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Unit 142

Pittsburgh, PA

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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

By Lou Joseph

June 2013 is now but a memory, but what a month for the PBA! Several special games and events were held. June 2nd saw the Annual Fossick-Goodman Education Foundation Swiss Team Event at Edgewood County Club. Organized and hosted by Richard Zack and Pat Evans, it was a spectacular event, and a fitting tribute to Audrey Fossick and Gloria Goodman. You can find the results on page 7.

June 13th brought the 8th STaC 'n Snack at the Glenshaw Moose. Hosted by Ruthie Neafach and Jeannie Baseman, it was a rip-roaring success. On behalf of all the PBA members, we thank them for working so hard to maintain the Bergman's standards! And on behalf of Ruthie and Jeannie, thanks to everyone who participated and brought all that fabulous food! Results are available on page 3.

June 21st was the Longest Day bridge event, held by many ACBL clubs across the country. Greensburg hosted the event here, and Kitty Jo Hellman, Brad Craig, Arlene Jacobelli and everyone who helped are to be commended for running a splendid event.

And now here it is July, and the PBA Summer Sectional is right around the corner. Actually, the flyer is directly to your right! If you haven't booked your games yet, shame on you! STOP DAWDLING AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND! Cecelia Powell and Barbara Belardi have assured me that this will be a wonderful tournament. Would they lie?

July means that August is going to be here soon, and that means the District 5 "RONI" Labor Day Regional (flyer on page 6.) Looking to brush up your skills? Take a gander at the PBA Summer School schedule on page 4. Better hurry and make your reservations.

Also, please help the Unit is promoting our LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY program being offered at the "RONI" Regional. Post flyers anywhere you think they're likely to be noticed. We all must help to promote and strengthen Bridge in the 'Burgh!!

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

Pittsburgh Summer Picnic Sectional

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

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

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)

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

Sunday, July 21
 Full Newcomer / NIM Schedule:
 Newcomer / 299er Pairs - Both Sessions Friday & Saturday PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
 Play ONLY against other New Players Contact Director for Partners & Team Seating!

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

Open Strats
 A: 2000+
 B: 750-2000
 C: 0-750
 All Strats in All Events by Avg. MIPs

299er
 D: 200-300
 E: 50-200
 299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall 412-371-4067
 Darlene Hammeimer 412-343-0419

Newcomers & 299ers:
 Barb Belardi 412-795-4235
 Cecelia Powell 724-325-3863
 Bill Holt 412-860-2794

Tournament Chairs:
 Mike Roberts Sanction # 51307046
 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 Schedule & Directions @ www.pittsburghbridge.org

Who's your Partner?
I'm playing with my Ant!
Y'all! I'm just going for the food!
You any good at bridge?
We love take-outs! Hospitality All Sessions! Lunch Included on Sat! Brunch & Lunch on Sun!

STaC 'n SNACK 8
June 13, 2008

SECTION E

N/S

A B C

- 1 A Williams - J Sonon
- 2 1 D Mehok - P Cavalier
- 3 2 J Prior - R Sheldon
- 3 1 P Swedlow - F Chapman

E/W

A B C

- 1 C Caplan - P Caplan
- 2 1 G Whitlow - S Nolan
- 3 MP Carns - G Carns
- 2 B Bonessa - D Hess
- 3 J D'Antonio - A Gordon
- 1 K Brennan - B Brennan

SECTION F

N/S

A B C

- 1 C Hoechstetter - R Quinlan
(*first overall!*)
- 2 1 A Elis - D Frohlich
- 3 S Portnoy - L Joseph
- 2 1 C Bonnette - R Haas
- 3 ML Naughton - J Picone
- 2 J Baseman - K Shipkovitz

E/W

A B C

- 1 B Belardi - C Powell
- 2 1 P Anders - J Phillips
- 3 2 1 P Miller - R Burrows
- 3 K Mulligan - D McKinley
- 2 R Patterson - M Frohlich

GET WELL POST

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

The good news is that Rene Woolf, Lou Woolf's wife is on the mend from a hospital stay. We know that she will be fine and up to challenging Lou at bridge, soon.

UP THE LADDER POST

UNIOR MASTER

- Christopher Lambie-Hanson
- Janet Metcalfe
- Howard Pastroff
- Shirley Smith

CLUB MASTER

Marla Slusky

REGIONAL MASTER

- Richard Jim
- Roseanne Patterson
- June Threlkeld

NABC MASTER

Amy Tam

LIFE MASTER

Dale Gregg

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Brad Craig

HIP, HIP, HOORAY!!!

IN MEMORIAM POST

Those of us in Unit #142 mourn the loss of several of our members.

Edie Wiser passed away in June. When you think of bridge in Pittsburgh, it's impossible to imagine that Edie's name wasn't prominently mentioned. Edie was a big part of our bridge community for over forty years. She was an excellent player and a great lady. Our unit has lost one of its shining lights. Our condolences go to her daughters, one of whom is Fran Feldman, her twin sister, Marion, her grandchildren and her many friends.

Judy Kasdan, a regular at the Rodef 199er game died after a long illness. She was just starting her bridge career, but was an enthusiastic player and had many friends in our unit. Our sympathies to her family and friends.

Gina Bickel passed away in June. A regular player for many years at the Rodef Shalom and JCC Squirrel Hill games, she will be missed by all her friends and partners.

**THE PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
 THE 2013 OLYMPIAD CONTEST**

All Unit 142 members with 750 master points or less are invited to participate in a competition between District #5 members from Buffalo and Cleveland and other units, held August 17 & 18 at the Knights of Columbus in Garfield Heights, Ohio.

You get everything: Gold, silver & bronze medals, hand records, and insightful analyses by the famous Dick Early. You also get to beat up on the other units in our district.

To promote this, in unit #142 only, May 3 thru August 3, if you play at the Friday night unit game at least 4 times and win, some of your expenses will be covered. For further information call Mary Carns at 412-897-7526. C'MON GUYS, LETS SHOW THEM WHO IS BEST



LESSONS

Pittsburgh Bridge Association



SUMMER SCHOOL AT THE PBA Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting July 15, 2013 @ Congregation Rodef Shalom 9AM -11AM Two Separate Concurrent Classes...

Beginning Bridge: Bridge Basics #1. A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge with a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant. Taught by Lou Joseph

Advancing Bridge: A comprehensive course to improve all aspects of your game. Topics include defense and playing strategies for both no trump and suit contracts, and conventions used by most modern duplicate bridge players. Taught by Arlene Port

Tuition \$70 for each 7-week class, plus textbook \$12—if needed
Advance Registration Requested - Complete & Mail this Form
Or Register Online: www.pittsburghbridge.org/classreg.htm
For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637;
or Email aport220@comcast.net

Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Summer 2013

Bridge Basics#1 I need a Textbook

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____
EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION at \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed) Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Form and Payment to:
The Pittsburgh Bridge Association c/o Arlene Port
220 North Dithridge St. #404 Pgh 15213

Classes at
Rodef Shalom

RON Labor Day Regional - Pittsburgh

Tuesday, August 27
Bracketed KO I (Cont> Wed of 9am, 1:00, & 7:00) 7:00
Stratified Charity Pairs 7:00

Wednesday, August 28
Wednesday Compact KO 1:00 & 7:00
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00
Afternoon Side Game Series 1st session 1:00
Evening Side Game Series 1st session 7:00
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

Thursday, August 29
AM Swiss Teams (Cont> Fri, 9 am) 9:00 am
Bracketed KO II (Cont> Fri 1: 00, & 7: 00) 1:00 & 7:00
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00
Afternoon Side Game Series 2nd session 1:00
Evening Side Game Series 2nd session 7:00
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

Friday, August 30
Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Sessions 1:00 & 7:00
Stratified KO I (Cont> Sun. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00) 1:00 & 7:00
Gold Rush Pairs (0 - 300: 300 - 750) 1:00 & 7:00
Afternoon Side Game Series 3rd session 1:00
Evening Side Game Series 3rd session 7:00
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

Saturday, August 31
AM Compact KO (Cont> Sun, 9 am) 9:00 am
Bracketed KO III (Cont> Sun, 1:00 & 7:00) 1:00 & 7:00
Stratified Open Pairs 1:00 & 7:00
Afternoon Side Game Series 4th session 1:00
Evening Side Game Series 4th session 7:00
Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

Sunday, September 1
Sunday Compact KO 1:00 & 7:00
Stratified A/AX Pairs (0 - 3000, 3000+) 1:00 & 7:00
Gold Rush Pairs (0 - 300: 300 - 750) 1:00 & 7:00
Afternoon Side Game Series 5th session 1:00
Evening Side Game Series 5th session 7:00
Single session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

Monday, September 2
Stratified Swiss Teams 11:00
(Playthrough 7 rounds of 7) A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified
All individuals with over 2000 MP's Play in A/AX

Stratifications
All Stratifications by Average Masterpoints in All Events

Stratified Events **Stratified Swiss**

A: 2000+ A: 3000+
B: 750 to 2000 X: 0 to 3000
C: 0 to 750 B: 750 to 2000
D: 0 to 500 C: 500 to 750

299ers: see other side

Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A of Fought Swiss
All KO Teams are random draw within brackets & include 0-300 players
KO Events with only 1 bracket may be handicapped
Morning Pair Games (Attendance Warranting)

Low Entry Fees!
\$12 per ACBL member per session
\$14 for unmpd and non-members

Go! Golf?

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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

SEPTEMBER

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

COME ON OUT AND PLAY!!!

FOSSICK-GOODMAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION SWISS TEAM EVENT ; SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013

A B C

- 1 J Fox-F Siffrinn-B Klein-J Klein
- 2 F Schenker-B Park-A Prat-D Kozloff
- 3 C Caplan-P Caplan-K Mulligan-M Burke
- 1 M Rulin-B Horowitz-N Elis-A Elis
- 2 D Pittman-N Aquino-S Harris-D Boak
- 3 1 D Mannheimer-D Turacy Sr-P Evans-D Gregg
- 2/3 V Mehta-M Patel-P Shete-K Dolegowski
- 2/3 MJ Bohl-H Bohl Jr-T Morris-J Bernot

Congratulations and thanks to ALL who attended!!

ASK ERNIE (go ahead- we dare you!)

You asked - Ernie answered! Here it is:

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

♠ Q732 ♥ T86 ♦ T85 ♣ A42

Against silent opponents, you and partner proceed to have this auction:

LHO	Part	RHO	You
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	?

The answer: You should bid 2NT

This is a good sequence to discuss with partner, as there are several ways to play responder's rebid after opener reverses. Opener's bid is forcing, shows at least game invitational values, and longer diamonds than hearts. 2NT is only a 1 round force. Anything else, including 3♦ is game forcing. In some methods, 2♠ is also a 1 round force, but can be temporizing with a better hand to see the nature of opener's reverse. Depending on whether partner's reverse is in the minor suits (1♣ followed by 2♦); the major suits (1♥ followed by 2♠); or minor/major reverse (ex. 1♦ followed by 2♥), there are various methods as to what constitutes a non-game forcing call. Some partnerships play that 2NT is the ONLY weak response. Others play that the cheapest call in an unbid suit at the 2 level is artificial and weak, and anything else is game forcing. Whatever your agreements, your partnership should have an understanding of how to show a second negative.

So, on the hand in question, partner will bid 3♣ after your 2NT bid, and you will correct to 3♦. Partner has 0-5-4-4 and 3♦ is your last makeable contract!

THANKS, ERNIE!!!

THE PRO AM GAME IS COMING UP 10/10/13 \$30 DONATION, INCLUDES DESSERT & MUNCHIES

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO PICK YOUR PRO— or whoever suits your fancy. They always go fast., so make certain you choose that just right person who will make you the star you always knew you were.

For more information and partnership arrangements, call Jane Marshall at 412-371-4067 and look for our ad in the August issue of the Post Mortem.

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, none vul. You hold:
 S K Q 8
 HY A
 D A 10 9 7 3
 C A Q 8 4
 The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
PASS	3H	DOUBLE	PASS
3S	PASS	? Your bid?	

Richard Katz I bid 4 spades and owe partner one spade and pray! What an interesting hand if three spades is both the limit of the hand and the only contract that makes. To the scientific bidders that recognized this pinnacle, congratulations you are plus 140.

Steve Nolan 4D. This hand is in the point range where I double then bid my suit. I'll pass any response other than 4NT or a cue bid.

Trudy Cohn I will bid 4 spades. It looks like a good play for that contract. The opponents have thrown a monkey wrench into our bidding and there is no good way to explore another contract so I will take the plus score.

Jim Bachelder: 4S. I realize that partner may have nothing, maybe only three spades, but I'm optimistic. What would partner bid with JXXXX, XXX, KX, XXX? Three spades, and with 3/3 diamonds, the hand is cold.

Gail Carns: 3NT This should show the values for 3NT with 3 spades. Without 3 spades I would bid 3NT directly.

Asim Ulke: I bid 4S. There are many hands with less than 5 points in partners hand that makes 4S. Example: JTxxx xxx Qxx Jxx. I expect DK and CK to be off side.

Marvin Rulin: 4 Diamonds. This is a tough one. There are about 10- 12 points divided between west and my partner. If we assume partner has 6, we have a good shot at game but in what suit? Partner may have 4 little spades with 3 diamonds or 4 clubs in which case we should be in a minor suit. If partner has as little as Jxxxx in spades, we should be in 4 spades. I bid 4 diamonds and see how partner responds
Herb Sachs I pass and hope to make it; the loss versus 420 at the other table measured against being doubled in four when west has the missing cards scares me (and yes I know if you're scared stay home).

Stanley Ruskin: pass This is brutal. At this level, partner should know that I might not have four spades because I am under pressure. While I have an excellent hand, partner passed and could have nothing. I don't know that I can force a game by bidding four diamonds and I don't know that four spades (even three spades) can make. After the opening lead, he will be stuck in dummy. We aren't vulnerable so not reaching a game that makes is not so punishing. With all of that said, I pass.

Bob Zimmermann: 4 spades. This will play well opposite a decent 7 count. Passing would just give the opponents license to steal. Were partner not a passed hand this would be tougher. We might miss slam.

Jane Marshall : 4D. I am hoping that my partner will rebid 4S if he has more than 4 spades. I am afraid that he will lose control of the hand if he has only 4 spades (I am expecting a bad break in spades). My partner will expect me to have 3 spades on this auction.

Bill Holt : 4S, and preparing my apology if it goes down. Partner passed originally and my X at the 3 level should show the extras that I have - and knowing that P did not jump to 4S. The tap will be on, and the minor suit cards rate to be off. I think the other table will be in 4S but I am less convinced. Pass is a close 2nd choice as +170 loses only 6 IMPs, white to -420; +140 if 3 makes and 4 does not at the other table gains 5 IMPs. Probably better to bid in a short match, as there is more time to make up the mistake in a longer one.

PJ Prabhu 4S. Clearly, passing is out of the question. Not good enough suits to bid either minor. A 4H cue bid does not resolve anything. Having only 3 spades is a detriment, but no other bid is satisfactory.

Arlene Port: 4S That's why preempts are so wonderful. They prevent the opponents in many cases from getting to the best contract. Therefore, given my bidding limitations at this level, I am just happy to bid game.. If it doesn't make, I always have my second bid which is: "Oh well"

Paul Caplan 4 hearts this hand is worth one slam try.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	4S
Alan Bell	4H
Marty Bergen	Ab
David Berkowitz	4S
Mark Blumenthal	4H
Larry Cohen	4S
Martin Cohn	3NT
Chris Compton	4S
Charles Danan	P
Billy Eisenberg	3NT
Robb Gordon	4S
Allan Graves	4D
Carl Hudecek	4S
Michael Kamil	4S
Eddie Kantar	4D
Sami Kahela	4H
Eric Kokish	4S
Boris Koytchou	4H
Karen McCallum	3NT
Marshal Miles	4S
Larry Robbins	4D
Arthur Robinson	3NT
Steve Robinson	4H
Al Roth	3NT
Jeff Rubens	3NT
Ira Rubin	P
Fred Stewart	4S
Paul Sugar	4H
Howard Weinstein	4H
Robert Wolff	4S
Kit Woolsey	4D
Ray Zoller	P

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4S	11	8	100
4H	7	1	80
3NT	6	1	70
4D	4	3	60
PASS	3	2	50

JULY 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

7	8	9	10	11	12 PBA NAOP qualifier	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PBA Unit Champ SWISS TEAMS	27
28	29	30	31			

FIRST AT THE POST 70% HIGH PERCENTAGE

Emily and James Mendelson	Roder 199ers	75.35%
Arlene Cullen & Jack Adelson	Rodef 199ers	74.31%
Pat Cunkelman & Barbara Belardi	Export DBC	70.54%
Ami Elis & Steve Nolan --	Thurs Wilkins	71.06%

3 IN A ROW

D Pittman	JCC-SH Thurs	J Schultheis	JCC-SH Thurs
Pat Katz	Rodef		

2 IN A ROW

Jean Prior	JCC-SH Tues	E Levine	Whitehall Fri
Lila Margolis	JCC	Lessa Finegold	JCC
Gerald ISandson	JCC	Arlene Cullen	Rodef 199ers
John Matta	Rodef 199ers	Marilyn Ashkin	Rodef 199ers
Harold Haffer	Rodef	Elaine Zweeig	Rodef
Carol Berkman	Rodef	Sis Brown	Rodef
Ned Pfeifer	Rodef	Jim Klein	W. Moose
Frank Cordier	Wed Moose	Jim Klein	Thur Wilkins
Ami Elis	ThurWilkins	Ronni Burrows	Fri. Wilkins
Jim Klein --	Friday Wilkins	Toby Wolfe	Fri. Wilkins

UNIT 142 2013 DISTRICT 5 SUMMER STaC OVERALL RESULTS

	District Rank	Unit Rank
Constance Hoechstetter	1	1
Robert Quinlan	3	2
Alice Williams	4	3
Judi Sonon	7	4
Jean Prior	8	5
Raymond Kramer	10	6
Donald Averbach	12	7
Andrew Makar	15	8
Ernie Retetagos	16	9
Robert Freemon	18	10
Asim Ulke	25	11
Sandra Harris	28	12
Art Bonneau	29	13
Ruthie Neafach	31	14
Gloria Moser	41	15
Arlene Port	156	who cares?

NOTICE

As of July 1, 2013, Gus Costanzo's two morning games at Wilkins and two morning games at Glenshaw will now cost \$7.00 per person. (\$14.00 per pair)