

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... arlene port

Well, this is a first for me. It pains me to have to say that Lou Joseph was right - but he was!! The Sectional was sensational. And, we have Barbara and Ken Bergman , along with their support staff to thank for making this tournament a most enjoyable one. The food, the ambience and the “Not Ready for Anything” players were outstanding. Special thanks goes to Jean Prior for her excellent job of partnership pairings. The candy bars at the welcome desk were a nice touch, too. I needed to gain 10 pounds. Thanks from all of us to all of you. We know it was great deal of work and little acknowledgement.

April has been a very long month. At least it seemed that way with Passover going on forever. Now it’s time to get back to the business of bridge in the “burgh”. Think about making our Friday evening game at the Wilkins Township Bldg. a must. The game is growing at a remarkable pace. I don’t mean to threaten you, but Jane Marshall knows where you are and is not afraid to call. So, save her the trouble and show up. As they say: “Friday Night is the Best Bridge Night of the Week”. With you, it will be even more special.

Don’t forget the Awards Party on May 20th! Pat Katz has an amazing evening planned and is counting on your smiling faces to make it another successful PBA event.

OLYMPIAD CONTEST



Are you a player with less than 750 Masterpoints?

Here's your chance to represent Unit 142 (Pittsburgh) in competition with Buffalo, Cleveland, and all the other Units in District 5!!!

The Olympiad is a District-Wide Stratified Pairs Competition with two sessions on Saturday August 20 and one session on Sunday August 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Hts. (Cleveland), OH.

Players with less than 750 masterpoints may enter and represent their Units - competing for the District 5 Olympiad Trophy. Also, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three winners of each session.

After each session, hand records, insightful analyses and discussion by Emerald Life Master Dick Early will help you become a better player.

You are a winner here whether you win or not!

Unit 142 Olympiad Scholarship Competition

During the period of May 6 - August 5. Enter a minimum of four (4) times in the 8 qualifying games at the PBA Unit Game, Friday Night at Wilkins, playing with another eligible (<750 MP's) partner. You needn't have the same partner every time. Your 3 best %age games will be used and compared with others.

Full Details on the PBA Website!

This site is a mere 110 miles from Cranberry - and the event is educational & lots of fun! You may enter whether you win this scholarship contest or not. Do us proud and get involved!

Have a Good Time + Get Better + BEAT CLEVELAND !!!
What more could you want?

Unit Game at Wilkins Twp. Game Time Friday Night 7:00

This Contest is Open to Unit 142 Members only.

Swiss Team Games of May 13, June 24, July 22 do not

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May 27 (Cleve), June 10 (Greensburg),

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Questions? Contact Mary Paulone Carns 412-436-0548

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UP THE LADDER POST

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NEVER TOO EARLY POST

Are you interested in a partner for the Summer Secional? How about considering being Partnership Chairperson!! Jean Prior is going to be out of town, so the Sectional Committee is desperately seeking a replacement. Interested? Contact Sue McQuillan (albert924 @ Verizon.net)or Sharon Rohr (grumpyami@aol.com). All bids accepted!!!

THE BIDDING BOX POST

According to the ACBL, it is totally improper to reach for your bidding box and hesitate or fumble with the cards when it is due to indecision! EXAMPLE: #1 North opens with 1C; East passes; South bids 1S; West passes; North reaches for his bidding box and actually puts his thumb and forefinger on the 1NT card, then hesitates and pulls out the 2S card. That's not acceptable. There is no difference between doing that and actually saying out loud, "Partner, I have a problem with bidding NT, but I only have 3-card spade support".

#2. The bidding has gone: South - 1H, West - 1S, North - 2H, East - 2S, South - 3H. West hesitates and reaches for the top section of the bidding box as if he is going to bid, and then reaches down and pulls out a pass card. This is unauthorized information! If his partner bids 3S he had better have one heck of a hand and be ready to explain his raise after partner's hesitation and pass. So, please think before you act. Don't move one muscle until you have decided what you are going to bid.

Ed note: Interesting what one can find to fill up space in a newsletter!!

THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

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 TEAMS

JULY 2011

- 01 Open Pairs
- 08-10 *Summer Sectional at the Masonic Center***
- 15 NAOP Qualifier
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
- 29 *New Partnership Night!!!***

AUGUST 2011

- 05 Unit Championship
- 12 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
- 19 Open Pairs
- 26 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS

GET WELL POST

Mary Anne McNeirney was in the hospital briefly and is now recovering at Providence Point on Vanadium Road. She expects to be “rehabbing” there for about four weeks. We extend our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Susan Podgers, Susan Podgers, Susan Podgers!! Who gave you permission to have surgery? Did they ever think how much we would miss you on Friday night? Did they ever consider our lack of “Susan’s Home Backed Goodies”? Of course not. Well, we demand that you get better fast and come back to the game with Marilyn.

And as far as you are concerned Roy Hackenberg, Jr, we are not amused by your illness. Please hurry up and get better soon. You are sorely missed.

We continue to extend get well wishes to Ada Nye, Alma Michael, Norman Williams and Marian Smith. The game isn’t the same without them.

INTERNET POST

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

You hold:

S - 7 4

H - A 3

D - Q 10 7 5 4 2

C - A J 5

Bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

— 2D DBL* 2S

? *Double is for penalty

What call do you make?

PJ: 3D. If 2D is indeed a weak 2 bid, how can pard have enough Ds to double for penalty? I'm hoping pard can bid 3NT. I'll worry about what to do if he bids 3H when it comes around to me.

Asim Ulke : 3D Either 2D by West was a Psych or my partner has a big hand with 1 or 0 diamonds. I bid 3D, which is what I have. I expect to hear a bid of 3NT from partner. I shall pass 3NT although we may be missing a slam somewhere. If on the other hand partner bids 3H, I bid 3S still looking for the NT game.

Lou Joseph: 3D Can you psych a weak two bid? Assuming that, or else West opened 2D with 6 (or more likely 5) spots in diamonds. First I check EW card to make sure that 2D is not conventional. Then I check my card to make sure that 2DX is penalty. If this is all true, I check to make sure I'm not in the Twilight Zone or the Vanderbilt (I'm not sure where else this auction could or would occur.) Assuming it's the Vanderbilt, the only way I can think to expose this nonsense is to cuebid. But 3S might imply a stopper (or a suit, far worse) so I bid 3D. Let partner field the next call.

Trudy Cohn: 3S I will bid 3 S inviting partner to bid 3NT with a spade stopper. This is a very fishy auction but it is our hand

Stan Ruskin 3D If the double of 2D is penalty as you say, then it is clear that W psyched his 2D opener. all you can do is bid some number of Diamonds. Let's see 3D is a cue bid until it is clarified later. 4D could be a transfer to 4H and 5D might be missing a slam. It also seems that the opponents may be bidding lot's of S. Thus, I would bid 3D and see what happens. There are a lot of bids to come depending on what happens with the auction but ultimately, I may be bidding 5 or 6 diamonds. Partner might bid 3NT but who knows.

Steve Nolan: Double. For my initial response, I'll assume partner has a typical hand for a takeout double at the 2-level (4414 and at least 13 points; some partnerships require around 15). It looks like we don't have a fit and, in no trumps, we can't set up my diamonds and East's spade honors sit over partner's. 2NT is probably the limit. East, however, is going to have a miserable time in 2 spades doubled. He wouldn't have run without a diamond void so he'll never get to cash dummy's diamond honors (not that it's any better for declarer if my partner is the one with the diamond void). Also, declarer can't get to dummy to take any finesses. On defense, therefore, we'll just keep cashing our tricks in hearts and clubs and I'll probably get a heart ruff too. Declarer can ruff in eventually but he'll have to lead trumps from his own hand, which means that partner will score all his honors.

Jane Marshall. 3S. Since I would double spades for penalty with good spades and points, partner should interpret my 3S bid as asking for a spade stopper for 3NT. If he does not bid 3NT, I will bid 4D or 5D. I hope to play 3NT or diamonds. SOMEONE IS PSYCHING!

INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Phillip Alder | 3D |
| Michael Becker | 2NT |
| David Berah | P |
| David Berkowitz | 3NT |
| Larry Cohn | 3C |
| Rich Colker | 3D |
| Charles Danan | 3NT |
| Billy Eisenberg | 2NT |
| Russ Ekeblad | 3D |
| Lt. Col. Robert Friend | 3NT |
| Fred Gitelman | 2NT |
| Barbara Haberman | 2NT |
| Carl Hudecek | P |
| E. B. Kantar | D |
| Sami Kehela | 2NT |
| Eric Kokish | 3S |
| Mike Lawrence | 3S |
| Sidney Lazard | 3NT |
| Bob Lipsitz | 3D |
| Jeff Meckstroth | 2NT |
| M. Miles | 3NT |
| Erik Paulson | D |
| Barry Rigal | D |
| Arthur Robinson | 2NT |
| Beverly Rosenberg | D |
| Al Roth | 3D |
| Jeff Rubens | 3C |
| Ira Rubin | 3NT |
| Joey Silver | 2NT |
| Neil Silverman | D |
| Robert Wolff | 3NT |
| Kit Woolsey | 3NT |

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|------------|------|-----|-------|
| 2NT | 8 | 0 | 100 |
| DBL | 5 | 2 | 70 |
| 3NT | 8 | 2 | 60 |
| 3D | 5 | 6 | 50 |
| 3C | 2 | 0 | 40 |
| PASS | 2 | 0 | 40 |
| 3S | 2 | 3 | 30 |

Marvin Rulin Double. With my 6 diamonds it is hard to believe partner's double was for penalty. In any case he has to have strong values in the other suits. My double tells partner i have a good hand and gives partner many options. It also may push lho to run to 3 diamonds for the kill.

Bob Zimmermann : 3NT Here, I cannot construct a layout that's consistent with the bidding and the conditions - unless West has psyched. We might miss our 5D or 6D contract, but there is no way to get there. If P has [Kx xx AKJxx Kxx], we can make 3nt. But, again, how to get p to bid it? Which of 3D and 3S asks for a stopper? Which one shows it? Having no answers to any of the above I'm passing at MPs and bidding a hopeless 3NT at IMPs.

Gail Carns 3D West must have thought 2D was flannery. 3D is of course forcing and we will see what happens next. If N bids 3NT showing something in spades I will pass.

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Spades. This should show a good hand without spades . I expect partner to bid 3 NT.

Bill Holt 3NT, making a note to discuss penalty doubles with partner afterwards. The auction is insane, partner cannot have a penalty double of 2d but more likely a huge rock-crusher in everything non-diamond. Opener's partner is running from panic and we have most of the deck. I would rather have partner playing it to protect his S holding but cannot conceive of a way to make that happen.

Herb Sachs: 3D this is ugly! I bid three diamonds as this seems to be the only forcing bid available and follow with three spades over three hearts; this should lead to three no trump, hoping this is where we should be???? If partner is four by one nine tricks may be hard to find but maybe partner is two six zero five with a rock crusher?

PBA SPRING SECTIONAL

APRIL 1-3, 2011

FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 J Sonon - C Powell
 2 S Veauthier - C Coleman
 3 R Zwack - M Tiglio
 1 1 L Ostrow - V Kane
 2 G Retos - D Mannheimer
 3 2 D Toy - C Bonfiglio
 3 G Marcus - R Heasley III

FRIDAY AFT 299'ers PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 G Hetzer - J Davis
 2/3 J Szymecki - G Perez
 2/3 1 A Urban - C Mascarenhas
 3 2 C Conaway - M Babbitt
 3 A Coulter - F Steger

FRIDAY EVE OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 I Port - Another Port
 2 J Haffner - A Ulke
 3 F Prus - F Schenker
 2 1 D Kresh - R Kleinmann
 3 H Nelson - W Lindgren
 2 D Gibboney - D Sterrett
 3 J Hastings - S Schwarzwaelder

FRIDAY EVE 299'ers PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 1 K Peters - A Tam
 2 2 D Franjione - M Sienicki
 3 3 2 J Cahn - B Creo

BRACKETED KO's - Bracket I

- 1 W Holt, R Park, C Hoechstetter,
 R Quinlan
 2 K Bergman, B Bergman,
 E Retetagos, M Retetagos

BRACKETED KO's - Bracket II

- 1 D Toy, C Bonfiglio, R Krauland,
 R Poppleton
 2 V Kane, A Cockburn, L Ostrow,
 T Hodous

SATURDAY MORN OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 A Ulke - M Paulone-Carns
 2 P Katz - R Katz
 3 1 G Kury - P Maloni
 2 KJ Hellman - B Craig
 3 1 C Kresh - D Kresh
 2 R Grassel - J Zaccardi
 3 S Broadwater - K Pfeffer

SATURDAY MORN 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
 1 G Hetzer - S Eskew
 2 1 1 C Conaway - M Babbitt
 3 2 K Peters - A Tam
 3 C Croushore - C Pattison
 2 S Podgers - M Siebart
 3 C Stuart - R Neafach

COMPACT KO TEAMS

- 1 J Smith, M McConnell, D Hess
 D Mehok
 2 J Bernhard, D Mannheimer,
 C Bolen, G Retos

SATURDAY AFT SWISS TEAMS

- A B C
 1 1 N Elis, A Elis, J Gillette, E Ruben
 2 2 1 S McQuillan, G Littman,
 B Abraham, C Berkman
 3 R Franck, J Marshall, A Port,
 F Walters
 3 2 T Murray, R Murray, R Carroll,
 C Beardmore

PBA SPRING SECTIONAL

(continued)

SATURDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 C Caplan - S Shaw
- 2 R Zwack - G Carns
- 3 2 B Spine - G Spine
- 3 H Nelson - W Lindgren
- 1 D Kresh - C Kresh
- 2 L Duncan - D Collura
- 3 B Day - R Kleinmann

SATURDAY AFT 299'er PAIRS

A B C

- 1 1 1 E Sheehan - J Collins
- 2 2 2 P Miller - R Burrows
- 3 K Steele - S Wald
- 3 T Morris - A O'Connell
- 3 S Podgers - M Siebart

SUNDAY 299'er SWISS TEAMS

A B

- 1 1 K Peters, A Tam, L Schoof,
W Schoof
- 2 2 G Hetzer, B Lersch, S Eskew,
B Weightman

SUNDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1 F Prus, F Schenker, D Roseberry,
J Overcashier
- 2 1 D McKinley, K Mulligan,
S Nolan, M Burke
- 3 2 J Goodykoontz, V Goodykoontz,
L Ostrow, V Kane
- 3 1 I Baxter, G Alius, J Bardi, I Bardi
- 2 F Smith, R Mariani, A Mariani,
D Osborne
- 3 C Woodhead, G Wire, L Gesoff,
M Natelson

POST MORTEM QUESTION (Cont.)

(Ed Note) When I sent out this question, I thought it would be a challenge for my experts, who I perceive to be rational, competent and knowledgeable bridge players, on how to deal with an incompetent, irrational and clearly un-knowledgeable bid by a partner who seems to have lost their mind.

To those respondents who dug down and realized that sometimes you have to deal with someone who colors outside the lines, I thank you for coming up with such thoughtful answers.

It's always easy to know the answer to the "expected", but you all showed true value by dealing with the unexpected in a very impressive manor.

SORRY POST

OK—I did it!! - It was **ALL** my fault!! - I printed the wrong hand for the Post Mortem Internet problem in the April issue. Bad Arlene. So, just in case you were wondering, here is the correct hand, bidding and expert answers. You are South, IMP's, both S vul.

You hold:

S - A K 4 2

H - K

D - A J 8 4

C - Q 7 6 5

Bidding:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1D 1H` 2D 2S*

? *NONFORCING

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

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|------|------|-----|-------|
| 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 | — |



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| Don Averbach & Susan Konig | Temple Emanuel Wed | 71.53% |
| Susan Portnoy & Bunny Kerr | Boyd CC Tue | 70.19% |

(note - one of Lou's students - not Arlene's)

4 In A ROW

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|-------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Arlene Port | Mon. Rodef | Judy Haffner | Mon Rodef |
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3 in a ROW

| | |
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| Arlene Port | PBA Fri |
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(wait a minute - it was 3 in a row, but the other end...)

2 in a ROW

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| Barbara Bergman | Masonic Wed | Ken Bergman | Masonic Wed |
| Don Averbach | Temple E Wed | Henry Nelson | Masonic Tue |
| Jean Picone | Masonic Tue | Elio Catalfamo | Masonic Tue |
| Bob Quinlan | Masonic Tue | Barbara Bergman | Masonic Tue |
| Madeline Kramer | Rodef | Lessa Finegold | Mon. Rodef |
| Lou Joseph | Mon. Rodef | Joanne Zambroski | Mon. Rodef |
| Garnet Depner | Export | Mary Jo Johnson | Export |

NICE GOING EVERYONE!!

NEWS FLASH POST

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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.

MAY 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 PBA Unit Championship | 7 Unit 229 |
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| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 PBA Club Charity Champ & Awards Party | 21 |
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| 29 | 30 No game Rodef | 31 | | | | |