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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... lou joseph

This may well be the least comprehensive issue of the Post Mortem we have ever published. Why? Because Arlene Port, Editor-in-Chief has taken unexpected sick leave from her duties! Can you imagine? Here we are, with her husband in the hospital recovering from serious (is there any other kind?) back surgery; the end of the month approaching; the "Roni" Labor Day Regional Tournament about to commence, and she decides to take an unearned vacation at UPMC Presbyterian for a blood clot!! Some people have all the nerve.

Over the years I have taken Arlene's name in vain on a - how shall I say this? - continual basis. But now I'm finding that the amount of effort she puts into this publication is phenomenal - all the more amazing because she makes it look so easy. (I don't want to sound too much of an butt-kisser, but I'm thinking of applying for workman's compensation, citing chapped lips!) And she has been doing it for a long, long time. Not without complaints, mind you, but then who would expect anything else? (Just kidding Arlene...) Get well ASAP - or the PBA will be looking for two new Post Mortem Editors - I ain't doing this again without you!

If you are reading this issue at the "Roni" Regional Tournament it means that I completed the printing and the copying in time. If you are reading this at the end of September because you just found a copy, figure out for yourself what happened. If your name does not show up in the First at the Post column it means that I did not receive information from your club manager. All omissions will be rectified in the October issue (maybe). As far as any other problems, the complaint desk is CLOSED for the season!

Check out the flyer for the Instant Matchpoint Game (page 7) the 14th annual PRO-AM Charity game (page 2), as well as the Fall Sectional in November (page 10). Make your games now!! And a happy and healthy New Year to all who observe Rosh Hashanah!

One other flourish - The Friday night August 26th Swiss Team game had 15 teams! 15!!! If you weren't there, plan to come in September...

Thursday October 27, 2011
Rodef Shalom Temple
Game Time 7 PM
Desserts & Munchies 6:15 PM

The 14th Annual Charity

Pro Am



TRICKS & TREATS

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**Pittsburgh Bridge Association Partners with
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Select a partner & make a difference in Diabetes Research!**

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Patty Katz 412-498-0900**



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difference in the lives of children
& adults with diabetes**



**Pro's with 4,000 or more Masterpoints: \$50 Donation
Pro's with fewer than 4,000 Masterpoints: \$30 Donation
Ams may play with whomever they wish: \$30 Donation /pair**

**Online Pro List & Driving Directions
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

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Diabetes
Research
Foundation
International

dedicated to finding a cure

**Rodef Shalom Temple
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Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

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Moonlight Munchies Every Evening!
Free Light Supper Tuesday @ 6:30

Fantastic Buffet Dinner at Hyatt Regency quality restaurant - discounted each night!
Starbucks in the Lobby

★ **Prizes**

Play free in 2012! Prizes for Winning the Most Masterpoints for Under 2000 & Unlimited Section Tops ~ Terrific 299er Prizes

★ **Hotel Bridge Rate \$99**

for 1 to 4 people. Hyatt Hotel Reservations: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/roni>
Reservation Phone: 1-800-421-1442 keyword: roni
Problems with Reservations? Email Mary Carns
Hyatt Phone: 724-899-1234 (Not for Reservations)

Restaurant Shuttle for Hotel Guests

For direct link to reservations & details about parking, shuttle, airport access & directions, see our website:

www.d5bridge.com/roni.htm

★ **Non-Smoking Tournament**



Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh Airport
Pittsburgh, PA 15231

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11NewLou@d5bridge.com



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299er / Newcomer Games	Free Bridge Lessons
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	Thurs & Fri 12:30 & 6:30 Sat 12:30
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 Newcomer Reception Saturday 5:00 PM Supper and Expert Analysis Prize for Most Masterpoints Won in Newcomer Games

Tuesday, August 30	Sunday, September 4
7:30 Bracketed KO I (Continues Wed at 9AM, 1:30, & 7:30) 7:30 Stratified Charity Pairs	10:30 & 1:30 Fast Stratified Pairs 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 Sunday Compact KO 1:30 Afternoon Side Game Series 5th session 7:30 Evening Side Game Series 5th session 7:30 Single session Stratified Swiss Teams TBA
Wednesday, August 31	Monday, September 5
9:00 AM Morning Side Game* 1:30 & 7:30 Wednesday Compact KO 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:30 Afternoon Side Game Series 1st session 7:30 Evening Side Game Series 1st session 7:30 Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	11:00 AM StrataFlihted Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 7; Playthrough with no break; food available for purchase) A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified All players with 2000+ play in A-A/X
Thursday, September 1	
9:00 AM Morning Swiss Teams I (Continues Fri 9 AM) 9:00 AM Morning Side Game* 1:30 & 7:30 Bracketed KO II (Continues Fri 1:30 & 7:30) 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:30 Afternoon Side Game Series 2nd session 7:30 Evening Side Game Series 2nd session 7:30 Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams	
Friday, September 2	
9:00 AM Morning Side Game* 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Swiss Teams (2 Sessions) 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:30 Afternoon Side Game Series 3rd session 7:30 Evening Side Game Series 3rd session 7:30 Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams TBA	
Saturday, September 3	
9:00 AM Morning Swiss Teams II (Continues Sun, 9 AM) 9:00 AM Morning Side Game* 1:30 & 7:30 Bracketed KO III (Continues Sun, 1:30 & 7:30) 1:30 & 7:30 Stratified Open Pairs (2 Sessions) 1:30 Afternoon Side Game Series 4th session 7:30 Evening Side Game Series 4th session 7:30 Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams TBA	

Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A Strata
All KO Teams are random draw within brackets and include 0-300 players
Morning Side Game and Late Night KO's are Attendance Dependent

Stratifications

All Stratifications by Average Masterpoints in All Events

Stratified Events	Stratified Events
A: 2000+	X: 3000+
B: 750 to 2000	Y: 0 to 3000
C: 0 to 750	Z: 750 to 2000
	AA: 500 to 750
299ers: see other side	BB: 0 to 500

The Tradition Continues! Low, Low Entry Fees!

★ \$10 per ACBL member per session
★ \$12 for unpaid and non-members

POST-IT NOTES

The end of August was not a good month for many of our member's health! Aside from Arlene Port's hospital stay, husband Ivan is recovering from back surgery. Corinne Slifkin is recovering from surgery. Herky Block and Betty Noble have both been hospitalized. Alma Michael's husband passed away shortly after her. Corine Slifkin's sister also passed away recently. YIKES! The entire PBA family offers our condolences to the families of the bereaved.

On the brighter side, wasn't it great to see Faye Adlelsberg back in action at the table. She's a fighter!

Mary Anne McNeirney is now residing at the Paramount Senior Living facility on Baptist Road in Bethel Park. I'm sure she would appreciate letters, cards or telephone calls. She has not been able to play bridge and that must be driving her crazy!!

We continue to hope for a speedy recovery to Marion Smith and Jim Gray. If I've missed anyone, please let me know for next month.

ELECTION POST

Election: Saturday, Nov 12 2011

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
- Mary Paulone Carns
- Ron Franck
- Sue McQuillan
- Jane Marshall
- Sharon Rohr

**Wheeling Sectional Results
August 5-7, 2011**

FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 F Cordier - J Klein
 2 1 1 G Bischof - J Bischof
 3 F Feldman - J Prior
 2 2 C Bonnette - J Tsang
 3 3 B Leonard - V Kane

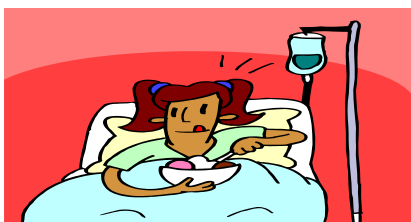
SATURDAY OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 C Boyd - B Boyd
 2 1 1 C Bonnette - J Tsang
 3 M Hunt - A Bonneau
 2 2 T Hodous - M Petersen
 3 3 B Piatt - A Haines

SUNDAY OPEN SWISS TEAMS

- A B
 1 W Holt, R Quinlan,
 B Bergman, K Bergman
 2 B Belardi, M Tamres,
 C Powell, A Williams
 1 G Bischoff, M Graham,
 B Provenzano, T Aspenwall

(Arlene ↓)



**UP THE LADDER
POST**

JUNIOR MASTER

- Ethel Levine
 Karl Sokalski
 Bill Schoof

CLUB MASTER

- Roseanne Patterson
 Ted Ta-Hsiang Yao

SECTIONAL MASTER

- Nicholas Rescher
 Nancy Simon

REGIONAL MASTER

- Marie Killian
 Tony Malpede
 Jeffrey Tsang

NABC MASTER

- Ronald Ambrose

LIFE MASTER

- Evelyn Sobol

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

- Steven Schwarzwaelder

GREAT GOING Y'ALL!!!

**A FAMOUS BRIDGE STORY FROM THE PAST
"THE SUBSTITUTE"**

A doctor is called away from a bridge tournament to tend to an emergency. There is still the last board to play. They ask a kibitzer to take his place, even though he knows nothing about the game. They tell him "Just bid what you have and follow suit." He, sitting South, thereupon starts the following bidding sequence:

South	West	North	East
1C	pass	2H	pass
2S	pass	3C	pass
3H	pass	4NT	pass
7D	Dbl	pass!	pass

NORTH

- ♠ A9
- ♥ AKQ65
- ♦ AK
- ♣ Q 10 54

WEST

- ♠ K Q 10 8
- ♥ J 10 97
- ♦ Q 10
- ♣ K J 8

EAST

- ♠ 76542
- ♥ 8
- ♦ J9
- ♣ 987632

SOUTH

- ♠ J3
- ♥ 432
- ♦ 8765432
- ♣ A

South took the lead of the king of spades with the ace, cashed the ace and king of trumps, came to his hand with the ace of clubs and played all his diamonds. On the last diamond lead, West was hopelessly squeezed in hearts and spades, and ultimately discarded a heart, whereupon South made the last four tricks in hearts. When the opposition saw South's hand, they called the director, who asked for an explanation of the; bidding, and got the following reply:

"I was told to bid what I have, and I have: one club, two spades, 3 hearts and 7 diamonds!"



**Instant
Matchpoints**

**Everyone's favorite
ACBL-wide game!**

**Wednesday Night
September 14, 2011
Glenshaw Moose**

Game Time 7PM

Here's your chance to compete against Bridge Players from across North America - playing the same hands with Expert Analysis...

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Entry fee only \$8 ... and includes both the Pot Luck Dinner & the free hand analysis booklet.

Such a Deal! See You There!!!

**To Coordinate Pot-Luck Contributions,
Call Barb Bergman 724-935-4591**



**Directions on the Website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

WELL, DID YOU EVER? POST

Did you ever play the traditional game after a Chinese meal where you open your fortune cookie and read the fortune aloud, and then add the words "...in bed"? For example, you open your cookie and the fortune reads "You will soon be very lucky...in bed". Well, I discovered that you can apply the same principle to famous bridge quotations - take a gander at the following:

Since the average person's small supply of politeness must last him all of his or her life, one cannot afford to waste it on bridge partners... like Arlene

A WINNER listens to his partner's point of view. A LOSER just waits until it's time to express her own...like Arlene

I believe that contract bridge is particularly attractive to people with a scrappy disposition...like Arlene

A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer... like Arlene

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself...like Arlene

Play like an expert! Never take a finesse to make your contract when you can go down on a squeeze play...like Arlene

Experts say I am an expert; novices say I am an expert; intermediates say I am an expert; advanced players say I stink...like Arlene

Since when I do things right we get terrible scores, maybe if I do things wrong we'll get tops...like Arlene

Is it me, or are all my partners insane?...like Arlene

GET WELL SOON ARLENE - NEXT MONTH WILL BE WORSE!!!

**OLYMPIAD POST
DISTRICT 5 OLYMPIAD VII
August 20-21-2011**

I'll bet not many of you took advantage of the Olympiad Scholarship Competition that the PBA ran on Friday evenings from May 6th thru August 5th. And that's too bad, because you lost a great opportunity to not only play in the Unit game, but a chance to win an paid trip to the District 5 Olympiad to compete against other Units in our District.

I am happy to say that Carl Bonfiglio and Rich Krauland DID take advantage of this golden opportunity. They won the scholarship and went on to do very well in the Olympiad, placing 2nd overall in the Saturday Afternoon Olympiad pairs - Silver Medalists. Here are the results of Unit 142 players - congratulations to all who participated - your bridge future is brighter than ever!!

**Saturday Afternoon Olympiad Pairs
A B C**

- 2 R Krauland - C Bonfiglio
3/4 D Turacy Sr - B Shah

**Sunday Morning Olympiad Pairs
A B C**

- 4 3 D Turacy Sr - B Shah

GREAT!!!



**NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS
DISTRICT 5 FINALS**

Dates: **North American Pairs
October 22 & 23, 2011**

Place: **Days Inn
Meadville, Pa. 16335
814-337-4264**

Times: **Saturday 1:30 and 7:30 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM & TBA**

Cost: \$10.00/person/session

Room rates are \$62/night plus tax if reservations are made prior to October 8, 2011

Flights determined by point holding on **June 1, 2011**
Flight A= Unlimited 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

Pre-qualification is required. This is done at your local club at qualifying games in June, July and August. Check with your club director for dates.

The top three pairs in each flight will qualify to compete in Memphis, Tn. on March 14th & 15th 2012 for the Open flight and March 24th & 25th for Flights B & C.

For more information please call:
Barb Bacon 440-331-8702
District Coordinator

Open
A: 2000+
B: 750-2000
C: 0-750
All Strats in All Events by Avg. Mps

299er
D: 200-300
E: 50-200
F: 0-50
299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Lesson from an Expert...
Friday @ 6:45 PM
Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / 299er Pairs - Both Sessions Friday & Saturday PLUS Special Swisss on Sunday!
Play ONLY against other New Players

Contact Darlene for Partners & Team-building!
Full Schedule & Directions at www.pittsburghbridge.org



Friday, November 11

Luscious Light Lunch
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 KO Teams (1st of 3 sessions)

Saturday, November 12

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams (2nd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)

Marvelous Meal Between Sessions

4:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams (3rd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, November 13

Bountiful Brunch & Scrumptious Supper
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
"Fall Festival"
Sectional**

November 11 - 13, 2011

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Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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Newcomers & 299ers:

Darlene Mannheim
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:

Arlene Port 412-521-3637
Judy Hafner 412-521-1267

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
Sanction # 51111062

Pairs Entries \$10 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$88/team
299er Swiss \$ 68/team
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members \$1 additional per session
Student Discount \$5 per Session

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		30	31	1	2	3
		<i>“RONI” District 5 Labor Day Regional 8/30/11 thru 09/06/11 - see flyer on page 3</i>				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>RONI Regional thru Labor Day</i>						
11	12	13	14 PBA hosts Special Instant Matchpoint Game (see pg 7)	15	16 PBA Club Championship	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams	24
25	26	27	28	29 Rosh Hashanah	30 PBA hosts International Fund Game	

THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 08/30-09/05 “RONI” Regional Tournament at the Airport Hyatt
- 09 Open Pairs
- 14 SPECIAL INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME @ 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

NOVEMBER 2011

- 04 Club Championship
- 11-13 PBA FALL SECTIONAL @ MASONIC CENTER
- 18 Unit Championship and Annual Membership Meeting
- 25 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Judy Haffner and Arlene Port	Rodef Shalom	73.61%
Micki Roteman and Joel Roteman	Mt Lebo DBC	73.08%
Sue Lordi and Connie Hoechstetter	Allegheny North	72.46%
Laurie Igiel and Don Averbach	Temple Emanuel	71.88%
Judi Sonon and Joanne Zambroski	Boyd Center	70.49%
Joan Zakor and Gary Strieter	JCC SH Thur	70.38%
Mary Malone and Vince Maloney	Temple Em’el NLM	72.12%
Jean Picone and Gus Costanzo	New Brighton	70.00%

3 IN A ROW

Bob Quinlan Allegheny North

2 IN A ROW

Elio Catalfamo	Allgny North	Henry Nelson	Allgny North
Gloria Moser	Allgny North	Marge Tamres	Allgny North
Connie Hoechstetter	Allgny North		