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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

August is here and that means Summer is a goin' out. But it begins and ends with bridge excitement. Friday August 1st in New Partnership Night at the PBA. Grab someone you've been longing to play with and try your luck! And the end of the month brings the annual RONI Labor Day Regional. See the complete flyer on pages 7 & 8. This is the CORRECTED FLYER, which confirms FREE PARKING for all the events!

And don't forget that the LEARN BRIDGE IN 1 DAY is being offered again at the Regional on Saturday. Know someone who might be interested? Grab a flyer and pass the word around.

July brought us the PBA Summer Sectional, and what a turnout! Apparently it just goes to prove that if you don't feed them, they will come anyways! (Just kidding - there was a little glitch with the hospitality at the beginning, but by the end it was up to its usual standards.) Thanks to Bill Holt, Carole Shanahan and everyone who pitched in!

Are you ready for some Regional fun? Well, choose your partners and get to the RONI Regional starting August 26. Read the wonderful ad on pages 7 and 8.

## PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL RESULTS JULY 11-13, 2014

### FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			J Sonon - C Powell
2/3	1/2		A Leaver - D Ruppert
2.3	1/2		F Brody - A Lowenstein
	3	1	H Dunn - K Ekker
		2	H Balph - R Patterson
			H Bohl Jr - MJ Bohl

### FRI 299'er PAIRS

D	E	F	
1			M Symington - M Killian
2			A Tam - K Peters
3/4	1/2	1	V Crawford - D Trust
3/4	1/2		A Cullen - R Cohen
	3		D Hoover - M Frizzi
		2	P Shete - L Shete
		3	R Greco - N Chess

### FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			R Katz - P Katz
2			J Goodykoontz - V Goodykoontz
3			F Cordier - H Nelson
	1		A Bonneau - B Weinstein
	2	1	J Szymecki - G Perez
	3	2	L Fried - G Small
		3	I Baxter - T Tjader

### FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS

D	E	
1		L Monnin - E Schlaack
2	1	L Porter - K Dolegowski
	2	S Kausler - K Sokalski

### FRI EVE SWISS TEAM

A	B	C	
1			R Franck-J Marshall-K Bergman-B Bergman
2	1		K Bock-D Collura-D Pittman-N Aquino
3/4	2		M Cohen-S Harris-P Shrut-S Konig
3/4			B Belardi-J Sonon-A Williams-C Powell
	3		V Simak-S Schuchert-S Rohr-S McQuillan
		1	M Symington-M Killian-S Helm-E Balucha
		2	R Patterson-H Balph-I Wagner-M Wandrisco

### SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS

A	B	C	
1			J Prior - ML Naughton
2	1	1	C Lambie-Hanson - M Slusky
3	2		A Gordon - J Cavalier
	3		ML Flach - D Hess
		2	R Ambrose - S Israelson
		3	W Seran - C Shanahan

### SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS

D	E	F	
1			K Peters - A Tam
2	1		R Kotler - N Rescher
3	2		C Lesjack - J Lesjack
		1	K Wycoff - M Kirsch
		2	L Wozman - J Jegasothy
		3	S Metosky - S Metosky

**BALANCE OF RESULTS ON PAGE 6**



## IN MEMORIAM POST

### GET WELL POST

Maureen Hunt, Maureen, You have really been through the not feeling well mill. It sounds as if you are now on the mend. Please keep going. . The good news is they think they got all the cancer. Even though you have had several setbacks, you are now on your way to full recovery. Our thoughts and good wishes are with you.

Also, I wanted to point out (again) that Arlene Port won the Swiss Team on Sunday at the Summer Sectional. Why am I putting this in the Get Well Post? Because it made me sick! (Lou)

We all know that Lou's just a mess  
Cause Arlene has just had some success  
And with joy she's more zealous - because he is jealous  
His pain makes her so happy I guess!!.....guess who?

### ***PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE***

#### 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

#### OCTOBER

- 3 PBA Club Championship
- 10 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM & PBA Board Meeting
- 16 THURSDAY AFT - INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME
- 17 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs
- 23 THURSDAY EVE - PRO-AM GAME @ RODEF SHALOM
- 24 PBA Open Pairs
- 31 PBA Open Pairs

## UP THE LADDER POST

### **JUNIOR MASTER**

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**WELL DONE!!!**

## 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!!

## IN MEMORIAM POST

We offer our condolences to the friends and family of Ethan Stroh, a regular South Hills player for several years. Another loss the bridge community can ill afford.

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	7	1	100
4S	3	7	90
4C	2	0	70
4NT	5	2	70
5S	5	1	60
PASS	1	2	50
5C	2	0	40
5NT	0	0	30
6NT	0	3	—

# BRIDGE BYTES



.....By Ernie Retetagos

## THIRD HAND OPENINGS

The primary goal of bidding is to reach your optimum contract. When the hand belongs to you, you are trying to reach a makeable contract. You can usually do this if the opponents stay out of the auction. When there is interference, the auction is more difficult. So another reason for bidding is to give your opponents some problems, especially when it's not your hand. That is why you should open some 3rd seat hands that you would not open in 1st or 2nd seat. When you have less than a 1st seat opener, you still try to bid as a lead director or interference bid.

In 3rd seat, you hold K 9 x x x, Q x, A 10 x x x, x. This hand was passed out a couple of times at a recent club game. I think it is a clearcut 1 spade bid. As long as you play the Drury convention partner can give you a limit raise by bidding 2 clubs, keeping you at a safe level. On this hand you have a diamond fit with partner, and can make 11 tricks. You can't bid game, but certainly should not pass the hand out.

How about a 3rd hand 10 9 x, K x x x, x x, A K J x? I think some players might open this 1 heart. I would open 1 club and pass partner's major suit response. Either way it should be opened 3rd hand. Partner has J 10 x x x of hearts, and can make 10-11 tricks, depending on the heart guess. Several players passed this hand, and it got passed out at a club game.

To win at bridge, you have to bid. Some players probably have an aversion to opening 9 counts or balanced 11 counts because they like sound openings. All the more reason to open, to protect partner's 11-12 count. Although it is surprising that you can take so many tricks in these examples, it is not surprising that you get a bad score for passing these hands.

# PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

## SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
- 1 C Caplan - P Caplan
- 2 1 A Colker - L Colker
- 3 2 R Stell - J Stell
- 3 P Sostarich - H Dunn
- 1 B Shah - F Siffrinn
- 2 W Seran - C Shanahan
- 3 H Bohl Jr - MJ Bohl

## SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

- D E
- 1 P Shete - K Dolegowski
- 2 W Kelsey - M Kelsey
- 3 R Moore - R Boyd
- 1 J Chess - N Chess
- 2 S Nevant - M Smith

## SAT AFT SWISS TEAMS

- A B C
- 1 B Bergman-K Bergman-M Retetagos-E Retetagos
- 2 B Belardi-C Powell-A Williams-J Sonon
- 3.4 1/2 1 G Perez-J Szymecki-R Brown-U Brown
- 3/4 1/2 D Ruppert-A Leaver-B Sigal-C Custer
- 3 K Eichler-S Wozniak-E Collins-L Hackenberg II
- 2 J Baseman-R Neafach-A Cullen-K Shipkovitz

## COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

- 1 R Franck-J Marshall-S Lordi-F Schenker
- 2 V Goodykoontz-J Goodykoontz-B Fudor-W Oberfield

## COMPACT KO BRACKET II

- 1 R Kleinmann-B Day-D Kresh-C Kresh
- 2 A Cockburn-C Smith-C Craig-D Fulton

## SUN OPEN SWISS TEAM

- A B C
- 1 D Roseberry-F Schenker-P Katz-A Port
- 2 MP Carns-G Carns-R Katz-A Ulke
- 3 S Ruskin-W Oberfield-B Fudor-E Retetagos
- 1 B Shah-R Kleinmann-L Igiel-D Turacy Sr.
- 2 2 K Ekker-H Dunn-P Sostarich-J Wickerham
- 3 3 K Kemp-S Sharp-J Mungo-B Crus

## SUN 299'er SWISS TEAM

- D E F
- 1 K Peters-A Tam-B Schoof-L Schoof
- 2 M Sienicki-D Franjione-T Barker-K Dolegowski
- 3 2 R Laird-P Rambasek-W Neal-C Hollerman
- 3 1 P Shete-L Shete-S Metosky-S Metosky

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## ★ RONI Labor Day Regional - Pittsburgh ★

### Tuesday, August 26

Bracketed KO I (Continues Wed at 9, 1 & 7) 7  
Stratified Charity Pairs\* 7  
\*Benefits HEARTH-Opening Doors for Families in Crisis

### Wednesday, August 27

Morning Side Game Series 9 am  
Wednesday Compact KO 1 & 7  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7  
Afternoon Side Game Series 1 & 7  
Evening Side Game Series 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

### Thursday, August 28

Morning Side Game Series 9 am  
AM Swiss Teams (Continues Fri 9 am) 9 am  
Gold Rush AM Swiss\* (Continues Fri 9 am) 9 am  
Bracketed KO II (Continues Fri 1 & 7) 1 & 7  
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7  
Afternoon Side Game Series 1  
Evening Side Game Series 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

### Friday, August 29

Morning Side Game Series 9 am  
A/B Swiss Teams 1 & 7  
Gold Rush Swiss Teams\* (0-300; 300-750) 1 & 7  
Afternoon Side Game Series 1  
Evening Side Game Series 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

### Saturday, August 30

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

### Sunday, August 31

Morning Side Game Series 9 am  
Sunday Compact KO (2-Sessions) 1 & 7  
A/B Pairs (0-3000, 3000+) 1 & 7  
Gold Rush Pairs\* (0-300; 300-750) 1 & 7  
Afternoon Side Game Series 1  
Evening Side Game Series 7  
Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

### Monday, September 1

Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams 10 am  
(Play-through 7 rounds of 7)  
A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified  
All Players with over 2000 MPs Play in A/AX  
**MONDAY SWISS STARTS AT 10 am**

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### 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!  
Strat breaks at director's discretion.

**Gold Rush Teams Friday & Pairs Sunday!**  
**Morning Gold Rush Teams**  
**Thursday-Friday!**

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Sat & Sun 12:00

### Free Newcomer Reception

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### Stratifications\*

<b>Stratified Events</b>	<b>299er:</b>
A: 2000+	Director Determined
B: 750 to 2000	Strati-Flighted Swiss
C: 0 to 750	A: 3000+
<b>A/B Games:</b>	X: 0 to 3000
A: 3000+	B: 750 to 2000
B: 0-3000	C: 500 to 750
	D: 0 to 500

\*All Stratifications in All Events by Average MPs

**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, matchpoints, E-W vul.

You hold:

S AK8642

H AK53

D 10 9

C 5

THE BIDDING IS:

	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S		PASS	2D	PASS
2H		PASS	3NT*	PASS

? What do you bid?

**Herb Sachs 4S** This is a very good hand and I have not showed my pattern; four spades conveys it; I will pass 4NT.

**Richard Katz: 6NT** No science here. 6 n t match points.

**Jane Marshall PASS.** If partner were interested in knowing that I had a 6-cd spade suit, he should have bid 2N (we are in a game forcing situation) to allow me to show my spade length. I think we are in a big misfit...even though he has 15-17 hcp.

**Stan Ruskin 4D** Forget what I just sent. I just saw that 3NT shows extra values so everything I had to say before is incorrect. In this case, I would bid 4D which probably shows two diamonds and most likely a singleton club although I can show this after his next bid. If he bid 4NT over 4D, I would bid 6C. If he just bid 5D, I would bid 6D. There has to be a play for 6D unless he didn't have the A clubs and had a broken diamond suit. If he had this type of hand, I don't think he should be bidding 3NT.

**Robert Zimmermann 6NT.** What is partner's hand? He does not have 3 spades, 4 hearts, 6 diamonds or 5 clubs. So, 1354 or 2254 is likely. We don't have a fit. A perfect Qx Qx AKQxx Axxx leaves us with 13 top tricks, and an imperfect x Jxx AKJxx AQJx will produce 10-11 tricks. I don't have the tools to find hand 1. so I'll go for the likely make.

**PJ Prabhu: 4S.** This shows my sixth S and a decent suit. If partner has the CA and SQ, we may be good for a slam. Even a hand like Qx, xx, AKxxx, KQxx allows a good play for slam. This bid keeps the bidding open and allows partner to decide where we go from here. As implied by the last sentence, my second choice is Pass.

**Jim Bachelder:** Pass! The bidding is stupid. North's "extra value" bid has unnecessarily preempted the auction. North should keep his "extra values" as a surprise and just bid 2NT so that South can pattern out with 3S. At this point, who knows what could be right, 3NT, 6D, 6S, ???.

I'm totally on a guess, so I pass. If we've missed a slam, well, I can recommend some good books on bidding for North to read

**Trudy Cohn** I will bid 4S confirming a six card suit. Partner may be interested in slam with as little as the Qx in spades. My hand is worth more in a suit than in NT. Also, the fact that I don't have a good fit for partner's diamonds leads me to think that NT might not be the best spot

**Paul Caplan** 4 spades showing my 6 card suit. if partner has the right cards he can try for slam. he needs minor honers in spades and diamonds and controls in the black suits plus you need 3-2 break in spades.

**Bill Holt** Pass. While I have a 5-loser hand and nice controls, we don't appear to have a fit. 6S is possible facing Qx or even some xx's. But 6NT unlikely with 31 combined hcp max. I'll pass and hope +460 is good

**Steve Nolan . 4S.** I don't really know what to do. I hope that partner asks for aces.

**Asim Ulke I bid 5S.** I think bidding only 4S might be interpreted as to play. 5S is not forcing but would invite slam with a good 6-4 hand. Of course the hand is limited by failure to bid 3H or 3S.

**Marvin Rulin: 4Spades.** Although I have only 14 high card pts they are prime. A six card suit and singleton makes it play like 17. It could be right to pass 3NT because we have no fit but if partner has a doubleton spade, perhaps with the Q or J, slam is possible. By rebidding spades I'm giving partner that option.

**Gail Carns:** 4S showing a good 6-4 hand. I don't like the 3NT I would have preferred to be

able to show the good 6-4 with 3S

**Ernie Retetagos:** 4 NT. The 10 9 of diamonds influenced me to make a quantitative raise.

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## HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	5S
Michael Becker	4D
David Berah	5S
David Berkowitz	4C
Larry Cohen	P
Richard Colker	P
Billy Eisenberg	4S
Russ Ekblad	4C
Robert Friend	4S
Fred Gitelman	4S
Barbara Haberman	4NT
Carl Hudecek	P
Eddie Kantar	P
Sammy Kahela	5C
Eric Kokish	4S
Michael Lawrence	4S
Sidney Lazard	4D
Robert Lipsitz	4D
David Liss	P
Jeff Meckstroth	4NT
Marshall Miles	P
Eric Paulson	4D
Barry Rigal	5S
Arthur Robinson	4S
Beverly Rosenberg	4C
Andrew Robson	4C
Beverly Rosenberg	4C
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	4D
Ira Rubin	5S
Joey Silver	4C
Anders Wirgren	4C
Robert Wolff	4NT
Kit Woolsey	4S
Zia	4D

Internet Post Results on page 4

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PBA NEW PARTNER-SHIP NIGHT	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER & BD MTG	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 PBA UNIT CHAMPION-SHIP	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 PBA UNIT CHAMPION-SHIP SWISS TEAMS	23
24/31	25 Qualifying Game Rodef	26	27	28	29	30
<b>RONI LABOR DAY REGIONAL TOURNAMENT @ AIRPORT HYATT</b> <b>SEE FLYER ON PAGE 7 &amp; 8 - FREE PARKING!! GREAT HOSPITALITY</b>						

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% GAMES

Susan Portnoy & Jan Phillips	76.44%	Boyd Center
Tom Jolly & Alfred Tung	71.31%	Boyd Center
Nancy Elman & Dodie ERoskies	73.61%	Rodef 199ers
Arlene Port & Trudy Cohn	70.16%	JCC

### 3 IN A ROW

John Matta Rodef 199er

### 2 IN A ROW

Beverly Cassidy	Export DBC	Mary Illson	Export DBC
Marilyn Ashkin	Rodef 199er	Bob Quinlan	Whitehall
Susan Konig	S Hills Tues	Jean Prior	Whitehall
Louise Levinson	Rodef 199er	Edie Diamond	Rodef 199er
Arlene Port	Rodef	Bernice Weisberger	Rodef
Marvin Rulin	Rodef	David Kozloff	Rodef
Judy Haffner	Rodef	Beverly Cassidy	Export DBC
Mary Illson	Export DBC		

### GOOD JOB!

#### Internet Post (Cont.)

**Lou Joseph: 6S** Not quite sure I follow this auction. I assume we are NOT playing 2/1, because we would already be in a game forcing auction with the 2D bid, so why waste room bidding 3NT to show extras? Sounds like partner has a balanced hand (15-17) with a doubleton spade, so I'll bid 4C, simple Gerber, to make sure we are not off two fast aces.

That seems unlikely, but what if partner's hand is S Qx H Jxx D KQJx C KQJx? He wouldn't have wanted to jump to 3NT over 1S holding three hearts to the jack, right? If he shows up with at least 1 ace, I'll take my chances in 6S

**Arlene Port: 4NT** This seems to be a terrible misfit, but I have a really good hand. Knowing what my shape is, partner will have the opportunity to reevaluate their hand and accept or pass. If partner has a spade card, J or Q, they probably should accept. Or, if they have a long running suit, they should also accept.