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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

I guess it really is Spring. The sun is shining, but it's still awfully cold outside. I was driving along, shivering in my car, listening to the radio, and I could SWEAR I heard the Ink Spots singing "I just want to set Arlene on fire..." Maybe it's some sort of psychosis, but I immediately began to warm up! Try it and see!

OK, so it's Spring and April too. No doubt you are reading this between rounds at the Pittsburgh Spring Sectional - you'll get a full report on that in the May issue. April is the month when the PBA gets ready for May - the big Awards Party on May 16th. I'm giving you ALL time to make plans to attend this year - it's the night when we honor our unit members achievements. There is always great food, great bridge and great wit by our superb Master of Ceremonies. (Modesty prevents me from naming him...)

Look inside this issue for the announcement of the upcoming PBA Classes. Arlene's special series looks like a real winner - I'd take it myself (if she wasn't teaching it) if I wasn't teaching the beginners class. Truthfully, this class looks like a winner!

Enjoy the Sectional, enjoy the Spring, enjoy Easter and/or Passover. Oh, and if you have ANY news for us, PLEASE SEND IT TO US! As you can tell by this page, WE ARE DESPERATE FOR THINGS TO PRINT!!! (I, on the other hand, am not desperate. I can ramble on for hours. "What's that you say? You will send something right away?" I thought you would see it our way. arlene)

Sectional flyer and schedule on page 6

LESSONS - PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

LEARN HOW TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER YOU CAN BE



The PBA Lesson Series Continues...2014 April 28@ 9 AM — Seven Mondays (except May 1) @ 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. Cost for Textbook \$12.00. Taught by Lou Joseph, who is truly a master beginner (teacher)

TRICKS OF THE TRADE: When should you compete - or not. Auction warning signs. Gerber—The most misused and misunderstood convention. Preemptive, intermediate & strong responses. Why are you leading that card? Balancing act! Attitude, count, suit preferences. Do you want a ruff? Whose Contract is it anyway? - Taught by Arlene

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Lou Joseph

Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,

plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* 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

Improve your game ...

MAKE BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Spring 2014

Bridge Basics#1 Please Order Book @ \$12.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION at the cost of \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed).

Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Classes Held at:
Rodef Shalom Synagogue
4905 Fifth Ave
Pgh, PA 15213

Form and Payment to:
The Pittsburgh Bridge Association
c/o Arlene Port
220 N. Dithridge Street #404
Pittsburgh PA 15213

**ZELIENOPLE DUPLICATE
BRIDGE CLUB**

**NEW ACBL SANCTIONED BRIDGE
GAME**

Lutheran Senior Life Passavant Community announces the start of a Duplicate Sanctioned Bridge Game by the Zelienville Club starting Tuesday evening, April 8, 2014, & every other Tuesday in Scholl Auditorium. John Bernhard will be the accredited director and teacher. John will be offering a free ½ hour class for any player starting at 6:00 p.m. Then the game will be set up and registered and will start at 7:00 p.m. The lesson will be skipped for the first meeting on April 8 in order to celebrate the opening day with a free light buffet. For any further information, please contact June Morrison @ 724-452-3686. It would be greatly appreciated if you could call us if you are planning to come to the first game.

For any further information on Zelienville games and classes, please visit our website at zelienvillebridge.com.

**Directions to Zelienville and Passavant
Community**

Driving North on 79, exit at Evans City, left to Route 19, right to town and left at yellow blinker on Culvert, left on Burgess to Passavant and main parking lot.

From 79 driving South, exit at Zelienville, right on 68 to Route 19, left at light on Main Street to Culvert, right at yellow blinker on Culvert, left on Burgess to Passavant and main parking light.

IN MEMORIAM POST

On March 13, at the age of 97, Milt Wolfson passed away. Still playing bridge at Temple Sinai, Milt received master points two months before he died. Milt lived an interesting life. He served in the Air Force during the war; in the FBI before it, and had worked as a computer programmer when the field was in its infancy. He attended college classes past the age of 90 and was very active in many social and political causes. He was also active as an usher for local theater groups and was instrumental in getting theaters to install subtitling equipment.

Milt is survived by four sons, two grandsons and one great grandson.

(Note: The information for this obituary was given to me by Steve Nolan, who was a kind and caring friend to Milt)

We also regret to announce the passing of Albert Rabovsky, husband of Sheila Rabovsky, who plays in Corapolis and the North Hills.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Cate Andrews
Paula Sculley
Marilyn Siebert
Margo Woodwell

CLUB MASTER

Jim Reynolds

JUNIOR MASTER

Martha Lass
Lenore Radler

SECTIONAL MASTER

Eva Muir

REGIONAL MASTER

Marlene Sienicki
Neil Zweig

NABC MASTER

C Nicholas Tredennick

NICELY DONE!!!

GET WELL POST

It's great to see Bernice Weisberger back at the bridge table after a perfectly horrible winter. If, as they say, "Bad things happen to good people", Bernice has to be super good. She fell and broke her ankle, then got sick and ended up in a rehabilitation center for a long time. Happily, she didn't lose her bridge skill. Welcome back!!.

Faye Adelsberg
Ginny Headrick
Herky Block
Mary Anne McNeirney
Norman "Doc" Williams
Bill and Norma Spicher
Sylvia Williams

Please get well soon!!



BRIDGE BYTES

It certainly does!!!

.....By Ernie Retetagos

IMP SCORING

Playing bridge with imp scoring requires some different tactics as compared to matchpoint scoring. One of the most obvious examples is the decision regarding bidding a close game. Suppose that you open 1 spade and partner gives an invitational raise to 3 spades, and you face a borderline decision. If we assume that they pass the game invitation at the other table, we can compare the imp results based on whether you take 9 or 10 tricks.

If you bid a non-vulnerable game and make 10 tricks, you will gain 6 imps vs the part score. If you go down one you will lose 5 imps. If you bid a vulnerable game, you will pick up 10 imps if game makes, and lose 6 imps if game goes down one. Because you are getting 10-6 odds, you should always bid a close game when you are vulnerable. If your game contract depends on a successful finesse plus no bad break in a side suit, you might have a 40-45 % chance to make. It would be correct to bid this game vulnerable at imps, but to pass when nonvul or at matchpoints.

Also, bidding a close vulnerable game puts pressure on the opponents, since a defensive error will be expensive. So bid your vulnerable games anytime you think you have a decent chance for a make.



BRIDGE



BYTES-

Hospitality All Sessions!

Friday, March 28

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)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, March 29

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!

4:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, March 30

Super 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

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

Pittsburgh Spring Sectional



March 28 - 30, 2014

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Lesson from an Expert

Friday @ 6:45 PM

Cubic Zirconia

Life Master Theater
Saturday @ 3:15 PM



Partnerships!
Jane Marshall 412-371-4067
1403parts@d5bridge.com

Newcomers & 299ers!
Darlene Mannheimler
412-343-0419
299parts@d5bridge.com

Tournament Chairs!
Barb Bergman
Ken Bergman
724-935-4591
Spring14@d5bridge.com

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
Sanction # S1403059

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
299er Swiss \$ 80/team

Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
\$3 additional per session

Student Discount: \$5 per Session

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!
Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
POST**

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!!!

**Bridge Book Giveaway at Spring
Sectional**

Start your Spring cleaning early, dust off those bridge books you never look at and donate them to the Spring Sectional.

Barb and Ken are planning a bridge book giveaway for newcomers and intermediate players.

Defense and declarer play books never get old. Books on bidding should be fairly current. We don't want the newcomers playing 4 card majors!!! Please do NOT give the books to Barb or Ken - Bring them directly to the Masonic Center during the tournament.

**BRIDGE PLAYERS DO
THE
DUMBEST THINGS POST**

Fine. No one wants to admit anything this month! OK with me; now I'm just going to take notes and make my own reports!!! (I could write a book on the dumbest things I have done at the bridge table, but why brag?arlene)

UNIT 142 2014 CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 3 GNT Fundraiser game
- 10 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 17 PBA cancelled - Cleveland Regional
- 24 Club Championship
- 31 Unit Championship

FEBRUARY

- 7 Unit Championship
- 14 Junior Fund Game SWISS TEAM and PBA Board Meeting
- 21 Membership Game
- 28 Unit Championship

MARCH

- 7 Unit Championship
- 14 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 21 Open Pairs
- 28 SPRING SECTIONAL at Masonic Ctr

APRIL

- 4 Unit Championship
- 11 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 18 Open Pairs
- 25 Club Championship

MAY

- 2 Open Pairs
- 9 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 16 Unit ACBL Championship and Annual Awards Night
- 23 PBA cancelled - Cleveland Regional
- 30 Unit Championship

JUNE

- 1 Fossick-Goodman SWISS TEAM (tentative)
- 8 NAOP Qualifier
- 12 STaC Pairs (Thursday eve)
- 13 STaC Pairs and PBA Bd Meeting
- 20 Open Pairs
- 27 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

JULY

- 4 PBA cancelled - Holiday
- 11 SUMMER SECTIONAL at Masonic Ctr
- 18 NAOP Qualifier
- 25 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

AUGUST

- 1 New Partnership Night
- 8 NAOP Qualified & PBA Bd Meeting
- 15 Unit Championship
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 29 PGH "RONI" REGIONAL

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Club Championship
- 12 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 19 Unit Championship
- 26 Open Pairs

OCTOBER

- 3 Club Championship
- 10 Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM & PBA Bd Meeting
- 16 Instant Matchpoint Game - special Thursday Afternoon
- 17 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 23 PRO-AM @ Rodef Shalom (Thursday)
- 24 Open Pairs
- 31 Open Pairs

NOVEMBER

- 7 Unit Champ & Annual Member Meeting
 - 14 FALL SECTIONAL at Masonic Ctr
 - 21 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
 - 28 Open Pairs
- DECEMBER
- 5 Unit Championship & PBA Bd Mtg
 - 11 STaC Pairs (Thursday-tentative)
 - 12 STaC Pairs
 - 14 Sunday STaC SWISS (tentative)
 - 19 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
 - 26 Open Pairs

**INTERNET POST (cont.) from
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Barbara Bergman: Part 1 yes Part 2 3S....This is not my favorite bid. If I were smarter, I'd make a bid that would clarify my partner's diamond holding.

Richard Katz: #1= yes. #2= 5 n. t. And correct response to spades .

Gail Carns: I yes I agree with 1S II 3S if partner bids 3NT I bid 4D

Paul Caplan part 1 is yes part 2 3 spades this is forcing i will show diamonds over 3 nt or 4 clubs. A slam is possible i would rather be in spades than diamonds with my club holding.

Robert Zimmerman
4spades. Partner's 3 diamonds is weak, but my spades will play against a void. All I need is one minor suit king to make a vulnerable game at IMPs. How can I not bid?

Jim Bachelder. 3S Yes I agree with 1S. After 3D, I'm bidding 3S and if partner bids 3NT, I'm bidding 4D.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Yes	22	8	30
No	5	5	10
5NT	9	2	70
4H	5	3	50
3S	4	9	30
5H	4	0	30
4S	0	0	10
6S	0	0	10

INTERNET POST

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

S AKQJ62
H -----
D QJ4
C AQ52

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	1NT	PASS
3C	PASS	3D	PASS

? What do you bid?

Herb Sachs: 5NT Yes and I'm glad I bid one spade; If partner has six diamonds to AK 7diamonds should be cold (where are the hearts??) If partner has six diamonds to the king then six diamonds should be cold; I bid 5NT however if partners 3diamond turns out to be club support with diamond ace and I hear six clubs i will bid 7 clubs and take my chances on diamond ace and 5 or six clubs to the king

Ernie Retetagos: Part 1. No. I would open 2 clubs because partner could pass 1 spade, and we could be odds on for game. As little as a minor suit king or 10 of hearts and the club jack makes game a good contract. Part 2. 3 spades. I'll let partner know that the spades are worth a rebid. I can support diamonds if partner bids 3NT
Asim Ulke::No. I open 2C. I bid 3S. We are in a forcing ouction. If partner bids 3NT, I complete the description of my hand by bidding 4D.

Stan Ruskin: No— I think a three loser hand is too good to open one spade. I would only open one spade if someone Guaranteed me that someone else will bid something. I know it could be cumbersome to open 2C but I think that is what you have to do playing standard bidding. I think a bid of 4H is the bid to make. This assumes that we are playing exclusion key card blackwood – which I think most people play now. This means that an unusual jump in a suit is asking you to bid KC Blackwood in the agreed upon suit excluding the suit that is jumped to – in this case H. Thus, responder must also now assume that D is the agreed suit since there was no support for any other suit. 4H, therefore, is a tacit agreement on D. The 3D response is forward going and should be a reasonable suit. Depending on how you play the KC responses – 1st step 0/3 and 2nd step 1 or 4 etc – will determine where you are going. If responder shows 2 key cards w/o the Q (you have the Q), he will bid 5C and you can now ask about the other K except H by bidding 5H. If he had the AK of diamonds and K clubs, You can bid 7S. You might want to if he has the AK if diamonds only. If he has only one of the KC, you will have to evaluate what you want to bid – 5S or 6S. At any rate, you will be able to find out all of the info you need to bid the final contract.

Steve Nolan: part 1 is yes part 2 3 spades this is forcing i will show diamonds over 3 nt or 4 clubs. A slam is possible i would rather be in spades than diamonds with my club holding.

Marvin Rulin: Part one, no. I would open 2 clubs. Part two. I bid 4 hearts. This is a clear showing of a heart void with slam interest. The final contract (6 or 7 spades, clubs or diamonds) will depend on partner's next bid. Six spades is our most likely place. Note a bid of 3 hearts might be confused with a no trump attempt.

PJ Prabhu: Part 1. Yes! Despite the 3-loser hand, getting the best of my suits on the table is preferable to opening 2C. Part 2. 3S. My jump shift rebid is forcing to game. Possibly, I'm headed to 6S. I want to see what partner does. A 3NT bid by partner will slow me down since it would indicate wasted values in H. Anything else will be encouraging, especially a D rebid. .

Fred Schenker: 3S I don't agree with 1S. I have a three loser hand with a solid suit. I'm opening 2C.

Given the auction, my 3C bid is GF, so 3D should be a 6 card suit. I'm bidding 3S to pattern out, and give pard a chance to make another call. I'm thinking that we will wind up in 6D or 6S

Bill Holt 1. No. The hand is too strong for 1S. Facing as little as the Td and the Jc you have a play for 10 tricks in Spades.

2. 4H. Since 3H would be forcing, this should be construed as a d splinter. If partner wants to take it as kickback RKC for diamonds, fine. We should have a play for 6d facing as little as KTxxxx, and that is the sort of hand that 3d should show on this sequence.

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HOW EXPERTS VOTED

David Berkowitz	Y4H
Bart Bramley	N5NT
Gerald Caravelli	Y4D
John Caruthers	Y3S
Larry Cohen	Y5H
Billy Eisenberg	Y4D
Steve Garner	Y4H
Ron Gerard	Y4H
Jim Hall	Y5NT
Carl Hudecek	Y3S
Eddie Kantar	Y4H
Sammy Kehala	Y5NT
Danny Kleinman	Y5NT
Eric Kokish	Y4H
Chip Martel	Y4D
Marshal Miles	N5NT
Sue Picus	Y4D
Arthur Robinson	N5NT
Eric Rodwell	N5H
Michael Rosenberg	Y4H
Jeff Rubens	Y3S
Kerry & Steve Sanborn	Y5H
Don Stack	Y5NT
Paul Trent	N5NT
Eddie Wold	Y5NT
Robert Wolff	Y4D
Kit Woolsey	Y3S

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Cancellation Rodef	15	16 JCC cancelled	17	18 PBA Open Pairs Good Friday	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 PBA Club Championship	26
27	28	29	30			

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Marcella Apter & Pat Katz Mon. Rodef 70.51%

4 IN A ROW

Harold Haffner JCC Judy Haffner JCC

3 IN A ROW

Marcella Apter Rodef Pat Katz Mon. Rodef

Happy
Passover



Happy
Easter

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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