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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print
.....by arlene port

Happy Fall to you all. And ALL I can say is that September is absolutely the busiest bridge month of the year for the PBA. It was apparent to me because it took me almost forever to get all the information in this newsletter. But, I did it Please note that our classes are beginning on October 31 this year due to the lateness of the Jewish holidays. Rodef Shalom is not opened several Mondays during the month. Please tell your friends and let them know about our beginning classes. We are also continuing our intermediate classes this term. Competitive bidding is a difficult part of bridge to absorb, so many are taking this class again. When they are done they will be "experts". (See ad on page 5)

The Roni Regional was absolutely a great improvement over the airport site. It was really successful and we all had a good time. The tournament staff did a remarkably wonderful job and we thank them for all of their hard work. (See Bill Holts' article.)

As usual, the Pro-Am game was the fantastic success as it has been forever. Our gratitude to our hosts, Jeanne Baseman and Ruthie Neafach and the amazing membership hookup by Jane Marshall. And, our thanks also go to the those who brought delicious plates of food. Did I mention the attendees? They were the best for giving their time and their money for such a good cause.

September may have ended, but we definitely have October to look forward to. Make certain you have all your dates for the Pittsburgh Fall Sectional. If you need any, just call Jane Marshall and she will take care of you, You may want to give a shout-out to tournament chairs, Ron Frank and Barbara Weinstein and ask if you can bring any snacks to the game for the players. I know they would appreciate that.

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Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 80/team
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\$3 additional per session
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Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
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Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
Play ONLY against other New Players
Contact Darlene for
Partners & Team-building!
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Open
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

Lesson from an Expert
Friday @ 6:45 PM
Saturday @ 3:15 PM

499er
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

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



Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

October 14 - 16, 2016
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, October 14
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, October 15
11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

DO YOU WANNA' KNOW POST

Craig Biddle sent this note suggesting this website was great for gaining insight to how the experts think when they play a hand: "Here's a great bridge read. thegargoylechronics.blogspot.com. This was written by an excellent player named Phil Martin from September of 2009 to late 2012. He played 200+ deals against the bridge program Jack, and blogged in stream of consciousness style about his thinking throughout the hand. From time to time, you will see comments from some of his followers, including me.

Please get this link put in the *Post Mortem* for next month. It's a great teaching tool for everyone: thegargoylechronics.blogspot.com

VOLUNTEER POST.....or
GET YOUR FREE PASS TO HEAVEN

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!.....Bill Holt

Every One of us has derived pleasure from our wonderful game. Whether thru the companionship of others who share our love of the game, the mental exercise to keep us sharp, or the (all-too) occasional triumph at the tables.

The Game of Bridge needs you! The Pittsburgh Bridge Association is currently offering Bridge in 3 Schools in the Pittsburgh Area. But we could offer it in more locations – only we lack sufficient volunteers.

Teaching Bridge to Middle School and older children is remarkably rewarding. Seeing their bright eyes come alive with an initial appreciation of the game we love! And you don't need to be any kind of expert to help out.

The 2016-7 school year has us scheduled at Moon Middle School, Dorseyville Middle in Fox Chapel, and Woodland Hills in Churchill. Again, we could be involved in more areas if we had the support.

Of immediate concern is our operation at Moon Middle School. We need some people to help out there, and soon. This would be Monday and Thursday, mid-to-late afternoons So let us know if you'd like some fun helping out.

Go to <http://www.pittsburghbridge.org/BISVOL.htm> to get your contact information.

ALSO the PBA and I would like to thank those volunteers who gave of their time and energy - and gave up a chance to play Bridge for a day at the Regional – helping me teach Learn Bridge in a Day! Many thanks to: Pat Anders, Barb Bergman, Jean & Dave Livingston, Ernie Retetagos, Lynn & Alan Colker, Lorraine Hanna, and Jane Marshall.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



COUNTING

Playing in a Swiss team event with neither side vulnerable, West dealt and opened 1 heart, and partner responded 1 spade. After South overcalled 2 clubs, West bid 2 diamonds. North jumped to 4 clubs, and East's 4 heart bid ended the auction.

S- ---	S- A K x x x
H- A J 10 x x x	H- K x x
D- Q J x x x	D- 10 9 x x
C- K x	C x

The defense started with a club to the Ace, followed by the Ace of diamonds and a diamond to the King. When North exited with a spade, the declarer, Bernie Fudor, took the opportunity to count the hand before pulling trump.

Two top spades were cashed followed by a spade ruff. The King of clubs was ruffed, and another spade was led as South discarded club. The North hand has shown up with 5 spades, 2 diamonds, and presumably 5 clubs. After trumping the spade, declarer led a heart to the King, and a heart finesse picked up Queen third in the South hand.

It's always helpful to get a count on HCPs and distribution, if possible. But in a suit contract, you can rarely spend much time playing side suits without risking the opponents trumping one of your winners. Here, that chance was minimal. It was also unusual to have so many excess winners that they could be discarded and trumped. One final note is that if North exited with a club instead of a spade, declarer would not have had the entries to get a count on the distribution.



FALL LESSONS - RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting October 31

LEARN HOW TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER YOU CAN BE

Beginning Bridge—: *Bridge Basics #1.*

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge or reacquaint themselves with the game and achieve a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant
Cost for Textbook \$12.00.

Taught by Paul Kaplan

BRIDGE BASICS #2

Bridge Basics #2: Competitive Bidding Plus. This course will reinforce and improve skills you learned in the beginning series. Focus on bidding strategies; doubles, overcalls, etc. with some conventions and introduction to play of the hand.

Taught by Arlene Port
Bridge Basics #2 by Audrey Grant

NEW TIME

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Paul Kaplan
Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,

plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* if needed;

Advance Registration Requested—Complete & Mail this Form

For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637; or Email aport220@comcast.net

Improve your game ...

Or Register Online: www.pittsburghbridge.org/classreg.htm

MAKE BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

2 Separate Concurrent Classes:

Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting October 31

@ Rodef Shalom Congregation 9:30 AM -11:30 AM

Rodef Shalom Congregation 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213

Please accept this reservation for the Rodef Shalom Congregation - Fall, 2016

Bridge Basics #1 or #2 Please Order Book @ \$12.00 Circle Course number

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to the RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION at the cost of \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed).

Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a

"First Come, First Served" basis.

Classes Held at:
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4905 Fifth Ave
Pgh, PA 15213



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WHAT A GREAT LIST OF PLAYERS

GOOD JOB.....AN IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT

IN MEMORY

Faye Adelsburg left the bridge tables of Pittsburgh a few years ago to move East to be with her family. Faye left our bridge world early in September after a life full of family and learning and playing. Her absence has been felt, even most recently with an update in this newsletter. My memory of Faye is of a delightful lady who enjoyed all aspects of life and who wore the most fabulous jewelry!

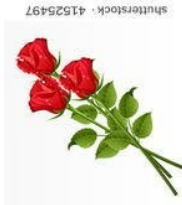
Mary Paulones' Mother, Geraldine "Gerry" Paulone, passed away Monday, September 19, 2016. Including Mary, Gerry had seven children and three grandchildren, all of whom loved her deeply. Our deepest sympathy to all of her family and her friends. She will be sorely missed.

Carol Stonis' grandson, Oliver, died tragically in an accident, on August 23. The funeral was August 28. Oliver was just shy of his 4th birthday. His family, mother Kylee Gies, dad Ryan Gies and little brother, Skyler, live in Washington State. Kylee is Carol's daughter. A memorial is planned in memory of Oliver.

GET WELL POST

Betty Balucha has been ill for sometime. She misses playing bridge and hopes to get back to bridge in the future. Her new address is 1601 Torrey Pines Drive; Mars, 16046.....Hurry up, Betty. We all miss you.

Norman Williams: All of your friends are thinking of you and wishing you well. Everyone always asks Alice if you are keeping her in line. We know you are. Take care.



PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS

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
- 25 Open Pairs

December 2016

- 2 Unit Championship Holiday Party & PBA Board meeting (if necessary)
- 8 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game * (* not held if there is a Sunday STaC Swiss)
- 9 STaC Pairs
- 11 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams * (* not held if there is a Steelers game)
- 16 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 23 Unit Championship

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
- Jeanne Baseman
- Barb Bergman
- Ken Bergman
- John Bernhard
- Gary Goetz
- Bill Holt



- Ruthie Neafach
- Carole Shanahan
- Chris Wang
- Barbara Weinstein
- Ron Franck

PRACTICE UNTIL THE BIG ONE COMES ALONG!!!

INTERNET POST

IMP's, N/S vul, you are South and you hold the following:

S K 8 6 5 2
H Q J 10 8
D A 3
C Q 6

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1S	PASS	2NT*	PASS
4S**	PASS	5H	PASS

? What do you bid?

*Four-plus trump, no shortness, game raise ** Weakest of three ways to show a hand with no singleton or void

Jane Marshall: 5S. I take 5H as the A of hearts (asking if I can control 1st round of clubs and diamonds). North's game-forcing 2NT must have spade and heart cards and no 1st round control in a minor.

Gail Carns 5S if partner had 2nd round control of both minors they could bid blackwood

PJ Prabhu 6D. I have either solved the quiz or am all wet. Why? I have already shown a minimum hand with no singleton or void and yet, partner has cue bid the suit just below our own leaving me no room to cue bid at the 5 level. The only explanation that I can come up with is that partner is looking to bid 6S any way and is interested in the grand if I have the right minor suit ace. He must have 12 major suit cards including SA, HA and HK and wants to know if I have a minor suit ace and if so which ace it is. He could not use Blackwood since he has a void. Hence, I show my DA. If it matches his singleton, he will bid 7S and otherwise 6S. For example, if he has AQxxx, AKxxxxx, x, -, we will be in 7S.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 5 S. My hand didn't get any better. If the club Q was the K, I would go for a slam.

Paul Caplan : 5 spades no club control and weak trumps.

Steve Nolan: 6C. Partner bypassed 5C to cue bid hearts, so there is no club ace over there. Partner also denied a club void by bidding 2NT, so I know we can't make a grand slam. Our chances of making a small slam are excellent -- partner must have at least 18 points to think a slam is still worth pursuing after my minimal response. Neither 5S nor 5NT sends a clear message about the club suit, so I will commit to playing in 6S. To make life slightly more difficult for my opponents, instead of just bidding 6S, I will bid 6C to try to induce an opening lead of (or away from) the king of diamonds.

Bill Holt : 6H. I suppose my answer should be "What is the state of the match?" If I feel we need a board, take a swing. Partner heard me sign off in 4S but went on anyway. Assuming his 5H is a real suit, 6H might play better on a 4-4 fit with a discard available on the 5-4 Spade suit. Partner has to have Club control for his optimism. I won't be surprised if I am off the reservation on this one.

Ernie Retetagos 5 spades. Partner asked me to bid slam with a control in each minor, and they have specifically denied the Ace of clubs. They must be confident about the majors, so their holding includes the Ace and Queen of spades and the Ace and King of hearts. The 2 no trump bid usually denies a strong 5 card side suit, so King, Queen, Jack fourth of diamonds is a likely source of tricks. Give or take a spot card, partner's hand is something like A Q x x, A K, K Q J x, xxx.

Bernie Fudor I think I'm forced to bid 5S. If all I needed was a minor suit ace and K of trumps to make slam my pd should have used RKC. I rarely pass an invitations but cant find any reason to accept this one.

Asim Ulke: I bid 5S. I have a hand that some people will not open, furthermore it appears that we are missing the club ace.

Chris Wang: 6S Partner is probably at least 5-5 in spades and hearts. Partner already knows I have a minimum opening hand. Hoping that partner has a club control. Partner should have spade A, and heart A and K.

Herb Sachs: 5 S. I have not idea what is going on!. If partner bid clubs or diamonds, I would know what to do. So, I give up and bid 5S. I have a partner who can either bid or pass.

Stan Ruskin .6D In general, this would be asking about H controls but I can't imagine this is the case in this instance since he doesn't know about the K spades and A diamonds. If that isn't the case, it would seem that he is asking about the quality of your H suit. Since it is very good, I would bid 6D which should imply good H and A of diamonds.

Fran Prus: 6D My partner is asking me to cue bid, so I bid 6 dimonds. Partner knows I have minimum values, but his/her values are unlimited, so I cooperate. Partner should have at least second round control of every suit for the 5 heart call.

Richard Katz: Five spades only. Off club ace for sure, maybe two clubs? Also may be heart finesse? Would not surprise me if six makes, but I prefer an attempt at a plus, instead of a speculative shot. I play poker on Saturday's only. I'm interested to learn the thought process involved in those that bid and made six.

Robert Zimmermann 5 spades. Depending on our agreements, partner's 5 hearts bid should be asking me to bid slam based on my heart control (my preferred meaning) or it's a cue bid in support of spades (lacking control of both diamonds and clubs). In either case, I don't have what he wants.

Craig Biddle: 6H Clearly, partner has no short suit, and expects me to have about 11-14 HCP., He probably has about 19-20 himself. He has the AQ of spades because if he didn't, RKC would has told him if I did.. He certainly isn't making this bid if he has more than 4 spades and does not have the Q - that card would look good to me and he would know it was of little value. I also think he has the other two aces, since my weak response shows a minimum hand.. I think partner is making a help suit slam try, worried about getting to slam opposite 3 little hearts, and in a long IMP match I would bid 6H since I seem to have that covered. I am sure we will have a heart finesse to take, and something else might go wrong elsewhere. So in a Swiss match I would sign off in 5S if I thought we were having a good match

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Alan Bell	5S
David Berkowitz	6S
Bart Bramley	6H
Larry Cohen	6D
Billy Eisenberg	6H
Brian Glubok	6D
Alan Graves	6D
Carl Hudecek	6H
Michael Kamil	5S
Danny Kleinman	6H
Eric Kokish	6S
Marshall Miles	6H
Rozanne and Bill Pollack	6H
Larry Robins	5S
Arthur Robinson	5S
Steve Robinson	5S
Debbie Rosenberg	5S
Jeff Rubens	6H
Ira Rubin	6H
Don Stack	5S
Fred Stewart	6D
Howard Weinstein	6H
Robert Wolff	6S
Kit Woolsey	6H

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
6H	10	2	100
5S	7	10	80
6D	4	3	70
6S	3	1	60
5NT	0	0	20
6C	0	1	

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. October 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Sept. 30 Unit Chmp	
2		3	4 Zel: Charity	5	6 Longue Vue Charity	7 Unit Club app YMCA Charity	8
9		10 Export club appreciation	11 Zel: Club appreciation	12 Edgeworth Club App.	13 Longue Vue Club App.	14 Pgh SECTIONAL	15 pgh SECTIONAL
16 PGH SECTIONAL		17	18	19	20	21 Unit Club chmp. YMCA Club	22
23		24	25	26	27	28 Unit Club Appreciation	29
30		31 Export Charity					

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Sidney Steiner & William Lindgren	73.15	Elwood City	Mon
Henry Nelson & Frank Cordier	73.38	O'Hara	Tues
Kathleen Dolegowski & Allen Harper	71.28	South Hills NLM	Tues
Barbara Anderson & Grant Anderson	70.27	South Hills NLM	Tues
Phyllis Mellor & Susan Ball	72.50	Glenshaw 0-5	Sat
Frank Cordier & Henry Nelson	70.14	O'Hara	Tues
Gail Stoner & Kathyne Clarke	73.50	Edgeworth	Wed
Syed Ali Asim Kokan	71.39	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Carol Robson & Angie Cooper	71.00	Indiana	Tues
Kitty Jo Hellman & Marilyn Pavlakovic	70.00	Ligonier	Tues

FOUR IN A ROW

Barbara Belardi Moon

THREE IN A ROW

Ann Fleming	Longue Vue	Thurs	Sheila Brotherton	Longue Vue	Thurs
Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues	Frank Cordier	O'Hara	Tues
Gail Stoner	Edgeworth	Wed	Kathryn Clarke	Edgeworth	Wed
joanne Zambroski	Wilkins	Thurs	Ami Elis	Wilkins	Thurs

TWO IN A ROW

Jenny Janitor	Greensburg	Thurs	Allen Harper	South Hills NLM	Thurs
Charles Weber III	Butler	Thurs	Larry Campbell	Butler	Thurs
Garnet Depner	Greensburg	Fri	Lila Margolis	Rodef	Mon
Barbara Horowitz	Rodef	Mon	Kenneth Stiger	South Hills NLM	Tues\
Kathryn Rector	South Hills NLM	Tues	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Wed
john Killmeyer	Moon	Wed	Eleanor Craig	Glenshaw 0-5	Sat
Lynn Rafferty	New Brighton	Sat	Robert Farmer	Rodef	Mon
Donald Faskow	Rodef	Mon	Robert Quinlan	South Hills	Tues
Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth	Wed	Barbara Belardi	Greensburg	Wed
Arlene Port	Wilkins	Fri	Martin Kumer	Greensburg	Fri
Eleanor Craig	Glenshaw 0-5	Sat	Lynn Rafferty	New Brighton	Sat
Lynn Rafferty	New Brighton	Sat	Nancy Matthews	Sun. Din, Club	Sun
Ronald Franck	Glenshaw	Mon	Harold Haffner	Glenshaw	Mon
Madeline Kramer	Rodef	Mon	Lessa Finegold	Rodef	Mon
David Ruppert	Ellwood City	Mon	Carol Robson	Indiana	Tues
Arlene Port	JCC	Wed	Trudy Cohn	JCC	Wed
Cecilia Powell	Greensburg	Wed	Constance Hoechstetter	Moon	Wed
Joan Davis	Longue Vue	Thurs			