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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA June 2015

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

May has come and gone and with it two wonderful PBA events.

Friday, May 15 was the annual PBA Awards Party and Unit Game. Shirley and Ron Franck outdid themselves as host and hostess with the mostes' - the food was delicious and plentiful (usually the second criterion is enough for bridge players - the first is always a bonus!) Shirley baked two fabulous cakes and had she been at the party herself, she could have filled her order book for the next three years!

Check inside for the list of honorees and winners. Congratulations to all!

Two days later, on Sunday, May 17, the Fossick-Goodman Education Foundation Swiss Team Game was held at Edgewood Country Club. The turnout was marvelous, and Richard Zack and Patsy Evans are to be commended for organizing and running a record breaking event with 27 tables! Special thanks also to Jeanne Baseman and Jane Marshall for their team building efforts. You can find the results inside.

So, here comes June and what's on tap? NAOP qualifiers, our monthly PBA Friday night Swiss Team game, and, of course STaC WEEK! (Sectional Tournament at Clubs) throughout District 5. Silver points will fall from the sky! And Thursday June 18th will be the special Thursday evening PBA STaC 'n SNACK at the Glenshaw Moose. Come for the bridge - come for the food - come for the silver points - JUST COME! We'll see you there!!

STaC Week

June 15 - 21 - 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: 2000+ B: 500-2000 C: 0-500

All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

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



**Time to
Snack-Down
at the Moose!**

**We're at it again - Thursday June 18th
Bring your "A Snack" and whatever game you got
to the Glenshaw Moose.**

Game Time 7PM, Snacking AT 6 PM.

Hosted by Ruthie Neafach and Jeanne Baseman

Please coordinate your snacks!

with Ruthie at 412-559-4351 Or Jeannie at 412-889-2538

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!

Glenshaw Moose

1044 Saxonburg Blvd.,

Glenshaw, PA 15116

DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:

www.pittsburghbridge.org



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy to Fran Prus, her family and friends on the loss of her Mother. She will be remembered with love.

FOSSIK/GOODMAN SWISS TEAM:

A	B	
1/2		Arlene Port - Trudy Cohn - Judy Haffner - Harold Haffner
1/2		Jane Marshall - Ronald Franck - Fred Schenker - Asim Ulke
3	1	Richard Zack - Mary Lou D'Altorio - Bud McElhaney - Donald Averbach
4		Louis Joseph - Gail Hastings - Barbara Bergman - Kenneth Bergman

2014 PBA UNIT 142 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

2014 Nirmala Somani Award 'THE NIMMY''

Susan M Israelson

2014 Jane McIntyre Award

Gus Costanzo

2014 Fred Sorensen Award

Mary Paulone Carns

2014 Distinguisher Service Award

Shirley Franck

2014 Milt Frazier Award

Ronald J Franck

ANNUAL PBA AWARDS PARTY FRIDAY MAY 15, 2015

2014 NEW LIFE MASTERS:

<i>N J Carbone</i>	<i>Ruth K Hughes</i>	<i>Robert L Kleinmann</i>
<i>Gerrie Littmann</i>	<i>Barbara D Logan</i>	<i>Dr, Willa Dean Lowery</i>
<i>Thomas A Morris</i>		

2014 PRO-AM CHARITY GAME WINNERS:

<i>Bruce Brennan (Pro)</i>	<i>Stanley Ruskin (AM)</i>
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2014 ACE OF CLUBS :

2014 MINI-McKENNEY

FIRST PLACE OVERALL IN UNIT 142

	0-5	
<i>Sandra R Metosky</i>		<i>Sandra R Metosky</i>
	5-20	
<i>Barbara Cusisk</i>		<i>Loreen R Schafer</i>
	20-50	
<i>Sunny H Lee</i>		<i>Sunny H Lee</i>
	50-100	
<i>Grant Anderson</i> <i>Barbara Anderson</i>		<i>Marla R Slusky</i>
	100-200	
<i>Arlene Cullen</i>		<i>Arlene Cullen</i>
	200-300	
<i>Susan M Israelson</i>		<i>Dr. Barbara J Weinstein</i>
	300-500	
<i>Dr. Alfred S Tung</i>		<i>Ildiko L Baxter</i>
	500-1000	
<i>James J Fox</i>		<i>James J Fox</i>
	1000-2500	
<i>Dr. Russell W Sheldon</i>		<i>James L Gray</i>
	2500-5000	
<i>Barbara H Belardi</i>		<i>Ronald J Franck</i>
	5000-7500	
<i>Robert M Quinlan</i>		<i>Robert M Quinlan</i>
	7500-10000	
<i>Dr. Asim Ulke</i>		<i>Mary Paulone Carns</i>
	10000+	
<i>James R Klein</i>		<i>Reanette E Frobouck</i>

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

Partnerships:

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1507pairs@dsbridge.com

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Newcomers & 499ers:

Darlene Mannheim

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Tournament Chairs:

Bill Holt

412-860-2794

Barb Belardi

Cecilia Powell

Judi Sonon

Summer15@dsbridge.com

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



Hospitality
All Sessions!

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)

4:00 PM Lunch on Us between Sessions!

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+

B: 750-2000

C: 0-750

Stratifications in All

Events by Avg. Mps

499er

D: 300-500

E: 100-300

F: 0-100

499er Strats at

Director's Discretion

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas

ERNIE SAYS...

Lead directing doubles are used to help get your side off to a good start on defense. Keep in mind that whenever you double a bid, that could be the final contract. This could easily be the case if you double a Stayman bid. Strong defenders might pass or redouble, and you could be defending this contract. So it is prudent to have a solid enough suit to make this outcome unlikely. I would like to have something like K Q 10 x x or better.

It is standard to play that the double of an artificial bid, shows that suit. If your RHO opens 2 clubs, strong and artificial, double shows a good club suit. It is only a takeout double if it is a precision type 2 club opener, showing clubs. If the opener's side use a splinter bid, double shows a suit headed by the Ace or King. There is also the negative inference when partner has the chance, but doesn't make a double.

Another common situation is when you open, LHO overcalls, and RHO cuebids your opening bid suit. If you want this suit led, double. Since an opening one club bid could be made on as little as three small, double if you really have a good club suit. A lead directing double is not a command, but it does suggest that this is a good lead. If you have a compelling reason, you can still lead something else. If things go wrong, be prepared to explain to your partner why you didn't lead their suit.

Keep Bridge Alive!

Volunteers are needed to expand the PBA "Bridge in Schools" Program. Our pilot program in the Moon Township Schools was a huge success with the students, parents, grandparents, and educators. The volunteers had as much fun as the kids!! We have been asked to continue this in the Fall.

We need your help to expand this endeavor to other area schools. The nature of teaching younger children is that we need multiple volunteers for each location served.

Contact Lorraine Hanna at 724-625-6419 or lorrainehanna4@gmail.com if you are able to volunteer. You will receive teaching materials and support.

It certainly
does!!!

RONI Labor Day Regional - Pittsburgh - 2015

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

Morning Side Game Series 9 am
 Wednesday Compact KO 1 & 7
 Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7
 Afternoon Side Game Series and 299er Pairs 1
 Evening Side Game Series 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

Thursday, September 3

Morning Side Game Series 9 am
 ABC Strat 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 and 299er Pairs 1
 Evening Side Game Series 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

Friday, September 4

Morning Side Game Series 9 am
 ABC Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7
 Gold Rush Swiss Teams* 1 & 7
 Afternoon Side Game Series and 299er Pairs 1
 Evening Side Game Series 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

Saturday, September 5

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 and 299er Pairs 1
 Evening Side Game Series 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

Sunday, September 6

Morning Side Game Series 9 am
 Sunday Compact KO (2-Sessions) 1 & 7
 ABC Stratified Pairs 1 & 7
 Gold Rush Pairs* 1 & 7
 Afternoon Side Game Series and 299er Pairs 1
 Evening Side Game Series 7
 Stratified Swiss Teams (Single Session) 7

Monday, September 7

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 2500 MPs Play in A/X

MONDAY SWISS STARTS AT 10 am

Newcomer / 299er Games

Pair Games - Single Session
 Wed. thru Sun. 1:00
 Evenings - Strat C Side Game
 Monday - Play in Strat D of the Swiss!
 Strat breaks at director's discretion.

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

Free Bridge Lectures

Wed, Thurs & Fri 12:00 & 6:00
 Sat & Sun 12:00

Free Newcomer Reception

Saturday 4:30 PM
 Supper and Expert Analysis
 Prize for Most Masterpoints
 Won by 299er

Learn Bridge in 1 Day - Sat Sept 5

Advance Reservations Required by 9/02
 412-407-CLUB (2582)
www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D.htm

Stratifications

All Stratifications in All Events by Average MPs

Stratified Pairs	Side, Morning & 299ers	Monday Swiss
A: 2000+	Director Determined	A: 3000+
B: 750 to 2000		X: 0 to 3000
C: 0 to 750		B: 1500 to 2500
ABC Strat Pairs & Teams		C: 500 to 1500
opposite Gold Rush		D: 0 to 500
A: 3000+		
B: 1500-3000		
C: 0 to 1500		

Gold Rush 0-100, 100-300, 300-750

Mid chart in top bracket of KO's
 & Flight A of Flighted Swiss

KO Teams are random draw within brackets
 & include 0-300 players
 KO Events with only 1 bracket
 may be handicapped

Low Entry Fees!

\$12 per ACBL member per session
 \$16 for unpaid and non-members



*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.)

GET WELL POST

The best thing about our Get Well Post is that we also get to report when someone gets better and back to the bridge table.

With that said, we welcome Bob Zwack back to bridge. Bob, it's great to see you and how well you are doing.

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU

Becky Zoratech...
 Gerry O'Connor...
 Marlene Sienicki..
 Bud Kury
 Ivor McGloughlin
 Norman "Doc" Williams
 Mary Anne McNeirney
 Betty Noble
 Bill and Norma Spicher
 Phil Miller
 George Cross
 Arnie Roberts
 Nancy Swensen -
 Hermoine Balph -

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?

Please hurry up and come back to us soon. We miss you.

INTERNET POST (cont from page 9)

Jane Marshall: 3C. Someone is lying (or this is a 50-point deck). I would like to bid 3H, but I might be in a 4-3 fit. Partner should trust me to have an invitational hand.

Ernie Retetagos: 2 H. If east's redouble is the standard 10+HCPTs with or without diamond support there aren't enough HCPTs in the deck to justify partner's double, therefore North's double must be based on distribution. I bid 2hts and if partner bids 2 spades I'll bid 3 clubs

Arlene Port; 2C. Actually, I have no idea, but I think I will bid 2clubs and when the opponents rebid diamonds, which they are certain to do, I will bid two hearts. That should show I have a hand of some value. However, I really have no strong commitment to any bid and could change my mind with the temperature. "Any bid could be right - or wrong.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2C	5	4	100
PASS	7	1	90
2D	8	3	80
1H	2	2	60
2H	4	5	20
3C	0	1	20

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, Vul,

You hold:

S	A
H	Q 8 7 3
D	J 9 2
C	Q J 8 6 4

THE BIDDING IS:

south	west	north	east
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pass	1D	dbl	redbl
?			

Stan Ruskin : 2D This is difficult. I would bid 2D. If opponents don't compete and partner bids 2S, I will bid 3C. He will know that I have C and H and am willing to play either at the 3 level so I must have come cards and a good playing hand. If they compete as some level, I can still bid C and partner will again know that I have C and H since I didn't bid S at all. If they don't compete and partner bids 2H or 3C, I will raise to 3H or 4C. Somewhere he should be able to figure out that I have nine cards at least in H and C and shortness in S.

Asim Ulke I bid 2C. Later compete over 2D by bidding 2H

Bernie Fudor: I bid 2 clubs expecting to bid hearts over diamonds next rd . Feels like a 50 point deck.

PJ Prabhu 2H, the value bid. This hand may be better than it looks if most of partner's values are in our suits. Since the auction may escalate quickly, I start by showing my major. Given the the opportunity, I'll bid C at the 4-level (or below).

Richard Katz Pass Without the redouble, I would bid 3 clubs, the full extent of my hand. However now 3 clubs would sound too weak in this context. Perhaps this is a psychic redouble with diamond support. Therefore I pass and see which way the wind is blowing. We're not likely to land on our feet this time. Ill need great judgement later in this auction, not always a given. Opener 13 points, partner 13 also, redoubler 10, I have 10 also thats 46. Therefore opener may be light with 11, partner may have distributional takeout with 11, redoubler may be light with 8-9, now my ten makes forty, the only constant in this deal. We will need luck with the final strain and level. My style here is to wait and guess later. Never a good strategy, and against my aggressive tendencies. This choice is more pokerlike than bridge. Oh well, Richard
Gail Carns 1H I play that in this auction 2H is preemptive. If I get a chance I will bid clubs
Trudy Cohn: I bid 2D. Establish strength of hand. If partner bids spades, i revert to clubs. Trudy .

Bill Holt 2H. Sounds like someone is light for their bid - hopefully it's not my partner. 2c understates my values and makes it too easy for them to bid 2d. 3c risks losing the H suit. Partner likes Hearts and has a decent hand, and so do I.
Steve Nolan: 2D. Cue bidding the opponent's suit to establish a game force. Opposite even a minimum 4-4-1-4 hand, we should have game in hearts, but there's no rush to get there and I can place the contract more accurately after I hear more from partner. Somebody -- probably East -- doesn't have their bid, and I haven't ruled out partner having a big hand.

Bob Zimmermann: 2H. The bid shows 8-10 and a 4 card suit. That's what I have.

Herb Sachs: 2C May I redouble!! I bid two clubs; the redoubler must have lots of diamonds and little else; I am expecting at least one more diamond bid and hopefully will be able to bid hearts; pass will leave me poorly placed and though I am not showing my values at least I may show my suits. Who has a Who has a bidding agreement in this type of auction???

Marvin Rulin: 2 H. If east's redouble is the standard 10+HCPts with or without diamond support there aren't enough HCPts in the deck to justify partner's double, therefore North's double must be based on distribution. I bid 2hts and if partner bids 2 spades I'll bid 3 clubs
Paul Caplan: 1 heart planning to compete to 3 clubs. Sounds like everyone has about 10pts. This auction has a long way to go

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Marty Bergen	1H
David Berkowitz	2D
Bart Bramley	P
Drew Casen	2D
Larry Cohen	2H
Billy Eisenberg	P
Bjorn Fallenius	2D
Richard Freeman	P
Sar Gohel	2H
Robb Gordon	P
Carl Hudecek	2D
Paul Ivaska	2D
Sammy Kehela	2H
Danny Kleinman	2C
Eric Kokish	2C
Erik Paulson	2H
Arthur Robinson	P
Jeff Rubens	2C
Ira Rubin	P
Barnet Shenkin	2D
Ron Smith	2D
Frank Stewart	2C
Adam Wildavsky	2C
Robert Wolff	P
Joel Wooldridge	2D
Kit Woolsey	1H

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 PBA Unit Champion & Board Mtg	13
14	15	16	17	18 Special PBA STac `n Snack See page 2	19 PBA STaC Pairs	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 PBA Unit Champion Swiss Team	27
28	29	30	31			

FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Peggy Shivetts - Pat Cunkelman 74.36% Greensburg DBC
 Connie Hoechstetter - Paul Caplan 71.16% Temple Emanuel DBC

TWO IN A ROW

Brad Bozick Beth-El Tues Eve Steve Pollack Beth-El Tues Eve
 Bob Quinlan Suburban Fri Aft C Hoechstetter Suburban Fri Aft
 Barbara Klein JCC Jim Klein JCC

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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

AUGUST 2015

7 PBA New Partnership Night!!
 14 NAOP Qualifier and Bd Meeting
 21 PBA Unit Championship
 28 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team