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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Welcome to the *RONI REGIONAL*!! This great event came just in time. The summer heat has diminished, everyone is back from vacation and the grandkids are busy going back to school - or whatever. This is truly our time to have fun.....and so we will. The venue, the convention center in Monroeville is perfect. The location is really great. Please make certain you take advantage of our hospitality, our lectures, and most of all, the great events. And to you all, good luck.

Don't forget, we have another big event coming up on the 22nd. That is our Pro-Am game which is always a 3- section event , a 4-star eating feast., and most of all, a 5-star charity project we fund from the proceeds This year, "Hearth" will be the beneficiary of our donation. Check out the ad on page 5. There is still time to make your reservation if you haven't done so as yet.

I must admit, having a Swiss team at the unit game once a month on Friday night was pure genius. Everyone loves it, and it is very well attended. Actually, it is the perfect thing to do to start your weekend. You get to bond with your teammates , practice your IMP skills and win a few matches while you're doing it. It is both game night and a good time to socialize. This month, the Swiss team is on Friday, September 23. Don't worry about finding a team. If you don't have one, just tell Jane Marshall and she will take care of you..

What am I going to do after having all of this fun at all of these events? Well, I am going to schedule bridge classes at the Rodef Shalom on Monday mornings for 7 weeks, starting in October. If you know anyone who is interested in beginning or intermediate bridge lessons, tell them to give me a call. We will publish the dates in our flyer this month.

## SCHEDULE OF BRIDGE LECTURES AT THE RONI REGIONAL

WEDNESDAY		
12:00		DARLENE MANHEIMER FILLING OUT THE CONVENTION CARD
6:00		PAUL CAPLAN PLANNING PLAY OF THE HAND
THURSDAY		
12:00		DOLORES IKACH NEGATIVE DOUBLES THROUGH 4H
6:00		BRAD CRAIG BIDDING GADGETS FOR ORDINARY HANDS
FRIDAY		
12:00		LORRAINE HANNA JACOBY 2NT
6:00		JUDI SONON COUNTING
SATURDAY		
12:00		ARLENE PORT PENALTY DOUBLES
5:30		(IMMEDIATELY AFTER FREE LIGHT SUPPER) DICK EARLY HAND ANALYSIS OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON PAIRS HANDS
SUNDAY		
12:00		DAVID RUPPERT SO YOU WANT TO BECOME A LIFE MASTER
6:00		JOHN BERNHARD DIRECTORS TIPS FOR A MORE ENJOYABLE DUPLICATE EXPERIENCE

You are invited to attend as many of these lectures as you wish.  
The Schedule of Tournament Events is on Page 3 of the Post Mortem.  
Check the bulletin for location.

**EXCEPT: 10 AM MONDAY!**

**Afternoon Games at 1PM**

**Evening Games at 7 PM**

**Events designated 1&7 are Two-Session Events**

**Newcomer Lectures:**

**12 PM Wed thru Sun**

**6 PM Wed thru Fri & Sun**

**Newcomer Reception with Light Supper & Hand Analysis — Sat 4:30 PM**

**Tuesday, August 30**

- Bracketed KO I (Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday).....1 & 7
- Stratified Open Pairs .....1 & 7
- 499er Pairs .....1
- Afternoon Side Series 1st of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 1st of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7

**Wednesday, August 31**

- Morning Side Series 1st of 5.....9
- AM Handicapped KO (Continues 9 Thurs thru Sat).....9
- 499er Pairs .....1 & 7
- Compact KO .....1 & 7
- Stratified Open Pairs .....1 & 7
- Afternoon Side Series 2nd of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 2nd of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7

**Thursday, September 1**

- Morning Side Series 2nd of 5 .....9
- A/B/C Open Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri).....9
- Gold Rush Swiss (Continues 9 Fri)**.....9
- 499er Pairs .....1 & 7
- Bracketed KO II (Continues 1 & 7 Friday).....1 & 7
- Stratified Open Pairs .....1 & 7
- Afternoon Side Series 3rd of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 3rd of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7

**Friday, September 2**

- Morning Side Series 3rd of 5.....9
- 499er Pairs .....1
- A/B/C Open Swiss Teams .....1 & 7
- Gold Rush Swiss Teams**.....1 & 7
- Afternoon Side Series 4th of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 4th of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7



American Contract Bridge League

**Gold Rush Events Highlighted in GOLD—win Gold points in events restricted to those with < 750 Masterpoints**

**Saturday, September 3**

- Morning Side Series 4th of 5.....9
- AM Compact KO (Continues 9 Sunday).....9
- 499er Pairs .....1
- Bracketed KO III (Continues 1 & 7 Sunday).....1 & 7
- Stratified Open Pairs .....1 & 7
- Afternoon Side Series 5th of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 5th of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7

**Sunday, September 4**

- Morning Side Series 5th of 5.....9
- 499er Pairs .....1
- Compact KO .....1 & 7
- A/B/C Open Pairs .....1 & 7
- Gold Rush Pairs**.....1 & 7
- Afternoon Side Series 6th of 6 .....1
- Evening Side Series 6th of 6 .....7
- Stratified Swiss Teams .....7

**Monday, September 5**

- Strati-Flighted Swiss Teams .....10
- (Playthrough 7 rounds of 7)
- A & A/X Play Alone: B-C-D Stratified
- All Players with over 2500 MPs play in A/AX

**Low Entry Fees! \$12 per session for ACBL members, \$16 for unpaid and non-members**

**Stratification by Average Masterpoints in All Events.**

**Stratification of Side games and Morning games at Directors' Discretion.**

**Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A of Flighted Swiss**

**All KO Teams are random draw within brackets and include 0-500 players**

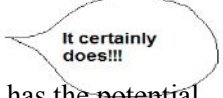
**KO events with only one bracket may be handicapped**

Stratified Events	Open Pairs and Swiss	Gold Rush	Strati-Flighted Swiss (Monday)
A 2000+	A 3000+	D 300-750	Play-through 7 rounds of 7 (Food Available)
B 750 to 2000	B 1500 to 3000	E 100-300	A & A/X Play alone, B-C-D Stratified
C 0 to 750	C 0 to 1500	F 0-100	All Players with over 2500 MPs play in A/AX
			A: 3000+ X: 0-3000
			B: 1500 to 2500
			C: 500 to 1500

**RONIE REGIONAL INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE**

**BRIDGE BYTES**

.....By Ernie Retetas



**Trump Control**

The following hand caught my attention because it has the potential for some unusual card play situations. It is an interesting play problem that does not include a squeeze, an endplay, or even a finesse. With nobody vulnerable at matchpoints, South opened 1 NT, West bid 2 clubs, and North transferred to hearts. After South bid 2 hearts, West bid 2 spades, partner raised and West bid 4 spades. The opening lead was a small diamond to the Ace and a diamond returned. Can you make this hand when South has a doubleton Ace of clubs? How would the play differ when South has three clubs?

S-Q J 10 9 7

H ---

D- 3

C- K 10 9 8 6 5 3

S- A 8 6 2

H- A K 9 3 2

D- Q 5 2

C- 4

You should plan the play assuming that opener has three spades. You probably won't make the hand if they have four, and will probably always make if they have two. After ruffing the diamond return, it seems normal to lead to the Ace of spades and lead a club. South takes the Ace and continues with a diamond. You trump and ruff club, setting up your club suit. When you lead a spade, South takes the King, as North shows out, and plays another diamond. No matter where you ruff this, you will lose another trump trick.

When you are two suited, it oftentimes pays to establish your side suit before starting on trumps. After ruffing at trick two, lead a middle club from hand, which loses to South's Queen. Ruff the diamond return and ruff a club. At the table, the Ace falls doubleton. If you now play Ace of spades and a spade, South can win and play another diamond to promote a trump trick. Instead of cashing the Ace of spades, lead a small spade. South does best by ducking the King, but you win and play clubs. South can ruff, but you can win the return, pull trump and claim.

After ducking a club and ruffing a club, if the Ace is still out, you have to resort to a cross ruff. Cash the Ace and King of hearts and ruff a heart. ruff a club, and ruff another heart. Now you ruff a club with the Ace and lead a heart. You will score your Queen of spades en passant.

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

Or, play with whomever you wish: \$30 Donation /pair

*Additional Cash Donations Welcomed & Encouraged!*

*Proceeds Benefit:*

## HEARTH

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



## UP THE LADDER POST

### CLUB MASTER

Nancy J Kosmala

Jane E Slagter

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### REGIONAL MASTER

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Bernice T Weisberger

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Mahendra P Patel

Karl J Sokalski

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Dustin M Hoover

### LIFE MASTER

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Carol K Henderson

Margaret L Overholt

### BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Margaret L Overholt

### SILVER LIFE MASTER

Dennis Gibbone

Philip L Goulding

### SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

Patricia A Cunkelman

### DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Robert E Park

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!

GOOD JOB.....BRILLIANT PLAY

NOTE: **By now**, you probably have a date for the big event. But, if you don't, Jane Marshall is just at your telephone fingertips and she will set you up with a great (or near great) player. SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

## IN MEMORY

**PAT SWEDLOW:** On August 20, 2016 the Pittsburgh bridge community lost one of its enthusiastic players Patricia (Pat) Swedlow, who courageously battled cancer for several years. Pat and I played together in both local and Cleveland tournaments. Sadly, because her illness made it difficult for her to live alone, she moved to East Lansing Michigan to be with her daughter Kathy (and husband). She also had steady partnerships with Marilyn Frohlich, and Judy Zimmerman.

Professionally Pat had been a nurse anesthetist. In retirement she not only played bridge but was active in Osher at CMU, serving as its president for a couple of years.

Pat survived two husbands - Jerry Swedlow with whom she had three children (Jason, Pamela and Kathy) and Tom Kerr. Besides her children she is survived by three grandchildren. We all mourn the loss of our dear friend and wonderful woman Florence Chapman.

## GET WELL POST

Fay Adlesberg is very ill and is presently in hospice. Remarkably, she is in good spirits. It would be wonderful if her friends would take the opportunity to send her a card. Her address is: Faye Adelsberg

Plush Mills, LApt 518  
Plush Mills Rd.  
Wallingford, PA

**KEN BERGMAN:** I just received a call wishing Ken Bergman a speedy recovery from his recent operation. It came from a pot of pulled pork, that kept whining "I need Ken and I miss him." Funny, that's the way we all feel. So, Ken, please get better soon. We all need to get a couple of zeroes at the table to keep us humble.

**LINDA WOZMAN:** Can you da was n't run- viously, hit by a bus. ning to catch it was running her....and it



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believe this? Clearly, she the bus. Ob- to catch did. The good



Lin- was- news

## **PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS**

### September 2016

2 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL Info All regular club games cancelled.  
9 Club Championship  
16 Unit Championship  
22 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom)  
23 Unit Championship Swiss Teams  
30 Unit Championship

### October 2016

7 Club Appreciation Pairs & Board Meeting  
14 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC  
21 Club Championship  
28 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams

### November 2016

4 Open Pairs  
11 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting  
18 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

## **ELECTION NOTICE**

Election, October 15, 2016

The Bylaws of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION call for up to a 15 member board of directors, with each director serving a two year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 6 members are to be elected this year. 3 members terms are expiring in 2016. If you would like to run for the board of directors you need to submit a nomination petition signed by 10 members of the PBA The deadline for submitting is Oct 1, 2016. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were board seats to fill, so there was no need to hold an election. If more than 4 petitions are received an election will be at the Fall Sectional to elect the members of the Board who will serve in 2017

Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President Ron Franck, Election Chair Ruthie Neafach, or any current Board member.

The following members' terms expire in 2016:

John Alioto	Ruthie Neafach
Jeanne Baseman	Carole Shanahan
Barb Bergman	Chris Wang
Ken Bergman	Barbara Weinstein
John Bernhard	Ron Franck
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Gary Goetz	
Bill Holt	

The 0-5 Masterpoint Game at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church is now meeting twice a month. The game starts with a free mini-lesson at 10:30. Play starts at 11 with entry fee of \$5. Please encourage novice players and those who would like to jump into The Wonderful World of Duplicate to play in this game. Students with little experience have played in this game and have told me they had fun and enjoyed the game. Dates for September are 9/10 and 9/24. Future dates will be posted for each month and can be found

### INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, e/w vul.. and you hold:

S 10 5 4 3  
 H 8  
 D A 9 5 4  
 C A J 10 3

THE BIDDING IS:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
.....	1S	Pass	1NT
Double	2S	?	

What do you bid

**Trudy Cohn:** I will bid 2NT and hope that partner reads it as take out for the minor suits.

**Jane Marshall:** 2NT: asking North to Pick-a-minor. 2NT cannot be to play. We have a good fit in one of the minors and I will pass the minor selected by North.

**Gail Carns** 2NT This should show minors

**Ernie Retetagos:** 2 NT. Partner asked me to pick a suit, and I'll ask them to pick a minor. I hope we are on the same wave length. It doesn't make sense to me to play 2 NT as natural.

**Paul Caplan :** 3 clubs my best suit I can trump spades with high trumps in dummy. If doubled I will bid 3 Diamonds. If defending a club lead will be best.

**Bernie Fudor:** 2NT I dont see a "lots of bids" I think its automatic to bid 2nt and ask 4 partners best minor. A bigger problem will occur if either E or W bids 3sp

**Steve Nolan: 3D.** If partner has a three-suited hand with opening strength, we will have a good chance of making 5 clubs or diamonds. To get the message across, I am making a free bid of 3D this round (showing some strength and a diamond suit), and will bid clubs in the next round if partner bids hearts. Not double, which will make it harder to show both minors and discourage hearts later, or 2NT, which promises a stopper I don't possess.

**Arlene Port :** Double I knew the highest rated call, but still couldn't bring myself to make it. All I could think of was my partner would surely bid hearts if they had 5. Well, maybe not, but I'm settling for double so I don't have anything to regret. And if partner passes, so be it!

**Bill Holt :** 2NT. Which should be "pick a minor". If I wanted to play 2NT then I'd rather plan 2SX at these colors: hence 2NT can't be natural. If partner mistakenly passes, perhaps they have a stiff Spade honor!

**Craig Biddle:** Double. Responsive, I have values to compete and don't want to bid hearts right now. Partner should bid their better minor unless they have a very strong heart suit and a good hand. This is our hand, and I don't want to play in the wrong suit at the 3-level. Doubles of suit contracts below 2NT when both opponents have bid are not penalty.

**Stan Ruskin : 3S** It feels like east has a good spade suit and probably not much else and west and north have lots of hearts. We could have a minor suit game. If partner has a five card minor for sure we have a good play. I am bidding 3S. My rebids will depend on partners response. If he bids 4H, I will bid 4NT so he can pick a minor. If he bids 4 of a minor, I can pass or bid game. If I bid 3 of a minor, I'm guessing. I could double depending on your partnership understanding and convert 3 H to 4C which would confirm my minor suit holding.

**Fran Prus:** I bid 2NT, which asks partner to pick a minor suit.

**Richard Katz:** Double here should not be responsive. As it is match points, I double, lead obvious heart and hope for plus.

**Asim Ulke:** I bid 2NT. This is clearly a takeout to a minor. The other option of a double is too risky. I may have a chance to double 3 Spades later.

**Chris Wang:** I would bid 2NT and hope that partner would bid choose his best minor and bid it at the 3 level. I would hope partner would not pass the 2NT bid especially since partner is a passed hand (less than opening hand).

**Herb Sachs:** 2NT Takeout for the minors. This certainly cannot be to play

### HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	3C
David Berkowitz	3S
Bart Bramley	3C
Larry Cohen	D
Mark Cohen	2NT
Richard Colker	2NT
Billy Eisenberg	3C
Sar Gohel	2NT
Carl Hudecek	D
Sami Kehela	D
Danny Kleinman	2NT
Eric Kokish	D
Steve Landen	D
Michael Lawrence	3C
Robert Lipsitz	2NT
Jeff Meckstroth	3C
Marshall Miles	D
Barry Rigal	3C
Arthur Robinson	D
Andrew Robson	3S
Beverly Rosenberg	3C
Jeff Rubens	3D
Joey Silver	3D
Chris Willenken	3C
Robert Wolff	3D
Kit Woolsey	3C
Zia	3C

#### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2NT	7	11	100
3C	9	1	90
Double	7	3	80
3D	3	1	50
Pass'	0	0	30
3NT	0	0	20
4C	0	0	20
4D	0	0	20

# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. September 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 28	Aug 29	August 30	August 31	1	2	3	
<b>R O N I</b>	<b>REGIONAL</b>	<b>P I T T S</b>	<b>B U R G</b>	<b>H R O N I</b>	<b>R E G I O</b>	<b>N A L</b>	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	PBA CLUB CHM Sewickley Int Fund		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	PBA UNIT CHM Sewickley Int Fund Gm.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
		Zelienople Int. Fd. Game.	Zelienople Int. Fd. Game.	PRO-AM GAME/RODEF	PBA UNIT SWISS CHMP Sewickley Int Fund		
25	26	27	28	29	30		
		Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	Zelienople Int. Fund Gm.	PBA UNIT CHMP Sewickley Int Fund		

**FIRST AT THE POST**

**.70%+ GAMES**

Margie Tiglio & Robert Zwack	71.76	Rodef	Mon
Reanette Frobouck & Ernie Retetagos	70.14	Glenshaw	Wed
David Ruppert & Jane Crowley	71.82	Ellwood City	Mon
Allen Harper & Dave Gaefke	70.24	South Hills NLM	Thur.
Linda Silberman & Derek Schofield	70.90	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Sidney Steiner & William Lindgren	73.15	Ellwood City	Mon
Gail Stoner & Kathryn Clarke	72.92	Edgeworth	Wed
Marilyn Crawford & Suzanne Morgan	70.83	Edgeworth	Wed

**SIX IN A ROW**

Sandra Brand Rodef Mon

**FIVE IN A ROW**

Barbara Bergman Zelionople Tues

**FOUR IN A ROW**

David Ruppert Butler Thurs Patricia Cunkelman Greensburg Fri

**THREE IN A ROW**

David Kozloff Rodef Mon Sandra McCall Chartiers-Houston  
 Emily Mendelson Rodef 299ers James Mendelson Rodef 299ers  
 Patricia Cunkelman Export Mon

**TWO IN A ROW**

William Holt Rodef Mon Joanne Zambroski O'Hara Tues  
 Ronald Franck O'Hara Tues Jane Marshall O'Hara Tues  
 Kenneth Eichler Greensburg Wed Patricia Katz Wilkins Fri  
 Sheryl Hershock Greensburg Fri Jacqueline Cavalier Sewickley Fri  
 June Threlkeld Nancy's Sun. Din. Christopher Wang Glenshaw Mon  
 Linda Silberman



Rodef 299ers Mon Derek Schofield Rodef 299ersSidney  
 Steiner Ellwood City Mon William Lindgren Ellwood City Mon  
 John Killmeyer Moon Wed Barbara Belardi Moon Wed