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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by Arlene Port

MY OBLIGATORY YEAR END POEM

Twas the night before New Years and time to recall
My bridge games this year. I remember them all
I wanted to tell of my greatness - no less
And brag to you all of each sterling success.

The Regional Cleveland, a knockout I played
Amazing, the brilliance of each play I made.
The second round came, with glee I did shout
But darn it, I couldn't, cause I was knocked out.

But at sectional time, I promise I knew
I was a genius, I tell you that's true.
A dervish of skill, I just didn't stop
How 'bout 8th in my section and 12th from the top!

Oh Lordy, this summer, I rose to such fame
The bridge world was truly abuzz with my name
Oh wait, I forgot, my good luck was spent
Cause that was the game I had twenty percent.

Oh well, after thinking, I really confess
My bridge games have turned out to be quite a mess
But no matter the end, I still have my pride
For though I couldn't win, at least folks, I tried.

Lou and I want to wish you all a very happy holiday season and, most of all,
a healthy and happy New Year.

DON'T FORGET THE STaC GAMES ALL THIS WEEK AND MAKE
CERTAIN YOU COME TO THE STAC'N SNACK ON THURSDAY
NIGHT.

Dec 3-9, 2012
STaC Week!
STaC Games
All Week, Plus... **STAC'N'SNACK**

Thursday December 6th
@ Glenshaw Moose



Game time 7:00, Pot Luck @ 6:15

Bring your Favorite Dish for All to Enjoy!

Can't bring a snack? It's OK ...
Show up and help us to eat all the 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

Directions on the Website: pittsburghbridge.org



PBA Holiday Party
Friday December 14th @ Wilkins
Game Time 7 PM / Noshing Beforehand!

POSTAGE DUE

This month we continue our 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.

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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 and address, and we will be happy to publish the information. Thanks!

STaC WEEK

The December District 5 Sectional Tournament at Clubs runs during the first week of December. To see which games are registered, use this link:
<https://web.acbl.org/StacRegistration/participatingClubs.do?sid=1212010>

UP THE LADDER POST

CLUB MASTER

Barbara Anderson
Grant Anderson
Dianna Boak

JUNIOR MASTER

Howard Hillyer
Patricia Rambasek

NABC MASTER

Florence Chapman

SECTIONAL MASTER

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WELL DONE!!



HAPPY HOLIDAY

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



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

Designed for the complete newcomer!

**Saturday January 26 - 11 AM - 3:30 PM
Pittsburgh Masonic Center North**

*Just off Parkway North**

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Free Follow-up 'Supervised Play' Session on Sat Feb 2*

Advance Reservations Required - Register Online at:

www.pittsburghbridge.org

Or Call 412-407-CLUB (2582)

**Driving Directions Mailed
or Emailed to all Registrants*



PBA FALL SECTIONAL

NOVEMBER 9-11, 2012

Fri Aft Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 S Brand - D Kozloff
 2 B Bergman - K Bergman
 3 A George - J Zambroski
 2 D Ruppert - S Veauthier
 3 M Rubin - P Rubin
 1 L Ostrow - V Kane
 2 J Le Blond - A Tam
 3 A Roberts - A Roberts

Fri Aft 299'er Pairs

- D E F
 1 1 1 E Goldthwait - S Querin
 2 2 C Croushore - M Kasper
 3 3 2 H Gordon - E Bialek
 3 M Frizzi - B King

Fri Eve Swiss Teams

- A B C
 1 B Bergman, K Bergman,
 E Retetagos, M Retetagos
 2 1 C Benedict, ML Flach,
 M McConnell, S Dillon
 3 R Franck, J Marshall,
 G Hastings, L Joseph
 2/3 R Heasley, D Mehok,
 J Smith, D Hess
 2/3 J Schultheis, D Pittman,
 E Puskarich, B McElhaney
 1 D Collura, K Bock,
 L Igiel, S Konig

Fri Eve 299'er Pairs

- 1 C Stuart - R Neafach
 2 M Wallach - R Cohen

Fri Eve Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 T Cohen - F Walters
 2 P Caplan - C Caplan
 3 A Ulke - J Haffner
 1 C Morris - S Meyers
 2 1 S Wozniak - E Collins
 3 K Eichler - A Jacobelli
 2 J Le Blond - J McCormick
 3 D Overcashier - C Harff

Sat Compact Handicapped KO

- Bracket 1
 1 J Bernhard, D Mannheimer,
 D Averbach, J Prior
 2 MP Carns, W Holt,
 C Hoechstetter, R Quinlan
 Bracket 2
 1 C Wang, A Elis, N Elis,
 J Gray
 2 J Smith, R Heasley,
 D Mehok, D Hess

Sat Aft 299'er Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 K Shipkovitz - J Baseman
 2 2 R Greco - K Dolegowski
 3 3 1 L Dell'aquila - H McMaster
 2 P Heinz - B Weinstein

Sat Morn Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 J Rajgopal - B Shah
 2 H Sachs - S Ruskin
 3 2 D McKinley - K Mulligan
 3/4 R Zack - ML D'Altorio
 3/4 2 T Tjader - I Baxter
 3 F Brody - T Wolfe

Sat Morn 299'er Pairs

- D E F
 1 E Diamond - K Bleckman
 2 1 1 J Thelkeld - S McCall
 3 2 C Henderson - L Meyer
 3 2 B Weinstein - J Kahn
 3 H Allen - K Rilbe

Sat Aft Open Pairs

- A B C
 1 1 1 J Tsang - R Haas
 2 M Tiglio - R Zwack
 3 R Sachs - H Sachs
 2 D Pitman - D Collura
 3 2 S Rabovsky - C Custer
 3 R Patterson - WD Lowery

Sat Aft Swiss Teams

- A B C
 1/2 1 R Zack, ML D'Altorio,
 B McElhaney, A Bonneau
 1/2 W Oberfield, F Cymerman,
 F Schenker, D Roseberry
 3 A Port, L Joseph,
 C Caplan, P Caplan
 2 L Evans, L Evans,
 B Miller, P Miller

Sat Aft Swiss Teams (continued)

- A B C
 3/4 1 C Beardmore, P Sostarich,
 R Murray, T Murray
 3/4 S Golier, L Worsley,
 R Kramer, J Bardi

Sun 299'er Swiss Teams

- D E F
 1 1 D Allison, J Allison,
 T Barker, K Dolegowski
 2 A Coulter, I Gleeson,
 F Steger, S Williams
 3 2 S Kausler, M Frizzi,
 D Hoover, K Sokalski
 1 M Rojas, M Rojas
 N Swindells, T Savarice
 2 D Wyke, C Pattison,
 C Croushore, M Crawford

Sun Open Swiss Teams

- A B C
 1 MP Carns, G Carns,
 H Sachs, A Ulke
 2 E Retetagos, B Fudor,
 H Haffner, J Haffner
 3 K Bergman, B Bergman,
 J Marshall, R Franck
 1 D McKinley, S Nolan,
 K Mulligan, M Burke
 2 J Phillips, M Retetagos,
 P Anders, S Helm
 3 1 J Tsang, R Haas,
 C Bogan, J Harper
 2 B Shah, R Kleinmann,
 L Igiel, B Day

POST CARDS

Joe Dragoun, on of our best and longest tenured members died in November. As a member of the ACBL for over 35 years, I don't ever remember Joe not being there. Not only was he a wonderful player, but he was a very nice man and a pleasure to play against. He will be missed by us all. Our deepest sympathy to his family and his friends.

Kitty Jo Hellman's husband Joe passed away last week. Kitty Jo is one of the most active and important members of our unit and we send our condolences to her family and all of their friends.

Dolores Keating, another of our unit members passed away last week. She was 91 years old and, until 6 months ago when her health started to decline, played regularly at David Legal's game in Export. Our sympathy to Dolores' family

POST CARDS

The bad thing about publishing the Post Mortem just once a month is that if someone becomes ill after the 1st of the month, they have to wait a whole month before we get to talk about it. That just doesn't seem fair.

That's what Richard Katz did. He didn't have the good sense to go to the hospital before the first of the month and by the time this issue is hitting the stands, he is up, about, and around the bridge table. Thank goodness. However, Richard, we all want you to know we worried about you every day. Knowing that should make you feel even better. Now, pay attention and don't get sick again.

It's good to see Gerald Sandson back at the bridge table. It seems he also made a short trip to the hospital and, according to the cheerful look on his face and his return to bridge, it looks as if he is back in form. Nice going Gerald!! Stay that way.

Get well wishes to Herky Block, who is languishing in the hospital. C'mon, Herky, we know your just looking for a place to rest. Now stop that and get up immediately. We can't do without you at bridge. Get better - or else!

UNIT 142 2012 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 4 GNT Fundraiser Game
- 11 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 18 NO GAME - Cleveland Regional
- 25 Unit Championship

FEBRUARY

- 1 Unit Championship'
- 8 Junior Fund SWISS TEAM and PBA Board Meeting
- 15 Unit Junior Fund Game
- 22 Membership Game

MARCH

- 1 Club Championship
- 8 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 15 Open Pairs
- 22 Unit Championship
- 29 Open Pairs

APRIL

- 5 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 12 PBA Spring Sectional at Masonic Center
- 19 Club Championship
- 26 Unit ACBL Charity Championship and PBA Board Meeting

MAY

- 3 Unit Championship
- 10 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 17 Unit Local Charity Championship and AWARDS NIGHT/PARTY
- 24 NO GAME - Cleveland Regional
- 31 Open Pairs

JUNE

- 2 Fossick-Goodman Sunday Swiss Team (location to be announced)
- 7 NAOP Qualifier
- 13 STAC Pairs Thursday Game
- 14 STAC Pairs and PBA Board Meeting
- 21 Open Pairs
- 28 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

JULY

- 5 Open Pairs
- 12 NAOP Qualifier
- 19 PBA Summer Sectional at Masonic
- 26 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

AUGUST

- 2 New Partnership Night
- 9 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
- 16 Unit Championship
- 23 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 30 NO GAME - Pittsburgh Regional

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Club Championship
- 13 Open Pairs
- 20 International Fund Game
- 27 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

OCTOBER

- 2 Instant MatchPoint Game (Wednesday)
- 4 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 10 Pro-Am Charity Game (Thursday) at Rodef Shalom
- 11 Unit Championship and PBA Board Meeting
- 18 Club Championship
- 25 Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM

NOVEMBER

- 1 Open Pairs
- 8 PBA Fall Sectional at Masonic Ctr
- 15 Unit Championship and Annual Membership Meeting
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 29 Open Pairs

DECEMBER

- 6 PBA HOLIDAY PARTY
- 12 STAC Pairs
- 20 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 27 Open Pairs

INTERNET POST

You are South, E/W vul, Matchpoints .
You hold:

S 10 7 2
H K J 3
D A Q J 2
C Q 7 4

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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Dbl.	PASS	?	

Asim Ulke: Pass This is a tough one. Can I take a pass? I think I would pass at the table also. It is a gamble that opponents do not have 8 tricks.

Herb Sachs: 3H I bid three hearts as this is the only known seven card fit we have; I know i may have to take taps in the long hand but maybe I can throw losers!!!

Mary Carns: 3C. The least lie. This problem would be easier if south had opened 1c with this hand, which is what I would have done.

Gail Carns: 3C If I have to bid a suit I don't have it is the cheapest possible.

Steve Nolan : 3C. Every possible answer seems to be wrong. At least 3C doesn't mislead partner about my spades and hearts, and I will be able to rebid sensibly if partner doesn't pass.

PJ Prabu .3D. I like the other choices even less.

Paul Caplan: .3H it is partners known suit and he knows i am under pressure so i might only have 3 hearts

Lou Joseph: Option A Pass) Option B 2NT (Lebensohl) Well, assuming 2S is weak, I'm going to convert and sit. Yes, I know that EW is vulnerable, so South rates to have a good suit , but, as I say, he could have overcalled 1S red with a decent hand, so let's take our chances. Partner should have a decent hand to force me to the 3 level. I just hope that our table is near the door so I can fly outside if we write up -670 (or worse).

Option B) Perhaps a good hand to invoke a reverse Lebensohl bid. If my partner bid 2NT in this auction, I would think that he was most likely 3-3-4-3 minimum WITHOUT a spade stopper, for if he had one he would be more likely to convert to penalty. He obviously does not have 4 hearts and may be wary of a 4-3 fit in this auction expecting a bad break. If he had four clubs he would bid them, so he is suggesting 4-3 in the minors, and there for 3 spades to nothing. If my partner thinks this way, I would bid 2NT. I would bid this if I were playing with Arlene, because she would work it out, although I would get yelled at anyways.

Option A if I'm playing with a more forgiving, less experienced partner

Option B if I'm playing with more experienced, less forgiving partner

Robert Zimmermann: 3D. Nothing is good here. 2NT wrong-sides the contract (if NT is correct at all), and I'm loathe to bid a 3 card suit in response to p's negative double - especially lacking a ruffing value.

Jane Marshall PASS. Since partner did not bid at the 3 level (which he would do with 12 hcp and at least a 5-card suit), I do not believe that we have a game anywhere. Partner should have 10 hcp to make a negative double which requires me to bid at the 3 level. I will hope to set 2 spades 1 or 2 tricks.

Stan Ruskin 3C While, I might argue with opening this hand – 8 losers, 4/3/3/3 etc. – I know that everyone in The world will open this at match points. That being said, all I can do is bid 3D. I can't even see an alternative. This denies 4H and any S stoppers. The only forcing bid after I bid 3D is 3S. All other bids are not forcing. Remember, partner has made a negative double which can indicate some minimum – 7-10 point hand – so if he has a game going hand, he will cue bid.

Florine Walters 2NT A perfect hand for the scrambling 2NT asking partner to choose the contract, flat hand and does not promise a stopper in spades. If I did not have that agreement with partner I would bid 3 clubs.

Bill Holt Pass. I will play for +200 instead of playing a 4-3 fit at the 3 level. I we play 3H we'll take the ruffs in the long trump hand - not good. If partner leads a diamond I will fire back a trump. Good thing it's matchpoints so I won't have to explain -670 to my teammates in case it makes.

Marvin Rulin: 3 Hearts. This is really tough. Any bid I can make will stretch the truth but 3 hearts will at least give us a Moysian 4-3 fit and can't be hurt too badly. No trump is tempting with this distribution but the lack of a spade stopper could be disastrous

Trudy Cohn: 3D I'm not happy with my choices but I will bid three Diamonds. That is better than bidding 3 Hearts and taking the spade ruff in the long heart hand.

**INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Michael Becker	3C
David Berkowitz	2NT
Bart Bramley	2NT
Larry Cohen	2NT
Richard Colker	2NT
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Carl Hudecek	3H
Sami Kehela	3H
Danny Kleinman	3D
Eric Kokish	3C
Steve Landen	P
Michael Lawrence	3C
Robert Lipsitz	3C
Jeff Meckstroth	3C
Marshall Miles	p
Barry Rigal	2NT
Arthur Robinson	3C
Andrew Robson	3H
Beverly Rosenberg	3H
Jeff Rubens	3C
Russell Shoup	P
Joey Silver	2NT
Chris Willenken	3C
Anders Wirgren	2NT
Robert Wolff	3H
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	3C

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3C	9	4	100
3H	6	3	80
2NT	7	1	70
PASS	4	4	50
3D	1	3	50

DECEMBER 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 Rodef STaC	4	5 JCC Chanukah Party	6 PBA STaC 'n Snack (see page 2)	7 PBA STaC Pairs	8
9	10 Rodef Chanukah party	11	12 JCC Mem-bership game	13	14 PBA Unit Champ & HOLIDAY PARTY	15
16	17 Rodef Mem-bership game	18	19	20	21 PBA Open Pairs	22
23 30	24 Rodef can.	25	26	27	28 PBA Open Pairs	29

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

E Mendelson & J Mendelson	Rodef 199èr	76.91%
B Bergman & W Holt	Masonic Tue	73.81%
J Haffner & A Starboard	Rodef Mon	72.45%
B Belardi & J Killmeyer	Moon Twp Wed	71.88%
C Hoehstetter & R Quinlan	JCC Tue Eve	70.60%
Judy Haffner & Arlene Port	Rodef	72.45%
Sandy Spear-Brand & Marcella Retetagos	Rodef	17201%

2 IN A ROW

Harold Haffner	JCC	Judy Haffner	JCC
Allen Cohen	Rodef 199ers	Lois Cohen	Rodef 199ers

CONGRATULATIONS - YOU DID GOOD!!



Effective immediately, there is a new PBA hotline number: Call 412-219-CLUB (2582). Many Thanks to Maryanne McNeirney, who maintained the old number for 25 years!