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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by arlene port

Well, whaddayouknow. March just “came in” like a lamb. Is it possible for it to “go out” like a lion? Ya think? I certainly hope not. The weather has been so wonderful this year, I can’t believe it. I keep waiting for the real winter to show up. One can only hope it will not come.

Right on schedule, however is the Pittsburgh “Bridge Season”, beginning this month. Boy, do we have good times planned for you. On Saturday, March 10, we are having a special 299er Swiss team event held at the Masonic temple’ A special flyer with details is on page 9 of the Post Mortem. We are looking forward to having this event become a permanent yearly fixture on our bridge schedule.

On April 27, we have the Pittsburgh Spring Sectional which is always a great time for everyone. Partnerships are rapidly being made, so reserve your partner for the entire weekend. Where else can you have such a good time suffering the pain of defeat and experiencing such joy because you earned a few master points. You just can’t beat that. (Are we nuts or what?)

From there we go to the Fossik/Goodman Swiss Team event held on Sunday, June 2 at the Edgewood Country Club. You will be hearing about that at length in future Post Mortem articles.

As you can see, the good times never end. We have the dates, the places, the people who work hard to make each event a success and the only thing we are missing is the thousands of eager bridge players to attend. That’s your job!!

In the meantime, stay well and dream of all the silver you will collect at our tournament.



Pittsburgh Spring Sectional

Full Newcomer /
 NLM Schedule:
 Newcomer / 299er Pairs -
 Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
 PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
 Play ONLY against other New Players
 Contact Darlene for
 Partners & Team-building!

April 27—29, 2012
 Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall
 412-371-4067

Newcomers & 299ers:
 Darlene Mannheim
 412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:
 Barb & Ken Bergman
 724-935-4591

Director in Charge:
 Mike Roberts
 Sanction # S 1204082

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
 Open Swiss Teams
 \$100 / team
 299er Swiss \$ 80 / team

Non & Unpaid
 ACBL Members
 \$1 additional per session
 Student Discount
 \$5 per Session

Hospitality All Sessions!
 Lunch Included on Sat!
 Brunch & Lunch on Sun!
 Lesson from an Expert...
 Friday @ 6:45 PM
 Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theater
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Open Strats
 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

Saturday, April 28
 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)

Free Lunch between sessions!
 Play twice and STILL get home early!

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, April 29
 11:00 AM Brunch & Lunch Included!
 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

Full Schedule & Directions @
www.pittsburghbridge.org

UP THE LADDER POST

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SILVER LIFE MASTER

Aileen Clay
Lessa Finegold

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Fred Schenker

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Barbara Klein

VERY IMPRESSIVE!!!

POST-IT NOTES

Get well wishes to Corinne Slifkin and Joan Shapiro, both recovering from hospital stays.

Here's hoping Jack Charles bounces back from his troubles - he is sorely missed at the tables.

Our sincere condolences to Barbara Norante and family on the sudden passing of her son.

Recurring well wishes to Marian Smith, Edie Weiser, Mary Anne McNeirney and Sylvia Williams

And a BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY (and I mean big) to Mort Rubin, who celebrated an important milestone. I refuse to divulge his age, but he's over 60—for sure.

NEW BOARD MEMBER POST

It's not that easy to find a member for the PBA Board of Directors who reflects all of the qualities demanded by the membership. Well, we are pleased to announce that Ruthie Nefeach, our newest member, is amazingly qualified for her new post.

Not only is she bright, competent, and willing to serve with distinction, she brings her most important asset to the table: FRIDAY NIGHT GOODIES.

Congratulations and good luck. You are a wonderful addition to our unit.

Pittsburgh North Pupil Game Free Classes, Free Bridge

If you are a student of bridge and have 0-5 masterpoints, this game is for you!

There will be a 45 minute free lesson followed by free play of a minimum of 6 hands. Masterpoints will be awarded as long as there are a minimum of 8 people.

Place: Masonic Center, 3579 Masonic Way. [MAP](#)

Day and Time: 2nd and 4th Thursdays (But different days in March)

• The first session will be Thursday, March 8 starting at 11 a.m. The lesson will be Filling Out the Convention Card and Scoring. When you play duplicate you and your partner are required to have a Convention Card properly filled out. It is a guideline of what you play.

• The second session is scheduled for Thursday, March 29 starting at 11am. The lesson will be Opening no trump bids and responses. What is your point count? Can you open nt with a 5 card major? Can you open nt with a worthless doubleton? What is the shape of your hand?

• Future dates will be noted here.

• If you want to be added to my email list to receive info on future free play and lessons, please email me at the address noted below

Questions: Contact Lorraine Hanna, Instructor 724 625 6419 or by email lorrainehanna4@gmail.com

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's all vul. You hold:

S K6
 H J 7 6 5 2
 D A Q 4 2
 C K Q

THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
	4H	4S	PASS
5S	PASS	6C	PASS
6D	PASS	6H	PASS
?			

Florine Walters: 7S Six different bids, that seems to be a stretch as I can only think of four! Five spades without interference is obviously a good raise with general strength. If partner has six spades to the AQJ, four clubs to the AJ and three diamonds to the K, (partner cannot be two suited as he would have bid 4 NT over 4 hearts) so we should be odds on favorite to make seven spades, especially since partner continued to cue bid 6 hearts. This leads me to the conclusion that he is looking for the K of spades, and therefore I bid seven spades.

Bernie Fudor: I bid 7 sp with no great confidence. We might not have 13 tricks but i have all the controls and sort of backed into a grand slam
Asim Ulke I bid 6S. 7S is too risky. We may have a loser in diamonds clubs or spades due to bad brakes.

Steve Nolan Only eight legal bids, three of which are insane,* and the experts used six of the eight. I'll be interested to see what the panel came up with
 * I consider pass, 6NT and 7NT to be insane].

Anyway, here's my answer: **7S.** We know the following: (i) Spades are solid or almost so, although a 4-0 or 5-0 break is reasonably likely; (ii) Hearts are 8-0-0-5 around the table and the right hand for us is on lead against spades; and (iii) Partner must have something more than the spade honors and club ace to launch into this sequence -- either the diamond king or twelve cards in the black suits. Overall, while the grand slam is not quite guaranteed (East can have five spades to the 10-9 or 10-8 or West may be able to ruff a club), there is no more room to probe and there too many ways that it can make to bail out.

Stan Ruskin: 7S I don't know what 6 bids there are remaining but I can only think of two – 6S or 7S. I choose 7S. He has shown an interest in 7 by bidding 6C and then 6H (has to be a void) and I have extra values –QC, QD (I think the KC is almost expected). I think only real concern I would have is a spade loser if east has five spades to the 10. I picture partner's hand as AQJxxx (or AQJxxxx), Void and Kxx, Axxx or Kxxx, Axx or three if he has 7 spades. As long as spades are OK, it seems that 7S will make or has a high % chance on a Number of plays.

Jane Marshall PASS (Meant to bid 6S). Sounds like North has the Ace of clubs, a void in hearts and very good spades. Since we might not have the diamond king, and probably lose a diamond or a spade (if we get a bad break), I won't bid 7 spades.

Gail Carns 7S partner is probable- something like AQJ 7th void K 3rd A 3rd

Ernie Retetagos 6 Spades. A non-problem. On a bad day even 6 could go down. There are too many ways to lose either a spade, diamond ruff, diamond King, or a slow diamond trick.

Bill Holt: 6S. I have raised and cooperated in a slam try, but if there are long spades out they are behind partner. Sometimes preempts work.

Marvin Rulin 6 spades. any other bid commits us to 7 spades which makes if partner has AQJxxxx, void,Kxx,Axx but we could be missing the Sp jack or diamond king. Fortunately the lead comes from the east.

Fred Schenker: 7S. It's IMPs.

PJ Prabhu 6S. Even though we may make 7, I'm concerned about a black suit loser with only 2 cards in each. Even if partner has 6S to the AQ, we may still have a loser there. There is also the possibility of a ruff on trick 1. A 4S bid over 4H doesn't promise the world.

Lou Joseph: I refuse to answer on the fact that it may incriminate Arlene. (Other Ed note: yeah, yeah, no guts, no glory.)

Eric Ruben 7S. Partner was under pressure to call 4S, but he was not under pressure to invite the grand twice. For his bidding to make sense, he must have all of the relevant missing cards and a heart void, of course.

Robert Zimmermann: 6S. Even if P has AQJxxx of spades, we know things are breaking very badly. Yes, P is inviting 7, but on only a doubleton trump I'm going to pull in the reins a bit.

Richard Katz: .6S I bid a conservative 6 spades. I'm pretty certain nothing is going to break well. Preempts are almost always difficult to bid with certainty.

Arlene Port!: 6S I just don't know how anything is breaking on this hand and I would hate to go down in 7 when 6 looks like it can't miss.

Pat Katz: 7C I want to be in 7 and this will give my partner to option to pass or correct to 7 spades.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
7S	6	7	100
7C	6	1	90
7D	2	0	80
6S	9	7	80
6NT	3	0	80
7H	0	0	60
Pass		1	—

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INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	7S
David Berkowitz	7C
Henry Bethe	6S
Bart Bramley	6S
Ira Chorush	7S
Larry Cohen	7S
Kitty & Steve Cooper	6S
Billy Eisenberg	6S
Carl Hudecek	6S
Eddie Kantar	6S
Ralph Katz	7C
Sami Kehela	7C
Danny Kleinman	6NT
Eric Kokish	7D
Jill Meyers	6S
Marshal Miles	6NT
Arthur Robinson	7S
Michael Rosenberg	6S
Jeff Rubens	7D
Ira Rubin	7C
Mike Shuman	7S
Joey Silver	7C
Harry Steiner	6S
John Swanson	7C
Robert Wolff	7S
Kit Woolsey	6NT



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE POST
.....by Phyllis Silver

We all do the following at the bridge table. But, we all should not do the following at the bridge table: We should try to:

1. Avoid a long hesitation that "breaks the tempo." If you' break the tempo of the bidding, you run into three problems:

A. Your hesitation gives partner information that may cause them to take an action that they were not going to make.

B. By hesitating on a bid, you effectively bar your partner from bidding unless they have a clear call. (This will be determined by the director.)

C. You give information to the opponents which may encourage them to make a call you didn't want them to make.

So, always try to maintain the tempo in a bidding sequence. I realize sometimes you have a problem you really need to think about, but please remember the consequences of your hesitation.

2. Please remember we adhere to a "Zero-Tolerance" game, which means bad manners between you and partner/opponent may lead to sanctions by the director. In other words: Be kind to your partner and the opponents, even though they are not as good as you are!!

PBA THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

APRIL 2012

06	Club Championship
13	Unit Championship SWISS TEAM and Board Meeting
20	Unit ACBL Charity Championship
27	PBA Spring Sectional @ Masonic Center <i>Unit Game Cancelled</i>

MAY 2012

04	Unit Championship
11	Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
18	Club ACBL Charity Championship and AWARDS NIGHT
25	<i>Unit Game Cancelled</i> - Cleveland Regional Tournament

JUNE 2012

01	NAOP Qualifier
03	Fossick-Goodman Sunday Swiss Team Event @ Edgewood CC <i>(note change from previous announced date!!!)</i>
08	Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
14	STaC Pairs Special Thursday Eve Game - Glenshaw Moose
15	STaC Pairs & PBA Board Meeting
22	Open Pairs
29	Open Pairs

FOSSICK-GOODMAN SWISS TEAM EVENT
to benefit the PBA Education Fund

It's back!! After a short hiatus, the Fossick-Goodman Swiss Team game will once again be held this year on

Sunday, June 3, 2012

11:00 AM at Edgewood County Club

Start getting your teams together now!!!

Special "299er Swiss

Saturday, March 10

Game-time at 12

Free Pizza Lunch for all!

Free 'Intro to Teams' chat at 11:15

All at a Special Price!

Why is Swiss Teams the most popular form of Bridge?

Hint: IT'S THE MOST FUN!!!

We'll play 1 session (24 boards) that afternoon. Folks will be on hand to help you move and score your game.

If you've never played Teams before, or would like a quick refresher, we'll have an informal chat about Team Game Scoring & Structure ... and ... Strategies to Help You Win at 11:15!

Call Darlene Mannheimer for Partnership Assistance or to help putting your team together! 412-343-0419

\$32 per Team of 4+ (Special

**Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL UNIT #142 POST.

Let's talk about Friday Night at the PBA. Unless you have been living on the moon, you must know that the PBA has a unit game every Friday at 7 PM at the Wilkins Community Center in Churchill.

This game, in addition to the regular day crowd, is attended by serious and non-serious bridge players who don't have the opportunity to play in the afternoon games, because they work. (what's that?). It is arguably the most challenging game in the city and has all of the best players who are always happy to help others in their quest for perfection. (well, if not perfection, then competence, at least.)

Three weeks of every month there is a pair game and once each month there is a Swiss team game that has proved to be very popular and mgreat fun for everyone. Aside from the fun of playing on a team, it tends to keep those who don't win a match fairly humble.

Jane Marshal, our treasurer, has made it a top priority to increase attendance to this game that has lost many of it's players for a variety of reasons, most of which start with not having a partner and not having a ride. Most of all, age and attrition have reduced our numbers.

There is, however, really good news. The game, thanks to Jane, has revitalized and each week there are more tables and more new faces. We are delighted!! But, we would still like to increase our numbers.

That's where you come in. We need you to make it a priority to spend your Friday evenings with us. If you don't have a partner, talk to Jane and she will find you one. If you can't get there, Jane can probably give you the names of some people to call who would be happy to give you a lift. If you can't make it every week, that's okay, just as long as you commit to join us as often as possible.

We are delighted to see this game grow as it has and look forward to seeing you there. After all, we just made you chairman of the "Increase Attendance" committee and know that you will do a great job.

See you all there.....arlene

MARCH 2012 hot line 412-436-0125

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 PBA Club Championship	3 Unit 229
4	5	6	7	8	9 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team	10 Special PBA 299'er SWISS @Masonic (Pg 9)
11	12 Club Champ Rodef	13	14 /club Champ JCC Wechler	15	16 PBA Open Pairs	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PBA Unit Championship	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 PBA Open Pairs	31

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Richard Katz & Asim Ulke	Rodef	74,54%
Connie Hoechstetter & Bob Quinlan	Temple Emmanuel	70.24%
Gail Carns & Bob Zwack	Allegheny North	70.60%
Joanne Lebovitz & Lois Kort	Rodef 99'ers	73.73%

3 IN A ROW

Nell Burney	Export DBC
Ron Grassel	Export DBC
Gail Hastings	Center Bridge Saturday
Lou Joseph (no biggie)	Center Bridge Saturday
Harold Haffner	Rodef
John Killmeyer	Moon Area DBC

2 IN A ROW

Arlene Port	Rodef
Judy Haffner	Rodef
Asim Ulke	Rodef
Richard Katz	Rodef
Trudy Cohn	Rodef
Doris Hess	Whitehall
Bob Tate	Whitehall
Gus Costanzo	JCC SH
Jean Picone	JCC SH
Joanne Zambroski	Center Bridge Saturday
Marge Tamres	Center Bridge Saturday
Jim Klein	Washington DBC
Eric Ruben	Washington DBC
Dustin Hoover	SHJCC future life master game
Cookie Newman	SHJCC future life master game