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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print by arlene port

“JUNE IS BUSTIN’ OUT ALL O-OVER”!! WAIT A MINUTE!!!!!!

This isn’t June, is it? Nope, it’s November and there’s hardly a decent song to sing about a time of year when everything is getting old, falling apart, and getting very dark. The leaves have turned to compost, the days are so short and I keep aging, by the minute. Oh well.....

The good news is that the Pro Am game this year was spectacular, as usual. Hosted by Ruthie Neafach and Jeannie Baseman. They served so beautifully and made us feel so welcome. Of course, Jane Marshall did her monumental job of pairing up pros and ams together. She is definitely a saint. Thank you so much for making this event so wonderful. And, our thanks to all the participants. As they say in the theatre, there was SRO. Everyone had a great time. The best of all is that we are proud to tell you all that thanks to your generosity, the PRO-AM event raised \$2240 for GLOBAL LINKS.

While we are talking about participation, the Fall Sectional, November 13-15 is almost upon us. We are saving a place for you at the table, so choose your partner(s) and do-si-do on down to the Masonic Center and join in the fun while you are earning all those master points. (see ad facing page.)

If you thought that Jane Marshall was just a pretty face, you are definitely wrong. She is the one that has made the Unit game, held every Friday, so successful. If you want to play and need a partner, just tell Jane and she will arrange one for you. Jane works so hard at making the game so good that when she calls to ask if I will be there, I cancel any other plans I might have had and say “of course”!! She definitely deserves our support.

And, of course, a big thank you to Barb and Ken Bergman for hosting the Instant MatchPoint game. They did their usual over-the-top job!

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

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

Hospitality All Sessions!

Friday, November 13

Strafified Open Pairs (1 session)
 1:00 PM

Strafified 499er Pairs (1 session)
 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 14

Strafified Open Pairs (1 session)
 11:00 AM

Strafified 499er Pairs (1 session)
 Compact Handicapped KO Teams
 (1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!!

4:00 PM

Strafified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Strafified 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

Strafified Open Swiss Teams
 (7 rounds of 7 boards)
 Strafified 499er Swiss Teams
 (6 rounds of 6 boards)
 Separate Play-through Events/
 30 point VP scale

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Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
 499er Swiss \$ 80/team

Director in Charge: Gus Costanzo
 Sanction S1511061

Non & Unpaid AICBL Members
 \$3 additional per session

Student Discount: \$5 per Session

Lesson from an Expert
 Friday @ 6:45 PM
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM

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

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

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SECTION A NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1			Ethel Levine - Don Averbach (<i>1st OVERALL</i>)
2			Tammy Tjader - Asim Ulke
3	1	1	Rick Laird - David Rupert
	2		James Drake - Carol Szazynski
	3		Vin Mehta - Mary Lou D'Altorio
		2	Jan Smith - Marilyn Burke

SECTION A EAST-WEST

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Richard McNeer - Larry Gesoff
2	2	2	Bob Flynn - Betty Balucha
3			Felice Brody - Reanette Frobouck
	3		Nick Chernew - Barbara Horowitz

SECTION B NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1			Lynn Colker - Vincentina Simak
2	1		Kathleen Brennan - Sandra Schuchert
3			Evelyn Sobol - Judi Sonon
	2	1	Betty Weightman - Richard Zack
	3/4		Phyllis Silver - Alex Bealles
	3/4		Mirian Hartner - Jenny Janitor

SECTION B EAST-WEST

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Remo Gritz - Steve Nolan
2			Marilyn Painter - Ernie Retetagos
3			Alan Colker - Fred Schenker
	2		Barbara Abraham - Carol Berkman
	3		Susan Israelson - Kenneth Eichler

SECTION C NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1			Florence Chapman - Alice Williams
2			John Lesjack - Lou Joseph (<i>eat your heart out, Arlene</i>)
3			Ildiko Baxer - William Holt
	1		Toby Wolfe - Roslyn Sachs
	2	1	Joan Ferlan - Pat Anders
	3		Sandra McCall - Bud McElhaney

SECTION C EAST-WEST

A	B	C	
1			Bharat Shah - Richard Finberg
2	1		Christopher Wang - Phillip Goulding
3			Carole Shanahan - Paul Caplan
	2		Jeanne Baseman - Robert Zimmermann
	3	1	Robert Greco -Sue Golier

CONGRATS & THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!!

JUNIOR MASTER

Betty Cline
Anita DeMarco
Ann Fleming
Paula Hiteshew
Mary Lou Katz
Dorothy Loose
Lois Quinn

CLUB MASTER

Alan Bress
Jean Chess
Dave Gaefke
Sandra Howard

SECTIONAL MASTER

Robert Flynn
Jane Metcalfe
Patricia Rambasek
Kathryn Rector

REGIONAL MASTER

Barbara Lersch
George Small

NABC MASTER

John Doyal
Madeleine Frizzi
Dustin Hoover
Richard McNeer
Bruce Stephen
Toby Wolfe
Neil Zweig

ADVANCED NABC MASTER

Jeanne Baseman
Sandra McCall
Edward Mittleman

LIFE MASTER

Barry Scott
Elaine Zweig

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Barbara Logan
Brina Segal
Elaine Zweig

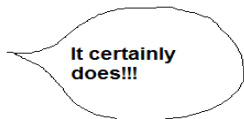
GOLD LIFE MASTER

John Gillette

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Frank Cymerman

**CONGRATULATIONS!
WELL DONE ALL!!**



BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

DECLINING THE INVITATION

In order to bid effectively, both partners must be on the same wave length. Here are some common situations where players sometimes go wrong.

#1	1 NT----2 Hearts	#2	1 Diamond---1NT
	2 Spades -- 2 NT		2 Clubs----2 NT
	3 Spades		3 Clubs

In the first example, the 2 NT bid shows a 5 card spade suit with invitational values, about 9 HCP. Opener's 3 spade bid shows a minimum with 3 or 4 spades. Responder is expected to pass the 3 spade bid.

To help with the evaluation of an 8-9 HCP hand, many pairs play some variation of a super accept. There is also the negative inference available when opener does not super accept. Without prior discussion, if opener jumps to 3 spades after the transfer, that would show 4 or 5 spades and a maximum. Another way to play super accept is to jump to 3 spades with a minimum and 4 spades, and bid 2NT with 4 spades and a maximum. A third way to play it is that opener jumps to 3 spades with a maximum and 4 spades, and bids 2 NT with 17 HCP and 3 spades. Each systematic treatment has it's pros and cons. Although many players use the third treatment, I don't like bidding 2NT with 3 spades and a maximum. I want to have a 9 card fit to force to the 3 level.

In the second example, the 2 NT bid shows invitational values with stoppers in the majors. Opener has shown a minimum with 5-5 distribution, and is declining the invite. They could have as little as 10-11 HCP. Responder should pass or correct to 3 diamonds.

When responder invites game, the opener will tend to accept with a non minimum. Some players open all 12 HCP hands and shapely 10-11 HCP hands. So an opening bid with 14 would be sound enough of an opener to accept a game invite.

Ed note: As you can see, Ernie has given you several options of how to bid invitational hands. Choose the one that best suits you. It will serve you well and make your game more precise.

INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME

October 16, 2015

Glenshaw Presbyterian

OVERALL WINNERS

NORTH-SOUTH

A	B	C	
1			Reanette Frobouck - Arlene Snort
2			Patty Katz - Richard Katz
3	1		Jean Picone - Joseph Zaccardi
	2		Bernadine Bonessa - Marilyn Painter
	3		Lynn Colker - Alan Colker
		1	Kathleen Brennan - Bruce Brennan
		2	Roseanne Patterson - Hermoine Balph
		3	Arlene Cullen - Karen Shipkovitz

EAST-WEST

A	B	C	
1			Ernie Retetagos - Bernie Fudor
2			Judy Haffner - Asim Ulke
3			Fran Prus - David Frohlich
	1	1	Karen Peters - Amy Tam
	2		James Quigley - Ami Elis
	3	2	Madeline Frizzi - Karl Sokalski
		3	Kathy Blechman - Edward Diamond

WELL DONE!!

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

NOTES OF INTEREST

Lorraine Hanna suggests the following sites for student or any bridge player interested in learning or improving their game
(like Arlene...)

<http://www.nextgenbridge.com/>

This site is tailored specifically for Youth Bridge. Under "Connect" header, there are links to "Learn to Play Bridge," the ACBL's newest interactive learning site and a link to websites including Bridge Base OnLine"

<http://www.vubridge.fr/FR/USHome.php>

<http://vubridge.com/PlayerSelectorif3.aspx> *Free hands/different levels*

<http://www.vubridge.fr/FR/HOW2.php> *Link to sign up for free weekly hand*
This site used to have all free hands. It is interactive and tutorial. It now has a number of hands you can play for free. You can get a weekly quiz or hand to play for free.

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

Our beloved Marge Tamres evidently has given up bridge so that she can spend more time in hospitals and rehab centers. Honestly Marge, can't you find something better to do? I have an idea. Why don't you just forget about all that stuff and come back to the table? We really miss you and want you to be better.

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: 5 NT This bid depends largely on partnership understanding. A bid of 5 hearts would be a close alternative. Partner bid two over one and must have lots of cards in the minors (he did not bid spades and cannot have more than one heart). I want to play in a minor suit slam but which one? 5 NT asks pard to pick the slam. If he picks diamonds, I'll bid seven.

Asim Ulke: 6D Seven clubs or seven diamonds could be cold but can't think of a way to find out. Deciding on small slam only, diamond slam is much safer. First partner might not have a good long club suit. Even if the club suit was good enough, he may not be able to use my diamonds for pitches. And lastly the heart ace may get roughed by west. I bid 6D. Partner would figure out to bid 7C if looking at the diamond Q and KQJ of clubs.

Arlene Port: 6D Why? Because I want to be in a slam and have no way of exploring any other option. I probably paid to play in that game and that gives me the freedom to do something stupid and I want to do it before Lou does it first. I'm getting tired of him always making the mistakes before I get a chance to.

INTERNET POST

You Are South: IMP's, E/W vul.
 You hold:
 S --- H A 9 8 7 D AK 98653 C A 4

The bidding is:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 ----- --- 1D PASS
 2C 4H ?*

? * What call do you make?
 * Pass is non-forcing

Steve Nolan: 4NT. RKC using clubs as the trump suit. I'm gathering as much information as I can before placing the final contract, which I expect to be a grand slam in either no trump or clubs. Two comments on the bidding: (i) I think that East thinks we have a grand slam and is trying to muddy the waters by bidding hearts when his real suit is spades (and is also directing a heart lead against a diamond slam); (ii) while a pass by South is supposed to be nonforcing here, I can't think of any combination of North-South hands consistent with this auction where passing out 4H is a winning action.

Bill Holt: 6D. If LHO has a heart let them lead it. I can either ruff in dummy or discard as I see fit. If partner holds magic cards he can bid 7. They are not making 4HX but can we get it enough? And, partner will probably pull to 4S so I would end up in some diamond slam anyway. I don't want to play clubs on a H lead from the preemptor.

Richard Katz: 5H I bid 5 hearts and pass 6 clubs. And over 6 diamonds bid seven? Probably way too aggressive.

Trudy Cohn Double: . The potential gain could be greater than a non vulnerable slam for our side. .

Herb Sachs: I pass-best chance to reach seven clubs (or possibly diamonds); if partner bids four spades I bid only five clubs with hopes partner will bid again playing me for no wasted heart values! if partner bids five clubs I will bid five hearts hoping to reach seven.

Ernie Retetagos: 5 Hearts. After partner bids a black suit, I will bid 6 diamonds. I expect that a vulnerable East has no more than 2 minor suit cards, and spade strength. That leaves partner with a spade card and minor suit cards. I hope this sequence implies club tolerance and partner could bid 7 clubs with a singleton diamond.

Paul Caplan: DBL Where is the spade suit? This looks like a misfit for you and partner and 4H should go down more than your game is worth and possibly more than a slam your way

Lou Joseph: DBL If I'm playing with Arlene, I bid 6C to piss her off. If I'm playing with anyone else I double and hope for the best.

Gail Carns Pass If partner doubles I will sit, If Partner bids 5C or 5D I will bid 5H, If partner bids 4S I will bid 6D

Stan Ruskin: 5NT Where are the Spades???? The 4H bidder could be 4/7 or 3/7 or maybe even 5/7.

Partner has made a 2/1 response which is either GF or at least close to it – depending on what system you play. I have no idea what we can make – 6 or 7 of either minor seems possible but which one. What if partner has 5/1/1/6? What if he has 4/0/2/7 or something like that. This isimps and they are vulnerable and we aren't. I don't want to hear anything about Spades from the opponents since they must have a reasonable save at the 6 and maybe the 7 level. After you give the 4H bidder KQJ Hearts, there isn't much left even if partner has a minimum 2C Bid. He must have KQ Clubs plus something else. I really need to know what he has in Diamonds if there is a grand slam here but how do I find out? I bid 5H which should take Spades out of the auction and indicate to partner that We have a choice of minor suit slams. If he bids 6D, I will bid 7D. If he bids 6C, I will pass. If he bids 5S, I will bid 5NT and hope he will bid 7D or 7C if he fills out either suit.

Jane Marshall: 5D. If I thought double with be passed by the other 3 players, I would double...but, West will surely bid 4 spades. Since I cannot double 4S, I will bid 5D.

PJ Prabhu: 6D. No guarantees; we may not make even 5D. No room for science. 5H would be a cue bid in support of C. Hence, this is just a guess.6D. No guarantees; we may not make even 5D. No room for science. 5H would be a cue bid in support of C. Hence, this is just a guess.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	D
Alan Bell	6D
Marty Bergen	D
David Berkowitz	4NT
Mark Blumenthal	P
Larry Cohen	4D
Chris Compton	5D
Billy Eisenberg	P
Robb Gordon	D
Allan Graves	5D
Carl Hudecek	6D
Michael Kamil	5H
Eddie Kantar	6D
Sami Kehela	6D
Eric Kokish	4NT
Boris Koytchou	D
David Liss	5H
Marshall Miles	D
Nick Nickell	5NT
Larry Robbins	D
Arthur Robinson	5H
Steve Robinson	P
Al Roth	D
Jeff Rubens	5D
Ira Rubin	5D
Fred Stewart	D
Paul Sugar	5H
Howard Weinstein	5H
Robert Wolff	5D
Kit Woolsey	D
Zia	6D
Ray Zoller	5H

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Dbl	10	3	100
5H	6	2	80
6D	5	4	80
5D	5	1	70
PASS	3	2	60
4NT	2	1	50
5NT	1	2	40

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PBA Unit Championship & Annual Mtg	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 SEE FLYER PAGE 2	16	17	18	19	20 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PBA Open Pairs	28
29	30					



FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Judy Haffner and Arlene Port 70.14% Rodef 199'ers
 Susan Koenig - Sandra Harris 70.00% Whitehall Mon Aft

12 IN A ROW!!

Barbara Bergman Zelianople Tues Eve
(alas, this phenomenal streak has come to an end...)

2 IN A ROW

Joanne Zambroski Rodef Mon Lou Joseph Rodef Mon

0 IN A ROW

Lou Joseph and Arlene Port SHJCC
(alas, this streak continues...)

Ed note: If the director of the game you attend does not report special accomplishments

PBA 2 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

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!!