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# POST MORTEM

## All the news that fits in print .....by arlene port

Happy February everyone!! The only question I have is: "Where did January go?" OH YES, I remember. It was hidden under the 100 moving boxes that came to our new condo when we moved. Aside from getting beat up at the bridge table, moving is the worst thing I have ever done. Well, the boxes have dwindled down to a precious few of 15 or so and if my kitchen ever arrives, I will be in passable (not good) shape.

OK, back to the important business of bridge. Somewhere in January, Cleveland had their winter regional. Pittsburgh was well represented and many of our players did very well. For results, go to the District #5 home page and click on the Rock and Roll Regional and find out who were the "shinees."

On the other hand, once again Pittsburgh tilted and a whole bunch of our players fell into Florida, and other parts south to escape our chilly winter. It is so quiet, you can hear a card drop. I certainly hope they all appreciate how we are standing up under the cold for them..

Who cares about the winter? We have many wonderful bridge events to look forward to in the next few months. There's always the Friday night Unit game in the Churchill area and, particularly, the once a month Swiss Team Game. How much fun is that? March 1 is a Unit Club Championship that you can't afford to miss and start making your plans for the spring sectional in April. As usual, it promises to be a winner, especially since the Bergman's are the official hosts. You can always count on them having a "feast fest:" and bridge at it's best.

Did I wish you all a happy valentines day? I didn't? Well, here goes: Roses are red, violets are blue. If you beat me at bridge, I will smack you!!!. (Over and over)

## 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)

### Lunch on Us between 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

### Sunday, April 14

11:00 AM Super Brunch & Lunch Included  
 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

<b>Open</b>	<b>299er</b>
A: 2000+	D: 200-300
B: 750-2000	E: 50-200
C: 0-750	F: 0-50
Stratifications in All 299er Strats at Events by Avg. Mps Director's Discretion	

# Pittsburgh

## Flower Power

## Spring Sectional

April 12 - 14, 2013

Masonic Center North  
 3579 Masonic Way  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237



### Lesson from an Expert

Friday @ 6:45 PM  
 Cubic Zirconia  
 Life Master Theater  
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM

### Partnership:

Jane Marshall 412-371-4067  
[1304pairs@5bridge.com](mailto:1304pairs@5bridge.com)

### Newcomer & 999er:

Darlene Mannheimler  
 412-343-0419  
[299pairs@d5bridge.com](mailto:299pairs@d5bridge.com)

### Tournament Chair:

Barb Bergman  
 Ken Bergman  
 724-935-4591  
[spring13@d5bridge.com](mailto:spring13@d5bridge.com)

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts  
 Sanction # S1304068

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.  
 Open Swiss Teams \$100/team  
 299er Swiss \$ 80/team  
 Non & Unpaid ACBL Members  
 \$1 additional per session  
 Student Discount: \$5 per Session

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  
 Partners & Team-building!  
 Full Schedule & Directions at  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

## POSTAGE DUE

This month we continue our new column 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.

**AUBREY GEORGE**  
**542 NEWPORT DRIVE**  
**PITTSBURGH, PA 15235**  
**TEL: 412-731-7882**

If you know someone who is confined and would like to hear from their old friends, please e-mail Arlene at [aport220@comcast.net](mailto:aport220@comcast.net) or Lou at [louismjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:louismjoseph@comcast.net) along with the name and address, and we will be happy to publish the information. Thanks!

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT POST

*The prestigious MILT FRAZIER AWARD will be presented at the ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY IN MAY to the PBA member who has given the most effort for the good of the Unit. Contact Jane Marshall to nominate your choice (include a few words explaining your reason). Previous winners include Bill Holt, Barb and Ken Bergman, Mary Carns, Sandy Schuchert, Arlene Jacobelli, Marcella and Ernie Retetagos but not Arlene Port.*

## IN MEMORIAM POST

Julie Kernon Semple passed away in December. She was primarily active in the South Hills games, particularly the Mt. Lebanon DBC. She withdrew from the bridge world several years ago due to failing health but stayed in contact with many of her friends via email. And they were wonderful emails. She had a wicked sense of humor.

We omitted to note the passing in late October of Iola Croner. Prior to her relocating to Meadville a year ago, Iola was well known to many bridge players. We are sorry we did not notify the membership earlier of her untimely demise.

Also, we are sad to say that David Speizer passed away. He was such a nice man. Our condolences to his family.

## UP THE LADDER POST

### JUNIOR MASTER

Judith Kasdan  
Malik Tunador  
Linda Wozman

### CLUB MASTER

Jack Adelson  
John Driscoll  
Emily Mendelson  
Susan Podgers  
Marlene Wandrisco

### SECTIONAL MASTER

Paul Beisler  
Charles Harff  
Dustin Hoover  
Marge Kasper  
Nancy Matthews  
Larry Puntureri  
Paul Rosenberg  
Nancy Swindells

### REGIONAL MASTER

Susan Israelson  
Jim Posy  
Douglas Sterrett  
Alfred Tung

### LIFE MASTER

Karen Piper  
Tom Piper  
Jayant Rajgopal  
Judith Vittone

### SILVER LIFE MASTER

Joan D'Antonio  
Charlotte Ludwig  
Joan Pfeifer  
Dennis Pittman

### BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Jean Livingston

**HEARTIEST  
CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL ON YOUR  
FINE ACHIEVEMENTS!**

## DOWN THE DRAIN POST

### DIAMONIQUE MASTER

Arlene Port

### **ANOTHER GREAT EVENT!!**

Saturday January 26, 2013 at the Masonic Center was the scene of 20 attendees at another LEARN BRIDGE IN 1 DAY workshop. Bill Holt, ably assisted by 10 PBA members, helped another group of people to get turned on to our beloved game!! WELL DONE, GANG!!



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT\*  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## STAY MENTALLY SHARP

LEARN TO PLAY BETTER BRIDGE FOR FREE!

**FREE BRIDGE LESSONS ARE OFFERED AT SEWICKLEY VALLEY  
YMCA EACH FRIDAY AT 11-:30A.M.**

### INSTRUCTORS

**2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY BY ACCREDITED ACBL INSTRUCTOR, LORRAINE HANNA**

Lorraine is a life master, accredited ACBL instructor, member of the American Bridge teachers Assoc. and edits Marty Bergen's Bridge books.

**1ST, 3RD AND 5TH FRIDAY BY ACBL DIRECTOR, JOHN BERNHARD**

John learned to play Bridge when he was 12. He earned his Life Master in 2003. He started the Singles Bridge Club in 2004 and won a number Mini McKenney and Ace of Club first place award. He became an ACBL Certified Director in 2012 and is a Silver Life Master. He is also the director of Nancy's Sunday Dinner Bridge Club.

The actual doing is the most effective and enjoyable part of the learning the game. The Sewickley Valley YMCA is now offering a Duplicate Bridge game for beginners, novices and "newbies". It is a 0-20 Master Point game, which means that you will be playing in an organized setting at your comfort level and with and against players at your level. This game will follow the free lesson at 12:30P.M. and will only last a couple of hours. The game will be professionally supervised and include refreshments.

**WHEN:** EACH FRIDAY  
**TIME:** 11:30A.M.  
**LOCATION:** SEWICKLEY VALLEY YMCA  
625 Blackburn Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143  
**COST:** LESSONS -FREE must pre-register at [lorrainehanna4@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainehanna4@gmail.com)  
GAMES- \$6.00



For more information contact Karen at 412-741-9622 x 109



**District 5 Grand National Teams Finals  
Represent your District at the Summer NABC  
AND Get CASH to Cover Expenses!**

## WHO WANTS TO BE FAMOUS ???

### 2012 GNT Flight B National Champs!

Fred Yellen, Judith Padgug,  
John Bacon and Michael Creager  
won the Sheinwold Flight B GNT  
in Philadelphia.

Buffalo & Cleveland done good!

The team received \$1,000 from  
District 5 to help defray costs.



Clearly they practiced with a mirror to look like winners!

Here's your chance to have a fun bridge weekend in the District 5 GNT finals. If you win your flight, head off to the Summer NABC in Atlanta to play in the National GNT Finals, with cash from District 5 to help you with expenses! Many Units sweeten the pot, too! Such a Deal!

### Flights & Times:

	<b>April 27 &amp; 28, 2013</b>	<b>May 4 &amp; 5, 2013</b>
<b>Flight C:</b>	<b>0-500 NLM</b>	<b>Flight B: 0-2000</b>
<b>Flight A:</b>	<b>0-5000</b>	<b>Champ. Flight: Unlimited</b>

Saturday game times are 1PM & 7 PM, Sunday 10 AM & TBD (to follow). (Point totals are as of Sept. 1, 2012) Play both weekends in your flight or higher! For the top 3 flights overall awards are gold and match awards are red. For flight C overall awards are 25% gold and 75% red. Match awards are red.

No Pre-qualification!  
Just show up!  
(We'd like an RSVP to Barb)

**Erie Bridge Club**  
1221 Grant Avenue  
Erie, Pa. 16505-3118  
814-833-1706

Just 95 miles  
from Cleveland,  
100 from Buffalo &  
125 from Pittsburgh

Contact: Barb Bacon - D5 GNT Coordinator (440) 724-6539 or [bbacon@cox.net](mailto:bbacon@cox.net)

Full Driving Directions & Maps, Hotel Information at  
<http://www.d5bridge.com/GNT-NAP.htm>

**WHADDYA GOT TO LOSE? SEE YOU IN ERIE!!!**

POST CARDS:

The Katz kids are multiplying like rabbits. Richard and Pat Katz just welcomed their 5th grandchild, a girl named Eugenia Litman, and from what I hear at the water cooler, they are expecting a couple more this year. NICE GOING GUYS. Congratulations!!

**TO MY PARTNER, THE ATTITUDE GURU**

.....by arlene

The game was on that day in May  
An I was sharp, I'm pleased to say.  
My bidding great, my play showed sense  
I was a killer on defense.

The first hand up, they got to play  
Three spades was cold. With me - no way.  
Partner led the Q of hearts; I had K, 3, deuce  
I played the 3 to show I liked, it was, I say, no use.

He switched to clubs, to my dismay  
And they made four the easy way.  
"I gave you attitude", I pleaded.  
"So sorry, pal, I didn't read it".

The next hand out was just a clone  
He played an Ace to my 3, alone.  
He switched again and I could see  
That there would be no ruff for me.

After six hands friends, I shouted: "Dude",  
I'll show you, here's my attitude".  
"You're just a bum, you dirty rat"  
"My attitude, now live with that"!

I still like count, my defense is fine.  
Him? Attitude, that choice ain't mine.  
Hopefully, one day we'll find  
That one of us has changed their mind.

**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

**INTERNET POST**

You are south, e/w vul, matchpoints you hold:

S A Q 6 2  
H Q 9 7 5  
D 7 6  
C 9 7 2

**THE BIDDING IS:**

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1D	PASS	1NT	PASS
PASS	DOUBLE*	2C	?

\*Penalty

**NOTE: To all of my regular responders: My e-mail was changed and half of those I sent my question of the month to did not receive it. My apologies. Next month I promise I will get my e-mail working - or else!!**

**Florine Walters: Double.** Partner should have clubs for their double and a good hand. I have 3 clubs and points and want partner to know that.  
**Asim Ulke - 3C.** Asking partner to do something intelligent. Partner must have a very good hand. If they have a 4-card major to go with that good hand I will bid game. If the double was based upon partner's diamond holding, I will pass.

**Gail Carns) Pass** I know partner has a good hand with diamonds but I have nothing to say.



**Jane Marshall: Double.** They might make it, but, since my partner did not double at his 1st opportunity, I do not think that we have a good major suit fit. Since East bid at his 1st opportunity, I expect him to have at least 5 hcp. We do not have the points for game. We do not have a fit to play the hand. I hope to set East 1 trick for +200

**Paul Caplan 2d** pick a major.

**Mary Paulone Carns: Double.** They might make it. But partner, when he doubled, knows that E is marked with a club suit, and he shouldn't double if he can't defend 2 clubs.

**Robert Zimmermann: 3C.** What can partner have for a penalty double of 1NT when he could not act over 1D? I'd guess 6-7 running diamonds and an outside entry. Let's see if he has a club stopper. I'll pass his 3D or 3NT rebid. I'll likely raise 3 of a major to game and hope for 2461 or something similar

**Bill Holt: Pass.** Sounds like partner has a good hand with diamonds. If he is short clubs he'll act again and we can find and play 2 Major. I would normally expect the double of a 1m-1NT sequence to be takeout for the majors. Were that the case I would gladly bid 2H with this hand. And hope to do so later here, as we won't get rich against 2c

**Arlene Port: 2D** Partner should know that I have both majors and some points. If their double was based on their diamond holding, they can pass. If they have a major suit, they can bid it and I will raise. The one thing I know is that partner has a good hand - in some holding.

**Herb Sachs: 3C** I am playing partner for a very good hand but right or wrong club shortness; I cannot double if I am correct (I hope I am) so partner is long in diamonds with maybe one four card major?? I bid 3c intending to pass 3 of anything; if partner is really strong he/she may bid 4c

**Steve Nolan: 2NT.** The only distribution I could come up with for all the bids to make sense is (i) West has 4-4 in the majors and had to open a three card diamond suit; (ii) North has a running six-card diamond suit and an outside ace; and (iii) East has a five card club suit, probably headed by the KQ, and no outside entries.

I don't want to be in a major against this distribution. 2C looks like it will make given the 3-3 club break and West's major suit honors sitting over mine, so double is also out. 2NT makes using North's diamonds and the two aces. If West has the ace of clubs, the defense scores the first five tricks and we take the rest.

If West started with S KJxx, H AKJx, D xxx C xx, the play is interesting after a club lead taken by East and a heart back. Declarer covers East's heart, wins West's club return with dummy's ace and the run of the diamonds squeezes West in the majors. Declarer takes nine tricks.



INTERNET POST  
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Philip Alder	2D
Alan Bell	2D
David Berkowitz	2D
Mark Blumenthal	D
Bart Bramley	P
Larry Cohen	D
Billy Eisenberg	P
Brian Glubok	2S
Alan Graves	D
Carl Hudecek	P
Michael Kamil	P
Danny Kleinman	D
Eric Kokish	D
Marshal Miles	D
Nick Nickell	D
Rozanne & Bill Pollock	2D
Larry Robbins	2D
Arthur Robinson	2H
Steve Robinson	2D
Debbie Rosenberg	2D
Jeff Rubens	2H
Ira Rubin	P
Don Stack	P
Fred Stewart	P
Howard Weinstein	D
Harry Steiner	2H
Robert Wolff	2D
Kit Woolsey	P

**INTERNET POST RESULTS:**

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Pass	8	2	100
2D	8	2	90
Double	8	3	90
2H	2	0	20
2S	1	0	20
3C	0	3	10
2NT	0	1	N/A



# FEBRUARY 2013

Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

3	4	5	6	7	1 PBA Unit Championship	2
10	11	12	13	14	8 Junior Fd Swiss Team & PBA Bd Mtg	9
17	18	19	20	21	15 PBA Junior Fund Pairs	16
24	25	26	27	28	22 PBA Membership Game	23

## FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Frank Siffirinn & Jim Fox	Mt Lebo DBC	74.03%
Art Aronson & Nick Tredennick	Ellwood City	72.92%
Alex Bealles & Lynn Rafferty	Ellwood City	72.92%
Karl Sokalski & Dustin Hoover	SH FLM	71.29%
Lynn Rafferty & David Ruppert	Newcastle Wed	70.83%
Connie Hoechstetter & Bob Quinlan	Sub DBC	70.81%
Jan Phillips & Marcella Retetagos	Glenshaw Mon	70.33%
Nicholas Rescher & Richard Kotler	Rodef 199ers	70.14%

## 4 IN A ROW

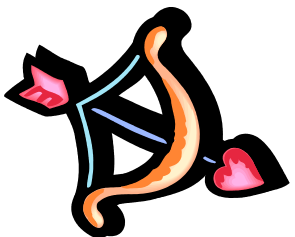
Nicholas Rescher    Rodef 199er's

## 3 IN A ROW

Rochard Kotler    Rodef 199er's

## 2 IN A ROW

Joe Secka	Whithall Mon	Bob Quinlan	Suburban DBC
C Hoechstetter	Suburban DBC	Karl Sokalski	SH FLM
Pat Cunkelman	Export DB C	Barbara Belardi	DBC
Dustin Hoover	SH FLM	Judy Haffner	JCC Wechsler
Harold Haffner	JCC Wechsler		



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!