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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print
Reprinted from the Cleveland Regional Daily Bulletin.

Barbara Bergman is 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award Winner

Congratulations to Barbara Bergman, the 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award winner.

The Ann McGilvrey Award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who demonstrates ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. The recipients are not chosen on the basis of service or bridge ability. Only past winners are invited to participate in the selection process. Anyone may nominate someone and the choice among the nominees is made by previous winners. Typically the selection committee will look for someone who has established a district-wide reputation for active ethics and good manners.

Barbara Bergman from Unit 142 (Pittsburgh area) lives in Wexford, PA and fully epitomizes the qualities of an Ann McGilvrey Award winner. Barbara is known for her friendliness at the bridge table and actively promotes ethics in the Pittsburgh and District 5 bridge community. Barbara is a Diamond Life Master with over 6,000 masterpoints.

Barbara is the go to person for hospitality at the Pittsburgh Sectionals and the Pittsburgh Regional. She is a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee and she has held many positions in the Pittsburgh Sectional and our District.

Please join us in congratulating Barbara on being named the 2016 Ann McGilvrey Award winner.

(Ed Note: I usually reserve this page for news and whining. All the news is in the newsletter and I will resume whining next month. This is the most prestigious Award given by the district and Barbara deserves the recognition. Congratulations!!.....arlene)

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

My Partner ...
Such a Hot Dog!



Friday, July 15

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, July 16

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

Hospitality All 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, July 17

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

Open	499er
A: 2000+	5: 300-500
B: 750-2000	3: 100-300
C: 0-750	1: 0-100
Stratifications in All Events by Avg. MFS	499er Strats at Director's Discretion



Pittsburgh Bridge Association



ACBL American Contract Bridge League

Online Partnership Desk: www.d5bridge.com/pards
Fast Results: Email your ACBL # (typed in subject line) to FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com
Lesson from an Expert
Friday @ 6:15 PM
Saturday @ 3:15 PM

July 15 - 17, 2016

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Director in Charge: Gus Costanzo
Sanction # S 1607038
Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 80/team
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
\$3 additional per session
Student Discount: \$5 per Session

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / Now 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

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

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

COMPETITIVE BIDDING

It certainly does!!!

It's usually a good thing to have trump support for partner's over-called suit. There are several ways to let partner in on the good news. Some regular partnerships might use some exotic treatment such as a fit showing jump, mixed raise, or transfer advance. These kind of bids should only be used by established partnerships after prior discussion. Fortunately, there are several standard ways to describe your varying degrees of support. Consider a common scenario in which LHO opens 1 diamond, partner bids 1 spade, and RHO passes.

A 2 spade bid is a single raise, similar to if partner had opened 1 spade. It shows three or four spades, and 6-9 HCPs. With a weak hand and three small spades, you probably want to pass. You don't want a spade lead, and you can support spades on the next round of bidding.

A bid of 3 spades is a preemptive jump raise. It shows 4-5 trumps, and not enough strength to give a limit raise. With 4 card support, you have a hand that would compete to the 3 level anyway. There is no minimum requirement for high cards, and oftentimes it is a sacrifice against their part score. With 5 card support, you would have a flat hand and might be vulnerable and not willing to go any higher.

To show a limit raise or better, you bid 2 diamonds. A cue bid shows at least game invitational values with 3-4 spades.

With 5 card support and a weak hand, you can jump to 4 spades. You should have a control somewhere, either a singleton or an Ace or King on the side. This is an advance sacrifice oftentimes, so be aware of the vulnerability. Occasionally you might bid 4 spades to make with only 4 card support, short on high cards, but plenty of distribution.

The above suggestions are just general guidelines. Vulnerability is always a factor, especially with jumps to 3 or 4 spades. The idea is to bid as high as you are willing to go immediately. Preemptive jump raises can give the

IN MEMORY

.....by Phillis Geinzer

The South Hills lost two long time members of the bridge community in May:

Julia Charlem and Sandra Harris.

Julie was a founding member of Singles Bridge late in her bridge life, and very active in the former Mt. Lebo Club (now Whitehall Bridge) in earlier years. Julie will be remembered for her warm delicious coffee cakes at the games, her fabulous apple pies, and her ever present butterflies. We will never forget her contagious smile and helping hands always extended. Julie was an active hostess as well as a most enjoyable and pleasant partner.

Sandy's death came as quite a shock. After the bridge game on Friday, she went to the hospital with abdominal pains and received emergency surgery for a tear in her heart. She died two hours later in the recovery room. Sandy came to Pittsburgh a number of years ago and made her presence known. Sandy was a philatelist (stamp collector/vendor) as well as a Ruby Life Master. She played mostly in the South Hills games. You could always find her at the Sectionals and Regionals in the area, unless there was a stamp show in conflict. She played with a number of partners throughout her bridge career in Pittsburgh. Her absence will be felt at the games for quite some time.

POST MORTEM GOAL-POST

The Post Mortem "MISSION " goal is to be able to put all of our members at one time or another in the newsletter. We are getting close. The June issue has more names highlighted than almost at any other time. GOOD FOR US!!

If you haven't seen your name in print. Just say something, do something, complain about something, brag about something. or tell us how good looking you are and you will see

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Mary Ann F Lehman
Helen F Mathieson
Molly Simonds
Jean P Stanhagen

Verona PA
Stahlstown PA
McMurray PA

CLUB MASTER

Tom Brown
Joan C Davis
Peter M Geiringer
Mary Lou Katz
James W Liacos

SECTIONAL MASTER

Chandrakant Gandhi

REGIONAL MASTER

Lewis Averbach
Laura L Zimmermann

NABC MASTER

Philip L Goulding

LIFE MASTER

Karen Shipkovitz

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Joseph W Bernot Elizabeth PA

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

**NEW BRIDGE GAME FOR PLAYERS WITH 0-5 MASTER-
POINTSONCE A MONTH ON SATURDAY AT
GLENSHAW DUPLICATE**

First session June 18 (Future games posted on www.pittsburghbridge.org under Club Results

Attention: Players, Directors and Teachers, please tell your party bridge friends and students that there is a game available one Saturday a month for them to play in starting Saturday, June 18 at Glenshaw Duplicate. Game is from 11am-1pm Free mini lesson at 10:30am. Cost to play, \$5 They will be guided through the Duplicate Movement.

Questions? Contact Lorraine Hanna, 724 625 6419 or lorraineanna4@gmail.com

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!

**New
Strats!**

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

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

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June 2016

- 3 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 5 (Sunday) Fossick Goodman Swiss Teams
- 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

August 2016

- 5 New Partner Night
- 12 NAOP QUALIFIER & PBA Board Meeting
- 19 Unit Championship
- 26 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

POST CARDS

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

Mary Anne McNeirney
Bill and Norma Spicher
Phil Miller

Norman "Doc" Williams
Betty Noble
George Cross

Please let us know if you hear of anyone who needs a "get better girl/guy" note. Email: aport220@comcast.net.

INTERNET POST

IMP's, both sides vulnerable. You are South and hold:

S A Q J 6
 H K Q 6 4 2
 D
 C A K J 5

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1H	PASS	PASS	DOUBLE

? What do you bid

Bob Zimmermann: 2 H This shows extras - though not as much as I have. I'll go quietly against 3 diamonds. I might double any other place they run. Who knows, partner might find a card hidden somewhere.

Trudy Cohn: Redouble: I will redouble and see what happens. If my partner has three hearts, he will support. If not and the opponents bid, I can cue bid their suit to describe the strength of my hand

Herb Sachs: 2c bid two clubs intending to bid spades if and when?????hope partner is not looking at xx xx xxxxxx xxx

Jane Marshall: 1S. I had planned to reverse, but now I will just BID OUT MY SHAPE. I doubt that we have a game since my partner passed 1H, but we probably have a fit somewhere.

Gail Carns : Redouble The hard part will come later

Paul Kaplan : 1 spade a natural reverse. If I have to I will compete to 3 clubs

Asim Ulke: I bid 2C. I would like to be at the 2 level if and when the bidding comes around to me. Over an expected bid of 2D, by the opponents or 2D/2H bid by partner, I shall bid 2S.

Steve Nolan: 2 clubs. If I'm willing to bid again vulnerable at the two level after partner has passed, partner can infer (i) that I have a strong hand and (ii) that the two club bid is strongly lead-directing if West becomes the declarer. The underlying message is that I know the upper limit of partner's hand and still think that he/she could still have a role to play in the auction.

Bill Holt : 1S. Planning to bid out my shape with some # of clubs later, or double their diamond bid for Take-out. Redbl is a close 2nd but I want the "4-5 in the majors" message out NOW while the bidding is at a low level. Could be cold for a game facing as little as J 3rd of Hearts and two black 10's ... tough hand.

PJ Prabhu Redouble. This shows a strong hand and allows partner to participate appropriately in future bidding and play decisions.

Bernie Fudor: Redouble It seems best to redouble and wait for developments not sure what else to do

Stan Ruskin I bid 2C. I think this is the only way I will ever be able to show all of my suits and also show how strong my hand is. Rather than go over all different scenarios, I think this is Covers most.

Arlene Port : Redouble: I am making the dreaded "redouble" because I have total control of this hand and can describe it in subsequent rounds of bidding - or not!

Chris Wang: I would pass and see how the auction proceeds. I would reserve the redouble bid for an SOS redouble situation, which is not the situation here.

Richard Katz: 3C: I bid three clubs. I don't give up on having game, and would overbid to four hearts over a simple three level preference. Over four clubs, I again would bid game in clubs. This very suited hand has a losing count of three, which is quite unusual. Therefore, I'll overbid and hope partner fits this somewhere.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2C	9	4	100
1S	9	3	90
Redbl.	8	5	80
Pass	1	1	70
2S	0	0	30
3C	0	1	30
2H	0	1	N/A

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	1S
David Berkowitz	1S
Bart Bramley	2C
Larry Cohen	1S
Mark Cohen	1S
Richard Colker	2C
Billy Eisenberg	R
Carl Hudecek	3NT
Eddie Kantar	3D
Sami Kehela	R
Danny Kleinman	2C
Eric Kokish	1S
Stevew Landen	R
Mike Lawrence	2C
Robert Lipsitz	P
Jeff Mechstroth	P
Marshall Miles	1S
Barry Rigal	1S
Arthur Robinson	R
Andrew Robison	2C
Michael Rosenberg	R
Jeff Rubens	2C
Joey Silver	2C
Harry Steiner	1S
Chris Willenken	1S
Robert Wolff	R
Kit Woolsey	2C

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. June 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2	3	1	2	3 Unit NAOP qualifier.	4
5 Unit: Fossick/ Goodman Swiss Teams	6	7 Club Chmp Zelenople	8 Longue Vue Club Chmp	10 Unit Chmp & board meeting Sewickley YMCA Club Chmp	11		
12	13 Ex/prt StzC fee : add \$1.50	14	15	16 STaC pairs Special 1Thurs. Evening game.	17 Unit: STaC pairs.		18
19	20 Export Charity game	21 Zelenople Charity Chmp	22	23	24 Unit: Chmp Swiss Sewickley		25
26	27	28	29	30			

FIRST AT THE POST

70%+ GAMES

James Mendelson & Emily Mendelson	73.67	Rodef 299ers	Monday
Richard Katz & Patricia Katz	71.76	Glenshaw	Saturday
Shirley Eskew Yvonne Carroll	70.63	Woodbridge	Monday
James Mendelson & Emily Mendeson	71.29	Rodef 299ers	Monday
Sheila Catz & Ila Oakes`	72.87	South Hills NLM	Tues

FOUR IN A ROW

Emily Mendelson Rodef 299ers James Mendelson Rodef 299ers \

THREE IN A ROW

Arlene Port	Wilkins Friday	Reanette Frobouck	Wilkins
Thomas Jolly Jr	O'Hara Tuesday	Alfred Tung	O'Hara
Tom Dristas	Sunday Dinner Club	Kathleen Glassford	Indiana
Patricia Katz	JCC Wed,		

TWO IN A ROW

Shirley Eskew	Woodbridge	Elaine Zweig	Rodef
Bruce Brennan	Rodef	Sandra Harris	Whitehall
Alice Williams	JCC Wed,	Judy Sonon	JCC Wed
Carol Conaway	Edgeworth	Art Bonneau	SouthHills Thurs
Peggy Shivetts	Greensburg Wed.	Bunny Kerr	Wilkins Thursday
Peggy Shivetts	Greensburg Thurs.	\Sue Israelson	Greensburg Friday
Ed Collins	Greensburg Friday	Herbert Sachs	Glenshaw Wed.
Dennis Gibboney	Greensburg Friday	Sandra Harris	HoustonFriday
Marcella Apter	RodefMonday	Patricia Katz	Rodef Monday
David Kozloff	RodefMonday	Naomi Sogoloff	TempleEmanuel
Laurie Igiel	Temple Emanuel	David Ruppert	Sewickley
Lois Porter	Sewickley	June Threlkeld	Houston
Bob Flynn	Houston	JoanneZambrosk	Glenshaw
Frank Corider	O'Hara	Henry Nelson	O'Hara
Sandra Brand	JCC Wednesday	Jane Slagter	Edgeworth