
- 05/14 PBA AWARDS PARTY & Club Charity Game
- 05/21 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 05/28 PBA CANCELLED - CLEVELAND REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

JUNE 2010

- 06/06 NAOP Qualifier
- 06/11 PBA CANCELLED - GREENSBURG SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT
- 06/17 Special Thursday STaC game @ Glenshaw Moose
- 06/18 PBA STaC game
- 06/25 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Alice Williams and Judi Sonon	72.54%	JCC Wechsler
James Klein and David Frohlich	70.14%	Mon. Rodef
Paul Rosenberg & Eric Rosen	71.67%	Sewickley
Carol Rehman & Mel Snitzer	71.18%	Rodef 99'ers

4 IN A ROW

Doris Bridenbaugh	Export DBC	Jim Bridenbaugh	Export DBC
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3 IN A ROW

Arlene Port	Mon. Rodef	Jim Quigley	Wed Glenshaw
Ed Alcott	Fri Blackridge	Barb Bergman	Tue JCC-SH
Ken Bergman	Tue JCC-SH	Doris Hess	Mon Whitehall
Bob Tate	Mon Whitehall		

2 IN A ROW

James Klein	Mon. Rodef	Harold Haffner	Mon. Rodef
Marion Smith	Mon. Rodef	Myron Swartz	Mon. Rodef
Judy Haffner	Mon. Rodef	Edith Diamond	Mon. Rodef 99ers
Kathy Bleckman	Mon. Rodef 99ers	Jan Phillips	Mon Glenshaw
Rowna Sutton	Wed Glenshaw	Bob Tate	Thu JCC-SH
Joe Secka Sr	Thu JCC-SH	Sidney Metzger	Mon Whitehall
Ken Bergman	Wed Ctr Bridge	Barb Bergman	Wed Ctr Bridge
Beverly Spine	Wed Ctr Bridge	George Spine	Wed Ctr Bridge

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!



Easter

**BE A GOOD EGG AND
ENJOY EASTER**

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 PBA Open Prs	3 229 Unit game
4	5 Rodef Shalom cancelled	6 JCC South Hills cancelled	7	8 Greensburg Soecial 8 is Enough Swiss	9 PBA Club Championship & Board Mtg	10 New Brighton Game
11	12	13	14	15	16 PBA Unit ACBL Charity Championship	17
18	19 Upgraded Club Chmp Rodef	20	21	22	23 <i>PBA SPRING SECTIONAL</i>	24
25	26 <i>See page 4</i>	27	28	29	30 PBA Unit Swiss Team Championship	