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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by lou joseph

March already! My, my, my. Can't say I'm sorry to see February go - it was a very bad month for our bridge community as we lost several players (much more inside.)

I suppose the big news is that Arlene is finally ensconced in her new apartment/condo at the Dithridge house. You'll notice her new address in the upper right hand corner of the masthead, as well as her new e-mail address. Didn't hear about it? Well, I did. Over and over and over and over and over... She also had a nasty bout with shingles, but thankfully that has passed. Didn't hear about it? Well, I did. Over and over and over and over and over...

If you're having trouble reaching her at her new e-mail address, keep trying. If you can buy this, apparently every time she opens her e-mail, they all disappear. Didn't hear about it? Well, Comcast did. Over and over and over and over and over...

But enough about Arlene. The nice thing about March is that it means Spring and April are that much closer. Time to finalize your plans for the Spring Sectional (flyer on facing page.) Barb (Madam President) and Ken (Mister First Lady) Bergman are in charge of the event, so you know not only will it run like clockwork, but the hospitality will be spectacular. And make sure you're there for a new production by the Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theater on Saturday between sessions. In all modestly, I have to admit that it's the best free entertainment available in the bridge world. Even Arlene enjoyed the previous ones. How do we know? Because if she hadn't, we would have heard about it. Over and over and over and 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)

4:00 PM Lunch on Us between Sessions!
 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

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

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:

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Newcomer & 999er:

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Barb Bergman
 Ken Bergman
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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 ONL Y against other New Players
 Contact Darlene for
 Partners & Team-building!
 Full Schedule & Directions at
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.

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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 aport220@comcast.net or Lou at louismjoseph@comcast.net along with the name and address, and we will be happy to publish the information. Thanks!

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Sidney Pollack

CLUB MASTER

Donald Park II
Dolores Roskies
Laura Zimmermann

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 STILL not Arlene Port. (I don't remember seeing "Lou Joseph" anywhere.)

GET WELL POST

We just found out that Ginny Headrick is in the hospital with pneumonia. Here's hoping for a swift recovery.

Get well wishes continue to accrue for Aubrey George, Ethel Farrell, Edie Weiser, Norman Williams and Mary Anne McNeirney.

Here's some good news! Betty Noble is doing better and better, and Joanne Zambroski has returned to the bridge tables after a tough battle with a kidney infection, (not an STD as rumored).

If we missed anyone, we apologize. If you know of someone we missed, please tell us!!! "Nobody knows the trouble I seen. Nobody knows my sorrow" I had shingles, but don't worry about me. I didn't need Get Well Post sympathy.

SECTIONAL MASTER

Hazel Allen
Robert Davis
Tammy Tjader

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Carole Shanahan

IN MEMORIAM POST

Susan Wald passed away in late February. An avid bridge player and a fervent Pittsburgh based team sports fan, she was always recognizable at the table, because she was always dressed in black and gold! Sue worked for many years in the jewelry business, both as a store owner and gem buyer. She will be missed by all her friends.

We are saddened to report the passing of Ed Alcott's brother after a lengthy battle with leukemia. Although Ed no longer resides in Pittsburgh, he often returns to play.

Additionally, we regret to announce the sudden passing of Mary Alice Shenefiel. Phyllis Geinzer sent this information, which seems a fitting tribute: Mary Alice Shenefiel died Thursday, February 21, 2013. Pittsburgh bridge lost a teacher and an excellent player. She and her husband David were well known within the PBA community. Many PBA members took their first bridge steps under Mary Alice's guidance. When David retired they moved to South Carolina. In January 2004 David passed away suddenly. MA stayed in SC but returned to Pittsburgh to be near her daughter and to await a kidney transplant. Life was not easy, what with dialysis three times weekly. Those were three very difficult days completely devoted to getting to dialysis, sitting for several hours while the machinery did its work, getting home to physically and mentally recover from the treatment, and possibly have a little bit of fun that day, but probably simply "crash". The four days without dialysis were for bridge games and shopping and enjoying life. She had been on a walker due to her hip deteriorating. Thursday she was having the hip replaced when her heart gave out on the operating table. I shall miss my friend Mary Alice Shenefiel. Pittsburgh bridge will miss Mary Alice Shenefiel. We are a larger bridge community thanks to her teaching. Thank you, MA, for sharing yourself with us all .

IN MEMORIAM POST

It is with heavy heart that we announce the passing of Roni Ostfield, the wife of Frank Cymerman.

Although Roni didn't play much bridge in recent years, she was very much a part of what can be described as "The golden age of Pittsburgh Bridge". In the 70's, Roni was an accomplished player and very active in the PBA. She worked for the organization and wrote entertainment for sectional and regional tournaments. She also did what most bridge players neither have the time or the inclination to do; she mentored a group of young players who had just become involved in duplicate and in great part to Roni, never lost their enthusiasm, and became some of our best players. Some of the members of that group were Warren Oberfield, Marc Nathan, Frank Cymerman, Max Bazerman and Bob Winters.

In later years, Roni earned a masters degree in theatre and brought "Playback Theat.re, a theatrical form that honors people's stories to Pittsburgh. She also directed City Theatre's Outreach Program and in addition, taught acting at the Pittsburgh Playhouse Conservatory Theatre in Pittsburgh. Roni's impact on those she met was inspirational and throughout the years she became a much beloved icon in the acting community.

Our deepest sympathy to Frank, her sons and their families. She will be sorely missed by us all.

PBA ON THE MARCH!!

If you're the type of person who thinks that new cards in the duplicate boards is a major improvement for the PBA, then you must be delighted with our purchase of a dealing machine that now duplicates the boards and provides hand records for the games. You may well have also noticed this being available at the games run by Gus Costanzo, in agreement with the PBA. Now you can see just exactly what you and/or your opponents did right (or wrong) on each hand! Why not come to the Unit game on Friday nights at Wilkins Township and experience the future yourself?



**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:

April 27 & 28, 2013
Flight C: 0-500 NLM
Flight A: 0-5000

May 4 & 5, 2013
Flight B: 0-2000
Champ. Flight: Unlimited

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

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

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

WEBMASTER POST
(That would be Bill Holt)

Dear Club Liasons...

The PBA Spring Sectional is April 12-14. It's time to make certain the word is getting out to our clubs.

- Please be sure to make an announcement at each of the games under your responsibility.
- Note the Partnership chairs, Jane Marshall for regulars and Dar Mannheimer for 299ers
- Note the free eats on Saturday and Sunday! Bergman Style! And Hospitality all sessions, of course!
- Please make certain that there are Flyers available for the players. If you have need of flyers, see me or the Bergmans, or send an email to me, or call. We'll make sure that you get some.

If you are unable or unwilling to make these announcements, or are out of town, please let us know. We appreciate your desire to help us grow Bridge in Pittsburgh!

EDUCATION POST GRADUATE POST

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association classes are scheduled to begin in April. The exact date will be announced on the Website teaching schedule and in the flyers that will be distributed.

Tentatively, I will be teaching the beginning class and Lou will be teaching the class that follows the beginning class he taught last semester. If we do not get enough beginners to form a class, I will teach the advancing class and Lou will teach a\ more advanced curriculum.

If there is something special you are interested in learning, please let either Lou or me and we will try to accommodate you.....arlene



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, IMP's, none vul
You hold:

S A 10
H A 10 6 4 3 2
D A Q 5
C A 10

The Bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	PASS	1NT	PASS
?			

Asim Ulke - I bid **3D** to force to game. If partner responds 3H, I bid 4H. Over 4D, I bid 4H. I pass 3NT

Ernie Retetegos: 3 Diamonds. With all the extras in this hand, it is too strong to invite. I can't think of a responding hand that wouldn't yield a play for game.

Bernie Fudor: 3NT - I bid 3nt always bid it sometimes make it

Fred Schenker: 3NT If we are playing the 1 NT bid as forcing, then I am bidding 3H, and trusting that my pd will put me in an imp game with almost anything. If the NT bid is not forcing, then I am bidding 3N and hoping for the best. With any luck, pd will have Qx or Qxx in S, and will be able to set up the H suit.

Richard Katz: 3D This is a very suited hand. Three diamonds is a standout over distant ant choice.

Jim Bachelder: 3C : 3H isn't enough do I'll jump shift with 3C.

Jane Marshall .3H, invitational, showing at least a 6-card suit.

Paul Caplan 3 hearts. I have a 6card suit and a hand not quite good enough to force to game.

Robert Zimmermann: 2N. As always, it would be nice to know our methods. Is 1NT forcing? If so, then p might still hold 3 hearts (otherwise only 2). He can not hold 4spades. So, any of 3145, 2344, and 3055 are still possible. I'll have a better idea next round unless p passes.

Bill Holt 3d - the Game Forcing Jump-shift. Leaves room for partner to preference back to H. Suit not quite good enough for 3H, and the hand is too good. 2NT is a bit of an underbid with my 18 pure and three 10's. So I will make the slight overbid of 3d and hope for the best.

PJ Prabhu: 3D. With this hand, I want to force to game.

Marvin Rulin: 3 D Are we playing 1NT forcing? I want to be in game or maybe even slam but don't know the right spot yet. I need to make a forcing bid and see how partner responds.

Florine Walters: 3H It would be nice to have better hearts, but still bid three hearts. Even if partner has two small hearts, it should play better from my side.

Gail Carns: 3D if partner bids 4D I will bid 4H



Herb Sachs: 3NT Chances are that with any evenly distributed hand or a long suit, 3NT will make. There may be a slam here somewhere, but no one can find it.

Steve Nolan 3H. Shows 16-18 pts. and a 6-card suit.

Trudy Cohn: 3D hoping to get more info from partner. NT game could have dangerous shortage in spades. give partner a chance to shpw heart preference.

Warren Oberfield: 3H (We know Warren has his reasons, but just isn't sharing them with us.)

Pat Katz: 2NT because she feels this is the bid that best describes the hand.

Arlene Port: 3H -Even though I could turn this bad 6 card suit into a 5 card suit, habit forces me to bid 3 hearts nonetheless. I still believe that playing in a major suit under slam is almost always better than playing no trump. If partner has 2 hearts, we probably belong in that suit. As I always preach, playing in a major is better than no trump because it generates more tricks with trump. At no trump, that mean opponent always seems to find your weakness and capitalizes on it and you find yourself with just nine tricks, or , god forbid, even less.

NOTE: ok guys, please reach back into your vast bag of information and share your thoughts on these questions. After all, this is supposed to be a learning experience for those who have less experience than you do. So, let's hear your brilliant thoughts. arlene

INTERNET POST

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Alan Bell	2NT
David Berkowitz	3D
Bart Bramley	2S
Larry Cohen	3D
Billy Eisenberg	3NT
Sar Gohel	2NT
Carl Hudecek	3H
Michael Kamil	3H
Ami Kahela	3NT
Danny Kleinman	3D
Eric Kokish	2NT
Marshal Miles	3NT
Rozanne & Bill Pollock	2NT
Larry Robbins	3C
Arthur Robinson	3NT
Steve Robinson	DD
Jeff Rubens	3D
Ira Rubin	2S
Fred Stewart	3NT
Howard Weinstein	3H
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	3H
Ray Zoller	3NT

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3NT	6	3	100
3D	5	8	90
2NT	5	2	90
3H	3	5	80
2S	2	0	60
3C	1	1	50
2D	0	0	30
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MARCH 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 PBA Club Champion- ship	2
3	4 Rodef Club Championship	5	6	7	8 PBA Unit Champion Swiss Teams	9
10	11	12	13 JCC Club Championship	14	15 PBA Open Pairs	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 PBA Unit Cham- pionship	23
24/31	25 Rodef Can- celled	26	27	28	29 PBA Open Pairs	30

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Jim Klein & David Frohlich	Wilkins Thurs	75.00%
Manny Kahn & Annette Blum	Rodef 199ers	71.53%
Asim Ulke & Richard Katz	Rodef	70.19%

5 IN A ROW

Nicholas Rescher Rodef 199er's

4 IN A ROW

Richard Kotler Rodef 199er's

3 IN A ROW

Mort Rubin Rodef Paula Rubin Rodef

2 IN A ROW

Gerri Tessler	Rodef 199'ers	Norman Sindler	Rodef 199'ers
Nick Rescher	Rodef 199'ers	Richard Kotler	Rodef 199'ers
Bob Quinlan	Allegh North	C Hoeschtetter	Allegh North
Jane Marshall	Allegh North	Ron Franck	Allegh North
J Zambroski	Glenshaw Wed	Herb Sachs	Glenshaw W
Asim Ulke	Glenshaw Wed	J Zambroski	Wilkins Fri
Jane Marshall	Allegh North	Barbara Bergman	Allegh North
David Collura	Suburban Fri	Dennis Pittman	Suburban Fri
Doris Hess	JCC SH Thur	Bob Tate	JCC SH Thur
Lessa Finegold	JCC	Phyllis Berkowitz	JCC
Harold Chelemer	JCC		

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!