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Pairs Entries \$25 / Pair
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 88/team
Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
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Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
\$3 additional per session / pp.

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
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Schedule & Directions on the web!
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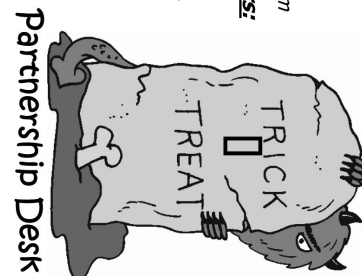
American Contract Bridge League

Lesson from an Expert
Friday @ 6:15 PM

Open	499er
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	



Plenty of Team Games



Trick & Treat Sectional
PITTSBURGH HOSPITALITY!

October 27—29, 2017
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, October 27

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 28

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!!

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

Sunday, October 29

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

All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

THE RONI REGIONAL IS HERE

SEE RONI REGIONAL SCHEDULE ON PAGE 7

“BRIDGE IS BUSTIN’ OUT ALL OVER”!

We have two months of great bridge events just waiting to happen. If you haven’t played at the Roni Regional, get yourself to the Convention Center and get your master points before they are all gone. It’s really a wonderful playing site and has so many events to choose from.

On October 19th we have the wonderful Pro-Am game at Rodef Shalom. (See ad on page3). This is the event where you get to both givemoney to charity, and get.....so much enjoyment playing with a PRO, an AM, or just a friend.

On October 27, we welcome our fall sectional. (page 2) Where we will be “goblin” masterpoints and “wolf-in” goodies served by our hosts. And if that’s not enough, we have our monthly team extravaganza at the PBA Unit Game.

So, the bottom line is: get ready for a fall season of great bridge, and just remember to take care of yourselves and stay safe and healthy.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE

AND THE TRICK & TREAT SECTIONAL IS ON THE WAY



Thursday Oct. 19, 2017

Game Time 7:00

**Hosted by Jeanne Baseman
& Chris Wang**

**Noshing Commences @ 6:15 PM
Main Course Provided -**

Salads, Sides and Desserts will be appreciated! It's for Charity!

Proceeds Benefit:

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

**EECM provides services and reaches out to those
experiencing the desperation of hunger. Playing
Site: Rodef Shalom - Oakland**

**Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation . Check website for availability or call
Chris Wang. Pro's are invited to contribute. Minimum total con-
tribution \$30.**

*Regular Partnerships not eligible to "Win" the event ... but are eligible for mas-



terpoints

FALL LESSONS - CONGREGATION RODEF SHALOM

Seven Consecutive Mondays, Starting SEPTEMBER 11 2017

Offering 3 different courses:

**#1 Beginning Bridge—
Bridge Basics #1**

#2 Bridge Basics #2. Competitive Bidding Plus.

#3 Play and Defense Of The Hand

Teachers: Arlene Port and Paul Kaplan

For more information, please pick up a registration form at any
local game or call Arlene Port @412-521-3637

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 Lorraine
Hanna, Election Chair John Bernhard, or any current Board member.

A list of current members and those members whose terms that will expire

POST CARDS

NORMAN WILLIAMS: We're thinkin' about you, and hope you
are doing well.

Okay BARBARA BERGMAN, everyone at the game is missing you.
We will patiently wait, but we are anxious to have you back at the
table.

MARIAN COHEN sat on her bed.
MARIAN COHEN fell on her head
Stitches were required, but now they've expired
She's perfect; just like we said (klutz)

PHYLLIS GEINZER is back and looking just great. No operation
ain't gonna keep her down. Nice going Phyllis. You're walking like
a pro.

(If someone is not feeling well, let us know and we will report it.)

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



TAKEOUT DOUBLES

Opportunities for a takeout double occur frequently in every bridge session. It's worth taking a look at the factors to consider in borderline situations. You need to be a little bit stronger to double 1 spade than to double 1 club, because you are forcing partner to the 2 level. When considering whether or not to double, there are three other factors to be taken into account, distribution, HCPs, and support for the unbid major(s). My minimum for doubling 1 club is 4-4-1 with 10 HCPs. With a doubleton in their suit, you need at least 11-12 HCPs. With three small in their suit, you should have at least 14 HCPs to double and good support for the majors. As in all competitive bidding situations, be sure to keep an eye on the vulnerability. Sometimes the choice is between overcalling, doubling, or passing.

1) S- J x	2) S- K J x	3) S- x x
H- Q J x	H- x	H- K Q x x
D- K Q x	D- A x x x	D- K x
C- A J x x x	C- K Q x x x	C- A J x x x

Difficult decisions arise when every action has a flaw, and you have to tell the smallest lie. In hand #1, after RHO opens 1 spade, your club suit is kind of puny for a 2 level overcall, and you hate to pass with maybe the best hand. A double implies trump support for the unbid major, but does not guarantee 4 cards. I would double, but 2 clubs or pass could easily work out better. It gets more dangerous to compete as the level increases, so I like to get in at the 1 level.

Hand #2 is a more clear cut example of doubling with only 3 card major suit support after RHO opens 1 heart. This hand is stronger than # 1 due to a stronger major, the spade suit, and a singleton. Normally you do have 4 card support for the unbid major, but it's not mandatory. Three card support with 2 honors is sufficient to make a takeout double.

In hand #3, RHO opens 1 spade. If you do not double, you will have trouble finding a 4-4 heart fit. You are too strong to pass, and the club suit is not much of a two level overcall. The diamond support is light, but partner will not bid much in diamonds without a 5 or 6 card suit. This kind of hand is an exception to having real trump support for all other suits.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Bunny Hoffman

CLUB MASTER

*Rodney C Lipman
Barbara J. Starr
Annette R. Suher*

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*Judith A Lorigam
Karen McIlwain
Richard Rubin*

ADV NABC MASTER

*Karl J. Sokalski
Tammy C Tjader*

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

June E Threlkeld

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Nurit Elis

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Cecilia Powell

CONGRATULATIONS!!
WHO KNEW YOU WOULD GROW TO BE SUCH AN
ACCOMPLISHED PLAYER

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GOOD LUCK IN YOUR RACE FOR THE BRIDGE PRIZE
we're not telling you what exactly that is.

PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

September

- 1 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL
- 8 Club Championship
- 15 Unit Championship
- 22 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 29 Open Pairs\

October

- 6 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 13 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams & Board Meeting
- 19 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom)
Club Championship
- 25-27 Instant Matchpoint Game (Special, Noon Start)
PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC

November

- 3 Open Pairs
- 10 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 17 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 24 Open Pairs Mon



PITTSBURGH August 29 - September 4, 2017

Morning Games

at 9AM

EXCEPT: 10 AM MONDAY!

Afternoon Games at 1PM
Evening Games at 7 PM

Events designated 1 & 7
are Two-Session Events

Newcomer Lectures:

12 PM Wed thru Sun

6 PM Wed thru Fri & Sun

Newcomer Reception

with Light Supper &

Hand Analysis —

Saturday 4:30 PM

Tuesday, August 29	Bracketed KO I (Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday)..... 1 & 7	Morning Side Series 4th of 5..... 9	
	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	AM Compact KO (Continues 9 Sunday)..... 9	
	499er Pairs 1	Bracketed KO II (Continues 1 & 7 Friday)..... 1 & 7	
	Afternoon Side Series 1st of 6 1	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	
	Evening Side Series 1st of 6 7	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	
	Stratified Swiss Teams 7	Afternoon Side Series 3rd of 6 1	
Wednesday, August 30	Morning Side Series 1st of 5..... 9	Evening Side Series 3rd of 6 7	
	AM Handicapped KO (Continues 9 Thurs thru Sat)..... 9	Stratified Swiss Teams 7	
	499er Pairs 1	Morning Side Series 2nd of 5..... 9	
	Compact KO 1 & 7	A/B/C Open Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri)..... 9	
	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	Gold Rush Swiss (Continues 9 Fri) 9	
	Afternoon Side Series 2nd of 6 1 & 7	499er Pairs 1	
	Evening Side Series 2nd of 6 7	Bracketed KO II (Continues 1 & 7 Friday)..... 1 & 7	
	Stratified Swiss Teams 7	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	
Thursday, August 31	Morning Side Series 2nd of 5..... 9	Afternoon Side Series 3rd of 6 1	
	A/B/C Open Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri)..... 9	Evening Side Series 3rd of 6 7	
	Gold Rush Swiss (Continues 9 Fri) 9	Stratified Swiss Teams 7	
	499er Pairs 1	Friday, September 1	
	Bracketed KO II (Continues 1 & 7 Friday)..... 1 & 7	Morning Side Series 3rd of 5..... 9	
	Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	499er Pairs 1	
	Afternoon Side Series 3rd of 6 1	A/B/C Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7	
	Evening Side Series 3rd of 6 7	Gold Rush Swiss Teams 1 & 7	
	Stratified Swiss Teams 7	Afternoon Side Series 4th of 6 1	
		Evening Side Series 4th of 6 7	
		Stratified Swiss Teams 7	

Saturday, September 2

Morning Side Series 4th of 5..... 9	
AM Compact KO (Continues 9 Sunday)..... 9	
499er Pairs 1	
Bracketed KO III (Continues 1 & 7 Sunday)..... 1 & 7	
Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7	
Afternoon Side Series 5th of 6 1	
Evening Side Series 5th of 6 7	
Stratified Swiss Teams 7	
Sunday, September 3	
Morning Side Series 5th of 5..... 9	
499er Pairs 1	
Compact KO 1 & 7	
A/B/C Open Pairs 1 & 7	
Gold Rush Pairs 1 & 7	
Afternoon Side Series 6th of 6 1	
Evening Side Series 6th of 6 7	
Stratified Swiss Teams 7	
Monday, September 4	
Short-Flighted Swiss Teams 10	
(Playthrough 7 rounds of 7)	
A & A/X Play Alone, B-C-D Stratified	
All Players with over 2500 MPs play in A/AX	

Low Entry Fees! \$12 per session for ACBL members. \$16 for unpaid and non-members

Stratification by Average Masterpoints in All Events.

Stratification of Side games and Morning games at Directors' Discretion.
Mid chart used in top bracket of KO's & Flight A of Flighted Swiss

All KO Teams are random draw within brackets and include 0-500 players
KO events with only one bracket may be handicapped

Stratified Events	A/B/C Pairs and Swiss	Gold Rush	Stratified-Flighted Swiss (Monday)
A 2500+	A 3000+	D 300-750	Playthrough 7 rounds of 7 (Food Available)
B 750 to 2500	B 1500 to 3000	E 100-300	A & A/X Play alone, B-C-D Stratified
C 0 to 750	C 0 to 1500	F 0-100	All Players with over 2500 MPs play in A/AX
			A: 3000+ X: 0-3000
			B: 1500 to 2500
			C: 500 to 1500
			D: 0 to 500

Gold Rush Events Highlighted in GOLD—win Gold points in events restricted to those with < 750 Masterpoints



American Contract Bridge League

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, none vul. You hold:

S A 7 3
H Q 7 2
D Q 6 5 4 2
C 8 2

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
----	---	2C	PASS
2D	PASS	2S	PASS
3S*	PASS	4C	PASS

? *denies double-negative; four spades would have shown strong spades; little else.

What call do you make?

Chris Wang I would bid **4S**. I already told my partner that I have had a good hand. I have no controls to bid other than the Ace of Spades.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid **4 Spades**. I have already shown a positive response with a spade fit and don't really have any other feature to bid.

Herb Sachs: **5S**. I have no aces or kings, but I do have good cards and this would be the way to show a hand with extra values.

Bill Holt: **4S**. I like my hand but I've nothing left to say. Once I bid **3S** I've told my tale. Partner can proceed on his own. I am not familiar with the context of the **3S** bid in this question, tho.

Bernie Fudor: I bid **4S** Lack of red suit cue bid should indicate to partner that my card for 3 spades bid is in spades. 2nd choice is 5 spades

Steve Nolan: **4NT**. I would bid **4H** if I knew partner would take it as a last train slam try. Assuming we are not playing that, I'll look for slam using a convention I know is in our system.

Stan Ruskin I can't think of anything else but **4S**. I already showed a hand that should have at least one control. After partner's **Q** bid, I would show an ace or a king. By bidding **4S**, I must have a spade control so partner can go from there.

Gail Carns: **4S** I don't have an **A r K** to show

Paul Caplan: 4 spades. you have nothing else to say that makes any sense. this is why I do not like 2diamonds as waiting. I would have bid 2nt at my 1st bid then raised 3 spades to 4 spades. partner would then know I have 8points and 3 spades. Paul Caplan

Asim Ulke: I bid **4S**. 3S already showed a positive bid. Partner will know that you have no red suit ace or club singleton.

Robert Zimmerman **4 Spades**. I've shown extras with my **3S** bid. I have barely that, and I have nothing to cue bid. I'm not even sure what I'd do if partner makes another slam try.

Jane Marshall: **4S**. I can't cue an Ace in a side suit. My 2 Queens will help, but I can't see making a move toward any slam

Ernie Retetagos **4 Spades**. I already told partner that I have some values

PJ Prabhu: **4S**. What's the problem? I cue bid my ace, of course (just joking)! Yes, I have two red queens; so what? I have no red ace to cue bid; hence, I rebid our suit. Was I supposed to invent a **5S** bid to show the **S** ace? Eagerly waiting for the Postmortem to learn the answer to my questions.

Arlene Port: **4S** I already told partner that I have a positive response. I feel my **4S** bid says it wasn't a great positive and it's up to partner to go on—or not. (Having said that, since I write this column, I already know what the most popular answer is. Unfortunately, I am rarely up to making it! Oh well..)

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5S	11	1 - 1/2	100
4D	7	0	70
4H	2	0	70
4S	10	12	60
4NT	0	1	40



HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Mchael Becker	5S
David Berkowitz	5S
Larry Cohen	4D
Richard Colker	4S
Billy Eisenberg	5S
Russ Ekeblad	4S
Robert Friend	4S
Carl Hudecek	4S
Eddie Kantar	4S
Sami Kehiela	5S
Danny Kleinman	4S
Eric Kokish	4D
Michael Lawrence	5S
Robert Lipsitz	4S
Patrick Long	4S
Jeff Meckstroth	4D
Marshall Miles	4S
Erik Paulson	4D
Barry Rigal	5S
Arthur Robinson	5S
Andrew Robson	5S
Beverly Rosenberg	5S
Al Roth	4D
Jeff Rubens	4S
Ira Rubin	5S
Joey Silver	4D
Anders Wirgren	4H
Robert Wolff	5S

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		AUG 29			1	2
		RONI			N A L	8/29
3	EXPORT no game labor day	5	6	7	8 PBA CLUB CHMP.	9
THRU						
10	11	12	13	14	15 PBA UNIT CHMP.	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 UNIT CHMP. SWISS TEAMS	23
24	25 EXOIRT CLUB CHMP	26	27	28	29 PBA OPEN PAIRS	30

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Mary Kirsch & Joe Sawyer	72.50	Edgworth	Wed
James Fox & Russell Sheldon	70.14	South Hills	Tues
Hugh McMaster & Rod Lipman	70.83	Edgworth	Wed
Suzanne Morgan & Tris Thorne	70.83	Edgworth	Wed
John Killmeyer & Robert Park	71.88	Moon	Wed
William Holt & Kenneth Bergman	73.75	Wilkins	Thurs
Arlene Port & Judy Haffner	70.14	Rodef	Mon
Peter Cannon & Marybeth Cannon	74.49	Rodef 299ers	Mon
Arlene Port & Trudy Cohn	72.02	JCC	Wed
Asim Ulke & Gail Carns	70.63	Rodef	Mon

FIVE IN A ROW

David Kozloff Rodef Mon

FOUR IN A ROW

Sandra Brand Rodef Mon Kenneth Eichler Greensburg Wed

THREE IN A ROW

Susan Dillon	Export	Mon	Gail Stoner	Edgworth	Wed
Hugh McMaster	Edgworth	Wed	Fred Lantz	Greensburg	Wed
Shirley Eskew	South Hills NLM	Tues	Barbara Cusick	South Hills NLM	Tues
Arlene Port	JCC	Wed	Trudy Cohn	JCC	Wed

TWO IN A ROW

Eric Ruben	Moon	Wed	Judit Bardi	Natrona Heights	Mon
Raymond Kramer	Natrona Heights	Mon	Sandra McCall	Whitehall	Mon
Bud McElhane	Whitehall	Mon	Arlene Port	JCC	Wed
Ed Collins	Greensburg	Wed	Sandra McCall	Chartiers-Houston	Fri
Sheila Rabovsky	Sewickley	Fri	Judit Bardi	Natrona Heights	Mon
Raymond Kramer	Natrona Heights	Mon	June Threlkeld	Nancy's Sun. Din. Club	
Andrew Makar	Export	Mon	Kenneth Snyder	Export	Mon
Lila Margollis	JCC	Wed	Lessa Finegold	JCC	Wed
Constance Hoechstetter	Temple Em.	Wed	Rod Lipman	Edgworth	Wed
Richard Bulow	Greensburg	Thurs	Fred Lantz	Greensburg	Thurs
Nancy Matthews	Nancy's Sun.Din. Club		Carol Bolen	Nancy's Sun. Din.Club	
Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon
Linda Connell	Indiana	Tues	Harold Haffner	Glenshaw	Wed
Judy Haffner	Glenshaw	Wed	Leena Shete	South Hills NLM	Thurs