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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... by Lou Joseph

Farewell 2012. It was the best of time, it was the worst of times. I'm not going to dwell on the worst of times - we've all read the headlines. Let's look forward to a new year.

As far as the best of times go, I would have to nominate the 2012 PBA Holiday Party as a serious contender for the award. Ruthie Neafach and Jeanne Baseman co-hosted a spectacular affair. The banquet the spread was spectacular, and the efforts, aided by the incomparable Jane Marshall produced 21 teams participating. I can't remember ever having that many tables at the PBA on a Friday night! Kudos to the hard-working trio, and thanks to all who brought goodies and participated. It was a blast!

A New Year is always the time to make resolutions. I have decided to be kinder, sweeter and more tolerant to all my partners and opponents and co-editors. With that thought, see the next column for my poem to ring in 2013 - a paean to all long suffering bridge players who try, without success, to do the right thing...

Inside this issue, I have reprinted the upcoming PBA Calendar. This time you will notice that the heading says 2013, not 2012. I freely admit this typo was Arlene's, who failed to proof the final text. OK, OK, maybe it was my fault...

Here's to a happy and healthy 2013 for you, your families and your friends. Arlene and I wish everyone (and every each other) the very best!!

THE MAVEN

(with apologies to Edgar Allan Poe and no one else!)

Once upon a Tuesday dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary,
Over many a lousy misplayed hand which were giving me a nervous twitch
Partner led against a part score, dummy's holding made me heart sore,
So I lied about my holding hoping to produce a switch,
Quote the maven: COUNT! YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME COUNT! DID I EVER
TELL YOU ABOUT MY FIRST PARTNER WHO USED TO PUNISH ME
WHEN I DIDN'T GIVE COUNT? COUNT, COUNT, COUNT! HOW MANY
TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT...

The round was called, a new pair seated, I tried not to look defeated,
As they quickly bid their way to a game that had no play
Partner led and Dummy pitched; I gave count without a hitch
Declarer now discarded two losers he couldn't avoid, no how, no way
Quote the maven: WHAT WAS THAT, COUNT? IF I WANT COUNT I'LL
WATCH SESAME STREET! ON THIS HAND YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME ATTITUDE!
COUNT HE GIVES ME...

On we went, from bad to worse, dropping tricks like we'd been cursed,
Every card I seemed to touch produced a twitch and then a roar
When I gave count, it didn't matter, and attitude made her teeth chatter,
Apparently we were destined to become the pair with the lowest score
The coup de grace - the final hand; she led a heart and I was void
I held Ace King Ten of clubs - the club ten hit the table hard
Quote the maven: THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE SUIT PREFERENCE SIGNAL.
DID YOU FORGET THE CONTRACT WAS FIVE DIAMONDS? WOULD IT
HAVE KILLED YOU TO RUFF AND THEN CASH YOUR CLUB TRICKS?..

POSTAGE DUE CORRECTION!!

This month we CORRECT 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.

Mary Anne McNeirney
Paramount Senior Living
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(Sorry for the error!...ed)

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!

IN MEMORIAM POST

We regret to announce the passing of two more members of the Pittsburgh bridge world.

Paula Williams, who played almost exclusively with the late Dr. Noel Gillette, passed away suddenly in early December. She will always be remembered as a gentle and kind player and person, and quite possible one of the few people who could get the upper hand of the good Doctor.

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She and Noel were devotees of the Friday Night game, and we are the poorer for her absence.

Gerald Cox, husband of artisan Valda Cox, also passed away on December. Although he and Valda had restricted their play in the last several years to the South Hills games, they were regulars at the PBA for many, many years. Phyllis Geinzer puts it far better than we could: *I am not sure how much you knew about Jerry outside the bridge world. He was an accomplished pianist. I studied piano with him for a couple of years before he retired. I believe he had been part of the music department at Thiel College. I chaired a risk managers' conference for the Northeast Region before I left Equitable Resources. We were having a cocktail hour(s) after a long day of seminars. Jerry provided background music for the gathering. I knew him as a classical pianist. That evening he did so many wonderful pieces of music from the classics to music of the day. He was not just skilled, he felt and enjoyed the music and its effect on those hearing the music. Jerry was talented. He was a friend of Roy Sonne who was in the violin section of the Pittsburgh Symphony and the Pittsburgh Pops Orchestra. They played bridge together at the old Beth El Tuesday night game. And he was always with Valda at her shows. He did the packing and lifting and selling and whatever else needed to be done. Ray and I always enjoyed a chat with Jerry when he was minding Valda's booth at Three Rivers Arts Festival. It was a privilege to have known Jerry in both the bridge and music worlds.*

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2012 DECEMBER DISTRICT 5 STaC RESULTS

Top 25 UNIT 142 Masterpoints winners

Unit Rank	District 5 Rank
1. Margery Tamres	5
2. Arlene <i>unimPortant</i>	11
3. Rowna Sutin	12
4. Joan Zakor	13
5. Lila Margolis	14
6. Sandra Harris	15
7. Robert Quinlan	16
8. Lessa Finegold	17
9. Jean Prior	21
10. Gail Carns	22
11. Andrew Makar	38
12. Susan Konig	40
13. Raymond Kramer	41
14. Christopher Wang	47
15. Judit Bardi	50
16. Constance Hoechstetter	56
17. Alice Williams	57
18. Susan Dillon	63
19. Richard Katz	68
20. Joan Pfeifer	69
21. Mary Paulone Carns	74
22. Elio Catalfamo	77
23. Robert Park	85
24. Gary Streiter	95
25. Marilyn Painter	97

CONGRATULATIONS TO *(almost)* EVERYONE!!!

RIPOSTE - THEN 1979 SUBTITLE - NOTHING EVER CHANGES

The Post Mortem came to life in January of 1979. Dorothy Blair and I were the first editors, and although she got out after the first two years, after forgetting how difficult it was to publish the newsletter, I agreed to resume in 1998. Some people never learn.

Here are some excerpts from the first issue of the Post Mortem:

WELCOME POST

WELCOME to the very first issue of the PBA Newsletter. We hope you are as excited as we are. (can you believe that?) We plan to bring you all the bridge news in our city that's fit to print - and maybe some that's not. The Post Mortem will include the names of winners of special events and tournaments, contests, news of upcoming events and, of course, the ever popular double dummy discussions. Special features will be an important part of our newsletter, so if you wish to contribute, please feel free and welcome to do so. On the other hand, if you wish to criticize, please send your criticisms to our President, Howard Friedman. He has a specially designed container for all letters. In any case, since the articles will reflect your interests, your input is the most important element in the Post Mortem. So please, be an active participant - that's what it's all about!! (NOTHING EVER CHANGES)

POST HYPNOTIC SUGGESTIONS

READERS: If anyone would care to contribute to this newsletter, please contact Arlene Port (521-36537) or Dorothy Blair (563-0179) We welcome your comments, suggestions, announcements or clever additions.

DIRECTORS: We have tried to contact all of you, but in some cases we were unsuccessful. If you would like to have any announcements in the newsletter, please call us. We will be delighted to publish news of any Club Championships, Charity or Membership Games. We also want to hear of any special news or events of interest to the general membership. Deadline is the last day of each month. (NOTHING EVER CHANGES.)

POST SCRIPTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Caplan, our newest Life Master!!

UNIT 142 2013 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

Hospitality All Sessions!

Friday, April 12

- 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)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, April 13

- 11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

4:00 PM

- Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Lunch on Us Between Sessions!

Sunday, April 14

Super Brunch & Lunch Included

- 11:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams
(7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
(6 rounds of 6 boards)
Separate Play-through Events/
30 point VP scale

Open

- A: 2000+
- B: 750-2000
- C: 0-750

299er

- D: 200-300
- E: 50-200
- F: 0-50

Stratifications in All Events by Avg. Mps 299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Pittsburgh

Flower Power

Spring Sectional

April 12 - 14, 2013

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



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INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, none vul.
You hold:

S A 10 9
H 8
D K Q 7 4 3 2
C Q 7 6

THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-----	-----	1C	PASS'
1D	PASS	1S	PASS
?			

(2H = GAME FORCE)

Asim Ulke I bid 2S. Unless Partner bids again, I don't see where the game is. Opponent's silence implies that partner hand is distributed something like, 4-3-2-4 or 4-3-1-5, so the diamond suit may not provide many tricks. I am guessing it is the latter with extra values and partner will bid again.

Herb Sachs: 3C Partner is four/four/one/four? hopefully 4/3/1/5-how about Kxxx/Axx/J/AKxxx? or better. I bid three clubs intending to try three spades next if possible. I see 3c/3nt/4s/5c/6c as final contract. wow that's alot of probable results!

Mary Carns: 3D. Invitational, and tends to deny a heart stopper since 2NT would be invitational here too.

Gail Carns 3D This is invitational, I don't think this hand is worth a game force

Paul Caplan: 3 diamonds is invitational which is the hand i have. Paul

Robert Zimmermann: 2H. I will follow with a 3S call and aim for the 4/3 spade fit unless partner bids 2nt and 3nt. The Moysian ought to play nicely, and P cannot have more than 3 hearts.

Jane Marshall 2C (XYZ convention). It asks partner to bid 2D. After partner bids 2D, I will bid 2S (invitational spade raise). I realize that I have only 3 spades, but I have a singleton heart (ruffing value), a 6-loser supporting hand which includes the Q in partner's 1st suit. When I open 1C and rebid 1S, I promise at least 4 clubs. Since no opponent has competed, I believe we will receive good breaks.

Jim Bachelder: 3D I don't think I'm good enough for 2H (4sf), especially with no clear fit. The opponents have had two chances to bid hearts and have not leading me to believe that partner is 4315, so, go with 3D for now. Happy New Year friends.

Bernie Fudor: 3sp Long Live Moyses
Ernie Retetagos: 3 Diamonds. I am not strong enough to force to game opposite a weak opener.

PJ Prabu .3D. It is a tossup between this and 2D. We may be able to make game in one of four denominations if pard has the right minimum. However, a major challenge is to find the right denomination.

Steve Nolan : 3D. Right on shape and values and I can handle any rebid. Partner will bid 3NT with red suit strength and I will pass. If partner repeats either of his suits I will raise to game. Over 3H, I will bid 3S.

Stan Ruskin 2H The question is do you want to force a game. In this case, I would bid 2H because there are many legitimate game opportunities which we will find out about from partner's subsequent bids. 4S, 3NT, 5C and even 5D are possibilities. Partner can have many hands - 4/3/2/4, 4/2/3/4, 4/2/2/5, 4/3/1/5 etc. Thus, I think there is a Game somewhere.

Bill Holt 3D I have invitational values. If partner Q-bids 3H looking for a stopper and showing extras, I will place the contract in 4S and take the ruffs in the short trump hand. If partner can bid 3NT themselves, I am OK with that too.

Marvin Rulin: 3 D, I need to show my 6 card suit and near opening bid. If partner has heart stoppers he can bid 3NT. It plays better from his side. If he has a minimum/3rd seat opener he can pass. Bidding hearts does not describe my distribution very well.

Warren Oberfield: 3D Most people play responder rebid of 3D over 1S here as natural & invitational. That is what I would bid

Trudy Cohn: I bid 2 Hearts. Need to establish a game force before bidding anything else.

Arlene Port: 3D, all the while, berating myself for not bidding 2S. However, I really do have a good hand and a good diamond suit and anything else, I believe, would not be in our best interest. I can always support spades another time (if there is one)

**INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

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

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2S	9	1	100
3D	6	11	90
3C	4	1	80
3S	3	1	80
2H	6	3	70
2C	0	1	40
2D	0	0	40

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 PBA GNT Fundraiser	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 PBA Unit Champion Swiss Team	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 PBA cancelled	19
20	21 no game Rodef—holiday	22	23	24	25 PBA Unit Champion	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Manny Kann & Annette Blum Rodef 199ers 71.53%
 Lessa Finegold & Lila Margolis JCC 72.;50%
 Arlene Port & Judy Haffner Rodef 75.00%

3 IN A ROW

Judy Haffner Rodef Arlene Port Rodef

2 IN A ROW

Gloria Moser	Allegh North	Barbara Norante	Allegh North
Bob Quinlan	Allegh North	Lorraine Hanna	Allegh North
Barb Bergman	Allegh North	Jane Marshall	Allegh North
Ron Franck	Allegh North	Gail Hastings	Ctr Bridge
Lou Joseph	Ctr Bridge	Mort Rubin	JCC
Paula Rubin	JCC	Harold Haffner	Rodef
Lila Margolis	Rodef	Barbara Horowitz	Rodef
JMarge Mazer	Rodef	James Quigley	Rodef
C.P. Feifer	Rodef	Sis Brown	Rodef
G. Tessler	Rodef 199ers	Norman Sindler	Rodef 199er
Emily Mendelson	Rodef 199ers	James Mendelson	Rodef 199er



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!