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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print by lou joseph

October already! Where has this year gone?

OK, enough with the pleasantries. This front page article is devoted to debunking certain myths that are floating about and giving the PBA Members the real scoop!

Fact or Fiction? On September 10th, Arlene Port celebrated a big birthday!

Fiction: She is NOT 100 years old

Fact: A lady never divulges her age (however, it's an even number ending in 0 between 71 and 81)

Fact or Fiction? Arlene celebrated her birthday by having surgery

Fiction: She did NOT have a Groupon for a lobotomy

Fact: She did have her hip operated on. For those who care, she has been home taking physical therapy (mental is not covered by her insurance)

Fact or Fiction: Everyone has been wondering where she's been...

Fiction: Really?

Fact: Guess...

This has been a public service message from the WGARA Department of the PBA (Who Gives a Rat's...)

### **THAT WILL TEACH HER TO CALL ME HEARTLESS!!**

October brings us the Pro-AM and the Instant Match Point Game, with the Fall Sectional right behind in November (see flyers inside). It's also NOT TOO LATE to sign up for the PBA Classes starting October 12 (see facing page). SEE YOU AT THE TABLES!

## LESSONS - PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting Oct. 12

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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  
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Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Lou Joseph  
Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,  
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Advance Registration Requested—Complete & Mail this Form  
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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

Online Registration Available at  
[WWW.Pittsburgh Bridge .org](http://WWW.Pittsburgh Bridge .org)

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**Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:**

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# Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

November 13-15, 2015

Masonic Center North  
3579 Masonic Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

*Hospitality All Sessions!*



**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+

B: 750-2000

C: 0-750

1: 0-100

499er Strats at  
Events by Avg. MIPs Director's Discretion

## UP THE LADDER POST - Three Months Worth!!

**JUNIOR MASTER**

Sheila Brotherton  
Darcy McDowell  
Jean Tuthill  
Alan Bress  
Jane Slagter  
Betty Cline  
Paula Hiteshew  
Lois Quinn

**CLUB MASTER**

Robert Flynn  
Jean Chess  
Dave Gaefke

**SECTIONAL MASTER**

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Gail Stoner  
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Carol Nathenson  
Suzanne Blackburn  
Patricia Rambasek  
Kathryn Rector

**REGIONAL MASTER**

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Stuart Metosky  
Joan Prizant  
Mondo Ferri  
Mary Kahl  
Nancy Mathews  
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Laurie Igiel

**DIAMOND LIFE MASTER**

William Holt  
Joanne Zambroski

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL ON THEIR  
ACHIEVEMENTS!!**

## BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

### ADVICE FROM ERNIE...

It certainly does!!!

7NT! ARE WE CRAZY?

♠ K Q J  
♥ A Q 5 3  
♦ K 10 9 6  
♣ 10 9

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

♠ A 5 3  
♥ J 10 6  
♦ A Q  
♣ A K Q 3 2

Playing at a club game, you find yourself as the only pair in the room to be in 7 No Trump. After West leads the ten of spades, you count your tricks before playing to trick one. Even if the club suit breaks 3-3, you still need an extra trick in a red suit. So you win the Ace, unblock diamonds, cross to dummy in spades and cash the top diamond, pitching a spade from hand.

When the Jack of diamonds doesn't fall, you will need the heart finesse to work. That would get your trick total up to 12. You can cash the spade now, or you can come to hand and lead the Jack of hearts. If the Jack wins, lead the ten, covered and won by the Ace. Now you should cash the top spade if you have not already done so, pitching a club from hand. Now if either clubs or hearts break 3-3 you have 13 tricks.

You don't really have any clues as to which suit to try first. If you guess to cash the top heart, you will go down on this hand. But because you cashed the top spade, if you guess to try clubs first, West will be squeezed on the third club.

It is usually right to try to develop tricks before running sure winners. If you try to run clubs right away, you don't know what to discard from the dummy. By combing all of your chances, you have about a 50% chance of making this contract.

Everyone's favorite ACBL-wide game!  
**Friday October 16, 2015 @ 10:30 am**

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\* 1520 Butler Plank Road,  
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Directions on the Website:  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)




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

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*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](http://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

## IN MEMORIAM POST

From Phyllis Geinzer, Our South Hills Reporter

**Clara Metlin**, a South Hills player for more years than I know about, died in September. She and her husband, Sol, directed and maintained the Beth El game until it was interrupted in the late 1980's. One delicious memory is the wonderful cheese wedges Clara set out during the holidays. Clara was a long time resident of Dormont, near the trolley line. She had a closed in porch on the back of her home where she raised prize winning orchids. She entered competitions and shows for as long as she was living in the house. And shared the precious blooms with a few people for special occasions. Clara, Mary Anne McNeirney, Bea Hillner and Laurie Igiel were team mates when the Nationals were in Buffalo. Their plan was to play for two days. They entered the knock outs and kept not getting knocked out! As a result, Clara and Bea became Life Masters. Clara continued playing long after Sol passed away, until about a year ago. Clara was nearly 90 when she died. We shall miss her delightful smile and wonderful red hair.

## LOOKING FOR THE RESULTS FROM THE DISTRICT 5 LABOR DAY REGIONAL? THEY'RE ALL AVAILABLE ONLINE! HERE IS THE LINK:

<http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/results/2015/09/1509017.htm>

## GET WELL POST

We repeat: Mary Anne McNeirney moved in Dec. This is her current address:  
Mary Anne McNeirney

Country Meadows  
3950 Washington Pike Room 300  
Bridgeville, PA 15017

Guess who I saw at the Rodef Shalom Bridge game? It was Arnie Roberts. Nice going, Arnie. It was great to see you back in action.

You see? Our good wishes really do help.

*And our continuous best wishes for a quick recovery to:*

Gerry O'Connor	Marlene Sienicki	Bud Kury
Ivor McGloughlin	Norman "Doc" Williams	Betty Noble
Mary Anne McNeirney	Phil Miller	George Cross
Bill and Norma Spicher		

## INTERNET POST (Cont.)

**Marvin Rulin: 3 NT.** Given your explanation of south's 2 spade bid, north has a big hand and his 3 spade bid may be asking if I have a spade stopper. I do so I bid 3 NT. A bid of 3 diamonds would be more conservative but potentially less rewarding. If pard then rebids clubs I'll bid 5 diamonds.

**Arlene Port: 4D** This bid is as positive as I could make given the auction. It makes sense to me as it shows both strength and fit. "Who could ask for anything more?"

**(Ed. Note:)** To those on the PBA panel, there was a great deal of hostility on this problem. Please bear in mind that the national "experts" get paid a lot of money for their opinions. If you feel they are way overpriced or overvalued, I not only respect that, but in many cases, I absolutely agree. However, please remember that I am only the messenger and hold no responsibility for their craziness. Thank you in advance for not killing me. Who knew the Post Mortem was a dangerous job?

### INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, E/W vul and you hold the following:

S - Q 9 5 3 H - A 10 6 4 D - J 7 6 4 C 2  
THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-----	-----	1C	PASS
1H	PASS	2D	PASS
2S*	PASS	3S	PASS
?			

\*Artificial; does not promise a further bid; may be prelude to a weak raise (three of a minor here would have been forcing)  
What call do you make?

**Asim Ulke: 5D** Partner is showing a hand like AKx x AKxx KQxxx or AJx x KQxx AKxxx or something in between. This is also a possible holding. AKx x AKxx Axxxx.

this hand comes closest to a slam in diamonds. So best to give up on a diamond slam. also non of these hands will produce 9 tricks in NT after a heart lead. Choice between 4S and 5D is a toss up. With the 1st and the last hand 4S seems a to be the gamblers choice at match points. on the other hand all these hands are odds on favorites to make 5D. As it is ambiguous to partner what 4D means I bid 5D and end the auction.

**Steve Nolan: 6D.** Partner has reversed and holds a hand with 3-1-4-5 or 3-0-4-6 shape. I have excellent support for diamonds but only one stopper in hearts, so we belong in diamonds rather than in no trumps. This is an unfamiliar auction, so rather than risking a misunderstanding after 4D, 5D or 4NT, I'm bidding what I think we can make

**PJ Prabhu 4D.** Excuse me, but I disagree with the 2S bid and the explanation (I would have bid 3D last round, which is just right as a non-forcing raise of the 2D bid). Given the explanation, I cannot justify any other bid now.

**Richard Katz 4D** I would have bid three diamonds not two spades, now I certainly bid four diamonds on this piece of work.

**Jim Bachelder: 4D,** sounds like opener has something like: AKX, X, KJXX, AKJXX.

**Trudy Cohn 4D** I will bid 4 diamonds. too good to pass.

**Herb Sachs: 4S** I bid four spades. My heart ace is probably worthless but we rate to make lots of trump tricks. What am I missing here?

**Ernie Retetagos: 4 Spades.** I don't want to play no trump opposite short hearts.

**Paul Caplan: 4D** This auctions is a mess. It should start with a 1d response. The 2d to the 1 heart bid is game forcing so what do you need a strong minor raise for?

**Bernie Fudor: 4S** My partner just lost me. I cant figure out his shape . Are they 4/0/4/5 or 4/1/4/4 IF so why didnt bid one spade after one heart. maybe to show big hand. I bid 4 sp and await dummy.

**Gail Carns 4D** I think partner is 3-1-4-5 with bad spades . I would have bid 3NT if partner had bid 2NT

**Bill Holt 4S.** I think North is 3=1=4=5 with a big hand for the Reverse into 2d. I'll get a H lead against NT and with the H honors almost certainly split, I will have to run 8 other tricks to make 3NT. If partner had 4 Spades wouldn't he bid them over 1H? We might make 5d too, but 4S scores better and I can take H ruffs in the short hand.

**Bob Zimmermann: 4S.** My 2S might or might not have been a suit, so partner must have spades for 3S. He sounds like he's 4054. That and the reverse would seem to make game reasonable. I'll correct 5C to 5D if partner bids that. If his next call is 4NT I'll be in the tank for a while.

**Stan Ruskin : 4D** This is the most ridiculous sequence I have ever seen. We are at 3S and no one knows what the other has. Partner has reversed and my bid shows that I could pass my partner's next bid so he had to bid 3S. It sounds to me that he could be 3/1/4/5 but I'm not sure. If I bid 4D, he can pass and we could be missing a slam. Since partner reversed, I have enough to be in a game somewhere. I would have bid 3D over 2D to start with. Now, if I bid 3NT, it can be the wrong game. Maybe I should bid 5D. As I said, ridiculous.

**Jane Marshall: 3N.** If North had 4 spades, his 2nd bid should have been 2S. I think 3S is a cue bid, maybe 3 spades. My spade holding is better for NT than diamonds.

### HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	3NT
David Berkowitz	4D
Henry Bethe	5D
Bart Bramley	4H
Ira Chorush	5D
Larry Cohen	4D
Kitty & Steve Cooper	3NT
Billy Eisenberg	5D
Carl Hudecek	4S
Eddie Kantar	5D
Ralph Katz	5D
Sammy Kehela	4D
Danny Kleinman	4S
Eric Kokish	4D
Jill Meyers	5D
Marshall Miles	5D
Arthur Robinson	4D
Michael Rosenberg	3NT
Jeff Rubens	3NT
Ira Rubin	4D
Mike Shuman	5D
Joey Silver	4D
Don Stack	4D
John Swanson	4D
Robert Wolff	3NT
Kit Woolsey	3NT

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	9	8	100
5D	8	1	90
3NT	6	2	80
4S	2	5	50
4H	1	0	40
6D	0	1	—

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# OCTOBER 2015

PBA HOTLINE: 412-219-CLUB (2582)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 PBA PRO-AM Rodef Shalom 6:15 PM	9 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 PBA Instant Matchpoint Game Glenshaw 10:30 AM PBA Open Pairs Wilkins 7:00 PM	17
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## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% games

Connie Hoechstetter & Lou Joseph	75%	Moon Twp DBC
Sandra McCall & Don Turacy	71.53%	Chartiers Houston
Bob Quinlan & Jean Prior	70%	Temple Emanuel

### 8 IN A ROW!!

Barbara Bergman      Zelianople

### 5 IN A ROW

Connie Hoechstetter      Suburban DBC      Bob Quinlan      Suburban DBC

### 3 IN A ROW

Jean Prior      Temple Emanuel      Bob Quinlan      Temple Emanuel

### 2 IN A ROW

Peggy Shivetts      Export      Jenny Janitor      Export  
Mahendra Patel      South Hills

### PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

#### OCTOBER 2015

- 2 PBA Club Championship
- 8 **PBA Pro-Am Charity Game (Thursday - Rodef Shalom Temple)**
- 9 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM and Board Meeting
- 16 **INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME (Friday Morning - Glenshaw Valley Presby)**
- 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

#### DECEMBER 2015

- 4 PBA Unit Championship HOLIDAY PARTY & Board Meeting (if required)
- 10 STaC PAIRS Thursday Evening Glenshaw IF NO SWISS ON 12/13/15
- 11 PBA STaC Pairs
- 13 PBA STaC SWISS TEAM (unless Steelers play during daytime)
- 18 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 25 PBA Cancelled - Merry Christmas!!