

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... lou joseph

April is run-up month. It's the run up to all the special events and tournaments that seem to kick off in May. Look what you have to look forward to:

Friday Evening May 20th is the ANNUAL PBA AWARDS PARTY AND ACBL CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. That's the night we gather to celebrate our own, and the Pearl Mesta of the PBA, Patty Katz, is hostess for the event. Want to help? She'll be delighted to enlist you!

The end of May always brings the District 5 Cleveland Regional tournament. Check out the flyer on the PBA and the District 5 Website.

Remember the monthly PBA Swiss Team will be on April 8th this month - one week after the Sectional. Why not plan now to reunite your team one week later, assuming you're all still speaking to each other!

Enjoy the Sectional Tournament. Arlene and I know that the Bergman's will do their usual bang-up job - the hospitality will be first class, the bridge will be first rate, and the tournament chairs will be the first to be criticized. Have a ball, and look for all the results in the next issue of the Post Mortem! And, of course, a joyous Easter and Passover Holiday to everyone!!

Grand National TEAMS DISTRICT 5 FINALS

Dates: April 30 & May 1, 2011

April 30th 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM

May 1st 10:00 AM & TBA

Place: **Carousel Room 716-648-5190**

5600 McKinley Parkway

Hamburg Fairgrounds, Hamburg, New York 14075*

Area Hotel Information:

Red Roof Inn	716-648-7222	\$65.00
Super 8	716-649-0505	\$59.99
Comfort Inn	716-648-2922	\$ 75.00/85.00

Flights determined by point holding on **September 1, 2010**

Championship Level= Unlimited Overall points are gold

Flight A= 0-5000 Overall points are gold

Flight B= 0-2000 Overall points are gold

Flight C= 0-500, Non Life Master Overall points are 25% Gold 75% Red

For more information please call:

Barb Bacon 440-331-8702

District 5 Coordinator





Boutique Bridge



Bridge Lessons From the Pittsburgh Bridge Association

A series of 2-Session Classes focusing on one specific topic on Bridge. Classes will be held consecutive Mondays in March, April, July & August.

SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR FIRST TWO SESSIONS: March 7 & March 14.

- * Encourage your favorite partner or future favorite partner to attend .
- * Take what you have learned and incorporate it into your current game.

Beginning Bridge Classes start in May for 7 consecutive Weeks

See our next ad for exact dates or go online:

Register Online at www.pittsburghbridge.org/classes.htm

Or Call Arlene Port at: 412-521-3637



WHERE: Rodef Shalom Congregation

4905 Fifth Ave, Pgh. PA 15213

TIME: Mondays 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

COST: \$25.00 pp. for each 2-week session

Minimum class size 16 students (4 tables)

Maximum class size 24 students (6 tables)

Team Teaching with Lou Joseph & Arlene Port

JULY 11 & 18: BALANCING NOTRUMPS

Includes Sandwich No Trump

AUGUST 1 & 8: DEFENSE AGAINST NOTRUMP

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED THE DEBUT PERFORMANCE OF THE ARLENE AND LOU SHOW, IT WAS A BIG HIT! FOUR TABLES OF ADVANCING PLAYERS IMPROVED THEIR HAND PLAYING SKILLS SIGNIFICANTLY!! EVEN WITH ARLENE TEACHING!!!

UP THE LADDER POST

SAY IT AGAIN POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Lewis Averbach
Emily Mendelson
Ruthie Neafach
Marlene Wandrisco

CLUB MASTER

Susan Israelson
Catherine Lesjack

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Nancy Hobert

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Dolores Kelly



Get that matzoh
away from me!!



Matzoh, matzoh is the
Graze, I have to eat for
8 long days!!

Some things just bear repeating, like a successful finesse, or insulting Arlene, or, in this case, congratulating and thanking Jane Marshall once again for her tireless efforts in reviving the Friday night PBA Unit Game.

Since Jane started her resuscitation tactics, the game has rarely had less than eight tables, and the team games have rarely had less than nine teams!

So even though many of us have started looking at the caller ID when the telephone rings, once again we nominate Jane Marshall for the Blue Ribbon Award. We're thinking of sending her to Washington D.C. - just imagine what she could do on a national scale!!

GET WELL ALREADY POST

We extend get well wishes to Mary Anne McNeirney, Ada Nye, Marion Smith and Faye Adelsberg. We know we speak for the entire PBA when we say "please hurry back to the table, you're presence is sorely missed!" That means you, too, Alma Michael. I miss getting my weekly zero at the bridge table. You've been away much too long.

If anyone else is ailing or needs a peppy word in the PM, please do not hesitate to tell Lou or Arlene. If someone in your club should be mentioned, please tell your club manager to drop us a note as well.

THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

MAY 2011

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

JUNE 2011

- 03 NAOP Qualifier
- 10 NO GAME - Greensburg Sectional
- 16 Special Thursday Evening STaC Pairs - Glenshaw Moose
- 17 STaC Pairs and PBA Board Meeting
- 24 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

JULY 2011

- 01 Open Pairs
- 08 PBA Summer Sectional at the Masonic Center
- 15 NAOP Qualifier
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 29 *NEW PARTNERSHIP NIGHT!!!!*

OFF MY CHEST POST

It is now 2:44 PM on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. That may not mean much to you, but the reason I am taking great pains to point it out is that I have just e-mailed my copy of the Post Mortem to Arlene. So if you are sitting at the PBA Spring Sectional reading this, you'll know she was able to get off her duff and get it to the printer on time. If you are thumbing through this issue looking for results for the Spring Sectional (forget it, even we cannot predict the future!) then you'll know that we were late to the post.

Why should I even bring this up? Because so many people seem to ignore the Post Mortem unless it isn't there when they need it. We do not go out of our way to ignore people's achievements - if you don't see your name in the First at the Post list, you can bet it's because YOUR club director did NOT turn the information over to us. The squeaky wheel gets the grease - you want to see your name in lights, light a flame under your club manager or director! We can only beg so many times before even we lose interest!

Do I sound like I'm harping? You betcha! Why? Because it's 2:44 PM on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 and I have not received ONE consecutive first or 70% game information from ANYBODY this month! So if the cupboard is bare, don't blame the grocer! (How's that for a metaphor!)

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, both vulnerable. You hold:

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

The bidding is:

N	E	S	W
1D	1H	2D	2S*
?			

* - Non-forcing

Bill Holt Pass. While we may be able to make some partial in diamonds, 2S is a contract I can live with and I am afraid they can make 4H. The more diamonds we show the better their chances are that they'll get there. Pass and hope 2S ends the auction – I am big enough that 1H overcaller might go quietly on a S misfit.

PJ Prabhu 3C. My first instinct was to bid 3D. It is possible that we have a double fit. Hence it would help to let partner know that I have Cs, should the opponents continue to compete. If it appears to partner that we are making an invitational bid of some sort, that's fine with me since I have enough strength to spare.

Length in RHO's suit and shortness in LHO's are positive values as well.

Ernie Retetagos: 2 No Trump. I'm too strong to pass. 3 Clubs would show distribution, and 3 Diamonds would be competitive. Partner is marked with some heart length. If they have no help in hearts, I would expect them to bid a suit.

Gail Carns: 3S hopefully partner, with hearts, can bid 3NT.

Bernie Fudor: I bid 3D—Pass close 2nd dont see game

Steve Nolan 3H. If partner has a heart stopper, 3NT has good chances; if not, we'll play in a minor. A penalty double (followed by the lead of the heart king) is reasonable. 2 spades doubled is probably down two

Stan Ruskin: Double. This is primarily a penalty double but it is cooperative. Partner can remove it if he is very weak or has long diamonds and not much else. He could have anything and this will allow him to clarify his hand and, by doing this, he will give us clarification on our opponents hands. We could have a game or not. This could be a good penalty or not – if not, partner will remove to 3D. Partner could also have diamonds and a heart stack. The double will clarify most of this.

Herb Sachs: 3clubs in case partner holds the miracle hand ? ? Kxxxx KJxxx and will know what to do. I expect this to be my last bid.

Jane Marshall: 3D I would like to double to show extra values, but we can't set them unless partner has extra values also. I would bid 3D (also showing extra values). 2NT would be good-bad 2NT denying extras, just wanting to compete.

Trudy Cohn: I will double. Partner will know that I have a super hand to double a two bid at IMPs and will bid or not bid accordingly. If all he has are diamonds, he can retreat to 3 diamonds. If he bids anything else, we are on to 3NT

Lou Joseph: DBL Right or wrong I'm starting with a double

Asim Ulke : I bid 2NT. The bidding so far indicates that partner has length in hearts and NT is safe. The real problem is how many tricks we have. With a bad hand partner should retreat to 3D.

Mary Carns: 3C. The most flexible bid.

Marvin Rulin double. I hope this shows spades and extra values. partner may leave it in or bid nt if he has a heart stopper. I'm reluctant to bid 3 hearts or 3 spades because partner may misinterpret either of these bids

Bob Zimmermann: 3D. Partner's minimum is something better than xxx xxx Qxxxx Kx, and there are precious few other cards that he can have that won't be useful. The real problem occurs next round when LHO bids 3H and partner passes. I'll pass, but at least I'll get the lead I want.

Arlene Port: 2NT Once again, looking at the original results, I chose the action that was not the highest recommended. I believe my bid shows strength in both high cards and spades. The non-forcing bid encourages me to think we might have a vulnerable game. If partner just bid because it was their turn, they should pull to diamonds. I have to admit, 3C is also a great bid, but I think it gives up on the NT.

Auxilliary Experts:

Eric Ruben: 3D. I don't expect the auction to end here and will consider competing one more level, but I see no game available and would rather defend.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3C	11	3	100
2NT	7	3	80
Pass	9	1	70
3D	3	4	30
DBL	1	4	20
3NT	0	0	10
3S	0	1	—
3H	0	1	—

**INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Phillip Alder	P
David Berkowitz	3C
Augie Boehm	3C
Gera;d Caravelli	3C
John Carruthers	3D
Larry Cohn	3C
Billy Eisenberg	3D
Richard Freeman	2NT
Ron Gerard	P
Mary & Max Hardy	3C
Carl Hudecek	P
E. B. Kantar	P
Sami Kehela	D
Eric Kokish	3C
Richard Margolis	3C
Chip Martel	P
M. Miles	P
Sue Picus	3C
Arthur Robinson	2NT
Eric Rodwell	2NT
Michael Rosenberg	P
Al Roth	2NT
Jeff Rubens	3C
Ira Rubin	2NT
Kerri & Steve Sanborn	2NT
Stan Slater	3D
Ron Smith	P
Paul Trent	3C
Howard Weinstein	4S
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	3C

WHINING POST

I'm not certain, but I think Lou is picking on me. I'm not really sure, but I suspect I'm right.

If it's true, then I have only one thing to say to Lou: "77.88%, Lou"! It sure beats all those 51 percenters you cherish.

GREAT DISASTERS POST

Dealer East. Game All.

	North	
	^a J	
	© JT864	
	¨ JT753	
	§ 65	
West		East (D)
^a A		^a KQT942
© 75		© AQ32
¨ Q9842		¨ -
§ KT874		§ AQJ
	South	
	^a 87653	
	© K9	
	¨ AK6	
	§ 932	

This looks an innocent enough deal, the main interest appearing to centre on whether East-West can reach a contract of Six Spades. However....

N	E	S	W
	1§	1NT	2¨
3©	X	3 ^a	P
P	X	P	P
XX	P	P	P

The bidding requires some explanation!

East's opening bid was Precision Club, promising 17 or more points. Sitting South was a fine player renowned for his flights of fancy in the bidding. Here his overcall promised spades and diamonds or hearts and clubs. It is generally a good idea to get involved when the opponents open with a strong club, but this hand was hardly ideal, given the disparity in length between the suits, its strength, and the vulnerability. Still, when West bid Two Diamonds it looked as if no great harm had been done...

However, North knew he had a tremendous fit for one of the suits his partner was known to have, and West's bid, promising at least five diamonds, surely made it a racing certainty that South held clubs and hearts.

When he jumped to Three Hearts, trying to make life difficult for his opponents, East doubled for penalties. South's retreat to Three Spades said his other suit was diamonds, and East doubled again. North should have retreated to diamonds, but just in case his partner was 'operating' he preferred an 'SOS' redouble. South should have removed it, but when he passed, the stage was set for what may still be the biggest score on record.

It quite often happens when you are defending a silly contract that the odd trick disappears, but that did NOT happen here.

West found the excellent lead of the ace of spades and switched to a diamond, ruffed by East. He now drew all the remaining trumps and switched to clubs. When East played the last club, South was squeezed in the red suits and in desperation blanked the king of hearts. East took the last two tricks and as the other three players were trying to work out the score South calmly informed them it was -5200!

Had he been there before?

When South's teammates came back to compare scores, they proudly announced their score of +1460 on this board. 'Well done', said South. 'The overtrick saves a point! We only lose 23 IMPs.'

IN MEMORY

The Pittsburgh bridge community lost of one of it's most loyal and enduring members. Bea Hackenberg pass away several weeks ago. Although small in stature, Bea had a large heart and always wore her winning smile.

Bea, along with her son, Roy, Jr. were both accomplished bridge players and often played together at local tournaments. Roy continues to play locally and the last time we spoke, we talked about what a wonderful mother to Roy and dedicated wife she was to her late husband, Roy, Sr.

We will all miss her and send our condolences to Roy and her many friends. She really was a lovely lady. It was an honor to know her.

**SEVEN CITIES SECTIONAL
TITUSVILLE, PA
MARCH 25-27, 2011**

FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 1 W Obitz - J Gray
- 3 1 D Shoup - A Clay

FRIDAY EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 2 1 1 D Shoup - A Clay
- 3 2 B Spine - G Spine
- 3 2 E Morgan - B Smith
- 3 J Livingston - D Livingston

FRIDAY LATE NITE TEAMS

A B

- 1 1 L Hackenberg II, R Kramer,
Y Coursen, A Agnello
- 2 2 S Golier, J Skirboll
KJ Hellman, G Kury

SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 3/4 B Klein - J Klein
- 3/4 MP Carns - G Carns
- 2 E Sain - R Sain
- 3 KJ Hellman - A Jacobelli
- 2 E Morgan - B Smtih

**SATURDAY LATE NITE
TEAMS**

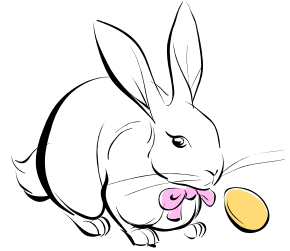
A B

- 1 MP Carns, G Carns,
A Ulke, PJ Prabhu
- 2 1 E Morgan, B Smith,
J Gullo, J Allen

SUNDAY SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 2/3 J Prior, R Quinlan,
H Nelson, E Catalfamo
- 2/3 MP Carns, G Carns,
A Ulke, PJ Prabhu
- 2 1 E Morgan, B Smith,
W Orr, P Young
- 2 R Sain, E Sain, K Glassford,
J Pierce



To all our members: Have an
“eggscellent” holiday

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Arlene Port & Joe Brady	Glenshaw Moose	77.88%	(and what have you done lately, Lou.)
David Kozloff & Ernie Retetagos	Rodef	73.84%	
Judy Haffner & Arlene Port	Rodef	70.60	

3 IN A ROW

Mel Snitzer	Rodef 199ers	Arlene Port	Rodef
Judy Haffner	Rodef		

2 IN A ROW

Alan Colker	Rodef	Lynn Colker	Rodef
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NICE GOING EVERYONE!! (except Arlene)



*Have a great Passover
Eat as much Matzoh as you want!*

NEWS FLASH POST

***THE PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
HAS A NEW HOTLINE NUMBER***

412-436-0125

Mary Anne will post game information each day. Don't call the old number. If you call 412-683-GAME (4263) which was the previous hot-line number, no one will answer or tell you anything. It will be like talking to Arlene.

APRIL 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PBA SPRING SECTIONAL	2
3 At the Masonic Center	4	5	6	7	8 PBA SWISS TEAM & Board Mtg	9 Unit 229
10	11	12	13	14	15 PBA UNIT ACBL Charity Championship	16
17	18 Rodef Cancelled	19	20	21	22 PBA OPEN PAIRS	23
24	25 Rodef Cancelled	26	27	28	29 PBA CLUB Championship	30