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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA October 2014

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

Did you enjoy the September issue of the Post Mortem, aka the "Duck" issue? Arlene did. She was very proud of herself. Luckily I am not a vindictive person, and can laugh at myself as well as anybody. (yeah, yeah!! I am still holding my breath.)

So, here we are in October already, and what a fun filled month this plans to be. Look at what's happening:

Thursday October 16 - INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME
 At the Masonic Center, North Hills. 12:00 NOON
 RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED!! (see flyer →)

Thursday October 23 - ANNUAL PRO-AM GAME
 At Rodef Shalom Temple, Oakland, 7:00 PM (see flyer →)

Friday October 31 - PBA HALLOWEEN PARTY
 At the Wilkins Twp Bldg, Wilkins Twp, 7:00 PM
 (see flyer on back page)

NEWS FLASH!!

*Arlene Port has agreed to have her head frozen for posterity.
 Of course, they'll have to defrost it first...*

Enjoy the month and start making plans for the PBA Fall Sectional in November (see flyer on page 8)!!!!

WANTED (See page 4)

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

PRO AM

Benefits Charity!*

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 ACBL-wide game!
 Thursday October 16, 2014 @ Noon

Instant

Masonic Center North
 Win Gold
 Points! Matchpoints 12 Noon!

Hospitality Snacks n Such @ Game

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 ACBL-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 STILL 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. **HELP!!!**

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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 (Thurs)
- 24 PBA Open Pairs
- 31 HALLOWEEN PARTY!! (see flyer on page) 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

DECEMBER

- 5 HOLIDAY PARTY!! PBA Unit Championship & Bd Mtg (if required)
- 11 STaC PAIRS @ Glenshaw Moose - STaC 'n Snack tradition (Thurs Eve)
- 12 PBA STaC Pairs
- 19 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 26 PBA Open Pairs

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

John Alioto Charles Hollerman
Mary Pampena Linda Pascoli
Midge Villela

CLUB MASTER

Michael Howard
Sandra Metosky
Stewart Metosky
Leena Shete
Seth Spaulding

REGIONAL MASTER

Jane Blackburn
Edward Diamond
Robert Greco
Fran Steger

NABC MASTER

Jeanne Baseman Arlene Cullen
Carol Henderson Arthur Henry
Ruthie Neafach
Curt Woodhead

ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Barbara Weinstein

LIFE MASTER

Robert Kleinmann Barbara Logan
Willa Dean Lowery Gary Marcus
Thomas Morris

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Larry Gesoff David Legal
Willa Dean Lowery Carol Stonis

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Phyllis Geinzer

GOOD WISHES POST

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

Herky Block

Gigi Davis

Mary Anne McNeirney

Norman "Doc" Williams

Bill and Norma Spicher

Sylvia Williams

Betty Noble

Maureen Hunt

Pat Miller (double knee job!!)

As we speak, (Friday), **Lois Kort** is in the hospital getting her new knee. We wish her the very best and know she will be back with us soon.

WANTED

(desperately)

Can you help us out? The Monday Game at the Rodef Shalom is in dire need of a director/s. If you are a director or know of anyone who would like to become a director, please notify either me at 412-521-3637 or Sandy Brand and let us know. If you can't reach Sandy, I will pass on the information.

This is such a wonderful game and all we need is a director or 2 to run the game. If you would like to become a director, we will mentor you. The exam is not difficult.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

TRUMPECHO Echo Echo Echo Echo

It certainly does!!!

The trump echo is a defensive signalling method which is used to indicate possession of a third trump. In standard carding, high low indicates an even number. But high low in trumps, indicates a third trump. This is particularly useful when partner can get a ruff, and you need to know if your side can get a second ruff.

A typical example would be if partner leads a singleton, and declarer wins and leads the King of trumps. You win your Ace and give partner a ruff. Partner now returns to your second entry. If partner has echoed in trumps, they have a third trump to ruff with.

Some established partnerships play that a trump echo shows exactly three trumps, while others play that it could be 3 or 4 trumps. This is a matter of partnership agreement. In some situations high low in trumps could be used as a suit preference signal indicating a card in a side suit. This would be in situations where there is obviously no ruff coming or declarer is pulling trumps from the top. As with all defensive signals, you want to give partner the infor-

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
William Holt
Carole Shanahan

John Bernhard
Lorraine Hanna
Louis Joseph
Barbara Weinstein



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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THU AFT SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 1 M Cohen - S Harris
 2 2 1 M Goldman - P Berkowitz
 3 K Bergman - B Bergman
 3 A Lowenstein - M Cohen
 2 V Cox - B Day
 3 S Hershock - J Vittone

THU AFT 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 1 C Jones - ML Jones
 2 2 G Stoner - K Ekker
 3 S Kausler - M Frizzi
 3 J Allison - D Allison
 2 M Pampena - J Astorino

THU EVE SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 1 B Bozick - S Pollack
 2 2 J Bardi - I Bardi
 3 3 K Pugsley - K Pugsley
 1/2 M Kahl - J Collins
 1/2 W Gunther - M Slusky

THU OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 C Berenbaum - B Kepple
 2 D Roseberry - F Schenker
 3 R Katz - A Ulke
 1 D Livingston - J Livingston
 2 1 R Ambrose - S Israelson
 3 K Eichler - A Jacobelli
 2 S McCall - B McElhaney
 3 D Ruppert - B Kutrzyba

**TO BE CONTINUED IN
NOVEMBER ISSUE!!**

THU EVE SIDE SWISS

- A B C
 1 P Merler, N Hartung, L Jones
 D Millsap
 2 R Quinlan, R Park, W Holt,
 C Hoechstetter
 3 L Jones, P Benedict, C Reitz,
 E Bissell
 1 L Hanna, M Groves, J Bernhard,
 D Mannheimer
 2 M Goldman, C Morris, S Meyers,
 P Berkowitz
 3 1 W Johnson, A Cockburn,
 T Hodous, V Kane
 2 M Fezar, G Marcus, D Disney,
 S Rabovsky

FRI AM SIDE GAME

- A B
 1 1 D Toy - C Rosenberger Jr.
 2 D Bonner - C Bare
 3 2 W Jones - B Ganim

THU-FRI AM OPEN SWISS

- A B
 1 A Graves, R Frobouck, C Cheek
 H Bertens
 2 C Hoechstetter, R Quinlan,
 B Belardi, C Powell
 1 S Agarwal, V Vasudevan,
 M Gladfelter, MJ Gladfelter

THU-FRI AM GOLD RUSH SWISS

- C D
 1 1 A Cullen, J Baseman, R Neafach
 J Thelkeld
 2 R Saccone, V Saccone,
 R Zdravecky, G Zdravecky
 3 2 L Ginn, L Wish, R Greco,
 J Kirkstadt

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional
Hospitality All Sessions!
November 14-16, 2014
Masonic Center North
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Lesson from an Expert
 Friday @ 6:45 PM
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall 412-371-4067
 1411pards@dsbridge.com

Newcomers & 299ers:
 Darlene Mannheim
 412-343-0419
 299pards@dsbridge.com

Tournament Chairs:
 Ron Franck
 412-913-1505
 Barb Weinstein
 412-996-2205
 Fall14@dsbridge.com

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
 Sanction # 51411055

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 Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
 Newcomer / 299er Pairs -
 Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
 PLUS Special Swiss on Saturday!
 Play ONLY against other New Players
 Contact Darlene for
 Partners & Team building!
 Full Schedule & Directions at
 www.pittsburghbridge.org

Friday, November 14
 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)
 Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 15
 11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Compact Handicapped KO Teams
 (1st of 2 sessions)
 4:00 PM Lunch on US between Sessions!
 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Compact Handicapped KO Teams
 (2nd of 2 sessions)
 Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, November 16
 Continental Breakfast & 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
 Steeplechase @ Tennessee on Monday Night

Open!
 A: 2000+
 B: 750-2000
 C: 0-750
 Stratifications 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, all vul, IMP's
You hold:

S AQ
H 9
D A K 7 6 5 2
C A 9 4 3

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1D	PASS	1S	PASS
2C	PASS	PASS	2H
? What do you bid?			

Herb Sachs Pass My partner rates to hold five spades and four hearts; only if the spades are very good could we make anything or if partner has four clubs and competes to three clubs; I pass and take my chances on defense.

Jane Marshall 3D. I would like to bid 2 spades, but I can't afford to ruff hearts with spade honors. I know partner likes clubs better than diamonds, but I have 6 diamonds and only 4 clubs. Partner does not have much, but I will bid 3 diamonds because my hand is so good.

Stan Ruskin: Double This is difficult. I can see a pass or a value showing double (not penalty). I choose double. This should show a good hand and doubleton spade. I am probably 2/2/5/4 or 2/1/6/4. If I had 5/5 in the minors, I would probably bid 3C. Partner probably has up to a scattered 6-8 count with unknown distribution. I'm not looking for a game but I think we can compete. If they go to the 3 level and we don't have an 8 or 9 card fit anywhere, I will let them have it.

Robert Zimmermann 2S. Even if we are playing a 4/2 fit, partner should be able to come to 8 tricks taking 2 heart ruffs in dummy. Partner has a minimum response to my opener, and I'm not looking for game. Giving up 6 IMPs on a double part score swing is poor strategy.

PJ Prabhu 3D. Shows a very strong hand, most likely 6=4 in the minors, very short in Hearts and with less than 3 Spades. Shows willingness to go to 4C or even 5C if North desires. I don't want to sell out nor want to rebid Clubs implying a 5-card suit.

Jim Bachelder: DOUBLE. I'm going to resist the temptation to bid any more minor suits. If we have a real club fit, partner will bid 3C. On the other hand, partner would bid exactly the same way with: JXXXX, KT9XX, QX, X. I'm going to cater to both possibilities.

Trudy Cohn 3d I will bid 3 diamonds. I am regretting that I was not allowed to jump shift to 3 clubs at my second bid. That would have prevented my being in this situation.

Marvin Rulin: 3d. I had not yet shown the true value of my hand, 17 HCP plus a six card suit and a singleton. I must bid even tho partner does not have much. He bypassed hearts twice and probably has a club fit. I think 3 diamonds describes my hand better than a double. If partner has the diamond queen and a heart stopper 3NT is a

Paul Caplan Double shows extra values and if partner converts you rate to earn more then the partscore you would have been playing.

Bill Holt Double. Partner has a crummy hand, but if he has H tricks we'll play it there for a nice plus. If he doesn't, he'll bid 2S with 5+ or preference to 3c, either of which is fine with me

Asim Ulke I bid 3D. I don't see any other reasonable action. Partner does not have 6 spades, could have only 4.

Gail Carns: 3D No bid looks right (I wish he would stop writing so much. I can hardly fit his answer on 1 line of 1/2 of a page)

Ernie Retetagos: 2 Spades seems pretty clear. A Q tight is equivalent to honor third in support. If partner has 4 hearts, then they have 5 spades. If they have fewer than 4 hearts, and implied diamond shortness, then they have at least 8 black cards. Partner will correct to clubs with 4-4 in the blacks.

Bernie Fudor I bid 2n should show 6d and 4 clubs would not have bid 2c would have bid 2d Pass is not an alternative

Barbara Bergman: Double...this would be a do something double showing extras. Obviously partner has a minimum hand but If partner has hearts they could pass. If they pull the double to 3 clubs, I'd bid either 4 or 5 clubs depending how I feel that day.

Steve Nolan 3D. Right on shape and shows my extras. Partner is in command thereafter.

Richard Katz Double I easily could find partner with QJT_x in Hearts or 5+ Spades. I double, shows a max and keeps all possibilities open.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	2S
David Berkowitz	D
Henry Bethe	P
Bart Bramley	2S
Ira Chorush	2NT
Kitty & Steve Cooper	D
Larry Cohen	D
Billy Eisenberg	D
Carl Hudecek	P
Eddie Kantar	3D
Ralph Katz	2NT
Sammy Kahela	2S
Danny Kleinman	3D
Eric Kokish	2NT
John Kranyak	D
Jill Meyers	3D
Marshall Miles	2S
Arthur Robinson	2S
Michael Rosenberg	2NT
Jeff Rubens	2S
Ira Rubin	3D
Mike Shuman	P
Joey Silver	D
Harry Steiner	D
John Swanson	3D
Robert Wolff	2S
Kit Woolsey	2S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2S	8	2	100
3D	6	7	80
2NT	4	1	80
Dbl	6	6	60
3C	0	1	50
Pass	3	1	40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PBA Club Championship	4
5	6	7	8	9 10 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM	11	
12	13	14	15	16 INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME NOON Masonic Ctr	17 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs	18
19	20	21	22	23 ANNUAL PRO-AM Charity Pairs Rodef 7 PM	24 PBA Open Pairs	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 PBA Halloween Party/Open Pr	

FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

M Frizzi and D Hoover 70.27% SHNLM

2 IN A ROW

J Prior TEDBC B Belardi TEDBC
 Ron Ambrose Export DBC Sue Israelson Export DBC

GOOD JOB!

HALLOWEEN PARTY
 UNIT GAME
 FRIDAY, OCT 31



Awards for
Best Costume (Individual)
Best Costume (Partnership)
 Prize: 1 Free Entry to Fall Sectional

Game Time 7:00
Tricks & Treats
Hospitality!
BOO THERE!!!

Wilkins Twp. Building, 110 Peffer Road,
 Turtle Creek, PA 15145