



**All the news that fits in print**

.....by arlene port

Here's the question: How do you know you're growing old? The answer is simple. Time passes by so quickly, you wonder not only what happened while you were living it, but where it went. Knowing this doesn't make me smart, it makes me just another victim of time. What I do know is that fall is upon us with all it's lovely colors and cooling weather. That's the good news.

However, what I do remember, vividly, is our Fall Sectional. Who can forget that wonderful event! We have our Tournament Chairs; Ron Franck and Barb Weinstein, along with partnership chair Jane Marshall and New-comer/499er chair, Darlene Mannheimer who did their usual great job of getting everyone just the right partner. Also, we cannot forget to give thanks to all of those members who made those great snacks we loved eating. Running a tournament is a difficult undertaking. Thank you all for your hard work, your dedication to bridge and most of all, your delicious food.

November 11 & 18 are special PBA events. November 11 Is the *Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting*. That is the meeting where everything you ever wanted to know about the PBA is at your fingertips. It is an open meeting for everyone to listen, learn, and complain. And don't forget, it is a championship game. The 18th is our very popular team night. Call Jane Marshall if you need partners.

Then, do your planning now for STaC Week, December 5-11. Silver points galore and that Thursday night feast. See you during STaC week. (See ad on page 4.)

I guess the bottom line is: After all, who cares about time? Not me— cause I'm just having a great time playing bridge - , so will you.

**FALL SECTIONAL RESULTS**

**Fri. Aft. Strat. Pairs -**

- | A B C | Names                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1     | Kenneth Bergman - Barbara Bergman |
| 2     | Fred Schenker - Craig Biddle      |
| 3     | Trudy Cohn - Harold Haffner       |
| 1 1   | Felice Brody - Toby Wolfe         |
| 2     | Jerry Barker, Arthur Aronson      |
| 3     | John Gillette - Nurit Elis        |
| 2     | Nancy Swensen - D Hammerschmidt   |
| 3     | Joann Szymeccki, Gale Perez       |

**Fri. Aft. 499r Pairs**

- | D E F | Names                           |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| 1 1   | Carol Pattison, Donald Wyke     |
| 2     | Franklin Powers - June Drennen  |
| 3 2   | Prakash Shete - Leena Shete     |
| 3 1   | Karen Kilzer - James Kilzer     |
| 2     | Tris Thorne - Marilyn Crawford, |
| 3     | Leslie Swensen - Karen McIlwain |

**Fri Eve Swiss -**

- | A B C | Names   |
|-------|---|
| 1 1   | Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker<br>Warren Oberfield, Paul Caplan           |
| 2     | Barbara Bergman - Kenneth Bergman<br>Jane Marshall - Ronald Franck      |
| 3 2   | Robert Quinlan, William Holt<br>Patricia Anders, Constance Hoechstetter |
| 3     | Barbara Belardi - Alice Williams -<br>Judi Sonon, Cecilia Powell        |
| 1     | Christopher Wang - Gloria Moser<br>Thomas Jolly Jr, Jacqueline Cavalier |
| 2     | Karen Bock, David Collura<br>Joseph Secka Sr, Susan Konig               |

**Fri. Eve. Open Pairs**

- | A B C | Names                                |
|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 1     | Sven Westine, Padmanabha Prabhu      |
| 2     | Mary Lou Naughton, Jean Prior        |
| 3     | Jack Goodykoontz - Vicki Goodykoontz |
| 1 1   | Joann Szymeccki, Gale Perez          |
| 2     | Sue Golier, Judy Ludwig              |
| 3     | Robert Zimmermann - Peter Howell     |
| 2     | Hermoine Balph - Rosanne Patterson   |
| 3     | Mahendra Patel - Bharat Shah         |

**Fri. Eve. 499r Pairs**

- | D E F | Names                            |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| 1 1   | Richard McNeer, John Alioto      |
| 2     | John Doyal - Kathleen Dolegowski |
| 3 2 1 | Allen Young - John Maiorino      |
| 2     | Marian Smith, Inez Heal          |

**Sat. Morn. Open Pairs -**

- | A B C | Names                               |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| 1     | Henry Nelson, James Klein           |
| 2 1   | Kathleen Mulligan - Daniel McKinley |
| 2     | Alan Leaver, David Ruppert          |
| 3     | Bob Heasley - Dorothy Mehok,        |
| 1     | Neal Zweig - Elaine Zweig           |
| 2     | Jayant Rajgopal, Alvin Mariani      |
| 3     | Bharat Shah - Mahendra Patel        |

**Sat Mor. 499r Pairs**

- | D E F | Names                         |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 1 1 | Trudy Friedmanm, Nancy Gusky  |
| 2 2   | Prakash Shete, Leena Shete    |
| 3 3 2 | Barbara Weschler, Cathy Demos |
| 3     | Ashok Marwah, Shashi Marwah   |

**Sat. Aft. Open Pairs**

- | A B C | Names                          |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 1   | Kent Goulding, Philip Goulding |
| 2 2 1 | Jayant Rajgopal, Alvin Mariani |
| 3     | David Kozloff - Arlene Port    |
| 3 2   | Ward Kelsey - Bharat Shah      |
| 3     | Richard McNeer, Gary Wire      |

**Compact Handicapped KO-1**

- | Rank | Names   |
|------|---|
| 1    | Craig Biddle, Warren Oberfield<br>Fred Schenker, Dan Roseberry          |
| 2    | Kenneth Bergman, Barbara Bergman<br>Ernie Retetagos, Marcella Retetagos |
| 3    | Robert Park, John Killmeyer<br>Catherine Caplan, Paul Caplan            |

**Saturday Compact KO-2**

- | Rank | Names  |
|------|--|
| 1    | Lorraine Hanna, Mary Lou Naughton<br>Barbara Weinstein, Mary Lou Flach |
| 2    | Robert Flynn, Kitty Jo Hellmann<br>Martin Kumer, Susan Israelson       |

### Saturday Aft Swiss Team -

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Joseph Secka Sr, Donald Averbach Ethel Levine, Sandra McCall
2	2		Karen Bock, David Collura Vincentina Simak, Nell Burney
3	3		Raymond Kramer, Angela Agnello, Lorraine Worsley, Yvonne Coursen
	1		Rosanne Patterson, Joann Szymecki Hermoine Balph, Jeannie McCormick

### Sat Aft. 499r Pairs

D	E	F	Names
1	1		Prakash Shete, Leena Shete
2	2		Peter Geiringer, Linda Fried
3	3		Richard Moore, Ruth Ann Boyd
	1		Hugh McMaster, Suzanne Morgan
	2		Leslie Swensen, Karen McIlwain

Sunday Open Swiss - 26 Tables / Based on 37 Tables

A	B	C	Names
1			Craig Biddle, Fred Schenker Jan Assini, Dan Roseberry
2			Philip Goulding, Ami Elis, Kent Goulding, Bernie Greenspan
3			Barbara Bergman, Kenneth Bergman Ronald Franck, Jane Marshall
	1		Richard Zack, Mary Lou D'Altorio Bud McElhane, Art Bonneau
	2		James Fox, Joseph Zaccardi Gloria Moser, Russell Sheldon
	3		James Gray, Jenny Janitor John Gillette, Nurit Elis
	1		Cynthia Custer, Brina Segal Gary Marcus, Sheila Rabovsky

Sunday 499er Swiss Teams - 11 Tables

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Lewis Averbach, Nicholas Rescher Patricia Miller, Kathy Bleckman
2	2		Peter Geiringer, Linda Fried Bruce Stephen, John Alioto
3	3		William Neal, Russell Orkin Patricia Rambasek, Richard Laird
	1		Hugh McMaster, Suzanne Morgan Mary Kirsch, Bonny Hoffman

### TOP FIFTEEN MASTERPOINT HOLDERS

1	36.37	Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA
2	36.37	Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA
3	29.57	Kenneth Bergman, Wexford PA
4	29.57	Barbara Bergman, Wexford PA
5	22.85	Dan Roseberry, Dover OH
6	19.44	Ronald Franck, Pittsburgh PA
7	19.44	Jane Marshall, Pittsburgh PA
8	18.92	Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA
9	16.74	Philip Goulding, Wexford PA
10	16.12	Kent Goulding, Germantown MD
11	12.93	Jan Assini, Pittsburgh PA
12	12.37	Ami Elis, Pittsburgh PA
13	12.16	Harold Haffner, Pittsburgh PA
14	11.33	Arlene Port, Pittsburgh PA
15	10.89	P Caplan, White Oak PA

### TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS:



# STaC Week

**December 5-11 - 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](http://www.d5bridge.com)**

# STaC'n'Snack

**Thursday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>\***

**\*Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building\***

**We're at it again - Time to Snack Down!!!**

**Bring a Favorite Dish for all to enjoy!**

**NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!**

**Game Time 7PM, Snacking AT 6:15 PM.**

**Hosted by Barb Weinstein. Please coordinate your**

**And Don't Forget... Holiday Party**

**snacks with Barb at 412-996-2205**



**Pittsburgh Bridge  
Association**

**Come Celebrate the Season with your**

**Unit 142 Friends!**

# BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



## GRAND SLAM OR BUST

It goes without saying that you need to be pretty sure of taking all of the tricks before bidding a grand slam. \* If you're playing rubber bridge you need to be at least a 2-1 favorite. Playing imps you need to be better than 5-4. If you get set in a grand slam at a club game, I wouldn't expect many matchpoints. At a club game, how should the following hands be bid after East opens 1 diamond and West responds 1 spade?

A J x x x	K Q x x
A x	K x
A	K Q J x x x
A K 10 x x	x \

It seems normal for East to bid 3 spades, and for West to bid 4 no trump. If you are playing Blackwood, East would bid 5 clubs to show no Aces. When West now bids 5 no trump, that bid shows all of the Aces, is a try for a grand slam and asks for Kings. East can count 13 tricks and can bid 7 no trump.

If playing Key Card Blackwood, East would respond 5 diamonds to show 1 key card. A 5 no trump bid by West should show all of the key cards, and the Queen of trumps. Instead, West can ask for the Queen of trumps by bidding 5 hearts. After the Blackwood response, bidding the next suit asks for the Queen. With no Queen the responder bids 5 of the agreed suit. With the Queen, bid your cheapest King, and bid 6 of your suit with the Queen but no side Kings. In this hand, East would bid 6 diamonds after the 5 heart bid. West could now place the contract in 7 spades, and East could correct to 7 no trump

\* Ed Note: Ernie is absolutely correct. Probably the most important thing about bidding a grand slam is knowing you have 13 tricks. Never bid a grand slam based on a finesse or a suit having to break in your favor. You're never that lucky and no one else bid the grand.

## UP THE LADDER POST

### JUNIOR MASTER

*Robert L Bokan  
Caryle Glosser  
Martin Greenberg  
Ashok K Marwah  
Shashi B Marwah*

### REGIONAL MASTER

*Allen E Young*

### SILVER LIFE MASTER

*Bruce C Brennan*

A SPECIAL NOT TO THOSE NEW PLAYERS

GOOD JOB... WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU

Please note the number of new players who are having so much success.  
JUNIOR MASTERS:  
You are on your way to the top.



## IN MEMORY

**TOM MORRIS:** Tom, who passed away in October was a very interesting man who, unlike most of us, actually lived two lives. After high school he began working at the Duquesne Works, and took a four year break to serve his country during the Korean War. He then completed an engineering degree at Pitt, and again worked for USSteel until 1983. During this time he raised four children and led what we would all consider a “normal” Pittsburgh life.

When he left USSteel, Tom started his second life. He was a Senior Olympian in track, tennis, and badminton for 30 years. He held several patents and used some of those inventions in his second life. Tom also found duplicate bridge and became not just a participant, but a leader and teacher in the South Hills area. He taught a number of informal classes as well as introduced duplicate bridge to his granddaughter and her friends. He was the director for USABAS, a singles bridge club. When a student of his wanted to try a duplicate game, he often partnered with the student at the nonlife master game at Beth El. He and Joe Bernot were regular partners, travelling extensively to Sectional and Regional Tournaments. Tom’s other regular partner at the tables, as well as socially, was Arlene O’Connell. Tom passed away October 16, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. He will be missed at the tables by all his friends.....Phyllis Geinzer

## GET WELL POST

Word has it that **Marcella Apter** is well on her way to good health. Marcella, it’s about time. Hurry back soon.

**Lois Sloane** did a very bad thing. She fell and broke her hip. Someone forgot to tell her that falling is not a good thing. Lois, don’t every do that again and get better ASAP. We miss you at the table.

## PBA EVENTS 2 MONTHS

### 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

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## INTERNET POST (cont. from page 9)

**Chris Wang:** 4C I want to pass, but since this isimps, I would bid 4C

**Stan Ruskin** ..This is difficult. Partner probably has 4S at the most so his distribution almost has to include a 5 card minor (unless he is 4/1/4/4). If you pass you will probably get 200 or 500 which doesn’t match your vulnerable game which I am assuming is there – a partner with an opening bid opposite this hand rates to make a game. Therefore, I think the only bid that I can make is **4H**. If partner bids 4S, I will bid 4NT for him to pick his longer minor. Hopefully, If partner is 4/4 in the minors he will work it out to bid 5C so I can pass or correct. Very difficult.



**INTERNET POST**

As usual, you are South. IMP's, both vul. and you hold:

S: A 2  
 H 8 6 4 3  
 D K J 3  
 C K J 7 2

The bidding is:  
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
 -----  
 PASS PASS DOUBLE PASS  
 ? What do you bid.

**Jane Marshall: 4C.** North should have about 15 hcp. I have 12. That's 27. East probably has 9 or 10. West may have 4 hcp. Maybe we can set 3 hearts, but I can't take a chance that they can make it. We would have to be lucky to make 5C.

**Gail Carns \**

**PJ Prabhu 5C,** hoping we can make it, though not confident of it. When partner holding as little as KQxx, x, Axxx, QT8x gives us a fair chance of making game, how can I afford not to bid it. **Trudy Cohn:** I will PASS and lead the A of spades. Don't ' have a clear cut bid but surely we can punish three hearts. **Paul Caplan PASS** atimps take your plus score. With only 4 clubs a game contract in that suit may not work out with a possible bad break.

**Bernie Fudor 4NT** There are bad problems and good problems, this is an outstanding one. Anyone who says that they know what to do with any degree of certainty is kidding themselves.

**Richard Katz: Pass,** lead spade ace and hopefully go plus

**Steve Nolan: 5C.** This describes my point range accurately and says where my long suit is. If partner bids a new suit, I will raise it to 6.

**Bill Holt 5c.** Tempting to pass and lead Ace and then a S ... but I lack honor tricks in H ... my length is an annoyance only. Partner has at most 2 Hearts and if he has 2 then LHO can't lead them. My prime cards outside the preempt suit speak well for having a chance at game. I don't think we are missing anything in Spades as partner would have overcalled with a long S suit. If partner pulls to 5d it's fine with me.

**Ernie Retetagos 4 No Trump.** You don't really have many choices. 4 NT asks partner to pick a minor. Partner could have 5 diamonds and 3 clubs, so bidding 5 clubs is out. Passing could be right, but partner asked me to bid.

Well i guess its my turn : torn between a conservative 4C or aggressive 4nt (must be for minors) I'll bid 4nt. Pd should always bid clubs with 4/4 in minors, there are no guarantees with the bid. At MPs a pass is much .more attractive

**Asim Ulke: I pass.** The choice is between bidding 5C and passing. I take the sure plus.

**Herb Sachs: 4H** When partner bids, I will convert to 5c. Partner will know that I have a good hand and at least 4 clubs. Having only 4 clubs is a little scary, but showing my values is more important.

**INTERNET POST RESULTS:**

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4H	10	1	100
4NT	4	2	90
PASS	10	5	80
4C	5	3	60
5C	3	3	60
3NT*	0	1	N/A

\*Read explanation.

**Fran Prus: 4C** I'd like to pass, but am going to bid 4 clubs and give my partner a chance to describe his hand further. A vulnerable slam is definitely a possibility here.

**Robert Zimmermann PASS.** Given the quality of preempts these days (this is certainly the pot calling the kettle black) it is increasingly necessary to punish the offenders. Even if East has AKQxxxx, we rate to beat this for 500. True, partner might have the magic Kxxx x AQxx AQxx and I'll have to pay off to 6 of a minor. But, how can I find it? How do I tell the difference between that hand and KQJx xx AQx AQxx?

**Craig Biddle: 3NT** Tough problem. At matchpoints I have a clear pass, since we will beat this 75% of the time. But that's unacceptable in a short IMP match - say 12 boards or less. (I would pass, reluctantly, in 24 board or longer matches.) What to bid, though? 4C is a "nothing" bid, it overstates my suit and understates my hand, and 5C is worse. 4H is suicidal, partner will most likely think I have 4 spades and slam interest. That leaves the almost unthinkable call of 3NT. No, I expect to go down in this 75% of the time. But sometimes partner has the HA, sometimes LHO is void, sometimes LHO will accept my claim of a stopper and lead something else. And the tipping point, for me, is that partner may have doubled with a hand too strong for 4S or 4D (S-KQJxxx H-x D-AQxx C-Ax or S-KQxx H-void D-AQ10xxx C-Axx) and will be encouraged to move toward slam

**HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Philip Alder	P
Grant Baze	4NT
Steve Beatty	4H
David Berkowitz	4NT
Henry Bethe	5C
Bart Bramley	4C
Ira Chorush	4C
Larry Cohen	P
Mark Cohen	P
Billy Eisenberg	4H
Bjorn Fallenius	4NT
Brian Glubok	4NT
Jim Hall	4H
Fred Hamilton	4H
Carl Hudecek	4C
Edwin Kantar	4H
Ralph Katz	P
Sami Kehela	4H
Don Kern	4C
Eric Kokish	4H
Marshall Miles	P
Arthur Robinson	P
Michael Rosenberg	4H
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	5C
Ira Rubin	5C
Mike Shuman	P
Joey Silver	P
Paul Soloway	4H
John Swanson	4H
Robert Wolff	P
Kit Woolsey	4C

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# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Export— 7,14,21— regular games	1	2	3	4 PBA Open Pairs	5
6	7	8 Zelenople Charity game	9 Edgeworth Charity game	10 Longue Vue Charity game	11 Unit Cham & Annual Membership Meeting	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Unit Championship Swiss Teams	19
20	21 Export Moose ↑	22	23	24	25 Unit Open Pairs	26
27	28 Charity Game -- Extra Points Voluntary Donation	29	30			11 YMCA Special game ←

## FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Dianne Franjione & Bob Flynn	75.00	Houston	Mon
David Ruppert & Lois Porter	70.41	Sewickley	Fri
David Ruppert & Helen Greenberg	75.00	New Brighton	Sat
Dale Gregg & Joseph Secka Sr	72.44	Chartiers-Houston	Fri
Joan Davis & Rita DiFrancesco	75.00	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Carl Hamil & Henry Nelson	72.00	Zelionople	Tues
David Ruppert & Henry Nelson	70.83	Zelionople	Tues
Robert Quinlan & Constance Hoechstetter	70.41	Temple Emanuel	Wed

## FIVE IN A ROW

Barbara Belardi Moon	Wed	Joanne Zambroski Wilkins	Thur
Ami ElisWilkins	Thurs		

## FOUR IN A ROW

Leroy Hackenberg II	PBA Unit	Fri	Kenneth Eichler	PBA Unit	Fr
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## THREE IN A ROW

Arlene Port	JCC	Wed	Trudy Cohn	JCC	Wed
Ronald Sain	Indiana	Tues	Kathryn Clarke	Edgeworth	Wed

## TWO IN A ROW

Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon
Esther Sain	Export	Mon	Jack Hammer	Export	Mon
Ronald Franck	O'Hara	Tues	Jane Marshall	O'Hara	Tues
Kitty Jo Hellman	Ligonier	Tues	Marilyn Pavlakovic	Ligonier	Tues
Donald Averbach	Temple Emanuel	Wed	John Bernhard	Edgeworth	Wed
Russell Sheldon	Sewickley	Fri	Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon
Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon	Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues
August Costanzo	Glenshaw	Wed	August Costanzo	Wilkins	Fri
August Costanzo	Wilkins	Fri	James Fox	Glenshaw	Mon
Russell Sheldon	Glenshaw	Mon	Thomas Jolly Je	O'Hara	Tues
Alfred Tung	O'Hara	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
David Ruppert	Butler	Thurs	David Ruppert	Zelionople	Tues
Henry Nelson	Zelionople	Tues	Bud McElhaney	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Art Bonneau	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Gail Stoner	Edgeworth	Wed
Gail Hastings	Wilkins	Thurs	Fred Lantz	Greensburg	Thurs
Richard Bulow	Greensburg	Thurs	Arlene Port	Wilkins	Fri
Asim Ulke	Wilkins	Fri	Joseph Secka Sr	Houston	Fri