

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... lou joseph

If you are tired of snow and lousy weather here, just be glad you don't live on the East Coast! Every time I get depressed looking out the window or at the thermometer, I turn on the Weather Channel and listen to what Boston, New York and even Atlanta are coping with. Then I feel better. Try it, it's very comforting.

We actually had 15 tables at the Unit Game Friday evening January 29th, and it wasn't even a party, per se. Jane Marshall bullied...er... begged everyone she could corner into playing. It was a special two section game - our regular open pairs game, a special section reserved for players under 1000 MP. (They offered Arlene a special dispensation and she was insulted - can you imagine?) Additionally, if you had played as an AM in the famous PRO-AM game last year, you were entitled to 50% off your entry fee. Whatever it was, Jane got them there, and it was wonderful to see that many tables. Heaven knows the weather could have been worse, but it certainly could have been better. Check out the results inside! If you enjoyed the event, please communicate this to any board member. If the response is positive, we can consider doing it again or something similar. A big thank you to all who participated, and an especially big round of applause for Jane. I'd vote for her for any office she chose to run for - there is nothing she cannot do! **WAIT!! THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE** See pg 8

While your waiting for things to warm up, start making plans for the PBA Spring Sectional (flyer inside). Rumor has it that the Not Ready for Flight A Dramatic Players are once again going to perform! See you there!!

Friday, April 1

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 2

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!*

4:00 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)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, April 3

Brunch & 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

Pittsburgh Sectional

Spring Foolishness

April 1-3, 2011

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



PITTSBURGH

Lesson from an Expert...

Friday @ 6:45 PM

Cubic Zirconia

Life Master Theater

Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Hospitality
All Sessions!

Lunch Included on Sat!
Brunch & Lunch on Sun!

Partnerships:

Jean Prior
412-977-6943

Newcomers & 299ers:

Darlene Mannheimer
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:

Bard & Ken Bergman
724-935-4591

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
Sanction # 5 1104080

Pairs Entries \$10 pp.

Open Swiss Teams \$88/team
299er Swiss \$ 68/team

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



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
Partners & Team-building!

Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

299er

A: 2000+

B: 750-2000

C: 0-750

All Strats in All Events
by Avg. MPs

D: 200-300

E: 50-200

F: 0-50

299er Strats at
Director's Discretion

Open

A: 2000+

B: 750-2000

C: 0-750

All Strats in All Events
by Avg. MPs

UP THE LADDER POST

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Bruce Brennan

SILVER LIFE MASTER

James Gray

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Ken (aka "Diamond Boy") Bergman

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL ON YOUR
NOTEWORTHY
ACHIEVEMENTS!!**

IN MEMORY

January was a very sad month for the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. Four of our members passed away.

Arnie Levine, one of our longest and most accomplished bridge players died after being ill for some time. Arnie, along with his partner, Jim Klein, were regulars at the Wednesday duplicate at the JCC. Although he played almost exclusively with Jim, we will all miss him.

Ruth Sutton Berkman, Freda Rosen and **Ralph Horst**, all active in the bridge community also passed away in January.

We send our deepest sympathies to all of their families and friends. They made a difference in our lives, just by being a part of our community. They will be sorely missed.

POST CARDS

TO MARION SMITH: Dear Marion, I'm running out of messages to send you. Give me a break and get well. It's easier getting beaten by you at the bridge table. Seriously, we all hope that every day is just a little bit better than the one before. We miss you

TO ADA NYE: Dear Ada, it has come to my attention that you are absent from the bridge table. I don't remember giving you permission to become ill.

We will all forgive you if you hurry up and get well ASAP. We can't afford to have you away from us much longer.

**2011 CLEVELAND
ROCK 'n ROLL
REGIONAL
JANUARY 12-16, 2011**

WED-THU KO BRACKET 3

2. 2 T Piper, K Piper, D Gibboney,
C Gibboney

FRI OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 B Fudor-B Greenspan
2 M P Carns-S Fleischman

MORN SIDE SERIES OVERALLS

1. 1 F Schenker
3/4 C Powell
3/4 B Belardi

AFT SIDE SERIES OVERALLS

- 1/2 G Hastings
1/2 L Joseph

FRI A/X SWISS

A X

- 1 M P Carns, G Carns, A Ulke,
J Assini

FLIGHT B SWISS BRACKET 5

1. 1 R Kleinmann, R Sheldon, B Day,
D Gregg

**PBA FRIDAY 1/29/2011
SPECIAL GAME RESULTS**

UNDER 1000 GAME

1. 1 W Seran - C Shanahan
2/3 I Bardi - J Bardi
2/3 R Neafach - L Pilecki
4/5 K Steele - S Williams
4/5 A Colker - L Colker
6 R Heasley III - J Szymecki

REGULAR OPEN GAME

NORTH-SOUTH

A B

- 1 1 S Nolan - D McKinley
2/3 E Alcock - B Klein
2/3 P Katz - J Marshall
2 E Retetagos - M Retetagos

Nowhere A Port

EAST-WEST

A B

- 1 1 J Gary - C Wang
2 L Joseph - G Hastings
3. 3 A Ulke - F Walters

***DID YOU ENJOY
THE EVENT? LET US KNOW
AND WE'LL TRY TO
SCHEDULE SIMILAR
GAMES - IT'S YOUR
UNIT - HELP SUPPORT IT!***

NEVER TOO EARLY POST

It's tournament time again...(well, almost). It's never too early to start partnering up for the PBA Spring Sectional scheduled for April 1-3, 2011. We have a great location, great hospitality, great entertainment, great bridge... what more could you ask for? A partner? Heck, we can offer that too! Please contact Jean Prior @ 412-977-6943, our tournament partnership chairperson if you need a partner for a pairs event or another pair for a team event! **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!**

BRIDGE HUMOR POST

For those of you who have heard some of these jokes, enjoy them again.
For those of you who have never heard them, you are in for a treat.

- People with small minds talk about other people. People with ordinary minds talk about events. People with great minds talk about ideas. People with warped minds talk about bridge hands.
- Do you know what the difference is between a mad psycho serial-killer and a bridge partner? You can reason with the serial killer.
- Learning she was going to have twins, the bridge playing wife said: "That's just like my husband, doubling me when I'm vulnerable."
- We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I know what I was doing.
- You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.
- Bridge is a great comfort in your old age. It also helps you get there faster.
- A contestant in a tournament suddenly slumped down in his chair, a victim of what seemed like a seizure or fit of some kind. A doctor was hastily summoned. He took the stricken man's pulse and noted that it was steady and firm. Obviously it was no heart attack. From the victim's white face and clammy hands, the doctor surmised that this was a case of shock. A bridge player himself, he picked up the victim's cards and studied them. He then turned to the others at the table. "Now let me have a review of the bidding," he requested.
- A well-balanced player makes up for his inadequacy in the bidding with his ineptitude in the play.
- Did you know? 43.6 percent of all slam contracts fail. 62.7 percent of all bridge players are women. 97.8 percent of all bridge statistics, including these, are made up.
- AND LAST AND CERTAINLY LEAST:

There once was a player from Berirut
Who thought he would try to be cute.
He overcalled a spade
And died as he played
The post-mortem: a four card suit.

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, N/S vul.

You hold:

S - A J 10 8 7 6 3

H - K 10 6 4

D - A Q

C - -----

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	1NT	PASS
?			

What do you bid?

Bill Holt 4S. We might have a Heart fit but Culbertson said to play 'Swans' (7-4's) in their long suit. I can take the Club taps there and it should have a play

PJ Prabhu 4S. Couldn't choose between 3S and 4S. How is partner to know that Qx, Qx, xxxx, xxxxx is better than -, xxx, xxxxx, AKQxx?

With the first, we are favored to make 4S. Being vulnerable at IMPs, I take the push.

Warren Oberfield: I bid 3S, planning to bid 4H if partner bids 3N over 3S. Clearly, this is a bit different than what partner would anticipate for 3S, but this seems like the most flexible approach with an awkward hand.

Gazzilli anyone?

Lou Joseph: 4S Hmmm. Is 1NT forcing? Do I care? I'm going to bid 3H because partner cannot pass a jump shift (without getting a new partner). If partner bids 3NT or 4H, I'm going to bid 4S which should show a whopper with 6-4 or better (7-4 here) with slam interest, but allows partner out, if his 1NT is predicated on a rotten 6 HCP such as the J of diamonds and the KQ of clubs, which will render my club void useless. If he has anything extra he should move over 4S.

Steve Nolan: .4S. At least this removes all worries about missing a game, and partner will realize that the choice of trump suit has been made. If partner bids again, any bid in a new suit will be a cue bid in support of spades

Stan Ruskin: 4S .I think you want to find a contract that may not be the perfect contract but might work anyway. You're vulnerable, its imps so games are the premium here. Maybe it is 4H (even 6H), maybe 5D – it could even be 3NT, and maybe there is no good game contract. I bid 4S. Partner has something and I might make this opposite a void – losing 2S and either 1H or 1D. It may have no play. I don't think anyone can double. I might make it if partner has a doubleton spade and either the ace of hearts or KD and he could have more. he could have long clubs and nothing else and I'll go down. That's life but I think 4S is the best chance.

Herb Sachs: 4S If I bid two hearts and partner is one-three bad he passes-not good; i bid 4 spades and pay off if partner tables no spades and lots of good hearts; at least i should have a plus!

Richard Katz 3H ordinarily what comes to mind is bidding 4 spades. however on this hand after much thought I bid three hearts, forcing. Such that if pard is short in spades , long in hearts we get to the correct game or slam.

Jane Marshall: 4S I would jump to 4 spades. We may miss the heart fit, but I will jump to game in the 7-card spade suit . I usually count losers and this is a 5-loser hand.

Ernie Retetagos 3 Spades. Too strong for a minimum rebid, not strong enough to jump shift.

INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Asim Ulke I bid 3S. If partner replies with 3NT then I bid 4H.

Marvin Rulin 3 Sp Asim once asked me rhetorically, do you know what they call a 7 card suit?....."trump" If partner bids anything I can then show my hearts

Florine Walters: 3H, which is a bit of a stretch, but we are vul and playing IMP's. If partner bids 3NT, I will have a bit of a problem, as I will know they do not have two spades, and at most three hearts. It would be quite easy to bid three spades, but you could miss game if partner has four or more hearts and a minimum hand.

Bob Zimmermann: 4S There's enough playing strength here to make up for the lack of high cards. I don't need much more than xx Jxxx xxx xxxx to have a shot at making this.

Auxilliary Experts:

Eric Ruben: 3H. Slam has play opposite as little as x Qxxxx xxx xxx so it's hard to imagine taking a weak stance with these cards. Of course, you can also run into the club bust and make nothing. Where is an ACOL 2S when you need it? If pard denies heart interest I'll gamble it out in four spades

Phillip Alder	2H
Alan Bell	3S
Marty Bergen	4S
David Berkowitz	2H
Mark Blumenthal	2H
Steve Clark	3H
Larry Cohn	4S
Chris Compton	4S
Billy Eisenberg	4S
Robb Gordon	2H
Alan Graves	3S
Carl Hudecek	3H
Mike Kamil	3H
E. B. Kantar	3H
Sami Kehela	3S
Eric Kokish	3S
Boris Koytchou	4S
M. Miles	3H
Karen McCallum	2H
Nick Nickell	3S
Larry Robbins	3H
Arthur Robinson	4S
Steve Robinson	3H
Al Roth	2H
Jeff Rubens	3S
Ira Rubin	3S
Fred Stewart	4S
Paul Sugar	3H
Howard Weinstein	4S
Robert Wolff	3S
Kit Woolsey	3S
Ray Zoller	4S
Zia	3S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3S	10	4	100
4S	8	8	90
3H	8	3	90
2H	6	0	80
2S	1	0	50

(Ed Note) Clearly, the variable in this problem was whether or not to introduce the heart suit. Some did - some didn't.

THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

MARCH 2011

- 04 Club Championship
- 11. 11 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 18 Unit Championship
- 25 Open Pairs

APRIL 2011

- 01 PBA Spring Sectional @ Masonic Center
- 08 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM & PBA Board Meeting
- 15 Unit ACBL Charity Championship
- 22 Open Pairs
- 29 Club Championship

MAY 2011

- 06 Unit Championship
- 13 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 20 Club ACBL Charity Championship & AWARDS NIGHT PARTY
- 27 NO GAME - Cleveland Regional

YOUR WISH LIST POST

Jane Marshall knows what's on top of every bridge players' wish list:

That would be to play a session of bridge and then be able to ask one of the resident Pittsburgh experts where and why you went wrong.

And how did Jane manage this? So glad you asked. Because of the great success of the special 1000 MP limit game, we have recruited our best players to stay for a while after the game and answer any questions regarding the hands that were played that evening.

Please come and join us every Friday evening at 7:00 pm. at the Wilkins Township Bureau Building. It's a wonderful opportunity to improve your mind, your bridge and after learning what you should have done to prevent that disaster board, your disposition.

We look forward to having your company each Friday.

BRIDGE IN THE BURGH.....by ernie retetagos
 A successful throw-in play

	N	
	♠ Q 6 5	
	♥ A 4	
	♦ A Q J 5	
	♣ 7 5 4 2	
W		E
♠ 9 4		♠ J 10 7 3
♥ 10 3		♥ Q 8 7 6 2
♦ K 9 8 6 4		♦ 10
♣ J 9 6 3		♣ K 10 8
	S	
	♠ A K 8 2	
	♥ K J 9 5	
	♦ 7 3 2	
	♣ A Q	

N	E	S	W
—	P	1NT	P
3NT	P	P	P

The fourth best diamond was led to the Jack as East followed with the ten. Declarer then took three successful finesses, heart to the Jack, diamond to the Queen, and club to the Queen. The Ace of hearts brought the ten from West. Next came three rounds of spades ending in dummy as West discarded a diamond on the third spade.

	N	
	♠ —	
	♥ —	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ 7 5 4	
W		E
♠ —		♠ J
♥ —		♥ Q 8
♦ K 9		♦ —
♣ J 9 3		♣ K 10
	S	
	♠ 8	
	♥ K 9	
	♦ 2	
	♣ A	

When the Ace of diamonds played. East was forced to pitch a club. A club was then led to the Ace, and East had to yield the last two tricks after being thrown in with the spade.

GREENSBURG OUTPOST *by Mary Jo Johnson*

I know that it is only February BUT enough already. I've had enough snow and cold weather until next year. If the Farmer's Almanac is correct, we need to brace ourselves as more is on the way. In fact, a couple of games had to be canceled and that is practically unheard of as we bridge players have an affinity with the postal service slogan.

The bridge world has lost a very nice man. Ralph Horst passed through death recently and will be missed by many. He was an engineer with Alcoa and was an accomplished singer, performing with the Pittsburgh Mendelssohn Choir and often a guest soloist for weddings.

Another good bridge friend of ours, Jim Bridenbaugh, is not doing well. He is at home, with Hospice, and could use some thoughtful cards and words of support. His address is: 317 Watt Avenue Loyahanna, PA 15661.

Janet Radman fell in the mall parking lot recently and had to cancel her trip to CA. She is finally feeling better but is missing the warm sunny weather and her family that she was looking forward to visiting and enjoying.

Another club player, Norma Rebtov, suffered a fall at a local card party. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital but I am happy to report that fortunately, no bones were broken. However, her knee and nose were quite bruised and will take some time before they are back to normal.

In early January, Jim Gray became a Silver Life Master at the Monday game in Export. Congratulations, Jim !

Because of inclement weather, a lot of our players canceled their tournament plans and did not attend the Rock N Roll Regional in Independence, OH in the middle of January. That was unfortunate as it is a great venue with terrific hospitality so try to make it to their next regional (May 24th - 30th).

Please be advised that the Thursday game has an earlier start time..... 11:30 AM. Also..... the Greensburg Sectional will be held at Kirk Nevin Arena this year. It is a much larger building with plenty of parking. Plans are being undertaken and details will follow closer to the date in June.

(Ed Note) Mary Jo has deserted our fair area until April. Talk about a "fair weather friend"!! Have a good time Mary Jo and keep us up to date.)

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Marcella Apter & Pat Katz	Rodef	70.14%	
H Notarius & S Bliman	SHJCC NLM		71.43%
S Eskew & J Aloe	SHJCC NLM		70.76%
Ivan & Arlene Port	O'Hara Twship		70.00%

3 IN A ROW

Carol Stuart	Rodef 99'ers	Bettie McElhaney	Wash DBC
Cecilia Powell	Export DBC		

2 IN A ROW

Ivan Port	O'Hara Twns.	Arlene Port	O'Hara Twns.
Garnet Depner	Export DBC	Dennis Gibboney	Export DBC
Rege Hovan	Export DBC	Marty Kumer	Export DBC
Bill Rapport	Rodef 99'ers	Betty Rapport	Rodef 99'ers
Chris Wang	Ctr Bridge Wed	Michael Fezar	Ctr Bridge Wed
John Bernhard	Ctr Bridge Wed	Harold Haffner	Mon. Rodef
Asim Ulke	Mon. Rodef	David Kozloff	Mon. Rodef
Rona Sutin	Mon. Rodef	Bill Rapport	Mon. Rodef 199ers
Betty Rapport	Mon. Rodef 199ers	Judy Haffner	JCC Wechsler
Harold Haffner	JCC Wechsler	Carol Berkman	JCC Wechsler
Barbara Abraham	JCC Wechsler		

NICE GOING EVERYONE.!!

SECOND CHANCE POST from Lois Kort

On Saturday, the 15th of January, Sandy Schuchert staged a mini Tail Gate Party at her regular game. Unfortunately, not too many attended to enjoy salsa & chips, black & gold m&m's, an appropriately decorated large chocolate chip cookie, deviled eggs to resemble Steeler helmets, Football foil covered chocolate, all served on a black tablecloth with bright yellow plates and Steeler napkins. A fitting presentation! And the best part is the Steelers beat the Ravens! Sorry you could not attend.

WELL GUESS WHAT? SANDY IS GOING TO DO IT AGAIN ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH! WHY NOT PLAN ON ATTENDING?

FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 PBA Junior Fund Game	5 CTR BRIDGE TAILGATE PARTY Unit 229 game
6 <u>HERE WE GO</u> <u>STEELERS!!!</u>	7	8	9	10	11 PBA Member- ship game & Board Meeting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 PBA Unit Championship	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 PBA Junior Fund SWISS TEAM	26
27	28					