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# POST MORTEM

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## MARGE TAMRES 1924 - 2016

Marge Tamres died on February 15. Although she was a well known and most highly respected member of our unit, few of our active members have any idea of how very special she was. Marge, who started playing duplicate in the 50's was, in fact, an icon of our times. Everything she did was done with great skill and dedication.

Marge was a Grand Life Master, having been the first person in our unit to attain that rank. That title required her to not only earn 10,000 master points, but to win an event at one of the ACBL national tournaments, which she accomplished as an ACBL Mixed Pairs champion with her partner, Joe Brady. This accomplishment is even more remarkable because so many of her points were earned at the local and Sectional level, where point awards are not as great as at Regional and National tournaments. In fact, several years before that she became a Grand Life Master, she represented the United States in the ACBL Olympiad an international tournament played in the Canary Islands. She was, in truth an outstanding bridge player.

When she became a director, Marge approached the task with the same level of skill and energy that she did with everything else. She was, without question, the most conscientious director ever to grace our unit. She would literally spend hours to make certain that all of her figures were accurate. There were many times I received calls at 6 or 7 in the evening asking me what I did on a certain board. When I would tell her to forget it and go home, she always refused. It took a little longer to post the final scores, but you knew they were correct. She was so conscientious, that even when she knew she could not physically handle the job of directing due to her physical decline, she continued on because she didn't want to let the players down and felt able to leave only when a replacement was found.

It is always difficult to separate a person from what she does versus the person she is. In her case, it wasn't hard at all. She was a lovely woman, who was very committed to everything she did.

Marge was the most honest player I have ever met. She always went over the scores at the end of the game and if she found an error, regardless of whether or not in her favor, she immediately reported it. Marge was also the most competitive bridge player I have ever met. She would follow certain players' scores on the traveling score sheets. Often, a player would come to my table and congratulate me on my good game. At first, I was surprised and asked how they knew. The answer was "Margie told me". Everyone, on the other hand, knew what kind of a game she was having because when she got one or two bad boards against a pair, she would go to the bathroom. There were many times when I was playing with her that she went to the bathroom. I often remarked that I had no idea we were having a bad game. And, when she did go to the bathroom, you could hear whispers of "Margie must be having a bad game" across the room. However, win or lose, she always congratulated the player who came in first on their good game. She was such a great sport.

Perhaps Marge's greatest accomplishment was her wonderful family of 4 daughters, three grandchildren, one great grandchild and two surviving brothers who absolutely adored her as much as she adored them. Clearly, she gave them the same love and attention she gave to the game she loved.

Margie was a very special person, one of the last of the great Pittsburgh bridge players, who has forever left her mark in our thoughts and our hearts. It was an honor to know her.

.....arlene

## PITY THE POOR DIRECTOR POST

.....compiled by bruce stephen

An expert was partnered with a much less experienced player. After twice overcalling hearts, the expert was on lead to a 3NT contract by opponents. After his partner took the first trick, he lead a diamond (the opponent's suit) to the expert. The expert blew his top, grabbed some cards from the table, ripped them in half and tossed them on the floor. The director was called and asked what happened. The expert answered: "They broke."

Answering a call in a club game while the bidding was still in progress, a player asked, "How many points do I need to bid slam and how many points do I need to bid game?" (I don't know what the answer was, but I suspect the director went to his rule book to see what he should say!!)

Prior to the introduction of bridge boxes a player's partner opened 1C. Hearing a 1H call to his right, the opener's partner made a negative double. The director was called. When the director asked what happened, the opponent replied that they were doubled. The director asks what's at issue and the opponent said: "We've been doubled". "What's was the double in?", asked the director. "Nothing", was the reply. It turned out that the heart bid heard by the third chair came from another table.....Oh well!! (The director probably ruled that they should learn not to eavesdrop on the bidding at other tables.)

During play, a woman raised her hand and called: "Dealer please." Getting no response, she repeated the call at higher and higher decibels. Finally, after several "Dealer" calls, the other three at the table took pity on her and said the word was "director". The whole room exploded in laughter.

With West as declarer, North lead the 4H and simultaneously East and West both tabled their hands as dummy. The director ruled that West could pick up her hand and proceed with play, in spite of the fact that the defense had the advantage of seeing all of their opponent's cards. So, as it turns out, you can be a dummy and the declarer at the same time. Just ask West!! (As a defender, it's what I pray for.)

## BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

### Flannery Two Diamond



It certainly does!!!

The Flannery 2 Diamond convention enjoys more popularity in the Pittsburgh area than in other parts of the country. Bill Flannery, the inventor of the convention, was from Pittsburgh. His idea was to describe a hand with 4 spades and 5 hearts and 11 to 15 HCPs. If you open 1 heart with 4-5-2-2 distribution, there is not a descriptive rebid after a forcing NT. Also you miss the chance to play a 4-3 spade fit.

Since a weak 2 bid in diamonds doesn't have much preemptive value, many players have artificial meanings for a 2 diamond bid. Some popular methods are to show a 3 suited hand or a weak 2 bid in a major. Very few locals use these treatments, and you probably won't encounter this except at a tournament. Since so many players in Pittsburgh use the Flannery convention, you should know how to defend against it even if you don't use it.

There are many variations in the responses and the rebids after a 2 diamond opening. A 2NT response asks opener for a further description. Opener rebids 3 of a minor to show 3 cards in that minor. With 2-2 in the minors, opener can bid 3 hearts or 3 spades to show a minimum or a maximum. Other bids and rebids are a matter of partnership agreement. If responder jumps in a major after the opening bid, that could be used to show either a preemptive, invitational, or forcing raise.

Some players overcall 2 diamonds after RHO opens in a minor to show a hand with 4 spades and 5 hearts. With this gadget you can find all of your 8 card major suit fits. Otherwise, a heart overcall could lose a 4-4 spade fit, and a takeout double could lose a 5-3 heart fit.

Standard defense against a Flannery opening is to use a 2 heart overcall as a takeout double of hearts. A 2 NT overcall can show the minors. Double can be used to show a strong balanced hand. Regular partnerships should discuss their agreements regarding this convention. One thing that most can agree on, is that a trump is often the best lead after the opponents open 2 diamonds and play in a major suit.

## IN MEMORY

**JOAN ZAKOR** - Suddenly on Sunday, January 31, we lost Joan quite suddenly. She had been doing what she loved: sharing time with her grandchildren and her long time companion, Gary Strieter. Joan was an active member of the singles bridge club, USABAS, having held several positions of leadership over the years. She played duplicate occasionally before retirement. Upon retirement she became a very active duplicate player, achieving Bronze Life Master status, and well on her way to Silver Life Master. We will all miss Joan's pleasant conversation and demeanor at the tables in Pittsburgh, especially in the South Hills. Our sympathy goes out to Gary and Joan's family.

### *UP THE LADDER POST*

#### JUNIOR MASTER

Janet E	Bauman
James W	Liacos
Barbara J	Starr

### *CONGRATULATIONS*

SPRING IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER.....SOON



# Pittsburgh Spring Sectional

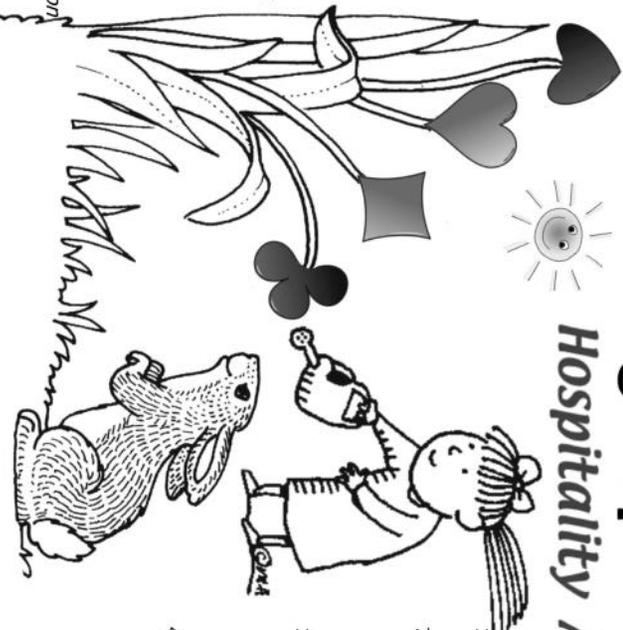
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Sanction # S 1604053  
Pairs Entries \$12 pp.  
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team  
299er Swiss \$ 80/team  
**Non & Unpaid ACBL Members \$3 additional per session**  
**Student Discount: \$5 per Session**



### Friday, April 8

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, April 9

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, April 10

### 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

**April 8 - 10, 2016**

**Masonic Center North**  
**3579 Masonic Way**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

Lesson from an Expert

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



Pittsburgh Bridge  
Association



American Contract  
Bridge League

<b>Open</b>	<b>499er</b>
A: 2000+	D: 300-500
B: 750-2000	E: 100-300
C: 0-750	F: 0-100
Stratifications in All Events by Avg. MPs	
499er Straits at Director's Discretion	

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## UP TO DATE POST

I'm certain you didn't know this about me, but I can see the future. You know I hate to brag, it's just that I have this amazing talent. . Here, let me prove it:

Bridge classes will begin in April/May .at Rodef. Look for the flyer and further information.

It will stop snowing around the end of April

We will lose one hour of sleep the first week of March

I will try to hit Trudy

I will play bridge on Monday

My husband will ask me to go out and buy something as soon as I sit down to rest.

I will be at the Giant Eatle 20 times this week

The PBA will have a swiss team on Friday, March 11..

AND.....My most amazing future –seeing is

IN APRIL THERE WILL BE A GREAT SECTIONAL AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN THE NORTH HILLS. It will be wonderful, as usual and there will be so much to eat. It will begin on Friday, April 8 and end Sunday, April 10. It will be a rousing success and you will be there. \*Flyer on pg. 5.

I hate to admit it.....but I am really good !!! See you there.

### OH WHAT A PARTY IT WILL BE!!

Faye Adelsberg has found a new and wonderful life in Philadelphia, where she moved to be near her children. Everything has worked out perfectly. She had successful eye surgery, made new friends and got a new bridge partner. But, that's not all. Her two children are having a 90th birthday party for her in March and, to make it a really special party, they are sending a car to pick up Vince Simak, Nell Burney and Sandy Schuchert and bring them to the party and then take them home. Now that's what I call style!! If you want to send her greetings, here is her address:

Faye Adlesburg  
Plush Milles #516  
501 Plush Mill Road,  
Wallingford, PA 19086

## PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS

### March 2016

- 4 Unit Championship
- 11 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 18 Unit Championship
- 25 Open Pairs

### April 2016

- 1 Unit Championship Swiss Teams & PBA Board Meeting
- 8-10 PBA Spring Sectional
- 15 Unit Championship
- 22 Unit Championship
- 29 Open Pairs

### May 2016

- 1-3 Titusville Sectional
- 8-10 PBA Spring Sectional
- 14 Unit Championship
- 21 Unit Championship
- 28 Open Pairs
- 30— May 1, District 5 GNT 5/1 D

### POST CARDS

We continue to offer our hopes and prayers for the speedy recovery of the following players:

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

### CORRECTION:

It would seem that "someone" put Susan Podgers' address incorrectly in the 2016 PBA telephone directory.

Please make the change in your directory as follows:

Susan Podgers  
433 Sixth Street, Apt B  
Oakmont, PA 15139

Phone #318-294-3568

### INTERNET POST

You are South. IMP's , all vul  
you hold:

S 7 6 5 3  
H ----  
D A K 9 7 2  
C A K 9 3

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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DOUBLE	PASS	1NT	2H
?	What do you bid?		

**Bob Zimmermann:** pass. I don't have enough to double and bid again. Partner doesn't have 4 spades, and there's no guarantee we have a fit elsewhere. Maybe we'll find 6 tricks and go +100.

**Trudy Cohn:** 3D. I will bid three diamonds. My spades are not strong enough to venture a second take out double. Trudy Cohn

**Richard Katz:** I bid 2 n.t. Double is probably correct, but partners majors are poorly placed( I don't want to have an accident). I'll try to do badly in a different style. Tough choices here, luck always helps

**Herb Sachs:** I bid 2NT - RHO is short in at least one of my minors and if I pass the auction is most likely over.

**Paul Kaplan :** Dbl: Take my plus score should be higher than a part score since we have no game,

**Asim Ulke:** I pass. I don't see game our way. competing with a second double risks going very wrong.

**Steve Nolan:** Pass. I don't like the way this is going. I have a misfit with partner, partner's trumps lie under East's, and West's feeble hand is likely to have an entry in spades or one of the minors. Overall, I think that neither side can make much and the potential risk of minus 670 versus the possible gain of an extra hundred makes it not worth doubling.

**Jane Marshall:** PASS. I have 'bid my hand' with my double. If I had a 6th diamond, I would bid 2 diamonds.

**Bernie Fudor:** 3d seems right

**Gail Carns :** 3D Partners 1NT was positive so this should describe my hand

**Fran Prus:** Double. Partner can choose whether to bid or pass for penalty.

**Bill Holt :** Pass. Tempting as it might be to bid on with my maximum, I don't see us making a game and opps' might be in for a surprise on the H split. Partner's H values are wrongly placed for optimism on offense. Defend and hope to defeat the contract. And partner still has a bid.

**Stan Ruskin : Dbl.** Very difficult. West probably has at most 2 hearts since he couldn't even raise partner. North has a minimum of 4 hearts and, by bidding 1nt has some decent hearts. My hand has a lot of holes but it does have defense. I would double. If partner converts to a penalty, I'm ok.

**Arlene Port: Dbl.** God forbid I should let anyone else play a hand and go down. I am pretty certain that my partner has few points, but I am hoping that what they lack in strength they can make up in distribution.. I do know they have shortness in hearts; one at most. If I get very lucky, perhaps opponents will compete to the three level. Pass would be door #2.

**Ernie Retetagos:** PASS. Not much of a problem. East has 6-7 good hearts, and side strength in spades. I'm not big enough to double and bid diamonds. If I double again, partner could have a big problem. Unless partner has 3 tricks, we can't beat 2 hearts, and we have no guarantee of an 8 card fit. I might consider doubling non vul at matchpoints, but I want to be sure to avoid a disaster atimps.

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
PASS	10	6	100
3D	8	2	90
DBL	6	4	80
2NT	4	2	70
3H	0	0	10

### HOW EXPERTS VOTED

David Berkowitz	DBL
Bart Bramley	2NT
Gerald Caravelli	P
John Carruthers	DBL
Larry Cohen	3D
Billy Eisenberg	3D
Steve Garner	2NT
Ron Gerard	DBL
Sar Gohel	P
Jim Hall	P
Carl Hudecek	3D
Eddie Kantar	3D
Sami Kehela	P
Danny Kleinman	P
Eric Kokish	P
Chip Martel	3D
Marshall Miles	3D
Sue Picus	2NT
Arthur Robinson	P
Eric Rodwell	DBL
Michael Rosenberg	DBL
Jeff Rubens	P
Kerri & Steve Sanborn	P
Paul Trent	DBL
Eddie Wold	P
Robert Wolff	3D
Kit Woolsey	2NT
Zia	3D

# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. March 2016

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70%+ GAMES

John Killmeyer – Robert Park 73.50%  
 Arlene Cullen - Sandra Brand 72.17%  
 Arlene Port – Judy Haffner 72.12%  
 Robert Heasley III & John Bernhard 71%  
 Jeannie Baseman & Richard Zack 72%

Moon Area  
 Rodef Shalom  
 Rodef Shalom  
  
 Longvue

### TWO IN A ROW

Pat Cunkelman	Export DBC	Ron Sain
Herbert Sachs	Ohara DB	Asim Ulke
David Ruppert	Zelionople DBC	Andrew Leaver
Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Barbara Logan
Joseph Zaccardi	Glenshaw—Sat.	Gloria Moser
David Leaver	New Brighton	June Threlkeld
Herman Feldman	Ellwood City	Louise Meyer
Carol Henderson	Longue Vue	Joseph Zaccardi
Amy Tam	South Hills B.C.	Jerry Barker
Donald Toy	Butler	Beverly Cassidy
Marilyn Illson	Whitehall (Mon.)	Lynne Rafferty
Alexander Bealles	Ellwood City	Don Averback
William Stewart	Zelionople	Max Rubin
Judy Haffner	Wilkins	Asim Ulke

Export DBC  
 O’Hara DBC  
 Zelionople DBC  
 Whitehall DBC  
 Glenshaw Sat  
 Nancy’s Sun. DB  
 Longue Vue  
 South Hills BC  
 Butler  
 Whitehall  
 Ellwood City  
 SH DBC Tues  
 Zelionople  
 Wilkins

### THREE IN A ROW

Sandra Brand Rodef Arlene Port Rodef  
 Judy Haffner Rodef

### FOUR IN A ROW

Kenneth Snyder Ligonier DBC Andrew Makar Ligonier DBC  
 Judy Haffner Glenshaw DBC Harold Haffner Glenshaw DBC

### FIVE IN A ROW

Ronald Sain Export Moose

## WAY TO GO GUYS!! CONGRATULATIONS

		1	2	3	4	5
7	7 Charity Game Glenshaw Club Champ. Rodef	8	9 Charity Game Temple Emanuel	10	11 Unit Swiss Tm PBA Board	12
13	14 Charity Game Rodef	15 Club Ch. Zelen- ople	16	17	18 Unit Membership Club Ch. Sew.	19 Club Ch. Sat. Night BC
20	21 Charity Game Rodef	22 Charity Game Zelionople	23 Club Ch. Edge- worth	24 Club Ch. Longue Vue	25 Unit Open Pr Charity Sew	26
27	28 Charity Game Export BC	29	30	31	1 Unit Swiss Tms & Board meeting.	