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POST MORTEM

All the news that fits in print

by arlene port



THE DUCK ISSUE... The September issue of the Post Mortem is dedicated to my CoChair and bridge partner, Lou Joseph, and contains a few words of wisdom and observations to guide Lou in his quest to the top of the bridge heap.

Now on to really important things:

AS USUAL, the Roni Regional was an event to be proud of.: The playing space, the hospitality, and the great showing by all of our unit members was amazing.

AS USUAL, the people who made the tournament so wonderful did their usual remarkable job of creating the perfect tournament week. To, Lou Joseph and Mary Carns, Co-chairs, Jane Marshall, who manned the front desk and promoted the Pro-Am game, Ron Franck, who was terrific as partnership chair, along with his harem of helpers, Barb and Ken Bergman, who, as usual, outdid themselves at the hospitality room and Bill Holt, who ran the Bridge In One Day event, and finally, to all of those who supported them, a grateful thanks.

We all thank you all for the many hours of hard work you spent to make this event the success that it was.

Make certain you don't forget to make arrangements to attend our upcoming events; the International Matchpoint and the Pro-Am game comin up in the near future. Read all about it in our ads on page 2. Also, our lessons begin this year on October 20. If you know anyone who would like to start playing, please have them contact me at 412-521-3637. (See ad on page 6)

PRO AM Benefits Charity*

The 17th Annual Charity Thursday October 23, 2014
 Rodef Shalom Temple
 Game Time 7PM

Sandwiches, Salads & Desserts @ 6:15 PM
 Hosted by: Ruthie Neefach and Jeanne Baseman

We've Assembled an All-Star Lineup of the Top Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area!

Call Jane Marshall to get Hooked Up:
 412-371-4067

Or email: GETAPRO@PITTSBURGHBRIDGE.ORG

Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation / pair
 Or, play with whomever you wish: \$30 Donation /pair

* All Proceeds Benefit The Colker Memorial Fund of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy - Supporting Environmental Education Programs

Additional Donations Welcomed & Encouraged!
Any Salad or Dessert would be appreciated!
 Contact: Jeanne (412-989-2539) or Ruthie (412-242-7419) to coordinate

Online Pro List & Driving Directions:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

Rodef Shalom Temple
 4905 Fifth Avenue
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Everyone's favorite ACGBL-wide game!
 Thursday October 16, 2014 @ Noon

Instant Matchpoints @ 12 Noon!

Masonic Center North
 Win Gold
 Points!

Hospitality Snacks n' Such

Here's your chance to compete against Bridge Players from across North America - playing the same hands with Expert Analysis...

INSTANT MATCHPOINTS!!!

Earn Gold Points at the ACGBL-Wide Instant MP Game. Know your score & where you stand the INSTANT the hand is over!
 It's printed on the scoreslip!

Prepared Deals & Free Hand Analysis Booklet by Bridge Superstar Larry Cohen, Author of "The Law of Total Tricks."

Entry fee only \$8 including the free booklet. Planning to attend? Please Call Barb Bergman 724-935-4591 — Walk-ins welcome!

Such a Deal! See You There!!!

Directions on the Website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

UNIT 142 ON FACEBOOK

Unit 142 is looking for a capable, computer savvy person who is familiar with Facebook. The ACBL, as part of an overall marketing campaign, is suggesting individual units and districts create their own Facebook page. The ACBL has provided the unit with a flash drive to help with this endeavor.

The function of the Facebook page would be to capture the entire duplicate bridge experience. The page would not only be used to keep players apprised of current and future events but also to record through pictures the social aspect of the game. Many fond memories and friendships have been formed at the duplicate bridge table. It is important especially for the newer players to witness the enjoyment of the game.

If you are interested in creating and updating a Facebook page for Unit 142 please contact either Barb Bergman or Mary Carns. **Thanks!!**

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 3 PBA Club Championship
- 10 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM
- 16 INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME - Noon - Masonic Center
- 17 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs
- 23 ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY PAIRS - 7:00 PM - Rodef Shalom
- 24 PBA Open Pairs

31 PBA Open Pairs

NOVEMBER

- 7 PBA Unit Championship and Annual Membership Meeting
- 14 PBA FALL SECTIONAL @ MASONIC CENTER
- 21 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 28 PBA Open Pairs

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Sarah Jones
Linda Siegel
Susan Wechsler

CLUB MASTER

Richard Rubin
Laurie Schoof
Marjorie Silverman

SECTIONAL MASTER

Jack Adelson
Donald Wyke

REGIONAL MASTER

Lois Porter

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Frank Siffrinn

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Linda Evans

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT!

(would anybody be surprised to find out that NONE of the above ever took a lesson...from Arlene!) (or Lou)

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
Maureen Hunt

Please get well soon!!

KUDOS WHERE DUE!!!

Bill Holt and team AGAIN did a super job with the Learn Bridge in One Day at the Labor Day Regional. Although this is the FOURTH time we have offered this program, they still were able to draw approximately 24 Students - a great turnout. Thanks, Bill, for all your efforts, especially because we know you were under the weather at the time!!!



THERE'S NEVER A DUCK
AROUND WHEN YOU NEED
ONE!!

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

CONCERNING PENALTY DOUBLES

It certainly
does!!!

At matchpoints with nobody vulnerable,
you hold ^a73 ©Q65 ^A94 §KQ973

Partner opens 1^a, and you plan to bid 1NT followed by 2NT if partner rebids a red suit. However RHO overcalls 2§! Should you still bid 2NT to invite game?

No, just pass in tempo. Whenever you play negative doubles, partner is expected to reopen with a double with any hand with which they would sit for a penalty double.

If partner reopens in a suit instead of doubling, they are too distributional to sit for a doubled part score. An opening bid that resembles a preempt or a 6-5 distributional hand would tend to reopen in a suit. With a more normal looking opening bid, double is **required** to protect partner's penalty double. When the opponents are on the hook, don't let them off (especially if the opponent is Arlene...)

PBA ELECTION POST

Election, Saturday Nov. 15, 2014 Petitions due by Oct. 15, 2014
The Bylaws of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION call for up to a 15 member board of directors, with each director serving a two year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 6 members are to be elected this year. 8 members terms are expiring in 2014. If you would like to run for the board of directors you need to submit a nomination petition signed by 10 members of the PBA The deadline for submitting is Oct 15, 2014. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were board seats to fill, so there was no need to hold an election. If more than 8 petitions are received an election will be at the Fall Sectional to elect the members of the Board who will serve in 2015

Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President Barbara Bergman, Election Chair Ruthie Neafach, or any current Board member.

The following members' terms expire in 2014:

Jeanne Baseman
Ken Bergman

John Bernhard
Lorraine Hanna



LESSONS

Pittsburgh Bridge
Association



The PBA Lesson Series Continues...
Monday October 20 @ 9 AM – Seven Consecutive Mondays
@ 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.
Taught by Arlene Port

Bridge Basics #2: Competitive Bidding.
This course will help to reinforce and improve the skills you learned in the beginning series. This course will focus on the play of the hand. Gain a better understanding of the game of bridge. Taught by Lou Joseph

Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,
plus \$12 textbook for the Bridge Basics 1 or 2 (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 YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

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

I need a Textbook for Bridge Basics#1 Bridge Basics#2

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.

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



American Contract
Bridge League

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

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TUE EVE CHARITY PAIRS

- A B C
 1 H Nelson - E Itkin
 2 B Newman - K Newman
 3 1 1 M Natelson - R McNeer
 2 J Volanski - J Bossert
 3 2 I Baxter - T Tjader
 3 M Painter - C Stonis

WED AM SIDE GAME

- A B
 1 1 G Parkins - D Sponholtz
 2 2 M Painter - C Stonis

WED AFT SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 M Strauss - A Strauss
 2 J Sonon - B Belardi
 3 1 A Lowenstein - F Brody
 2 M Rulin - M Mazer
 3 J Zaccardi - J Zaccardi
 1 E Collins - S Wozniak
 2 M Painter - C Stonis

WED AFT 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
 1 S Kausler - M Frizzi
 2 1 K Dolegowski - J Blackburn
 3 2 J Lesjack - C Lesjack
 3 1 P Rambasek - R Laird

TUE/WED KO 's

- 1 R Frobouck, A Graves, C Cheek,
 H Bertens
 2 R Franck, J Marshall, P Caplan,
 C Caplan

WED COMPACT KO's BRACKET I

- 1 J Bachelder, G St Pierre, S Dub,
 G Michaels
 2 P Merker, N Hartung, L Jones,
 D Millsap

**BALANCE OF RESULTS WILL BE
REPORTED IN OCTOBER ISSUE**

WED COMPACT KO's BRACKET II

- 1 M Cohen, S Harris, S Konig,
 P Shrut
 2 C Berkman, B Abraham, E Sobol,
 M Kramer

WED COMPACT KO's BRACKET III

- 1 G Marcus, S Rabovsky, M Fezar,
 H Churchill
 2 J Bernot, S McCall, N Miller,
 J Typanski

WED EVE SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 A Gordon - J Cavalier
 2 1 ML Ford - J Cromo
 3 2 1 M Henry - A Henry
 3 B Shah - L Igiel
 2 G Goetz Jr - W Neil
 3 R Kotler - N Rescher

WED OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 B Newman - K Newman
 2 A Ulke - C Carns
 3 1 S Slusky - M Slusky
 2 S Nolan - A Elis
 3 J Fox - R Sheldon
 1 K Rector - D Fulmer
 2 S Lee - E Duggins
 3 A Tam - K Peters

WED EVE SINGLE SESSION SWISS

- A B C
 1 B Bergman, K Bergman, E Itkin,
 H Nelson
 2 P Benedict, L Jones, P Kyper,
 G Subt
 3 1 J Schultheis, B McElhaney,
 D Pittman, E Puskarich
 2 S Golier, J Skirboll, G Littmann,
 S McQuillan
 3 R Heasley, D Mehok, B Segal,
 C Custer



Who knew there would actually be a movie dedicated to my hero Lou Joseph? Can you guess the name of the movie?

Answer: "DUCK YOU SUCKER"!!\

Ed Note: By now, you may have figured out that this Lou Joseph Duck Issue was conceived (and dedicated) when Lou quickly played an ace and managed to collect my king in the suit as well. You must realize how much it pains me to be so ungracious as to mention this.....over and over and over again. However, the wonderful feeling of joy I have has wiped away all traces of guilt.....and then some. Lou is truly deserving of this tribute. One can only hope that he would not visit retribution on such an elderly, gentle, sensitive person such as I. But then, how could he? I never make an error.

Just so you know: The Post Mortem is our most important vehicle for alerting members to special events, which we advertise by placing flyers in the publication so that they can make their plans to attend. Based on the fact that we wanted to get this information out and because the Post Mortem is late due to all of the responsibilities that Lou had co-chairing the Roni Regional, we decided to print the results of the tournament in next months issue. If you can't wait, the results are posted online.. If not, you can count on us to print them in October.

Bridge Humor:

#1 The brain is a wonderful organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you sit at the bridge table.

#2. A student in class has xxx facing AQJ. She leads low and puts in the jack which holds. She plays the ace next. Teacher asks why she didn't finesse again. She says: "You told us that only one out of two finesses work"!!

#3. Before I teach a class at a retirement community, I am cautioned not to use the term "drop dead bid". (from Eddie Kantor)



A DUCK IN THE HAND IS WORTH 10 MATCHPOINTS IN THE BUSH.

INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, both vul. You hold:

S A J 8 6 2
H Q 10 3
D 7 6
C K 10 4

The bidding is:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

? 1C 3H

What do you bid?

Herb Sachs 3S Pre-empts get you or get them; three spades or double with three no trump a distant third; I'm choosing three spades.

Richard Katz: . 3nt, all choices could lead to a zero. No ruffs, all finesses should have a great chance. This is my choice, my very own zero.

Jane Marshall .Negative double. I don't have enough for a free bid of 3 spades (12 hcp). If partner bids diamonds, then I bid 4 spades. I don't bid 3NT even though I have a heart stopper (because I don't have a fast source of tricks).

Stan Ruskin 3S. I tend to be aggressive in general so I bid 3S. The only other alternatives are to Double – negative – but with 5S, I don't like it – Or to Pass and I don't like that at all. It also looks like there are a lot of diamonds floating around and the 3H bidder could be something like 1/7/4/1. I expect to play this hand somewhere in Spades or Clubs.

Robert Zimmermann 3NT. Hamman's Law applies. I have a stopper and enough for game if partner did not shade his first-seat, vulnerable opener. Even if we have a spade fit, 9 tricks may be easier than 10.

PJ Prabhu 3NT. Tough problem. The reasons for this choice are the HQ which may be wasted in a suit contract, concern that LHO may have a singleton H, that nine tricks may be easier than ten, several different makeup of partner's values may lead to nine tricks, almost any other bid would take us above 3NT, etc.

Jim Bachelder: 3S Pre-empts get you or get them; three spades or double with three no trump a distant third; I'm choosing three spades.

Trudy Cohn Neg Dbl. I will make a negative double. Anything else is game forcing Will make a negative double. Anything else is game forcing
Bernie Fudor: I bid 3nt. when this fails i tell my partner I had a spade with my hearts

Steve Nolan 3S. Partner now knows I have at least five spades and that it's our hand. Too bad if we get too high, miss 3NT or if we're better off in 3H doubled -- I can't bid everything.

Arlene Port: 3NT. I can't pass and I will miss 3NT if I bid spades. I know it's kinda iffy, but I always have my backup bid handy: "I'm sorry".

Paul Caplan .double You have enough values to compete at the three level if partner has extra values and spades he will bid 4 spades. A direct 3 spade call is forcing. If you pass and then bid 3 spades over a reopening double you would have a weaker hand. if partner bids 4 diamonds over the double I will bid 5 clubs.

Bill Holt Double (Negative). Good as the hand is, it's not worth the forcing call of 3S. Swap the Red suits and I would bid 3S. You hope partner has four Spades, but could also have a hand which makes defending 3HX better. I would like to bid 2S... Preempts work and should be outlawed (if by the opponents).

Asim Ulke I bid 3S. An overbid and May turnout badly. Pass is an option.

Gail Carns: 3S Anything could be right on this hand.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3NT | 9 | 4 | 100 |
| DBL. | 8 | 4 | 90 |
| 3S | 4 | 6 | 80 |
| PASS | 3 | 0 | 50 |
| 4C | 0 | 0 | 10 |

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Alan Bell | P |
| David Berkowitz | 3S |
| Bart Bramley | 3NT |
| Larry Cohen | D |
| Billy Eisenberg | D |
| Geoff Hampson | 3NT |
| Carl Hudecek | 3S |
| Michael Kamil | 3NT |
| Sammy Kahela | D |
| Danny Kleinman | D |
| Eric Kokish | D |
| Marshall Miles | 3NT |
| Rozanne & Bill Pollack | 3NT |
| Larry Robbins | 3NT |
| Arthur Robinson | 3NT |
| Steve Robinson | P |
| Jeff Rubens | 3NT |
| Ira Rubin | P |
| Fred Stuart | D |
| Howard Weinstein | D |
| Robert Wolff | 3S |
| Kit Woolsey | 3S |
| Ray Zoller | D |
| Zia | 3NT |



What did the professional bridge player say to his partner, the doctor, when, on defense, he hopped up with the ace and captured his partner's king?
Answer: "You're a Quack!"

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|-------------------------------------|-----|
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FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| Marian Cohen & Bernice Weisberger | 71.13% | JCC |
| Mary Beth & Pete Cannon | 72.67% | Rodef 199er |
| Emily & James Mendelson | 71.32% | Rodef 199er |

2 IN A ROW

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Lois Vasko | Rodef 199ers | Joseph McKinney | Rodef 199ers |
| Emily Mendelson | Rodef 199ers | James Mendelson | Rodef 199ers |
| Arlene Port | Rodef | Judy Haffner | 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. (Unless you're Arlene Port)



How many ducks does it take to stop partner from rising with the ace and taking his partner's king with it? Answer: Obviously, there are not enough in the world, because it happened, anyways.



Arlene
(after playing with Lou at the Regional)



Lou
(after playing with Arlene at the Regional)