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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by lou joseph

It's not really my turn to do the front page, but as Arlene was conspicuously absent from the Spring Sectional on Saturday and Sunday (there is some rumour that her daughter came in from California for her birthday) I'm taking charge to make sure that everyone knows just how spectacular the tournament was.

As to be expected, Ken and Barb Bergman ran a fabulous tournament - spectacular hospitality, a great turnout, who could ask for anything more? You've got to hand it to them - they've got more zip than the Energizer Bunny! A special extra thank you to those that lent a hand - Jane Marshall, Darlene Mannheimer (partnerships) and Ron Franck and Ernie Retetagos (back-breaking assembly work!) And thanks to ALL who brought cookies, and other goodies!

If you were lucky enough to attend the tournament then you not only experienced the hospitality and the bridge, but you may even have been lucky enough to witness the performance by the Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theatre Troupe. A side-splitting skit based on Family Feud starring Bill Holt, Brad Craig, Barb Bergman (on top of everything else she was doing), Ernie Retetagos, Sharon Rohr, Ron Franck and yours truly was the talk of the tournament. The entire troupe is to be applauded for the efforts - when was the last time you and your partner laughed at a bridge tournament - at the same time (not at each other!)

Here comes May, with the Awards Dinner scheduled for Friday evening May 18th at the Wilkins Twp Building, the annual event where we honor those Unit 142 members who achieved fame during the previous calendar year. June 3rd brings the Fossick-Goodman Team Game (see flyer on facing page) closely followed by STaC week.

Great things are happening all around you. Take a look!

5th Annual Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Join us again for great food, fun, and fellowship!
Help us celebrate the memory of Audrey and Gloria,
two friends whose presence graced our bridge tables
together for more than forty-five years.

Sunday, June 3, 2012
Edgewood Country Club

Coffee & Cookies at 10:15 ~ Game Time 11:00
Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon
Entry: \$140 per team of four

Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 750
Stratifications by Team Average MPs
7 session play-through with dinner break!

For additional information:

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RSVP: Kindly have one member of your team phone
Patsy so we can plan accordingly.

Food! Fun! Fellowship!
***All Proceeds Benefit**
Local Bridge Education!
See you there!

Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org



IN MEMORIAM

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association has suffered another loss of one of its members.

John Gillette has planned a memorial service for his father, Dr. Noel Gillette to be held at the United Methodist Church, 733 South Avenue, Wilksburg, 15221 at 2PM on July 15, 2012. Contributions to his memory may also be made to the Church.

Mike Quinlan, affectionately known as "Santa Claus" (you only had to see him once to understand the nickname) passed away. Primarily a South Hills player, he was always a gentleman at the table. He will be missed by all.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to John Bernhard on the passing of his mother and Jack Hammer on the passing of his wife. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Ed Note: Sorry the Post Mortem is so late this month. I accept full responsibility and look forward to blaming him at another time.

arlene

GET WELL POST

Gabrielle Rumsch has bounced back from two bouts with pneumonia (is that what they mean by double pneumonia) and was seen at Rodef Shalom playing bridge recently. Glad to know someone is doing better!

Wasn't it great to see Mary Anne McNeirney at the tournament? It's been way too long, Mary Anne!

We continue to hope and pray for the return of Marion Smith and Edie Weiser. We'll keep an eye peeled for them - in the meantime, we wish them the best.



BEFORE



AFTER

LOCAL GAMES OF INTEREST POST

For the inspiring player looking to be a Life Master or just to have a great time, the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening games at the South Hills JCC are for you! These "future life master" games are at noon Tuesdays and 6:00 p.m. Thursdays. Usually, there are 6 to 10 tables at each game.

No need to come with a partner. Often there are 2 to 4 folks looking for that brilliant person to help them score. After all are matched, director Darlene Mannheimer plays with a "left over." The games are stratified so you can get the most possible points at any level.

The folks at these games have made friends and found partners. Jane Depee says she and her husband George travel as much as an hour and a half, but "keeps coming back because the people are so wonderful." Karl Sokalski says this game is "relaxed and a place to hone your skills without pressure." Dustin Hoover says, "the session allows you to learn the play and the bidding with both your partner and other bridge players. The group goes to dinners, cruises and celebrates special occasions together.

With Darlene's encouragement and help with partnerships and teams, these players have become the core of the under 299 events at the local tournaments.

If you have any questions call Darlene at 412-343-0419 or email Darlenedlm@aol.com.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Jack D Adelson
Kathleen A Glassford
Betty L Grossheim
Dustin M Hoover

CLUB MASTER

John J Bucci
Charles H Harff
Manuel Kann
Kathleen Miller
Barbara J Weinstein

LIFE MASTER

Carol Gibboney

SILVER LIFE MASTER

David A Ruppert
Esther Sain

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Francine Feldman

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Barbara Bergman



BRIDGE ETIQUETTE POST

.....by Phyllis Silver

(Ed note:) Evidently, you did not get the message from our Bridge Etiquette Post columnist the first time, so not to worry, here is her pearl of wisdom again.)

Here are some new and old "Etiquette ' rules for the best and finest aspiring Life Masters:.

1. You have seen this before (I told you so) but p-u-l-e-e-s-e in the interest of speeding up the game Place your lead card (or dummy if you are the one) on the table BEFORE you write your score on your scorecard. This small gesture can save many minutes for each board. Or - if you are the declarer, or in any position for that matter, it would be helpful if you would do the same. (If you don't, I have a feeling we will all see this message again.)
2. Do not touch the cards in your bidding box until you are "ready" to make a bid. There is nothing more frustrating than watching your partner or your opponent touch every card in the bidding box before making up their mind as to what they want to bid.
3. On the other hand, it is equally as frustrating to have someone at the table touch every card before they find the one they want to play. (ed.note: I have tried to kill my husband several times for doing this.)
4. While you should always try to compliment opponents on their fine play, it is not that wonderful to celebrate your good fortune when getting a top board from your opponents. Bragging about how great you are is a no-no, and trust me when I tell you that giving high-fives is really pretty tacky.

I guess the bottom line would be that if you follow these helpful hints, you will be the perfectly mannered bridge player; someone to be admired and respected.

HERE'S TO MORE OF THOSE WONDERFULLY BID SLAMS!!!

PLAYING A DIFFICULT HAND WITH SKILL!

.....by Ernie Retetagos

(Ed note:) LET'S GIVE A CHEER FOR ERNIE RETETAGOS. He has spent many years saving these difficult hands and we are grateful for allowing us to share the neat plays he has noted.

		NORTH			
		♠ A Q 10 9			
		♥ J 4			
		♦ K 4			
		♣ K Q J 7 2			
WEST				EAST	
♠ 8 7 4 2				♠ J 5	
♥ Q 7 6 2				♥ A 10 9 5 3	
♦ 8 3				♦ Q 9 6 7 2	
♣ 8 6 4				♣ A 3	
		SOUTH			
		♠ K 6 3			
		♥ K 8			
		♦ A J 10 6 5			
		♣ 10 9 5			
EAST-WEST VUL: SOUTH		WEST	NORTH	EAST	
		P	1C	1H	
		2D	P	2S	
		2NT	P	3NT	
		P	P	P	
2H LEAD					

The deuce of hearts went to the Ace, and the heart return was won by the king. Declarer could not afford to knock out the ace of clubs, because the defense could cash 3 more hearts when they got in. South started by playing the ace and king of spades with east dropping the jack on the second round. On the next two spades, east threw a club, but had a problem on the last spade. If he pitched a heart, declarer could knock out the ace of clubs.

NORTH			
♠ —			
♥ —			
♦ K 4			
♣ K Q J 7 2			
WEST		EAST	
♠ —		♠ —	
♥ Q 7		♥ 10 9 3	
♦ 8 3		♦ Q 9 7	
♣ 8 6 4		♣ A	
		SOUTH	
		♠ —	
		♥ —	
		♦ A J 10 6 5	
		♣ 10 9	

When east pitched a diamond, the king of diamonds and a successful finesse were enough to bring in the suit for five tricks.

2012 PBA SPRING SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Fri Aft 299'er Pairs

D E F		
1 1	J Lesjack-C Lesjack	
2	G Sandson-A Sandson	
3 2	J Davis-G Hetzer	
3	W Kelsey-MR Kelsey	
1	J Baseman-R Neafach	
2	C Conaway-M Babbitt	
3	J Kasdan-L Wozman	

Fri Aft Open Pairs

A B C		
1	ML Naughton-J Prior	
2	R Katz-P Katz	
3	P Caplan-C Caplan	
1 1	R Grassel-J Zaccardi	
2	K Eichler-A Jacobelli	
3 2	WD Lowery-R Patterson	
3	J Fox-F Siffrinn	

Fri Eve Open Pairs

A B C		
1 1	B Fudor-W Oberfield	
2 1	K Eichler-A Jacobelli	
3 2 1	R Heasley-J Rajgopal	
3 2	L Ostrow-V Kane	
3	J Fox-F Siffrinn	

Fri Eve 299'er Pairs

D E F		
1 1 1	P Miller-R Burrows	
2 2 2	R Greco-K Dolegowski	
3 3	R Goldthwait-E Goldthwait	

Handicapped K-O Bracket I

1	W Holt - M Paulone Carns- R Quinlan- C Hoechstetter
2	K Bergman-B Bergman- E Retetagos-M Retetagos

Handicapped K-O Bracket II

1	B Leonard-J Wise-M Marcello R Holzman
2	P Miller-B Miller-M Fezar H Churchill

Sat Morn Open Pairs

A B C		
1 1	S Portnoy-L Joseph	
2	B Fudor-F Cymerman	
3	M Tamres-J Zambroski	
2 1	C Gibboney-D Sterrett	
3	J Crowley-H Feldman	
2	R Grassel-J Zaccardi	
3	R Haas-J Tsang	

Sat Morn 299'er Pairs

D E F		
1 1	H Balph-R Patterson	
2 2 1	M Babbitt-C Conaway	
3/4 3/4 2	S Podgers-M Siebert	
3/4 3/4	J Scott-K Donaldson	
3	J Baseman-K Shipkovitz	

Sat Aft Open Pairs

A B C		
1	R Franck-J Marshall	
2	W Cornwell-S Veauthier	
3	F Schenker-F Prus	
1	J Prior-S Schwarzwaelder	
2	P Cunkelman-W Obitz	
3	T Morris-J Bernot	
2	R Haas-J Tsang	
3	G Goetz-M Frizzi	

Sat Compact K-O

1	J Haffner-H Haffner-P Katz-R Katz
2	D Gregg-R Sheldon-D Pittman- N Aquino

Sat Morn 299'er Pairs

D E F		
1	G Zdravecky-A Martin	
2	G Perez-J Szymecki	
3 1	M Patel-C Gandhi	
2	N Simon-R Simon	
3 1	E Goldthwait-R Goldthwait	
2	P Rambasek-R Laird	

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PBA THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2012

01	NAOP Qualifier
03	Fossick-Goodman Sunday Swiss Team Event @ Edgewood CC <i>(SEE FLYER ON PAGE 2!!!)</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

JULY 2012

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

AUGUST 2012

03	New Partnership Night
10	NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
17	Unit Championship
24	Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
31	<i>PITTSBURGH LABOR DAY REGIONAL AT THE AIRPORT HYATT</i>

Sat Aft Single Session Swiss Teams

A B C		
1 1	F Howard-C Scholl- S & BGrzegorzewski	
2	B Fudor-F Cymerman-A Ulke- F Walters	
3	B Belardi-A Williams- C Powell-J Sonon	
2 1	D Kresh-R Kleinmann- B Shah-D Turacy	
3	J Baseman-K Shipkovitz- R Patterson-H Balph	

Sunday 299'er Swiss Teams

D E F		
1	J & D Allison-T Barker-M Lunne	
2 1	T Donehoo-L Thiel-JA Mujwit- R Gavert	
3 2	P Miller-R Burrows-E Levine N Rescher	
3	L&B Schoof-A Tam-K Peters	
1	G Patel-M Patel-C Gandhi- P Shete	

Sunday Swiss Teams

A B C		
1	R Franck-J Marshall-P&C Caplan	
2 1	J Phillips-S Portnoy-S Brand- M Retetagos	
3 2	J Wheeler-P Weistrich- R Poppleton-R Krauland	
3	M&M Hill-W Kraybill-K Music	
1	G Retos-D Mannheim- B Shah-D Turacy	
2	C Woodhead-G Wire-J Zakor- G Streiter	
3	ML Ford-J Cromo-F Chapman P Swedlow	

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE WINNERS!
GREAT JOB!!**

INTERNET POST:

You are South, matchpoints, none vulnerable
You hold:

S AK
H A 10 8 6 4 3
D A Q 10 6 4
C --

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
		1S	PASS
2H	PASS	3C*	PASS
3D	PASS	3NT	PASS
4D	PASS	5D	PASS
5S	PASS	5NT	PASS
?			

*Shows extra values

Asim Ulke I bid **6D**. 5NT by North is an attempt to play 5NT and not a grand slam inquiry. There is no strongly raised suit since partners 5D bid does not promise the king and could have been made with Jx or xxx. As it is even 6D may not make due to problems with communication. Partners hand could be QJxxx x Jx AKQxx minimum or QJxxx x Kxx AKQx maximum. With the later hand 7D makes if diamonds break 3-2 and spades break 4-2 or 3-3. All of which makes 7D a bad choice. With the first hand, everything has to be right to make 6D. Partner holding a hand somewhere in between the two hands, 6D is a favorite to make.

Bill Holt: **7D**. If 'extra values' is 15+ then you are on 32+ and 6NT should have a play. But my distribution makes me think NT is not our best spot so I will take a shot at the diamond grand.

Ernie Retetagos **6S**. I'm certainly going to bid a slam. Since partner's bidding is consistent with doubleton King of diamonds, there would be no late re-entry to dummy in a diamond contract. Their spade suit can't be totally pathetic or they wouldn't have extras.

Steve Nolan **7NT**. Partner bypassed Blackwood to bid 5D -- why? The answer has to be that he is void in hearts. He also has extra strength, and since he has no hearts and is missing the ace and king of spades, his clubs and diamonds have to be strong. It sounds like we have thirteen tricks: five spade tricks, five diamond tricks, the ace of hearts and either the AK of clubs or the ace of clubs and a long spade.

Trudy Cohn: **6S** I will bid six spades. Partner is asking me to pick a slam. I doubt if he has more than two cards in either of my suits. My spade holding makes a spade slam look safer to me.

Gail Carns: **7D** 5NT should be going along with the grand slam try without the CA

Jim Bachelder **6D** I don't think notrump has much of a play so I'll bid 6D and hope I make it. If partner holds: QJXXX, X, KXX, AKXX, I'll make seven when trumps break 3-2 and spades no worse than 4-2. Of you ojrse, thats the perfect hand which my partners never have. What if pard tables this collection: QTXXX, Q, JX, AKJXX? PUKE!

Marvin Rulin: **7D**, partner has "extra values" and diamond support opposite my big hand. his 5 nt may be agrand slam force asking if i have two of top three honors. there may be some transportation problems but the king of diamonds should take care of that. see you in may

Florine Walters: **6NT** If partner is trying to tell me that their club holding is KQJx, and perhaps holds the following hand QJxxx, K, Kxx, KQJx, then 6 NT should be the correct contract. I think partner might have bid 6 clubs over 5 spades, so 6 NT is a go for me

Fred Schenker: **7N**. Partner has 5-1-3-4 shape and must have the QJxxx of S, Kxx of D and AKQx of C. If partner has the stiff HK or the JC or the D suit behaves, I will be making 7. I'm all in.

Jane Marshall **6NT**. Since 3C shows extra values North must have more highcards than QJ of spades and AKQJ of clubs. The K of hearts OR K of diamonds will make 6N the best contract.

Stan Ruskin: I bid 6NT. He never cue bid and I know that he has extra values but they have to be in clubs which is worthless to me. He probably has a doubleton heart although he could have a singleton. At any rate. Communication is difficult and I might not make 6NT if the cards don't sit right. He could have QJxxx, xx, Kxx and AKQ in which case 7NT looks pretty good. But what if he has Kx of H and Jxx of D and I bid 6NT.

PJ Prabu: 7D. With 3C promising extra values, perhaps 7NT would make as well; but 7D gives us extra chances to set up S or H suits should North not hold both the Q and J of S. An example hand for North is Qxxxx,x,KJx,AKQx. Why did I bid 5S last round?

Warren Oberfield: **6NT** If I held the south cards, I would bid 5N, not 5S, over 5D. In the actual auction, over 5S we are committed to playing at least 6D, so North by bidding 5N there should be stronger than if North bid 6D. I am inclined to bid 7D, with a caveat below. While 7S or 7N might also make, that is not a major concern. I have no way to determine this, and +1440 should be a good score. The concern that I do have is the negative inference of partner's choice of 5D over 4D, instead of a 5C cue bid. While partner can hardly have extra values with no ace or king of spades, if I expected partner to cue bid 5C over 4D with a 5134 including the ace of clubs, I would have to be content to bid only 6N.

Herb Sachs: **7 NT** the worst possible hand i can give my partner is QJXXX Q Kxx AKJx; even with this 7NT has a play; am I missing something?

INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	7D
David Berkowitz	6C
August Boehm	6C
Bart Bramley	7S
Larry Cohen	6C
Billy Eisenberg	6NT
Russ Ekeblad	6S
Mark Feldman	6S
Ross Grabel	6C
Allan Graves	6NT
Barbara Haberman	7D
Carl Hudecek	6D
Sami Kehela	7C
Danny Kleinman	6D
Eric Kokish	7C
Mark Lair	6S
Sidney Lazard	7D
Pratap Rajadhyaksha	6D
Arthur Robinson	7NT
Jeff Rubens	6S
Ira Rubin	6D
Harry Steiner	6NT
Robert Wolff	7D
Kit Woolsey	6S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
6S	6	2	100
7D	4	4	90
7C	2	0	90
6NT	3	4	80
6C	4	0	70
6D	4	2	70
7S	1	0	50
7NT	1	3	40

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Allegheny North Charity Club Champ	2	3 Pittsburgh North Charity Club Champ	4 PBA Unit Championship	5 May 5 Unit 229
6	7	8	9	10	11 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team	12
13	14 Club Champ Rodef	15	16	17	18 PBA AWARDS NIGHT PARTY	19
20	21	22	23 JCC Wechsler Club Champ	24	25 PBA Cancelled- Cleveland Regional	26
27	28 Memorial Day game cancelled	29	30	31		

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Joan Zakor - Sandra Harris	73.81%	Whitehall Mon
Bud McElhaney - Art Bonneau	70.83%	Temple Emanuel
Harold & Judy Haffner	75.00%	JCC
Emily and James Mendelson	78.82%	RS 199ers

3 IN A ROW

D Hess	Whitehall	R Tate	Whitehall
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2 IN A ROW

M Roteman	Whitehall	J Roteman	Whitehall
B Clontz	JCC SH	B Bozick	JCC SH
S Pollack	JCC SH	L Joseph	JCC SH
A Port	JCC NLM	P Shrut	Suburban
J Secka	Suburban	J Marshall	Allegh N
C Hoehstetter	Allegh North	R Franck	Allegh N
R Zwack	Allegh North	D Averbach	Allegh N
C Hoehstetter	Pgh North	J Fields	Rodef 199
D Fields	Rodef 199	D Hoover	JCC NLM
C Newman	JCC NLM	Madeline Kramer	JCC
Harold Chelmer	JCC		
Garnet Depner	Export DBC		
Mary Jo Johnson	Export DBC		



HURRAH!!!
LET'S HEAR IT FOR
THE WINNERS~~

