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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA July 2016

# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Ruthie Neafach and Jeannie Baseman.....How do they do it? Who knows, but they did it again at the STaC and SNACK Thursday night game. "What a swell party it was"!! Those ladies really know how to make a wonderful affair. Thank you both for all of your delicious efforts.

The Rodef Shalom Sisterhood is having a 5-week class specifically on Play and Defense starting Monday, July 18. (See ad on page 5). If you think your play and defense need some help, join us.

And the fun never stops!! The Pittsburgh Summer Sectional (pg.3 ad) is about to start. This is one event you cannot afford to miss. Sharon Rohr, Bill Holt and Sue McQuillan have planned a weekend you will never forget I promise you "SPECTACULAR". Need a partner? Not to worry. Jane Marshall will do her usually unbelievable job and get you one—or two—or more partners. We can't wait to see you there.

There is definitely a method to our madness. One of the major reasons for going to the sectional is that the practice will send you to the top when the Labor Day Regional comes to town in August/September. It's a no-lose situation: FUN, FOOD, FRIENDS AND TONS OF MASTER POINTS. Who could ask for anything more.

I haven't really talked about the Pro-Am game in September, but the truth is, the earlier you choose a pro, the more likely you will be to get the one you want and not have to settle for the "less than perfect" crowd. (ad pg 3)

So, if you didn't have anything to cheer about before the Post Mortem case out, you do now. Make it your business to join in all of the fun.

SEE YOU AT THE BRIDGE TABLE !!

# 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)  
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

11:00 AM Super Brunch & Lunch Included  
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 499er Strats at  
Events by Avg. Mps Director's Discretion



Pittsburgh Bridge Association



American Contract Bridge League

Online Partnership Desk: [www.d5bridge.com/pairs](http://www.d5bridge.com/pairs)  
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

Masonic Center North  
3579 Masonic Way  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

**Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:**  
Newcomer / Now 499er Pairs -  
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday  
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Play ONLY against other New Players  
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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

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Thursday September 22, 2016  
 Charity Rodef Shalom Temple  
 Game Time 7PM

# Pro Am *Benefits Charity*

We've Assembled an All-Star Lineup of the Top  
 Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area!

Call Jane Marshall to get Hooked Up:

**412-371-4067**

Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation / pair

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*Additional Cash Donations Welcomed & Encouraged!*

*Proceeds Benefit:*

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Offering a Hand-Up, not a Hand-Out to Families in Crisis.

<http://www.hearth-bp.org>

\$1 per player benefits ACBL International Fund

Main Course will be provided @ 6:15 PM

Salads, Sides & Desserts will be appreciated!

Hosted by: Jeanne Baseman and Ruthie Neafach

Contact Jeanne (412-889-2538)

or Ruthie (412-242-7419) to coordinate.

Online Pro List & Driving Directions:

[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)



Rodef Shalom Temple  
 4905 Fifth Avenue  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213



NOTE: Jane has requested you contact her as soon as you can in order to play with the partner of your choice. Thankfully, this is a very popular event and requests are usually made earlier than later. It is our most entertaining event and we look forward to being with you.....arlene

## BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

SLAM BIDDING



At a recent club game, the following hand proved to be too difficult for the field. As long as clubs break reasonably (a 90% chance), there are 13 tricks in clubs or no trump. A grand slam in spades has about a 75% chance of success.

S--K 6	S-- A Q J 8 7
H--7 6 2	H-- A K 10 3
D--A 10	D--4
C--A K 7 6 5 4	C--Q 9 3

The scores were all over the place. The hand was played 13 times in 8 different contracts. There were only two small slams, and Barbara Weinstein and Carol Bolen bid and made a grand slam in spades. Surprisingly, six pairs played in hearts. It's worth looking at how this auction might proceed. With both vulnerable West would open 1 club, and North has a standard 2 diamond overcall. The next few bids seem automatic. East bids 2 spades, West rebids 3 clubs, and East bids 3 hearts. West should now bid 3 spades. This is known as a false preference. This shows two spades, since West would have raised earlier with three, and East has only shown a four card heart suit. If partner has a five card suit, they will bid hearts again. The false preference is a temporizing bid which is descriptive and keeps the auction open without consuming any bidding space.

East can bid out their pattern by bidding 4 clubs and West would bid 4 diamonds. With at least 12 tricks in sight, some might bid 4 NT, and others might continue by cue-bidding 4 hearts, after which West should bid 4 spades, showing a spade control. After asking for Aces and Kings, East can count 13 tricks.

Note that the preemptive 2 diamond bid had no preemptive value. It almost made the auction easier since it guaranteed that West only had a doubleton spade. Without interference, West could have 2 or 3 spades for the spade preference. That is why some pairs use a 2 diamond overcall as a Flannery bid or a weak 2 bid in a major



SPECIAL

# Boutique Bridge

## **Bridge Lessons From the Rodef Shalom Sisterhood**

**A series of 5 consecutive classes focusing on  
Play and Defense.**

**Designed for Advanced Beginning and Intermediate**

Classes will be scheduled based on minimum attendance.  
You will be notified if registration does not meet minimum registration

**Bridge Classes start July 18  
for 5 consecutive Weeks**

Register Online at [www.pittsburghbridge.org/classes.htm](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/classes.htm)

Or Call Arlene Port at: 412-521-3637

Registration forms available at area duplicate games.

Note: Make all checks payable to Rodef Shalom Sisterhood

**WHERE: Rodef Shalom Congregation  
4905 Fifth Ave, Pgh. PA 15213**

**TIME: Mondays 9:30AM to 11:30 AM**

**COST: \$50.00pp. for 5-week session**

**Minimum class size 12 students (3 tables)**

**Maximum class size 20 students (5 tables)**

**Teacher: Arlene Port**

### **JULY 18: PLAY OF THE HAND IN A SUIT**

Planning your play, trump management, strategies necessary for successful play.

### **JULY 25: DEFENSE AGAINST SUIT CONTRACTS**

Leads; count, attitude, partnership cooperation

### **AUGUST 1: PLAY OF THE HAND IN NO TRUMP**

Necessary elements required to minimize opponents trick taking.

### **AUGUST 8: DEFENSE AGAINST NO TRUMP CONTRACTS**

Learn how to set your defense

**AUGUST 15: REVIEW AND PLAY A CLASS DUPLICATE GAME HIGH-LIGHTING COURSE SKILLS ACQUIRED.**

## **UP THE LADDER POST**

### **JUNIOR MASTER**

Alice I Hand  
Grace Ann Nolfi  
Mary D Taylor  
Kathleen R Varano

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Esther Burstin  
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Janice Schultheis

### **RUBY LIFE MASTER**

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

## **UNIT 142 STaC TOP WINNERS POST DISTRICT #5 PLACEMENT**

- 5 20.01 Robert Quinlan, Pittsburgh PA
- 6 20.01 Barbara Bergman, Wexford PA
- 7 18.76 Kenneth Bergman, Wexford PA
- 10 15.94 Amy Lowenstein, Pittsburgh PA
- 11 15.52 Judi Sonon, Pittsburgh PA
- 12 15.49 Alice Williams, Pittsburgh PA
- 14 15.17 Gloria Moser, Pittsburgh PA
- 20 13.11 Susan McQuillan, Pittsburgh PA
- 22 12.30 Constance Hoechstetter, Moon Township PA

**EDITORIAL POST**

**Seeing Red**

.....by Dan McKinley

Imagine driving into an intersection and, instead of seeing the usual colored traffic signal, you have to look around for a sign with the word “red” printed on it. Is the written word more effective or more immediately recognized than the color? Red is the universal symbol for danger. When you pull the cards out of a duplicate tray and see red, it instantly registers that you are vulnerable. You don’t have to read anything.

Many of the new duplicate boards don’t have the red vulnerability marking. The abbreviation VUL might be there, but the bottom of the trays are exactly the same whether your side is vulnerable or not. I am sure that most duplicate players can read, but they shouldn’t have to. They already have plenty to be thinking about. The red indicator is more viscerally effective and is immediately understood everywhere in the world. People who are used to seeing the color on the board may not notice the other information printed on the board.

Removing the color dimension from duplicate boards is a step backwards. We need user-friendly duplicate boards that are designed for ease of comprehension.

SHOW ME THE RED!!!

**AUDREY FOSSICK—GLORIA GOODMAN**

**SWISS UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP**

Overall Rank

A B C

- 1 Reanette Frobouck - Richard Katz Patricia Katz - Arlene Port
- 2 Fred Schenker - Craig Biddle - P Caplan - Catherine Caplan
- 3 Trudy Cohn - Judy Haffner - Harold Haffner - Asim Ulke
- ` 1 John Bernhard - Carol Bolen - Mary Lou Flach - Barbara Weinstein
- ` 2 Philip Goulding - Nurit Elis - Ami Elis - Christopher Wan
- ` 3 Gloria Moser - Russell Sheldon - Joseph Zaccardi - John Alioto
- 1 Ruth Rutter - Patricia Evans - Carol Evashavik - Gloria Hetzer

**PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS**

**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

**September 2016**

- 2 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL Info
- 9 Club Championship
- 16 Unit Championship
- 22 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom)
- 23 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 30 Unit Championship

**POST CARDS**

**Linda Shensa** found something new to do with her foot. It wasn’t easy, but she managed to break it and needed surgery. We certainly hope she doesn’t get any bright ideas about any other parts of her body. Linda, you’ve done enough. Now get better. We miss you at the table.

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           |
| Susan Podgers          | George Cross          |

### INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, e/w/ vulnerable.

You hold:

S 3  
H J 8 7 4 2  
D 8 6  
C K 9 6 5 3

THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
.....	1D	Double	Redouble

? What do you bid?

\* NEW-SUIT JUMP PREEMPTIVE.

**Trudy Cohn: 1H** I bid one heart. If given the chance, i will bid clubs at my next opportunity. At this vulnerability, we may have a good save against their game if they bid it

**Herb Sachs: 1H** I bid one heart planning to bid clubs next if I have the opportunity/unless partner raises hearts (and maybe even then)

**Jane Marshall: 4H.** And then 5C if they bid 4S. We probably have a good sacrifice. The 5C should help partner with the opening lead if they bid 5D or 5S.

**Gail Carns : .2H** I intend to bid clubs so partner will know I have a weak 2 suiter

**Ernie Retetagos: 2C:** The opponents have the majority of the high cards, and they have the spade suit. We will not be declaring this hand, so I'll help partner out with the opening lead

**Arlene Port : 1H** I wish I had more imagination to bid more, but because I have seen the results, even though I think other bids were good, I must admit I would have bid one heart. Oh well!

**Paul Caplan : 1H** 1 heart you should have a better suit to preempt partner may only have 3 hearts. I will take a second bid with this hand if it stops at 2 diamonds.

**Robert Zimmermann: 1 Heart.** Partner asked me to bid and I have a 5 card major. I'm not big enough for 2 hearts, so this looks right. I might compete in clubs later. We are white vs red.

**Steve Nolan: 1H** with a caveat.

The first order of business is to look at the opponents' convention card to see if the redouble shows a fit for diamonds or implies shortness there. If it shows diamond support, I would start by bidding 1H then compete in clubs as high as the 5-level. If the redouble implies shortness, that means North and East have both shown very few diamonds and since I only have two, West must have a very distributional hand with long diamonds and possibly four spades. I would blast to 5C. Subsequently, if the opponents stop in 5D or 5S, I'm done. I will, however, bid 6H over 6D.

**Bill Holt : 1H.** I've two places to play and will try to introduce the club suit later. Partner won't play me for extra hcp after the Re-X, but should expect distribution. Opps could be cold for 4S on a double fit, even with a bad S split, so I don't want to 'sound too weak'.

**Bernie Fudor: 1H** I;m reminded of how Al Roth used to answer 3/4 of his replies to the Bridge World Master Solvers . " Whats the problem ".I bid 1 heart and depending on further action will bid

**Stan Ruskin 2C** I have very little defense obviously but lots of offense. I don't know where this will wind up but I want to be able to get as much info as possible and also clog the opponents. They most likely have a good diamond fit and probably a 4/4 spade fit(maybe even 5/4). I bid 2C and I'm fully prepared to bid hearts at some level - even at the 5 level. I'm sure partner has some holding that we could make a game but I'm planning to bid over them through 5D. They can play at 5S and up. There is a lot more bidding to go. This isimps

**Chris Wang: 2H** I would reply 2H . It is the cheapest jump raise of the two suits I have. Since Partner doubled 1D, partner probably has clubs, hearts, and spades. Plus if I pass, I am afraid that 1) partner may think I am neutral about the suit chosen, and 2) that partner may bid 1S.

**Richard Katz: 2C** I choose two clubs. Over p, p, 2 diamonds I would bid 2 hearts. Prefer clubs to start instead of the expected one heart bid. Probably better club than (spade / heart), lead vs. 3 n t. Or four spade contract\

**Asim Ulke:** I bid 2C. I'm going to bid hearts my next turn if it makes sense.

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3H	11	0	100
2H	7	2	90
1H	7	8	70
4H	1	1	60
2C	3	4	50
2NT	2	0	50

### HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	2C
Steve Beatty	2H
David Berkowitz	3H
Henry Bethe	4H
Bart Bramley	2NT
Larry Cohen	3H
Mark Cohen	3H
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Bjorn Fallenius	2C
Jim Hall	1H
Carl Hudecek	2H
Eddie Kantar	1H
Ralph Katz	3H
Sami Kehela	2H
Danny Kleinman	2NT
Eric Kokish	3H
Patrick Long	2C
Marshall Miles	1H
Arthur Robinson	1H
Michael Rosenberg	1H
Jeff Rubens	3H
Ira Rubin	2H
Mike Shuman	2H
Joey Silver	1H
Paul Soloway	2H
John Swanson	3H
Robert Wolff	2H
Kit Woolsey	3H



# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. July 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1	2
3	4	5 Charity gm. Zelionople	6	7 Charity gm. Longvue Ed Foundation Greensburg	8 PBA NAOP Qual. Charity, St. James		
10	11	12	13	14 ACBL Int. Fund Gm. Greensburg	15 PBA Sectional	16 PBA Sectional	
17 PBA Sectional	18	19	20	21 Charity Gm Greensburg	22 Unit Swiss Championship	23	
24	25	26	27	28 NAP Greensburg	29 PBA Unit Championship	30	

## FIRST AT THE POST

### .70%+ GAMES

Thomas Jolly Jr & Alfred Tung	70.83	O'Hara Tuesday
Russell Sheldon & James Fox	73.61	O'Hara Tuesday
Trudy Cohn & Asim Ulke	77.16	Wilkins Thursday
Lynn Rafferty & Alexander Bealles	70.83	Elwood City Mon.
Helen Greenberg & Arthur Aronson	70.83	Elwood City Mon. Mar-
cella Apter & Amy Lowenstein	70.24	Rodef Monday
Milton Weiss & Leonard Stern	72.32	JCC Wednesday
Jan Assini & Frank Cymerman	71.99	Glenshaw Saturday
Barbara Logan & Karen Bock	70.63	Sat. Night Bridge

### FIVE IN A ROW

Patricia Katz JCC Wednesday

### THREE IN A ROW

Reanette Frobouck	JCC Wed	Naomi Sogoloff South Hills Thurs.
Marcella Apter	Rodef	Stewart Metosky Rodef 299ers
Sandra Metosky	Rodef 299ers	Gen Novak Ligonier
Bradley Craig	Ligonier	David Kozloff Rodef
Bradley Craig	Greensburg	David Ruppert Sewickley Fri.
Lois Porter	Sewickley Fri.	

### TWO IN A ROW

Kathleen Splane	Edgeworth	Sandra McCall Chartiers-Houston
Ami Elis	O'Hara	Sharon Rohr Glenshaw Wed.
Janice Phillips	GlenshawWed.	Amy Lowenstein Rodef
Eleanor Feldman	Rodef	Thomas Jolly Jr O'Hara
Alfred Tung	O'Hara	Arthur Henry SouthHills NLM
Marie Henry	South Hills NLM	Judy Pierce Indiana
Lorraine Worsley	Zelionople	Nicholas Tredennick Zel. Tues
D Hammerschmidt	Longue Vue	Patricia Katz Rodef
Frank Cordier	O'Hara	Henry Nelson O'Hara
Gen Novak	Ligonier	Bradley Craig Ligonier
Trudy Cohn	JCC Wed.	Arlene Port JCC Wed.
Asim Ulke	Wilkins Thurs.	Trudy Cohn Wilkins Thurs.
James Klein	Wilkins Fri.	Barbara Klein Wilkins Fri.
Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg Fri.	Bradley Craig Greensburg Fri.
John Doyal	Chartiers-Houston	Patricia Cunkelman Export
Ronald Sain	Export	Bettie McElhane Houston
Lynn Rafferty	Elwood City	Alex Bealles Elwood City
Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth	Fred Lantz Greensburg Wed.
Kenneth Snyder	Greensburg Thurs.	Andrew Makar Greensburg Thurs.
Sandra McCall	Chartiers-Houston	Hugo Churchill Sewickley Fri.
Barbara Bergman	Glenshaw Sat.	KennethBergman Glensha Sat.
June Threlkeld	Nancy's Sun. Dinner	Sandra Brand Rodef
Arlene Port	Rodef	Judy Haffner Rodef
John Doyal	South Hills NLM	Kathleen Dolegowski SouthHills NLM
Barbara Bergman	Zelionople Tues.	Kenneth Bergman Zelionople
Robert Quinlan	Temple Emanuel	Constance Hoechstetter Temple Emanuel
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Barbara Belardi	Greensburg Wed.	Patricia CunkelmanGreensburg Thursday
Dorothy Murray	Wilkins Friday	Donald Turacy Sr Chartiers-Houston Friday
Peggy Shivetts	Export DBC	