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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

By Lou Joseph

Did you enjoy the Fall Sectional? Ron Franck and Barbara Weinstein pulled out all the stops to make sure everyone had a blast. The events were great and hospitality was super - thanks to everyone who lent a hand. Ron and Barb want everyone to know how much they appreciated your help and your contributions.

The end of another year is fast approaching and that means...HOLIDAY PARTY! Friday December 6th at the Wilkins Township Building (see flyer at right) - Jeannie Baseman and Ruthie Neafach have been planning this for months. It will be spectacular. Come out for fine food, fine fellowship and fine bridge. You'll have a fine time!

Second week of December brings the Winter STaC week. For those unfamiliar with this, it is a Sectional Tournament at Clubs - clubs games that are participating in the District will be silver point games all week, culminating in the PBA Team game on Sunday December 15 (see flyer at right!) There is a list of participating games in this issue of the Post Mortem, but it's best to check the District 5 Website for the most up-to-date information ([www.d5bridge.com](http://www.d5bridge.com))

Arlene and I wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year. Cheers!

**Friday, December 6th @ Wilkins Twp.**  
**Annual Holiday Party for Unit 142 Members**  
*(THAT'S YOU!)* PAIRS BRIDGE @ 7PM, DINNER @ 6 PM

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**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.

**STaC WEEK**  
All Week: Monday Dec 9 -

**SWISS @ 11:00 AM Sun Dec 15**

**Sunday, December 15th @ Glen-shaw Moose**  
Includes Continental Breakfast Beforehand & Compliance  
At 8:30 do the Steelers Play  
So Everyone can Swiss Away!  
New Players: Contact Darlene  
Driving Directions:

7 Rounds of 7 Boards  
Entry for Team of 4: \$84  
Lunch for extra players—\$5  
Strats (by Avg. MPs):  
A: 3000+ B: 500-3000 C: 0

**DISTRICT 5 WINTER STaC**  
**Monday 12-9-2013 thru Sunday 12-15-2013**

*PARTICIPATING CLUBS AS OF TIME OF PRINT*

**MORNING/AFTERNOON**

**MONDAY 12-9**

Natrona Heights DBC  
 Rodef Shalom  
 Rodef Shalom Novice  
 Export DBC  
 Milt Frazier DBC (Glenshaw)  
 Whitehall Duplicate  
 Sewickley Hills

**TUESDAY 12-10**

Boyd CC Duplicate  
 Allegheny North DBC (Masonic)  
 South Hills DBC (NLM)  
 20th Century Luncheon DBC

**WEDNESDAY 12-11**

Milt Frazier DBC (Glenshaw)  
 Greensburg Afternoon DC  
 JCC Wechsler (Sq Hill)  
 South Hills DBC

**THURSDAY 12-12**

Greensburg DBC  
 Pittsburgh North (Masonic)  
 Milt Frazier DBC (Wilkins Twp)  
 JCC South Hills  
 Long Vue Luncheon BC

**FRIDAY 12-13**

Suburban Bridge Club (Whitehall)  
 Milt Frazier DBC (Wilkins Twp)  
 Greensburg  
 Sewickley YMCA

**SATURDAY 12-14**

Latrobe DBA  
 Center Bridge (Glenshaw)

**SUNDAY 12-15**

PBA Swiss Team (Glenshaw)

**EVENING**

Women of Temple Sinai  
 Monday DBC (Ellwood City)

Indiana DBC  
 JCC South Hills  
 Greensburg  
 Shufflers NLM\

New Castle Bridge Club

JCC South Hills (NLM)  
 Sewickley Hills  
 Butler DBC

PBA (Wilkins Twp)  
 Mt Lebanon DBC

Nancy's Sunday Dinner BC

**THANK YOU POST**

The year is almost over and we have covered just about everything that happened. However, we could not end the year without thanking all of our members for supporting our Unit local games, our tournaments, our teaching program and all of our special events.

Lou and I would also like to thank all of our readers for their kind comments and their enthusiastic response to our little newsletter.

The Post Mortem is produced with the help of many of our members. Our sincere gratitude to all of those who participate in the Internet Post with their informed analyses of bridge hands ; to those who contribute monthly articles ; to directors who send us their winners each month and to Bill Holt, who posts the newsletter on the website and covers up all of our mistakes. It does, indeed, take a village to get things done! í í í í ..Arlene & Lou

**GAMES ON THE MOVE!!**

It has been confirmed that the games currently being held at the South Hills JCC are moving to Beth El Temple. Please check the PBA website for starting dates, game times and directions.

Also, it has been confirmed that the Women of Temple Sinai Duplicate Game is moving BACK to Tuesday evenings. Again, check the website to verify when this is to happen.

**GET WELL POST**

Please keep the following players in your thoughts and prayers:

Ginny Headrick  
 Herky Block  
 Mary Anne McNeirney  
 Norman oDocö Williams  
 Bill and Norma Spicher  
 Sylvia Williams  
 Lou Woolf is in the hospital and we are all

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

**UP THE LADDER  
POST**

**PBA FALL SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

*November 8-10, 2013*

**JUNIOR MASTER**

Anthony Bionda  
Tris Thorne  
Rosemary Shirley  
Charles Weber II

**SECTIONAL MASTER**

Marilyn Crawford

**NABC MASTER**

Gloria Hetzer  
Karen Peters

**LIFE MASTER**

Sheryl Hershock

**WELL DONE!!**

***Sunday Open Swiss***

A B C  
1 B Bergman-K Bergman-  
R Franck-J Marshall  
2/3 D Kozloff-F Prus-A Pork-  
D Frohlich  
2/3 W Holt-B Craig-R Quinlan-  
C Hoechstetter  
1 S Rohr-S Schwarzwaelder-  
S Helm-E Balucha  
2 D McKinley-K Mulligan-  
S Nolan-M Burke  
3 J Prior-A Bonneau-D Averbach  
B McElhanney  
1 L Igiel-B Shah-D Turacy Sr-  
R Kleinmann  
2 B Schaffer-S Schaffer-G Singer  
J Drennen  
3 W David- A Agnello-  
L Di Vittis-J Di Vittis

***Friday Aft Open Pairs***

A B C  
1 1 V Simak-T Wolfe  
2 G Carns-R Zwack  
3 2 A Tung-T Jolly  
3 F Prus-D Frohlich  
1 F Siffrinn-J Fox  
2 J Rajgopal-R Greco  
3 A Sandson-G Sandson

***Friday Aft 299'er Pairs***

D E F  
1 1 K Sokalski-M Frizzi  
2 2 K Dolegowski-N Chess  
3/4 3/4 S Kausler-D Hoover  
3.4 3/4 J Bernot-T Donehoo  
1 E Muir-M Muir  
2 A Urban-S Riley  
3 A Cullen-B Stephen

***Friday Eve Open Pairs***

A B C  
1 1 S Brand-D Kozloff  
2 B Klein-J Klein  
3 A Prat-A Ulke  
2 L Kort-C Harff  
3 1 A Eames-T Phillips  
2 MJ Bohl-H Bohl Jr  
3 C Gibboney-S Israelson

***Friday Eve 299'er Pairs***

D E F  
1 1 1 M Slusky-C Lambie-Hanson  
2 2 2 A Cullen-B Stephen  
3 3 N Chess-J Chess

***Saturday Compact KO Bracket I***

1 B Bergman-K Bergman-  
R Franck-J Marshall  
2 J Prior-ML Naughton-  
L Igiel-D Averbach

***Friday Eve Stratified Swiss***

A B C  
1 W Holt-MP Carns-R Quinlan-  
C Hoechstetter  
2/3 1 ML Naughton-S Rohr-M Burke-  
S Helm  
2/3 A Williams-J Sonon-M Tamres-  
C Powell  
2 V Simak-J Berhard-S Schuchert-  
R Heasley III  
3 1 K Bock-D Collura-D Pittman-  
J Schultheis  
2 G Wire-R Gupta-J Rajgopal-  
R Greco

***Saturday Morn Open Pairs***

A B C  
1 1 R Sain-W Obitz  
2 H Sachs-S Ruskin  
3 2 1 A Eames-T Phillips  
3 R Sachs-T Wolfe  
2 N Zweig-E Zweig  
3 K Peters-A Tam

***Saturday Morn 299'er Pairs***

D E F  
1 W Kelsey-M Kelsey  
2 1 F Powers-J Drennen  
3 2 S Kausler-D Hoover  
3 C Henderson-B Weinstein  
1 T Thorne-S Morgan  
2 S Smith-B Weightman  
3 G Novak-J Collins

***Saturday Compact KO Bracket II***

1 G Perez-J Szymecki-  
R Brown-U Brown  
2 D Legal-R Ambrose  
S Israelson-A Makar

***Saturday Aft Open Pairs***

A B C  
1 J Assini-F Cymerman  
2 J Zambroski-M Tamres  
3 1 R Sain-W Obitz  
2 1 I Baxter-T Tjader  
3 ML DøAltorio-A Bonneau  
2 M Slusky-C Lambie-Hanson  
3 M Henry-A Henry

***Saturday Aft 299'er Pairs***

D E F  
1 1 A Cullen-J Threlkeld  
2 2 C Henderson-B Weinstein  
3 R Hughes-M Pavlokovic  
3 R Goldthwait-E Goldthwait  
1 J Collins-G Novak  
2 S Eisner-B Stephen

***Saturday Aft Swiss***

A B C  
1 W Holt-MP Carns-  
R Quinlan-C Hoechstetter  
2 1 1 C Beardmore-D Fishbeck-  
P Sostarich-H Dunn  
3 2 B Day-R Kleinmann-  
J Zakor-G Strieter

***Sunday 299'er Swiss***

D E F  
1 1 I Chernew-N Zweig-  
E Diamond-N Rescher  
2 2 J Baseman-R Neafach-  
C Stuart-K Shipkovitz  
3/4 3 1 M Slusky-C Lambie-Hanson  
A Cullen-B Stephen  
3/4 J Thelkeld-B Weinstein-  
C Henderson-K Dolegowski

## ASK ERNIE

**You ask!! Ernie has the answer!!**

♠ 10 9 5 4  
♥ A J  
♦ Q 6 2  
♣ K 9 7 4

♠ 2  
♥ K Q 10 5  
♦ J 4 3  
♣ A 10 8 6 2

Question: In a club game with nobody vulnerable, West opened 1 spade in 3<sup>rd</sup> seat and was raised to 2 spades. You double, and after partner bid 2 NT, your 3 club bid ended the auction. The King of spades was led, followed by a spade to the Ace which you ruff. How should you play your trump suit? What if West plays the Queen on the first round?

Answer: Whenever you have 2 ways to play on a suit, you should decide which opponent is more likely to be short. Since West probably has longer spades than East, they are more likely to have shortness in a side suit. When you lead a small club from hand, West follows with the Queen and you win the King. Now you have to decide whether to play for the drop, or to finesse the Jack.

This is an example of the theory of restricted choice. If West has Q J doubleton, they should randomize which card is played. When West plays an honor, you should assume that it is a singleton, otherwise, they may have played the other honor. Their choice was restricted. Based on the a priori card odds, a club finesse has a 65% chance of success. The finesse works on this hand, and you take 5 clubs, 4 hearts and a diamond ruff for 10 tricks.

## IN MEMORIAM POST

We extend our sincere condolences to Susie Wolf on the loss of her husband Bob. A regular at Rodef Shalom and the Saturday games, Bob always had a smile on his face and was truly a good sport and a gentleman. We will miss him.

Herb Wolstoncroft died in November. He was one of our long-time players who was, along with his late wife, Helga, devoted to the game. Herb was also instrumental in establishing our relationship with the Masonic Lodge, the place we hold all of our sectionals. He was such a nice man. Our condolences to all of his friends and family.

Manny Miller, passed away suddenly last month. Fairly new to bridge, he nevertheless was an enthusiastic player, mostly at the JCC. We always enjoyed seeing him having such a good time. Our sympathy to his friends and his family.

We also send our condolences to Buddy Lazarus on the loss of his brother and Jeanne Baseman on the loss of her mother.

### INTERNET POST (cont.) from Page 8.

**Stanley Ruskin:** I don't have any difficulty with this so I must be wrong. I make the same bid with both holdings ó negative double. I can't bid any suit freely because my spades aren't good enough and bidding 2D accomplishes very little. I would have to have 5 decent diamonds to even bid a preemptive 3D etc. If partner bids 2S, I might raise to 3S. If he bids, 2H, I would Pass ó it looks like a good 4/3 fit. If partner bids 2D, I could raise to 3D. If partner bids 2NT, I would probably bid 3D. If partner bids 3C, I would bid 3S. I think most of the bids have been covered. This seems so clear cut to me that, as I said, it must be wrong.

**Ernie Retetagos:** Part I. Double. Thanks for the foot notes, but none of those bids occurred to me. I am not going to suppress a 5 card major. Occasionally, partner has a good hand with 3 or 4 spades. With a more typical 3rd hand opener, I'll eventually bid 3 diamonds over the opponents 3 clubs and hope for minus 50 instead of minus 110.

Part II. 2 spades. If I had one more Queen, I would have opened the bidding. This is a non problem. If I later bid 3 diamonds, it will be with the expectation of making.

**Herb Sachs:** 2S I bid what I have ergo two spades; I remain positioned to bid diamonds later; wrong shape for negative double and passing is for the timid (in my opinion)

INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, none  
Your hand is:

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

The bidding is:

S W N E  
PASS PASS 1D 2C

? This is a two-part question.

\*\*\*\*\*Note: Two diamonds is natural, three diamonds preemptive, three clubs= invitational or stronger diamond raise.

Part I: What call do you make?

Part II: What call do you make if the diamond 8 were the Q?

Part II: 2S. The suit is moth-eaten, but the hand is strong enough to show that I have five spades. If partner doesn't support them, it's back to diamonds.

Part I: Double. Saying I have at least four cards in one of the majors, and a sensible rebid over whatever partner does next.

**Jim Bachelder:** 2S. I'm a passed hand and I have a "landing spot" as I can return to diamonds if necessary. If I had the QD, I'd be more encouraged, but would make the same bid. Certainly 3C (limit in diamonds) is plausible, but that can wait, I don't want to lose the spade suit.

**Jane Marshall :** 2D is my answer to both parts. Queens are not very good. I would like my hand better if the Q of clubs were the Q of diamonds, but not enough to cue bid. My hand is too weak to negative double or bid spades freely.

**Asim Ulke:** Part I: Pass. Part II: Pass.

If you think too long to find a bid with a hand like this, may be you should think about passing. Partner has a bid coming.

**Paul Caplan** part 1 double this hand is worth 1 try to find a major fit but to weak to bid 2 spades.

part 2 bid 2 spades if partner has a spade fit game could be makeable.

**Barbara Bergman:** Double...I'd double with either hand. Heaven forbid I pass and short of that I can't think of anything else that is appropriate. If partner doesn't have 4 spades, they have at least 4 diamonds. If LHO bids 3C and now partner bids 3H so be it. It might work out and if it doesn't I'll ASK ERNIE!!!

**Richard Katz:** A. Two diamonds

B. x, might be playing 4 diamonds when smoke clears. Maybe even 4 spades!

**Bill Holt :** #1: 2S. As a passed hand I can show a spade suit here and return to diamonds should no S fit exist. I have good shape for partner, and since it's matchpoints I'm not worried about getting too frisky in diamonds over their club suit. Bidding 2S also makes it harder for opps to find a H fit. #2 - Same, 2S. And I will be more aggressive on rebids.

**Bernie Fudor:** I make a neg x in both circumstances. Pretty clear problem

**Robert Zimmermann: Part I:** Two spades. I'm a passed hand, so partner won't expect much more than this. Our most likely game is in spades - if there is one. There's no reason to suppress a five card major.

Part II: Same call with the diamond queen.

**Steve Nolan:** Part I: Double. Saying I have at least four cards in one of the majors, and a sensible rebid over whatever partner does next.

**PJ Prabhu :** Part I: Double. What is the problem? This is very clear cut at this turn. The main problem will be at the next turn if partner bids 2H, or 3H over LHO's 3C because partner could be 4=4=3=2 and S may be our best fit or he could be 4-4 in the reds.

Part II: Double. Although I'm strong enough to bid 2S, it doesn't make sense to overemphasize S with such a weak suit. Second choice: 2s.

**Lou Joseph:** Part 1 I make a negative double. Just enough to do it as a passed hand. The QC is worthless as an honor, but does present some ruffing value and I'm willing to play a 4-3 heart fit with a singleton club.

Part 2: Even with a 10 count, I'm making a negative double - the spade suit is shabby, albeit a 5 card suit. The poor diamond spots may not make the secondary minor fit all that attractive, and even though partner knows I'm a passed hand, I don't want to get dumped in 2S with him holding 2 spots

**Gail Carns:** x negative and pass 2H, Same with diamond Q

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	2D	2S
Alan Bell	2D	3C
Marty Bergen	DBL	2S
David Berkowitz	DBL	2S
Mark Blumenthal	2D	DBL
Steve Clark	2S	2S
Larry Cohen	DBL	2S
Chris Compton	DBL	2S
Billy Eisenberg	DBL	DBL
Robb Gordon	2D	DBL
Allan Graves	DBL	2S
Carl Hudecek	DBL	DBL
Michael Kamil	2D	2S
Eddie Kantar	DBL	2S
Sami Kahela	2D	2S
Eric Kokish	DBL	DBL
Boris Koytchou	2S	2S
Marshal Miles	2D	DBL
Karen McCullum	D	3C
Nick Nickell	2D	2S
Larry Robbins	DBL	2S
Arthur Robinson	DBL	DBL
Al Roth	P	2S
Jeff Rubens	2D	2S
Ira Rubin	2D	2D
Fred Stewart	2S	2S
Paul Sugar	2S	2S
Howard Weinstein	2S	2S
Robert Wolff	2D	2S
Kit Woolsey	2S	2S
Ray Zoller	2S	2S
Zia	DBL	2S

INTERNET POST RESULTS: Part I

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2S	23	7	50
DBL	7	7	30
3C	2	0	20
2D	1	1	20
PASS	0	1	10
3D	0	0	10

INTERNET POST RESULTS: Part I

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
DBL	13	9	50
2D	11	2	40
2S	8	4	30
PASS	1	0	20
3C	0	0	20
3D	0	0	10

INTERESTING

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				12 Holiday Party Masonic Center	<b>PBA Holiday PARTY!!!</b>	
8	9	10	11	19	13	14
<b>SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT AT CLUBS WEEK</b>						
15 <b>PBA StAc SWISS TEAM</b> @Glenshaw Moose 11:00 am	16	17 Holiday Party Allegheny North	18	26	20 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	21
22	23	24	25	27	<b>PBA Open Pairs</b>	28
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## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% HIGH PERCENTAGE

74.07%	Joanne Zambroski & Ami Elis	Allegheny North
70.38%	Sandra McCall & Joseph Bernot	SHJCC NLM
71.30%	Claire Morris & Shirley Meyers	Rodef
79.51%	Emily & James Mendelson	Rodef 99ers
75.00%	Rowna Sutin & David Kozloff	Rodef
70.24%	Pat Cunkleman & Peggy Shivetts	Export DBC

### 5 IN A ROW

Lila Margolis	Rodef	Barbara Horowitz	Rodef
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### 2 IN A ROW

Pat Cunkleman	Export DBC	Barbara Belardi	Export DBC
Phyliss Berkovitz	Rodef	Sue Blackburn	Rodef

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!



Lou Definitely Was A Beautiful Baby



PARTY HEARTY

