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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

Our spring sectional? Ho hum, just another event of perfection that is the *modus operandi* (bet you didn't know I spoke Latin) of Barb and Ken Bergman. As usual, everything was just wonderful; the food, the ambiance, and the attendance. The only thing missing was my name on the winners list. Oh well, must have been a mistake. But then, I didn't see Lou's name on the list either so all is not lost.

Seriously, we are so fortunate to have so many people that are willing to give their time and energy just so we can enjoy ourselves. We appreciate all of the hard work you do and thank you for your efforts.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the entertainment. OK, here it is: Entertainment!! Alright!! It was cute, well written and well presented.

All of this plus the opportunity to play bridge badly. How lucky can we get!! Once again thanks for everything.

As the late Al Jolson said: *"You ain't seen nothing yet."* Get ready for the party of the year. That would be our awards party on Friday, May 16. If you don't attend you will not be able to collect the award you worked so hard to win. Even worse, you will miss giving *"attahoyso"* to all of those who have won something. I am taking attendance and expect you to be there. After all, where else can you see all your friends and eat like a king/queen. ?

See you all there!!

June 9-15, 2014

STaC Week!



STaC Games  
All Week, Plus...

Thursday June 12th  
7 PM @ Glenshaw Moose

You Keep  
Comin' - So  
We'll Keep  
Cookin' !



All the  
NoTrump  
You Can  
Eat!!!

Game time 7:00, Pot Luck @ 6:15

Bring your Favorite Dish for All to Enjoy!

Can't bring a snack? It's OK ...

Show up and help us to eat all the food!

Please Coordinate Snacks with  
Jeannie Baseman @ 412-889-2538  
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STaC'n'Snack Entry just \$7.50 pp.

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! Check to make  
sure your club is participating in STaC Week at  
[www.d5bridge.com](http://www.d5bridge.com)

Stratifications: "A" 2000+ "B" 500-2000 "C" 0-500  
Stratifications by Average MPs in all STaC Events  
All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.



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**IN MEMORIAM POST**

We regret to announce the passing of Ginny Headrick. A regular player for years, she had been conspicuously absent for quite a while as she battled an assortment of illnesses. We offer our sincerest condolences to her family and many, many friends.

**PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE**

MAY

- 2 Open Pairs
- 9 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 16 Unit ACBL Charity Championship & AWARDS PARTY
- 23 NO GAME -Cleveland All American Regional
- 30 Unit Championship

JUNE

- 8 NAOP Qualifier
- 12 STaC -n SNACK Thursday evening @ Glenshaw Moose
- 13 STaC Pairs and PBA Board Meeting
- 20 Open Pairs
- 27 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

JULY

- 4 NO GAME - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 11 NO GAME - PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL @ Masonic Center
- 18 NAOP Qualifier
- 25 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM

**UP THE LADDER POST**

JUNIOR MASTER

Nancy Gusky  
Judie Latella

CLUB MASTER

Terry Zimmerman

SECTIONAL MASTER

Christopher Lambie-Hanson  
Matthew Muir  
Carol Stuart

REGIONAL MASTER

Richard McNeer  
Todd Phillips  
Betty Weightman

NABC MASTER

Tammy Tjader

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Ildiko Baxter

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Joel Roteman  
M G Weisensee

**A JOB WELL DONE  
BY ALL !!!**

**GET WELL POST**

Marion Cohen did the unthinkable, I think. She fell and sadly, has the boo boo to prove it. Marion, you committed the first rule of ðmaturingö , ðDONØT FALL) So, get over it and come back to the table. I need some of your special zero-giving bridge.

Herky Block  
Mary Anne McNeirney  
Norman ðDocö Williams  
Bill and Norma Spicher  
Sylvia Williams  
Betty Noble

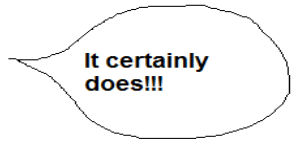
Please get well soon!!

**POST CARDS**

It's so good to see the snowbirds fly back into town, all tan and smiling. Poor people. They have no idea what a wonderfully cold winter they missed. Oh Well!!



# BRIDGE BYTES



.....By Ernie Retetagos

## SIGNALS

In order to help your partner defend correctly, you want to help them by good signaling. When you are making your first discard, you want to tell partner where you have strength. Instead of discarding an encouraging card from your strong suit, it is often times better to discard a discouraging card from your weak suit. That way you will not have weakened your holding by discarding from it. When you are leading a suit, a small spot card lead indicates that you have an honor card in that suit. Whereas the lead of a high spot tends to deny a face card.

Another way to help partner is by suit preference signals. If your partner leads an obvious singleton to your Ace in a suit contract, you will give them a ruff. The card you lead back is suit preference to where they could possibly find you for a second ruff. Suit preference signals can also be given anytime your partner knows the layout of a suit. If you lead out your long suit and declarer ruffs, partner knows what you have in the suit. Now when declarer pulls trump and you discard from that suit, if your cards are equivalent in value, that card would be suit preference.

(Ed. Note: There are many different ways of making defensive signals. All defensive signaling is based on partnership agreement. Please make certain you and your partner agree on which signals to use.)



# DON'T FORGET - ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT GAME & PARTY 5-16-14

Each year the PBA recognizes the contributions of members who have excelled in their efforts on behalf of Bridge, and those who have excelled with their performance at the tables. *Here are the past winners of our Annual Awards:*

**Milt Frazier Award** - Presented to the Unit 142 Member who has given the most effort for the good of the Unit

- o 2012 Lou Joseph
- o 2011 Jane Marshall
- o 2010 Bill Holt
- o 2009 Barb & Ken Bergman
- o 2008 Mary Carns
- o 2007 Sandy Schuchert
- o 2006 Arlene Jacobelli
- o 2005 Marcella Retetagos
- o 2004 Roni Gitchel
- o 2003 Ernie Retetagos

**Jane McIntyre Award** - Presented to the Member who is deemed to have contributed the most towards helping others enjoy the game

- o 2012 Ron Franck
- o 2011 Cecelia Powell
- o 2010 MaryAnne McNeirney
- o 2009 Marilyn Siebert & Susan Podgers
- o 2008 Sharon Rohr
- o 2007 Patty Katz, Ada Nye, Jackie Skirboll, Susan Konig
- o 2006 Tom Lordi
- o 2005 Peggy Hoffman
- o 2004 Sandy Schuchert

**Fred Sorenson Award** - Presented to the Member who has won the most masterpoints in Unit 142 events.

- 2012 Asim Ulke
- 2011 Mary Carns
- 2010 Asim Ulke
- 2009 Asim Ulke
- 2008 Mary Carns
- 2007 Asim Ulke
- 2006 Asim Ulke
- 2005 Gail Carns
- 2004 Asim Ulke
- 2003 Asim Ulke

**Nirmala Somani (Nimmv) Award** - Presented to the Unit 142 Non Life Master who has won the most masterpoints overall for the year.

- o 2012 Judith Vittone
- o 2011 Jeffrey Tsang
- o 2010 Steve Schwarzwaelder
- o 2009 Dennis Gibboney
- o 2008 Russ Sheldon
- o 2007 Joane D'Antonio

**Distinguished Service Award** - Presented to the Member(s) who does the most amount of work for the least amount of recognition. *Also goes by an alternate name.*

- o 2012 Jeanne Baseman & Ruthie Neafach
- o 2011 Asim Ulke
- o 2010 Jane Marshall
- o 2009 Arlene Port & Lou Joseph
- o 2008 Barb & Ken Bergman
- o 2007 Bill Holt
- o 2006 Mary Carns
- o 2005 Vincentina Simak

## PBA SPRING SECTIONAL RESULTS Mar 28-30, 2014, MASONIC CENTER, PITTSBURGH, PA

### **FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS**

A B C  
 1 B Grzegorzewski-D Donald  
 2 1 1 L Gesoff-R McNeer  
 3 J Klein-B Klein  
   2 2 J Fox-F Siffrinn  
   3 A Jacobelli-K Eichler  
     3 D Turacy-B Shah

### **FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS**

D E F  
 1 A Aronson-R Greco  
 2 1 1 J Drexler-D Tronsgard  
 3 2 J Waring-K Dolegowski  
   3 2 D Wyke-C Pattison  
   3 A Cullen-B Stephen

### **FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS**

A B C  
 1 J Marshall-R Franck  
 2 H Sachs-R Sachs  
 3 D Donald-B Grzegorzewski  
   1 ML Flach-M McConnell  
   2 J Bardi-G Littman  
   3 1 S Portnoy-M Yunes  
     2 L Gesoff-R McNeer  
     3 I Bardi-ML Ford

### **FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS**

A B C  
 1 J Geier-J Drennen  
 2 1 T Glass-L Puntureri  
 3 2 J Drexler-T Tronsgard  
   3 B Stephen-A Cullen  
     1 M Bradley-G Stearns  
     2 D Boak-R Rubin

### **FRI EVE SIDE SWISS**

A B C  
 1 A Eames-T Phillips-B Klein-  
   J Klein  
 2 1 D Averbach-L Igiel-P Geinzer-  
   R Logan  
 3 W Holt-MP Carns-R Quinlan-  
   C Hoechstetter  
   2 B Shah-P Shrut-S Konig-  
   D Turacy  
   3 J Bernhard-L Hanna-G Retos-  
   D Mannheimer  
   1 D Trust-V Crawford-A Colker-  
   L Colker

### **SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS**

A B C  
 1 H Sachs-A Ulke  
 2 1 N Michale JA McDowell  
 3 2 L Zimmermann-R Zimmermann  
   3 B Craig-P Cunkelman  
   1 R Cohen-M Wallach  
   2 MJ Bohl-H Bohl  
   3 C Shanahan-W Seran

### **SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS**

D E F  
 1 1 J Drennen-F Powers  
 2 2 C Henderson-J Threlkeld  
 3 3 B Weightman-B Lersch  
   1 M Crawford-A Urban  
   2 I Heal-G Corliss  
   3 R Schmidt-B Sceiford

### **SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS**

A B C  
 1 C Caplan-P Caplan  
 2 D Donald-B Grzegorzewski  
 3 C Mody-S Grzegorzewski  
   1 ML Flach-M McConnell  
   2 G Spine-B Spine  
   3/5 WD Lowery-P Silver  
   3/5 N Michael-JA McDowell  
   3/5 S Sobota-A Sobota  
   1 L Fried-G Small  
   2/4 MJ Bohl-H Bohl  
   2/4 D Livingston-J Livingston  
   2/4 C Lambie Hanson-M Slusky

### **SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS**

D E F  
 1 M Henry-A Henry  
 2 1 1 A Cullen-B Stephen  
 3 2 R Greco-J Easton  
   3 G Singer-RA Mayberry  
   3 W Hope-J Rainbolt

### **SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET I**

1 W Holt-MP Carns-W Quinlan-  
   C Hoechstetter  
 2 M Painter-L Colker-A Colker-  
   C Stonis

### **SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET II**

1 J Fox-F Siffrinn-D Pittman-  
   J Schultheis  
 2 G Perez-J Szymecki-U Brown-  
   R Brown

### **SAT AFT SIDE SWISS**

A B C  
 1 J Velardita-P Anders-J Phillips-  
   L Joseph  
 2 A Williams-J Sonon-B Belardi-  
   C Powell  
 3 1 1 B Shah-J Rajgopal-L Igiel-  
   D Turacy  
   2 J Toy-C Rosenberger-I Bardi-  
   J Bardi  
   3 R Neafach-C Stuart-S Portnoy-  
   M Yunes

### **SUN SWISS TEAMS**

A B C  
 1 B Bergman-K Berman-R Franck-  
   J Marshall  
 2 B Craig-W Holt-R Quinlan-  
   C Hoechstetter  
 3 1 D McKinley-S Nolan-M Burke-  
   K Mulligan  
   2 N Pfeifer-J Pfeifer-J Bernhard-  
   C Bolen  
   3 R Heasley-M Hunt-A Bonneau-  
   P Maloni  
   1 M Killian-T Donehoo-D Hess-  
   ML Flach  
   2 C Custer-B Segal-S Rabovsky-  
   G Marcus  
   3 I Baxter-T Tjader-D Meyers-  
   S Meyers

### **SUN 299'er TEAMS**

D E F  
 1 F Chapman-F Steger-A Tam-  
   J Rubinstein  
 2 1 Carol Stuart-K Shipkovitz-  
   J Baseman-A Cullen  
 3 2 1 D Hoover-K Sokalski-M Frizzi-  
   S Eisner  
   3 R Neafach-J Threlkeld-  
   C Henderson-R Patterson

## INTERNET POST

You are South, imp's; both sides vul.  
You hold:

S Q 10 2  
H 10 6 4 3  
D K Q 10 7 3  
C K

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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DBL	PASS	?	

**Herb Sachs 1NT** hearts too weak to jump; only one no trump appeals to me hoping partner is the one who bids again; most interesting problem as two or three hearts, three diamonds and one no trump all possibilities.

**Ernie Retetagos: 2 spades.** Partner should have a good hand that includes 4 hearts, since they are forcing me to the 2 level vulnerable. I think I'm too strong to just bid 3 hearts.

**Jane Marshal: 3H.** Our best chance for game is 4H (if partner has a little extra with 4-club heart support. 3D would tend to deny 4 hearts. South is not strong enough to cue bid 2S. 3H is the least of the evils.

**Asim Ulke: I bid 1NT.** It is the most encouraging bid I can make to get to game in NT.

**Trudy Cohn: 2H** I will bid two hearts. If my clubs and spades were reversed, I would bid 3 hearts but too many of my cards are wasted

**Stan Ruskin: I would bid 2 spades.** Most people don't play this as game forcing and you will clarify it on your next bid depending what partner bids or what the opponents bid. There are any number of bids going forward But this covers most options. If you had a game forcing hand, you will have ample time to clarify it later in the auction.

**Steve Nolan: 3H.** Too strong not to jump. I could bid 3D, but hearts is probably where we belong and by bidding hearts before partner I make the strong hand the opening leader. If partner bids 3S over 3H, I'll bid 3NT, again played from the right side. If partner instead bids either minor, I'll show my diamonds

**Gail Carns: 2H** the hearts are not good enough for 3H

**Bill Holt 3H.** Under-strength, points-wise and not without flaws: My S holding is shaky, my H's are terrible and I have a stiff club honor. But Red at IMPS, I want to play 3NT or 4H if partner has extras and can go. I hold a 7-loser hand for H's and a good d suit for NT, and my club card will promote something in P's hand. Amongst alternatives, 2H is an underbid and 3d risks losing the H fit.

**Bernie Fudor: I bid 2 diamonds** feels right at mp's i would bid 2h Good problem I think singleton kings often are overvalued

**Robert Zimmerman 3H.** My partner will expect 8-10 points and 4 hearts. That's what I have. So, that's what I bid.

**Marvin Rulin 2 Hearts.** Although my hand contains 10 high card pts, they are seriously diminished by bad location of spade queen, singleton club king and poor heart suit. Therefore no jump bid. Whether to bid hearts or diamonds depends on partnership understanding. Does the bid of a minor deny a 4 card major? That's the way I play it.

**PJ Prabhu: 2H.** Tough problem. Possibly-useless SQ, stiff CK, and weak H suit are detractors. Better placement of honors would influence me to bid 3H. I bid H instead of D since our most likely game is in H. Given another opportunity (for example, an opponent bids a black suit and partner passes), I'd rebid 3D.

**Barbara Bergman: 3D -** I think my hand is too good to just bid 2H. If partner has a minimum hand, I'd rather play 3D at imp's than 3H on a 4-3 fit. If partner has a better hand we can find 3NT. The only drawback is that we may miss our 4-4 heart fit. However, my partner's(Ken) NEVER have 4 of the other major.

**Richard Katz Three diamonds** (my home with 10 points and less than a q-bid.) Partner with 16 equivalent can try three hearts agreeing diamonds, as he has doubled one spade. Reasonable, may not be the most chosen action, oh well.

**Paul Caplan: 2 hearts.** Q of spades and the K of clubs are of unknown value. partner should have 4 hearts for the double or has extra values. I will accept any game try by partner. Hearts scores better than diamonds.

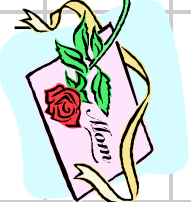
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## HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	2H
David Berkowitz	2NT
Henry Bethe	3H
Bart Bramley	2NT
Ira Chorush	1NT
Larry Cohen	3H
Billy Eisenberg	1NT
Sar Gohel	3D
Carl Hudecek	3H
Eddie Kantar	3H
Ralph Katz	3H
Sammy Kehala	2NT
Danny Kleinman	1NT
Eric Kokish	1NT
Jil Meyers	3D
Marshal Miles	1NT
Arthur Robinson	2NT
Michael Rosenberg	1NT
Jeff Rubens	1NT
Ira Rubin	3D
Mike Shuman	1NT
Joey Silver	3H
John Swanson	2S
Robert Wolff	3H
Kit Woolsey	3H
Zia	2NT

## INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3H	8	4	100
1NT	8	2	90
2NT	5	0	60
3D	3	2	60
2H	1	5	30
2S	1	2	30
2D	0	1	20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 PBA Open Pairs	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	
11	12 Rodef Club Championship	13	14	15	16 PBA Annual Awards Party	
18	19 Rodef Charity Club Championship	20	21 JCC Club Championship	22	23 PBA Cancelled	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 PBA Unit Championship	31

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% GAMES

Connie Hoechstetter & Bob Quinlan	Sub DBC	76.31%
Bud McElhaney & Art Bonneau	TEDBC	72.92%
Sandra Brand & Marcella Retetagos	Mon. Rodef	72.67%

### 5 IN A ROW

Harold Haffner	JCC	Judy Haffner	JCC
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### 4 IN A ROW

C Hoechstetter	Sub DBC	Bob Quinlan	Sub DBC
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### 3 IN A ROW

Naomi Sogoloff	TEDBC	Arlene Port	Rodef
Judy Haffner	JCC	Peggy Shivetts	Export

### 2 IN A ROW

Laurie Igiel	TEDBC	Madeline. Kramer	Rodef
Lessa Finegold	Rodef	Jenny Janitor	Export
Peggy Shivetts	Export		

## GOOD JOB!

Ed Note: If your club does not report consecutive winners and you have two or more wins in a row, e-mail me at [aport220@comcast.net](mailto:aport220@comcast.net) or Lou Joseph at [louisjoseph@comcast.net](mailto:louisjoseph@comcast.net). We will be happy to print your achievement in the Post Mortem.

