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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Happy New Year to you all. You won't believe this but I found my old crystal ball and it told me so much about the coming year that I decided to share it with you all.. Generally, I predict the past (It's always more accurate.), but I made an exception for 2017....So Here Goes:

IN 2017, THE PBA WILL ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. All of our Sectionals will be fantastically successful.
2. Our Friday night game will continue to grow in size and stature..
3. Our monthly team game will grow and multiply, and it's fame will spread among all of our members.
4. Those who attend our Friday night Unit game will benefit greatly by learning from the experienced players who frequent the game.
5. Our Roni Regional will be an event to look forward to and remember with fondness.
6. We will all spend the year accumulating tons of master points.
7. And finally, I will be a year older (But, then, so will you.)

In the meantime, please help to make all of my predictions come true by playing a lot of bridge, particularly at the PBA sponsored game. Which reminds me, make certain you attend all of our games this month and reap the extra points they offer.

Please note that there is no Friday night game on January 13. We are closing down to accommodate those players who go to Cleveland for their winter Regional

**2017
WELCOME**



**IT TOOK 12 MONTHS
TO GET YOU HERE,
BUT YOU FINALLY
MADE IT.**

BRIDGE HUMOR POST

Actually, the funniest thing about these jokes is that they are really not that funny, which proves my point. The reason I was able to become a fairly experienced player is due to the fact that, I had what it takes: No sense of humor.

1. During World War II a U.S. Air Force plane was forced to ditch in the ocean, and four survivors managed to reach a small deserted island. "Let's send up a signal flare," said the first aviator. "Won't work!" said the second. "Let's build a fire so they'll see the smoke." "No!" said the third. "We'll need all the wood to build a shelter." "Whoa!" said the last, an avid bridge player. "Let's just shoot down another plane so we can have a team game"
2. A lady is playing in her first *duplicate* hears an opponent say: "Alert". The lady says: "I am alert". Know the difference between a serial killer and a *bridge* partner?
3. Several years ago I was asked to give a lecture at Leisure World, a Southern California retirement community. I asked the fellow in charge if I could pick my topic. He said, "Yes, but be sure not to mention the term "drop dead bid"
4. John told his beginning class that after the 10 lesson course he would play a few hands with his "best" table. After the course was over he was true to his word and sat down to play a few hands with his star pupils. On the first hand John opened one no trump, his left hand opponent passed, and his 'star'partner responded, "Two no spades"
5. Two great players, both good friends of mine from England, Robert Sheehan and Jonathan Cansino, have a terrible game. Of course each thinks it is the other's fault. Finally Sheehan hands Jonathan a tiny piece of blank paper and says: Here Jonathan, write down everything you know about bridge." Johnthan replies: "Well, it's a bigger piece of paper than I would have given you.

HELP HELP HELP POST

Unit Game Needs Hospitality Volunteers HELP....

The PBA Unit game, held weekly on Fridays at 7:00 PM at Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building, will have no one to handle hospitality as of January 1. If we don't find someone, there will be no hospitality. That means no soda, no coffee, no snacks. You will be able to bring your own, but if you do, please bring serving implements, and be prepared to clean up and take home your used items and any mess. If you are interested in volunteering, or want more information, please contact Lorraine Hanna, PBA president or Mary Paulone Carns, business manager, or any board member.

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Safari Animals

M	O	N	K	E	Y	I	F	N	R	D	T	A	F
A	C	O	N	L	N	H	O	E	W	H	A	O	T
B	B	O	H	B	A	T	U	A	L	N	I	A	E
I	O	O	Y	T	G	I	R	A	F	F	E	N	R
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B	H	G	A	O	N	M	N	O	I	L	U	H	F
C	A	N	G	G	A	I	O	L	A	F	F	U	B
E	L	E	P	H	A	N	T	Z	E	B	R	A	D
Z	C	G	R	E	R	F	U	D	U	K	P	R	A
P	I	O	Y	E	L	A	N	D	C	H	E	Z	E
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Z	E	E	E	L	L	E	Z	A	G	L	O	A	A
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CHEETAH
ZEBRA
BUFFALO
CIVET
ELAND
CROCODILE
HYENA
LION
RHINO
KUDU
GAZELLE
GIRAFFE
WARTHOG
MONKEY
BABOON
HIPPO
ELEPHANT

Can you
Find the
Hidden
words?

What?
You say
yes?

Prove it.

WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT POST

.....Reported by Phyllis Geinzer

Recently, there have been discussions about the rights and duties of Dummy and what rules pertaining to Dummy have changed or have been modified. According to ACBL rules, the rights and duties of the dummy are clearly outlined in the Laws as of 2014. To clarify the rules and rights, I have listed what the ACBL shows in Law 42 and Law 43:

Law 42 – Dummy’s Rights: Dummy is entitled to give information as to fact or Law but may not initiate the discussion, and provided he has not forfeited his rights (see Law 43), he may also

Ask declarer (but not a defender), when he has failed to follow suit, whether he has a card of the suit led;

Try to prevent any irregularity by declarer (for example, warn declarer against leading from the wrong hand);

Draw attention to any irregularity, but only **after** play is concluded.

Law 43 – Dummy’s Limitations

Dummy may not participate in the play (except to play the cards of dummy’s hand as directed by declarer) or make any comment on the bidding, play or score of the current deal. If he does so, Law 16 may apply. During play, dummy may not call attention to an irregularity once it has occurred. See (c) above.

Dummy forfeits the rights provided in the three parts of Law 42 if he exchanges hands with declarer, leaves his seat to watch declarer play, or on his own initiative, looks at the face of a card in either defender’s hand. If, thereafter,

He is the first to draw attention to a defender’s irregularity, declarer may not enforce any penalty for the offense;

He warns declarer not to lead from the wrong hand, (penalty) either defender may choose the hand from which declarer shall lead;

He is the first to ask declarer if a play from declarer’s hand constitutes a revoke, declarer may substitute a correct card if his play was a revoke, and (penalty) unless law 64(d) applies, one trick is transferred to the defending side.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



A LITTLE THINKING GOES A LONG WAY

Bridge is loaded with idioms, slogans, and the rule of this and that. Although these may be helpful guidelines, there is no substitute for logical thinking. Playing a suit in a vacuum is different than playing the suit in an actual hand. Careless declarers went down in a makeable contract in this hand from a club game.

Vul against not, East opened 2 clubs and South overcalled 2 spades. West passed, showing at least a King and is game forcing. Whether East reopens with 2 NT, double, or 3 Clubs, their side will end up declaring 4 hearts. When West played 4 hearts, they got the Jack of spades lead.

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

If the heart suit comes in for no losers, there are plenty of tricks. Play should be predicated on making the hand when there is a heart loser. You would like to establish club tricks by leading twice from hand, but you have limited entries. After deciding on your line of play, and only then, do you play to trick #1. Sometimes you duck a trick to cut defender's communications, but this isn't the time. The defense could shift to diamonds, so you win the Ace.

The best play for 5 tricks in hearts is to play the King and lead the Jack. But when the Jack now lost to the Queen, they cashed a spade and returned a trump. Declarer won and successfully finessed a club. But they couldn't get back to hand to repeat the finesse. When they cashed the Ace of clubs, South showed out, and declarer ended up losing 2 diamond tricks.

The successful declarers led the Jack of hearts at trick two. If the Jack held, they could pick up the suit without loss. When the Jack lost, declarer had two heart entries and was able to repeat the club finesse and make 10 tricks.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

*Suzanne Harchelroad
Cecelia Hard
Anthony S Hewitt
Janice B Hewitt*

REGIONAL MASTER

Richard A Laird

NABC MASTER

Sam E Allen

ADV NABC MASTER

Robert H Flynn

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Sheila D Rabovsky

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Sue W Golier

After many years of playing bridge, I was asked by several of my friends who didn't play bridge exactly why I enjoyed it so much. The asked me how much money I made when I won. Well, after I got through laughing, I responded by saying: "It's not the money, because there is none. It's the sense of satisfaction and pride I get from achieving a level of skill which allows me to become even successful at something I enjoy doing so much."

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ADVANCING PLAYERS

IN MEMORY

We recently lost two players who, until a few years ago were very active in our bridge community.

Mary Lou Smith had been away from the tables a number of years due to illness but is well regarded and remembered by her partners and friends from the bridge world. She was passionate about bidding and playing no trump, even when the odds were against her...and she was successful in making the contract and scoring a high board. Mary Lou was a Bronze Life Master when she became a Life Master. In addition to being an avid player, Mary Lou was a teacher of the fine art of bridge. She is missed in the Moon and Beaver area games.

Bill Speicher has also been away from the tables for more than a few years. He and his wife were regulars at the Saturday games in the South Hills and moved with the game to the Masonic Center. They also played regularly in the Moon area games. Bill was always known as a gentleman as well as a gentle man...a delightful partner or opponent to have at any game.

Sheila Rothman, who played at the Rodef Shalom, died in December. Although she spent most of her time in Florida the last few years, she was still very much a part of the Pittsburgh community, with many close friends. Our condolences to her family and all of her friends. She will be missed.

GET WELL POST

OK, this is how it works: You tell me when someone is ill and I put a note in the Post Mortem. You are not supposed to tell me after they are all better.

Having said that, the word is out that Lois Sloane is doing very well. She is getting much stronger and I know will be coming back to the bridge table soon. So, Lois, hurry up.

PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

January

- 6 *Open Pairs*
- 13 *No game—Cleveland Regional*
- 20 *Junior Fund Game*
- 27 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*

February

- 3 *Unit Championship*
- 10 *Membership Game & PBA Board Meeting*
- 17 *Club Championship*
- 24 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*

March

- 3 *Unit Championship*
- 10 *Unit Championship*
- 17 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*
- 24 *PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC*
- 31 *Open Pairs*

LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY.....RETURNS

ATTENTION PLAYERS!

Learn Bridge in a Day returns Jan 28th. Help us out by taking the flyers from your local club and post them for us! Coffee shops, libraries, grocery stores, country clubs, exercise studios ... Anywhere where they can catch some eyeballs!



INTERNET POST

As usual, you are South. IMP's, non vu. IMPs

You hold:

S 5 4 3
H A 8 6 5 4
D -----
C K J 7 5 3

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
.....	1D	2C	Pass

? What do you bid? See explanation below.
2 hearts nonforcing
3D mixed raise (SEMI PREEMPTIVE)
Club jump is preemptive

Jane Marshall 2D. My next bid will be to raise clubs. If my partner bids 3C, I will bid 5 clubs.

Richard Katz: 4D I bid 4 diamonds, doesn't everybody?

Chris Wang 2D This is a tough question. My understanding of a mixed raise, is a hand that has at least one defensive trick but is less than a limit raise. Because of the void, I would upgrade this hand to a limit raise, I wouldn't bid 2H, because to me that is non forcing constructive and showing at most 2 card support in clubs. I would bid 2D to show a limit raise or better.

Arlene Port: 2D An ideal forcing bid, showing values and support. Generally, I would preempt this hand, but I think it is our hand and viably competitive. I want to play this in 5 or 6C, but this bid gives me the opportunity to make that decision after I see other bids. I have to admit I am concerned about diamond or spade bids, but I think if I preempt the hand it will encourage opponents to bid 5 diamonds or spades

Steve Nolan: 2D. Telling partner that I have a terrific hand in support of clubs. I'm more concerned about not missing a slam than losing the heart suit.

Bill Holt 2d - I am going to start with 2d. Then follow with some # of Hearts, settling for 5c if partner cannot support Hearts. It's not that my hand is that great, but facing a 2c overcall, it is. Hopefully partner has little wasted in diamonds. Hey, it's IMPs.

Paul Caplan: 2D I intend to show a good raise. 5C should make but you need to stop the 5D save.

Ernie Retetagos 2 Diamonds. I would never face this problem at the table, because I play 2 hearts as forcing with all of my partners. Edgar Kaplan popularized this treatment about 40 years ago. I am too strong to play a part score, so nonforcing bids or preemptive raises are out. 2 diamonds shows a limit raise or better and keeps hearts in the picture.

Asim Ulke: I bid 2D. I am not giving up on 6C yet. Give partner something like K/A xx Kx xxx Axxxx 10 or 11 points and the slam is odds on.

Stan Ruskin 2D I don't see anything complicated with this one. I bid 2D and go from there. I expect to be in 5C or 6C depending upon what happens. With at least a 10 Card club fit, I'm not interested in finding a 5-3 Heart fit. The rest of the auction Will be interesting. If partner has nothing in D, a slam could be made. This is IMPs So I want to be in a game or even a slam if it turns out partner has the right cards.

Herb Sachs 2D two diamonds, then hearts only if 100% forcing or diamonds again then hearts so hopefully when I get to bid five clubs partner will know what to do based upon his spade holding.

Fran Prus: 2 Diamonds. I have a 7 loser hand with the best trump support my partner could hope for. If my partner bids anything other than 3 clubs, I will make a game try in either hearts or clubs.

Robert Zimmermann: 5C Anything could be right, so let's go for the biggest payout. At worst, I can give the opponents the last guess at the 5 level.

Craig Biddle: 2D - the ubiquitous cue-bid. I am a huge believer in fit jumps in competition, and I have the right shape for it, but not the right high card location - a fit jump would show lower honors in the side suit rather than ace empty. And bidding 2H seems silly, partner would pass with S-Kx H-x D-Jxxx C-AQxxxx when we have a good play for slam. This hand is why I don't like to play mixed raises, I'd splinter in diamonds if I could but 4D won't really help since partner will overvalue the DA and undervalue the above hand.

Gail Carns 2D and hope partner bids 2H

Trudy Cohn: 5C Since you won't let me bid a forcing two hearts, I will just bid 5 Clubs. My preference is for a forcing two hearts to explore a lower level game.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5C	9	2	100
4D	8	1	90
2D	6	13	80
6C	0	0	70
4NT	0	0	50

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	5C
David Berkowitz	5C
Augie Boehm	4D
Bart Bramley	2D
Larry Cohen	2D
Billy Eisenberg	4D
Russ Ekeblad	4D
Mark Feldman	4D
Ross Gabel	4D
Allan Graves	4D
Barbara Haberman	2D
Carl Hudecek	2H
Sami Kahela	2D
Danny Kleinman	5C
Eric Kokish	4D
Mark Lair	2D
Sidney Lazard	4D
Pratap Rajadhyaksha	5C
Arthur Robinson	5C
Andrew Robson	4S
Jeff Rubens	5C
Ira Rubin	5C
Harry Steiner	5C
Robert Wolff	2D
Kit Woolsey	5C

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. January 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 Houston no game..New Yrs.	3 Zelenople extra point game	4 Edgewood extra points	5 Longue Vue extra point Greensburg Jr. Fund	6 PBA Open Pairs Sewickly extra point game	7
8		9	10 Zelenople extra point game	11 Edgewprj extra point game	Longu Vue extra pts Greensburg Jr. Fund game	13 PBA no game, Cleveland Reg. Sewickley extra point game	14
15		16	17 Zelenople extra point game	18 Edgewprj extra point game	19 Longue Vue extra point Greensburg Jr.	20 PBA Junion Fund Game Sewickly extra point game	21 special Point game.
22		23	24 Zelenople extra point game	25 Edgewprj extra point	26 Longue Vue extra point Greensburg Jr.	27 PBA Chmp. Swiss Team Sewickly extra point game	28
29		30 Houston Club Chmp. Extra points	31 Zelenople extra point game				

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Gail Stoner & Kathryn Clarke	73.00	Edgeworth	Wed
Robert Kleinmann & Bharat Shah	74.35	Whitehall	Fri
Syed Ali & Asim Kokan	70.61	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Steve Thomas & Bunny Hoffman	78.50	Edgeworth	Wed
Diane Franjione & Marlene Sienicki	72.02	South Hills NLM	Tues
Patricia Katz & Reanette Frobouck	70.84	JCC	Wed
Art Bonneau & Bud McElhaney	70.41	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Jane Blackburn Kathleen Dolegowski	70.83	South Hills NLM	Thurs

FIVE IN A ROW

James Fox Houston Fri

FOUR IN A ROW

Ronald Sain Indiana Tues Kathryn Clarke Edgeworth Wed

THREE IN A ROW

Russell Sheldon -Houston Fri Sandra McCall Houston Fri

TWO IN A ROW

Barbara Bergman Glenshaw	Mon	KenBergman Glenshaw	Mon
Sidney Stark Jr Rodef 299ers	Mon	Joseph Wolfe Rodef 299ers	Mon
Donald Averbach Whitehall	Mon	Bud McElhaney Whitehall	Mon
Sandra McCall Whitehall	Mon	Kathleen Mulligan O'Hara	Tues
Howie Pastroff South Hills NLM	Tues	Sue Pastroff South Hills NLM	Tues
Barbara Belardi Moon	Wed	Barbara Belardi Greensburg	Thurs
Raymond Priest Jr South Hills	Thurs	Howard Hillyer South Hills	Thurs
Glenda Gibb Natrona Heights	Mon	David Kozloff Rodef	Mon
Karen Bock Whitehall	Mon	Gail Stoner Edgeworth	Wed
Joanne Zambroski Wilkins	Fri	David Kozloff PBA Unit	Fri
Arlene Port PBA Unit	Fri	Joan Ferlan Natrona Heights	Mon
Philip Goulding Glenshaw	Wed	Patricia Katz JCC	Wed
Reanette Frobouck JCC	Wed	Bradley Craig Greensburg	Fri
Frank Siffrin Houston	Fri	Sue Israelson Export	Mon
Philip Goulding O'Hara	Tues	Herbert Sachs O'Hara	Tues