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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

..... lou joseph

I hope everyone enjoyed the two contests we ran in the July issue of the Post Mortem. For informative purposes: here are the correct answers:

Contest #1: How many errors were there in the July 2011 issue?  
Correct answer: 5.  
Closest correct guess: 52000.

Contest #2: What should have been in the blank page on the front?  
Correct answer The Greensburg Post (reprinted this month)  
Best received answer: Draw a picture of Arlene, win a prize  
(and a small voice from the back of the room was heard to exclaim: "I object")

We hope you all appreciate the time and effort that goes into creating these exciting challenges every month!

Did you enjoy the PBA Summer Sectional? I would have if Arlene had not done better than me. Other than that, I can honestly say it was one of the best run tournaments I've attended. Hats off to Sue McQuillan, Sharon Rohr and Steve Schwarzwaelder, with thanks to all those who helped - Ron Franck and Ken Bergman for set-up and delivery assistance, Fran Feldman, Darlene Mannheimer and Marilyn Painter for partnership assistance, and Judi Sonon for her expert analysis on Friday Evening. The hospitality was abundant and delicious - many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Well, August is here and I certainly hope it turns out to be cooler than July! It's been so hot the ink is sliding off the Post Mortem pages! If you haven't already filled out your schedule for the "RONI" Regional (see flyer on page 3) then get your act together - you don't want to miss this tournament at the Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt Regency - great events, great hospitality, great prizes, great playing site - unbelievable!!!

See you at the tables!

## GREENSBURG POST

.....by Mary Jo Johnson

**Ed note: The Greensburg Post was inadvertently left off of the July Post Mortem-printed copy, even though it was evident on our online version. Our apologies to Mary Jo Johnson who does a wonderful job keeping us up to date in Greensburg. We promise it will never happen again. Here is the August article.**

Congratulations to Betty Wilkerson and Charlotte Ludwig who did so well at the Butler Summer Sectional. Just goes to show you that long term partnerships don't always win as these girls had never played with each other prior to the tournament. The two of you did Greensburg proud !

Dave Legal and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1st with approximately 60 guests. What an achievement ! Our congratulations are extended to you and Kathy. Dave is the director of the Export Monday game and Kathy makes some very tasty food for lunch, which we all enjoy.

Flo Tito has had successful hip replacement surgery and is back at the games. It is great to see her walking and doing so well.

We're still waiting for Donna Anthony to come back. She fell a while back and continues to have some difficulty using her right hand which had so many broken bones. However, she is having physical therapy and is determined to get back to playing ASAP.

Mark your calendars and make your partnerships and teams for the Roni Regional which begins August 30th at the Hyatt at the Pittsburgh Airport. It is a great venue and if you need red and /or gold points this is the tournament for you.

Remember:

Yesterday is a cancelled check.

Tomorrow is a promissory note.

Today is the only cash you have..... so spend it wisely.

### "Gorgeous" - "Fit for a National"

These are some of the comments from last year:  
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**299er / Newcomer Games**

Pair Games - Single Session	
Wednesday	1:30 & 7:30
Thursday	1:30 & 7:30
Friday	1:30 & 7:30
Saturday	1:30 & 7:30
Sunday	1:30 & 7:30

**Monday: Play in Flight D of the Swiss Strats**-0-20, 20-50, 50-100, 100-300: 299er Strat breaks dependent on attendance & director's discretion.

**FREE BRIDGE LESSON FRIDAY & SUNDAY AT 12:30 & 6:30**

Newcomer Reception with Free Supper and Expert Hand Analysis on Saturday at 5:00 PM

Prize for Most Masterpoints Won in Newcomer Games

Day	Event	Time	Notes
Tuesday, August 31	Bracketed KO I (Cont> Wed at 9am)	1:30, & 7:30	7:30
Tuesday, August 31	Stratified Charity Pairs	7:30	
Wednesday, September 1	Bracketed KO II (Cont> Thu 1:30 & 7:30)	1:30 & 7:30	
Wednesday, September 1	Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30	
Wednesday, September 1	Afternoon Side Game Series 1st session	1:30	
Wednesday, September 1	Evening Side Game Series 1st session	7:30	
Wednesday, September 1	Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30	
Thursday, September 2	Bracketed Morning KO (Cont> Fr-Sat-Sun, 9 am)	9:00 am	
Thursday, September 2	Thursday Compact KO	1:30 & 7:30	
Thursday, September 2	Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30	
Thursday, September 2	Afternoon Side Game Series 2nd session	1:30	
Thursday, September 2	Evening Side Game Series 2nd session	7:30	
Thursday, September 2	Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30	
Friday, September 3	AM Compact KO (Cont> Saturday at 9 am)	9:00 am	
Friday, September 3	Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Sessions	1:30 & 7:30	
Friday, September 3	Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30	
Friday, September 3	Afternoon Side Game Series 3rd session	1:30	
Friday, September 3	Evening Side Game Series 3rd session	7:30	
Friday, September 3	Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30	
Friday, September 3	Late Night Mini KO (*if at least 4 teams)	TBA*	
Saturday, September 4	Weekend Morning Compact KO (Cont> Sun, 9 am)	9:00 am	
Saturday, September 4	Bracketed KO III (Cont> Sun, 1:30 & 7:30)	1:30 & 7:30	
Saturday, September 4	Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30	
Saturday, September 4	Afternoon Side Game Series 4th session	1:30	
Saturday, September 4	Evening Side Game Series 4th session	7:30	
Saturday, September 4	Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30	
Saturday, September 4	Late Night Mini KO (*if at least 4 teams)	TBA*	
Sunday, September 5	Fast Stratified Pairs	10:30 am & 1:30	
Sunday, September 5	Stratified Open Pairs	1:30 & 7:30	
Sunday, September 5	Sunday Compact KO	1:30 & 7:30	
Sunday, September 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 5th session	1:30	
Sunday, September 5	Evening Side Game Series 5th session	7:30	
Sunday, September 5	Single session Stratified Swiss Teams	7:30	
Sunday, September 5	Late Night Mini KO (*if at least 4 teams)	TBA*	
Monday, September 6	Stratified Swiss Teams	11:00	
Monday, September 6	(Playthrough 7 rounds of 7) A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified A/X: 3000+, 0-3000; B/C/D: 750-2000, 500-750, 0-500		

The Tradition Continues!  
Low, Low Entry Fees!  
\$10 per ACBL member per session  
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Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A Strata  
Flighted Swiss Strata for Stratified events:  
A : 2000+ B: 750-2000 C: 0-750  
All KO Teams are random draw within brackets and include 0-300 players  
LATE NIGHT KO'S FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY  
(Attendance Warranting)

## GREENSBURG SECTIONAL FRIDAY 6-10-11 RESULTS

### FRIDAY AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
- 1 I Port - A Port
  - 2 D Roseberry - F Prus
  - 3 1 D Pittman - D Collura
  - 2 K Eichler - A Jacobelli
  - 3/4 ML D'Altorio - R Zack
  - 3/4 1 K Snyder - P McElvey
  - 2 B Piatt - A Haines
  - 3 MJ Bohl - H Bohl Jr

### FRIDAY AFT 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
- 1 1 1 N Shaik - E Sheehan
  - 2 J Crowe - S Hershock
  - 3 2 2 B Keisler - M Keisler
  - 3 B Weightman - B Lersch

### HANDICAPPED KNOCKOUT

- 1 V Simak - S Schuchert K Bock - S Harris
- 2 B Brennan - L Cassoff - W Seran - C Shanahan

### FRIDAY EVE OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
- 1 1 A Jacobelli - K Eichler
  - 2 2 L Colker - A Colker
  - 3 MP Carns - G Carns
  - 3 ML D'Altorio - R Zack
  - 1 E Collins - D Gibboney
  - 2 S Schwarzwaelder - T Hertzberg
  - 3 H Balph - WD Lowery

### FRIDAY EVE 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
- 1/2 1 1 B Weightman - B Lersch
  - 1/2 S Hershock - J Crowe
  - 3 2 2 P Miller - R Burrows

### SATURDAY COMPACT KNOCKOUT

- 1 W Holt - R Park - R Quinlan - J Prior
- 2 G Wire - E Mast - R Gupta - P Evans

### SAT EVE 299'er PAIRS

- A B
- 1 J Crowe - S Hershock
  - 2 1 R Hughes - C Gibboney
  - 3 2 K Piper - T Piper

## PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

### SAT AFT SWISS TEAMS

- A B
- 1 A Williams, M Tamres, J Sonon, B Belardi
  - 2 1 L Finegold, M Kramer, E Sobol, C Berkman

### SUN OPEN SWISS TEAMS

- A B C
- 1 P Katz, R Katz, J Haffner, A Port, H Haffner
  - 2 MP Carns, G Carns, F Walters, A Ulke
  - 3 J Marshall, R Franck, K Bergman, B Bergman
  - 1 K Mulligan, D McKinley, S Nolan, M Burke
  - 2 E Mast, S Harris, R Sheldon, S Metzger
  - 3 C Caplan, P Caplan, G Gilligan, R Zimmermann
  - 1 D Shoup, J Vittone, L Di Vittis, J Di Vittis
  - 2 D Mannheim, D Turacy Sr., K Bock, L Igiel
  - 3 J Cavalier, ML Flach, D Hess, P Evans

### SUN 299'er SWISS TEAMS

- A B C
- 1 1 1 K Peters, A Tam, L Schoof, B Schoof
  - 2 2 N Miller, S McCall, T Yao, T Barker
  - 3 C Gibboney, K Piper, T Piper, D Sterrett
  - 3 2 C Pattison, D Wyke, A Urban, J McGoogan

*Congratulations to all,  
especially to those teams that  
had to carry Arlene!!*

**PBA "SIMMER" SECTIONAL RESULTS**  
**July 8-10, 2011**

**FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 M Tamres - J Brady  
2 R Quinlan - R Holt  
3 P Caplan - C Caplan  
1 F Feldman - D Kozloff  
2 A Gordon - L Kort  
3 K Eichler - A Jacobelli  
1 P Anders - S Helm  
2 T Jolly Jr - A Tung  
3 B Brennan - L Cassoff

**FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 G Perez - J Szymecki  
2 1 1 M Kilian - C Lesjack  
3/4 C Gibboney - R Hughes  
3/4 2 2 N Simon - R Simon  
3 3 P Miller - R Burrows

**FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 ML Naughton - T Jolly Jr  
2 F Walters - R Frobouck  
3 D Frohlich - J Klein  
2 F Feldman - D Kozloff  
3 ML D'Altorio - A Bonneau  
1 F Siffrinn - J Fox  
2 J Tsang - J Rajgopal  
3 M Paiter - A Jennings

**FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 K Piper - T Piper  
2 K Dolegawski - V Mehta  
3/4 1 G Hetzer - M Sienicki  
3.4 G Perez - J Szymecki  
2 C Gibboney - R Hughes

**HANDICAP KO's BRACKET 1**

- 1 B Bergman, M Retetagos,  
K Bergman, E Retetagos  
2 A Port, P Katz, R Katz,  
W Oberfield

**HANDICAP KO's BRACKET II**

- 1 N Aquino, K Bock, E Mast,  
D Pittman  
2 KJ Hellman, N Rebtoy., E Collins  
S Wozniak

**SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 MP Carns - A Ulke  
2 1 A Bonneau - B McElhaney  
3 J Haffner - H Haffner  
2 P Anders - J Phillips  
3 L Worsley - J Missenda  
1 WD Lowery - J McCormick  
2 F Brody - R Brody  
3 S Pierce - B Pierce

**SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 1 K Peters - A Tam  
2 2 E Diamond - E Diamond  
3 3 1 N Simon - R Simon  
2 C Lesjack - J Lesjack  
3 R Kotler - N Rescher

**COMPACT KO TEAMS**

- 1/2 N Elis, J Gilette, S Nolan, A Elis  
1/2 C Hoechstetter, R Quinlan,  
W Holt, R Park

**SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 1 L Woolf - I McGloughlin  
2 2 P Howell - R Zimmermann  
3 J Marshall - R Franck  
3 B Horowitz - M Rulin  
1 J Livingston - D Livingston  
2 J Bardi - I Bardi  
3 J Hastings - S Schwarzwaelder

**SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 1 1 C Lesjack - J Lesjack  
2 2 J Kirkstadt - R Greco  
3 G Perez - J Szymecki  
3 2 K Dolegawski - T Yao

By: P. J. Prabhu

North	South
AQ85	K
Q7	AJ43
T87	AK632
AJT5	Q94

You are South, at IMPs with both sides vul. After a 1D-pass-1S-pass start to the auction, you arrive at 6NT against silent opponents. West leads S5 and it goes 5, 4 and K. How do you play?

Not a great contract, but you've seen worse. Even if both H and C finesses work, the maximum tricks available outside the D suit is nine. Hence you need more than two D tricks. If Q and J of Ds are doubleton, you could get five D tricks. So you start by leading DA at trick 2. Opponents follow with the 5 and 4. Assuming opponents' Ds split 3-2, you'll have four D tricks; but you'll need to lose a D trick in the process. Thus you cannot lose a trick in any other suit. If Ds break 3-2, you'll have eight tricks in the three highest ranking suits and a maximum of nine if the H finesse works. So you need at least three C tricks. Since you cannot afford to lose a C trick, the C finesse needs to work and if so, four C tricks will be available and the H finesse is immaterial. Thus you expect to get three S, one H, four D, and four C tricks for a total of 12. Accordingly, you cash the second high D with both opponents following, and play a third round. West discards the C2 and East wins the DJ. After thinking this over, a competent East leads the HT. Now what?

The spot cards on the first S trick seem to indicate that one opponent or the other has length in the suit, more likely West since if East has long Ss, he could lead a S now. What does the low C discard indicate? It is unlikely that West would discard a C from four, with or w/o the K. If the C finesse is wrong, can you manage? If East also has the HK, then the H lead presents you with three H tricks, bringing the total tricks in the three higher ranking suits to 10. The CA makes it 11. Given that West has S length from bridge logic and if East has H length, these are stoppers held by each opponent. Hence neither opponent will be able to guard Cs in a double squeeze. So you could win the HQ, cash two Ss throwing Cs from hand, repeat the H finesse, Cash the HA and Ds. The position before the last D will be:

8		On the last D West will be forced to throw a C since the S discard
-		will promote the S8 and now dummy can discard the S8. East has to guard the
-		HK and hence will discard a C and the dummy will win the last two tricks
AJ		regardless of who holds the CK.
J	-	If on the other hand, West has the HK in addition to the length in S,
-	K	he will also need the CK for you to make the contract. However, if HK is with
-	-	East, all you'll need to succeed is H length with East. This is reasonable since
?x	?x	West appears to have the S length. Accordingly, you play the H3 on East's T.
-		Are you vindicated by the Bridge Gods? Opponent's hands are:
4		Often, knowing you have done your best is all you can hope for.
3	JT76	9432
9	K5	T9862
	Q5	J94
	K8632	7

What went wrong? The S position was quite ambiguous. As a result, you didn't anticipate West holding more than four Cs and hence placed undue emphasis on the low C discard. Perhaps, you were tempted by East's apparent attempt to mislead you against the H finesse by leading a H himself, which opened the door to an alternate path to success.

**INTERNET POST**

You are South, IMP's none vul and you hold:

S K H J 8 7 5 3 D A Q 9 C J 6 4 2

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1S	PASS	1NT*	PASS
3D	PASS	?	

\*Semi Forcing

**Asim Ulke:** I bid 3H which is forcing. Keep the bidding low. If partner bids 3S, I raise to 4S and may be miss a slam in diamonds. If partner bids 3NT I pass. If partner bids 4D, I raise to 6D, Partner can not have 2 quick losers in the unbid suits since the maximum points he has in his 2 suits is only 11.

**Florine Walters:** Three Hearts and wait for partner's next bid. Hopefully it is 3NT. If partner bids three spades, will raise to four, and if partner bids 4 diamonds, will raise to five. Will pass if partner raises 3 Hearts to 4.

**Ernie Retetagos** 3 Spades. Unless partner has rebiddable diamonds, this hand is playing in spades. Stiff King is better than 2 small.

**Bernie Fudor:** 3H good problem I bid 3h waiting partners next bid might help

**Stan Ruskin** I am going to bid 3H. Maybe partner is 5/3/4/1 and can raise H. If he is 5/1/4/3, he can bid 3NT. If he is 5/5, he can complete his sequence and bid 4D and I will bid 5D. If he was 6/4, he might bid 3S which is also OK and I will raise to 4S.

**Steve Nolan:** 3S. The spade king, the two high diamonds and maybe the low diamond are prime cards. So long as I don't force the bidding too fast, I can show them all. The first order of business is to give a preference and, although I only have one spade it's an excellent one. If partner has five or six spades headed by AQJ, spades will be a better trump suit than diamonds if partner only has four. After 3S, I can respond effectively to any bid that partner makes -- if it's 4D, I'll bid Blackwood (for diamonds); if it's 4NT, I'll show two keycards; and after anything else (including 3NT), I'll cuebid the diamond ace.

P.S., 3NT is a poor bid with this hand. It promises protection in both of the other suits. This hand can't stop either one.

**Herb Sachs** I bid 4diamonds and 4spades if partner bids 4hearts; we should have a slam as i am covering his suits he cant have many round suit (or any) losers. how about AQJxxx

A KJ10xx A?? seriously how many of those cards can you remove and still have a jump shift.

**Bill Holt** ..4d. Might make 6 or 7 facing the right hand, 5d too unilateral and I don't really want to count on partner's 'round' stoppers for 3NT. Leaves 4H 'kickback' from partner for slam.

**Gail Carns:** 3S temporizing

**Mary Carns:** 3S. Forcing. Over 3NT, I'd bid 4D, and my bid over 4S is 5D. good problem I bid 3h waiting partners next bid might help

**Bob Zimmermann:** 3H. Systemically, I'm lost here, but 3H ought to be logically forcing. I might buy [ Axxxx AKQ Kxxxx void ] and find the heart slam. I might buy [ AQJxx Kx KJxx Kx ] and get to 3nt from the right side. There's got to be a pony in here, somewhere.

Bernie Fudor: good problem I bid 3h waiting partners next bid might help

**Arlene Port:** 4D I was really torn between what I considered the two best answers. However, my very first response was to bid 4D. After much (a little) thought, I decided that 3H was a viable alternative. So, I am sticking with my first thought. Frankly, I think supporting spades on my second bid would suggest more than one. If the bidding continued, I would q-bid the spades to show the honor and partner would not think I had more than one.

**INTERNET POST RESULTS:**

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	13	3	100
3S	11	4	80
3H	8	5	60
3NT	3	0	40
5D	1	0	30



I PASS

**INTERNET POST  
HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Philip Alder	4D
Grant Baze	3S
Steve Beatty	4D
David Berkowitz	3S
Henry Bethe	3H
Bart Bramley	4D
Ira Chorush	4D
Larry Cohen	3S
Mark Cohen	3NT
Kitty & Steve Cooper	3H
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Bjorn Fallenius	4D
Brian Glubok	4D
Pam & Matt Granovetter	4D
Jim Hall	3H
Fred Hamilton	3H
Carl Hudecek	4D
B. Kantar	4D
Ralph Katz	3S
Sami Kehela	4D
Danny Kleinman	3S
Eric Kokish	3S
Patrick Long	3NT
M. Miles	3S
Arthur Robinson	3H
Michael Rosenberg	3S
Al Roth	4D
Jeff Rubens	5D
Ira Rubin	3NT
Russell Shoup	2C
Mike Shuman	3H
Joey Silver	3S
Paul Soloway	3H
John Swanson	3S
Robert Wolff	4D
Kit Woolsey	4D
Zia	3S

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## POST IT NOTES

We extend our sympathies to Mary Anne McNeirney and her sister Pat on the death of Pat's husband, Bob. Many of you know Pat from the many times she assisted at PBA events and tournaments.

Bernie Michaels, a member of our bridge community and a noted paediatrician died. Bernie was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. Our condolences to his friends and family.

Sue Grolier wrote: **Alma Michael's** caregiver called her to say Alma passed away this morning. Even though it was just a matter of time due to her malady, it is hard to believe that such a vibrant, feisty, humorous (and killer bridge player!) 90-year-old is no longer with us. (we will miss her)

## ELECTION POST

Election: Saturday, Nov 12 2011

Nominating Petitions Due By: Oct 12 2011

The Bylaws of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association call for up to a 20-member Board of Directors, with each Director serving a two-year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 10 members are to be elected each year. For 2011, six Board members' terms are expiring. If you would like to run for the Board of Directors, you need to submit a nominating petition, signed by ten members of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. The deadline for submitting nominating petitions is 10/12/2011. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were Board seats to fill, and there has been no need to hold an election. If more than ten nominating petitions are received, an election will be held on , at the Fall Sectional, to select the members of the Board who will serve from 2011 until 2013. Please submit any nominating petitions to Board President Asim Ulke or Elections Chair Bill Holt, or any current board member. The following board members' terms are expiring

Asim Ulke	Ron Franck
Mary Paulone Carns	Sue McQuillan
Jane Marshall	Sharon Rohr

## You're SupPOST to set this hand POST

....by bill holt

♠ —	♠ K10 97653
♥ A 8 7 4	♥ QJ953
♦ K 3	♦ Q
♣ A J 7 6 4 3 2	♣ —
♠ Q J 8 4 2	♠ A
♥ —	♥ K1064
♦ 97642	♦ AJ1085
♣ K108	♣ Q95
	N E S W
	1C 1S X! 4S
	5H 5S 6H 6S
	P P X All pass
	Opening Lead?

Normally you would think that with 26 hcp between you and partner, and all 4 Aces, the opponents might be a tad too high in 6SX. **Not with me on Lead!**

At the Greensburg Swiss I sat South, partnered by Bob Park, with Judy Ludwig on my right and Ray Kramer on my left... In 1st Seat, my partner (North) opened 1c. East overcalled 1S and and I made a negative double. West then bid 4S and partner bid 5H. East wasn't finished, bidding 5S and I bid 6H. West wasn't finished, either, and bid 6S. I had heard enough and doubled.

Never was I so sure that a contract was going down ... but what should I lead? I considered AS, QC, a low C and a low H. I was certain partner had the AH and the AS would give me time to defend correctly... so I led a low H.

Declarer ruffed in dummy and played a low club. Partner has so many clubs if declarer holds the stiff Q this could be a killer. He rose with the Ace which was ruffed by declarer. Judy ruffed a heart on the table and pitched the losing QD on the established KH. She then crossruffs the hand and her 12th trick was the 13th heart. I did manage to make my Ace of trumps.

At the other table, the defense went exactly the same, but they were only in 4S, so we were plus 480 there but MINUS 1210 at our table—losing 12 IMPs.

**The lesson here** is that laying down the Ace of trumps would have given me a look at the dummy and I would have known not to lead a Heart ... a line I considered but thought immaterial. Also notice that we can make 7c (unless they lead a Heart) or 7NT (on any lead) on the right line of play. 6H, of course, struggles. Perhaps we should consider bidding more, given the state of our defense.

We still won this match in an otherwise dismal day for our team. But I'll always remember this hand! Well done, Judy and Ray!

# AUGUST 2011

## THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

### AUGUST 2011

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

### SEPTEMBER 2011

- 08/30-09/05 "RONI" Regional Tournament at the Airport Hyatt
- 09 Open Pairs
- 14 Special Instant Matchpoint Game at the Glenshaw Moose
- 16 Club Championship
- 23 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
- 30 International Fund Game

### OCTOBER 2011

- 07 Unit Championship
- 14 Open Pairs
- 21 Club Appreciation SWISS TEAMS and PBA Board Meeting
- 27 PRO-AM CHARITY PAIRS @ RODEF SHALOM
- 28 Club Appreciation Pairs

### FIRST AT THE POST

#### 70% GAMES

Judy Haffner & Arlene Port Rodef 70.60%

#### 6 IN A ROW

Marty Cohen JCC SH

#### 4 IN A ROW

Sandy Harris JCC SH

#### 2 IN A ROW

Sandra Harris	TEDBC	Gail Hastings	Glenshaw Monday
Gail Hastings	Ctr Bridge Sat	Lou Joseph	Ctr Bridge Sat
Ned Pfiffer	Rodef	Sis Brown	Rodef
Ken Bergman	JCC SH	Barb Bergman	JCC SH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 PBA Unit Championship	6 Unit 229
7	8	9	10	11	12 PBA NAOP qualifier AND Board Meeting	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 PBA Open Pairs	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<b>"RONI" District 5 Labor Day Regional 8/30/11 thru 09/06/11 - see flyer on page 3</b>						