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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

..... by lou joseph

There are many, many, many unsolved bridge mysteries that hound mere mortals like us. For example, why is the K♣ singleton more than any other card (well, even if it isn't, it seems to be... And why can Arlene spot the smallest typo in her name or an accidental use of a smaller font that intended when her name is printed, but still can't remember to change the date on the masthead? Who know? The Shadow, I suppose...

Arlene desperately wants to have this month's edition available for distribution at the Roni Regional Labor Day tournament. This means that this issue will go to press well before the actual end of August, so don't be looking for any results from the ongoing tournament until October. Don't blame me, I'm only the messenger.

However, while you are enjoying the Roni Regional, please keep in mind the following upcoming events:

*1) It's not too late to sign up for the Learn Bridge in One Day, being held at the Hyatt on September 1 (check out the flyer on page 6)*

*2) Thursday evening, October 4th, the PBA will once again hold the ACBL INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME at the Glenshaw Moose, complete with pot-luck supper, (check out the flyer on page 4)*

*3) Wednesday evening, October 10th, the PBA will host the 15th annual PRO-AM Charity game at Rodef Shalom Temple in Oakland. All proceeds this year will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh. This is the premier event of the PBA calendar! (check out the flyer on page 2)*

*That's a lot to prepare for - at least you have plenty of time to do so!!*

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Charity

# Pro Am

Wednesday October 10, 2012  
Rodef Shalom Temple  
Game Time 7 PM  
Desserts & Munchies 6:15 PM

We've assembled an All-Star Lineup of the Top  
Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area.

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*All Proceeds benefit*

*Ronald McDonald House Charities of Pittsburgh*

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*Help Us Make a Difference!*



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Rodef Shalom Temple  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213



## ELECTION POST

*Election: Saturday, Nov 10 2012*

*Petitions Due By: Oct 10 2012*

The Bylaws of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association call for up to a 20 member Board of Directors, with each Director serving a two-year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 10 members are to be elected each year. For 2012, seven Board members terms are expiring. If you would like to run for the Board of Directors, you need to submit a nominating petition, signed by ten members of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. The deadline for submitting nominating petitions is 10/10/2010. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were Board seats to fill, and there has been no need to hold an election. If more than ten nominating petitions are received, an election will be held on at the Fall Sectional, to select the members of the Board who will serve from 2010 until 2013. Please submit any nominating petitions to Board President Asim Ulke or Elections Chair Phyllis Silver, or any current board member. The following board members' terms are expiring:

*Ken Bergman    Maryanne McNeirney    Carole Shanahan*  
*Bill Holt        Marilyn Painter*  
*Lou Joseph     Bill Seran*

### THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

#### OCTOBER 2012

- 04 INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME Thursday Eve - Glenshaw Moose
- 05 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs
- 10 ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY GAME - Wednesday Eve - Rodef Shalom
- 12 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM and PBA Board Meeting
- 19 PBA Club Championship
- 26 PBA Unit Championship

#### NOVEMBER 2012

- 02 Unit Championship
- 09 PBA Fall Sectional @ Masonic Center
- 16 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 23 Open Pairs
- 30 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM & PBA Board Meeting (if required)

#### DECEMBER 2012

- 06 PBA STaC Pairs - *Thursday Eve* - Glenshaw Moose - HOLIDAY PARTY!!
- 07 PBA STaC Pairs
- 14 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 21 PBA Open Pairs
- 28 PBA Open Pairs

Everyone's favorite ACBL-wide game!



## Matchpoints

Thursday Night  
October 4, 2012  
Glenshaw Moose

Game Time 7PM

POT LUCK DINNER  
@ 6:15!

*Here's your chance to compete against Bridge Players from across North America - playing the same hands with Expert Analysis...*

### **INSTANT MATCHPOINTS!!!**

Earn Gold Points at the ACBL-wide Instant MP Game. Know your score & where you stand the INSTANT the hand is over - it's printed on the scoreslip.

Prepared Deals & Free Hand Analysis Booklet by Bridge Superstar Larry Cohen, Author of "The Law of Total Tricks".

Entry fee only \$8 ... and includes both the Pot Luck Dinner & the free hand analysis booklet.

**Such a Deal!    See You There!!!**

To Coordinate Pot-Luck Contributions,  
Call Barb Bergman 724-935-4591



Directions on the Website:  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

**UP THE LADDER  
POST**

**JUNIOR MASTER**

Sharon Antis  
Frances DePaul  
Barry Lhorner  
Maureen O'Brien  
Susan Riley  
Donald Wyke

**CLUB MASTER**

Jacquelyn Aloe  
Sheila Catz  
Prakash Shete  
Carol Stuart  
Harold Weiss

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E Maureen Hewitt  
Ron Holzman  
Ethel Levine  
Joanna Lhota  
Sandra McCall

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Thomas Donehoo  
Peggy Witsberger

**NABC MASTER**

Cynthia Custer

**SILVER LIFE MASTER**

Marvin Rulin  
Phyllis Silver

**GOLD LIFE MASTER**

Ron Franck  
*(how he did this that fast I cannot understand - I'm still waiting for him to finish a hand from three weeks ago!! - lou)*

**POST IT NOTES**

Get well wishes to Gail Hastings, who is finally out of the hospital and recuperating at home with a broken ankle. Hurry back to the table, Gail - it ain't the same without you!!

Arnie Roberts is back home from a second bout with surgery. Here's to his speedy recovery as well.

Even if we haven't mentioned them for a while, these players are still very much in our hearts, very much in our prayers, and very much missed...

Edie Weiser, Marian Smith, Norman Williams, Mary Anne McNeirney

If we've forgotten anyone, please let us know! We can only print what we're given!!!

**LEARN  BRIDGE  
in  Day!**

**Why is Bridge the world's most popular card game?**

Ever wonder why most Newspapers run a daily Bridge column?



Care to make new friends, and have fun, while keeping mentally sharp?

Did your parents play Bridge but you never learned?

**Here is your chance!**

**The Pittsburgh Bridge Association is  
Offering a Single Session Bridge Lesson!**

*Designed for the complete newcomer!*

**Saturday Sept. 1st - 12 Noon - 4:30 PM**

**Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt**

**\$25, includes take-home manual**

**& light supper to follow!**

*(Free Parking for the Bridge Lesson)*

**Advance Reservations Required - Call with Questions**

**www.pittsburghbridge.org**

**Or Call 412-407-CLUB (2582)**

*Free Parking instructions mailed  
or emailed to all Registrants*

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# LESSONS

Pittsburgh Bridge Association



The PBA Lesson Series Continues...  
Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting October 15, 2012  
@ 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. Taught by Lou Joseph.

**The Next Step:** A special series for the advancing player. Classes include: Basic Defense, Play of the hand at No Trump; Play of the hand in a suit; negative doubles; Bidding and responding to opening 2C openers; Transfers; Jacoby 2NT. (no textbook required) Taught by Arlene Port

Tuition \$70 for each 7-week class. Textbook for Bridge #1 \$12—if needed  
Advance Registration Requested - Complete & Mail this Form  
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For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637;  
or Email [printsus@verizon.net](mailto:printsus@verizon.net)

**Improving your game makes both you & your partner happy!!!**  
**Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Fall 2012**  
Bridge Basics#1  Advancing Player  I need a Textbook

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Make checks payable to the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION at \$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

## WHEELING SECTIONAL RESULTS AUGUST 3-5, 2012

### FRI OPEN PAIRS

- A B C  
1 C Bonnette-C Boyd  
2 F Feldman-J Prior  
3 1 J Wise-D Hendricks  
2 1 J Hyre-M Graham  
3/4 L Abraham-B Heisele  
3/4 2 W Hope-J Rainbolt

### SAT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C  
1 D Pierce-S Harman  
2 1 B Orban-T Danford  
3 2 J Fox-F Siffrinn  
3 1 V Kane-A Cockburn  
2 N Miler-D Franjione  
3 J Hyre-E Craft

### SUN SWISS TEAMS

- A B C  
1 W Holt-R Quinlan-  
K Bergman-B Bergman  
2 R Katz-P Katz-B Fudor-  
W Oberfield- A Porn  
3 1 V Kane-A Cockburn-  
N Raley-N Sivaneri  
2 J Prior-F Feldman-  
C Boyd-G Cotterman

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL  
THE WINNERS!!**

Note: The following Post Vacation Post article was written by Aubrey George when Mary Lou D'Altorria went to Havana and wrote about her visit. In her blog, she mentioned the famous bar from the Broadway production of "Guys and Dolls". Aubrey adapted that and came up with this funny story. which I know you will enjoy. .arlene

## POST VACATION POST .....by aubrey george

While you were gone we had a really great bridge party. The location was a surprise that was found by Sam Levene who, as you know, has the "Oldest established floating bridge game in Pittsburgh". The director welcomed all of us "Guys and Dolls" and said that she was sorry that she did not have her timer to show the end of a round but did say that "If I were a bell I could go ding ,dong ding". Obadiah did like the location and the time stating that this was "My time of day." After the director had been called three times because Stanley had been "coffee-housing" she told him to "Follow the fold and sin no more". A few of the players were complaining about the cards and "Adelaide's lament" was that none of her finesses ever worked, but Sky said that once he got a count on the hand that "I'll know" which way to take them. Isabel was so happy when her partner made a difficult doubled contract that she proclaimed "I never been in love before" but now "I love you a bushel and a peck". We did have a little problem. One of the men who had been dating his partner and giving her several presents must have asked that he get something in return. At that point she jumped up and told him "Take back your mink - what makes you think that I'm that kind of a girl". One of the lesser players was bemoaning that fact that she would never be a Life master but one of the better players encouraged her saying "More I cannot wish you" than that you get all your gold points. Poor Nathan he went down in a cold contract and was so strongly berated by his partner and all he could say was " Sue me, sue me what can you do me". George, as usual, had overbid and as he looked at the dummy whispered under his breath "Luck be a lady" and then went on to make the hand. One of the younger ladies was asking advice about her boyfriend who was not quite perfect. The reply was to "Marry the man today and change him subsequently". Then Stubby, who had much too much to drink was stumbling around telling everyone to "Sit down, You're rocking the boat". After the game, everyone stood around discussing the results, shouting, "I've Got the Hand Right Here..."

**INTERNET POST**

You are South, playing IMP's with both sides vulnerable.

You Hold:

S KQ652  
H J  
D 7643  
C A62

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1H	PASS	1S	PASS
2C	PASS	?	

**Asim** I bid **2H**. 1st I have too much to pass **2C**. I don't want to bid **2S** with a 5 card suit with no fillers like 9 or 10. and also I don't want to take the lead. I should have one more heart but with a good hand partner can show a spade fit.

**Bill Holt** **2NT**. Partner does not have the big hand which makes **3NT** easy, but he should play me for about this. Not good enough for **2d** (GF), and my partners raise **S's** with 3 pieces and a ruffing value so partner probably doesn't hold that hand, either.

**Robert Zimmermann**: **3C** Is **2D** a game force or a 1 round force? If the latter, **2D**. Otherwise **3C**.

**Gail Carns**: **2NT**(Gail forgot to put in the long explanation he had for his bid. I guess we will just have to use our imagination)

**Florine Walters** **Pass**. This could be a misfit, and I'm going for the plus score. If we miss a game, I will definitely apologize to partner.

**Steve Nolan** **2H**. I'm not thrilled with this bid (or any other). However, it has more upsides than pass, because we can still (i) find a 5-3 spade fit; or (ii) play in no trumps if partner can stop diamonds; or (iii) get to a club contract if partner is 5-5. Whenever I've passed with a hand like this, trumps have been 5-1.

**Jane Marshall** **Pass**. Sounds to me as if we are on a misfit. Partner should have at least 4 clubs and I have 3 (plus a ruffing value). I don't believe that we belong in any game.

**Bernie Fudor**: **pass** I fail to see problem but a lot of things are over my head

**Jim Bachelder**: **2D**, Not a robust suit but what would you have bid over a forcing no trump? Same thing. Understand, I'm not enamored with this bid but rebidding spades shows six and raising clubs shows four.

**Lou Joseph**: **3C** played 4th suit forcing for 1 round only, I would have an easy **2D** rebid. If I'm playing 4th suit forcing to game, I would bid **3C** and see what partner does after that.

**PJ Prabu** **2H**. With 10 points, I have to keep the bidding open. I see no point in bidding **2D** which will start a forcing sequence. I don't want to rebid **S** with this suit nor raise **C** with only 3 cards. That leaves **2H**.

**Paul Caplan**: **pass**. this should get a plus score, bidding more is looking for a minus score.

**Stan Ruskin** **2S** This is quite difficult. Can't bid **2D** or **2H**. **2NT** is iffy and **3C** is really pushing it with only three clubs since you promise four. **2S** isn't attractive but it may be the only bid that

I can make that makes sense. For me it is between **2S** and **2NT**. It depends on my mood But. I think I would bid **2S** and see what, if anything, partner bids.

**Marvin Rulin** **2D**, This an all-purpose bid for partner to further describe his hand. I probably will pass anything other than a jump bid

**Richard Katz**:: **3C**

**Arlene Port**: . **2S** I don't think it is a very good bid, but it is the only one I can think of. **3C** would be my second choice, but that is not very good either. I play 4th suit forcing to game, so **2H** is out for me and my diamonds are a major bad suit. I really should have bid **3C** because I knew that was the number one answer.

**Ernie Retetagos**: .

**Fred Schenker** **3C** This is a tough hand. It's either pass or **3C**. With 3-5-1-4 shape I would have expected a **S** raise, so I guess **pd** is either 2-5-2-4 or 2-5-1-5. I really don't like it, but since it is red imps, I'll bid **3C**.

**Herb Sachs**: **2S**. I am not certain what partner's hand looks like. They might have 3 spades and we can make game. I see no alternative bid, as hearts, diamonds and a club raise do not seem a reasonable alternative.

~~~~~INTERNET POST  
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Steve Beatty         | 2S  |
| David Berkowitz      | 3C  |
| Augie Boehm          | 3C  |
| Bart Bramley         | P   |
| Larry Cohen          | 3C  |
| Billy Eisenberg      | 2D  |
| Russ Ekeblad         | 3C  |
| Mark Feldman         | 2H  |
| Ross Gabel           | 2S  |
| Allan Graves         | P   |
| Barbara Haberman     | P   |
| Carl Hudecek         | P   |
| Sami Kehela          | 2S  |
| Danny Kleinman       | P   |
| Eric Kokish          | 3C  |
| Mark Lair            | 2H  |
| Sidney Lazard        | 3C  |
| Pratap Rajadhyasksha | 2H  |
| Arthur Robinson      | 2D  |
| Jeff Rubens          | 2H  |
| Ira Rubin            | 2S  |
| Harry Steiner        | 2H  |
| Robert Wolff         | 2NT |
| Kit Woolsey          | 3C  |

**INTERNET POST RESULTS:**

| BID  | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3C   | 7    | 4   | 100   |
| 2H   | 5    | 3   | 90    |
| 2S   | 4    | 3   | 80    |
| 2D   | 2    | 2   | 70    |
| 2NT  | 1    | 2   | 60    |
| PASS | 5    | 4   | 50    |

# SEPTEMBER 2012 hot line 412-436-0125

| Sun                   | Mon                    | Tue                                                   | Wed | Thu | Fri                                           | Sat         |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 26                    | 27                     | 28                                                    | 29  | 30  | 31                                            | 1           |
|                       |                        | <b>DISTRICT 5 "RONI REGIONAL" @ PGH AIRPORT HYATT</b> |     |     |                                               |             |
| 2                     | 3<br>Rodef Cancel      | 4                                                     | 5   | 6   | 7<br>PBA<br>Open Pairs                        | 8           |
| <b>THRU LABOR DAY</b> |                        |                                                       |     |     |                                               |             |
| 9                     | 10                     | 11                                                    | 12  | 13  | 14<br>PBA Club<br>Champion-<br>ship           | 15 Unit 229 |
| 16                    | 17<br>No Game<br>Rodef | 18                                                    | 19  | 20  | 21<br>PBA Unit<br>Champ Swiss<br>Teams        | 22          |
| 23/30                 | 24                     | 25                                                    | 26  | 27  | 28<br>PBA hosts<br>International<br>Fund Game | 29          |

## FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

|                                |                   |        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Joanne Lebovitz and Lois Kort  | Rodef 199'ers     | 73.73% |
| Marge Tamres and Bob Heasley   | Pittsburgh North  | 73.00% |
| Jane Marshall and Ron Franck   | Allegheny North   | 71.15% |
| Gail Carns and Bob Zwack       | Allegheny North   | 70.60% |
| Barb Belardi and Barb Bergman. | Moon Area Dup     | 71.43% |
| Marilyn Weisensee - Bob Davis  | Whitehall Mon aft | 73.61  |

## 3 IN A ROW

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Jane Marshall | Pgh North          |
| Sandy Harris  | Whitehall Mon aft  |
| Paula Shrut   | Whitehall—Friday   |
| Joe Secka     | Whitehall - Friday |

## 2 IN A ROW

|                |                   |                  |               |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Rick Laird     | Rodef 199'ers     | Patti Rambasek   | Rodef 199'ers |
| Jane Marshall  | Allegh North      | Ron Franck       | Allegh North  |
| Jane Marshall  | Pgh North         | Sue Lordi        | Allegh North  |
| C Hoechstetter | Allegh North      | Lou Joseph       | Pgh North     |
| M L Naughton   | Pgh North         | Jean Prior       | Pgh North     |
| Leonard Stern  | JCC               | Milt Weiss       | JCC           |
| Barb Klein     | Mon. Rodef        | Jim Klein        | Mon. Rodef    |
| Paula Rubin    | Mon. Rodef        | Mort Rubin       | Mon. Rodef    |
| Lila Margolis  | Mon. Rodef        | Elaine Zweig     | Mon. Rodef    |
| Felice Brody   | Mon. Rodef        | Rick Laird       | Rodef 199ers  |
| Patti Rambasek | Mon. Rodef 199ers | Mark Chernoff    | Rodef 199ers  |
| Norman Sindler | Mon. Rodef 199ers | Robert Kleinmann | Tues JCC SH   |

## IN MEMORY

I am very sad to announce that Joe Brady passed away yesterday. I will publish a proper obituary for Joe in the next issue. arlene