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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE RONI REGIONAL

To those of you who came to our tournament from yonder parts, you have done the right thing. We know you will have a wonderful time. Pittsburgh is well-known for their hospitality and great playing space. We are, indeed, special and so are you.

To those of you who came from the Pittsburgh area, you already know that *The Roni Regional* is a really good time for everyone. Just be kind to our guests and save some master points for all of our visitors.

To everyone, mark your calendar for the tournament in 2016. We are moving to a great location in Monroeville, an area where playing bridge, shopping and eating are as close as your credit card.

BRIDGE CLASSES: We are pleased to announce our beginning and intermediate classes which will begin October 12 at the Rodef Shalom. (See add on page 4) After playing in the tournament, you may want to consider revisiting your skill level. If you know anyone who is anxious to learn how to play, please tell them about our classes.

We have some really special events coming up in October and November. I love the Pro-Am game which will be held on Thursday, October 8. It is the one time each year that bridge players at all levels get to play with each other, learn some good bridge tips and enjoy a field that is finally even. (almost) Did I mention the great food and the wonderful time? Also the Instant Matchpoint game will be held on October 16 at the Unit game. This is a good time to pit your skills against national pros. Show 'em how good you are. (both ads on page 6) And for goodness sake, make your plans for the November sectional. Hook up with your best partner and take home the big prize. (ad on page 3).

SEE YOU ALL AT THE REGIONAL

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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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 <i>and</i> 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/AX	

MONDAY SWISS STARTS AT 10 am

Low Entry Fees!

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

Got Gold?

*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

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
	A: 3000+
ABC Strat Pairs & Teams	X: 0 to 3000
opposite Gold Rush	B: 1500 to 2500
A: 3000+	C: 500 to 1500
B: 1500-3000	D: 0 to 500
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

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

November 13-15, 2015
 Masonic Center North
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Hospitality All Sessions!



Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall
 412-371-4067
 1511pards@d5bridge.com

Newcomers & 499ers:
 Darlene Mannheimler
 412-343-0419
 499pards@d5bridge.com

Tournament Chairs:

Ron Franck
 412-913-1505
 Barb Weinstein
 412-963-1411
 Carol Henderson
 Fall15@d5bridge.com

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
 Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
 499er Swiss \$ 80/team

Director in Charge: Gus Costanzo
 Sanction S1511061

Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
 \$3 additional per session

Student Discount: \$5 per Session

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

Newcomer / 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, November 13

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, November 14

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, November 15

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

Lesson from an Expert

Friday @ 6:45 PM

Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Hmm. I think my
 Partner's NUTS!



Open	499er
A: 2000+	5: 300-500
B: 750-2000	3: 100-300
C: 0-750	1: 0-100
Stratifications in All Events by Avg. MPs Director's Discretion	

LESSONS - PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting Oct. 12

LEARN HOW TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER YOU CAN BE

Beginning Bridge— Bridge Basics #1.

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge or reacquaint themselves with the game and achieve a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant.

Cost for Textbook \$12.00.

Taught by Arlene Port, who will make bridge masters of you all.

BRIDGE BASICS #2

Bridge Basics #2: Competitive Bidding Plus.

This course will reinforce and improve skills you learned in the beginning series. Focus on bidding strategies; doubles, overcalls, etc. with some conventions and introduction to play of the hand.

Taught by Lou Joseph

Bridge Basics #2 by Audrey Grant
 Available if needed...Cost \$12.00

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Lou Joseph
 Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,

plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* 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 BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

2 Separate Concurrent Classes:

Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting Oct. 12 (no class Nov. 9)

@ Congregation Rodef Shalom 9AM -11AM
 Rodef Shalom, 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213

Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Fall 2015

Bridge Basics#1 or #2 Please Order Book @ \$12.00 Circle Course number

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.

Classes Held at:
 Rodef Shalom Synagogue
 4905 Fifth Ave
 Pgh, PA 15213

Online Registration Available at
WWW.Pittsburgh Bridge .org



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 Bridge League

Form and Payment to:
 The Pittsburgh Bridge Association
 c/o Arlene Port
 220 N. Dithridge Street #404
 Pittsburgh PA 15213

It certainly does!!!

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas

PROBLEM HAND

(Note from Ernie): I'd like to think that on this hand everyone was trying to make 13 tricks, bidding 4 and trying to make 7. Seven pairs out of 13 only made 11 tricks, and 6 pairs made 12.

♠ A Q 10 4 3 2	♠ 9 7 6 5
♥ K 4	♥ 7 6
♦ 3	♦ K Q J 7 2
♣ A 7 6 3	
♠ 8	
♥ Q J 10 3 2	
♦ 6 5	
♣ Q 10 8 4 2	
	♠ K J
	♥ A 9 8 5
	♦ A 10 9 8 4
	♣ K 9

Dealer South NV-NV

At a club game, this hand was problematic in the bidding and play for most pairs. Only one pair, Jan Phillips and Pat Anders, bid and made slam. After South opens 1 NT, North should transfer to spades and make some sort of slam try. The best might be to splinter in diamonds and jump to 6 spades after partner cue bids hearts. If you don't play splinter bids, probably try 3 clubs or maybe 4 clubs (keycard for spades).

Surprisingly, a number of pairs only made 11 tricks. I can envision a couple of scenarios in which declarer played for even breaks in all the suits and ended up losing 2 tricks. If declarer tries to ruff two clubs, they have problems returning to dummy for the second club ruff and returning again to pull trumps. If a third round of diamonds is played, West can ruff in and promote partner's trumps.

After the Queen of hearts lead, declarer can count 11 top tricks, and needs one club ruff to get to 12. Win the King of hearts, and play King and Ace of clubs and ruff a club as East pitches a heart. Unblock the King of spades, and play Ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond. West gets squeezed on the run of the spade suit, and you make 13 tricks.

Everyone's favorite ACBL-wide game!

Friday October 16, 2015 @ 10:30 am

Morning Munchies!
Reservations Required!
Please Carpool!

Glenshaw Valley
Presby Church*

Win Gold Points!
Gametime 10:30 am!

Instant Matchpoints

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.
ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED - SO DON'T HESITATE!
Call Barb Bergman for Reservations: 724-935-4591

Such a Deal! See You There!!!

* 1520 Butler Plank Road,
Glenshaw, PA 15116

Directions on the Website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org




The 18th Annual Charity Thursday October 8, 2015
Rodef Shalom Temple
Game Time 7PM

Pro Am Benefits Charity!!!

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



Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation / pair
Or, play with whomever you wish: \$30 Donation / pair
Additional Cash Donations Welcomed & Encouraged!

*All Proceeds Benefit:
GLOBAL LINKS Sharing Surplus. Saving Lives.
This organization works to redirect still-useful medical materials away from US landfills to support public health programs.

Chili, Cornbread, Salads & Desserts @ 6:15 PM
Hosted by: Jeanne Baseman and Ruthie Neafach
Any Salad or Dessert would be appreciated!
Contact: Jeanne (412-889-2538) or Ruthie (412-242-7419) to coordinate.

Online Pro List & Driving Directions:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

Rodef Shalom Temple
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

ELECTION NOTICE (*Good news - No Trump in this election...*)

Election, Saturday Nov. 13, 2015 Petitions due by Oct. 13, 2015
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. 3 members terms are expiring in 2015. 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 13, 2015. 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 2016
Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President Ron Franck, Election Chair John Bernhard, or any current Board member.

The following members' terms expire in 2015:

Mary Paulone Carns

Jane Marshall

Ruthie Neafach

FYI POST

Novice lecture schedule for 2015 "Roni" Labor Day Regional

Wednesday Afternoon	Darlene Mannheimer	Filling out your convention card
Wednesday Evening	Lorraine Hanna	Should I open this hand?
Thursday Afternoon	Lou Joseph	The Complete New Minor Forcing
Thursday Evening	Judi Sonon	Third Hand Play
Friday Afternoon	Delores & Alan Lefcort	The Many Uses of Negative Doubles
Friday Evening	Billy Cohen assisted by Bronia Jenkins <i>(both National Champions!)</i>	Opening Leads
Saturday Afternoon	Alan Graves <i>(National Champion & recent Inductee to the Canadian Bridge Hall of Fame!)</i>	Defensive bridge
Saturday Evening	Arlene Port with complementary dinner upstairs in the hospitality suite <small>note: tomatoes and other rotten vegetables will be sold for throwing purposes</small>	Hand Analysis from the afternoon session
Sunday Afternoon	?	SURPRISE!!

IN MEMORY POST

Jim Gray, 97, of Mt. Lebanon died early in July of this year. He was born in Kentucky, had an insurance business in Huntington, WV for over 40 years. He was a Life Master and active in competitive tennis until he was over 90. Jim is survived by several children living all over the country as well as a number of grandchildren. He was always a steady partner at the table and a pleasant opponent. We will continue to miss his presence.

GET WELL POST

Brigitta Day, not on purpose, (I think) slipped and broke her knee cap last month. She was tried and sentenced to time in Providence Point for rehabilitation. (Can you really be rehabilitated for being clumsy?) Seriously, Brigitta did recover and is back at home. Hopefully she will be back at the bridge table soon cause we miss her.

We offer our prayers and hope for Sharon Christianson, a South Hills player who suffered a stroke on August 10th.

NOTE: Mary Anne McNeirney moved in December. Her current address is:
Mary Anne McNeirney
Country Meadows
3590 Washington Pike Room 300
Bridgeville, PA 15017

APOLOGY POST

Please accept our apologies, but we have not received any updates on the UP THE LADDER Post since July 2015!! Hopefully we will have this rectified in the next issue and be able to congratulate those who have achieved a new status.

NOTEWORTHY POST

Did you happen to see the article in the August ACBL Bulletin featuring John Bernhard and crew regarding the Moon Township School bridge program? If not, go back and check it out!! Well done, all!!

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, both vulnerable.

You hold:

S A J 10 3
H 6 2
D K Q 9 6 5
C Q 9

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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1H	PASS	?	

* NEW-SUIT advance non-forcing

** 2C = strength, not necessarily a fit

Stan Ruskin : 2D Very interesting. The question is, am I strong enough to bid 2 clubs which, although not forcing to game, is very suggestive if partner has a solid over call? If I bid 2 diamonds, partner can pass but does owe a bid if he had a solid over call and he now knows that I have at most a doubleton heart. I think I would bid 2 diamonds because I think it is more important for partner to know that I have a good hand with a maximum of 2 hearts. If I bid 2 clubs and he bids 2hearts what do I do now? .

Asim Ulke: I bid 2D. If partner can not keep the bidding open, so be it. I want to play NT from my side. If I cue bid and partner bids NT it is wrong sided. With a good over-call, partner may bid 2C for me to bid NT.

Jane Marshall: 2D. If my partner rebids 2H I will pass. If my partner bids 2S, I will raise to 3S. If my partner bids 3C, I will bid 3NT.

Gail Carns 2D it shows my values, if N passes that is ok with me

PJ Prabhu 2D. In spite of the explanation that 2C is only strength-showing, I'm not willing to make that bid since I will not know what to do over partner's 2H rebid. Hence, 2D to show my 5-card suit and keep the bidding open.

Richard Katz 2NT I bid two no trump. Partners non double suggests club card/length. Queen,x is perfect to be led toward. I'll teach partner if he/she peeps, I can follow through and bury us.

Jim Bachelder: 2NT, I don't like it but what are the alternatives? 1S shows 5, 1NT is an under bid, 2C could launch N into 4H's and 2D isn't forcing. Since 1C could be short and E could neither bid nor raise, I'll take the aggressive line. If no trump is right, its important that I "right side" it.

Trudy Cohn I will bid 2 diamonds. If partner passes, so be it.

Herb Sachs: 2D I bid two diamonds and over two hearts two spades, hoping for something positive from partner; may get too high but I have too much to quit early; will not force game

Ernie Retetagos: 2D. Did I really agree to these bidding methods? I'll bid 2 diamonds and then 2 NT after a heart rebid. If partner has an opening bid with Ace or King of clubs, we have a good shot at 3 NT.

Arlene Port: 2C I don't promise support and I do have the best hand I can possibly have. If partner rebids 2H, I will pass. I think no trump is a possibility and I don't want to miss it.

Bill Holt 2c. If 2c! is the only forcing, strength-showing call I can make, then certainly I'm making it with this hand. Partnerships need to discuss when new suits are forcing, and at what level. If 2d were forcing I would bid that. If 1S was forcing, that. I would love to get my suits in on the way to 3NT.

Steve Nolan: 2D. This way, I can handle any rebid comfortably. You're going to get protests about the 'new suit is non-forcing' aspect of the system, but it isn't that much of a problem on this hand. A partner with a full opener or a misfit for diamonds will bid again.

Bob Zimmermann: 2C. Constrained by the system. If 2D (or 1S) were at least non-forcing constructive, I would prefer either. I will pass partner's expected 2H rebid.

Marvin Rulin: 2D. If we were playing sandwich NT by a nonpassed hand this would qualify. I doubt that partner has 4spades and since he just made a simple overcall I can't get too excited about our prospects. A bid of 2 diamonds describes my hand and leaves several follow up bids open

Paul Caplan: 2c. i have strength but not a fit . if partner rebids 2 hearts i will pass.. I if he rebids 2nt i will raise to 3 and will raise a bid of spades or diamonds. on a rebid of 3 hearts i will raise to 4.

Bernie Fudor: 2C given the parameters of problem I bid 2c .Good hand not necessarily a fit. More difficult if 2c promises fit the way I do in most partnerships.then no easy answer

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Alan Bell	1NT
David Berkowitz	1S
Mark Blumenthal	2D
Bart Bramley	1NT
Larry Cohen	2D
Billy Eisenberg	1S
Carl Hudecek	2D
Michael Kamil	1NT
Sammy Kehela	1NT
Danny Kleinman	2C
Eric Kokish	1NT
Marshall Miles	1NT
Roxanne & Bill Pollack	2NT
Larry Robbins	2C
Arthur Robinson	2C
Steve Robinson	1S
\Jeff Rubens	1NT
Ira Rubin	2C
Russell Shoup	2C
Frank Stewart	2D
Howard Weinstein	2C
Robert Wolff	2D
Kit Woolsey	2C

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2C	7	5	100
1NT	7	0	90
2D	5	10	80
1S	3	0	60
2NT	1	2	50
PASS	0	0	20

SEPTEMBER 2015

PBA HOTLINE: 412-219-CLUB

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2	3	4	5	
		2015 District 5 RONI Labor Day Regional @ Airport Hyatt runs from Tuesday Eve 9-1					
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	through Labor Day Mon 9-7		JCC Sq Hill cancelled		PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	Rodef games cancelled	Beth-El games cancelled			PBA Unit Championship		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
		Beth-El games cancelled	JCC Sq Hill & Temple Emanuel cancelled		PBA Club Championship		
27	28	29	30				
		Beth-El games cancelled					

FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Fred Lantz & Dick Bulow	71.46%	Greensburg Thu
Henry Nelson & Jim Klein	75%	Milt Frazier DBC
TWO IN A ROW		
Fred Lantz	Greensburg Thu	Dick Bulow
		Greensburg Thu

Ed note: If the director of the game you attend does not report special accomplishments at the bridge table, just e-mail either Arlene Port or Lou Joseph and we will put the notice in the Post Mortem.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 4 RONI REGIONAL AT AIRPORT HYATT
- 11 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
- 18 PBA Unit Championship
- 25 PBA Club Championship

OCTOBER 2015

- 2 PBA Club Championship
- 8 **PBA Pro-Am Charity Game (Thursday - Rodef Shalom Temple)**
- 9 PBA Club Appreciation Swiss Teams and Board Meeting
- 16 **INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME (Friday Morning)**
- 16 PBA Open Pairs
- 23 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs
- 30 PBA Open Pairs

NOVEMBER 2015

- 6 PBA Unit Championship & ANNUAL PBA MEETING
- 13 PBA FALL SECTIONAL @ Masonic Center
- 20 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
- 27 PBA Open Pairs