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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

May I have your attention? That statement is definitely appropriate, because guess what? We're here; right in the month of May - and I have much to talk about.

The first thing I want to do is welcome back all of those who deserted us during the winter to find greener pastures. We forgive you, but we won't forget. In any case, so glad you're here. We really missed you. It's so nice to see you all. Now, see if you can try harder to give Lou & I better boards in the future we would like you even more.

Once each year we pay tribute to those in our unit who have had extraordinary achievements during the previous year. Friday, May 15 is the date of our awards party. There are many who have won awards, so please make certain you are there to congratulate them—or thank them for their efforts. And don't forget, bring your appetites with you. It is, after all, a party, starring you, the winners, and, of course, great food. See you there.

And don't forget the Unit Championship Swiss on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at the Edgewood Country Club. (See ad on page 2). This always a wonderful event and serves a very good purpose. We should do the right thing: Come to the game and have a wonderful time. This is an event well worth attending.

On May 8 the PBA is hosting their monthly Swiss Team game. This has really become a very popular game and the best thing about it is that quite often, the "cows kill the butchers". So, everyone has a good chance of winning.

Please note that the PBA Friday night game will be cancelled on May 22 so our members can attend the Cleveland Regional.

Have a wonderful Mothers Day, even if you are not a mother. If you don't celebrate because you have children, then celebrate because you don't. !!



2015 Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Join us again for great food, fun, and fellowship!
Help us celebrate the memory of Audrey and Gloria, two friends whose presence graced our bridge tables together for more than 45 years.

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Edgewood Country Club

Coffee & Cookies at 10:15 Game Time 11:00
Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon
Entry: \$140 per team of four, Extra Player \$35*

Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 750

Stratifications by Team Average MPs

7 session play-through with dinner break!

For additional information:

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RSVP: Kindly have one member of your team phone Patsy so we can plan accordingly.

Casual Country Club Attire, please.



Food! Fun! Fellowship!

***All Proceeds Benefit
Local Bridge Education!
See you there!**

**Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of the following members of our bridge community:

Hank Bohls, a regular at several games, we express our condolences to his wife Mary Jane, their family and friends. They were the sweetest couple together. Quite a wonderful pair.

Charles Harf, a regular in Sewickley and the Masonic Games as well as Martha's Vineyard. Charlies passed away a few months ago and we inadvertently neglected to report it.

Lastly, we regret to announce the sudden passing of Steve Dunn's wife.

GET WELL POST

Bob Quinlin - Hey Bob, you better get back to bridge ASAP. All of your partners had a party to discuss the bad things you do at the table. Stop them before it's too late. Get better-or else

Ivan Port - Sends his heartfelt thanks to all of you who wish him well. He mentioned that being at home has its advantages: Arlene is out quite often. ***(Don't blame Lou for this one.)***

Becky Zoratech... Please get well soon

Gerry O'Connor... We await your return to the game

Marlene Sienicki.. Getting better is always the best thing to do - so do it!

Bob Zwack - Home at last. The next step is the bridge table.

Bud Kury - recovering from surgery after falling

Ivor McGloughlin - recovering from hip surgery

Norman "Doc" Williams (What's Up Doc?) Hi from us all

Mary Anne McNeirney

Betty Noble

Bill and Norma Spicher

Phil Miller - It's time to play some bridge

George Cross

Arnie Roberts (Arnie.....where are you?)

Nancy Swensen - still recovering in North Carolina

Hermoine Balph - home and recovering from walking pneumonia!

(Ed Note:) There are too many people on this list.....STOP IT!

Take care of yourselves and don't get sick. We can't afford to have you away from the bridge table.

Each year the PBA recognizes the contributions of members who have excelled in their efforts on behalf of Bridge, and those who have excelled with their performance at the tables. Here are the previous winners of our Annual Awards:

Milt Frazier Award - Presented to the Unit 142 Member who has given the most effort for the good of the Unit

2013 Arlene Port	2008 Mary Carns
2012 Lou Joseph	2007 Sandy Schuchert
2011 Jane Marshall	2006 Arlene Jacobelli
2010 Bill Holt	2005 Marcella Retetagos
2009 Barb & Ken Bergman	2004 Roni Gitchel

Jane McIntyre Award - Presented to the Member who is deemed to have contributed the most towards helping others enjoy the game

2013 Jean Picone	2008 Sharon Rohr
2012 Ron Franck	2007 Patty Katz, Ada Nye, J Skirboll, S Konig
2011 Cecelia Powell	2006 Tom Lordi
2010 MaryAnne McNeirney	2005 Peggy Hoffman
2009 Marilyn Siebert & Susan Podgers	

Fred Sorenson Award - Presented to the Member who has won the most masterpoints in Unit 142 events.

· 2013 Gail Carns	· 2008 Mary Carns
· 2012 Asim Ulke	· 2007 Asim Ulke
· 2011 Mary Carns	· 2006 Asim Ulke
· 2010 Asim Ulke	· 2005 Gail Carns
· 2009 Asim Ulke	· 2004 Asim Ulke
	· 2003 Asim Ulke

Nirmala Somani (Nimmy) Award - Presented to the Unit 142 Non Life Master who has won the most masterpoints overall for the year.

2013 Barbara Weinstein	
2012 Judith Vittone	
2011 Jeffrey Tsang	
2010 Steve Schwarzwaelder	
2009 Dennis Gibboney	
2008 Russ Sheldon	
2007 Joanne D'Antonio	

Distinguished Service Award - Presented to the Member who does the most amount of work for the least amount of recognition. *Also goes by an alternate name.*

2013 "Too Many to Choose From"	
2012 Jeanne Baseman & Ruthie Neafach	
2011 Asim Ulke	
2010 Jane Marshall	
2009 Arlene Port & Lou Joseph	
2008 Barb & Ken Bergman	
2007 Bill Holt	
2006 Mary Carns	
2005 Vincentina Simak	

NOTE: We will also honor all those who attained Life Master status in 2014 and all those who came in 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their respective categories of the ACE OF CLUBS and the Mini-McKenney races within Unit 142!!!

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

Partnerships:

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Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S 1507051
Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 80/team
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
\$3 additional per session
Student Discount: \$5 per Session

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / Now 499er Pairs -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
Play ONLY against other New Players
Contact Darlene for
Partners & Team-building!
Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org



Friday, July 10

1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, July 11

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!

4:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 12

Super Brunch & Lunch Included

11:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams
(7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 499er Swiss Teams
(6 rounds of 6 boards)
Separate Play-through Events/
30 point VP scale

Club Sammich ... Yumml

Open A: 2000+ D: 300-500
B: 750-2000 E: 100-300
C: 0-750 F: 0-100
Stratifications in All 499er Straits at
Events by Avg. Mps. Director's Discretion



Online Partnership Desk: www.dsbridge.com/pairs
Fast Results: Email your ACBL # (typed in subject line) to
FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com

Lesson from an Expert

Friday @ 6:15 PM
Saturday @ 3:15 PM



BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas

TO DO, OR NOT TO DO

It certainly does!!!

One of our readers was at a Sectional Tournament, where a guest lecturer stated that you should not raise partner's preempt if you are a passed hand. My opinion is that if partner preempts in 3rd seat, you have to give them some leeway. They may have a 5 card major that they wouldn't open in 1st or 2nd seat. I would not raise partner with much expectation of making anything, for partner could have a weak hand with a weak suit. However, I might still raise to direct the lead, continue the preempt, or possibly sacrifice.

At favorable vulnerability, a 3rd seat preempt has a very wide range. Do not punish partner for being enterprising. An off beat preempt may already have distorted an otherwise routine auction. The danger in bidding is that you could go for a number or push the opponents into a game that you can't beat.

(Ed note: I asked Ernie if he considered there to be a difference between preempting when partner is a passed hand versus a non-passed hand.

He answered that he considered a preempt when partner is an un-passed hand generally one that fulfills the standard for that bid. Therefore, you can trust that your partner has what they should have when you are an un-passed hand and can bid—or not—accordingly.

On the other hand, I believe that if your partner makes a third hand preempt and you are angry with them, by all means, punish them as much as possible.

Finally, bear in mind that today's preempts have evolved and what was considered a preempt in earlier times is sometimes viewed as an opening bid today.....Arlene)

BRIDGE JOKE POST

Survival Options

During World War II a U.S. Air Force plane was forced to ditch in the ocean, and four survivors managed to reach a small deserted island.

"Let's send up a signal flare," said the first aviator.

"Won't work!" said the second. "Let's build a fire so they'll see the smoke."

"No!" said the third. "We'll need all the wood to build a shelter."

"Whoa!" said the last, an avid bridge player. "Let's just shoot down another plane so we can have a team game."

Bedtime Story

A bumbling bridge player explained to his regular partner how he planned to improve his game: "Every night when I go to bed I think about the mistakes I made that day at the bridge table."

"Gee," his partner said, "how do you get any sleep?"

Zero Tolerance

After declarer goes down in a makable contract because of inspired but faulty defense, this exchange takes place:

Declarer [to RHO]: You're an idiot!

RHO: DI-REC-TOR!

[Tournament Director arrives]

TD: What seems to be the problem?

RHO: This man called me an idiot.

TD [to Declarer]: Are you aware of our Zero Tolerance policy?

Declarer: Of course. And I have zero tolerance for idiots!

Bridge to Eternity

The devil appeared before a Bridge player and made him an offer. "I can arrange some things for you," the devil said. "I'll make sure you win every tournament you enter. Your partners will love and worship you. Your opponents will fear and respect you and you will live to be a hundred. All I want in return is your wife's soul which will burn in hell for eternity.

The Bridge player thought for a moment. "Ok, I give up ...What's the catch?"

Shining Example

A Bridge expert is like a diamond. A chunk of coal that made good under pressure.

SEVEN CITIES SECTIONAL TITUSVILLE, PA 3/27-3/29/2015

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

3 2 L Hackenberg II - J Gray

3 J Crowley - H Greenberg

1/2 C Gibboney - S Israelson

FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS

D E F

1 ML Spine - R Greco

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C

1 K Bock - D Collura

3 1 K Kresh - D Kresh

3 C Gibboney - S Israelson

FRI NIGHT ZIP SWISS

1 D Collura-K Bock-C&L Mott

KO Bracket I

1 H Dunn-P Sostarich-D Fishbeck
C Beardmore

2 D Rupert-L Porter-C&L Mott

SAT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

3 3 1 K Kresh - D Kresh

2 A Aronson - R Greco

SAT NIGHT ZIP KO

2 J Pierce-R Sain-P Sostarich-
P Cunkelman

SUN SWISS TEAM

A B C

2 M Kumer-R Flynn-J Klein-
B Klein

2 R Sain-E Sain-P Cunkelman-
J Pierce

3 H Dunn-P Sostarich-
C Beardmore-D Fishbeck

2 K Bock-D Collura-C&L Mott

INTERNET POST (cont from page 9)

Jane Marshall: (a), After partner bids 5D I bid 5 spades. I really don't want partner to play this hand. The lead should be coming into my hand. However, I think bidding only 4 spades is being very meek.

Bernie Fudor: e - b is my answer but surprised that 4nt not given as a possibility. (I suspect that Bernie did not see the e option, which was titled "other", so I game him the benefit of a doubt for both answers.)

Arlene Port (e) 4NT Chances are not good that partner is really going to have a say in the final contract. Therefore, I fear that decision will be mine. If I get it right I will be a hero and if I get it wrong, oh well! If partner bids 5C I will bid 6. If partner bids diamonds I will bid 5 spades. If partner bids 5 spades I will jump over the table and give him a big hug and bid 6. Maybe that will encourage partner to bid 7 with heart control. (p.s. This is the first time I never had a chance to look at the other responses from the national panel.)

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
c/5H	10	2	100
a./5S	6	5	80
4NT	3	4	80
b/4S	6	4	50
a/5NT	1	1	40
d/5NT	0	0	20
b/5S	0	0	10
6S	0	0	10

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!

INTERNET POST

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

S A K Q 6 5

H A Q

D 6

C A K 10 7 3

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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PASS	4H	?	
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What do you bid?

a.....(for this choice only, a plan is required:

- (a) double, then, after Pass, 5D, Pass, what do you bid next?
- (b) four spades
- (c) five hearts
- (d) five notrump
- (e) other (specify)

Stan Ruskin : a – double and then 5S if partner bids 5D. Partner should know by this that anything he can add – like the Ace of D – or Q of C will add a trick to what we can make since he most likely has 0 or 1 H. The worst hand he could have for me is xxx, x, xxxxxx, xxx which isn't likely. At any rate, by bidding this way, he should know I want to bid a slam on anything that he can add to my hand. I know it is a 3 loser hand but, in cases like this, I think I err on the side of being aggressive.

Asim Ulke e. I bid 4NT. Over partners 5D, I bid 5S. Over partners 5C, I bid 6C. Over partners 5S, I bid 6S.

PJ Prabhu (b.) This is a conservative action that may lead to our missing a slam. On the other hand, slam is not a given. Bidding a slam also has the challenge of finding the right suit, starting at this high level. In addition to overcoming these challenges, the 4S bid has the advantage of the likely heart lead coming into my hand.

Lou Joseph: (a) I choose a: double and over the expected 5d response by partner I bid 5s which should show a massive black two suiter

Ernie Retetagos: (b) 4 spades With any other call, I can envision more bad scenarios than good ones.

Richard Katz (a) double over pass (smile), over 5 clubs (six clubs), over 5 diamonds (5 spades). Hope partner knows to bid slam on minimum fit. Plan b, 4n.t., making partner bid then correct(probably stronger)?? As probably not discussed, correcting to 5 spades over either auction suggests bid six clubs with most anything! Good luck will aid any decision, as usual

Gail Carns (e) 4NT A different choice. It should be strong 2 suited. Then over 5D I bid 5S.

Herb Sachs: (b) What exactly are my clubs? I bid four spades and go quietly hoping my partner has nothing; if we have six or seven at least we will go plus; I do have losers so perhaps no slam is there except maybe in clubs which I cannot find.

Bill Holt (c)- 5H. Spades and a minor, hoping to play 6 black. Preempts should be outlawed ... if by the opponents.

Steve Nolan: (c) Clearly strong, perfect on distribution, and partner must bid, so we won't stop below a small slam. On a bad day we'll go down, but there's no way to find that out, and if there's a grand slam, this approach is as likely to find it as any of the alternatives. I would vote for (e) 4NT if it showed any two-suiter, rather than specifically the minors, but I wouldn't bid it without agreement.

Bob Zimmermann: (b) I have a huge hand with two places to play, but I really have no way to know if East is serious or stealing. And, there's no way to find out. Partner rates to have a stiff heart, so even bad breaks won't put 4S at too much risk. If he's [4162], perhaps the bidding will be the same at the other table.

Marvin Rulin: (a) double--5 NT Double at first because of my 22 HCP. After partner's 5 D my initial inclination was to bid 5 spades but after more thought I choose 5 NT. We don't know what partner's holdings are in the black suits so 5NT lets partner choose among all options. I doubt that he has 4 spades but If she has four clubs a slam in clubs would be a strong possibility. Playing in 5 NT might be right if partner has Qxx in clubs or Jx in spades or a couple of diamond tricks. It's never easy.

Paul Caplan: ..(a) double and over 5D I bid 5S. I play the double as takeout.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	c/5H
David Berkowitz	a/5NT
Augie Boehm	c/5H
Gerald Caravelli	a/5S
Larry Cohen	a/5S
Billy Eisenberg	c/5H
Richard Freeman	b/4S
Ron Gerard	a/5S
Mary and Max Hardy	e/4NT
Carl Hudecek	b/4S
Edward Kantar	c/5H
Sammy Kehela	e/4NT
Eric Kokish	e/4NT
David Liss	a/5H
Chip Martel	c/5H
Marshall Miles	2a/5S
Sue Picus	a/5S
Arthur Robinson	b/4S
Eric Rodwell	a/5S
Michael Rosenberg	c/5H
Al Roth	b/4S
Jeff Rubens	c/5H
Ira Rubin	b/4S
Ron Smith	c/5H
Paul Trent	b/4S
Robert Wolff	c/5H
Kit Woolsey	c/5H

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FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Trudy Cohn & Arlene Port JCC 71.11%

TWO IN A ROW

Barbara Klein	JCC	Jimmy Klein	JCC
Barbara Abraham	JCC	Carol Berkman	JCC
Trudy Cohn	JCC	Arlene Port	JCC
Trudy Cohn	JCC	Arlene Port (2nd time)	JCC

(really? We just thought you were so proud of yourself you printed it TWICE!)

CONGRATULATIONS!!

C'mon directors, give us your winners. They deserve to be honored.
(Besides, if I have to read Arlene's name THREE times in this column, the damn column better be MUCH, MUCH, LONGER!!...Lou)

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

MAY 2015

- 1 PBA Club Championship
- 8 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
- 15 PBA AWARDS PARTY & Grass Roots Fund Game
- 17 PBA UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS TEAM @ Edgewood CC
- 22 Game canceled - Cleveland Regional
- 29 PBA Unit Championship

JUNE 2015

- 5 NAOP Qualifier
- 12 PBA Unit Championship and Bd Meeting
- 18 PBA Special Thursday Evening STaC Pairs @ Glenshaw Moose
- 19 PBA STaC Pair
- 26 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

JULY 2015

- 3 NAOP Qualifier
- 10 PBA Summer Sectional at Masonic Center
- 17 PBA Open Pairs
- 24 PBA Unit Championship
- 31 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
- 21 PBA Unit Championship
- 28 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

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