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All the news that fits in print

.....lou joseph

As I'm writing this, it's SNOWING outside, and it's still OCTO-BER! What's wrong with this picture? Well, at least it looks pretty...

The Annual Pro-Am Charity event was held at Rodef Shalom Temple on Thursday, October 27, 2011. 28 1/2 tables in play made for a great game and a lovely evening, hosted by Patty Katz and Sandie Spear Brand. We all know how much work and effort is required to bring off such an event, so kudos and thanks to Patty and Sandy for all their efforts. I could go on and on, but Sandie has written a much better précis than I. Turn to page 10 to read about it. You can find the overall results on page 8, and the complete results are available on the PBA Website. (note: All those who think I'm abused by my co-chair, smack Lou.)

Don't forget the upcoming "FALL FESTIVAL" Sectional (flyer on facing page.) Arlene Port and Judy Haffner have been working like dogs to make sure this is a spectacular tournament, and only Arlene would go to the trouble of putting her own picture on the flyer to entice people to come! Seriously, it promises to be a great time, and I hope everyone plans to make an effort to attend.

Even though STaC week (Sectional Tournamnet at Clubs) isn't until the first week of December, it's not too early to make plans for all those silver point games, especially the Friday Evening Unit Game December 9th, which also happens to be the annual Holiday Party, and the special STaC Swiss Team Event on Sunday December 11th at the Glenshaw Moose. I'm telling you this now because last month I really screwed up the works by listing a non-existant game on Thursday during STaC week and noting that the team game would be at Wilkins Twp. Mark your calendars correctly,

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ector in Charge: Mike Robert

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Fall Festival'

FOOD FOR ALL PLAYERS Y, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

"RONI" LABOR DAY REGIONAL RESULTS

August 30-September 5, 2011 - continued from previous issue

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1	, C	B&J Klein		JW	
2 1		A Lowenstein, S Levin			hah, T Yao, R Gupta, D Turacy Sr
3 2		A&L Colker			en Pairs
3 2		D Bloom, V De Jong	A B		en I uu s
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		L DiVittis, J DiVittis	2		PJ Prabhu, J Haffner
	3	G&S Mallett	3		M Bugnone, B Olmstead
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A E		277 Et 1 utts		1	J Holst, C Van Leeuwen
1 1	_	S Dahlie, C Larson		1	F Prus, D Frohlich
	2	L Palascak, E Sanow	3		D&J Livingston
	3			3	C Van Gorder, H Greenberg
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	2	C&J Lesjack	A B		s Stae Game
C		t Pairs	1 1	_	R Brown, D Brown
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		K O'Brien, K Zaman			
2		N Hartung, P Merker J Overcasher, J Tscholl	2	2	G Zdravecky, A Martin J Zimmerman, P Swedlow
			C	_	e Swiss Team
]		G Kury, P Maloni			e Swiss Leam
2		R Chandra, J Currie	A B	C	IM-V EDiscall I Israe
3		R Kramer. Y Coursen	1		J McKeown, E Bissell, L Jones,
	1	J&I Bardi	2		P Benedict
a	2	J Otte, T Kessler	2		J Assini, MP Carns, B Ellis,
		npact KO Bracket 1	2/4		A Ulke
1		dams, E&S Haji, T James	3/4		M Levine, D McGarry, S Landen
2		chenker, F Walters, S Irish	2/4		D Gerstman, J Clerkin, D Clerkin
		ylvester	3/4		M&R Katz, W Oberfield, B Fudor
		npact KO Bracket 2	1		D Kozloff, R Sutin, F Feldman,
1		Vang, L Hanna, J Cavalier, M Fezar	2		E Alcoff
2		aldwin, R Heasley III, H Gallena	2		A Buldum, S Kelly, C Ladiha,
a		epner			M Creager
		KO Bracket 1	3		P MacFarlane, J Pivarski Jr,
1		raves, R Frobouck, G Wolpert,			C Whitney, R Traxler
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1/2 K Bergman & B Bergman

3 R Padgug

Monday A/X Swiss Teams

ΑX

1 M Levine, D McGarry, D Clerkin, J Clerkin, S Landen, D Gerstman

P Benedict, MP & G Carns, L Jones

3 J&V Goodykoontz, J McKeown, E Bissell

1 A Williams, T Lordi, F Feldman, M Retetagos, E Alcoff

2 C Coleman, S Veauthier, H Ellis, ML Harmon

3 M Creager, S Kelly, C Ladiha, A Buldum

Monday B/C/D Teams

BCD

1 1 1 R Gupta, M Cohen, B Shah, G Wire

2 2 J&I Bardi, I Baxter, C Davitt

C&B Boyd, C Bonnette, J Tsang

3 D Pittman, L Duncan, N Aquino, D Collura

J Holst, A Cockburn, A Fusco, C Van Leeuwen

3 S Eskew, G Hetzer, T Barker, T Donehoo

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!!

NEED HELP WITH A PARTNER FOR THE SECTIONAL? CALL JANE OR DARLENE OR - ELSE!~!

INTERNET POST

You are South, N/S Vul, and you hold: S A 6 5 3 2 Η **KOJ83** D 7 C A 5 The bidding is: SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST **PASS** PASS PASS 1S 2NT 4S* 5C * 3c= GAME INVITATIONAL-PLUS RAISE.

There are no special agreements

Ernie Retetagos 5 Diamonds, Trying to coax a 5 heart bid out of partner. Steve Nolan: 5H. The opponents have found their fit and I'm sure that their 5C is either a good sacrifice or

have found their fit and I'm sure that their 5C is either a good sacrifice or will actually make, so double is out. We're going to play this contract in some number of spades, and I need to make the most informative bid I can so that partner can pick the right level. Clearly that's 5H, and partner should sign off in 5S without the ace of hearts. Otherwise, we'll end up in 6S, which basically needs partner's spades to include the king (which is likely), and preferably either the queen or the jack-ten too

Herb Sachs: DBL As I can't know how preemptive 4s is and have no safety at the five level I double; forcing pass as we have bid a vulnerable game is my second choice I'm assuming this is match points and minus scores are bad.

MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SECTIONAL - TODAY

Stan Ruskin: 5S I have no idea why partner would bid 4S when there are so many other bids he could make but that is what he did. I would think partner has long spades and nothing else. What are my options here? I could pass – a forcing pass – that would say that I have at worst a singletonclub and at best 1st round control – or I could bid 5S which rates to make or at least have agreat play. If we can't make 5S, they conceivably could make 5C which is doubtful. Partner's bid of 4S guarantees that he has no outside A - Iwould kill partner if he had Kxxxx of S and an outside A and bid 4S. If I make a forcing pass, partner must either double or bid. If he bids 5S. we play it there. If he bids 5H or 5D, I will bid a slam and save the discussion of whyhe bid 4S with an outside A for a later date. If he doubles, I still might bid 5S since we are vulnerable and they aren't but you only asked me what I bid over 5C. In the end, I think I will bid 5S because I don't think I can possibly get 800 in 5C X even if partner had a diamond stack. We would get at most 1C, 1S, 1H and 2D.

Marvin Rulin: 5S Hi from sunny florida. i'm answering this problem in my shorts and t shirt so forgive me if i'm not thinking about bridge. I bid 5 spades. All it takes to make slam is Kxxxx in spades and the heart ace but I don't know how to find this out. Given the skewed distribution we're not assured of setting 5clubs

Bill Holt: 5H. East is taking a White on Red save, believing we are making 4S. Partner needs 2 of 4 cards (KS, AH, Ad or Kc) or one of those and a stiff club for me to have a play for 5, more than that and we'll make 6. Partner's weakest action would be 3S, so partner also thinks we can make 4. I have extras and want partner to upgrade his hand if holding the AH. Double is an alternate, but I don't think I am 'playing partner for the perfect hand', I think there are inferences from the sequence which lead me to bid.

PJ Prabhu: 5H. On the one hand we may not make 5S; on the other, we may be cold for a slam (Kxxxx, xxx, Axxx, x). Vulnerable against not, pard should have a decent hand. I like my distribution, the first or second round control of every suit and a source of tricks in H. Hence I bid 5H on the way to 5S to let pard know where my values are.

Bob Zimmermann.5S. It would be nice to know the scoring conditions. At MPs, double has some appeal. I shouldn't be worse than average minus at +100 or +300. At IMPs, +100 vs -650 is more of a disaster than -100 vs -100. Still, I need as little as Kxxxx xxx xxx xxx to have good play for this. Partner's bypassing of 3C should indicate a preemptive raise. **Bernie Fudor: PASS** If pass is forcing and it should be that's my bid

Arlene Port: 5H. Being an optimist, I think we can make 5S or maybe even 6 or 6 hearts. I suspect east has made a preemptive bid because if they didn't there has to be at least 50 points in the deck. That wasn't the case the last time I Moked.. I always know the correct answer because I send out the question.

Why don't I ever know enough to agree with experts?

Jane Marshall: 5 spades. Partner needs

Jane Marshall: 5 spades. Partner needs too many controls for us to make 6 spades. My spade spots are not good. If partner had K of spades and Ace of hearts we might make 6 spades. (I really expect spades not to be 2-2.) If partner doesn't have the Ace of hearts or the Ace of Diamonds, we'll go down. I think that partner does have one or two working cards.

Asim Ulke: 5H I assume it is matchpoints.

Double might bring 100 or 300 but may not

be worth many matchpoints. Partner thinks we can probably make 4S. If partner has as little as S king and H ace, I can make probably make 6S. I bid 5H to encourage partner to bid 6S with the right kind of holding.

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INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5S	9	4	100
5H	7	6	70
5D	3	0	70
DBL	7	1	60
PASS	4	1	60
5D	1	0	30

INTERNET POST HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	5H
David Berkowitz	5D
Larry Cohen	P
Richard Colker	5S
Billy Eisenberg	5D
Russell Ekeblad	5S
Robert Friend	5S
Carl Hudecek	D
B. Kantar	5H
Sami Kehela	D
Danny Kleinman	5H
Eric Kokish	5S
Mike Lawrence	5H
Robert Lipsitz	P
Patrick Long	D
Jeff Meckstroth	D
M. Miles	D
Erik Paulson	5H
Barry Rigal	5S
Arthur Robinson	D
Anderew Robson	5S
Beverly Rosenberg	5H
Al Roth	5H
Jeff Rubens	5S
Ira Rubin	D
Anders Wirgren	5S
Robert Wolff	5D
Kit Woolsey	P

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"RONI" LABOR DAY REGIONAL RESULTS

August 30-September 5, 2011 - continued from previous issue

	•	G	g:1 G
	ss Teams		Side Game
A B C		ABC	
1	W Oberfield, F Cymerman, J Toy,	1	D Ikach-Lefcort. A Lefcort
	D Early, M & R Katz	2 1	C Morris, J Shapiro
2	J Assini, P Grover, A Ulke,	3 2	M Kramer, B Abraham
	J Zimmerman, B Ellis, F Walters	3	S Becker, D Hill
3	M Levene, D McGarry, J Clerkin,	1	M Blank, N Klein
	D Clerkin, S Landen, D Gerstman	2	G Small, L Fried
1	S Bussan, M Gleghorn,	Sat Aft	299'er Pairs
	S Lundstrom, B Schidlowski	A B C	
2/3	B Geer, L Geer, R Chandra,	1 1	R Patterson, H Balph
	J Currie	2 2 1	C&J Lesjack
2/3	R Kramer, J Ludwig, Y Coursen,	3 3 2	M&B Keisler
	L Barnes	3	J Thelkeld, S McCall
1	R Davis, J Davis, R Logan,	Sat Ope	en Pairs
	B Logan	A B C	
2	G Spine, BA Spine, J Fox.	1	W Oberfield, M Rabinowitz
	F Siffrinn	2	P Benedict, L Jones
3	W Syfer, K Klafehn, F Hinshaw,	3	M Klamp, C Urbanek
	J Wendelken	1	S Nolan, G Whitlow
Fri Eve	Side Swiss	2	K Eichler, A Jacobelli
A B C		3 1	C Van Gorder, E Leclaire
1/2	S McQuillan, G Littman,	2	J&I Bardi
	C Berkman, J Skirboll	3	S Kellar, H Heller
1/2	S Lordi, J Marshall,	Sat Eve	Side Game
	J&V Goodykoontz	A B C	
3 2	P MacFarlane, C Whitney,	1 1 1	S Dahlie, C Larson
	R Traxler, J Pivarski Jr	2	S Veauthier, C Coleman
1	I &J Bardi, I Baxter, C Davitt	3 2 2	L Palascak, E Sanow
Sat Moi	rn Side Game	3	S Becker, D Hill
АВС		3	H Balph, R Patterson
1	R Frobouck, G Wolpert	Sat Eve	Side Swiss
2	D Roseberry, D Pierce	A B C	
3	R Kral, H Nelson	1	D Ikach-Lefcort, A Lefcort
1	J Currie, R Chandra		L Rafferty, R Douglas
2	D Hoover, B Mateer	2	F Walters, S Grzegorgewski,
3 1	J Thaubald, F Abdalla		F Schenker, D Roseberry
2	P Levy, J Shaheen	3 1	R Kral, H Nelson, W Young,
	• /		D Hoveland

1 J Holt, C Van Leeuwen.

A Cockburn, A Fusco

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POSTCARDS

Condolences to the friends and family of Elaine Mast, a frequent player from in the South Hills. She will be missed and remembered. We also extend our sympathy to Susan Podgers on the loss of her sister. In addition, Carol Bolen's father died last week. Our best ABC to Carol and her family.

Gail Hastings took a terrible fall 2 1 at the Boyd Center, but she was up and back three days later, coming in first at the Friday evening Unit game. You can't keep a good person down for long!

We're glad to report that Ivan Port is home from surgery and rehab and, according to Arlene (granted, a suspect source) that he is improving daily. We look forward to his return to the tables, especially at the PBA Swiss Team monthly games - it's getting harder and harder to find someone to play with Arlene when he's not available!

Harriet Menzer is recuperating admirably from surgery and daughter Sue Lordi is so pleased with her recovery she's planning to leave town for the winter. (That sounds wrong, but it isn't an insult...)

Our regular hurry up and get well wishes go out to Marion Smith, Norman "Doc" Williams, Betty Noble, Mary Anne McNeirney and anyone we missed.

If we missed anyone, please let us know! E-mail either Arlene or Lou gor contact your local club director or manager. If we don't know it, we can't print it!!

ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY PAIRS

Thursday Oct 27, 2011

OVERALL RESULTS FROM BOTH SECTIONS

R Frobouck, S Schwartzwaelder

J Shapiro, C Morris

H Sachs, R Sutin

2 1 S Spear-Brand, E Diamond

T Cohn, G Littman

2 L Pyros, N Bromberg

L Kort, N Sindler

DIST 5 NAOP FINALS

Meadville, PA October 22-23, 2011

UNIT 142 DOES SPECTACULARLY! FLIGHT A

Gail Carns, Mary Paulone Carns

FLIGHT B

1 Frances Prus, David Frohlich

FLIGHT C

Jeffrey Tsang, C Bonnette

Now, off to the Nationals!!

GREAT GOING, GUYS!!

IF YOU DON'T COME TO THE SEC-TIONAL WE WILL TALK ABOUT YOU!! AND WE WILL MISS YOU!! JUDY AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Virginia Crawford Gary Goetz Jr Herbert Gordon Charles Harff James Kilzer Karen Kilzer Joan Reich June Thelkeld Barbara Weinstein Wendy West Melvin Woodard

CLUB MASTER

Hazel Allen Marilyn Ashkin Nancy Elman Sandra McCall James Reich Esther Schreiber Donna Trust Wei Yu

SECTIONAL MASTER

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Ranjana Gupta

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SILVER LIFE MASTER

Alan Colker Anne Marie Gordon

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Catherine Caplan

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Frank Cordier

December 5-11, 2011 STaC Games all week!

PLUS

Two Special Events!

Check to make sure your club is participating in STaC Week at www.d5bridge.com



A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites. So your performance at your local club is compared with other games for a larger award!

> STaC Strats: "A" 2000+ "B" 500-2000 "C" 0-500

All MP awards are Silver Stratifications by Avg. MPs in all STaC Events



Annual Holiday Party

Friday Dec 9 @ Wilkins"! Game Time 7.00 PM ~ Eats a Plenty @ 6:15 An annual PBA tradition!

*Directions on the Website!

www.pittsburghbridge.org

Swiss Teams

Sunday Dec 11 @ Glenshaw Moose"!

Game Time 11:00 AM ~ 2 Session Event

\$84 per team, includes 4 lunches & Continental Breakfast

RSVP to Barb Bergman 724-935-4591 (Requested but not mandatory - show ups' are fine)

♦ Steelers play Thursday this week! ♦

PRO-AM Charity Game

Generous caring hearts were trump all evening at the Pro-Am! The PBA Pros donated their valuable time and skills partnering with an Am who chose their Pro and then contributed to the charity! It was a win-win-win with Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) benefiting from the strong support of both Pros and Ams to make a difference in diabetes research. Great gratitude to:

- Bob Zimmermann for recruiting two capable caddies(one was his son (who said," I taught my father everything he knows"..brilliant son!)
- Susan Portnoy, Registration Chair, who distributed treats in her gracious manner to both Pros and Ams and collected their money!
- Gus was Director extraordinaire with hand records available.
- Sandy Schuchert was a hand-full of help.
- Leslie Cassoff and Jacqui Wechsler for underwriting the delicious refreshments. Pros and Ams for their significant \$\$\$

If you could have observed Pat Katz on the phone two hours before the event attempting to recruit a Pro, you would have been amazed at her tenacity and the cell phone glued to her ear! She was successful. Grand Total for the 14th Annual PBA Pro Am Charity Game was \$3500! Pat joins me in deep appreciation for everyone who played a hand to fund a diabetes cure.

Sandie Spear Brand

Wed

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Micki & Joel Roteman	Whitehall Mon	75.89%
Carol & Richard Nathenson	Rodef 199ers	70.49%

3 IN A ROW

Bill Rapport	Rodef 199ers	Betty Rapport	Rodef199er
Annette Blue	Rodef 199ers	Manny Kann	Rodef 199er

2 IN A ROW

Lou Joseph	JCC SH Tue	Enelra Trop JCC	C SH Tue	
Russ Sheldon	Whitehall Mon	Sandy Harris Wh	nithall Mon	
Sue Konig	Whitehall Mon	Sue Lordi All	egheny North	
Jean Prior	Allegheny North	Ken Bergman All	egheny North	
Sue Lordi	Ctr Bridge Sat	Tom Lordi Ctr	Bridge Sat	
Nick Rescher	Rodef 99'ers	Rich Kotler Roo	def 99'ers	
Manny Kann	Rodef 99'ers	Annette Blum Roo	def 99'ers	
Joan Shapiro	JCC Wechsler	Claire Morris JC0	C Wechsler	
Judi Sonon	JCC Wechsler	Alice Williams JO	CC Wechsler	
Toby Wolfe	Rodef	Madeline Kramer	Rodef	
Lerssa Finego	ld Rodef	Arlene Port	Rodef	
Judy Haffner Rodef		Carol Nathenson Rodef 199er		
Richard Nathenson Rodef 199er		Nicholas Rescher	Rodef 199er	
Rochard Kotle	er Rodef 199er			

WHAT'S AHEAD AT A GLANCE... (Actually, what's left for the year!)

DECEMBER 2011

	02	Unit Championship and Board Meeting (if necessary)
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- O9 Annual PBA Holiday Party and STaC pairs game
- 11 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams game at Wilkins Township
- 16 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
- 23 Open Pairs
- 30 Open Pairs

JANUARY 2012 - stay tuned for the 2012 Unit Calendar!!!

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29	22	15	8	_
30	23	16	9	2
	24 Arlene	17	10	3
	25 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	18 PBA Unit Championship and annual meeting	PBA FALL See flyer	4 PBA Club Championship
	26	19	PBA FALL SECTIONAL See flyer on page 2	5 Unit 299