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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA July 2015

# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

First of all, I would like to welcome you all to "Monsoon Season". Half of us are trying to figure out how to get along in spite of so much rain, while the other half are trying to figure out how to send some of our extra water to California, in sort of a good neighbor gesture. Seriously, can you believe it?

Thank goodness that the only time we venture out of the house is to go and play bridge. I knew this was a great hobby. And, having said that, I have good things to report on upcoming bridge events.

If you take a careful look at page 2, you will see that the Pittsburgh Summer Section is almost upon us. Please don't forget to take an active part in all of the festivities. We look forward to spending our time with you.

And if that isn't enough, we have the Roni Regional to look forward to in August. You can learn all about that on page 7. This is our last year at the site, so let's fly out of the airport in style.

Make certain you attend the Unit game during the months of July and August to play in the qualifying games for the North American Open Pairs. Winners get to go to the nationals to play against all of those from the other districts in the ACBL. I can tell you, it is the most fun.

Have a wonderful 4th of July and Lou, stop pretending you're not feeling well. You have to continue working with me on the Post Mortem, feeling low or feeling good. I can tell you don't feel well, because there's nothing bad about me in this month's issue. I don't feel loved when you don't insult me.....Get well fast.

# Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

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 Sanction # S1507051  
 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](http://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 NO Teams  
 (1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!  
 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
 Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)  
 Compact Handicapped NO Teams  
 (2nd of 2 sessions)

4:00 PM 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

### Lesson from an Expert

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



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

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

July 10 - 12, 2015  
 Masonic Center North  
 3579 Masonic Way  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

## IN MEMORIAM

We offer our condolences to Gus Constanzo and his family on the sudden passing of his sister-in-law.

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## THANK YOU POST

Sally Levin, who recently passed away was an avid bridge player who played often and always enjoyed herself. She was very gracious and friendly to everyone and it was a pleasure to spend time with her. In addition to her Commitment to bridge, Sally was a very busy lady with many interests. She loved to travel with her family and was active in the community; establishing the Howard Levin Clubhouse, where adults whose lives have been disrupted by mental illness come together and work to achieve a fulfilling and productive life. But, most of all, she was a wonderful person and we were lucky to have her as a friend and fellow bridge player.

Recently, we were notified that Sally had endowed the Pittsburgh Bridge Association with a very generous monetary gift to promote the game she so loved and had brought her so much joy. As members of the Unit, we are extremely grateful to receive this donation and we are committed to using this money in a way that will honor her memory. Hopefully, Sally is looking down on us and is convinced that she did the right thing.

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## GET WELL POST

We welcome Nancy Swensen back to bridge. It was nice to see her again after a long absence.

Hopefully, the following are doing their best to get back to us:\

Becky Zoratech...  
Gerry O'Connor...  
Marlene Sienicki..  
Bud Kury  
Ivor McGloughlin  
Arnie Roberts  
Hermoine Balph

Norman "Doc" Williams  
Mary Anne McNeirney  
Betty Noble  
Bill and Norma Spicher  
Phil Miller  
George Cross

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE PBA

The PBA recognizes that the number of club directors is at a critical low. To encourage players to become directors, and to encourage currently inactive directors to become active, the following incentives will be put in place:

Any member of Unit 142 who is not currently (as of March 1, 2015), and has never been, a club director will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$250 upon completion of the following:

- Preparing for the Club Directors Exam by enrolling in a Club Directors Course, taking the Ruling the Game online course, or studying on one's own
- Taking and passing the Club Directors Exam
- Directing, without supervision, at least 6 club games at clubs within Unit 142

Any club director who is inactive (as of March 1, 2015 has not directed any club games for at least 1 year) will be eligible to receive a stipend of \$200 upon completion of the following:

- Updating one's skills by taking a Club Directors Course or other courses available online via the ACBL website, directing under supervision, or studying on one's own
- Directing, without supervision, at least 12 club games within Unit 142

The director who plans to qualify for a stipend should keep a diary of games directed. In order to receive these incentives, the director must be a current member of Unit 142 in good standing, with ACBL dues or ACBL Life Member fees paid up.

More information about becoming a club director & maintaining ones skills is available at

[http://www.acbl.org/clubs\\_page/club-administration/club-directors/become-a-club-director/](http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/become-a-club-director/)

[http://www.acbl.org/clubs\\_page/club-administration/club-directors/](http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/)

[http://www.acbl.org/clubs\\_page/club-administration/club-directors/club-director-update-course/](http://www.acbl.org/clubs_page/club-administration/club-directors/club-director-update-course/)

## BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

**ERNIE SAYS...**

It certainly does!!!

When you have a full opening bid, and partner opens the bidding, you should always force to game. You will usually play in a major if you can locate an eight card fit. That does not mean that you should distort your hand in your haste to find a major suit fit. The following hand came up in a club game, and more than one pair misbid the hand. You hold ♠ Q 7 5 4 ♥ --- ♦ A 8 6 ♣ A K J 9 3 2.

Partner opens 1 heart and RHO passes. Do not respond 1 spade. In Standard American and 2/1, the correct bid is 2 clubs, followed by a spade bid.. Even with 5 clubs and 4 spades you should bid clubs first if you have a strong hand. When you have a weak hand that is only worth one or two bids, you would respond one spade with this shape. You should bid out your pattern with strong hands.

After you bid 2 clubs, if partner rebids 2 NT, that should show a stopper in the unbid suits. If partner bids 3 clubs, that should be a non minimum hand. A 2 diamond rebid shows at least 4 diamonds. A 2 heart rebid by partner may be only a 5 card suit. It is a default bid showing the inability to make another call.

On this hand notrump makes 9 tricks, and clubs makes 11 or 12 tricks depending on the ruffing finesse in hearts, which works. The idea in bidding is to describe your hand to your partner. By bidding 2 clubs followed by a spade rebid, you have told partner that you have a game going hand with 4 spades and longer clubs. You are off to a good start in finding the best contract.

### 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.*

## DISTRICT 5 SUMMER StaC June 15-21 Top 50 Unit 142 finishers in the District

1	29.10	Ronald Sain	Indiana, PA
2	23.59	James Klein	Pittsburgh, PA
4	19.99	Ed Mittleman	Pittsburgh, PA
6	19.15	Robert Quinlan	Pittsburgh, PA
7	19.05	Bradley Craig	Stahlstown, PA
9	16.88	Gail Carns	Trafford, PA
10	16.71	Toby Wolfe	Pittsburgh, PA
12	15.89	Herbert Sachs	Pittsburgh, PA
14	14.54	Pat Cunkelman	Blairsville, PA
19	13.37	Ernie Retetagos	Pittsburgh, PA
21	12.96	Barbara Abraham	Pittsburgh, PA
22	12.90	Bud Kury	Johnstown, PA
23	12.83	Alice Williams	Pittsburgh, PA
24	12.61	C Hoechstetter	Moon Twp, PA
25	12.61	Jean Prior	Bethel Park, PA
26	12.44	Bernard Fudor	Murrysville, PA
40	10.74	Arlene Cullen	Pittsburgh, PA
41	10.70	Jane Marshall	Pittsburgh, PA
43	10.10	Vincentina Simak	Mc Keesport, PA
44	9.98	Alan Bress	Pittsburgh, PA
51	9.71	Ronald Franck	Pittsburgh, PA
57	9.23	J Cavalier	Sewickley, PA
58	9.19	John Bernhard	Sewickley, PA
62	8.82	Jean Picone	Pittsburgh, PA
65	8.52	A Gordon	Sewickley, PA

A Labor Day Tradition!



# RONI REGIONAL

Gitchel Atkins

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Get instant updates, recaps,  
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Full Newcomer / 299er Schedule  
Free Bridge Lectures

Learn Bridge in 1 Day - Sat Sept 5  
Advance Reservations Required by 9/02  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D.htm](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D.htm)  
412-407-CLUB (2582)  
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[www.d5bridge.com/roni](http://www.d5bridge.com/roni)

## Pittsburgh

Sep 1 - 7, 2015

Hyatt Regency  
Pittsburgh Airport



★ **Attractive Schedule**  
New Team Game Starts Every Day  
Gold Rush Teams Friday & Pairs Sunday!  
Morning Gold Rush Teams Thursday-Friday!  
New-Style Gold Rush Events! 🏆  
Monday Swiss Starts at 10 AM

★ **Partners Guaranteed!**  
Up to 15 Minutes before Game Time  
Online partnership desk available

★ **Great Hospitality!**  
Moonlight Munchies Every Evening!  
Fantastic Buffet Dinner with Hyatt  
Regency quality each night - at a discount!  
Starbucks in the Lobby

★ **Prizes**  
Play free in 2016 for Winning the Most  
Masterpoints for Under 2000 & Unlimited,  
& Prizes for Section Tops

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Res. Phone: 1-888-421-1442  
Keyword: bridge  
Hyatt Phone: 724-899-1234  
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Problems with Reservations?  
Email Mary Carns  
Or call Eliza 724-899-6102

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Restaurant Shuttle for Hotel Guests  
IN the airport—no car needed  
Full Schedule on Reverse



## RONI Labor Day Regional - Pittsburgh - 2015

Day	Event	Time
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	
	Monday Swiss	10 am
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
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
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
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

★ **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.)

### 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](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/LB1D.htm)

### Stratifications

All Stratifications in All Events by Average MPs

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

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

INTERNET POST

You hold:

S K 3  
 H J  
 D A 10 5 2  
 C A K Q 6 4 3

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
.....	.....	.....	PASS
PASS	PASS	1C	PASS
1S	2D*	?	

\*Double of 2D is a support double, showing 3 spades.

**Stan Ruskin : 3C** It feels like partner may have spades and hearts regardless of what the 2D bidder has. Since I can't double 2D to show a penalty double- most people play that as 3 card spade support and I think my hand is way too strong to pass and hope partner will bid something, I bid 3 clubs to show a good hand with good clubs. I really don't see any other option.

**Asim Ulke** I bid 2NT. I know that I may loose a bunch of tricks in hearts. I am too strong to pass for partner to reopen if I pass

**Bernie Fudor:** I bid 3 clubs must have good suit and reasonably good hand to come in at 3 level. Expect to bid 3nt over 3 hts

**Herb Sachs:** I bid two hearts- fourth suit forcing-right???? This bid may be off the wall but if partner bids three hearts I can bid 3NT; if partner bids 2S I will bid 3c and bid 3S over his 3H preference or 3NT. Tough hand.

**PJ Prabhu** 3C, not with conviction, but by process of elimination. I find more faults with other bids including double. This bid allows me to keep the bidding open and show some strength (though not fully) and C length. Should partner be able to rebid S, I can raise and should he bid H, I can bid 3NT.

**Richard Katz** I bid 3 clubs, underbid, may miss game. Over 3 hearts by partner?, bid 3 n t, over 3 sp by part. Bid 4 sp. if partner passes, oh well. Another reason not to play 3 card support doubles. Otherwise, I would have doubled two diamonds for penalty, and gotten a bad score a different route.

**Gail Carns** 3C This should mean I was going to bid 3C without the interference

**Trudy Cohn:** 3 clubs. If partner has a game going hand and a heart stopper, he will bid 3 D looking for 3NT.

**Steve Nolan:** Pass. The bidding shouldn't end here because the opening passes by both opponents have indicated that it's our hand. Partner should rebid spades with extra length, support clubs, cue bid to ask for a stopper in diamonds or double. I can place the contract with my next bid

**Arlene Port:** 3C . That is the bid that makes the most sense to me because I can't imagine any other bid. On the other hand, I am aware that 3C is an underbid. If only I were more creative.

**Bill Holt** 3NT. Blame partner if we don't have a H stopper. My second choice is 2NT - inquiring if pard has a bare minimum; but with my nice suit and diamonds well placed, I am willing to try for the Red game at IMPS.

**Bob Zimmermann:** 3NT. I have 7 tricks in my hand. Partner is short in diamonds, so will provide fillers elsewhere. As little as [Axxxx Qxxx x xxx] and this should roll.

**Marvin Rulin:** 3c I can't think of any acceptable bid. Double would be a support double, 3d would be a good spade raise, can't bid nt with a singleton heart, would partner understand a 2 heart bid as asking for a heart stopper? It looks like partner has 5 spades and 4 hearts and 3nt would be a good contract, but i'll, make an underbid of 3clubs. If pard bids 3 hts i'll bid 3nt, if pard rebids spades i'll bid 4, if pard passes we'll at least get a plus score.

**Jane Marshall:** 3D (since X would be 3-cd support for spades, and 2 or 3 or 4 spades would be spade support). This will show diamonds and be forcing. Partner will bid 3NT with a heart stopper, rebid spades without a heart stopper, or bid 3 hearts with a partial heart stopper (asking me to bid 3NT with a partial heart stopper).

**Paul Caplan:** 3nt this is our best chance for game.



HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Marty Bergen	3D
David Berkowitz	2NT
Bart Bramley	3NT
Larry Cohen	2NT
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Bjorn Fallenius	3D
Richard Freeman	3D
Robb Gordon	3NT
Carl Hudecek	3C
Paul Ivaska	2NT
Danny Kleinman	3C
Eric Kokish	2NT
Randy Montin	3NT
Erik Paulson	2NT
Arthur Robinson	3C
Jeff Rubens	3NT
Ira Rubin	2NT
Ron Smith	3D
Don Stack	3D
Frank Stewart	4C
Molly Tinsley	P
Adam Wildavsky	3C
Robert Wolff	3C
Joel Wooldridge	3NT
Kit Woolsey	3NT

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3NT	6	3	100
3C	5	8	90
2NT	7	1	80
3D	5	1	60
4C	1	0	50
PASS	1	0	30
2H	0	1	

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PBA NAOP Qualifier	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>See page 2</i>	13	14	15	16	17 PBA OPEN PAIRS	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PBA UNIT Championship	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 PBA UNIT Swiss Team Championship	

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% games

James Klein - Ed Mittleman	70.02%	Beth-El Tues Eve
Madeline Frizzi - Dustin Hoover	75.08%	SH NLM Thur Eve
Arlene Port—Trudy Cohn	71.99%	JCC
Judy Haffner - Arlene Port	71.00%	Rodef
Tilly Flannery—Terresa Dristas	74.00%	Long Vue CC
Dave Ruppert - Alan Leaver	71.43%	Zelienople
Richard Moore - Esther Sain	71.11 %	Export.

### TWO IN A ROW

C Hoechstetter	Beth-El Tues Eve	Jean Prior	Whitehall Mon Aft
Don Turacy	Chartiers-Houston DBC		<i>(then he took a week off...)</i>
Don Turacy	Chartiers-Houston DBC		<i>(and then won twice again!)</i>
Lessa Finegold	JCC	Lila Margolis	JCC
Trudy Cohn	JCC	Arlene Port	JCC
Broce Ste]ke,	Long Vue	John Gillett	Longue Vue
Richard Moore	Expoty		

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

#### PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

#### 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

#### AUGUST 2015

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

#### SEPTEMBER 2015

01-07	RONI LABOR DAY REGIONAL <i>(final year at the Airport Hyatt!!)</i>
11	PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
18	PBA Unit Championship
25	PBA Club Championship