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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

In case you haven't noticed, Valentines Day will soon be upon us. So, find the one you love, or like a lot and celebrate. When you're done, celebrate with the PBA celebrate this month at our special events. We have club championships and our team game coming up. Please join us. You may want to check out the calendar on the last page where we list all the special games of each month. These are games that offer extra points for many different reasons; all of which are good.

OK, so February is not a very interesting month. It's the heart of winter and bad weather is always bad news. I usually use this months' front page to write an editorial, complaining aboutwhatever. I no longer think that's a good idea because the last time I did write an editorial, I was attacked (verbally) by several players who looked like they wanted to get serious. So, from now on I will keep my whining at a minimum.— or at least I will try.

It's time to nominate possible recipients of the Ann McGilvrey Award! This award honors a District 5 player, or in some cases a pair, who epitomize(s) ethical behavior and good sportsmanship at the bridge table. Email submissions are preferred (marcsylvester@hotmail.com), but paper submissions are also accepted: Marc Sylvester, 12330 Culbertson Drive, Edinboro, PA 16412.

TO BE CONSIDERED,

SUB-



ROCK AND ROLL REGIONAL RESULTS

Thu Morn Swiss Teams - 7 Tables

- A Names
1 Peter Petruzzellis, Scarborough ON; Sue Lan Ma, Kirtland Hills OH;
Barbara Belardi, Pittsburgh PA; Cecilia Powell, Monroeville PA

Thurs Eve Side Swiss - 20 Tables

- A Names
2 Jan Assini, Pittsburgh PA; Susan Stark, Pp OH; Richard Early, Cuyahoga Falls OH; Brian Ellis, Beachwood OH

Wed- Thu KO -2 - 10 Tables

- 2 Carol Bolen, Allison Park PA; Jean Picone - Barbara Weinstein, Pitts burgh PA; Mary Lou Flach, Sewickley PA
3/4 Fran Steger - Marie Kilian, Pittsburgh PA; Doris Hess, Beaver PA; Dorothy Mehok, Sewickley PA

Fri Open Pairs - 19.0 Tables / Based on 53 Tables

- A Names
1 Craig Biddle - Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA
2/3 Mary Paulone Carns - Gail Carns, Trafford PA

Sat Eve Swiss Teams - 16 Table

- A Names
1 Mary Paulone Carns, Trafford PA; Don Sulgrove - Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH; Brian Ellis, Beachwood OH

Fri-Sat KO Bracket 1 - 11 Tables

- Rank Names
1 Jan Assini, Pittsburgh PA; Susan Stark, Pp OH; Stephanie Alexander - Robert Alexander, Mentor OH; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville P

Fri-Sat KO- Bracket 2 - 13 Tables

- Rank Names
2 Kevin Robertson - Sharon Robertson, Beachwood OH; Philip Goulding, Wexford PA; Christopher Wang, Pittsburgh PA

Sun A/X Swiss - 26 Tables / Based on 59 Tables

- A Names
4 Warren Oberfield - Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker, Pgh PA; Bernie Green-span, OH; Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA; Mary Paulone Carns, Trafford PA

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Pairs Entries \$25 / Pair

1-Session Team Entries \$50 / Team

Open Swiss Teams \$100/team

499er Swiss \$ 88/team

Director in Charge: Alex Beattles

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Non & Unpaid ACBL Members

\$3 additional / per session

Student Discount: \$5 per Session

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

Newcomer / 499er Pairs

Both Sessions Friday & Saturday

PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!

Play ONLY against other New Players

Contact Darlene for

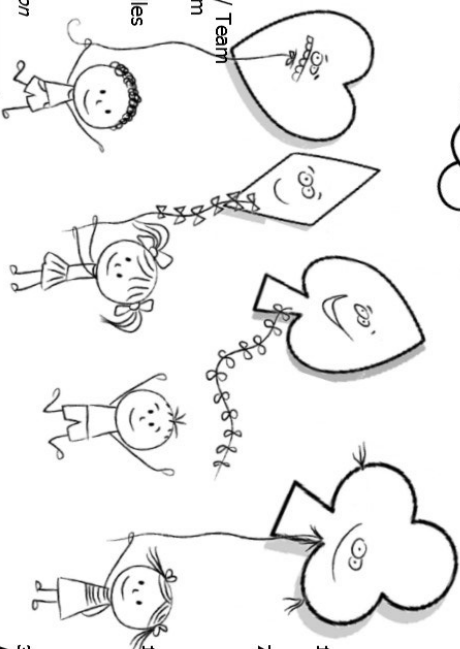
Partners & Team-building!

Full Schedule & Directions at

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Left: Artist's Conception
of the Tournament Chair



Pittsburgh Spring Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

March 24-26, 2017

Masonic Center North

**3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

Friday, March 24

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, March 25

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)

Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

Compact Handicapped KO Teams

(1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!!

3:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)

Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

Compact Handicapped KO Teams

(2nd of 2 sessions)

Sunday, March 26

Continental Breakfast & 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



EVOLVING ACBL RULE CHANGES POST

Phyllis Geinzer

NO TRUMP CHANGES AND NOT CHANGES

In July at the Nationals, ACBL officially made opening one no trump with a singleton legal. The new definition as of August 1, 2016 is:

“A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by agreement, it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be the A, K or Q and no more than two doubletons. If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton.” This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1 and 4-4-4-1, in addition to those that were previously included.

This change of definition has been a thorny issue for directors and has been under discussion for years. A change has been slow to come because a clear and concise definition has not been put forth. This new definition simplifies the parameters of a no trump opening bid. This new definition prohibits opening no trump with more shapely hands, such as 5-5-2-1, 6-4-2-1 or 7-2-2-2.

Announcing the point range of a one no trump opening bid has NOT changed. In its definition of ANNOUNCEMENT, as “part of the ACBL’s Alert procedure, an announcement is one word or a short phrase that tells the opponents directly the meaning of partner’s call. For example, after a natural 1NT opening bid, the partner of the bidder will say aloud, “5 to 17” **NEW ACBL DIRECTOR POST**

For some time, Gary Goetz has been a certified director in the Pittsburgh area. But now, things have changed. Gary has been hired by the ACBL as a Local Director. He will work Sectionals and smaller events in District V. There are many levels of director responsibilities. There is no doubt Gary will eventually reach the top by ultimately becoming a National

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly
does!!!

THIRD SEAT OPENING BIDS

When you are in 3rd seat after two passes, you have to decide if you should open with less than a full opener. There are several reasons why you should usually try to bid. Even though partner has passed, the hand might still belong to your side. It is beneficial to make a nuisance bid if the hand belongs to the opponents. In a competitive auction, it becomes more dangerous to enter as the level increases. It is safer to interfere at a low level.

Our unit has seven weekly games with results and hand records online. I looked at these games for one week and found that three hands were passed out. In 3rd seat, you are nonvulnerable on all three hands, although I would open all the hands even if vulnerable.

1) S- x x x x H- A K x x D- A J C- x x x . With 3 quick tricks, I think that most would agree that this is a mandatory opener in any seat. Your side can make 2 NT or 3 diamonds.

2) S-A x H-K x x x D-10 x x C- K J x x . When you open 1 club, partner will respond 1 spade, and you rebid 1 NT, showing 12-14. If you had a little less, you would not be able to open in 3rd seat, because you don't have a rebid after a spade response. With three spades and 4 hearts, you can open light and pass a 1 spade response. This hand is so close to a full opener that it is riskier to pass than to bid with your 11 count. On this hand, your side can make 2 NT or 3 clubs. 5 pairs passed this hand out and tied for bottom.

3) S- K x x x x H- x x x D- K C-A 10 9 x . When you open 1 spade, partner will bid 2 diamonds, which you pass. Coincidentally, again you can make 2 NT or 3 of a minor. This hand demonstrates the importance of playing the Drury convention. If your partner shows you a limit raise in spades, you deny a real opener and play safely at the 2 level.

Nothing works all of the time, and it is unusual that you can make 110 or 120 on each of these hands. But it is not surprising that you get better results by opening

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

*Cathy W Demos
Mary Lou Dickerson
Charlene C Doherty
Ann Y Fisher
Rodney C Lipman
Joel Saftier
Charles Carl H Srodes
Benjamin B Wechsler*

CLUB MASTER

*Hugh McMaster
Olive M Verbit
Richard J Verbit*

SECTIONAL MASTER

Allen Harper

REGIONAL MASTER

*Beverly G Cassidy
Teresa Dristas
Tilly L Flannery
Remo W Gritz
Dennis Jacobs*

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Steven M Nolan

BE KIND TO ME WHEN YOU BECOME A BRIDGE STAR

CONGRATULATIONS YOU'R ON YOUR WAY TO FAME

IN MEMORY

Our bridge family has suffered a terrible loss. **Sandy Schuchert** died on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. In addition to her playing skills, achieving Gold Life Master status, she was an active member of our Board of Directors, Sandy served not only as our Unit Secretary, for many years, but as President of Unit 142.

Many years ago, Sandy became a director and ran several games at the Masonic Center. She not only welcomed the more experienced players, but beginning players as well. She always fostered a group of beginning players at her games, giving them boards that had been previously played, along with the traveling slips so they could benefit from those results, along with mini lessons by one of the players. When she retired from directing she returned to the table as a player.

When I first started playing regularly in Pittsburgh, the Saturday game was the only one I could play because I was working long hours. Sandy took over that game when its previous owners/directors retired. She greeted all her players by name and made sure any new players were warmly received. Sandy was very gracious, with a great attitude and her winning smile. She will be remembered and sorely missed. Our condolences to all of her friends and her family.

Sally Peirce, known to many of us long time players in the South Hills, passed away early in January. Before marrying and having children, Sally was a professional dancer. She took up duplicate in retirement and made a stop at her table a most pleasant experience, even if the results of the hands was not necessarily to the opponents' liking. We had not seen Sally for quite some time due to poor health. Peace be with you, Sally..

Amy Lowensteins' husband, **Frank**, died recently following a brief illness. After talking to Amy, I came away with the knowledge that Frank was wonderful; a wonderful businessman, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather, and most of all a wonderful person who loved his life and gave back to others when he retired. We extend our sympathy to Amy and her family. We look forward to seeing her back at bridge soon.

.....arlene.

PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

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

April

- 7 Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting
- 14 Open Pairs
- 21 Unit Championship
- 28 Swiss Team Unit Charity Championship (for ACBL)

POST CARDS

We are always anxious to send our very best to **Norman Williams**. Alice tells me he is doing well. Alice, give Norman our love and tell him he is in our thoughts.

Frank Cordier remains in the hospital after he fell ill and was rescued after a few days. We hear he is working hard to get better. Knowing Frank, he will make it happen.

Note: If you know someone who is not feeling well, please let us know and we will wish them "bon bandage".

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, East/West Vul. You hold:

S 5 4 2
 H A K 9 7
 D A Q 10 9 5 4
 C

The bidding is:

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| 1D | PASS | 1S | PASS |
| ? | | | |

Jane Marshall 2H. My hand is good enough for a reverse. If partner rebids 2S, I will raise to 3S. If partner rebids 2NT, I will rebid 3D.

Richard Katz: 2H Since opponents are quiet, I'll take the overbid of two hearts and go low from there, hoping to survive. This may involve some fancy footwork and luck

Chris Wang I bid 2D. If partner bids something other than 2NT, I will put partner in game. If partner bids 2NT, I probably will bid 3D.

Arlene Port: 2H I always have two bids ready for any situation. In this case, I will bid 2H. If that doesn't work, I will use my other bid: "I'm sorry". It is a little light, but honestly, I believe it is the most descriptive.....or almost the most descriptive.

Bernie Fudor 2H The shape of hand makes a reverse more attractive after a 1 spade response Had my partner responded 2 clubs or 1nt. I wouldnt do so. So I bid 2h and hope.

Steve Nolan: 3D. Right on strength and diamond length, and if we have a game in diamonds, hearts or spades, we should find it. The risk is that partner will bid 3NT, after which I have to guess. That's unfortunate but 2D, 2H and 2S are all flawed, too.

Bill Holt 2H. An overbid, HCP-wise, but my hand gets an upgrade with a S fit. This 'Reverse' is forcing, and allows partner to show 5 Spades with a 2S bid (also forcing). I will then bid 4S. If partner denies 5S or 4H, the hand should play well enough in diamonds to warrant trying for the Major game. Hey, it's IMP's.

Paul Caplan: 3D not worth a full reverse. partner will bid hearts with 4 and I will raise to 4. I will bid 4 spades if partner rebids them.

Ernie Retetagos 2 Hearts. It looks like I'm short a face card to make a reverse. But if I just bid 2 diamonds, partner would pass with many hands where we'd be favorite to make game. Before you open this hand, you should think about your rebid so that you can bid in tempo after a one spade response.

Asim Ulke: I bid 2D. It is an underbid but if partner can not take another bid, perhaps it is where we belong.

Herb Sachs 2H two hearts. My hand got better!

Gail Carns: 2D and if partner bids something I jump in something.

Robert Zimmermann: 2 spades.

I am way too light for a 2 heart reverse, and would be too embarrassed to put down this dummy if partner accepted a game force. 2 diamonds is a nothing bid, and I'm too weak for 3 diamonds. 3 card support and a ruffing value will suffice. If partner make a move towards game, I'll happily accept.

Craig Biddle: 2H - I have always been a light reverser. This hand is at least as good as Qxx AKxx AQ9xx x which is automatic for me. If partner bids 2S I consider my 3S raise to be non forcing. And all my partnerships have agreements about forcing and non forcing continuations here.

Stan Ruskin I bid 2H. Many people play that this doesn't show extras so it would work here but it also works if it does show extras. Depending on what partner bids now will determine my next bid. If he bids 2S, I would bid 3S. Over 2NT, I would bid 3D completing a 6/4 hand. If he bid 3H, I would start Q bidding. over 3C 4th suit forcing, I would bid 3S etc

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 2H | 13 | 9 | 100 |
| 2D | 10 | 3 | 70 |
| 2S | 5 | 1 | 50 |
| 3D | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| 3S | 0 | 0 | 10 |

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Steve Beatty | 2h |
| David Berkowitz | 2D |
| Augie Boehm | 2S |
| Bart Bramley | 2H |
| Larry Cohen | 2H |
| Billy Eisenberg | 2H |
| Russ Ekeblad | 2D |
| Mark Feldman | 2H |
| Robert Friend | 2D |
| Ross Gabel | 2H |
| Allan Graves | 2H |
| Joe Grue | 2d |
| Barbara Haberman | 2D |
| Carl Hudecek | 2H |
| Sami Kahela | 2D |
| Danny Kleinman | 2D |
| Eric Kokish | 2S |
| Boris Koytchou | 2S |
| Mark Lair | 2H |
| Pratap Rajadhyaksha | 2H |
| Arthur Robinson | 2D |
| Jeff Rubens | 2H |
| Ira Rubin | 2D |
| Russell Shoup | 2H |
| Paul Soloway | 2D |
| Robert Wolff | 2H |
| Kit Woolsey | 2S |
| Zia | 2S |

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. February 2017

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----|-----|---|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|
| 1 | | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 PBA Unit Chmp. | 4 |
| 5 | | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 PBA Mem- bership game and board meeting. | 11 |
| 12 | | 13 | 14 Zelionople charity game | 15 Edgeworth extra points charity game | 16 Longue Vue extra points charity | 17 PBA Club Championship Sewickly extra point game. | 18 |
| 19 | | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams | 25 |
| 26 | | 27 Wash. DBC Charity game Evening | 28 | Additional Special Greensburg Thurs | Games: Charters/Houston.. 2/10 DBC. All games in February extra point games. | | Charity game |

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Lynn Rafferty & Alexander Bealles | 71.53 | Ellwood City | Mon |
| James Quigley & August Costanzo | 70.00 | Wilkins | Thurs |
| Joanne Zambroski & Catherine Caplan | 70.83 | Glenshaw | Mon |
| Joel Roteman & Donald Averbach | 75.00 | Whitehall | Mon |
| Beverly Anne & George Spine Jr | 70.14 | Moon | Wed |
| Catherine Caplan & Paul Caplan | 72.69 | PBA Unit | Fri |
| Ernie Retetagos & Janice Phillips | 70.57 | Glenshaw | Mon |
| Sheila Rabovsky & Bob Ferguson | 72.69 | Moon | Wed |
| Raymond Kramer & Alex Bealles | 73.00 | Butler | Thurs |
| Paul Caplan & Arlene Port | 70.83 | O'Hara | Tues |
| Arthur & Marie Henry | 71.43 | South Hills NLM | Tues |

FOUR IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----|
| Art Bonneau | Temple Emanuel | Wed | Bud McElhaney | Temple Emanuel | Wed |
| Judy Haffner | Wilkins | Fri | Asim Ulke | Wilkins | Fri |

THREE IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|-----------------|-------------|------|
| Beverly Anne Spine | Moon | Wed | George Spine Jr | Moon | Wed |
| Alexander Bealles | Butler | Thurs | Micheal Fezar | Sewickley | Fri |
| Hugo Churchill | Sewickley | Fri | Karen Bock | South Hills | Tues |
| Ernie Retetagos | Glenshaw | Mon | Ethel Levine | Whitehall | Mon |
| Patricia Cunkelman | Export | Mon | Ronald Sain | Export | Mon |

TWO IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| James Klein | JCC | Wed | Barbara Klein | JCC | Wed |
| Kathryn Clarke | Edgeworth | Wed | William Holt | South Hills | Thurs |
| Sue Israelson | Greensburg | Fri | Barbara Belardi | Export | Mon |
| Paul Rosenberg | Houston | Mon | Joe Sawyer | Edgeworth | Wed |
| Mary Kirsch | Edgeworth | Wed | Judy Pierce | Greensburg | Wed |
| Esther Sain | Greensburg | Wed | Carol Henderson | Longue Vue | Thurs |
| Louise Meyer | Longue Vue | Thurs | Constance Hoechstetter | SH | Thurs |
| William Lindgren | South Hills | Thurs | Ronald Sain | Greensburg | Fri |
| Patricia Cunkelman | Greensburg | Fri | Bob Flynn | Whitehall | Fri |
| June Threlkeld | Whitehall | Fri | Asim Ulke | Glenshaw | Mon |
| Marcella Retetagos | O'Hara | Tues | | | |