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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA August 2013

# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

By arlene Port,

I wanted to start off the August newsletter with an August song. Surprisingly, no one ever wrote a song about August, so I improvised: "AUGUSTS' BUSTIN OUT ALL OVER!!" OK, on to Plan B.

The very first thing I want to do is to rave about the summer sectional. The attendance was way up, along with the spirits of all the players and it was a success from start to finish, thanks to those fantastic tournament chairmen, Barbara Belardi and Cecilia Powell. What a team!! We all know, however, nothing works well without a great deal of support from those who cooked, served, made arrangements and helped coordinate the wonderful weekend. Thank you Barbara, Cecilia, Ruthie Neafach, Jane Marshall, Ernie Retetagos, Ron Frank, Darlene Mannheimer, Bill Holt and a special thanks to all of those who attended. It was, indeed, a great tournament. If I forgot someone, they will be honored next month. I apologize.

If you were impressed by the sectional, wait until you attend the PRO-AM event October 10. This one is the most fun of all because experienced and less experienced players get a chance to play together and get to know each other. Aside from all the social and skill level activity, you can count on an impressive array of food. This is truly an outstanding event.

Mark August 23rd on your calendar. You never want to miss the PBA Swiss Team Championship. If you need a partner or a partner and a pair, call Jane Marshall, the miracle worker who will set you up.

Look for Ernie Retetagos' article on Compound Squeezes in next months Post Mortem. We were a little crowded this month, but it is really something to look forward to.

Have a great month and we will see you at the bridge table.

## 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 2nd 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 3rd session 7:00  
 Single Session Stratified Swiss Teams 7:00

**Friday, August 30**  
 Stratified Swiss Teams 2 Sessions 1:00 & 7:00  
 Short-Flighted 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 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  
 Short-Flighted 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**  
 Short-Flighted Swiss Teams 11:30  
 (Playthrough 7 rounds of 7) A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified  
 All individuals with over 2000 MFPs Play in A/AX

**Stratifications**  
 All Stratifications by Average Masterpoints in All Events

**Stratified Events**

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

299ers: see other side

**Low Entry Fees!**  
 \$12 per ACBl member per session  
 \$14 for unpid and non-members

**Go! Gold?**

**Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A of Flighted 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)

**Gold Rush Pairs are 2-Sessions, Restricted to players with 750 or fewer points, with Gold Points available.**

## UP THE LADDER POST

### JUNIOR MASTER

Barbara Cusik  
Barbara Laswell  
Irv Liberman  
Bruce Stephen

### CLUB MASTER

Peter Canon  
Ruth Falsetti  
Glenn Walters

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Ruth Cohen  
Gary Goetz Jr  
Mary Kahl  
Sue Scheesselle  
Barbara Wechsler

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Sandra McCall  
June Threlkeld  
Karen Shipkovitz

### SILVER LIFE MASTER

Bunny Kerr

### GOLD LIFE MASTER

Patricia Cunkelman

## WELL DONE, ALL!!!

## GET WELL POST

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

A special get well wish to Vincentina Simak who took a nasty fall and is slowly on the mend. Get well

## *Temple Emanuel Pro-Am Welcome Summer Game*

In late May, the Temple Emanuel Wednesday afternoon game, Darlene Mannheimer director, hosted a Pro-Am lunch game. Some Pros and Ams secured their own partnerships. And Darlene matched Pros with Ams to complete the field. The best part of the game was that everyone played the same convention card! What fun we all had at the game.

We started the "game" with a potluck lunch. The bill of fare was as diverse as the players. We munched our way through the game, chatting and playing and snacking to our collective hearts' content on everything appropriate for the Temple Emanuel. The best part was everyone had a ball and asked when the next Pro-Am would be.

Good news to everyone who participated as well as those who want to participate in the future at this event. Darlene has promised we will have another sometime late in September or early October to welcome the players back upstairs to the "big" room.

Watch and listen for the announcement. One delightful story from the game: since we all played the same card and conventions, there were no alerts. Dennis Pittman was not prepared for this development and went into immediate ALERT WITHDRAWAL. We were reminded of Linus and his security blanket.

See you at the Temple Emanuel Pro-Am Welcome Fall Lunch and Game.

## IN MEMORIAM POST

Unit #142 regrets the passing of the following:

Gabrielle (Rosenwasser) Rumsch. Affectionately known as "Madame" by all who learned French from her at Allderdice, Gabby was a truly special person. She was, without a doubt, the most pleasant person one could hope to encounter at the bridge table. A regular player at Rodef Shalom and the Squirrel Hill JCC, I (Lou) had the good fortune to play with her for a few years, once a month, at Rodef. The first time we played, we were first overall with a 72%+ game. Although we never quite equaled that, we soldiered on until one day she told me that her doctor forbade her to play with me anymore. Apparently I was giving her palpitations! Lest anyone jump to the wrong conclusion, we stopped played several years ago, so truly, I bear no responsibility in her passing. But like all who knew her, and probably more than others, I will miss her deeply.

Delores Kelly, manager of the Beaver Falls game, and a regular player in Moon Township and the 229 Unit game, succumbed to a lingering illness. We join all her friends and family in mourning her passing.

## 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 ex-

**PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL  
JULY 19-21, 2013**

**FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 H Sachs - S Ruskin  
2 R Quinlan - S Lordi  
3 1 M McConnell - S Dillon  
2 1 E Surloff - M Frohlich  
3 2 S Helm - M Kilian  
3 M Wandrisco - I Wagner

**FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS**

- D E F  
1 1 B Weinstein - C Henderson  
2 2 G Egerman - L Averbach  
3 3 N Chess - G Chess  
1 A Cullen - B Stephen  
2 I Oakes - S Catz  
3 G Anderson - B Anderson

**FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 J Haffner - A Ulke  
2 1 1 R Kleinmann - D Kresh  
3 H Nelson - W Lindgren  
2 K Eichler - KJ Hellman  
3 2 B Shah - M Patel  
3 J McCormick - N Welsh

**FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS**

- D E F  
1 1 J Baseman - R Neafach  
2 K Dolegowski - D Meyers  
3 2 1 J Thelkeld - M Frizzi  
3 M Kahl - J Plummer  
2 M Sulsky - C Lambie-Hanson

**FRI EVE OPEN SWISS**

- A B C  
1 J Marshall-R Franck-  
B Bergman-K Bergman  
2 J Killmeyer-R Park-  
J Klein-B Klein  
3 W Oberfield-B Fudor-  
P Howell-R Zimmermann  
1 1 C Schwarzwaelder-N Elis-  
C Evashavik-M Hosfeld  
2 S Schwarzwaelder-A Elis-  
D Hosfeld-D Sutherland  
3/4 2 H Bohl-MJ Bohl-T Morris-  
J Bernot  
3/4 C Wang-M Fezar-L Igiel-  
D Averbach

**COMPACT KO BRACKET I**

- 1 W Oberfield-F Cymerman-  
A Ulke- B Fudor  
2 R Quinlan-C Hoehstetter-  
MP Carns-W Holt

**COMPACT KO BRACKET II**

- 1 D Sutherland-D Hosfeld-  
A Elis-S Schwarzwaelder  
2 R Heasley-C Custer-  
S Rabovsky-ML Spine

**SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 1 A Sobota-S Veauthier  
2 R Katz - P Katz  
3 2 B Kury - P Maloni  
3 1 D Turacy - B Shah  
2 S Gusic - G Amado  
3 J Weiss - N Mathews

**SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS**

- D E F  
1 1 J Thelkeld - K Sokalski  
2 2 1 M Slusky - C Lambie-Hanso  
3 3 A Cullen - B Weinstein  
2 M Kirsch - J Buscher  
3 L Porter - H Allen

**SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS**

- D E F  
1 1 1 R A Mayberry - G Singer  
2 2 A Cullen - B Weinstein  
3 H Balph - R Patterson  
3 2 J Collins - J Discoll

**SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS**

- A B C  
1 R Sachs - H Sachs  
2 1 J Stell - R Stell  
3 F Tseng - S Grzegorzewski  
2 1 S Wozniak - E Collins  
3 R Kramer - I Bardi  
2 B Shah - J Rajgopal  
3 R Kleinmann - D Kresh

**SAT AFT OPEN SWISS**

- A B C  
1 B Belardi-C Powell-J Sonon-  
A Williams  
2 J Marshall-R Franck-C Caplan-  
P Caplan  
3 1 L Colker-A Colker-G Moser-  
J Zaccardi  
2 K Bock-S Harris-J Zakor-  
D Collura  
3 1 V Kane-J Bernot-T Morris-  
J Typanski

**SUNDAY OPEN SWISS**

- A B C  
1 MP Carns-G Carns-A Ulke-  
R Katz  
2 B Bergman-K Bergman-  
R Franck-J Marshall  
3 P Howell-R Zimmermann-  
S Lordi-P Caplan  
1 M Retetagos-J Phillips-  
S Spear-Brand-D Kozloff  
2 1 C Custer-R Heasley-B Segal-  
S Rabovsky  
3/4 2 M Rulin-R McNeer-L Gesso-  
M Natelson  
3/4 D McKinney-K Mulligan-  
M Burke-S Nolan  
3 P Sostarich-A Matrazzo-  
H Dunn-J Wickerham

**SUNDAY 299'er SWISS**

- A B C  
1 F Chapman-F Steger-A Tam-  
A Coulter  
2 1 J Allison-D Allison-J Blackburn-  
K Dolegowski  
3 2 E Levine-T Ta-Hsiang Yao-  
N Miller-S McCall  
3 S Eskew-B Lersch-G Hetzer-  
D Hoover  
1 N Swindells-T Saverice-  
J McGoogan- J Nacastro

**DON'T SEE ARLENE'S NAME?  
NEITHER DO I!  
OF COURSE, I DON'T SEE MY  
NAME EITHER...**

**CONGRATULATIOS TO ALL!**

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Charity

# PRO AM

Thursday October 10, 2013

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## ASK ERNIE (go ahead- we dare you!)

*You asked - Ernie answered! Here it is:*

**The question:** Partner opens 1♥ and RHO overcalls 2♣  
What do you bid holding the following?:

♠ K43 ♥ KQT ♦ AQ85 ♣ 762

Again the auction goes:

Part	RHO	You	LHO
1♥	2♣	?	

**The answer:** You should cuebid 3♣

Whenever your partner overcalls, or opens and an opponent overcalls, a cue bid tells your partner that you have a limit raise or better in support of their suit. Partner can cheaply rebid their suit with a minimum, jump to game to accept the invite, or bid a new suit as a further game (or slam) try. On this hand opener will cue bid 4♣ if your LHO passes. This cue bid guarantees a club control. Once you are in a game forcing auction, cue bids are a control showing slam try. There are various routes to slam after this start.

Partner's hand: ♠AQT7 ♥A96532 ♦JT7 ♣-

At a recent 17 table club game, Lou Joseph and Susan Portnoy overcame a barrage of club bidding by the opponents, and were the only pair to bid slam.

(Allow me to note that I did NOT pay Ernie to add that last line, no matter what Arlene thinks...Lou)

**THANKS, ERNIE!!!**

### 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

### OCTOBER

- 2 INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME @ Glenshaw Moose (Wednesday)
- 4 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 10 ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY GAME @ Rodef Shalom (Thursday)
- 11 Unit Championship and PBA Board Meeting
- 18 Club Championship

### PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

INTERNET POST

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

S Q7  
H K7432  
D AQ 10 7  
C 94

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH;	EAST
-----	3C	DBL	PASS
4H	PASS	4S	PASS
?			

**Richard Katz 5S** I bid 5 spades.  
**Steve Nolan . 4NT.** Partner has shown a big hand. Since it's our last chance to use the convention, I bid RKC Blackwood, with spades as the trump suit. Depending on the response, I may later look for a diamond fit by bidding 6C.

**Trudy Cohn .5D** I will bid 5 diamonds showing the ace and an interest in slam in spades.

**Jim Bachelder .5D.** I don't know if 4S is a cue bid in support of hearts or a self sufficient suit, but I'm showing this ace, nevertheless

**Gail Carns .5S** I'm willing to try 6 if north does not have 2 Club losers

**Fred Schenker: .5D** I'm cue bidding 5D, denying a club control. I'm passing if pard bids 5S.

**Ernie Retetagos: .5 Diamonds.** If partner takes me for a cue bid in support of spades, that's what I have. If partner takes me for a diamond suit, that's also what I have. When partner is 6-4 with a void in clubs and all the key cards, diamonds is the only makeable grand slam.

**Asim Ulke: .5D** Seems pretty straight forward to me. I bid 5D to show the Ace. If partner bids 5H, I bid 5S to clarify. If partner bids 5S I pass.

**Marvin Rulin: .5 D.** Partner is showing a very strong hand by doubling and then bidding a suit. Although I already showed 10 points by my jump bid my Spade Queen becomes more important. A bid of 5 Diamonds shows a diamond control and also denies a club control. Partner can take it from here.

**Herb Sachs .5S** This is weird! my partner thought his hand too strong to bid four spades directly when i have what i do?? What would he bid with nine solid missing the queen) stiff Ace void three little? he should bid five spades right? In any event i owe him five spades before this headache he created puts me away.

**Stanley Ruskin .5S** This is a difficult one. Is 4S where we should play this? Is there a chance for a slam in S or maybe D? Partner didn't just bid 3S so he has better than an opening bid. My QS is a big card and my other cards

Are very good also. If partner has 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round control of C, there should be a good chance for a slam. I can't think of a hand that partner could have where he wouldn't have either the H or C Ace And still have a double and then a 4S bid. It's possible but highly unlikely.

Thus, I bid 5S. This specifically Asks for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> round control of C. If he has that, he will bid 6S and I hope we will make it.

**Bernie Fudor: .5D** I bid 5 diamonds Cant pass

**Jane Marshall : .5** spades (asking for at least 2nd round control of clubs). Partner should have at least a 6-card spade suit and is stronger than an immediate 3 spade or 4 spade call. We should be safe at the 5 level. I'm looking for 6.

**.Bill Holt : .Pass** The question is, Is my hand slammish given the auction? I have already shown my hand, and partner did not bid 4NT and then some # of spades. 5d should agree S and show a control, but I don't have anything extra, have 2 club losers and we are non-vulnerable.

**PJ Prabhu .5D.** Partner should have a strong hand with S. Hence, 5D is intended to be a cue bid. However, if partner has the pointed suits and passes 5D, I'm ok with it. If he bids 5H, I'll "correct" it to 5S confirming the Cue bid. We should be in 6S opposite AKJxxx, Ax, Kxx, Kx or even AKJxxx, Ax, KJxx, x. However, we may end up in 6D with the latter, which is also acceptable.

**Lou Joseph: .5S** If partner's hand is that good, I need to make a move. I choose to bid 5S, which I hope asks partner to bid 6S with second round control of the club suit. If he has the hand to look for 7, he'll do something intelligent as well.

**Bob Zimmermann .5S.** Partner showing a monster hand. This ought to ask him to bid slam based on control of the enemy suit. I expect safety at the 5 level, but I am willing to take the small risk that P is [ AKxxxxx Qx Kx Kx ] and goes on

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	5NT
David Berkowitz	5NT
Bart Bramley	5S
Larry Cohen	5D
Mark Cohn	5S
Richard Colker	5S
Billy Eisenberg	5S
Carl Hudecek	5D
Sami Kahela	5S
Danny Kleinman	5NT
Eric Kokish	4NT
Steve Landen	5S
Mike Lawrence	5D
Robert Lipsitz	5S
Jeff Meckstroth	5S
Marshal Miles	5S
Barry Rigal	5S
Arthur Robinson	5D
Andrew Robson	6D
Beverly Rosenberg	5S
Jeff Rubens	5NT
Russell Shoup	5D
Joey Silver	6D
Chris Willenken	5NT
Anders Wirgren	5S
Robert Wolff	5S
Kit Woolsey	5NT
Zia	5NT

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5NT	7	0	100
5S	13	7	90
6D	2	0	80
6S	0	0	60
4NT	1	1	50
5D	5	8	40
5C	0	0	30
Pass	0	1	10

# AUGUST 2013

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

					1	2 PBA NEW PARTNER-SHIP NIGHT	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER & BOARD MTG	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16 PBA UNIT CHAMPION-SHIP	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23 PBA UNIT CHAMPION-SHIP SWISS TEAMS	24	
25	26 Rodef Charity Club Chmp	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>"RONI" LABOR DAY REGIONAL @ AIRPORT HYATT</b>							

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% HIGH PERCENTAGE

Jane Tilton & Jane Blackburn	S Hills Future Life Masters	70.45%
Arlene Port & Judy Haffner	Monday Rodef	70..57%
Pearl Brostoff O& Betty Shuman	Mon. 199ers	71.49%

### 2 IN A ROW

Barbara Bergman	Mon. Moose	Ken Bergman	Monday Moose
Bill Holt	Wed Moose	Audrey Marzolf	Export
Asim Ulke	Fri Wilkins	Judy Haffner	-Friday Wilkins
Lila Margolis	JCC Wechsler	Lessa Finegold	JCC Wechsler
Claire Morris	JCC Weschler	David Kozloff	Rodef
Arlene Port	Rodef	Judy Haffner	Rodef

### SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT CARD

We are in the middle of our summer classed and all is going very well. We can just visualize the minds of our students becoming more brilliant by each lesson.

They are a wonderful group of people in both classes. Just watch out when they finish the beginning and advanced courses and go on to bridge fame (or at least more bridge knowledge.) It is always our pleasure to be with them.

Arlene & Lou

FROM LOIS KORT: SINCERE THANKS TO ARLENE!!

No, not the infamous Arlene, but rather to Arlene Johann, who purchased 3 dozen new decks of playing cards for the Rodef Shalom Novice Game. And thanks also to Cecil and Mary Lou Jones for several more decks of new cards and pencils! Thank you so much! The players are MUCH happier!!