

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... arlene port

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Can you believe it? It's difficult to fathom how quickly time passes. I hardly even notice the time racing by. Oh, wait! There is one great indicator of the passage of time. That, of course, is the increasingly number of times I end up in the doctors office. I guess the moral of that story is that while we don't notice the passage of time, our bodies do.

Now that it's over, looking back I can tell you 2010 was a great year for Pittsburgh bridge. Our tournaments were outstanding and successful. Our STaC weeks attracted hordes of silver point seekers and our special events proved to be very special, indeed. But, as the great Al Jolsen used to say:

“YOU AIN'T HEARD NOTHIN' YET!!”

On January 28, the Friday night unit game will have a separate section for players who have less than 1000 points. But that ain't all, folks. If you purchased a Pro at the October Pro-Am game, your entry fee will be reduced to half price, regardless of which section you choose to play in. You can read all about it on page 5 of the Post Mortem. You owe it to yourself as well as to Jane Marshall who has worked so hard to provide an exciting and entertaining Friday night unit game. If driving is a problem, look around and you will find someone from your area who would be delighted to give you a lift. Think about this: Wouldn't it be nice to go out with your friends to an early dinner, ending up at the unit game? Friday night is fun night and you should be a part of the fun!! Otherwise we will talk about you.

If it's December or January, it must be time for my annual poem. Don't hate me—I can't help myself!

IM SO ACCOMPLISHED

Somewhere in time I decided one day
That duplicate Bridge was the game I would play.
I took lessons, learned systems and worked very hard
I learned to keep score and to fill out a card.

Well, I mastered the game, and got points by the score
But I wasn't real thrilled, could there be something more?
I needed a challenge, what should I select?
I knew what I'd do, I would start to direct.

So I sat for the test and I passed like a shot
I was ready, and able. I knew quite a lot.
The day finally came and with rule book in hand
I knew things would go just the way that I planned

I put out the boards and they started to play
Unfortunately, they'd been placed the wrong way.
No biggie, I changed them. Wished good luck to all
And then heard "Director"! Hurrah—my first call.

A lead out of turn. One call easy to make.
I said "Put it back, it was just a mistake".
There was a revoke and oh boy was I tough
"I'll forget it this time, but once is enough"!

Then came a mis-claim. I said. "fix it" and then
I told both the opps "She won't do it again"
And the players done first I addressed with a frown
"Now, now what's your hurry. Fast players slow down".

The board that was fouled, although I was taught
I couldn't adjust it because I forgot
When the lady bid hearts and then went down in two
I said: "Go play it over, one no trump's for you."

Oh boy, was I great, yes the day was profound
Except for the time when the scoring came round
There was a small glitch and they all had to wait
Well, so what if the scores didn't come out till eight.

Another success and I wanted to shout
"DIRECTOR FOR HIRE" says my card to pass out
But honestly, lately my spirits are falling
I just can't imagine why no one is calling!!₂

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Ruth Cohen
Carol Stuart

CLUB MASTER

Richard Kotler

NABC MASTER

Chester Mott
Lois Mott

SECTIONAL MASTER

Lynn Thiel

REGIONAL MASTER

Ranjana Gupta
Cynthia Custer
Anne Haines
Jacqueline Plummer
Judith Zimmerman

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Richard Krauland
William Seran

IN MEMORY

It is with great sadness we report that Barbara Gallupe died at the end of December.

Barbara played at the Rodef Shalom game on Monday's with her partner Selma Ryave.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all of Barbara's family and friends.

POST CARDS

IN MEMORY

.....arlene port

The Pittsburgh bridge community lost one of its most prominent members when Bruce Keidan suffered a heart attack and died while attending the national event in Orlando, Fla.

Bruce was a well know sports writer and radio personality in the Pittsburgh area. His range of knowledge, actually about almost any subject, was impressive. His analyses regarding professional sports was always informative, entertaining and right on the mark.

It was only natural that Bruce carried his expertise to the bridge table. He was an accomplished player who attracted highly ranked players both locally and nationally.

It was entertaining to read his answers to my Internet Post problems. They weren't always the top answer but they were always the funniest!

Bruce was a good guy and will be sorely missed. We offer our condolences to his wife Jean and all of his family members, which includes the members of the Pittsburgh bridge unit.

DISTRICT 5 WINTER STaC TOURNAMENT
DEC 6-12, 2010

Here are the top 25 masterpoint winners in our Unit, with their corresponding overall ranking in the District

| | | | |
|----|----|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 4 | 22.57 | Gail Carns |
| 2 | 5 | 21.71 | Barbara Bergman |
| 3 | 6 | 21.58 | Kenneth Bergman |
| 4 | 10 | 18.52 | Jean Prior |
| 5 | 11 | 18.23 | Marcella Retetagos |
| 6 | 12 | 17.73 | Bernard Fudor |
| 7 | 14 | 16.04 | James Klein |
| 8 | 17 | 15.49 | Alice Williams |
| 9 | 18 | 15.40 | James Gray |
| 10 | 21 | 14.28 | Robert Quinlan |
| 11 | 32 | 11.86 | Asim Ulke |
| 12 | 38 | 10.78 | Jane Marshall |
| 13 | 44 | 10.45 | James Fox |
| 14 | 49 | 9.77 | Carl Hamill |
| 15 | 53 | 9.61 | Christopher Wang |
| 16 | 56 | 9.49 | Barbara Belardi |
| 17 | 61 | 9.27 | Donald Averbach |
| 18 | 67 | 8.78 | Robert Zimmermann |
| 19 | 69 | 8.70 | Margery Tamres |
| 20 | 70 | 8.65 | Gail Hastings |
| 21 | 72 | 8.32 | Judy Haffner |
| 22 | 73 | 8.32 | Judi Sonon |
| 23 | 75 | 8.22 | Harold Haffner |
| 24 | 77 | 8.14 | Constance Hoehstetter |
| 25 | 81 | 8.00 | Arlene Jacobelli |

I couldn't show Arlene's (or my) placement on this list because the first two columns are not Adequately wide enough for that many numbers!...Lou (poor Arlene)

**As a Thank-You
For Participating!**



**January 28, 2011
At the Unit Game
7:00 PM**

**Ams get Half-Price
Entry in Special
Am-Only Game!**



In addition to the regular “open” section, the PBA has added another section for those having under 1000 points on Friday, January 28 at Wilkins Twp. Municipal Bldg.

To thank those (Ams) who purchased a Pro for last October’s Pro-Am event, they will be given 1/2 off their entry fee at the regularly held Unit Game on January 28 at the Wilkins Twp. Muni Bldg. and may choose to play in either a special “B” section (under 1000 MPs) or the usual Open section.

The Open section of course has no point restrictions. Ams get 1/2 off whichever section they play in. Others are welcome to play in the B section if their points permit but at full price (\$6.00).

Players who did not purchase a “Pro” may play in the Special Game provided they have fewer than 1000 masterpoints, but they will pay full price (\$6.00). So, if you want to invite a special partner, or you didn’t play in the Pro-AM game, come on down!!

Questions? Call Jane Marshall 412-371-4067



You can help create a masterpoint-limited section at the Unit Game! If this special game is successful in January, we plan to hold more special masterpoint-limited games!

INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, E/W vul and you hold:

S K J 8 5 4
H A K 9 7 6 4
D ----
C 10 6

BIDDING:

| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ----- | ----- | 2S | Pass |

?

Bill Holt 6S. I don't want to give west a chance to make a lead-directing call here. East is on lead and if he has AK of clubs, so be it. On a Diamond or Heart or Spade lead I like our chances and even then perhaps partner has the King of clubs. In first seat partner should hold A of Spades as he should be better than Q 6th. And hey.. it's only match-points.

PJ Prabhu: 3C. To inhibit the lead and LHO from bidding 4NT for the minors (over my second choice, 4S). I'd rather he bid D. I like our chances to make 12 tricks in S if we can avoid the C lead.

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Clubs. 2 NT would be the technically correct bid. But, playing matchpoints with an understanding partner, I couldn't resist bidding 3 Clubs on the way to 6 spades

Gail Carns: 2NT I hope it asks for a feature. If partner shows a club feature I will use Blackwood since partner should not have 2 features.

Arlene Port: 6S—By default. I have the feeling that anything I say with give more information to the opponents than give me what I need to know. An then I have my second bid which is "I'm sorry".

Mary Paulone Carns: .3D. Lead-directing against a potential club contract. If it weren't against the rules that are presented, I'd bid 4D now. Eventually I'll bid 4S (or 5S--a possible phan-

Steve Nolan: 3C. We don't need much for a slam, and since the system doesn't have an asking bid in clubs, we're going to end in 6 spades without a scientific investigation. The bid is an attempt to discourage a club lead.

Stan Ruskin: 3H 1st of all let's think what the opponents have. They have a combined 18-20 minor suit card. They have the balance of high card points – probably 22 – between them. They are either 1/1 or 2/0 in spades and 3/2 or 4/1 in hearts. It is very likely that West will bid over almost anything that you bid. If the opponents wind up winning the contract – not that unlikely – and partner is on lead, it is important for him to lead a heart. If they wind up in clubs and he is on lead, you would love for him to lead a diamond. If you bid 3D and they wind up in diamonds, the entire suit is now given up since they will figure out why you bid 3D. Therefore, I bid 3H which is forcing and await further developments. My further bids will depend on the rest of the auction. 6S ultimately is not out of the question since a non club lead could well allow it to make. 6S could also be a good save against 6 of a minor which could make conceivably.

Jane Marshall . 2NT. I play Ogust and will find out if partner has a bad-bad, good suit-bad hand (impossible bid), good hand-bad suit (very possible bid). If his answer is bad-bad, I will sign off at 4 spades. If it is good hand-bad suit I will try 5 spades. You are correct...it is not as easy as it looks.

Herb Sachs: 6S "flying for match points i bid six spades-opening leader may have to guess the winning lead if there is one as partner could have spade ace and club king, spade queen and club ace. at this vulnerability basically anything can be opened two spades. at imps i bid three hearts planning to bid diamonds next if opponents are quiet and finally bidding five spades

Asim Ulke I bid 4S and I hope the next hand will be easier. Any other bid is crap shoot. I can not pass enough info to partner so that he can make a good decision for 6S nor can I find out enough about the other hand to make an informed decision about 6S.

Marvin Rulin: 2NT looking for a club feature. If none bid 4 Sp. If partner has a club feature, bid 4 NT. If partner has no aces sign off in 5 Sp. If he has one ace I'll hope it's not in diamonds and bid 6 Sp. If he has 2 aces I'm going to 7 Sp happy new year from not so warm florida

Bob Zimmerman: 5C If 4 of a red suit is an asking bid in that suit, why is 5c not also an ask? That would be my choice, but given the constraints I will bid 2nt and slam if P shows a club feature.

Auxilliary Experts:

Eric Ruben: 4D, asking about diamonds. If partner can make a positive diamond response, I'll give up - it is difficult to see a situation where partner can have diamonds and both black suits controlled. If partner makes a negative response for diamonds, I'll invite slam.

Paul Rosenberg 4 SPADES

I think that the key question here is how high can the N/S pair get. The opening preempt would seem to mark North with 6 spades, including the ace and queen, with a maximum of 5 ppoints elsewhere, and maybe less points since n/s are not vul. 6 spades and at least two diamonds would seem to be a lock, in any contract. 6 nt is absurd, so can 6 spades be made. I think that it is unlikely, given the two quick losers in clubs, and the low diamonds. I think that it is unlikely that North would have the missing cards to yield only one loser. Therefore my bid would be a quick arriving 4 Spades.

INTERNET POST HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------|------|
| Phillip Alder | | 6S |
| David erkowitz | *(5NT) | 4S |
| Augie Boehm | | 2NT |
| Gerald Caraelli | | 6S |
| John Carruthers | | 2NT |
| Steve Clark | | 2NT |
| Larry Cohn | *(5NT) | 4/NT |
| Billy Eisenberg | | 4D |
| Richard Freeman | | 2NT |
| Steve Garner | | 6S |
| Ron Gerard | | 4NT |
| Mary & Max Hardy | | 3H |
| Carl Hudecek | *(4NT) | 6S |
| E. B. Kantar | *(5C) | 5C |
| Sami Kehela | | 2NT |
| Eric Kokish | | 6S |
| Chip Martel | | 3C |
| Jill Meyers | *(5NT) | 6S |
| M. Miles | | 4NT |
| Sue Picus | | 6S |
| A. Robinson | *(5H) | 2NT |
| Eric Rodwell | | 4S |
| Michael Rosenberg | | 3H |
| Al Roth | | 4S |
| Jeff Rubens | | 4S |
| Ira Rubin | | 4S |
| Karen & Steve Sanborn | | 6S |
| Ron Smith | | 2NT |
| P. Trent | | 2NT |
| Robert Wolff | | 3H |
| Kit Woolsey | | 4D |
| Zia | *(5NT) | 3H |

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* Second guesses. Evidently Eddie Kantar was positive he would only bid 5C.

Richard Katz: I bid 2NT. If I don't hear 3C I don't get excited. If partner bids 3D I would bid 5S asking for 2nd round control of the other minor. If they bid 3C, I will bid 6S.

2011 UNIT 142 PBA CALENDAR - JAN thru JUN

January

- 7 GNT Fundraiser Game
- 14 No game—Cleveland Regional
- 21 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 28 Special "Am" Game & Unit Championship

February

- 7 Unit Junior Fund Game
- 11 Membership Game & PBA Board Meeting
- 18 Unit Championship
- 25 Junior Fund Swiss Teams

March

- 4 Club Championship
- 11 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 18 Unit Championship
- 25 Open Pairs

April

- 1 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC
- 8 Swiss Team Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting
- 15 Unit ACBL Charity Championship
- 22 Open Pairs
- 29 Club Championship

May

- 6 Unit Championship
- 13 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 20 Club ACBL Charity Championship & Awards Night
- 27 No game—Cleveland Regional

June

- 3 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 10 NO GAME - GREENSBURG SECTIONAL
- 16 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
- 17 STaC Pairs & PBA Board Meeting
- 24 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

2011 UNIT 142 PBA CALENDAR- JUL thru DEC

July

- 1 Open Pairs
- 8 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC
- 15 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 22 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 29 New Partner Night

August

- 5 Unit Championship
- 12 NAOP Qualifier & Board Meeting
- 19 Open Pairs
- 26 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

September

- 2 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL
- 9 Open Pairs
- 14 Instant M'pts - Special Wed Night @ Glenshaw Moose
- 16 Club Championship
- 23 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 30 International Fund Game

October

- 7 Unit Championship
- 14 Open Pairs
- 21 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams & Board Meeting
- 28 Club Appreciation Pairs

November

- 4 Club Championship
- 11 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC
- 18 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 25 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

December

- 2 Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting (if necessary)
- 8 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game @ Glenshaw Moose
- 9 Holiday Party & STaC
- 11 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams @ Wilkins
- 16 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 23 Open Pairs
- 30 Open Pairs

GREENSBURG OUTPOST *by Mary Jo Johnson*

If one was stuck in traffic in or around the malls the week of Christmas, they would strongly disagree that the economy was slow. Plus the weather was cold and snowy but there are those among us who would have said that it was worth it to have a white Christmas. I might be one of those disagreeing "bah humbugs" but even I would have to admit that it looked pretty.

Last month I forgot to mention that Helen Gallena and Carol Gibboney took a two week riverboat tour on the MS Jewel in October. Some of the highlights of their trip were Prague; Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart; Vienna; and Budapest. They learned an interesting piece of trivia: Pittsburgh is the third largest Slovakian city in the USA and Cleveland is the fourth. These ladies LOVE to travel so if anyone is ever looking for a travel-mate, contact either Helen or Carol.

Debbie Shoup and Charlotte Ludwig had an outstanding 74.6% game at the Wednesday game on December 15th. WOW ! It was a 9 1/2 table game so look for their names in the Bridge Bulletin in an upcoming issue.

It was great to see Bea Hackenberg at the Thursday Christmas party/bridge game. She was scheduled for surgery the next day so she is a real "trooper". We're all hoping that it was successful and that we'll be seeing her back at the bridge table ASAP.

Speaking of Christmas parties, kudos to all who were instrumental in planning the events. Many favorable comments were heard and we just want to make it known that your hard work and efforts were appreciated.

Keep in mind that the Rock n Roll Regional Tournament in Independence, OH is fast approaching. The dates are January 12 - 17th. Any one who loves competition or is in need of red and /or gold points should try to attend. It is in a great venue, is an easy drive, and the hospitality is great.

A quote recently read in the Tribune Review: "You wouldn't wear earplugs if you went rattlesnake hunting. Listen to the bidding, so that you can draw inferences as declarer."

At Excelsa Health Latrobe Hospital, Janet Radman, who has volunteered for 40 years and is also one of our regular players, coordinated the holiday effort finding Jewish volunteers to fill in for area hospital volunteers so that they could enjoy the Christian holiday.. She was able to recruit enough volunteers, despite the shrinking Jewish community, to relieve those scheduled to work from 6:00 - 8:00PM on Christmas Eve and from 8:00AM - 6:00 PM on Christmas day. Part of the Jewish faith is doing a mitzvah..... doing something good for somebody else. We applaud you, Janet, for your kindness and may this be a lesson to all of us, that we need to "pay it forward".

May 2011 be a year that brings you all that makes you happiest.

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Marcella Apter & Pat Katz Rodef 70.14%

5 IN A ROW!!

Sandy Harris Whitehall Mon

3 IN A ROW

Carol Stuart Rodef 99'ers

2 IN A ROW

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|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Barb Bergman | JCC-SH Tue | Ken Bergman | JCC-SH Tue |
| Bhrat Shah | JCC-SH Tue | Jean Prior | JCC-SH Tue |
| Barb Bergman | Allegheny North | Fran Steger | Rodef 99'ers |
| Nick Rescher | Rodef 99'ers | Mort Rubin | Mon. Rodef |
| Paula Rubin | Mon. Rodef | Sandy Spear Brand | Mon. Rodef |
| Judy Haffner | Mon. Rodef | Arlene Port | Mon. Rodef |
| Pat Katz | Mon. Rodef | Marcella Apter | Mon. Rodef |
| Fran Steger | Rodef 199ers | Nicolas Rescher | Rodef 199ers |

INTERNET POST (Cont. from page 7)

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 6S | 8 | 3 | 100 |
| 4S | 5 | 2 | 80 |
| 4NT | 3 | 0 | 80 |
| 2NT | 8 | 4 | 50 |
| 3H | 4 | 1 | 40 |
| 4D | 2 | 1 | 30 |
| 5C | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| 3C | 1 | 3 | 20 |
| 3D | 0 | 1 | 20 |
| 7S | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 5NT | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 5S | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 4C | 0 | 0 | 10 |

NOW THAT'S WHAT I
CALL A VARIETY OF
CHOICES!!



Looking for the 3 months at a glance post? Check out pages 8 and 9; you'll get the whole darn year! Cut it out and paste on your refrigerator, your bathroom mirror, your rear view mirror - any place where you'll be sure and remember to consult it weekly!!

JANUARY 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--|--------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 PBA GNT Fundraiser | 8 Unit 229 game |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 PBA cancelled Cleveland Regional | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams | 22 |
| 23/30 | 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 PBA Special "AM" Game And Unit Championship | 29 |