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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

...by arlene port

The Spring Sectional may be over (see results on pages 3 & 6), but the memory of how wonderful it was will never leave us. There is no way to express our gratitude to Ken and Barbara Bergman, Co-Chairs, for all of the hard work they do to make our tournaments such great events. Then, of course, there was Jane Marshall, 'Partnership Princess,' and Darlene Mannheimer, 'Newcomer Know-It-All', who made certain that anyone who wanted to play was matched up. We cannot underestimate how difficult that job is. Ladies, if you are worried about being replaced, you can forget it!! No one wants a job as hard as that. Did I mention all of those who provided cookies and dips. To all, thank you all so much for your efforts. We have decided to allow you to do this for the next 20 years or so. After that, we may have to review. (Just kidding - you're safe)

We have so much to look forward to. May 13th, is our Awards Party. Please make plans to attend. That is the evening we honor of the outstanding players who have achieved greatness during the year and we also give thanks to the members of the unit who work so hard to make it so successful. Make certain you're there to honor our very best. Also, May 20 is our Unit Swiss. How can you afford to miss that?!! In addition, the Cleveland Regional is just around the corner and, as usual, it will be a very special event. If you want to see all of your friends from Pittsburgh, you will find them playing bridge in Cleveland.

In June, we have two special events. The first is the Unit Championship Swiss (see pg. 2) at the Edgewood Country Club. This is one of our most successful events of the year. Everyone, who is anyone, or someone, attends. So, I guess we will see you there. June is also STaC month. Can you believe we actually have a sectional tournament right at our club games; with silver points? Bridge is truly a wonderful thing. Don't forget to reserve your partner and, for sure, don't forget to go to STaC on Thursday night., June 16. (see page 7) Everyone who can, brings something to eat and the whole evening becomes a feast. So, if you don't win, it won't be a total loss. You will definitely go home with something. Unfortunately, it will probably be an extra 5 pounds.

2016 Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Join us again for great food, fun, and fellowship!
Help us celebrate the memory of Audrey and Gloria, two friends whose presence graced our bridge tables together for more than 45 years.

Sunday, June 5, 2016
Edgewood Country Club

Coffee & Bagels at 9:45 — Game Time 10:30
Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon
Entry: \$150 per team of four, Extra Player \$37.50*

Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 750

Stratifications by Team Average MPs

7 session play-through with dinner break!

For additional information:

Richard Zack at 724-895-3364 - rszack@gmail.com
or Patsy Evans at 412-563-2807- chevans2@verizon.net

RSVP: Kindly have one member of your team phone Patsy so we can plan accordingly.

Casual Country Club Attire, please.



Food! Fun! Fellowship!

****All Proceeds Benefit
Local Bridge Education!***

See you there!

**Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

SPRING SECTIONAL RESULTS (Cont. on pg. 6)

Fri. Aft. Open

A	B	C	Names
1			Gail Carns, Robert Zwack,
2			David Frohlich - Frances Prus
3	1		John Gillette - Nurit Elis,
	2		Karen Bock, Laurie Igiel,
	3		Jean Picone, Philip Goulding,
	1		Mahendra Patel - Bharat Shah,
	2		Ron Ambrose - Susan Israelson
	3		William Seran - Paul Rosenberg

Fri. Aft. 499r Pairs

D	E	F	Names
1	1		Lewis Averbach - Marilyn Frohlich
2/3			Elizabeth Goldthwait - JuneDrennen
2/3			Marie Henry - Arthur Henry
4	2		Frances McCarren Janice Smith,
	3		John Lesjack - Catherine Lesjack,
	1		Patricia Rambasek - Richard Laird
	2		Karen Kilzer - James Kilzer
	3		Nancy Kosmala - Martha Davis

Fri Eve Swiss -

A	B	C	Names
1			Jane Marshall - Ronald Franck Ken Bergman - Barbara Bergman
2			Mary Paulone Carns William Holt Connie Hoechstetter - Bob Quinlan
3			Jan Assini Frank Cymerman Warren Oberfield, Bernard Fudor
1			John Bernhard - Dorothy Mehok Lorraine Hanna - Nancy Swensen
2			Arlene Jacobelli - Kenneth Eichler Sarah Wozniak - Ernest Collins
3			Donald Averbach - Ethel Levine Bud McElhaney - Sandra McCall,
	1		William Johnson - Andrew Cockburn Vicki Kane - Lynne Ostrow

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Richard Katz - Patricia Katz
2	1		Kathleen Mulligan - Daniel McKinley
3			Catherine Caplan - P Caplan
	2	1	Richard McNeer - Michael Natelson
	3		Joseph Secka Sr - Joseph Bernot
	2		Mahendra Patel - Bharat Shah
	3		Sharon Drake - James Drake

Fri. Eve. 499r Pairs

	Names
1	Frances McCarren Janice Smith
2	Prakash Shete - Leena Shete

Sat. Morn. Open Pairs -

A	B	C	Names
1	1		David Ruppert - Alan Leaver
2			Richard Katz - Asim Ulke
3	2	1	Chase Bonnette -Brett Orban
	3	2	Karen Peters- Amy Tam
	3		Mahendra Patel - Chandrakant Gandhi

Sat. Morn. 499r Pairs

D	E	F	Names
1			Arthur Henry - Marie Henry
2	1	1	Jean Chess - Nolly Gibbs
3	2		John Lesjack - Catherine Lesjack
	3		Barbara Anderson - Grant Anderson
	2		Kathleen Wycoff - Mary Kirsch
	3		Mary Anne Pentrack - Cathy Demos

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Patricia Katz - Arlene Port
2	1		David Ruppert - Alan Leaver
3			Robert Zwack - Margie Tiglio
	2		Laurie Igiel - Bharat Shah
	3	1	Ronald Ambrose - Susan Israelson
	2		Mahendra Patel-Chandrakant Gandhi
	3		Brett Orban -Chase Bonnette

Saturday Aft 499 Pairs

D	E	F	Names
1			Nicholas Rescher - Richard Kotler
2			Marie Henry - Arthur Henry
3	1		Prakash Shete - Leena Shete
	2	1	Hazel Allen - Lou Cepanec
	3		Peter Geiringer - Linda Fried
	2		Carol Conaway - Martha Babbitt
	3		Nolly Gibbs - Nolly Gibbs

Compact Handicapped KO-1

Rank	Names
1	Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker Frank Cymerman - Jan Assini
2	Mary Paulone Carns- William Holt Bob Quinlan - Connie Hoechstetter
3	Joanne Zambroski - Ami Elis Ronald Franck - Jane Marshall

Saturday Aft Swiss Team -

A	B	C	Names
1			Barbara Bergman - Kenneth Bergman Ernie Retetagos - Marcella Retetagos
2	1	1	Lynne Ostrow - Andrew Cockburn William Johnson - Vicki Kane
3	2		Robert Flynn - June Threlkeld Arlene Cullen - Martin Kumer
	3		John Bernhard - Dorothy Mehok Lorraine Hanna - Marjorie Mazer

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly does!!!

REOPENING DOUBLES

You probably don't like to sell out to a low level contract, especially when you have an opening bid. You are in a reopening position when you open, LHO overcalls, and there are two passes back to you. Since you play negative doubles, partner may have wanted to double for penalties, but could not. That is why you, with shortness in their suit, should tend to reopen with a double. Partner can now convert your reopening to a penalty double by passing.

A double in the passout seat is a takeout double of the opponents suit. It indicates shortness in their suit (less than 3 cards), and support for the other suits. If the overcall is at the 1 or 2 level, a reopening is mandatory. Whenever you would be willing to sit for a penalty double, you should reopen with a double. The only time that you do not reopen with a double is when you have a highly distributional hand. If you have a six card suit or 2 five card suits, you should reopen in a suit. You do not want to defend a doubled part score with a highly distributional hand.

When opener holds 3 or 4 cards in their suit, it becomes more unlikely that partner has a penalty double. If partner is short in the overcalled suit, they could have doubled with some values. If they couldn't raise your suit or double, they probably don't have much. But they could still have a spattering of values with no convenient call, and expect you to protect and balance with most hands.

As the level of the overcall increases, so does the level of danger in reopening. Negative factors to consider include vulnerability, length in their suit, and wasted cards in their suit. But anytime you are short, and the overcall is at a low level, you must reopen with a double unless highly distributional.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To Lou's Bridge friends and students:

Our apologies for being so late in acknowledging your kindness, thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time but we are just beginning to come out of a long time warp. Please know that we are most appreciative and grateful to all of you for being there for him and for us.

With thanks,

*Jay and Annabelle Joseph
Leslie and Fred Bonci*

IN MEMORY

Betty Asin moved here several years ago to be closer to her children. She loved bridge and told me it was her salvation. She wasn't able to play in recent months because of failing health. Betty died of a massive stroke. She was 91.Lorraine Hanna

POST CARDS

We continue to offer our hopes and prayers for the speedy recovery of the following players:
Susan Podgers.....Please get well soon. We all miss you so much.

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

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JUNIOR MASTER

Yvonne,B,Carroll
Russell,D,Orkin
Todd Simonds

CLUB MASTER

Mary Jane, ,Edwards

REGIONAL MASTER

Carol Stuart

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

,D,J,Hammerschmidt,

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Susan ,Kong

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

SPRING SECTIONAL (CONT.)

- | A | B | C | Names |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | | | Mary Paulone Carns - Gail Carns, Bernard Fudor - Ernie Retetagos |
| 2 | | | Warren Oberfield - Craig Biddle , Fred Schenker - Charlie Garrod
Frank Cymerman |
| 3 | 1 | | Philip Goulding - Christopher Wang , Nurit Elis - Ami Elis |
| | 2 | | John Bernhard - Carol Bolen, Lorraine Hanna - Charles Scholl |
| | 3 | | Dennis Pittman -Janice Schultheis , Nancy Chak - Sandra Harris |
| | 1 | | Andrew Cockburn - William Johnson , Lynne Ostrow - Vicki Kane |
| | 2 | | Bharat Shah - Jayant Rajgopal, Donald Turacy Sr - Alvin Mariani |
| | 3 | | Cynthia Custer - Brina Segal , Gary Marcus - Sheila Rabovsky |

Sunday 499er Swiss Teams - 9 Tables

- | D | E | F | Names |
|---|---|---|--|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | Donald Wyke - Carol Pattison , Suzanne Morgan - Marilyn Crawford |
| 2 | | | Dustin Hoover - Madeleine Frizzi , James Liacos - Prakash Shete |
| 3 | 2 | | Linda Fried - Bruce Stephen, Linton Moyer - Carol Moyer |
| | 3 | | Lois Porter - Janet Metcalfe , June Morrison - Rosemary Shirley |

CONGRATULATION TO ALL THE WINNERS

STaC Week

June 13-19 - 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: 2500+ B: 750 - 2500 C: 0-750

All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

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

*New
Strats!*

STaC'n'Snack #13

Thursday, June 16

**The Clock has Struck 13 -
So it's 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 Ruthie Neafach & Jeanne Baseman

Please coordinate your snacks!

Call Ruthie at 412-559-4351 Or Jeannie at 412-889-2538

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

1520 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association

DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:

www.pittsburghbridge.org

PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS

May 2016

- 6 Club Championship
- 13 Unit Grass Roots Fund Game & Awards Night
- 20 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 27 No game—Cleveland Regional

June 2016

- 3 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 5 (Sunday) Fossick Goodman Swiss Teams Info
- 10 Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting
- 16 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
- 17 STaC Pairs
- 24 Unit Championship Swiss Team

July 2016

- 1 Open Pairs
- 8 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 15 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC Info
- 22 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 29 Unit Championship

Internet Post (Cont. page 9)

Trudy Cohn: 3D Since I am not sure exactly what to do, I will bid 3 diamonds and see of partner has 4 spades with me. I am at least showing a very good hand.

Jim Bachelder: 4S, partner either has both majors or is too weak to freely bid spades. I'm not bidding just 3S which could be passed.

Fran Prus: 3H I'm going to bid 3 hearts. Vulnerable, I would rather declare than defend, and the possibility of a cross ruff by the opponents before I can pull trump in a 4 Spade contract makes me believe a no trump contract is preferable.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Double	12	1	100
3D	7	7	70
2NT	5	0	70
3S	5	1	50
3NT	2	5	50
4S	0	1	50
2S	1	0	40
3H	0	1	30
Pass	0	1	—

INTERNET POST

Anyways, here it is: IMP's; N/S Vul, you are south and hold:

S A K Q 3
 H 10 9 6
 D K Q 3
 C K J 4

THE BIDDING IS:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
.....	1C	2D
DBL.	2H	?	

What do you bid?

Bob Zimmermann: Pass. I have talked myself out of **3 Spades** despite being vulnerable at IMPs, and I having to make a move towards game with my 18 count. P's best hand looks something like [xxxxx Kxxx xxx AQx] which will lose the first 6 tricks on a red suit cross ruff.

Chris Wang: I would bid **3NT**. I am counting on partner for at least one stopper in hearts, and the 10 and 9 should help consolidate for a 2nd stopper.. Partner should have at least 4 spades, but with my balanced hand and seemingly unbalanced distribution in the hearts and diamonds suits, I would be worried about ruffs in a suit contract. Plus partner is a passed hand, and with the suits not breaking, slam is unlikely. I am not sure that double would be taken as penalty and opponents are not vulnerable, and so doubling for penalty would probably not get as good a score as making a vulnerable game. If partner makes a bid over 3NT, I would bid 4S

Gail Carns : 3D The usual quebid 3NT.

Paul Kaplan 3nt it sounds like e/w are short in each others red suits. I want to avoid the crossruff in 4 spades. I would have opened 1nt.

Asim Ulke: 3D Partner needs about 8 points for doubling 2D. So the question is to find the safest game, 3NT or 4S. I need partners help and the best way to do that is to bid the red suit I have. I bid 3D

Steve Nolan: Double. Shows that I have extras but no clear direction to go. At least I think it does

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Diamonds. Partner is promising at least one 4 card major. If they bid 3 spades, I'll raise to 4. If they bid 3 hearts, showing a stopper, I'll bid 3 NT. This is an awkward hand with this interference, but I can't imagine what else I could possibly bid.

Stan Ruskin: 3D This is difficult. It looks like there is game here somewhere but where – 3NT or 4S. I can see if S bids 4S, we could lose a few hearts and a rough and the D Ace. In 3NT from my side they could lead H through N and D through S. I think that 2H may be a lead direct with some D support. It could be a long H suit too. I am going to bid 3D and see what partner bids. He could bid 3S in which case I will bid 4S. He could bid 3NT, in which case I will pass. He might even bid 3H which would be a H card, in which case I would probably bid 3NT. If you look at the points, S has 18 and N about 8. That leaves 14 outstanding. W probably has the A and J of D and E 5 points in H, which doesn't leave much else so I want to get to the right contract from the best hand.

Herb Sachs: 3D There are numerous bids available; I bid 3 diamonds and over three hearts bid 3NT or over 3 Spades I unhappily raise to game-that old line Vulnerable at IMPs. If partner bids 4 Clubs I will cry and pass\

Bernie Furdor: 3NT. Better played in no trump to stop crossruffing by opponents.

Jane Marshall: 3S Between us we should have 26 hcp (my 18 and my partner's 8). This doesn't sound possible, so somebody is lying. My best guess is that partner has a long spade suit and doesn't have his 8 hcp. I bid 3 spades.

PJ Prabhu: .3D. Vulnerable at IMPs, I want to be in game, 3NT or 4S. I'm concerned about opponents' cross ruff in 4S. Seeking partner's help, I show my D stopper/values and hope partner can bid 3NT with a H stopper. I will pass 3NT and bid 4S over anything else. An example hand for partner favoring a 3NT contract is Jxxx, Kxx, xx, AQxx.

Bill Holt : 3NT Hardest question we've ever had? Sounds like we hold the only balanced hand at the table. Even if partner does hold 4 Spades I'm not sure any suit is breaking well enough to want to play in a suit. Give partner the 9-10 hcp he should hold for his Negative X and it should have a play. Alternate choice was a 3H Q bid, perhaps partner has 5 cards in spades. Invoking Hamman's rule: 'Any time 3NT is one of the alternatives, choose it'.

Richard Katz: 3NT even with 4/4 spade fit, 9 tricks may be easier. May be ruffs prior to my drawing trump. If I can't get 9 tricks, I don't see 10 being any easier based on the bidding. Too many losers. Addendum, typical hand might be jxxx, (qxxx or kxxx),x, aqxx which are both most likely down off the top. I would imagine r h o's hand to be: xx, aqjxx, xxx, qxx, sort of McCabeish retreating to 3 diamonds if the red flag shows up. Partner should know this as 2 dia's double is takeout and would be difficult to penalty pass by the Kqx hand. Lead directing. There would be no need to run to hearts at this time. Eh? Sometimes, no game makes. Oh well!

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

PhilipAlder	3D
Grant Baze	2S
Steve Beatty	D
David Berkowitz	D
Henry Bethe	D
Bart Bramley	2NT
Ira Chorush	3D
Larry Cohen	3D
Mark Cohen	3D
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Bjorn Fallenius	3S
Brian Glubok	D
Jim Hall	3S
Fred Hamilton	3NT
Carl Hudecek	D
Eddie Kantar	D
Ralph Katz	3S
Sami Kehela	D
Don Kern	D
Eric Kokish	2NT
Marshall Miles	D
Arthur Robinson	3S
Michael Rosenberg	3D
Al Roth	3D
Jeff Rubens	D
Ira Rubin	D
Mike Shuman	D
Joey Silver	2NT
Paul Soloway	3S
John Swanson	3D
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	3NT
Zia	3D

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. May 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3 Grass Roots Charity game, Zelienople	4		5	6 Unit CC
8	9	10 Grass Roots Charity game, Zellen-	11		12	13 Unit Grass Roots fund game and	14
15	16	17 Grass Roots Charity game, Zellen-	18		19	20 Unit Swiss Team Champ	21
22	23 Club Champ. Export	24 Grass Roots Charity game, Zellen-	25		26	27 Unit: No game, Cleve- land Regional	28
29	30 No Game, Export & Rodef	31 Grass Roots Charity game, Zellen-					

FIRST AT THE POST

Doris Hess & Robert Tate	71.11	Whitehall	Mon.
Patricia Katz & Richard Katz	82.74	JCC	Wed.
Micheal Fezar & Hugo Churchill	70.00	Sewickley	Fri.
James Kilzer & Karen Kilzer	72.22	Woodbridge	Sun.
Frank Cordier & Henry Nelson	70.51	O'Hara	Tues
Fred Schenker & Craig Biddle	71.24	South Hills	Tues.
Lois Cohen & Allan Cohen	73.01	Rodef 299ers	Mon.
Lois Vasko & Seth Spaulding	70.00	Rodef 299ers	Mon.
Lina Pascoli & Beth Webster	74.52	South Hills NLM	Tues

TWO IN A ROW

David Ruppert	Zelionople	Alan Leaver	Zel
Tues.Lorraine Worsley	Zelionople	C Nicholas Tredennick	Zelionople-
Brenda Donald	Edgeworth	Jean P. Stanhagen	Edgeworth
Arlene Port	Fri. Wilkins	Reanette Frobouck	Fri. Wilkins
William Feeny	. Greensburg	Arlene Jacobelli.	Greensburg-
Shirley Eskew	Woodbridge	Barbara Cusick	Woodbridge
Arlene Port	Rodef ``	Judy Haffner	Rodef
Esther Sain	Export	Alice Williams	Wed. JCC
Judy Sonon	Wed. JCC	Dolores Kovatch	Natrona Hts
Al Stuckeman	Edgeworth	Frank Cordier	O'Hara
Barbara Bergman	Zelionople	Kenneth Bergman	Zelionople
Ronald Franck	Wed. Glenshaw	Henry Nelson	O'Hara
Arlene Cullen	Thurs. Wilkins	James Klein	Thurs. Wilkins
Naomi Sogoloff	Temple Emanuel	Art Bonneau	Whitehall
Mary Lou D'Altorio	Whitehall	Joel Roteman	Whitehall
Barbara Klein	Houston	James Klein	Houston
James Wheeler	Elwood City	Jerry Barker	Elwood City\
Bob Tate	Whitehall	Doris Hess	Whitehall
Valda Cox	S Hills		

THREE IN A ROW

Sandra McCall	Chartiers-Houston	Joe Secka	Chartiers-Houston
Asim Ulke	Wilkins Fri	Judy Haffner	Wilkins Fri
Barbara Cusick	S. Hills NLM Tues.	Shirley Eskew	S.Hills NLM Tues
Ronald Franck	Glenshaw Mon.	Harold Haffner	Glenshaw Mon.
Carol Conaway	Edgeworth Wed.	Ronald Sain	Greensburg Wed