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Unit 142

Pittsburgh, PA

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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

It's not Thanksgiving, but we definitely have something to be grateful for. That would be the wonderful team who hosted our Spring Sectional; Bill Holt, Mary Lou Flach and John Bernhard, who did a simply remarkable job. Everything went very smoothly, including our partnership chair, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer, 499er chair. Also, we owe much of the credit to those who made food and served us a feast of appetizers. They made the most remarkable dishes. The quiches were really a special treat on Sunday. Thank you all for your hard work and for giving the rest of us so much fun. Clearly, they kept us busy so we could forget about all of the mistakes we made playing bridge.

BAD NEWS - GOOD NEWS: The bad news is that Gus Costanzo is retiring from the ACBL teaching staff. The good news is that Gus will continue his games in our area. We are forever grateful. Stay well Gus so that you can keep directing us forever.

Keep your eyes open. Pretty soon the players who deserted us for warmer pastures will be trickling home to our little village. Aside from the fact they make our games larger, we have missed them.

As usual, there is a lot of good bridge to play this month. Keep your eyes open for the special games posted in our calendar. All of these games carry extra points. Surely you could use a couple of extra points!! And for sure, don't miss our unit Swiss Team Championship game on April 28. You should really make it your business to come. This is a really nice game with very nice people. Need a partner or a pair, just call our Jane Marshall. She is a miracle worker.

BRIDGE CLASSES: APRIL 24-JUNE 12. SEE AD ON PAGE 4.

Congregation Rodef Shalom is offering 2 classes this semester: Beginning and Intermediate. Let's face it. If we don't bring new players into the game we will all end up just reminiscing about "the good old days" because there won't be any bridge games left.

Please read the ad and contact anyone who may be thinking of playing duplicate bridge. . It is difficult to reach players outside our unit, so if you know of anyone who may be interested, please tell them about our classes and how wonderful the game of bridge is.

Coincidentally, Marilyn Painter sent me an article about a bridge club in Florida that has grown to become the 4th largest in the US. The club president credits their success to "our education program which introduces new and casual players to the world of duplicate bridge." Help us to make that a possibility for Pittsburgh.

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PITTSBURGH SPRING SECTIONAL

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Fri. Aft. Strat. Pairs

- A B C Names
 1 Barbara Belard, James Gray
 2 Jan Assini, Frank Cymerman
 3 James Klein, William Lindgren
 1 1 Randy Pearson, Evan Marti, TX
 2 Karen Bock, David Collura
 3 Nancy Chak, Dennis Pittman
 2 Ronald Ambrose, Susan Israelson
 3 Sheila Rabovsky, Lois Porter

Fri. Aft. 499r Pairs

- D E F Names
 1 1 1 Carol Conaway, Martha Babbitt
 2 John Doyal, Kathleen Dolegowski
 3 2 Nolly Chess, Nolly Gibbs
 3 Allen Young - Ruth Ann Boyd
 2 Donald Wyke, Ronald Ladick
 3 Rebecca Zoretich, Darcy McDowell

Fri Eve Swiss -

- A B C Names
 Fri Eve Swiss Team
 A B C Names
 1 William Holt, Mary Paulone Carns
 Robert Quinlan, Constance Hoechstetter
 2 Craig Biddle - Warren Oberfield
 Judy Haffner, Asim Ulke
 3 1 1 Robert Flynn, June Threlkeld
 Martin Kumer, Micheal Fezar
 2/3 Christopher Wang - Donald Averbach
 Bud McElhaney, Sandra McCall
 2/3 John Bernhard - Bob Heasley
 Dorothy Mehok, Lorraine Hanna
 2 Patricia Miller - Ronni Burrows -
 Richard Kotler - Nicholas Rescher

Fri. Eve. Open Pairs

- A B C Names
 1 Fred Schenker, Harold Haffner
 2 1 Robert Zimmermann - Peter Howell
 3 2 1 Randy Pearson, Evan Marti, TX
 3 2 Ronald Ambrose, Susan Israelson
 3 Todd Hertzberg, Martin Greenberg

Fri. Eve. 499r Pairs

- D E F Names
 1 John Doyal, Kathleen Dolegowski
 1
 2 1 James Liacos, Karl Sokalski
 3 2 Ruth Ann Boyd, Allen Young
 3 Jane Kahn, Karen McIlwain

Sat. Morn. Strat. Pairs

- A B C Names
 1 1 1 Randy Pearson, Evan Marti, TX
 2 2 Robert & Laura Zimmermann
 3 Jan Assini, Frank Cymerman
 3 Dennis Pittman, Janice Schultheis
 2 Mahendra Patel - James Gump
 3 Ildiko Baxter, Arlene Cullen

Sat. Morn. 499r Pairs

- D E F Names
 1 Arthur Henry - Marie Henry
 2 1 1 Jean Chess - Nolly Gibbs
 3 2 John Lesjack - Catherine Lesjack
 3 Barbara Anderson - Grant Anderson
 2 Kathleen Wycoff - Mary Kirsch
 3 Mary Anne Pentrack - Cathy Demos

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs

- A B C Names
 1 1 Alan Leaver, Philip Goulding
 2 Vicki & Jack Goodykoontz
 3 2 John Bernhard, Mary Lou Flach
 3 1 Jayant Rajgopal, Alvin Mariani
 2 Ildiko Baxter, Remo Gritz
 3 Randy Pearson, Evan Marti, TX

Saturday Aft 499 Pairs

- D E F Names
 1 1 Dianne Franjione, Marlene Sienicki
 2 2 Prakash Shete, Leena Shete
 3 3 Betty Weightman, Barbara Lersch

Sat Compact KO 1

- Rank Names
 1 Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker -
 Warren Oberfield, Bernard Fudor
 2 Ken Bergman - Barbara Bergman,
 Marcella Retetagos - Ernie Retetagos
 3 Donald Toy - Cleman Rosenberger Jr,
 John Gillette - Nurit Eli

Saturday Aft Swiss Team -

- A B C Names
 1 Mary Paulone Carns, Robert Quinlan
 William Holt Constance Hoechstetter
 2 Harold Haffner, Judy Haffner
 Arlene Port, Trudy Cohn
 3 1 1 Cynthia Custer, Gary Marcus
 Lois Porter, Sheila Rabovsky
 2 Doris Hess, Bob Heasley
 Dorothy Mehok, Nancy Swensen
 3 George Retos, Frank Siffrinn
 Darlene Mannheimer, Gloria Hetzer
 2 David Livingston - Jean Livingston
 Leida Milazzo, Diana Beaver

SPRING LESSONS - RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

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BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas

It certainly
does!!!

READ THIS AND YOU WILL LEARN

Here's a hand from a club game that has points of interest in both the bidding and the play. With everyone vulnerable, the 3 club opener by your LHO gets passed around to you, sitting East. When you have a very strong two suited hand, you have a lot to tell partner about, but not much room. That is why established partnerships have agreements to help show these hands.

S- A 10 8 5	S- K Q J
H- 8 7 2	H- A Q 9 6 4
D- 7 6 4	D- A K Q J 10
C- K 9 3	C- ----

In the absence of any agreements, some players might want to cue bid 4 clubs to show a strong hand. That sounds to me like a high level Michaels bid and over emphasizes my spade length. I'd prefer to reopen with a double. If West decides to pass for penalties, they would be plus 800, but pass doesn't look right. South could easily score 6 club tricks and a trick on the side for only minus 500. Assuming that West bids 3 spades after a double, East could bid 4 hearts, and probably play there.

One of my regular partners plays that a reopening 4 diamond bid would be "Leaping Michaels", showing diamonds and a second suit. Another partner plays that a 4 club bid is any 2 suiter. With either of these partners, West would bid 4 hearts, (pass or correct). East could now cue bid 5 clubs, and pass when West signs off at 5 hearts.

If East is declarer, they will ruff the opening Ace of clubs lead. You can never make 4 heart tricks if North has King 4th of hearts. You can always make 4 heart tricks if North has a doubleton or tripleton King. To cater to the only situation that matters, you plan to cash the Ace and cross to the board to lead a heart. You are pleased to see the stiff King fall on your left. Now duck a heart and use your entry to pick up the suit.

It's a little more tricky if West declares, because you don't have the King of clubs to stop a forcing defense. If West declares, ruff the club lead and cash the Ace of hearts. To avoid losing trump control, shorten North before you get forced. Play 3 rounds of diamonds, and ruff the 4th round. If you get over ruffed, you can ruff the club return and pick up the suit. North can, and should hold you to 5 by refusing to over ruff. No matter who declares, if you mistakenly take a 1st round heart finesse, you will lose 3 heart tricks.

UP THE LADDER POST

YOU ARE THE FIRST APPOINTEES TO THE "BSOP"
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*Jeanne S Baseman
Rosanne L Patterson*

CONGRATULATIONS ! NOW YOU CAN
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IN MEMORY

Fran Egger passed away. Most of you probably never met her, but she was very much a part of our area bridge life, even though she was not a member of our unit. Fran was always at our tournaments and she added so much to the game. She was nice, she was good, and most of all, she was so much fun. Some years ago, she moved permanently to Florida. She was a very good friend of Alice Williams,. Although we didn't get to see her, in later life, we will never forget what a terrific lady she was. Our condolences to her family, her friends and to all of the bridge players who knew and loved her.

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

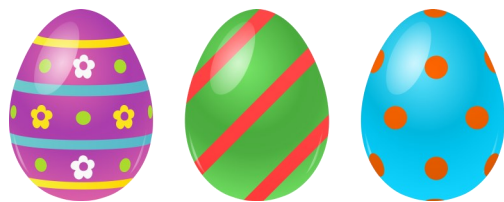
SPRING SECTIONAL (CONT.)

A B C	Names
1	Warren Oberfield - Herbert Sachs, Asim Ulke, Dan Roseberry
2	Robert Zimmermann - Peter Howell Paul Caplan - Catherine Caplan
3	Trudy Cohn - Arlene Port Harold Haffner, Judy Haffner
1	Philip Goulding, Craig Biddle Russell Sheldon, James Fox
2	David Collura - Joseph Bernot Joseph Secka Sr, Karen Bock
3 1	Arlene Cullen - Tammy Tjader June Threlkeld, Ildiko Baxter
2	Alan Leaver, Larry Puntureri Philippe Westreich, Lois Porter

Sunday 499er Swiss Teams

D E F	Names
1 1 1	Suzanne Morgan - Hugh McMaster Carol Conaway, Martha Babbitt
2 2	Lonnie Carey - Sarah Jones Ann Plunkett - Ruth Mackay

HAPPY EASTER.....



PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

April

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

May

- 5 *Club Championship*
- 12 *Unit Grass Roots Fund Game & Awards Night*
- 19 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*
- 26 *No game—Cleveland Regional*

June

- 2 *NAOP QUALIFIER*
- 9 *Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting*
- 11 *(Sunday) Fossick Goodman Swiss Teams*
- 15 *STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game*
- 16 *STaC Pairs*

Internet Post: Continued from page 9

Fred Schenker: 3D. I expect partner to have at most one diamond, so we know pard's hand has at most 4 red cards, it would be nice know how many S he has. Assuming partner's hand does not contain any diamond hcp, we are operating with a 30 point deck. I expect partner's hand to be 3-3-1-6 or 4-3-1-5. All I need to know is how many controls pard has to figure out whether we should be playing in 5, 6, or 7 clubs. I would start with 3D to establish a game force, and get partner to make the expected 3S cue bid. All we need for a really good slam is a decent 14 count:
Axx KQx x KQxxxx.

Craig Biddle 2H - partner is probably 4315, but may be 4324 or 3325. RHO probably has 4s and 5d, many would double with 4351 so I think 4252 or 4153 are more likely. That gives LHO at least 4h a large percentage of the time, and convinces me to go low even vul at IMPs. I have a lot of fast tricks if they lead diamonds, but a trump lead or even a spade lead could play awkwardly. I'm making a total tricks double if they bid 3D.

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, N/S Vul

You hold:

S K 9
H A 10 3 2
D 9 8 6 5
C A 9 2

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	1D	1H	2D
DBL*	PASS	?	

*3 HEARTS

Jane Marshall PASS. Not clear to me that we can make 3H. Double doesn't seem to be worth the risk. 3H may or may not make, so PASS it is.

Richard Katz: 3H I bid three hearts, intended as invitational. Happy to play four hearts opposite to what partner thinks is a good hand. When it goes double, I wished it were match points.

Chris Wang 2H I would like to pass the double, but since it is IMPs, I dare not. I know that our side is vulnerable, and our points are not too far from game, but I bid only 2 hearts.

Bernie Fudor Pass Good problem. No certainty in my bid but I'm passing and leading K of spades.

Trudy Cohn: 3C I will probably bid 3 C. I'm too good to just rest at 2 hearts and partner will know that I have extra values

Steve Nolan: 3C. North has (i) shown three hearts; (ii) probably only has one diamond (or zero) given my holding and the opponents' bidding; and (iii) did not open 1S so can have four of them at most. That places partner with a five-card or longer club suit so I bid 3C to show the fit (and deny a fifth heart).

Bill Holt 2H. I will be ruffing diamonds on the table. Defending 2dX, while not a game, does not appeal to me. A pass at matchpoints, I think. Game might be on with the perfect hand from partner, but my partners rarely supply such!

PJ Prabhu: 4H. I like our chances, especially with the expected D lead. Seems like partner is 4=3=1=5. Hope he has the SA and CK and either HK or HQ. Thought of just inviting with 3H, but it would just pass the buck and partner will have no idea what we need.

Stan Ruskin 2H This is a difficult one. Depending on what you play with partner will affect your bid. If 2NT says that you have a D stopper, you can't bid it. You could bid 3D which suggests 3NT to partner if he has a stopper in D or you could bid 3C which suggests the type of hand that you have or you could pass and play in your 4/3 fit below game. For you to bid and make a game, partner needs to have hand that has solid opening values but was distributionally not able to open 1NT. We are Vul and it is IMPs but I bid a non forcing 2H. Partner could bid again if He has a good hand.

Robert Zimmermann: 3 C

Vulnerable at IMPs, I need to make at least a game invite. Beyond that, I have no idea. Should partner's 3 diamond response be asking or telling as neither of us have shown spades? Maybe he has [Axx xxx Kx KQxxxx] and will bid 3nt by himself.

Asim Ulke: Pass today and tomorrow. If by some miracle they make this, it is not game. I lead a trump every time I get in

Arlene Port: 3C Honestly, this is just a guess. I really have no idea. I just don't want to second guess.

Paul Caplan 3 clubs partner has 5 or 6 clubs and this should be a good spot and partner will treat this as invitational after the free call of 1 heart. Passing the double has too much risk at imps.

Ernie Retetagos 4 Clubs. Vulnerable at imps, this hand is worth a game try. We should have a play for 4 hearts or 5 clubs if partner has any extras.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3D	13	1	100
4C	6	3	60
5C	0	0	50
3C	3	5	40
3H	3	1	40
2S	0	0	30
PASS	1	2	30
4H	0	1	10
2H	0	4	—

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	4C
David Berkowitz	3D
Henry Bethe	4C
Bart Bramley	3D
Ira Chorush	3D
Larry Cohen	3D
Billy Eisenberg	3D
Steve Garner	4C
Sar Gohel	3C
Carl Hudecek	P
Eddie Kantar	4C
Ralph Katz	3H
Sami Kahela	3H
Danny Kleinman	4C
Eric Kokish	3D
Jill Meyers	3H
Marshall Miles	4C
Arthur Robinson	3D
Michael Rosenberg	3D
Jeff Rubens	3D
Ira Rubin	3C
Mikr Shuman	3D
Joey Silver	4C
John Swanson	3C
Robert Wolff	3H
Kit Woolsey	3D
Zia	3D

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4. Zel. charity	5 Edgeworth charity	6 Longue Vue charity	7 PBA CHP %b oard mt. Sew YMCA Ch.	8
9	10	11 Zel. charity	12 Edge-worth charity	13 Longue Vue charity	14 PBA Open pr	15
16	17	18 Zel. charity	19 Edge-worth charity	20 Longue Vue charity	21 PBA Unit Chp Sewickley YMCA Charity	22
23	24	25 Zel. charity	26 Edge-worth charity	27 Longue Vue charity	28 PBA Charity Swiss tm. Sew. Charity	29
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FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Denise Dufour & Celine O'Neill	70.41%	Edgeworth	Wed
Dale Gregg & Estill Duggins	72.92%	Whitehall	Mon
Ida Gleeson & John Bernhard	75.00%	Longue Vue	Thurs
Asim Ulke & Herbert Sachs	71.53%	Glenshaw	Wed
Judy Haffner & Harold Haffner	73.15%	Glenshaw	Wed.

THREE IN A ROW

Kathleen Splane Sewickley Fri Patricia Cunkelman Greensbur Fri

TWO IN A ROW

Darcy McDowell	Rodef 299ers	Mon	Rebecca Zoretich	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Donald Turacy Sr	Whitehall	Mon	Craig Biddle	O'Hara	Tues
Kathleen Dolegowski	S H NLM	Tues	William Lindgren	Ze	Tues
Fred Lantz	Greensburg	Wed	John Killmeyer	Moon	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Moon	Wed	Prakash Shete	SH NLM	Thurs
Robert Zimmerman	PBA Unit	Fri	Peter Howell	PBA	Fri
Nancy Matthews	Nancy's DBC	Sun	Carol Bolen	Nancy's DBC	Sun
Paul Rosenberg	Houston	Mon	Sandra McCall	SH	Tues
Lois Quinn	Edgeworth	Wed	Robert Quinlan	Moon	Wed
Susan Portnoy	Wilkins	Thurs	Bunny Kerr	Wilkins	Thurs
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Fri	Robert Quinlan	Houston	Fri

HAPPY PASSOVER

