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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

By Arlene Port

Let me tell you about the Pro-Am game which was held at Rodef Shalom Temple on October 10th. This event, without question, is the most wonderful event we have all year. It is all things to all people. Less experienced players get to partner expert players. All the money collected goes to charity, which this year was Alzheimers research and to top it all off, it is a party, filled with tons of good cheer and food to match. Every year it is very successful and this year was one of the best we have ever had. Chief organizers, Marcella Retetagos and Sandra Spear-Brand, along with that whiz of partnership making Jane Marshall, outdid themselves. Close to 100 pairs enjoyed the evening and we were able to donate \$2,700 to the charity. Because of Sandy & Marcellas superior planning, this is the first time in the history of man that there was actually more food than we needed. Congratulations and thanks to you all. You were fantastic.

Lest you think we are starting to wind down towards the end of the year, think again. We have many wonderful events planned for you. This first of these is the Fall Sectional.

Next we have the Holiday Party on December 6, hosted by the fabulous duo of Jeannie Baseman and Ruthie Neafach, also known as the Pearl Mesta Party Planners of Pittsburgh. BE THERE!!

Finally, we have STaC Week, December 9-15. Lots and Lots of points and fun, and don't forget there is a STaC Swiss Team game on the 15th. How good is that? Make your plans early to attend all of our special December functions. I am taking attendance, so make certain you are there to be counted.

Have a great Thanksgiving. This year we have chosen Lou Joseph to be our TURKEY OF THE YEAR. Now that is a perfect choice.

Hospitality All Sessions!
Lunch Included on Sat!
Brunch & Lunch on Sun!

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

 

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional



I Play Bridge Like a Turkey.

November 8-10, 2013
Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, November 8

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, November 9

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)

Sunday, November 10
Brunch & Lunch Included!

11:00 AM 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

Partnerships:
Jane Marshall
412-371-4067

Newcomers & 299ers:
Darlene Mannheim
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:
Barb Weinstein 412-963-1411
Ron Franck 412-913-1505

Director in Charge:
Mike Roberts
Sanction # S1311046

Friday & Saturday 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

Open Strats	299er
A: 2000+	D: 200-300
B: 750-2000	E: 50-200
C: 0-750	F: 0-50

All Strats in All Events by Avg. MPs 299er Strats at 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 Darlene for Partners & Team-building!

2013 PRO-AM CHARITY GAME

Thursday, October 10, 2013

Rodef Shalom Temple, Pittsburgh, PA

OVERALL RANKINGS

A B C

- 1 Margery Tamres - Annemarie Gordon
- 2 Gail Carns - Tammy Tjader
- 3 PJ Prahbu - Ruth Rutter
- 4 1 Robert Zimmermann - Arlene Cullen
- 5 Richard Katz - Patricia Miller
- 6 Harold Haffner - Willa Dean Lowery
- 2 Stanley Ruskin - Joseph Easton
- 3 David Frohlich - Nancy Swenson
- 4 Marcella Retetagos - Marie Killian
- 5 Ron Sain - Tom Piper
- 6 Sandy Schuchert - Joann Szymecki
- 1 David Kozloff - Ron Ambrose
- 2 Kathleen Mulligan - Sidney Stark, Jr.
- 3 Richard Zack - Jeanne Baseman
- 4 Mary Jane Bohl - Henry Bohl, Jr.
- 5 James Fox - Karl Sokalski
- 6 David Collura - Karen Bock

A spectacular event!

95 PAIRS!!!

***Kudos to Jane Marshall, Sandie Spear-Brand,
Marcella Retetagos, Gus Costanzo and Gary Goetz
IT JUST DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS!***

IN MEMORIAM POST

We regret to announce the passing of Jim Wilde. Always a gentleman at the table, we offer our condolences to his wife Pat and their many friends.

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Francie Hausman, who passed away in July. Francie, along with her husband Chick, were enthusiastic bridge players and were very accomplished. Francie was a terrific person who was liked and admired by everyone. We will continue to miss her and will keep her in our hearts forever.

INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

Glenshaw Moose 10/2/2013

OVERALL RANKINGS

SECTION E

A B C

- 1 1 1 T Tjader - I Baxter
- 2 R Franck - J Marshall
- 3 2 D Rupert - A Leaver
- 3 2 N Rescher- R Kotler
- 3 P Rosenberg - E Rubin

SECTION F

A B C

- 1 1 L Colker - A Colker
- 2 R Sachs - H Sachs
- 3 2 D Turacy Sr. - B Shah
- 3 1 H Balph - R Patterson
- 2 F Chapman - P Swedlow
- 3 S Kausler - M Frizzi

GET WELL POST

Berniece Weisberg really did a good job when she fell and broke her leg. They had to put a steel rod in there to help her recovery. Bernice, didn't anyone ever tell you not to fall? Please be careful in the future and get well fast. We miss you.

Please keep the following players in your thoughts and prayers:

Ginny Headrick
Herky Block
Mary Anne McNeirney
Norman oDoco Williams
Bill and Norma Spicher
Sylvia Williams

We're all hoping for speedy recoveries for all of our friends. They are sorely missed at the table!

**UP THE LADDER
POST**

JUNIOR MASTER

Joseph Easton
Janice Grier
Robert Grier
Sunny Lee
Anoo Verghis

CLUB MASTER

Richard Laird
Dyan Person

REGIONAL MASTER

Carol Pattison

LIFE MASTER

Brina Segal

GOOD JOB, ALL!!



**HOLIDAY PARTY
IS COMING UP!!!**

Jeannie Baseman and Ruthie Neafach and planning a great event for everyone Friday evening December 6th at Wilkins Township.

Jeannie has even composed a poem for the event!

**HEAR, HEAR
CHEER, CHEER**

*December 6, we hope you will come
We promise a good party, bar none
Wilkins Township, that is the venue*

*We can also promise a **very good**
menu
The entree, it's decided, we will provide*

***And it would be great if you
brought a side***

It's a Unit Championship, you might even score

But mostly it will be fun, and maybe lots more

We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday fair

It's that time of year when good times we all share.

The wording is Jeannie's; the italics are the editors!!



11:00 AM Sun Dec 15

Driving Directions: www.pittsburghbridge.org

Sunday, December 15th @ Glenshaw Moose

Includes Continental Breakfast Beforehand & Complimentary Lunch During the Short Break! **Reservations, Please!**

At 8:30 do the Steelers Play
So Everyone can Swiss Away!

New Players: Contact Darlene

for Team-Building
@ 412-343-0419

7 Rounds of 7 Boards
Entry for Team of 4: \$84
Lunch for extra players—\$5
Strats (by Avg. MPs):



6:00 PM Fri

**Friday, December 6th @ Wilkins Twp.
Annual Holiday Party for Unit 142 Mem-
bers**

(THAT'S YOU!)

**PAIRS BRIDGE @ 7PM, DINNER @ 6 PM
ENTRÉE PROVIDED**

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT IF YOU CAN!

Win Silver Points at your local club!

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!
A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500 All masterpoint awards are Silver.
Check to make sure your club is participating at www.d5bridge.com



All Week: Monday Dec 9 - Sunday

ASK ERNIE

You ask!! Ernie has the answer!!

Question: At matchpoints with neither side vulnerable, you hold

S A Q J 6, N E S W
H 10 5 4, PASS PASS ?
D Q 9 2,
C K 7 6. What is your call in 3rd seat after two passes?

Answer: Even if you play 5 card majors, this is the right time to open in a strong 4 card major. The purpose of bidding on any hand is for one of several reasons. If the hand belongs to you, you want to bid constructively to find your best contract. If it's not your hand, you might want to make a lead directive bid or interfere with the opponents auction. A one spade opening does it all. If partner responds 1 NT, 2 diamonds, 2 hearts, or 2 spades, you pass. With trump support and invitational values, responder can employ the Drury convention.

When partner opens in 3rd or 4th seat, a 2 club response shows a limit raise. Opener rebids 2 diamonds to show a hand that would not open in 1st or 2nd seat. and 2 of the major describes a full opener, but unable to accept a limit raise. In reverse Drury, the response is reversed. 2 of the major shows a weak opener, and 2 diamonds says maybe. This is a good convention to use, and it comes up frequently.

When this hand came up, partner, who was void in spades, bid 2 hearts and made 3. If you choose to pass in 3rd seat (yuk) or open in a minor, the opponents find their 9 card spade fit and make 3.

Election, Saturday Nov. 9, 2013 Petitions due by Oct. 9, 2013

The Bylaws of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION call for up to a 15 member board of directors, with each director serving a two year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 6 members are to be elected this year. 7 members terms are expiring in 2013.

If you would like to run for the board of directors you need to submit a nomination petition signed by 10 members of the PBA The deadline for submitting is Oct. 9, 2013. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were board seats to fill, so there was no need to hold an election. If more than 6 petitions are received an election will be at the Fall Sectional to elect the members of the Board who will serve in 2014-2015.

Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President,

PBA 1 MONTH AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER

02 PBA BOARD PLANNING MEETING
06 UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP & ***HOLIDAY PARTY!!!***
13 PBA STaC PAIRS
15 ***SPECIAL SUNDAY STaC SWISS @ GLENSHAW MOOSE***
20 UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP ***SWISS TEAMS***
27 OPEN PAIRS

NEW GAMES IN TOWN POST UPDATE

The week of October 14 was a big week for new games at Unit #142 Four Games were successfully launched.

The first of these was the Monday evening game at Temple Sinai; Jimmy Klein, director. A good time was had by all, especially since so many expert players were there to help those less experienced. Everyone was a winner.

The Sewickley Hills Monday Night Bridge Club, managed by Sandy Schuchert, featured a free meal of spaghetti and my homemade chocolate nut fudge. There were five tables but they ate like 10.

The third game was the 20th Century Club Luncheon Game, managed by Jane Weiss. It also had 5 tables and although the lunch wasn't free, it was delectable, featuring Oakland's favorite; the mushroom sandwich.

The fourth game was the Sewickley Hills Thursday Evening Club, managed by Carol Bolen and Mary Lou Flach. Featured was their great homemade lasagna. There were 7 tables, so I guess the lasagna was a greater attraction than the spaghetti.

Please remember, the Sewickley and 20th Century games feature a free half hour of lessons before each game. Make certain you are there to take advantage of this treat.

John Bernhard
ACBL Director

INTERNET POST

..... by arlene port
 You are South, IMP's, both vulnerable.
 You hold:

S A 9 8 5 2
 H ----
 D Q J 10 7 0 6 2
 C J 4

The bidding is: SOUTH WEST NORTH
 EAST
 --- 1H PASS 3H*
 ?

What do you bid? * Invitational

Gail Carns Pass I think the distribution will surprise the opponents

PJ Prabhu: 4H. I wouldn't mind defending 3H; but if I pass, then I cannot stand a 4H bid by LHO coming back to me. I would then curse myself for passing at the current turn. Hence, I show two suits including S and achieve maximum pre-emption with this bid.

Clearly, this is an overbid and could be costly. I wish my black jack were in S. The fact that they have a 9-card fit increases the probability of our having a fit as well. I considered bidding 4D with the plan of rebidding 4S over 4H later. However, if they then continued to 5H, I would not want partner to lead the DA from Ax.

Steve Nolan: 4H. Shows my two suiter and makes the opponents guess.

Bernie Fudor: i guess i will bid 4 D then 4 S over 4h problem comes in when pd xS 4H. But anytime i get dealt the seventy of d i feel obligated to bid

Paul Caplan: Pass partner may be long in hearts minus 800 or more could be your out come if you bid. you would also help your opponent in play of the hand. the vulnerability is wrong to bid.

Marvin Rulin pass Partner is a passed hand. I have too many losers to get into the bidding at this level , vulnerable. If I double partner might leave it in and I have only one defensive trick. If partner does not have spades we're committed to the four level which could go down for a big number. If he has the perfect hand we could be missing game but perfect hands do not come up very often.

Richard Katz: 4H .6/5 come alive. Since double is not correct, and 4nt would be minors, three spades has only one answer to their 4 heart bid, which commits to the 5 level; leaves 4 hearts (which is not a transfer to 4 spades, but should suggest spades plus second suit. There is no safety as 4 spades can go for a number, to say nothing of a 5 level vul save.. So this aggressive action is intended to make or push them to 5. It also allows you to say sorry partner, I thought I had something, or isn't this michaels?, or this always worked, but I was much younger at the time!

Jane Marshall: Pass. I don't feel like going for a number. If I made a call, it would be 4D, followed by 4S to offer both suits. HOWEVER, I believe that my bidding anything would just help the opponents reach their best contract.

Bob Zimmerman: .3S. A perfect minimum by partner (KJx xxxx Kx xxxx) gives a pretty good game - possibly a double game swing at IMPs. With that hand, P will go to 4S over 3H knowing I'm void in spades. The real question will be whether I try 5D over their 4H when it comes back to me.

Bill Holt : .4H, = -Spades and another place to playø I don't like my suits, but I think passing this -6-5 come aliveøhand is timid. Make the Oppøø guess about whether 5H - or 6H is making. I believe they can make 620 or 650, and we won't get hurt too badly with no H losers.

Ernie Retetagos: 4 Hearts. Vulnerable atimps is scary. The worst scenario is that they have no game, and we have no fit. However, another bad scenario is that each side can make game. If partner has as little as King 4th of spades and a singleton diamond, there is a play for game. I think that the chances of a game, a profitable save, or pushing to the 5 level with a chance for a beat exceeds the downside risks. This would be easier to do at matchpoints

Barbara Bergman: Pass....I had two schools of thought on this. Should I be aggressive and make a 4D bid and after 4H by opps bid 4S or be a wimp and pass. Since partner had a chance to get into the bidding and passed, I don't think I want to stick my neck out. I've been witness to what can happen getting frisky with a 6-5 hand at a team game and it wasn't pretty!!! I won't mention names but you know who you are. Can't wait to see their answer to this question.

Herb Sachs I bid four diamonds and four spades over four hearts or six spades over six hearts. Nothing else unless partner can contribute my partner may have four hearts and five or six clubs so this could be a disaster for our side; four diamonds, with both ears glued to the table.

Asim Ulke: .I bid 4H, showing spades and a minor. Unlucky if I go down 800 against 620 or 650.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Philip Alder	PASS
Michael Becker	4H
David Berah	4D
David Berkowitz	3S
Larry Cohen	PASS
Rich Colker	4D
Billy Eisenberg	4H
Russ Ekeblad	PASS
Lt. Col Robert Friend	4D
Fred Gitelman	4H
Barbara Haberman	4D
Carl Hudecek	PASS
Eddie Kantar	4NT
Sami Kahela	PASS
Eric Kokish	4D
Mike Lawrence	Db1
Sidney Lazard	4D
Bob Lipsitz	Db1
Jeff Meckstroth	4H
Marshal Miles	3S
Erik Paulson	4D
Gary Powell	4D
Barry Rigal	PASS
Arthur Robinson	PASS
Beverly Rosenberg	3S
Al Roth	4D
Jeff Rubens	3S
Ira Rubin	PASS
Joey Silver	4H
Robert Wolff	PASS
Kit Woolsey	4H

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	10	2	100
4H	6	6	90
PASS	9	5	70
3S	4	1	60
Double	2	0	40

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 PBA OPEN PAIRS	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 PBA FALL SECTIONAL	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 PBA UNIT Championship & Annual Mtg	16
17	18	19	20 Charity Game/JCC	21	22 PBA UNIT Championship SWISS TEAM	23
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FIRST AT THE POST

70% HIGH PERCENTAGE

75.00%	Laurie Igiel & Bharat Shah	JCC-SH Tues
74.41%	Madeleine Frizzi & Dustin Hoover	JCC-SH NLM
74.07%	Bill Holt & Bob Park	Allegheny North
71.48%	June Threlkeld & Joan Zakor	Whitehall Monday
71.83%	Garnet Depner & Sue Dillon	Export DBC

4 IN A ROW

Allan Cohen	Rodef 199ers	Herb Wolstoncroft	Sewickly DBC
Lois Hold			Sewickly DBC

3 IN A ROW

Lois Cohen	Rodef 199ers	Judy Sonon	Tues. Morn, Boyd
Rona Sutin	Tues Morn., Boyd	Barb Bergman	Saturday, Moose
Ken Bergman	Sat. Moose	Ken Bergman	Mon. Moose
Barb Bergman	Mon. Moose		

2 IN A ROW

Gus Costanzo	Allegh North	Sunny Lee	Allegh North
Mort Rubin	JCC	Paula Rubin	JCC
Ned Pfeifer	Rodef	Pat Cunkelman	Export
Roz Sachs	Wed. Moose	Frank Cordier	Wed. Moose
Jim Klein	Wed. Moose		

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

(A Sad Tale)

