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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

The end of the year is fast approaching. That means holiday parties galore, lots of great bridge, great food, etc. Take advantage of everything being offered! The PBA Holiday party kicks off the festivities on Friday December 5 at the Wilkins Township Municipal Building (see flyer on facing page). Ruthie Neafach and Jeannie Baseman are once again the hostesses with the mostesses on the ball!

Lest we forget, November saw the Fall Sectional which was a great success. Kudos to Ron Franck and Barbara Weinstein, ably assisted by Carol Henderson and a cast too numerous to mention. It was a great tournament!

The second week of December brings the annual District 5 Winter STaC (Sectional Tournament at Clubs), just in time to sing a rousing chorus of "Silver Points! Silver Points! It's duplicate time in the city" - well, you get the idea. Looking for those elusive silvers? Look no further. Grab your partners and come a-running!

As the year ends, we welcome our new PBA President, Ron Franck, and gratefully acknowledge all the hard work and effort of Barbara Bergman, our Past President. Ron, you have mighty big shoes to fill, and I hope you look good in pumps!

A happy and healthy holiday season and New Year to all from Arlene and Lou. We look forward to another year, God willing and the crick don't rise...

STaC Week

December 8-14 - ALL WEEK!

Win Silver Points at your local club!

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!

A: 1500+ B: 500-1500 C: 0-500

All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

Check to make sure your club is participating at www.d5bridge.com

STaC'n'Snack 10

**It's a
Snack-Down at
the Moose!**

We're at it again - Thursday Dec 11th

Bring your "A Snack" and whatever game you got to the Glenshaw Moose. Game Time 7PM, Snacking AT 6 PM.

Please coordinate your snacks with Barb Weinstein at 412-996-2205

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!

PBA HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, DEC 5TH

It's not a STaC game, but the Snacking is still excellent! Come and celebrate the season with your bridge friends! Game time 7PM



**Hosted by Ruthie Neafach and Jeanne Basesman
Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building (Churchill Exit)**

DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:

www.pittsburghbridge.org

IN MEMORIAM

Maureen Hunt lost her brave battle with cancer in November. We grieve along with her family and many, many friends on her passing.

Portia Miller...This great lady passed away at the age of 94. Portia was representative of all that is so wonderful about the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. She was a fine player. She was a lovely lady who always looked so beautiful. But most of all, she was a terrific person.

Portia was a credit to our organization and those of us who knew her were lucky to have done so. She will be sorely missed.

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER 2014

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

JANUARY 2015 - PBA UNIT GAMES INCREASE TO \$ 7.00 per person

- 2 Junior Fund Game
- 9 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 16 PBA CANCELLED - CLEVELAND REGIONAL
- 23 PBA Unit Championship
- 30 PBA Open Pairs

FEBRUARY 2015

- 6 PBA Club Championship
- 13 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM and PBA Board Meeting
- 20 PBA Membership Game
- 27 PBA Unit Championship

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Richard Wagner
Paul Brocklehurst

CLUB MASTER

Tony Bionda
Susan Reuter

SECTIONAL MASTER

Patricia Heinz

NABC MASTER

Karen Shipkovitz

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Barbara Abraham
Sheryl Hershock

GOLD LIFE MASTER

John Killmeyer

WAY TO GO, GANG!!

A SPECIAL ATTA-GIRL TO BARBARA ABRAHAM.

Barbara managed to become a Life Master AND a Bronze Life Master within the same year. We are really proud of you.

WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT

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 Docö Williams
Bill and Norma Spicher
Betty Noble
Arnie Roberts

Please get well soon!!

FYI - Lois Kort sincerely thanks everyone who sent her well wishes during her recent convalescence.

HELP!!

IF:

YOU are under the age of 95
YOU want to get started in an exciting new career
YOU love telling people where to go and what to do
YOU can pronounce the phrase: öBehave yourselfö

THEN, MY FRIEND, YOU QUALIFY FOR THE EXALTED POSITION OF BRIDGE DIRECTOR. All you have to do is take a test and pretend you know everything. Seriously, think about it and call me. We are in great need of new directors. This is a paying position

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



ONE NO TRUMP

One no trump is probably the most commonly used and misused bid in bridge. In an uncontested auction, one no trump bids and rebids by opener or responder do not promise stoppers. It shows balanced distribution with a specific point count range. In standard bidding, a one no trump opening shows 15-17 with balanced distribution. 5-3-3-2 shape is considered balanced. There is no guarantee of stoppers in every suit. A one no trump rebid by opener shows a balanced 12-14, with no promise of stoppers in unbid suits. Likewise, a one no trump rebid by responder just shows a balanced minimum. A 2 no trump rebid by opener shows 18-19 with stoppers in unbid suits. A 2 NT response to partner's minor suit opening implies stoppers in the unbid suits in addition to the agreed upon HCP.

When the opponents have bid, a one no trump overcall guarantees at least one stopper in their suit. Just because you have 16 HCP, you cannot overcall no trump without a stopper in their suit. If you must bid, overcall a good 4 card suit or double, or consider passing. A balancing one no trump bid shows a balanced 10-14 with no guarantee of a stopper. You are just protecting partner, who could have an opening bid.

Players sometimes get away with bids that violate their agreements. In the long run you will get better results by describing your hand accurately to your partner.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Lou Joseph and I just finished a series of bridge lessons sponsored by the Pittsburgh Bridge Association and given at the Rodef Shalom, thanks to their sisterhood.

I know that Lou has accomplished what he always does and that is to bring new players into our organization. My group of close to 5 tables of players were the most enthusiastic learners I have ever had. I was as happy as they were. Look for our new classes in the future! ..arlene

PBA FALL SECTIONAL RESULTS (continued from following page)

SAT EVE SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1 A Williams - J Sonon - B Belardi - C Powell
- 2 S Portnoy - S Rohr - G Hastings - L Joseph
- 3 A Ulke - R Frobouck - R Sachs - H Sachs
 - 1 R Heasley - D Mehok - N Swensen - D Hess
 - 2 A Jacobelli - K Eichler - E Collins - S Wozniak
 - 3 1 L Ostrow - V Kane - A Cockburn - W Johnson

SUN 299'er SWISS TEAMS

D E F

- 1 1 D Hoover - K Sokalski - R Zoretich - J Blackburn
- 2 2 1 M Frizzi - P Shete - J Alioto - D Gaefke
- 3 3 2 B Creo - A Plunkett - L Carey - S Jones

SUN OPEN SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1 G Carns - MP Carns - A Ulke - R Katz
- 2 B Craig - W Holt - R Quinlan - C Hoechstetter
- 3 D Kozloff - R Frobouck - P Katz - Anonymous Port
 - 1 D McKinley - S Nolan - K Mulligan - M Burke
 - 2 J Picone - A Costanzo - J Rajgopal - A Mariani
 - 3 R Kramer - R Greco - P Wilde - L Worsley
 - 1 B Shah - D Turacy - L Igiel - R Kleinmann
 - 2 I Baxter - T Tjader - C Henderson - B Weinstein
 - 3 L Ostrow - A Cockburn - V Kane - W Johnson

FYI POST

The Recorder for Unit 142 is Judi Sonon. You can reach her at judi@diegosan.com or by phone at 412-244-8984. A description of the Recorder's role and duties can be found at http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/general-information/tournament-management/recorder-regulations-and-procedures/. Recorder forms will be available at all Unit sponsored events.

PBA FALL SECTIONAL MASONIC CENTER, NOV 14 - 16, 2014

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 F Prus - D Frohlich
 2 1 D Mehok - R Heasley
 3 C Caplan - S Shaw
 2 ML D'Àtorio - R Zack
 3 K Ekker - H Dunn
 2 A Tam - K Peters
 3 R McNeer - M Natelson

FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 A Cullen - J Threlkeld
 2 1 F Powers - J Drennen
 3 2 S Boss - E Goldthwait
 3 I Wagner - M Wandrisco
 1/2 M Babbitt - C Conaway
 1/2 J Jegasothy - L Wozman

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 R Zimmermann - P Howell
 2 R Katz - P Katz
 3 H Sachs - R Sachs
 2 1 J Rajgopal - A Mariani
 3 A Colker - L Colker
 2 B Weinstein - C Henderson
 3 C Woodhead - E Duggins

FRI EVE SWISS TEAM

- A B C
 1 1 K Bock-D Collura-B & G Spine
 2 R Franck-J Marshall-K Bergman
 B Bergman
 3 2 1 R Heasley-D Mehok-J Smith-
 G Goetz
 3 M Cohen-S Harris-S Konig-
 P Shrut
 2 R Neafach-C Stuart-J Baseman
 K Shipkovitz

SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 P Anders - J Phillips
 2 S Portnoy - L Joseph
 3 2 B Spine - G Spine
 3 1 A Trifan - T Trifan
 2 A Coulter - F Steger
 3 A Aronson - C Tredennick

SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 1 B Lersch - B Weightman
 2 2 1 L Milazzo - D Beaver
 3 3 2 D Boak - R Rubin
 3 J Driscoll - M Kahl

SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 P Maloni - G Kury
 2 ML D'Àtorio - A Bonneau
 3 2 1 S Shaw - W Neal
 3 P Sostarich - H Dunn
 2 G Marcus - K Dolegowski
 3 A Trifan - T Trifan

SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 1 R Greco - J Alioto
 2 2 1 J Driscoll - M Kahl
 3/4 I Wagner - M Wandrisco
 3/4 S Podgers - M Siebert

SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET I

- 1 F Howard-P Becker-P Chisholm-
 C Ladiha
 2 MP Carns-W Holt-R Quinlan-
 C Hoeschstetter

SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET II

- 1 L&A Colker - A&N Elis
 2 D Ruppert-A Leaver-B Sigal -
 C Custer

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association has adopted guidelines for behavior. It is hoped that these guidelines will help to create a more pleasant bridge-playing experience for all. While the PBA can only enforce behavior at Unit-Sponsored events, we suggest that all players try to be aware of the effects of their behavior.

Guidelines for behavior, Unit 142

The purposes of this document are

- To make the game more pleasant
- To educate players and directors about appropriate behavior
- To suggest alternatives to bad behavior
- To prescribe the procedure when bad behavior occurs

The unit hopes that common sense will be used in applying these guidelines to either your own behavior or your expectation of other players' behavior. The absence of a behavior from this document does not necessarily mean that it is acceptable. Unacceptable behavior is anything that makes bridge less enjoyable for others, including your partner.

Expected Behavior

- Greet others in a friendly manner prior to start of play on each round.
- Make a concerted effort to make bridge enjoyable for yourself, partner and opponents.
- Have a fully filled out convention card readily available to your opponents.
- Give credit when opponents make a good play or bid.
- Remain silent when you get a good result.

Unacceptable Behavior (Hint: if it makes bridge less enjoyable for the opponents, your partner, or yourself, don't do it!)

- Rude behavior and or rude comments
- Badgering, insinuations, profanity, threats of violence
- Negative comments concerning opponents' and/or partner's play or bidding.
- Objecting to a director call
- Arguing with a director's ruling. It is acceptable to politely ask the director to explain a ruling if you don't understand it, or if you disagree with it.

Alternatives to Bad Behavior

- If you inadvertently violate these guidelines (in the heat of the moment), stop the behavior and apologize immediately.
- If you feel that you must have a conversation with your partner, do it after the round, away from the table, and where others can't hear.

Remedies for bad behavior

- If you feel that a fellow player is in violation of these guidelines, call the director. Please do so in a polite manner. You may judge that it isn't necessary to call the director in the case of a single brief behavior immediately followed by an apology.
- Don't escalate the situation by commenting.
- No discussion of the behavior should occur by the opponents or partner unless the director is present.
- Players may file a recorder form if indicated and desired.
- If there is an extremely serious offense, a player may file a disciplinary complaint.

Expected actions by the director

- If a director hears or sees undesirable behavior at the table, go to the table, do not wait to be called!
- Defuse the situation
- Determine what happened
- Give a matchpoint or IMP penalty if warranted (suggested: ¼ board at matchpoints, 3 IMPS at teams)
- File a recorder form if warranted
- Fill in the director's portion of a recorder form if one has been filed
- File a disciplinary complaint if warranted

If an offending player is on probation, immediately create written notes for yourself and notify the Disciplinary Chair or Unit President of the offense

You are South, matchpoints, none vul. You hold:

S A 3
 H A 10 8 6 5 4
 D A 3
 C K 7 6

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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1H	PASS	1S	2C
?			

NOTE: In error, I originally published only 12 cards for this problem. Several players made funny comments, but I have to admit, Richard Katz made the funniest, with Bernie Fudor a close second.

Stan Ruskin Pass I don't see anything that complex. I assume we are playing new suit forcing at the one level so, if East had passed, I would be bidding something. In this case, East has bid and I don't have anything great to bid so I pass and wait for developments. Sometimes pass is the best bid even though no one likes to do so. Partner can have any type of hand from very little to very good. If he has nothing, he can pass. If he has something more, he can bid and if he has a maximum of 11-12 points, he will make some kind of bid that will show that.

Arlene Port:: 2H. This decision was based solely on the knowledge that I have no clue what other bid I could make that would be more clever than this one. I have no vision on this one.

Robert Zimmermann 2nt. Partner can show me 2 card support as he's denied 3 already. ..

PJ Prabhu 2H. I like my hand; but am concerned about weak suit, stiff C on my left, possible lack of support from partner, etc. .

Steve Nolan Double. Penalty. Christmas came early.

Trudy Cohn: 2H I will bid 2 hearts now that I have a six card suit. seems straight forward.

Herb Sachs 2H I will bid two hearts over two diamonds and will raise two hearts to three.

Barbara Bergman: 3H...my partner should have 2 hearts. My King of clubs is sitting pretty. I have a 6 loser hand in hearts. When all else fails use losing trick count!! My other choice is double followed by another heart bid. Plus this is my last chance in 2014 to make a fool of myself (at least in print).

Bernie Fudor: 2H Its a better problem with only 12 cards. (I originally left out a 6th heart. I think he is right.)

Jane Marshall 3C. My bid asks my partner to bid 3NT with a club stopper. If he bids 3H I will pass. The only bid he can make to have me bid again is 3D. If he does bid 3D, I will bid 3H and leave the final decision up to him.

Bill Holt 3c. Partner was able to bid a new suit for some reason, I am going to take the optimistic view and find out more about his hand. 3H is also an option, but I feel it is an underbid (as was 1H) and gives up on the Spade suit. After 3c, I will learn about partners tolerance for H (with 3H), long Spades (3S), club cards (unexpected, but 3NT). I will raise partners rebid of 3H or 3S to game.

Asim Ulke I bid 3H. I have the best hand I could have for a 1 level overcall.

Marvin Rulin: 2 Hearts. I have to show my six card suit. This may be a slight underbid but anything else would be an overbid. Partner can take it from here.

Gail Carns: 3C I am not sure what agreements these players have. If partner bids 3D I am bidding 3H, if partner bids 3H I am bidding 4H, if partner bids 3S I am bidding 4S, and if partner bids 3NT I pass. I am assuming partner has good values to bid 1S.

Richard Katz: .2H This is the third hand this week I have played with 12 cards, help. I would underbid at two hearts, not two spades. Perhaps I will come alive at a later date with any ootzes from partner. For now I will just miss four spades if it makes,

Ernie Retetagos: 2 Hearts. I would bid 2 hearts without noticing that I had faced a bridge problem. Seems like the only other possible choice would be double, if that showed values. My (old fashioned) idea of a double would be something like a four card club holding and a singleton spade.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Philip Alder	D
David Berkowitz	D
Augie Boehm	2D
Gerald Caravelli	D
John Carruthers	2D
Larry Cohen	D
Charles Danan	2H
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Richard Freeman	3C
Ron Gerard	D
Mary & Max Hardy	2H
Carl Hudecek	2S
Edwin Kantar	2NT
Sammy Kehela	3C
Eric Kokish	2H
Chip Martel	3C
Marshall Miles	2S
Sue Picus	2H
Arthur Robinson	3C
Eric Rodwell	2H
Michael Rosenberg	D
Al Roth	D
Jeff Rubens	3C
Ira Rubin	P
Ron Smith	2H
Paul Trent	D
Robert Wolff	3C
Kit Woolsey	2H
Zia	D

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Double	9	1	100
2H	8	9	90
3C	6	3	70
2S	2	0	60
2D	1	0	40
2NT	1	1	40
3H	1	2	40
PASS	1	1	40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				11 PBA STaC 'N SNACK AT GLENSHAW	12 PBA STaC GAME	
	8	9	10	18	19 PBA Unit Champ SWISS TEAM	13
	15	16	17	25	26 PBA Open Pairs	20
	22	23	24			27
	29	30	31			
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FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

R Quinlan and J Prior 78.13%
 A and M Henry 71.05%
 Steve Nolan & Dan McKinley 72.45%
 Jane Weiss & Dot Mehok 77.50 %

Whiehall Monday
 SH Future LM
 PBA Friday night
 Longue Vue

FOUR IN A ROW

Pat Cunkleman Export Bridge Club

CONGRATULATIONS!!

NEED TO TELL US SOMETHING?

WANT TO COMPLAIN?

WANT TO BRAG?

WANT TO ANNOUNCE SOME GREAT EVENT?

Well, that's what we are here for. Let us know and we will publish your wonderful news in the Post Mortem. You can call either Lou Joseph or Arlene Port and just like that, we will make you famous. We promise.

POST CARDS

Congratulations to Paul Rosenberg on the birth of his new granddaughter. Our best wishes to you and your family for good health and many more.

