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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by arlene port

Now, now, stop fussing at me. I didn't mean to have Lou write two covers in a row, but it couldn't be helped. I promise not to let it happen again.

So, let me bring you up to date. In case you didn't know, the "Bridge Season" is up and running. June is busting out all over with events, tournaments and special club games, all designed to make you serious master point holders.

Our first event is the Audrey Fossick and Gloria Goodman Unit Swiss Team Championship at Edgewood Country Club, scheduled for June 3. It is a charity event designed to raise funds for local bridge education. Be sure you attend.

Next on our fantastic schedule is STaC week, June 11—17. Check the calendar on page 12 to make certain the game you plan to attend is participating. These games are fun and winners receive silver points. There is a schedule on page 8 but please check the District 5 website for the most current information. *PBA SPECIAL THURSDAY GAME - SEE FLYER ON FACING PAGE!!!*

Then, of course comes the ever-popular July Sectional. This is a no-miss tournament, under the very capable hands of Bill Holt, Ron Franck and Ruthie Neafach. WHAT A TEAM!! You can be certain you will be fed, feted and become fantastically famous at the bridge table. If you find you are short a partner, no problem, just call those two dynamos, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer, who takes care of newcomers and 199ers. Please see the flyer on page 7. (Also, don't forget the Unit 229 Butler Summer Sectional scheduled for July 28-29. Check the PBA or D5 website for information)

All this, including area sectionals are scheduled for your enjoyment. Take advantage. If you don't, I will let Lou write two Post Mortem covers in a row again, and we know you don't want that to happen. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and enjoy all of these events we have planned for you.

P.S. Don't forget to check out the Internet Post hand of the month a on page 7 and compare your bidding skills against our experts.

P.P.S. *If you're looking for the Cleveland Regional results, check the PBA and District 5 websites. As Arlene won an event, I'm not going to waste space printing it here. Maybe next month...lou*

Back by Popular Demand!!!

STaC'n'Snack 6

You keep showing up ... So we'll keep having it!!!

June 11-17, 2012
STaC Week!
STaC Games All Week, Plus...

STaC'n'Snack 6

Thursday June 14 @ Glenshaw Moose
Game time 7:00, Pot Luck @ 6:15

You might not win at Bridge ... but everyone wins the Snack-Off!

Bring your Favorite Dish for All to Enjoy!


Can't bring a snack? It's OK ... somebody has to eat all this food!
Please Coordinate Snacks with Barb Bergman 724-935-4591
STaC'n'Snack Entry just \$7.50 pp.

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

Stratifications: "A" 2000+ "B" 500-2000 "C" 0-500 All masterpoint awards are Silver. Stratifications by Average MPs in all STaC Events

My partner seems Goofy

Directions on our website: www.pittsburghbridge.org



IN MEMORIAM

Unfortunately, May wasn't our best month in terms of keeping members and family from leaving us.

Bernie Fudor's mother passed away last week. We extend our deepest sympathy to Bernie, Thalia and their family and friends.

Stanley Simon, who played weekly at Rodef died last month. Our condolences to Stanley's family.

I also lost my mother, Rose Platt, who was in her 105th year, in May. She was the most wonderful lady and I will always miss her terribly. I would like to thank all those wonderful people who expressed their sympathy to me and my family, making this very sad time easier to beararlene

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4C	6	2	100
3D	6	2	90
3C	6	0	90
3H	7	3	70
3S	1	1	40
4NT	1	5	20
5C	0	0	10
4H	0	1	0

POST SCRIPTS

Hope Annette Blum is recovering nicely and will be back at the bridge table very soon. (How about NOW!!)

(I told you, Annette, if you want to stay well, you must lose some weight!! Oh wait, any thinner and you would disappear, so stay the way you are.)

Vicky Lewis sends this message: Thank you for your generous donations to Vintage for the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Your donations, totaling \$825.00 will directly benefit programs and services for older adults at Vintage Senior Center, 4-1 No. Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206. Contributions to Vintage are tax deductible. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you all.

Joe Brady is recovering nicely at Asbury Heights after undergoing surgery. Joe, one of my favorite partners is sorely missed, not only by me, but by all the bridge players in our unit. For those of you who are saying he is hiding out so he won't have to play with me, I object. Could they be right?: Just get well soon, Joe.

LOCAL GAMES OF INTEREST POST

Talk about your average conglomerate, and the name Don Averbach comes to mind. Don is the director for 4 games in the area.

15 years ago, friends in Harrisburg encouraged him to become a director and when he did, everything fell into place. On Jane McIntyre's recommendation, Don took over a game in Whitehall when Mary Jones retired. When the JCC opened, they hired Don to run their bridge game on Tuesday night, and soon added a Thursday game as well. He then took over the Friday night Suburban game when Bob Davis retired.

When talking to Don, it becomes evident he really loves the game. In addition to directing, Don also teaches. He said he tells all his students at the beginning that bridge is not a game where you have to roll the dice and move the required number of spaces. It requires a great deal of analyzing, counting and, most of all, thinking. He feels that bridge is the best game for all ages. When I asked him what he does in his spare time. Don had no problem telling me that when he didn't direct, he liked to play. Once a year Don also acts as a director on a cruise ship. Clearly, his skill and competence shows in the way he plays and directs his games.

Somewhere in between working and retirement, Don and his wife, Rhondda found time to have four children; three girls and one boy. He also has four grandchildren. Four is definitely his lucky number.

If you're looking for a good time, here is a listing of Don's games.

Whitehall Duplicate Club Monday Noon: 12:00 412-221-1615
Whitehall Borough Bldg, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15236

JCC Duplicate Club Tues night :6:00 412-221-1615
South Hills J.C.C., 345 Kane Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15243

JCC South Hills Thurs 12:15 412-221-1615
South Hills J.C.C., 345 Kane Boulevard, Pittsburgh PA 15243

Suburban Bridge Club Friday, 12:00 412-221
1615 Whitehall Borough Bldg, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15236

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

John Driscoll
Larry Haddad

CLUB MASTER

Lynda Gesalman
Seymour Sikov
Karl Sokalski

SECTIONAL MASTER

Kathleen Dolegowski
Fran Steger
Kenneth Stiger

REGIONAL MASTER

Patricia Miller

NABC MASTER

Joann Szymeccki

LIFE MASTER

Frank Siffrinn

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Joanne Cromo

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Jean Picone
Betty Wilkerson

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Donald Faskow
Constance Hoechstetter

NICE GOING, GANG!!!

ACHIEVEMENT POST

Bill Holt ably ran the annual PBA awards ceremony this year. We are delighted to recognize the following winners:

THE MILT FRAZIER AWARD:
Presented to the Unit 142 member who has give the most effort for the good of the Unit was bestowed upon **JANE MARSHALL**

THE JANE MCINTYRE AWARD:
Presented to the Unit 142 member who is deemed to have contributed the most towards helping others enjoy the game was bestowed upon **CECELIA POWELL**

THE FRED SORENSEN AWARD:
Presented to the Unit 142 member who has won the most masterpoints in Unit events was won by **MARY PAULONE CARNS**

THE NIRMALA SOMANI AWARD:
AKA "THE NIMMY" presented to the Unit 142 Non Life Master member who wins the most masterpoints overall for the calendar year was won by **JEFFREY TSANG**

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: Presented to the Unit 142 member who does the most amount of work for the least amount of recognition was bestowed upon **ASIM ULKE**

*We also want to take the time to congratulate **Ron Franck** as the latest recipient of the prestigious Anne McGilvery Award. This award, presented by District 5, honors a player who epitomizes ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table.*

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!

WANNA GREAT HAND? WELL, HERE IT IS, BY OUR HAND-SOME BRIDGE EXPERT

.....**Ernie Retetagos**

♠ K J 6
♥ 9
♦ A Q 10 9 7 6
♣ J 10 2

♠ 5 4 3
♥ A Q 7 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A K 8 6

♠ Q 10
♥ K J 6 5 3
♦ 5 3 2
♣ 9 7 4

♠ A 9 8 7 2
♥ 10 8
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 5 3

Most of my partners would tell you that I usually only chuck about one trick per hand. This hand was an exception. But I want to give credit to a good defensive play. At a club game, Dot Mehok was sitting West and sitting East was Bob Heasley .

After South passed, West opened 1 heart, North overcalled 2 diamonds, East bid 3 hearts, and my 3 spade bid ended the auction. West led 2 top clubs, followed by a diamond shift. I thought I would cash 2 top spades and make 11 tricks if the Queen dropped doubleton, and 9 tricks otherwise. I cashed the King of spades and East dropped the Queen!!! I'd like to report that I continued with the Jack of spades and made 11 tricks, but I can't. Even if East showed out, I could lead a heart and come to 9 tricks. But I had bigger things in mind. If West had a doubleton diamond, I could still get 11 tricks. I came to hand with the Queen of clubs and finessed the 10 of spades, losing to East. A top heart and a diamond ruff left me with 8 tricks.

SUMMER STaC WEEK

Participating games as of 5-31-2012
In Unit 142 & 229

	Morn/Aft	Eve
Mon 6-11		
Milt Frazier DBC	X	
Rodef Shalom	X	
Rodef 199'er	X	
Export DBC	X	
Whitehall DBC	X	
Natrona Heights	X	
Latrobe DBC		X
Washington DBC		X
Ellwood City		X
Tue 6-12		
Allegheny North	X	
South Hills JCC	X	
Boyd Center	X	
Indiana DBC		X
Temple Sinai		X
South Hills JCC		X
Wed 6-13		
Milt Frazier DBC	X	
JCC Squirrel Hill	X	
Temple Emanuel	X	
Moon Area DBC		X
New Castle		X
Thu 6-14		
Greensburg DBC	X	
Pittsburgh North	X	
Milt Frazier DBC	X	
South Hills JCC		X
Butler DBC		X
PBA STaC 'n Snack		X
Fri 6-15		
Milt Frazier DBC	X	
Suburban DBC	X	
PBA Wilkins Twp		X
Mt Lebanon DBC		X
Sat 6-16		
Latrobe DBC	X	
Center Bridge	X	

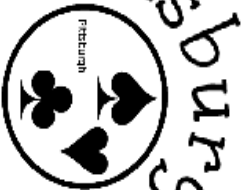
Warren Oberfield: 4NT This question depends on if I am playing methods I prefer, or another convention card. I usually play Walsh style (the "frequently bypass 4+ d" box checked) and 0314 rkcb. The problem did not specify if these apply, but I suspect most people play these methods. If both of these apply, I bid 4N. If partner bids 5C/4N, I bid 5D (the defense is more difficult if 1147 does not come down in dummy, but I must keep the auction alive in case partner holds 3 key cards). If partner bids 5D/4N, I pass. If partner responds either 5H or 5S, I bid 6C.

That is the easier part. Playing "up-the-line" instead of Walsh, partner has a much greater chance of holding only four diamonds, so it is less safe to bid rkcb. In Walsh style, a 1D response almost always holds 5 or more diamonds. If rkcb is 1430, I cannot handle a 5D response. We may be either cold for seven, or already too high. So, if either "up-the-line" or 1430 apply, I reluctantly bid 4C over 1D (the solid suit with four card fit concept). I realize that given this distribution, I may not get much help from partner. Hopefully, partner can cue bid a major over 4C, in which case partner probably holds decent diamonds and at least one key card, and I can then bid rkcb. If partner cannot cue bid, I sign off at game.

Jane Marshall 4H (kickback for diamonds). 2H would be a reverse and forcing. Since 3H is a splinter, 4H is kickback. If partner has 0 or 1 keycard (bids 4S or 4NT), I will sign off at 5D. 5C would show 2 without the Queen and I will sign off at 5D. If he has 2 with the Queen, I will bid 6D. (If he has 3 keys, he will clarify his 4S bid by bidding on.)

Check the D5 website for starting times!!!

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional



Partnerships:
Jane Marshall
412-371-4067

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

Tournament Chairs:
Bill Holt 412-860-2794
Ron Franck 412-913-1505
Ruthie Neafach 412-242-7419

Director in Charge:
Mike Roberts
Sanction # S 1207046
Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
Open Swiss Teams
\$100 / team
299er Swiss \$ 580 / team

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

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

July 6 - 8, 2012
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, July 6

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, July 7

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, July 8

11:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams
Stratified 299er 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

Hospitality
All Sessions!
Lunch Included on Sat!
Brunch & Lunch on Sun!
Lesson from an Expert...
Friday @ 6:45 PM
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



INTERNET POST:

You are South, matchpoints, both vul, and you hold:

S 7
H 6
D A 10 8 3
C A K Q J 7 6 5

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1C	PASS	1D	PASS

? What do you bid

3H, 3S = splinter

*Shows extra values

Asim I bid 3D. Overbid with a 7-4 hand. What I do from here depends on partner's next bid.

Bill Holt: 4NT, Keycard. Even a 5H reply (2 without the Queen) puts us in a finesse-at-worse for slam.

Herb Sachs: 4NT As the opponents have at least nine hearts and nine spades partner must have a good hand, most likely triple four one, I bid 4NT key card for diamonds or not! a five diamond bid will probably reward me with zero matchpoints but any other response will help me bid seven. When the answers are evaluated it would be nice to know what partner has!!

Robert Zimmermann: 3S. We could be cold for a grand or going down at the 3 level, and there's no way to know. The opponents are silent, even though they hold two 8+ card major suit fits, so that argues that p has some real values. I'll bid 3S, then cue bid 4H. I'll pass 5D if p persists with 4D over 3S and 5D over 4H.

Steve Nolan . 3H. Eventually I'm going to bid Roman Key Card Blackwood, and I will know what to do over 5D, H or S. I don't want to bid 4NT immediately, though, because 5C will be ambiguous (0 or 3 key cards). I want partner to cue bid the ace of spades if he has it (thus clarifying the future Blackwood response) and 3H is the bid that will get that information. 3H is a better bid than 3S: partner will cue bid the spade ace over 3H but might bid 3NT over 3S holding (or lacking) the ace of hearts.

Gail Carns: 4C This is a tough hand but since I have 2 major suit cards and the opponents are silent I think partner has a good hand so I make the descriptive bid of 4C which shows a diamond raise with solid clubs. (Gail Carns, I'm overwhelmed.

More than 2 words - WOW)

Marvin Rulin 4d. this is a tough one, i wonder why east or west didn't overcall a major. does this imply north has 4441 distribution or does partner have big hand. if north has kqxxx,xxxx,qxxx,x we can't make game, but if he has an ace in a major and kqxx in diamonds, we have a good play for slam. if i bid 4d,i hope he will show me his ace if he has one along with decent diamonds or pass with the minimum i described above. hopefully he'll bid 5d with a good diamond suit and no aces.a bid of 4 nt is tempting but doesn't answer my needs here

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Diamonds. I'm not worried about partner passing. The opponents silence indicates that partner has a good hand.

Stan Ruskin 3S. The only thing that is important in this hand is how many Aces and what is his diamond holding.

If you could bid 4NT which would be KC Blackwood in diamonds, that is what I would bid but I don't know if it is although it should be. Thus, I bid 4NT if it will be understood as that. If not,

I have to make some kind of forcing bid in support of diamonds and then bid 4NT as KC Blackwood. I think that, in this case, I would bid 3H or 3S, you choose and then 4NT which is clearly KC Blackwood in diamonds. Thus, I will bid 3S.

PJ Prabu: 4NT. Roman key card Blackwood with D as trump. Given opponents' silence partner appears to have a strong hand. I'll pass 5D, bid 5H (Q asking) over 5C, and 6C (to play) over 5H or 5S.

Paul Caplan: 3 hearts as a splinter denies 4 cards in spades and leaves room for a 3 spade cue bid. I will pass 3nt re-bid, over 3 spades I will bid 5 diamonds asking for good diamonds. Partner will know that the clubs are solid.

Eric Ruben: 4C. Textbook picture-bid showing diamond support and very good (solid) clubs. This hand is almost too good for 4C, but it's easy to envision more than 3 losers.

Jim Bachelder: Three hearts, what else? Three hearts allows partner to Q three spades. Certainly NOT Blackwood. Whether you play regular RKC or 1430, any 5C/D bid is ambiguous. Five clubs (0 or 3), now what? Does partner hold:KQX, KXX, QJXXXX, X or : AXX, AX, KQXXXX, XX. Minorwood (if you play it) would work well here where 1C - 1D - 4D is keycard.

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Florine Walters: Three hearts, the cheaper splinter. It certainly is not a great bid but you certainly want to make a forcing bid with this hand and I can think of nothing else that is forcing that makes sense.

INTERNET POST

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Marty Bergen	3H
David Berkowitz	3H
Bart Bramley	3C
Drew Casen	3H
Larry Cohen	3C
Billy Eisenberg	3D
Brian Fallenius	4C
Richard Freeman	3C
Fred Gitelman	3H
Robb Gordon	4C
Carl Hudecek	3D
Paul Ivaska	3H
Sami Kehela	4C
Danny Kleinman	3D
Eric Kokish	3D
Erik Paulson	3D
Arthur Robinson	3D
Jeff Rubens	3C
Ira Rubin	3C
Barnet Shenkin	3H
Russell Shoup	4NT
Ron Smith	3S
Frank Stewart	4C
Adam Wildavsky	4C
Robert Wolff	3H
Kit Woolsey	6S
Joel Wooldridge	4C
Kit Woolsey	3C

See total results on page 4

JUNE 2012 hot line 412-436-0125

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3 Edgewood CC Fossick-Goodman Team game	4	5	6	7	8 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	9		
10	11	12	13	14 PBA STaC'n SNACK @ Glenshaw/Moose	15 PBA STaC Pairs and Board Mtg	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22 PBA Open Pairs	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29 PBA Open Pairs	30		

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Diane Franjione & Marlene Sienicki 77.38% SH JCC NLM
Sandy Harris & Curt Woodhead 70.00% SH JCC
Joseph Bernot & Jane Blackburn 70.83% Temple Emanuel

3 IN A ROW

Lou Joseph JCC SH Arlene Pork JCC SH

2 IN A ROW

Marge Mazer Rodef James Quigley Rodef
Barbara Klein Rodef James Klein Rodef
Norman Sindler Roder 199er Mark Chernoff Rodef 199er
Ron Grassel Export DBC Ranjana Gupta JCC SH
Dee Ikach-Lefcort Whitehall Alan Lefcort Whitehall
Bob Zwack Allegh North Don Averbach Allegh North
Ken Bergman Allegh North

THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JULY 2012

06 PBA Summer Sectional @ Masonic Center
13 PBA 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 PBA Unit Championship
24 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
31 PITTSBURGH LABOR DAY REGIONAL AT THE AIRPORT HYATT

SEPTEMBER 2012

07 PBA Open Pairs
14 PBA Club Championship
21 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
28 International Fund Game