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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

LOU JOSEPH

SEPTEMBER 8, 1959 - NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The Pittsburgh Bridge Association and our entire bridge community suffered a grievous loss with the sudden death of Lou Joseph on November 30. As a token of our respect and admiration for Lou, we dedicate this issue of the Post Mortem to Lou as a tribute to him for his outstanding accomplishments,

Lou's contribution to the PBA and to District #5 was unprecedented. His titles and responsibilities included the following:

1. Recent Past President of District #5 - This is the body that governs all of the units within the district. (7)
2. Past President of Unit #142.....Pittsburgh Unit (2 times)
3. Past Education Coordinator..... Lou set up all classes and teachers for the Unit teaching program.
4. Teacher.....past and present. Arguably, the best teacher in the Unit.
5. District #5 Regional Tournament Co-Chair for many years and continuing until his death. One of his main functions was to choose and provide speakers for daily lessons.
6. Sectional Entertainment Chair.....Lou co-wrote, directed and participated in most of the entertainment shows at each Sectional tournament.
7. Co-Editor of the Unit newsletter, *The Post Mortem*
8. A highly skilled player, with the rank Gold Life Master. He accomplished this feat while working full time.

That was only a list of his contributions, which he fulfilled with great skill, good humor and the joy of knowing he was making "his" organization the best it could be.

However, Lou was so much more than that. I believe that the essence of Lou was not in what he did; rather in the way he did it. He was, in fact, the glue that held our organization together. He got along with everyone and made certain they did the same to those in the unit so that everyone would work well together. . He encouraged and nurtured less experienced bridge players, not just by word, but deed; playing with newcomers and helping them to become as accomplished as he was. Everyone liked Lou and could turn to him for help at any time. He never refused and was always gracious about accommodating any request. There are so many of us in the PBA that counted on him for so much support. He truly was a thoughtful man, so smart and so funny.

As for me, I am personally heartbroken; heartbroken because he was so much a part of my life both in and outside of the organization. Working with him on the Post Mortem was a great experience for me. He teased me in print all of the time and though I tried to retaliate, I never was quite as clever as he was. I didn't care because it was so much fun, including his teaching motto "AKN", Arlene Knows Nothing. He wrote it on all of my lessons. We shared our teaching materials and switched classes to give students a different perspective on learning the game. I loved him. He was my dear friend, my close confidant, my adopted son, my partner in bridge, the newsletter and teaching. I will miss his great biscotti, his many kindnesses, and his unbelievably sharp wit. I will miss him forever and so will we all.arlene

STaC Week

December 7-13 - 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: 1500+ B: 300-1500 C: 0-300

All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

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

STaC'n'Snack New Location!

Thursday, Dec 10

We're at it again - Time to Snack Down!!!

Our Bridge might be crummy...

BUT WE SURE LIKE TO EAT!

Bring a Favorite Dish for all to enjoy!

Game Time 7PM, Snacking AT 6:15 PM.

Hosted by Barb Weinstein & Carol Henderson

Please coordinate your snacks with Barb at 412-996-2205

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116

And Don't Forget... **Holiday Party**

**Friday, Dec 4 @ Wilkins
Game time 7PM**

DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:

www.pittsburghbridge.org



Pittsburgh Bridge Association

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**CONGRATULATIONS!
WELL DONE ALLL!!**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TO YOU ALL

Saturday Aft Single Session Swiss

A B C

- | | |
|-------|---|
| 1 | W. Oberfield - F. Cymerman,
Jan Assini, Bernard Fudor, |
| 2 | Ernie and - Marcella Retetagos,
Barbara and Kenneth Berman, |
| 3/5 | William Holt Mary Carns
C. Hoechstetter, Robert Park, |
| 3/5 1 | Jerry Barker, Patricia Evans -
D.Mannheimer - Barb Logan, |
| 3/5 | F. Schenker, S. Grzegorzewski -
B. Grzegorzewski, D.Roseberry, |
| 2/3 | Vincentina Simak, ; S.McQuillan,
S. Schuchert, ; Judith Jacobs,\ |
| 2, /3 | Sarah Wozniak - Kenneth Eichler,
Ernest Collins, Arlene Jacobelli, |
| 1 | William Seran - Carole Shanahan
Bruce and- Kathleen Brennan |

Sunday Open Swiss

A B C

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|-----|---|
| 1 | Arlene Port - Patricia Katz -
Harold Haffner - Judy Haffner, |
| 2 | Robert Zimmermann - Peter Howell,
P Caplan - Catherine Caplan, |
| 3 | Fleur Howard - Pat Chisholm,
Phillip Becker Charles Ladiha, |
| 1 1 | Robert FlynnSusan Israelson
Martin Kumer, K.Dolegowski, |
| 2 | Philip Goulding, Jerry Barke
Remo Gritz - Marjorie Mazer, 3 |
| 3 2 | Robert Davis - Janis Davis -
Dustin Hoover - Madeleine Frizzi, \ |
| 4 3 | Jeanne Baseman - Karen Shipkovitz
Ruthie Neafach - Carol Stuart, |
| - | |
| | Sunday 499 Swiss |
| 1 | Gale Perez, Joann Szymecki -
Rosanne Patterson, Alice Coultel |
| 2 2 | M. Wandrisco, Isabella Wagner -
Jacquelyn Aloe, Mary Lou Spine, |

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



CARDING

Proper defensive carding helps partner defend correctly. Every defender knows that if partner leads a spot card to your K Q x or A K x, you play the smallest of two touching honors. However, many forget that as a declarer, you want to conceal your hand from the defenders. In a suit contract, in particular, if the opening lead is into a suit headed by your Ace and King, play the Ace. If you win with the King, you have advertised to at least one of the defenders that you hold the Ace. If you win with the Ace, neither defender knows the location of the King.

Whenever you are discarding from a suit headed by a high sequence, and you can afford to play a high card, play the top card of your sequence. Discarding the King indicates possession of the Queen, and probably the Jack. Playing the Queen would show the Jack and ten. When you signal with an honor, you deny holding the next highest honor.

In a situation where partner leads to your A 6 2, you should win the Ace and return the 6. If you return the 2, you are showing an original holding of either 2 or 4. With a 5 card suit, return the original 4th best. If you win and switch to a different suit, the carding should be the same if you are later following suit or discarding.

When you are making a discard, you'd like to let your partner know what to switch to when they get in. You can do this a couple of different ways. You can signal encouragement in a suit. But unless you have extra length there, you will have weakened your holding by discarding from that suit. Instead, you could make a discouraging discard in the suit that you don't want led. Partner knows what you don't like, and you won't have weakened your hand.

Proper carding will help partner count. To play good defense you have to count tricks, high cards, and distribution. The more you count, the better your results will be.

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL - July 10-12, 2015

Fri. Aft. Strat. Open Pairs

A	B	C
1		J. Sonon, ; C. Powell,
2		R. Sarangan, F. Schenker,
3	1	J. Fox, R. Sheldon,
	2	S. Konig, ; S. Metzger,
	3	L. Colker - A. Colker,
	1	E. Zweig - N.Zweig,
	2	K. Peters, ; A. Tam,
	3	U. Brown - R. Brown,

D E F

1	1	1	M. Kirsch - K. Wycoff,
2	2		J. Smith, ; F. McCarren, Bemus
3			A. Henry - K. Sokalski,
		2	D. Boak, R. Rubin
		3	V.Crawford - E. Schreiber

Fri. Eve. Stratified Open Pairs

A B C

1	1		J. Gillette - B. Stephen,
2	2	1	D. Hoover - M. Frizzi,
		2	R. Sarangan, F. Schenker
		3	A. Bonneau, M. Natelson,
		2	A. Cullen, R. Cohen,
		3	R. Klaphor, B. Titzel,

Saturday Morn Open Stratified Pairs

A B C

1			A. Bonneau, Mary Lou D'Altorio,
2			F. Schenker, D. Roseberry,
3	1		S. Nolan- Ami Elis,
	2		K. Mulligan - D. McKinley,
	3	1	L. Cepanec - B. Weinstein
		2	R. Patterson, . A. Coulter, .
		3	A. Aronson, . C N . Tredennick,

Saturday Morning 499er Pairs

D E F

1	1		R. Kotler - N. Rescher,
2	2		M. Sienicki - D. Franjione,
3	3	1	D. Boak, T. Brown, 4
4	4	2	P. Dotson, H. Allen, 5
5	5	3	L. Fried - P. Geirenger,

Saturday Aft. Open Pairs

A B C

1	1		J. Gray, C. Wang,
2			H. Nelson; J. Klein,
3			R Sachs - H. Sachs,
4	2		P. Anders, ; J. Phillips,
5	3	1	V. Mehta, M. Patel, 6
		4	2 Ruth Cohen, Robert Greco,
		3	Tammy Tjader Ildiko Baxter,

Saturday Aft 499 Pairs

D E F

1	1	1	Lois Porter, K. Dolegowski,
2	2	2	Arthur Henry - Marie Henry,
3	3	3	M. Sienicki - D. Franjione,

Saturday Compact KO Bracket I

1			Louis Joseph - Joanne Zambroski - Ronald Franck - Jane Marshall,
2			Fleur Howard - Pat Chisholm, Charles Ladiha, Phillip Becker,
3			Frances Prus - David Frohlich - Arlene Port - Patricia Katz,

Saturday Compact KO Bracket II

1			Andrew Cockburn - William Johnson Nithi Sivaneri - Thomas Hodous,
2			Micheal Fezar, Thomas Donehoo, Gary Strieter - Joan Zakor, \
3			David Kresh, Robert Kleinmann, George Spine Jr - Beverly Ann Spine

Saturday Aft. Swiss

A B C

1			Barbara Belardi - Alice Williams - Judi Sonon Cecilia Powell,
2	1		Sarah Wozniak - Kenneth Eichler, Ernest Collins, Arlene Jacobelli,
3			Ronald Franck - Jane Marshall, Patricia Anders - Ken Bergman,
4	2		Don Averbach - Ethel Levine - Bud McElhaney, Sandra McCall,
		3	Micheal Fezar, M. Mc Connell, Gary Strieter - Joan Zakor,
		1	Bob Heasley - Dorothy Mehok, Lou Cepanec - Barbara Weinstein,
		2	Tom Piper - Karen Piper - Laurie Igiel - Phyllis Geinzer,

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ELECTION RESULTS

The following were re-elected as officers to the PBA Board of Directors. Unanimously!! The lucky winners are:

Ron Franck - President
Lorraine Hanna - VP
Jane Marshall - Treasurer
Mary Paulone Carns – Secretary

Thank you for serving our organization.

INTERNET POST RESULTS: #1				INTERNET POST RESULTS: #2			
BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award	BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5C	12	2	100	3C	15	2	100
6C	8	1	80	4C	9	6	80
5S	2	0	60	2C	3	0	60
5NT	0	0	60	5C	2	3	60
4NT	4	5	50	DBL	1	0	50
Double	5	7	30	PASS	1	4	50
				3H	0	0	10
				6C	0	1	—

IN MEMORY

We are sad to report that Lou Woolf died last month. Lou was an excellent bridge player and a very nice man. He was very interesting. I used to kid him that it was his fault we had potholes on our streets. It seems that he was a scientist that worked specifically to test new “recipes” for street paving material. I guess weather trumped science in his case. Lou, along with his wife, Rene, emigrated to the United States from England and made Pittsburgh their home. We were so lucky to have had a man of his caliber in our community. He was a gentle soul and will be sorely missed.

GET WELL POST

Our beloved Marge Tamres is back home again after another stint in the rehab center. I finally figured a way to get her to stop doing that. All we have to do is have the rehab center announce that they have run out of food.....and she will not go back!!

The love of my life, (Please don't tell Gail Hastings) Jim Hastings, has come down with a case of not feeling well. Please Jim, feel well. We have a game scheduled and I need you to show up.all of our love to you.

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.)

PJ Prabhu #1 4NT. It appears as though we can make ten tricks if we can make nine.

#2 5C. Where are all the spades? Since partner could not make a 1S overcall, he couldn't have a decent S suit; the auction suggests that he has some values. Hence I'm applying maximum pressure.

Bill Holt #1 Double. 4NT to play could be right, but West holds KQJ 7th and if he has either Kc or Ad he is getting in again before I can run to 10 tricks. Partner showed a ‘Smidgen’, so take the sure profit, I think.

#2 3c. This one is tricky. Either West forgot to open 2c, as his partner passed and my partner did not come in with a Spade overcall – OR my partner has a penalty pass of my balancing double. As nice as my hand will play in clubs, I have only 11 hcp. If the first scenario I will need to bid 5c over their 4S contract, I fear. If the second, we might be cold for a game somewhere. It's a bidder's game and I think scenario 2 more likely, so I will jump to 3c and let partner bid 3NT or raise clubs as he sees fit.

Jim Bachelder: #1. Double, I'm not guessing what I can make nor being bullied.

#2. 4C, might make it, might not. I'm probably going to have to bid that high anyway so I'll do it now. I'm certainly not defending a major suit contract below the 4 level. Where are the spades?

Trudy Cohn :Problem 1; DBL. I have no assurance that we can make a game in any suit so I will double for penalties. I plan to lead the heart A and try for a ruff in hearts. If partner bids over the double, I can reevaluate.

Problem 2: 4C This has a fishy smell. Where are the spades? My partner couldn't overcall with spades. So my choices are to pass and presume that dealer has a big 2 suited hand or to make a normal bid of 4 Clubs. Since it is against my principles to pass with an

INTERNET POST

#1 You are South, IMP's, N/S vul.
 You hold: S A 10 2
 H A 3
 D K Q 2
 C A Q J 5 2

The bidding is:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 2NT 3S 3NT PASS
 PASS 4S PASS EAST
 ?

#2 - bonus question. Matchpoints, none vul. You are south

You hold: S ---
 H 10 6 3
 D A J
 C K Q J 10 9 8 7 6

Bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 ----- 1H pass pass
 ?

Bob Zimmermann: 1] **Double.** Does partner's 3NT show a spade card or just values? Does it really matter? If we have a game or slam in a minor we have no way of finding it - and the 8-0 spade split might lead to an opening ruff. No, I'll take my +500 and hope for +800. That will be good enough.

[2] **Pass.** What's going on here? RHO could not scare up a response to LHO's 1 heart opener, and my partner (with 4+ spades) could not overcall.

That leaves LHO with a monstrous hand and something like a 9 card spade fit. So, let them play 1 heart. Whatever bid I make will give them a path to find their game. Anything from -140 to -230 should be fine at matchpoints.

Marvin Rulin: #1 **Dbl** at Imps take the plus score #2 **4 clubs** with 8 tricks this seems the right level. and where is the spade suit? Opener may have a strong heart spade hand and it will be harder to find a fit at the 4 level.

Richard Katz: #1 **5C.** #2. **3C...**I bid 5 clubs, I bid 3 clubs. These cant be right bidding so many clubs!! Need luck here to get best results. Oh well, at least I have Clubs, a good start

. **Paul Caplan:** #1 **Dbl** at Imps take the plus score #2 **4 clubs** with 8 tricks this seems the right level. and where is the spade suit? Opener may have a strong heart spade hand and it will be harder to find a fit at the 4 level.

Asim Ulke: #1 **4NT**It appears that West has 8 spades missing 2 face cards and Diamond ace or holds KQJ of spades without a quick entry. With 3 spade honors and the diamond Ace, west would probably defend 3NT. The S jack is singleton or doubleton in North hand. It does not matter if east has the singleton SJ. Partner should have 8 or 9 minor suit cards with CK and a heart card or DA and CK. Without the CK, 3NT is in danger. I bid 4NT and partner can bid a minor suit game with a freakish hand.

#2- **5C** -Opponents could have more than half the points and probably own the Spades also. Reopening the bidding seems against odds. Choice is between passing and bidding 5C. Partner needs Ax or Kx of hearts, Ax of clubs for me to make 5C. It is a bidder's game. I bid 5C.

Steve Nolan: 1. **Double.** I have good defensive values and no meaningful information about partner's shape.

2. **Pass (!)** The guaranteed way to prevent the opponents from finding a spade fit.

Jane Marshall: **4NT.** (just because we are vulnerable and opponents are no vul)

Bonus: Pass. Surely the opponents can make 4 spades. My partner did not

.Stan Ruskin : **Problem # 1. 4NT** Where are the hearts??? **Partner bid 3NT so he has some cards but** than 4H (he would make a negative double with at least 4H). Thus, what looks like a big win against 4S doubled, probably won't be since West probably has 10-11 major suit cards (KQxxxxx in S and QJxx 1 H at least). There could even be some holdings that he could make 4S. Additionally, if I bid 5C, there is a reasonable chance that East might ruff an openingspade lead and we couldn't even make the contract. Thus, I think my choices are Double or 4NT for play (partner bid 3NT so he must have at least 2S and possibly even the J or Q. Since this is Imps, I think that I would bid 4NT. If I go down, so what - I would have probably gone down at 5 of a minor also. I'm willing to take a smaller loss or gain than to give up a game swing - maybe a 2 way game swing.

Problem #2 4C - Where are the S? If they have them, you need to block them from bidding them. Can we make some number of clubs? Can they make a game somewhere with a passing partner? Can we defeat anything that they bid at game level? Since this is matchpoints and there are a number of legitimate options, I am going to bid 4C. I think this shows about what I have. There is a good argument for 5C also but I choose 4C. If partner has any tricks to offer in Aces or AK, he can raise. If not, he can pass. It is almost impossible now for the opponents to bid spades at this level and they are flying blind.

Herb Sachs: **4NT** I will take my medicine and bid 4NT; if partner does not have the right cards maybe LHO has no quick re-entry.

For the bonus it is 5C or pass. I am bidding- let them find spades at the five level.

Gail Carns #1 6C I assume the pass was forcing.

#2 **Pass** Where are the spades?

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HOW EXPERTS VOTED

	#1	#2
Phillip Alder	—	5C
Alan Bell	—	3C
Marty Bergen	—	2C
David Berkowitz	6C	3C
Mark Blumenthal	—	3C
Augie Boehm	5C	—
Gerwald Caravelli	6C	—
John Carruthers	5C	—
Larry Cohen	6C	3C
Billy Eisenberg	6C	4C
Ron Gerard	5C	—
Steve Garner	5C	—
Robb Gordon	—	3C
Allan Graves	—	3C
Carl Hudecek	D	5C
Michael Kamil	—	3C
Danny Kleinman	—	4C
Eddie Kantar	5S	4C
Sami Kehela	—	3C
Eric Kokish	—	4C
Boris Koytchou	—	4C
Patrick Long	D	4C
Chip Martel	6C	—
Jill Meyers	5C	—
Marshall Miles	6C	2C
Nick Nickell	—	4C
Sue Picus	4NT	—
Larry Robbins	—	D
Arthur Robinson	D	3C
Steve Robinson	—	P
Eric Rodwell	5C	—
Michael Rosenberg	5C	—
Al Roth	D	3C
Jeff Rubens	6C	2C
Ira Rubin	5C	4C
Kerri & Steve Sanborn	5C	—
Ron Smith	5S	—
Fred Stewart	—	3C
PaulTrent`	5C	—
Howard Weinstein	—	3C
Adam Wildavsky	5C	—
Robert Wolff	4NT	3C
Kit Woolsey	6C	3C
Zia	—	3C
Ray Zoller	—	4C

* — Did not participate

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. December 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						4 Unit chmp Holicay party	5
6	7	8	9	10 STaC pairs Thurs Eve* see/ Page 11	11, PBA STcC PAIRS	12	
13 PBA STaC SWISS See pg 11	14	15	16	17	18 unit chmp Swiss Team	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25 PBA can- celd MERRY XMAS	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Pat Katz and Marcella Apter	70%	Rodef Shalom DBC	June
Threlkeld & John Bernhard	74%	Nancy's Dinner Club	
Marvin Wedeen & John Bernhard	74%	Edgeworth Club	
Ida Gleeson & Ruth Falsetti	70%	Longue Vue Club	
Hermoine & Bill Balph	74%	Longue Vue Club	

3 IN A ROW

Mary Lou Flach Zelianople Club

2 IN A ROW

Peggy Shivvits Export DBC Jenny Janitor Export DB

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PBA DECEMBER EVENTS

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!!