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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

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Spring is here! Well, actually I think Spring showed up in February and has settled in for the duration! I'm guessing it will either be 102 degrees or 38 degrees in July. Whatever it is, we might as well enjoy it!

Spring, of course, brings many delights to the Pittsburgh bridge community. First up will be the PBA Spring Education Series (see next page). Do you have friends who want to start playing bridge? Sign them up for Arlene's beginner class. How much damage can she do in seven weeks? Are you struggling at the table because you just don't have your basics down yet? Sign them up for Lou's Bridge Basics #2. It's a great class for that!

The end of April brings the Spring Sectional at the Masonic Center (see page 9). It's being hosted by the Bergmans so you KNOW the hospitality will be abundant and spectacular.

May 18 brings the annual Awards Party at the Wilkins Township Building. We expect record attendance this year because everyone is winning except Arlene and I!

June starts off with the Fossick-Goodman Team Game (see page 8) and swings right into STaC week (June 11-17, 2012). There will be more silver available than you can shake a stick at! Go grab some for yourself and your partners!

Anybody have any interesting news for us to publish? We're always looking, so please don't be shy - we'll print (almost) anything!!

Read the Internet Post on Page 5-6 & 4. Bid the hand and see how you did.

PBA LESSONS - TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS

LEARN HOW TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER YOU CAN BE

The PBA Lesson Series Continues...2012 April 16@ 9 AM — Seven Mondays
@ Congregation Rodef Shalom 9AM -11AM Two Separate Concurrent Classes

Beginning Bridge—:

Bridge Basics #1.

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge with a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant. Cost for Textbook \$12.00. Taught by Arlene Port

Bridge Basics #2: Competitive Bidding.

The next step for those who have taken the beginning bridge class or who want to sharpen their bridge skills. This course will use *Bridge Basics #2* - Cost for Textbook \$12.00. Taught by Lou Joseph

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Lou Joseph

Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,

plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* & #2 if needed;

Advance Registration Requested—Complete & Mail this Form

Or Register Online: www.pittsburghbridge.org/classreg.htm

For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637; or Email printsus@verizon.net

Improve your game ...

MAKE BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Spring 2012

Bridge Basics#1 *Bridge Basics #2* Please Order Book @ \$12.00
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____ PHONE (_____) _____
EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION at the cost of \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed).

Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Classes Held at:
Rodef Shalom Synagogue
4905 Fifth Ave
Pgh, PA 15213

Form and Payment to:
The Pittsburgh Bridge Association
c/o Arlene Port
5447 Hobart Street Pgh, PA 15217

IN MEMORIAM POST

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association will never be the same for we have lost several of our members ; members who we will sorely miss and who can never be replaced .

Dr. Noel Gillette suffered a fatal heart attack several days ago. A highly respected physician, Noel was a frequent and loyal bridge player at several of our local games.

He was also a farmer. (well, sort of) I know that he always planted a vegetable garden each summer because I was jealous of the fact that his patch was larger than mine.

Noel will be missed not only for his skill at the bridge table, but because he was really a most interesting person and a very nice man. Our condolences to his son, John, who is planning a memorial service for this summer. We will let you all know the details when we have them.

Jack Charles, a dear man, also passed away in March. When the cancer he had been fighting returned, Jack moved away to be with his family. Everyone who knew him, loved him. He was a gentle person who would always help at our tournaments and nothing was too difficult for him to do. I felt fortunate to have shared some time with him.

Anne Stewart, for many years a regular at several club games, passed away at the age of 91. Although she had not played for many months, she was and will be missed by all of her partners and friends.

Phil Wiener, who was a familiar and friendly face at the Monday Rodef Shalom game died in March. Phil was a kind, wonderfully generous man. Our deepest sympathy to all of his family and many friends.

Two of our PBA members lost their spouses last month.: Irene Kristobak's husband **M. Gregory Kristobak** and Lois Kort's husband **Jack Kort** Our thoughts and prayers are with Irene and Lois and their families and friends. Lois particularly wanted to thank all her bridge friends who personally visited and/or sent condolences.

GET WELL POST

We're still hoping for full recovery for Marian Smith, Edie Weiser and Mary Anne McNeirney. If you know of any one else who is ailing, please let us know so that we can send our best wishes!!

LOCAL GAMES OF INTEREST POST

Ever hear of Export, PA? Well, if you haven't you are really missing something special.. What is so special about Export? It's a duplicate bridge game held each Monday at 12:00 noon. at 5903 Washington Ave, Export, PA.

David Legal, who directs the game, took it over about 3 years ago and has added a wonderful addition to a fun afternoon. Not only are you treated to a great bridge game, but you invited to have a delicious serving at the game , courtesy of David's wife who prepares sandwiches and spreads for the players. I heard straight from the horses mouth (when he wasn't stuffing his face) that this is a perk that shouldn't be missed.

David runs his games very efficiently and always reports special winners to the editors of the Post Mortem. So, you not only get the joy of achieving a special goal, but you have the satisfaction of having all your buddies know about it.

We urge all of our members to make the trip one of these days and see for themselves the joys of good bridge and great food.

For further information, call Dave at : **412-793-7436** He would love to hear from you.

We will be highlighting each of our unit games in future editions of the Post Mortem.

NEWS OF INTEREST POST

Flash from the Memphis Nationals: Henry Nelson and partner were 3rd OVERALL in the SILODOR OPEN PAIRS! Congratulations Henry!! He was even mentioned in the NY Time bridge column!

Last month we mentioned that Lorraine Hanna was starting a pupil game at the Masonic Center. Her inaugural class of March 8 had eight students. The second class, held on March 29, had ten students. This upward trend is most gratifying and exponentially we expect Lorraine to have more than 100 students by the end of the summer. Well, maybe that's a bit optimistic, but one can always hope. If you need information on these pupil games, please contact Lorraine @ 724-625-6419 or on her cell phone @ 724-766-0865.

INETERNET POST (Cont. from pg 6. **Marvin Rulin**. . 3 clubs. partner wants me to bid something. I don't want to bid a 3card suit so I'll bid 3 clubs. clubs is not only a four card suit, it is the weakest bid I can make and still give partner the most bidding room. .I can't let the double stand

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's. Neither side Vul
Here is your hand:

S 8 7 5
H Q J 3
D 9 6 2
C 10 5 4 3

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
--	1C	DBL	1S
pass	2S	DBL	Pass
?			

Florine Walters: 3D I am More likely to find partner with five diamonds rather than five hearts.

Bernie Fudor 3D After the director was called because I went into tank I think I bid 3 diamonds A good problem. I think partner is probably 2/4/5/2 with abt 19 pts I have sneaky admiration for the passers

Asim Ulke I bid 2NT. This follows the principle of making the cheapest bid available when you have no suit to bid. Since I could not bid over 1S I can not have real NT bid. partner can name a 5 card suit if they have one. By inference I should have 4 card club holding.

Paul Caplan 2NT partner is to strong to bid 1NT directly. I want to get out at the lowest level. I hope partner does not raise to 3NT.

Bill Holt: 3H. Partner has some sort of good red hand since he doubled 1c with short Spades. I've got no defense to 2S and would prefer not to go -470, so I'll trot out 3H and see what happens.

Ernie Retetagos 2 NT. Partner asked me to bid a 4 card red suit, and I don't have one.

Steve Nolan 3H. My best unbid suit. If we defend, I would prefer partner to lead hearts rather than diamonds. 3D is OK. 3C might work out, but I will have to guess whether to raise partner's 3H, and I get the blame if partner says 3NT.

Trudy Cohn: 3H I will bid three hearts. I have no choice but to bid something and partner guarantees hearts.

Stan Ruskin: I bid 2NT. If we were playing Lebensold, I would bid 2NT and since we aren't, I still bid 2NT. This should convey to partner that I am 4/3/3/3 with 3/3 in H and D since I didn't bid them. He can go from there. Hopefully, he would figure out that I don't have much no matter what system we are playing ó the opener Has 13+, the responder at least 5 or 6 and when you add his 16+, I have about the most I can have.

Herb Sachs: 3H Sounds like partner's monster. Maybe 3-4-5-1 or close; I bid three hearts. If the monster is 3541 I will like it In any event, this is the safest IMP bid (In my opinion)

Gail Carns: 3C partners most likely hand is 1-4-4-4 18HCP expecting to bid 1NT over my 1S response to the 1st dbl.

Eric Ruben Pass Was partner standing on the table for the second one? Pass and lead a trump.

Richard Katz: ..3H
I bid only three hearts at this time

Arlene Port: 3H Interestingly, I never seem to get it right. When I pick a good answer, it always seems as if the most popular answer was really correct. I bid 3 hearts because that is what I had in an unbid suit. Sue me!!

Jane Marshall 2NT (not to play). This asks partner to pick the suit and denies a 5-cd suit. (I can't possibly have any points.)

Fred Schenker: 2N. This cannot be natural, and partner must know to take it out. You can support whatever suit partner picks. It should be clear to partner that you have a dog hand, and partner should bid what he/she expects to make. Anything other bid would be forward going.

PJ Prabu: Scrambling 2NT. After opponents have bid and raised, this cannot be natural. Pard is expected to bid the lowest 4-card suit. When he doubled first, he may have been planning to rebid NT with a balanced hand and may even have 4 clubs. If so we will end up in 3C, if not in 3D or 3H. I don't fancy passing and letting them play 2SX in their 8-card fit, though the 3-3-3-4 hand doesn't inspire bidding.

Lou Joseph: 3C I'm assuming Arlene must be my partner and is punishing me, so I bid 3C which cannot be a cue bid because I passed the first time and now even she will know that is my only 4 card suit. If she bids anything else now other than 3S (which would probably end our partnership) I'm going to pass, lay down the dummy, retreat to the rest room and open a vein.

Robert Zimmermann: Pass. This is insane. P doubled for takeout - showing at least a tolerance for spades. Now, RHO bids spades, LHO raises, and I have 3? Does CHO has some 3451 monster or is RHO psyching? Your guess is as good as mine.

INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	3D
David Berkowitz	2NT
August Boehm	2NT
Bart Bramley	3D
Larry Cohen	2NT
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Russ Ekeblad	2NT
Mark Feldman	2NT
Robert Friend	3H
Ross Grabel	2N
Allan Graves	2NT
Joe Grue	3D
Barbara Haberman	3D
Carl Hudecek	2NT
Sami Kehela	3D
Danny Kleinman	P
Eric Kokish	P
Boris Koytchou	3H
Mark Lair	3H
Pratap Rajadhyaksha	3H
Arthur Robinson	3H
Jeff Rubens	P
Ira Rubin	3C
Russel Shoup	3C
Paul Soloway	3H
Robert Wolff	3D
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	2NT

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3D	6	2	100
3H	6	5	90
2NT	10	7	80
PASS	4	2	70
3C	2	3	50

2012 SEVEN CITIES (Titusville) SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fri Aft 299'er Pairs

- A B
1 1 R Schmitt-M Bradley
2 2 S Dahlie-C Larson

Fri Aft Open Pairs

- A B C
1 J Klein-B Klein
2 1 C Mody-B Merkich
3 2 KJ Hellman-A Jacobelli
3 R Sain-E Sain
1 P Sostarich-C Beardmore
2 R Heasley III-L Cassoff
3 J Kirkstadt-R Greco

Fri Eve Open Pairs

- A B C
1 1 C Smith-J Davis
2 2 V Knox-D Guerra
3 3 1 P Anders-S O'Neill-Helm
2 E Sain-K Glassford
3 T Yusavage-J Yusavage

Handicapped K-O Teams

- 1 S Golier-J Skirboll-R Greco-
J Kirkstadt
2 J Allen-C Marsteller-B Belardi-
C Powell

Fri Late Nite Teams

- 1 R Hackenberg II, Y Coursen,
R Kramer, A Agnello
2 B Belardi-C Powell-J Klein-
B Klein

Sat Open Pairs

- A B C
1 A Ulke-PJ Prabhu
2 G Carns-MP Carns
3 1 1 F Siffrinn-J Fox
2 J Crowley-H Greenberg
3 V De Jong-D Bloom
2 T Murray-R Murray
3 C Beardmore-P Sostarich

Sat Eve Side Team Game

- 1 B Belardi-C Powell-J Gray-
W Obitz
1 F Siffrinn-J Fox-R Heasley III-
L Cassoff

Sunday Swiss Team

- A B C
1 MP Carns-G Carns-A Ulke-
PJ Prahbu
2/3 B Belardi-C Powell-J Sonon-
A Williams
2/3 1 S Golier-J Skirboll-V Simak-
L Worsley
2 1 C Beardmore-P Sostarich-
G Braun-K Braun
3 J Davis-L Placido-L Benacci-
R Jaskiewicz
2 R Sain-J Pierce-E Sain-
K Glassford
3 B Walz-R O'Brien-T Barbaro-
J Lyons

***Rumor has it that Arlene played on
Sunday, but I'll be darned if I could
find her name anywhere...***

PBA THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

MAY 2012

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

JUNE 2012

- 01 NAOP Qualifier
03 Fossick-Goodman Sunday Swiss Team Event @ Edgewood CC
(note change from previous announced date!!!)
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

JULY 2012

- 06 PBA Summer Sectional @ Masonic Center
13 Open Pairs
20 NAOP Qualifier
27 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

FOSSICK-GOODMAN SWISS TEAM EVENT

For the benefit of the PBA Education Fund

When: Sunday, June 3, 2012
Where: Edgewood Country Club

A spectacular catered affair held to honour the memories of two great
ladies of the PBA - Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman.
Start getting your teams together now - you won't want to miss this!!

**ATTENTION ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS
BIG NEWS—
THE PBA SPRING SECTIONAL IS ALMOST HERE
Read the schedule below and make your plans to attend
NOW!!**

**ANOTHER FASCINATING HAND
FROM UNCLE ERNIE'S WHIZ BAG**

í í í í í í ..by Ernie Retetas

♠ A K 5 4
♥ 10 7 2
♦ 7 6
♣ A 9 4 6

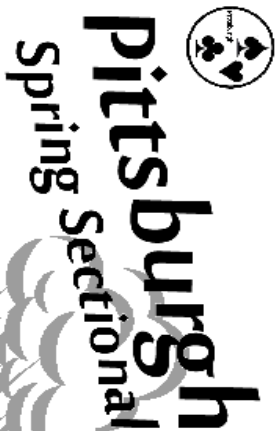
♠ Q 10 9 7 6
♥ ---
♦ 10 3
♣ K Q J 10 5 3

♠ J 8 2
♥ K J 9 6
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ 8 2

♠ 3
♥ A Q 8 5 4 3
♦ A K 9 8 4
♣ 7

At a recent club game, none of the declarers found a successful line to make 12 tricks in hearts after the King of clubs lead. South opened one heart, West bid 2 hearts, and South eventually played game or slam in hearts. Seems like the best line would be to win the club, cash the Ace and King of diamonds, and ruff 2 diamonds and 2 clubs. After cashing the Ace and King of spades, East and South are down to all hearts. South would now be in the enviable position of pulling off a trump coup followed by a trump end play. When a black suit is led, South covers East's card and plays a heart to the 10 for the end play at trick 12.

Declarer could also make by leading the heart 10 after winning the opening lead. After cross ruffing and cashing spades, declarer would be in position to win 2 of the last 3 tricks.



Partnerships:
Jane Marshall
412-371-4067

Newcomers & 299ers:
Darlene Mannheimer
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

**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

Friday, April 27
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, 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
Brunch & Lunch Included!

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

Full Schedule & Directions @
www.pittsburghbridge.org

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 Masonic Ctr Charity Club Championship	4	5 Masonic Ct Charity Club Championship	6 PBA Club Championship	7 Unit 229
8	9	10	11	12	13 PBA Unit Champ Swiss Team & Bd Mtg	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PBA Unit ACBL Charity Championship	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>See Flyer on Page 91!</i>	30				PBA SECTIONAL	

FIRST AT THE POST
70% GAMES

Jean Prior - Laurie Igiel	70.83%	JCC SH Tuesday
Harvey Notarius - Samuel Bliman	70.50%	JCC Future LM
Arlene Port & Judy Haffner	71.05%	Rodef
Annette Blum & Manny Kann	72.49%	Rodef 199ers
Emily & James Mendelson	78.82%	Rodef 199ers

4 IN A ROW

Barbara Klein Mon. Rodef Barbara Klein Rodef

3 IN A ROW

D Hess Whitehall R Tate Whitehall

2 IN A ROW

C Hoechstetter	Sub DBC	R Quinlan	Sub DBC
R Franck	Allegh North	K Bergman	JCC SH
B Bergman	JCC SH	J Fields	Rodef 199
J Marshall	Allegh North	D Fields	Rodef 199
C Hoechstetter	Allegh North	J Prior	JCC SH
Harold Haffner	JCC Wechsler	Judy Haffner	JCC Wech.
Asim Ulke	Mon. Rodef	Sis Brown	Mon. Rodef
Ned Pfeifer	Mon. Rodef	Arlene Port	Mon. Rodef
Judy Haffner	Mon. Rodef	Betty Rapport	199erø
Bill Rapport	199erø		

