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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by lou joseph

I'm sorry if we're a bit late with the Post Mortem, but Arlene and I went to the Buffalo District 5 Regional and I needed a few days to recover.

October was a month of good and bad - we held two very successful events and lost a few players. On the good side, the Ken and Barb Bergman did the usual spectacular job of running the Instant Matchpoint Game at the Glenshaw Moose. Everything I heard about it was spectacular, even if Arlene did win. Well, she was playing with Richard Katz, RKE - Richard knows everything, so I suppose I shouldn't be surprised (just disappointed) The following week the 15th annual Pro-Am Charity game was held for the benefit of the Ronald McDonald House, 79 PAIRS ATTENDING! (food for 12 pairs, but you can't have everything...) Thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to Asim Ulke, Sandy Spear and Jane Marshall.

On the bad side, we lost Marion Smith, Peg Hoffman and Bill Berinski. (more about these players inside).

The PBA Classes have resumed Monday mornings at Rodef Shalom Temple. There are 14 people in the beginner's class, and two million in the special series advanced class. (OK, maybe that's a slight exaggeration, but my lawyer said that if I didn't say something nice about Arlene I would be violating the court settlement from her slander lawsuit). Look for great competition to come out of these classes - there are going to be some very fine players showing up at the local duplicate games!

November brings us the Fall Sectional (see page 2) and the end of President Ulke's term of office. We thank Asim for his stewardship and all his hard work.

A belated happy Halloween and a premature happy Thanksgiving to everyone and their friends and families.

Hospitality
 All Sessions!

PITTSBURGH Fall Sectional

November 9-11, 2012

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall: 412-371-4067

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

Tournament Chairs:

Bill Seran
 Carole Shanahan
 412-364-0302
 412-952-3583

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
 Sanction # 51211095

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
 Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
 299er Swiss \$ 50/team
 Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
 \$1 additional per session
 Student Discount \$5 per Session



Lesson from an Expert*
 Friday @ 6:45 PM
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM
 * Not necessarily the Expert shown above

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
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 Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

POSTAGE DUE

This month we are inaugurating a new column (notice the election lingo) which we hope all players will take advantage of. There are many players who are no longer able to get about, and would love to hear from their old friends, even if it's just a card to say they remember.

Alan and Delores Lefcort advise us that many old Pittsburgh players will remember Chuck and Nancy Deal, formerly of Pittsburgh and avid bridge players who now live in The Villages in central Florida. Chuck is ill and would really appreciate hearing from old friends in the form of card and letters. His address is:

Chuck Deal
17159 SE 76th
Boxbury Court
The Villages, FL 32162

If you know someone who is confined and would like to hear from their old friends, please e-mail Arlene at printsus@verizon.net or Lou at louismjoseph@comcast.net along with the name, address, and e-mail address if possible and we will be happy to publish the information. Thanks!

PROMOTION POST

Speaking of the Pro-Am game, Jane Marshall and Asim Ulke really did a great job. They raised \$2500.00 for the Ronald McDonald Family House. How great is that?

What's just as great is that we had 39 tables of bridge going on. It is rewarding to see so many not just for the money they raised, but for the fact that so many of our friends and neighbors came out to play.

I have it on good authority that Jane Marshall is boasting that next year she will have 52 tables of bridge at the event. I have no doubt that she will make it happen. Jane is relentless, so unless you plan on moving out of town next year, you WILL be at the Pro-Am game. There is no place for you to hide. Jane will get you and the best thing about this is that you will end up having a wonderful time.

So, just pick up your convention card and wait!



RESULTS POST

Instant Matchpoint Game October 4, 2012

NORTH/SOUTH

A	B	C
1	R Katz	A Portabella
2	F Feldman	D Kozloff
3	A Williams	J Sonon
1/2	J Cavalier	D Mehok
1/2	J Gray	W Obitz
3	J Gillette	N Elis
1	P Heinz	B Weinstein
2	R Burrows	P Miller

EAST/WEST

A	B	C
1	A Ulke	B Fudor
2	W Holt	R Quinlan
3	C Caplan	P Caplan
1	S Helm	M Burke
2	C Custer	ML Ford
3	K Mulligan	L Fried
1	P Rosenberg	E Rubin
2	B Woodward	S Woodward

15th Annual Pro-Am Charity Game October 10, 2012

OVERALL RANKINGS (BOTH DIRECTIONS COMBINED)

A	B	C
1	Ken Bergman	Doris Hess
2	1	1
3	Lorraine Hanna	Robert Heasley III
4	Henry Nelson	Carl Hamill
2	2	Constance Hoechstetter
3	Rowna Sutin	Carol Henderson
4/5	3	Roslyn Sachs
4/5	4	Toby Wolfe
3	4/5	Vincentina Simak
4	3	Don Overcashier
	4/5	Marcella Retetagos
	3	Ruthie Neafach
	4	Susan Konig
		Tilly Flannery
		Joan Pfeifer
		Donna Trust

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE AND
THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!!**



POST CARDS

Bob Zimmermann is recovering nicely from very serious surgery. We all miss him very much (eh...) and are waiting patiently for him to return to the bridge table. Honestly, Bob, some people will do anything not to have to answer the Post Mortem question of the month. Bob, I haven't given up trying to track you down yet, so keep getting better while I try.....Arlene

Sue McQuillan fell down her cellar steps and broke her foot. The question is, was she loaded or did one of her partner's push her? CSI Pittsburgh is investigating the crime. At the moment, her foot is booted and we all hope she can avoid surgery!

Marcella Apter bounced right back from her appendix surgery. She told me that apparently even the surgeon was amazed that she still had her appendix. I'm not quite sure what that means, unless he was surprised that she still had any of her original parts...

Steve Schwarzwaelder recovered from his hip replacement so quickly that he was back at the table within a few weeks! Ah, to be young...

We just received word that Joe Dragoun is in the hospital. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

Perennial get well wishes to Mary Anne McNeirney, Edie Weiser, Doc Williams, and anyone we've forgotten.

Fred Schenker 4C I'm looking for 6D, I'm looking for 6Ds. I'm bidding 4C, hoping to hear 4H from pd. my next call wd be 6D. Unfortunately, it's more likely that I'll hear 4D. Then I'll bid 4S, and play wherever pd places the contract. I would expect either 4N, 5D, or 6D. Of course if pd bids 5H, I'm bidding 6D. I'm expecting pd's shape is 2443, with 11-12 hcp.

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INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4C	9	15	100
3S	5	2	60
4NT	4	1	60
5C	3	0	60
6D	2	0	40
4D	2	0	30
3NT	1	0	30
5D	0	0	20

My congratulations to all of the participants in this month's Internet Post. You were all "right on". Very impressive, indeed - or - I need to pick harder problems in the future.

EDUCATION POST

I hate to brag (not really), but I am so proud of the intermediate lessons going on as we speak for the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. This class, which is held at the Rodef Shalom for 7 weeks is doing very well.

This semester, we are featuring 7 different topics, one each every week for 7 weeks. I have to admit that having 36 students is a little daunting, but after the shock of the first week wore off, we have been doing just fine, thanks to my very knowledgeable helper, Judy Haffner.

Unlike many of our 7-week courses which deal with one subject, each week there is a mini-course on 7 different subjects. There is just enough information to absorb and plenty of additional information to "grow on". The first 2 weeks dealt with the play of the hand in both suit and no trump contracts. Last week we explored the defense strategies needed to succeed at bridge. The first week in November, which is coming up, is a surprise. Everyone will find out when they come to class.

I am really excited about this year's classes; both mine and Lou Joseph's, who is teaching the beginning class. Many of Lou's students take his class and go on to become expert plumbers. (Just kidding, Lou, but it feels good to get you once in a while.) Actually, I don't know how he does it, but Lou's students of the past are some of our best players today.

As far as I am concerned, as usual, I have a bright and eager to learn group of students. I hope they are having as much fun learning as I am having teaching them.

Look for our future schedule of classes, and be sure to tell prospective bridge players we hold regular beginning classes.



Thanksgiving

Election: Saturday, Nov 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 Bill Holt Lou Joseph Maryanne McNeirney Marilyn Painter
Bill Seran Carole Shanahan*

IN MEMORIAM POST

Lou Zeidan, one of our most well-know and highly respected Pittsburgh community members, passed away in October. He was 98 years old and played bridge with his very good friend Harriet Lewis.

Lou's dedication and hard work for Jewish Organizations in Pittsburgh was legendary. Thanks, in part, to his efforts, the Riverview Apartments were able to overcome their problems and continue as a viable independent living facility. He was extremely active in the JAA (Jewish Association on Aging) and gave his time and energy to so many more. As a matter of fact, he was honored so many times, that later in life when he received a certificate of honor, he had to remove one from his wall to make room for the new one. Probably one of the greatest honors he received was to be named as an honoree of "Eight Over Eighty", which recognized all of his achievements in the Jewish Community.

Lou left behind a son and a daughter, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The last 7 1/2 years of his life were spent with his very dear friend Harriet Louis, who I know misses him greatly. So do we.

Our deepest sympathy to his family and all of his friends. He was a remarkable man who made this world just a little bit richer with his presence.

IN MEMORIAM POST (cont.)

Marion Smith died in October. She had been ill for quite some time and finally lost what was an heroic battle. That is not surprise. Marion always did the best she could to achieve success - and she did.

She was a very fine bridge player who was always one of the leaders on the Mini McKinney list. She was a wonderful teacher and a very good friend to everyone she knew. There was always a smile on her face, and I never once ever heard her say an unkind word to anyone.

Marion was extraordinary. She was a deeply religious person who had a thriving giveaway business for those who was less fortunate. Anyone who needed clothes simply had to come to her garage, which she transformed into a shopping center, and walk away with wonderful outfits.

Once in a while a very special person comes into our lives. The members of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association were most fortunate to have Marion Smith, who was one of those people. Our deepest sympathy to her family and her many friends.

Peggy Hoffman also passed away in October. Although she had not played much in the last few years, she was a regular player at Rodef Shalom and the Squirrel Hill JCC games. I never once saw Peggy lose her temper or criticize her partner or her opponents. If it worked out well, that was fine; if it didn't, that was fine too. The world is a little colder and sadder without her.

Bill Berinski, a regular South Hills player, passed away very suddenly in October. Neither Arlene or I knew Bill that well, but I would like to share some information provided by Betty Clontz. He always played at table 3...brought his own bidding boxes. He was also very hot....had his own fan. Had his Coke with him. Drove the workers crazy turning the air conditioning up and down. He always sat on two chairs so he could get up and down easily. He lived by himself in his own home. He cooked his own meals. His house was built on a landslide. Nobody will buy it. The other owner probably did not tell him about it. He liked it when Sandy Harris came to his table. She was always laughing. How well we know. I would like to send his niece a sympathy card but I don't have an address. Well, I'm Irish, we always have a wake after the funeral. So let's all raise our coffee cups to Bill. May you rest in peace. Now he will be the fourth in heaven, playing with Goldie Frank and Janie McIntyre and Joe Brady.

INTERNET POST

You are North matchpoints

You hold:

S A K J 3
 H 42
 D K J 7 6 4 2
 C A

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	PASS	1H	PASS
1S	PASS	3D*	PASS
?	*invitational		

Asim Ulke I bid 4C. This seems automatic. If partner bids 4H, I continue with 4NT. Over 4D, I bid 4S. Rest is up to partner.

Bill Holt 4c, Q-bid. There are a lot of 9-11 count hands partner could hold which give me a good shot at 6d. 3NT might be the matchpoint spot but I am willing to roll the dice. Sounds like I will get a club lead which I might not enjoy in NT.

Jane Marshall 4C. I will cue bid the Ace of Clubs. If my partner can cue bid the Ace of Hearts, I will bid 6 Diamonds. I my partner does not bid 4 Hearts, I will sign off at 5 Diamonds. Partner could easily have the Ace of Hearts and Ace-Queen of Diamonds.

Herb Sachs: I bid 4c and bid 4s over 4d; I need two red aces or Ad and KQh; I am trying my best to find out!

Gail Carns: 4C que bid slam try

Steve Nolan 4C. Accepts the invitation, sets diamonds as trumps and shows the ace of clubs.

PJ Prabu 4C. I'm hopeful of reaching slam. Hence, I start with cue bidding C. Should partner rebid 4D, I'll bid 4S identifying concern with H and showing continued slam interest. As little as xx,KQxx,Axxx,xxx or xx,Axxx,Qxxx,Kxx in dummy yields a good play for slam.

Paul Caplan: .4 clubs. a 6 diamond contract is probable with a chance to get to seven. if partner has 2 aces and a king i want to be in seven.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 4C. We are going to play in some number of diamonds so I will let my partner know of my ace for slam purposes. If partner shows the ace of hearts, I will be six diamonds. If not, we will subside in 5 diamonds.

Ernie Retetagos: 4 NT If partner has one Ace, 6 diamonds will be on a finesse at worst. If no Aces, I'll bid 5 Spades, and hope partner bids 5 NT.

Jim Bachelder: 4C of course. I'm listening for heart cue bids. I don't want western omelet on my face after I jump to slam and dummy tables: QX, KJXX, QXXX, KXX. NO, Blackwood isn't any good. On a bad day, I'm down one in five
Robert Zimmermann: 3 spades. I don't have to be nearly this big. And opposite a perfect minimum (xx KQxx Axxx xxx) we have slam.

Lou Joseph: 4C If partner and I play 4H is Kickback for diamonds, that's what I'm bidding. If not, I going to try 4C. If partner bids 4H, I'll bid 4NT and look for the grand.

Stan Ruskin 4C This is an interesting hand. While it is possible that we couldn't make 5D, it is also possible that we could make 6D so let's find out. I bid 4C, which is obviously a Q bid and wait for partner's response to see where we go. If he bids 4D, I would bid 4S (I'm not 100% sure 3S would be seen as a Q Bid). Partner should have a good picture now and if he has anything to say, he should say it now. 4NT would ask me to do some more Q bidding if I could; 5D would indicate no real slam interest. If he bids 4H over 4C, I would bid 4NT, asking him to show more of his hand if he has anything to show. Partner should probably have 5 diamonds for his 3D bid, since there are some holdings that I could have 3D. If he did only have 4 diamonds, they should probably be AQxx. At any rate, by bidding 4C, we will find out where we will ultimately wind up.

Florine Walters 4C It certainly is possible for us to get to six diamonds, and five is certain. Four clubs should be a good starting point over three diamonds. Over four hearts I will bid blackwood.

Warren Oberfield: 3S. I suspect that opposite most hands that partner could hold for this auction, 6D may well be a good spot. But because this is matchpoints, there is the risk of playing in 5D when 3N is best. This hand would be far easier atimps. Atimps, playing in 5D instead of 3N is not a concern, and I would cue bid 4C over 3D

Eric Ruben 4C. It's descriptive, does not lie or confuse about my suits and leaves room for subsequent slam tries of 4S/4N if appropriate. I'll risk the possible matchpoint penalty with this sort of hand.

**INTERNET POST
 HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Grant Baze	4C
David Berkowitz	3S
Henry Bethe	4NT
Bart Bramley	4NT
Ira Chorush	5C
Larry Cohen	4NT
Kitty & Steve Cooper	4C
Billy Eisenberg	6D
Carl Hudecek	3NT
Eddie Kantar	4C
Rallph Katz	3S
Sami Kehela	4C
Danny Kleinman	6D
Eric Kokish	4D
Jill Meyers	3S
Marshall Miles	4C
Arthur Robinson	4C
Michael Rosenberg	4D
Jeff Rubens	5C
Ira Rubin	4NT
Russell Shoup	4C
Mike Shuman	4C
Joey Silver	3S
John Swanson	3S
Robert Wolff	4C
Kit Woolsey	5C

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NOVEMBER 2012 hot line 412-436-

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

4	5	6	7	8	9	10		1	2 PBA Unit Championship	3 Unit #229
11	12	13	14	15	16 PBA Unit Championship and Annual mtg	17				
18	19 Rodef Club Chmp	20	21	22	23 PBA Open Pairs	24				
25	26	27	28 JCC Weschler CC Arlene →	29 	30 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams					

See flyer on Page 2

PBA SECTIONAL AT MASONIC CENTER

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Jim and Emily Mendelson	80.17%	Rodef Shalom 99'er
Peggy Shivetts and Pat Cunkelman	71.13%	Export DBC
Alice Williams & Judy Sonon	71.79%	JCC Wechsler
Emily & James Mendleson	80.17%	Rodef 199ers
Florine Walters O& Reanette Frobuck	73.11%	Rodef

3 IN A ROW

Peggy Shivetts	Export DBC	Morton Rubin	JCC Weschler
Pula Rubin	JCC Wechsler	Arlene Port	Rodef
Judy Haffner	Rodef		

2 IN A ROW

Lorraine Hanna	Allegh North	Barbara Bergman	Allegh North
Gloria Moser	Pgh North	Barbara Norante	Pgh North
Jean Prior	JCC SH Tues	John Bernhard	JCC SH Tues
Sandra Harris	JCC SH Thurs	Marilyn Weisensee	Whitehall
Cecilia Powell	Export Bridge	Garnet Depner	Export DBC
Barbara Belardi	Export Bridge	Lila Margolis	Rodef
Barbara Horowitz	Rodef		

NICE GOING GANG!!

ONE MONTH AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 2012

06	PBA STaC Pairs & PBA HOLIDAY PARTY - Thursday, Glenshaw Moose
07	PBA StaC Pairs
14	Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
21	Open Pairs
28	Open Pairs

2013 NEW CALENDAR WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE