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Unit 142

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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

Last month the PBA held their annual awards party, the night we traditionally celebrate the achievements of our unit members. A list of the major award winners appears inside, but it would be remiss of me not to mention the winner of the Milt Frazier award, given to the unit member who has given the most effort for the good of the unit. One might consider this a lifetime achievement award, and I was proud and honored to present it to my co-editor and friend, Arlene Port. I gave the most fabulous presentation speech - people laughed, people cried, there wasn't a dry bottom eye in the house. One slight problem. She wasn't at the ceremony! She opted to celebrate her husband Ivan's 80th birthday with her children. I ask you...

Well, even without her presence, the party was a great success. Ron and Shirley Franck provided a buffet that never stopped - and everything was delicious. If you missed it, make sure you plan to be there next year. Fair warning!

Now here comes June - we start off with STaC week and the next thing you know, the Summer Sectional will be upon us. And that means the Roni Labor Day Regional cannot be far off behind. Information on all of these events appears in this issue.

A quick word on the Cleveland All American Regional. The results are available online, so we're not going to print them, especially since neither Arlene nor I had a particularly great tournament, but we do want to point out that Unit 142's Marla Slusky and Christopher Lambie-Hanson jointly won the prize for the most masterpoints won in newcomer games. Congratulations to both of them!!

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
Ruthie Neafach @ 412-559-4351
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

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



Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

IN MEMORIAM POST

We are sorry to report the passing of Cliff Needham, Always a friendly and welcome face at the table, he had been battling illness far longer than necessary. We offer our condolences to his many, many friends and family.

GET WELL POST

Bob Zwack, one of our most accomplished and long-time players has come down with a case of "I don't feel well". Bob, we wish you could have found a better way of placing your name in the Post Mortem, but we hope this note finds you getting better every day.

OK Lessa Finegold, you've been away long enough. Get your new knee, along with your old butt back here. We miss you.

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JUNE

- 1 Fossick-Goodman team game *CANCELLED*
- 6 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

AUGUST

- 1 NEW PARTNERSHIP NIGHT AT THE PBA
- 8 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
- 15 Unit Championship
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 29 NO GAME - RONI LABOR DAY REGIONAL

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

John Adkins
Sally Adkins
Paresh Chiniwalla
Brett Creo
Mary Jane Edwards
Albert Exton

CLUB MASTER

Loreen Schafer
Dennis Weakland

SECTIONAL MASTER

Lew Averbach
Sunny Lee
Marlene Wandrisco

SILVER LIFE MASTER

David Collura
Audrey Marzolf

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!!!

JUST A NOTE POST

Does anyone here realize that Lou Joseph is now President of District #5? Evidently, he snuck into the position while we weren't looking. Always modest and unassuming, the balloons he sent up never reached us.Oh well, have a great run Lou and remember to give Pittsburgh all the perks.

GOOD WISHES POST

We continue to offer our hopes and prayers for the speedy recovery of the following players:

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

Please get well soon!!

2014 UNIT 142 ANNUAL AWARDS

MILT FRAZIER AWARD:
ARLENE PORT

JANE MCINTYRE AWARD:
JEAN PICONE

FRED SORENSON AWARD:
GAIL CARNIS

NIRMALA SOMANI AWARD:
BARBARA WEINSTEIN

JUNE 2014 DISTRICT 5 SUMMER STaC

At the time we went to print, the following local games are registered to participate in the 2014 Summer Sectional Tournament at Clubs:

	MORNING/DAY	EVE
MON 06/09	Whitehall Glenshaw Moose Export Rodef Shalom (Open & NLM) Natrona Heights	Ellwood City
TUE 06/10	Boyd CC Masonic Center South Hills DBC 20th Century Club	Indiana DBC Temple Sinai Beth-El Greensburg DBC Shufflers NLM
WED 06/11	Glenshaw Moose Greensburg DBC JCC Squirrel Hill Temple Emanuel SH	New Castle BC
THU 06/12	Greensburg DBC Masonic Center Wilkins Twp Beth-El Long Vue CC	Butler DBC South Hills DBC Glenshaw Moose
FRI 06/13	Suburban DBC Wilkins Twp Greensburg DBC Sewickley YMCA	PBA Wilkins Twp
SAT 06/14	Glenshaw Moose	
SUN 06/15		Nancy's Dinner BC

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

July 11 - 13, 2014
Greater Pittsburgh
Masonic Center
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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



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

Friday, July 11

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
7:00 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

Saturday, July 12

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Bracketed Compact KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)
- May be Handicapped

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
4:00 PM Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Bracketed Compact KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

**Free Lunch between sessions!
Play twice and STILL get home early!**

Sunday, July 13

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

Brunch & Lunch Included!

11:00 AM

Online Partnership Desk
<http://www.d5bridge.com/pands>

Partnerships:

Jane Marshall
412-371-4067

Newcomers & 299ers:

Darlene Mannheim
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:

Bill Holt
412-860-2794

Carole Shanahan
412-952-3583

Director in Charge:

Mike Roberts
Sanction # 51407041

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 Schedule & Directions @
www.pittsburghbridge.org

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!

Open Strats

A: 2000+
B: 750-2000
C: 0-750
All Strats in All Events
by Avg. MPs

299er

D: 200-300
E: 50-200
F: 0-50
299er Strats at
Director's Discretion

INTERNET POST

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

S	A J 8 2
H	A 6 4
D	Q 5 2
C	Q 6 3

The Bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	DBL	REDBL	2C
PASS	PASS	?	

Herb Sachs double; lefty is broke; partner will probably pull with one or two small clubs; then I can guess again. (Partner did announce a solid opener by passing)

Ernie Retetagos: .Double. Even if partner has help in clubs, 3 NT could be touch and go. I double and lead a trump.

Jane Marshal Abstain: I would not have redoubled at my 1st turn. I would have bid 1 spade. I am not interested in penalizing them. I want to bid our game/slam.

Asim Ulke Double. I would not be in this position. I would have bid 1S.

Trudy Cohn My bid will be 3 Clubs. Forcing to game, asking partner to either bid a suit or NT. Trudy

Bernie Fudor: I bid 3c hoping they bid 3nt if he doesn't well go to plan B which is classified top secret as of now

Stan Ruskin: 3C I guess I must be confused because I can't see any problem with this. Most pairs play a redouble in this situation shows cards and an interest to defend a doubled contract somewhere. West has bid 2C over the redouble which indicates a five card suit. Partner didn't double so he doesn't have three clubs most likely. West also has very few, if any points. With a like 8 card fit, it doesn't look like a double of 2C will be very successful – we might even be able to beat it. Thus, I bid an all purpose 3C. What does partner have? This covers it. If he bids 3D, he doesn't have a major. If he bids 3H, I can bid 3S. If he has Ax or Kx of clubs he can bid 3NT which I can remove if I don't have a helper like Qxx. Thus, I can pass 3D if I want. I think 3C shows an opening bid so, if partner has a solid opening bid, he should be bidding a game somewhere. If he doesn't have a full opening bid, we don't have to be in a game. He could bid something like 3H and over 3S return to 4D. He could even pass 3S if he wanted to. If he bids 3S over 3C, I will bid 4S.

Gail Carns: 2S This depends on partnership agreements

Robert Zimmerman 3C. I have no descriptive bid, and need a force. If partner bids 3NT or 3S, I'll be happy. Otherwise, I'll have another problem next round which I'll probably punt with a 3NT of my own.

PJ Prabhu: 2S. What else? Having shown a strong hand with the redouble, 2S is forcing. We may end up in 4S or 3NT.

Barbara Bergman: 3C.....Not sure where the hand belongs but I'd like to look for 3NT.

Richard Katz 3C (Not his first, but his final bid.) Mulligan, I bid three clubs!

Paul Caplan 3 nt the most likely game contract.

Bill Holt 3c. A Triple threat bid: It's forcing, it asks for a club stopper, and right-sides 3NT by putting the doubler on lead. It's right on values and tactically.

Steve Nolan: 3C. We have the points for game, but it's not yet clear where we belong. The cue bid will draw a response of 3NT (which I will pass), 3S (which I will raise to game) or 3D or H (over either of which I will bid 3NT). The contract should have decent play because East won't be able to reach the West hand. I've ruled out a penalty double: if, as expected, West has a singleton in one of the majors, East-West have good chances to escape for down one

Arlene Port: 3C. This can't be right because I (almost) agree with the national pros. However, a cuebid in this instance is probably the most descriptive bid you can make. It shows both values and distribution and invites 3NT.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	2S
David Berkowitz	D
Augie Boehm	3NT
Bart Bramley	D
Larry Cohen	D
Billy Eisenberg	3C
Russ Ekblad	3C
Mark Feldman	2S
Robert Friend	3C
Russ Grabel	3C
Alan Graves	2S
Barbara Haberman	2NT
Carl Hudecek	3C
Sammy Kahela	D
Danny Kleinman	3C
Eric Kokish	2S
Mark Lair	D
Sidnay Lazard	2S
Pratap Rajadhyasksha	2S
Arthur Robinson	D
Jeff Rubens	3C
Ira Rubin	3NT
Paul Soloway	D
Robert Wolff	D
Kit Woolsey	3C

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
DBL.	8	3	100
3C	8	9	90
2S	6	2	80
3NT	2	0	60
2NT	1	0	50
3D	0	0	30
2D	0	0	10
Abstain		1	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 JCC closed	5	6 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER	7
8	9 STaC WEEK SEE PAGE 8 FOR	10 PAGE 8 FOR	11 ALL PARTICI-PATING CLUBS	12 PBA STaC Pairs 7:00 PM Glenshaw Moose	13 PBA STaC PAIRS & Board Meeting	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 PBA OPEN PAIRS	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS	28
29	30					

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Judy Haffner & Arlene Port	Rodef	71.98%
Gerald & Audrey Sandson	Rodef	70.40%
Evelyn & James Mendelson	Rodef 199er	70.14%

3 IN A ROW

Lessa Finegold	Rodef	Madelyn Kramer	Rodef
Marge Tamres	Sinai	David Kozloff	Sinak

2 IN A ROW

Sally Levin	JCC	Marian Cohen	JCC
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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 or Lou Joseph at louisjoseph@comcast.net. We will be happy to print your achievement in the Post Mortem.

Two other quick notes from the Cleveland Regional. Firstly, Sharon Robertson is the 2013 winner of the Ann McGilvrey Award.

Secondly, District 5 once again has a bookseller who will be at all the District 5 Regionals. So if you are looking for books and or supplies, you'll find them at the Labor Day Tournament!