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All the news that fits in print

By arlene port

For those of you who were unable to attend the PBA Awards Party on May 17th, you missed what is traditionally the evening when we congratulate those bridge players who have achieved the highest rankings in their masterpoint category. It is also the time we say "Thanks, job well done" to those who's hard work has made the Pittsburgh Bridge Association the wonderful organization it has been for over 70 years.

All of the special events we enjoy and the information we get via the website, the flyers and the newsletter that allows us to receive news of the present and the recent past is given to us by those dedicated members who work like crazy to enrich our group. We owe them all our gratitude and our respect for their efforts.

I would like to pay special tribute to Lou Joseph, recipient of the Milt Frazier Award, given to the one who has done the most to make our organization the best. It is certainly well deserved. Thank you Lou. Make certain the next time you see him you give him a pat on the back along with an "attaboy". Lou, I suppose you're waiting for the other shoe to drop when I say something mean. Well it's not ever going to happen... Ok, you talked me into it, you BUM - "Boy Uber Mischiefmaker")

Our thanks also go to Ron and Shirley Franck who provided us with refreshments for the evening, along with those who brought goodies for us to eat. Shirley, who doesn't even play bridge with our group worked for countless hours to make certain we were well fed. What a princess!!! It was a wonderful affair in every way.

HAPPY JUNE TO YOU ALL!! As usual, we have special events this month which include STaC week (see ad on page 2 , the Fossick/Goodman Swiss team June 2 and the PBA monthly Swiss team game June 28.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!

June 10-16, 2013

STaC Week!

8
STaC'n'Snack

STaC Games All Week, Plus...

Thursday June 13th

@ Glenshaw Moose

*Get Your
Munch ON!*



*Don't Pass ...
Have 2nds!*

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

Jeannie Baseman @ 412-889-2538

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:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

**STaC WEEK
JUNE 10-16-2013**

Here is a list of participating club games in Units 142 and 229 as of press time. Please check the District 5 website for updated information:

	Morn	Aft	Eve
<u>Mon 06/10</u>			
Glenshaw	X		
Rodef Shalom		X (novice also)	
Export		X	
Natrona Heights	X		
Whitehall		X	
Elwood City			X
Washington			X
<u>Tue 06/11</u>			
Indiana			X
Masonic Ctr		X	
Temple Sinai			X
JCC S Hills		X	X
Boyd Center	X		
<u>Wed 06/12</u>			
Glenshaw	X		
Moon Area			X
Greensburg		X	
JCC Squirrel Hill		X	
New Castle			X
<u>Thu 06/13</u>			
Greensburg	X		
Masonic Ctr		X	
Glenshaw (PBA)			X
Wilkins Twp	X		
JCC S Hills		X	X
Butler			X
<u>Fri 06/14</u>			
Wilkins Twp	X		X
Greensburg	X		
Sewickley		X	
Mt Lebanon			X
Suburban DBC		X	
<u>Sat 06/15</u>			
Wilkins Twp		X	

GET WELL POST

As always we continue to offer our well wishes to Ginny Headrick, Edie Weiser, Betty Noble, Ada Nye, Doc Williams, Mary Anne McNeirney, Delores Kelly, Dee Braddock, Bill and Norma Spicher, and all who are ailing.

Now, it seems, we have another friend to monitor in the hospital. Jane Bress underwent surgery and we know is returning to health as fast as she can. HURRY UP!! We miss you.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Madonna Deorio
Irene Kopp
James Kopp

CLUB MASTER

Gail Stoner
Lois Weinstein

SECTIONAL MASTER

Donna Trust

REGIONAL MASTER

Barbara Weinstein

LIFE MASTER

Ron Ambrose

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

David Kresh

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Garnet Depner

HIP, HIP, HOORAY!!!

IN MEMORIAM POST

Another sad month for our bridge community We mourn the passing of the following.

Clint Lando, a regular player at Rodef Shalom and the Squirrel Hill JCC. Clint was such an enthusiastic bridge player and more than that, a really sweet man. It was an honor to get to know him. Our sympathies are extended to Ruth Rubinstein and all of Clint's friends and family.

Bennet Burstin, a regular player at the South Hills JCC future Life Masters game and at the Mount Lebanon Duplicate Bridge game. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Esther and all of their friends and family.

Steven McElhaney, son of Bud McElhaney. Our sympathies are extended to Bud and Nancy as well as all of the family and friends.

Dr. Usman Ahmad, a regular player for many years in the McKeesport area. He was such a nice man. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, family, and the many partners and friends of Usman.

Our to Joe Missenda's wife passed away recently. We send our deepest condolences to Joe and his family.

WAY TO GO POST!

We congratulate the winning Flight B team of the District 5 Grand National Teams finals held in Erie last month:

**RON SAIN
WAYNE OBITZ
ISTVAN BARDI
JUDIT BARDI**

On to Atlanta! Bring back the title! Unit 142 salutes your achievement!!

sok szerencsét!
(that means good luck! In Hungarian!)

Pittsburgh Bridge Association *presents*

2013 Olympiad Contest



Are you a Unit 142 player with less than 750 masterpoints?
Here's your chance to represent Unit 142 (Pittsburgh) in competition with Buffalo, Cleveland, and all the other Units in District 5!!!

The Olympiad is a District-Wide Stratified Pairs Competition with two sessions on Saturday August 17 and one session on Sunday August 18 at the Knights of Columbus in Garfield Heights, OH. Players with less than 750 masterpoints may enter and represent their Units - competing for the District 5 Olympiad Trophy. Also, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three winners of each session. After each session, hand records, insightful analyses and discussion by Emerald Life Master Dick Early will help you become a better player. You are a winner here whether you win or not!

Unit 142 Olympiad Scholarship Competition*

We at the PBA would like to help you to participate in this event. So we are offering a contest to support your efforts. During the period of May 3 - August 2, Enter a minimum of four (4) times at the PBA Unit Game Friday Night at Wilkins Township Municipal Building, playing with another eligible (<750 MP's) partner. (There are 9 qualifying games in that period). You needn't have the same partner every time. Your 3 best %-age games will be used and compared with others. Two individual winners will receive free entries to all sessions at the event, and a lodging allowance. If there is a tie for 2nd place, prize will be shared by those players involved. If one player declines to attend, the other gets the entire award. If winner cannot attend, offer extends to 3rd place, etc.

This site is a mere 110 miles from Cranberry - and the event is educational & lots of fun! You may enter whether you win this scholarship contest or not. Do us proud and get involved!

Have a Good Time + Get Better + BEAT CLEVELAND = What more could you want?

* Unit Game at Wilkins Twp. Game Time Friday Night 7:00

*** This Contest is Open to Unit 142 Members only**

*** Olympiad is open to District 5 Members with less than 750 masterpoints as of June 1, 2013.**

Swiss Team Games of May 10, June 28, July 26 do not count.

Tournament Conflict Cancellations are May 24 (Cleveland), July 19 (Pittsburgh)

Questions? Contact Mary Paulone Carns 412-897-7526

July 19 - 21, 2013
Greater Pittsburgh
Masonic Center
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Pittsburgh Picnic Sectional Summer



Who's your Partner?



Partnerships:
Jane Marshall
412-371-4067
Newcomers & 299ers:
Darlene Mannheimer
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:
Barb Belardi 412-795-4235
Cecilia Powell 724-325-3863
Bill Holt 412-860-2794

I'm playing with my Ant!



Director in Charge:
Mike Roberts
Sanction # 51307046
Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
Open Swiss Teams
\$100 / team
299er Swiss \$80 / team

ACBL Members
Non & Unpaid
\$1 additional per session
Student Discount
\$5 per Session
Full Schedule & Directions @
www.pittsburghbridge.org



We love take-outs!
Hospitality
All Sessions!

Lunch Included on Sat!
Brunch & Lunch on Sun!



Lesson from an
Expert...
Fri @ 6:15 PM
Sat @ 3:15 PM



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

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / 299er Pairs -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
Play ONLY against other New Players
Contact Director for Partners & Team Building!

Nah! I'm just going for the food!



You any good at bridge?

Friday, July 19
1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
Saturday, July 20
11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Bracketed Compact KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)
- May be Handicapped
4:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Bracketed Compact KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
Sunday, July 21
11:00 AM 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

Free Lunch between sessions!
Play twice and STILL get home early!

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JUNE

- 2 Fossick-Goodman Sunday Swiss Team at Edgewood Country Club
- 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 Summer Sectional at Masonic Center
- 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 PGH "RONI" REGIONAL - PBA cancelled

ASK ERNIE (go ahead- we dare you!)

You asked - Ernie answered! Here it is:

The question: With nobody vulnerable, at matchpoints, you hold:

♠ AQJxx ♥ Kxxxx ♦ xx ♣ x

RHO opens 1♠. What is your correct call?

The answer: You should PASS!

When you have length in the opener's suit, it is a warning that this is a misfit. The declaring side is usually in trouble on a misfit. I tend to pass with 4 cards in opener's suit unless I'm strong enough to overcall NT, or have a long, strong suit. With 5 card length in their suit, you would rarely wish to enter the auction. Bidding with this hand is a good way to go for a number. Also, Kxxxx is not sufficient for a 2 level overcall. Bidding at the 2 level requires a STRONG 5 card suit or a medium strength 6 card suit.

THANKS, ERNIE!!!

PBA AWARDS PARTY FRIDAY MAY 17, 2013

0-5	MINI McKENNEY	ACE OF CLUBS
1st	Rachel Haas	Dustin Hoover
2nd	Duston Hoover	Grant Anderson
3rd	Grant Anderson	Barbara Anderson
5-20		
1st	Dr. Barbara Weinstein	Dr. Barbara Weinstein
2nd	Charles Harff	Karl Sokalski
3rd	Karl Sokalski	Charles Harff
20-50		
1st	Ruthie Neafach	Richard Jim
2nd	Richard Jim	Ethel Levine
3rd	Jeanne Baseman	Ruthie Neafach
50-100		
1st	Sue Israelson	Posy Jim
2nd	Posy Jim	Sue Israelson
3rd	Ronni Burrows	Ronni Burrows
100-200		
1st	Dr. Alfred Tung	Dr. Alfred Tung
2nd	Joseph Bernot	Dr. Edward Diamond
3rd	Ruth Hughes	Toby Wolfe
200-300		
1st	Ronald Ambrose	Syad Ali
2nd	Susan Portnoy	Frank Siffrinn
3rd	Frank Siffrinn	Ronald Ambrose
300-500		
1st	Judith Vittone	Kenneth Snyder
2nd	Evelyn Sobol	Evelyn Sobol
3rd	Karen Bock	Judith Vittone
500-1000		
1st	Dennis Pittman	Dennis Pittman
2nd	Dr. Ruissel Sheldon	Ami Elis
3rd	Jean Picone	Ernest Collins
1000-2500		
1st	Jean Prior	Francine Feldman
2nd	Francine Feldman	James Quigley
3rd	Fred Schenker	Marcella Retetagos
2500-5000		
1st	Barbara Bergman	Louis Joseph
2nd	Robert Quinlan	Barbara Bergman
3rd	Connie Hoechstetter	Connie Hoechstetter
5000-7500		
1st	Kenneth Bergman	Arlene Port
2nd	Arlene Port	Kenneth Bergman
3rd	Jane Marshall	Jane Marshall
7500-10000		
1st	Dr. Asim Ulke	Dr. Asim Ulke
2nd	Dr. Mary Paulone Carns	Herbert Sachs
3rd	Herbert Sachs	Dr. Mary Paulone Carns
10000+		
1st	James Klein	James Klein
2nd	Dr. Gail Carns	Margery Tamres
3rd	Dr. Richard Katz	Dr. Richard Katz

INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, both vulnerable. You hold:

S 7 3
 H AQ
 D A 7 6 5
 C 10 9 8 4 3

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
.....	PASS	1S
PASS	PASS	?	

* A bid of 1 NT shows 10-11 points and is natural

Steve Nolan : 2C. We probably have a majority of the points and probably have a fit in one of the minors. We should find it after 2C. Of the alternatives, pass is timid and will usually lose; double pays off if partner can pass it, but gets you in trouble if he has long hearts; 2S gambles on opener not having extras

Trudy Cohn: pass. the danger of reopening for the opponents is more than our chances of finding an opening hand and a fit for the them.

Jim Bachelder: Pass, Either partner has an opening hand with spades or LHO has a good hand. Reopening with a double is fraught with danger. First, partner might bid hearts; not good. Second, partner might pass and opener, with extras, scores it up; not good.

Third, opener might be just short of a 2C opener and now jumps to game and makes it; not good either. I pass!

Arlene Port: 2C Either that or I pass. I would like to say I would bid 1NT, but I would be lying.

Asim Ulke: I bid 1NT. This is fairly automatic. Either west has a huge hand or partner has spades.

Pat Katz: I'm a passer my best stuff is in my shortest suit. I'm not looking for vulnerable trouble xxx pat

Paul Caplan : 2 clubs double implies hearts so I bid my 5 card suit.

Ernie Retetegos: 1 NT. The problem with pass is that it sounds so final. There are so many other possibilities, that I would feel as though a pass would be gambling in the auction with minimal information. Give opener 13 HCP and responder about 3, and there are 14 HCP remaining. Partner will usually have enough to compete. Once I decide to compete, 1 NT seems better than 2 clubs. It's cheaper, pays more, and does not preclude playing in a suit contract.

Marvin Rulin: Double. Partner knows I have less than 12 points and will not get carried away. I have to protect him because he may have a very good hand with a spade stack. If he bids a minor or NT or passes fine, if he bids hearts we can live with it.

Herb Sachs. 1NT-I would bid this probably with hearts and shape; relying on partners spades and other cards

Richard Katz: Double. Hand has one obvious defect(the heart shortness). Partnerships should allow for one defect. I prefer this to one no trump. Multiple defects. No spade stopper, high cards in short suits, no tricks in sight, With heart king off sides. Need to play in a suit, good luck.

Jane Marshall : 2 clubs. I don't double because of my heart shortness. I know partner has some points, and several spades. My 2nd choice is 1NT (depending on partner for spade cards and a card or two in clubs.

Robert Zimmermann: Pass. All actions are flawed. 2C will get the wrong lead from partner. Double will get a 3H response on a 3433 10 count. 1NT wrong-sides the contract. I'll take my average minus and move onto the next board. At IMPs in a short match the pressure would be greater.

Bill Holt : Pass. Non Vulnerable I might bid 1NT, but here I think I have the wrong shape to double, wrong Spades for NT, wrong clubs for 2c. Reopening or balancing here helps them find H's if that is right - partner does not have values with a H suit - so instead of my going for 200 perhaps they will struggle in 1S.

PJ Prabhu : Pass. Second choice, 2C. If I had one more H, I would double for takeout. I don't relish bidding 2C with this suit and hence, I pass.

Gail Carns: Pass, since I am afraid they belong in Hearts

Lou Joseph: Pass. Something's very wrong here. Sounds like West is loaded with a major suit hand. I'm not balancing with 1NT to reopen the auction. 2C on 5 spots make me gag, and I certainly don't want to invite a club lead. I know it's a bidders game, but this sounds like Pandora's box.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	2C
David Berkowitz	P
Larry Cohen	P
Richard Colker	D
Billy Eisenberg	1NT
Russ Ekeblad	NT
Robert Friend	P
Carl Hudecek	1NT
Eddie Kantar	P
Sami Kahela	2C
Danny Kleinman	1NT
Eric Kokish	1NT
Michael Lawrence	2C
Robert Lipsitz	1NT
Patrick Long	2C
Jeff Mexkstroth	2C
Marshal Miles	P
Erik Paulsen	1NT
Barry Rigal	2C
Arthur Robinson	1NT
Andrew Robson	1NT
Beverly Rosenberg	1NT
Al Roth	D
Jeff Rubens	2C
Ira Rubin	P
Joey Silver	P
Anders Wirgren	2C
Robert Wolff	1NT
Kit Woolsey	1NT
Zia	1C

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
1NT	128	2	100
2C	9	4	70
PASS	7	9	60
DBL	2	2	50
2NT	0	0	10

