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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

To begin, I would like to thank Unit #142 for the Milt Frazier award. I am honored. I am so sorry I missed Lou's speech. I am certain it included some reference to AKN (Arlene knows nothing), but, nevertheless, it was much appreciated. The only question I have is why did I have to pay each one who voted for me an "election fee". They said there is usually no charge, but I was "special". Oh well!!

STaC week came and went, and if you were clever enough you managed to reap in silver points. STaC week is always a lot of fun and it is challenging to compete against all of those in the district. Anyways, congratulations to those from Unit #142 who came in the top 10 in the district. They were: #2. Gerrie Littman 24.38 pt. 4. Gail Carns - 22.46 pts. 5. Bob Quinlin - 21.58 pts, 7. Cecilia Powell, 1644 pts, 8.. Jean Prior, 16.41 pts and 10. Jane Marshall - 15.42 pts. Nice going guys. We made 6 out of 10. And special thanks to Ruthie Neafach and Jeannie Baseman for hosting the STaC n' Snack at the Glenshaw Moose. The hospitality was spectacular!

However, now is not the time to rest on your laurels. The sectional is approaching and more fun, more food and more points await you. If you need to know anything, check out the ad on page 6 and you will get all the information you need.

And the good news just keeps comin'. The sectional can be your warm-up for the Roni Regional, which arrives Labor Day week. Check out the ad on Page 8.

You never have to worry, we, at the Post Mortem, know everything!! Or, if we don't know, we make it up. HAPPY JULY 4TH

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

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional



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



Friday, July 11

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, July 12

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Bracketed Compact NO 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 NO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
 Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)

Sunday, July 13
 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 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

Online Partnership Desk
<http://www.d5hrtdge.com/parts>

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 # S1407041
 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!

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

IN MEMORIAM POST

Last month the Boyd Center Duplicate game lost another of its longtime patrons. We extend our deepest sympathies to the family and many friends of William "Bill" Banks. Bill's regular partner, for years, was Cliff Needham, who passed away just a few days before him.

GET WELL POST

OK Bob Zwack. We get it!! You will go to any lengths not to have to play with Gail. Good Job!! But you owe it to the rest of us to get back to the table. So feel better and get back!!

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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

SEPTEMBER

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

UP THE LADDER POST

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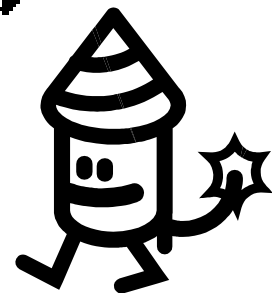
YAHOO!!!

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!!



BRIDGE BYTES



.....By Ernie Retetagos

NEW MINOR FORCING.

Almost everyone plays some version of new minor forcing. It is an artificial one round force, usually intended to locate an 8 card major suit fit. Responder has at least game invitational values. A typical auction is 1 minor-1 spade-1 NT. If responder bids 2 of the unbid minor, opener shows their major suit support. If opener has 4 hearts and 3 spades, standard practice is to first show the heart suit. If you have two 8 card major suit fits, an extra trick can sometimes be made in the 4-4 fit with a side suit for discards. A lot of old fashioned players first show 3 card support for responder's major. This gives extra room for slam investigation if responder has a strong one suiter. In either case, all 8 card fits will be found, since opener can correct to the other major if responder next bids 3 NT. .

After opener rebids 1 NT and partner bids the unbid minor, if opener has 3 card support for responder's major, they should bid at the 2 level with a minimum. With a maximum for their one NT rebid and 3 card support, opener jumps to the 3 level. If opener supports at the 2 level, responder can pass. After new minor, If either opener or responder bids 2 NT, that is nonforcing. Any bid other than 2 NT by responder is game forcing. Since most players use jump raises or jump rebids by responder as invitational, this is the only way to establish a game force in any suit.

New minor can also be used in the auction 1C-1H-2C. 2 diamonds is new minor. As with all conventions, there are variations that can be discussed with partner. It is a convention which comes up during every bridge session, so it would be beneficial if you and your partner were on the same page.

BUTLER SECTIONAL

June 28-29, 2014

SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 L Worsely - R Freemon
- 2/3 1 S Helm - B Belucha
- 2/3 H Nelson - W Lindgren
- 2 M Painter - N Welsh
- 3 D Ruppert - A Leaver
- 1 A Agnello - S Israelson
- 2/3 G Goetz - K Steele
- 2/3 P Bachman - J Brackett

SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

A B C

- 1 1 A Cullen - J Threlkeld
- 2 2 1 S Bross - F Powers
- 3 3 2 T Wyss - J Jensen

SAT EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C

- 1 L Rafferty - J Wheeler
- 2 H Nelson - W Lindgren
- 3 B Norante - P Wilde
- 1 1 R Greco - H Allen
- 2 2 P Shete - K Dolegowski
- 3 D Ruppert - A Leaver
- 3 P Bachman - J Brackett

SUN OPEN SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1/2 M Tamres-E Catalfamo-
- L Rafferty-J Wheeler
- 1/2 C Hoechstetter-S Lordi-
- P Caplan-C Caplan
- 3 MP Carns-G Carns-
- E Retetagos-B Fudor
- 1 C Bonfiglio-L Worsely-
- R Kramer-C Rosenberger Jr
- 2 W Feeney-M Kumer-
- S Israelson-A Agnello
- 3 B Heasley-B Segal-
- C Custer -B Norante
- 1 I Baxter-T Tjader-
- D Meyers-S Meyers
- 2 D Wyke-C Pattison-
- M Kasper-M Crawford

INTERNET POST (Cont. from pg 9)

**POST MORTEM QUESTION
POST MORTEM**

Just a short note to give you the rationalization behind the votes on this problem.

1. Generally, almost everyone agreed that opener had a long diamond suit with shortness in the heart suit. However, a couple of people thought it was a 4-1-4-4 hand.
2. Those who bid 4 spades were looking for a club control.
3. 4 & 5 clubs were meant as ace-asking bids.
4. 4D bids were control-asking bids.
5. 6D basically announced that panel members wanted to be in a diamond slam. 5NT says I want to be in slam, how about you?
6. The two who passed decided partner could not have enough on the side to be in slam.
7. 4NT was quantitative.

In summation, almost everyone felt there should be a slam somewhere in this hand. The big difference was in how the different panel members went about finding out if there was.

I think the main message in this problem was that almost everyone felt it has possibilities for a slam.

Ernie Retetagos: 4 NT. I'll make a quantitative raise to give partner a chance to pass if they stretched. Partner is unbalanced and probably without a 2nd suit. They have too many tricks to make a non-forcing 3 diamond call. I would expect a minimum of A K Q x x of diamonds with an Ace and King on the side. If they have more, like an extra diamond or two side Aces I think they will bid six.

Lou Joseph: Pass. Partner could have made any number of forcing bids, but chose to make one that implies a running diamond suit. I have a nice hand, but it has a fatal flaw. I hope his club stopper is not too tenuous - all I can think of is that old joke "What's the difference between herpes and three dead clubs? Answer: you can get rid of herpes!"

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	5	0	100
6D	3	0	90
5NT	2	0	90
4S	5	1	80
4NT	5	2	70
5C	1	0	60
4C	2	1	50
6NT	0	4	50
PASS	2	7	40
4H	0	0	20
5D	0	0	20

RONI Labor Day Regional - Pittsburg

Tuesday, August 26
Bracketed KO I (Continues Wed at 9, 1 & 7)
Stratified Charity Pairs
Donors Pick-Up/Opening Doors for Families in Crisis

Wednesday, August 27
Morning Side Game Series
Wednesday Compact KO
Stratified Open Pairs
Afternoon Side Game Series
Evening Side Game Series
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)

Thursday, August 28
Morning Side Game Series
AM Swiss Teams (Continues Fri 9 am)
Bracketed KO II (Continues Fri 1 & 7)

Friday, August 29
Morning Side Game Series
A/B Swiss Teams
Gold Rush Swiss Teams (10 - 300; 300 - 750)

Saturday, August 30
Morning Side Game Series
AM Compact KO (Continues Sun 9 am)
Bracketed KO III (Continues Sun 1 & 7)
Stratified Open Pairs
Afternoon Side Game Series
Evening Side Game Series
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)

Sunday, August 31
Morning Side Game Series
Sunday Compact KO (2-Sessions)
A/B Pairs (0 - 3000; 3000+)
Gold Rush Pairs (0 - 300; 300 - 750)

Afternoon Side Game Series
Evening Side Game Series
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session)
10 am
Play-through 7 rounds of 7)
A & AX Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified
All Players with over 2000 Mps Play in A/AX
MONDAY SWISS STARTS AT 10 am

Low Entry Fees!
\$12 per ACBL member per session
\$16 for unpaid and non-members

Newcomer / 299er Games

Pair Games - Single Session
Wed. thru Sun. 1:00
Evenings - Strat C Side Game
Monday - Play in Flight D of the Swiss!
Flight breaks at director's discretion.
Gold Rush Teams Friday & Pairs Sunday!
Morning Gold Rush Teams
Thursday-Friday!

Free Bridge Lectures

Wed, Thurs & Fri 12:00 & 6:00
Sat & Sun 12:00

Free Newcomer Reception

Saturday 4:30 PM
Supper and Expert Analysis
Prize for Most Masterpoints
Won by 299er

Learn Bridge in 7 Day - Sat Aug 30

Advance Reservations Required
412-407-CLUB (2582)

Stratifications

Director Determined
Strat-Flighted Swiss
299er:
A: 2000+
B: 750 to 2000
C: 0 to 750
A/B Games:
A: 3000+
B: 0-3000
X: 0 to 3000
A: 3000+
B: 750 to 2000
C: 500 to 750
D: 0 to 500

Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A of Flighted Swiss

All KO Teams are random draw within brackets & include 0-300 players
KO Events with only 1 bracket may be handicapped
Side Game Strats at Director's Discretion

Gold Rush Events are 2-Sessions. Restricted to players with 750 or fewer points, with Gold Points available. (Must Play in Both Sessions to Win Gold Pts.)

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, N/S vul. You Hold:

S K Q J 7
H A Q 4 3
D 9 2
C 9 7 5

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
----	-----	1D	PASS
1H	PASS	3NT	PASS ?

What do you do?

Herb Sachs 4S Opener has spade ace and six or seven solid diamonds and either ace or king or ?QJx of clubs which means in my opinion it's a five, six or seven hand I hope to find the club position by bidding four spades; I hope to hear five clubs; if partner bids four no trump I will pass or bid five diamonds???

Richard Katz Ibid 4 n. t., expecting part to have ace.x, x, akqjxxx, need club stopper should bid six(or pass with qjx)! Even if part. Bids six off a/ k of clubs. Might get lucky as 12 tricks are there. +1440!

Jane Marshal PASS. My partner's bid indicates a long running diamond suit and he didn't ask me for anything. If he were interested in hearing anything more about my hand, he should not have jumped to 3NT

Asim Ulke I bid 6NT Partner should have a solid 7 card diamond suit + spade ace and club king for minimum. In this case 6NT makes with any lead.

Arlene Port: 4NT . If I'm right I'm a hero. If I'm wrong, who can blame me for trying? It's a no lose situation for someone who has no clue.

Stan Ruskin: 6NT I seems to me that partner must think he has 9 tricks opposite my heart stopper. Therefore he must have something like Ax, xx, AKQJxxx, Kx or Ax. Therefore, I bid 6NT (I would bid 4NT if our understanding was that this is Blackwood , and then bid the appropriate 6NT or 7NT depending on his responses).

Gail Carns: Pass 3NT is not as strong as 2NT.

Robert Zimmermann Pass. Partner has a long diamond suit. Since he did not open 3NT, he has some outside cards. Since he did not bid spades, we don't have a fit there either. Unless he is 3361, 3NT should be best. Otherwise, nothing might make.

PJ Prabhu: 6NT. No guarantees, but I like our odds. Partner should have a long, running C suit and stoppers in the unbid suits. If partner's D stopper is the Q, we could go down, but only with a D lead. If 4C were Gerber, I'd bid 4C.

Jim Bachelder: PASS! Opener has either a 4 x 1 twenty count with a stiff heart or a 3172 or 2173 hand with solid diamonds. In either case, I'm not bidding on with a 12 count that includes a non working Q of hearts. My expectation of partners holding is something like: AX, X, AKQTXXX, QJX. This bid is right out of many 2/1 books and is what I play. If partner has the 4 x 1 big hand, jumping to 3N over a heart is ridiculous; you could easily be cold for 6S.

Trudy Cohn . I will pass 3 nt figuring that my partner has about 19 or

Barbara Bergman: 4CPartner is promising a running diamond suit not necessarily a big hand. I'd guess it's probably a 7 card suit. However, partner could have opened 3NT so that indicates he must have something outside the diamond suit. We could very easily be off 2 aces or one ace with a heart lead coming through my AQ. But I'm thinking we can probably make 4NT so I'm planning on getting out unless partner surprises me with his answer.

Paul Caplan 6nt partner should have solid diamonds the a of spades and the a of clubs or has 21-22 unbalanced. we should be ok in any case.

Bill Holt Pass. 3NT here is a 'tricks' bid, not a 'points' bid. Partner has a big diamond suit and needed to know if I was bust before he took a shot at 3NT. Slam would be close facing a jump-shift, which is how partner would force game with a big points hand.

Steve Nolan Pass if it's the first hand of the round, 6NT if I think we need a swing. This is a hand where tactics is the main consideration. I can't think of anything I can bid which will make slam other than a guess. We have 30-32 points between the hands and a mild misfit, and the slam is likely to depend on finding a favorable split somewhere and/or the heart finesse working. That partner did not make a jump shift, which would make searching for a slam easier, suggests (mildly) that he isn't all that interested.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Will Beall	4NT
David Berkowitz	4S
Augie Boehm	4D
Bart Bramley	6D
Larry Cohen	4D
Charles Danan	4S
Billy Eisenberg	5NT
Russ Ekblad	4D
Mark Feldman	4S
Robert Friend	5NT
Joe Grue	4NT
Barbara Haberman	4NT
Carl Hudecek	P
Sammy Kahela	4S
Danny Kleinman	4C
Eric Kokish	4D
Sidney Lazard	5C
Pratap Rajadhyasksha	4D
Arthur Robinson	P
Jeff Rubens	6D
Ira Rubin	4C
Paul Soloway	4S
Robert Wolff	4NT
Kit Woolsey	6D

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 PBA cancelled 4th of July!!	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL See flyer on page 2	12
13 AT THE MASONIC CTR	14	15	16	17	18 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	26
27	28	29	30	31		

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Barbara Weinstein & Richard Zack	Longvue Wed	74.50%
Tammy Tjager & John Bernhard	Sat Night Bridge	72.38%
Sandra McCall & Joe Bernot	Temple Emanuel	71.56%
Gail Hastings & Lou Joseph	Glenshaw Saturday	70.14%
Gerrie Littman & Phyllis Silver	JCC	75.67%
Audrey & Gerald Sandson	Rodef	73.22%
Sidney Pollack & Norman Sindler	Rodef 199er's	75.69%

3 IN A ROW

Gerrie Littman	Rodef	David Kozloff	Rodef
David Kozloff	Sinai		

2 IN A ROW

E. Sobol	Rodef	Barbar Abraham	Rodef
Rowna Sutin	Rodef		

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.



GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME FIREWORKS.

