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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

WHAT A MONTH!! October has given and just keeps on giving.
so much enjoyment. .

The Pro--Am game was, as usual spectacular. Our hosts, Jeanne Baseman and Chris Wang did a monumental job of handling all of the difficulties associated with this event. The logistics are so difficult; making partnerships, setting up the playing sight, dealing with all of the donations, giving us a gift for attending and feeding us. I know they could never have done all of this without the help of so many of our members who are always ready to pitch in and make all of our events successful. To all of you, thank you so much for your hard work and commitment to our Unit. At this time I do not have the amount of our donation, but I will inform you when I know.

The Instant Matchpoint game which comes around every year was really special, thanks to Roseanne Patterson, Jeannie Baseman, Hermoine Balph, Dot Mehok and Donna Trust for serving up such a delicious buffet. We just don't deserve being treated so well. (I had to say that) However, we were all up to eating everything in sight. Thank you so much. It was so appreciated by us all.

If you're reading this, you are probably at the Trick & Treat Sectional or have just earned all of those silver masterpoints that were given out by the dozens and are celebrating the windfall. Hope you have/had a great time. I promise you, the hospitality is always very special. See the schedule of events on page 5. Have a very happy Halloween and eat lots of the candy your grand-

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



REVERSE BIDDING

When opener, after hearing a one level response from partner, re-bids a suit at the two level that is higher ranking than their opening bid suit, they have made a reverse bid. Auctions such as 1C-1H-2D or 1D-1S-2H are examples of a reverse. Opener has shown at least game invitational strength, and the 1st bid suit is always longer than the 2nd suit. This bid is forcing and shows about 16-21 HCPs with at least one long suit. Depending on your system agreements, there are a couple of different ways for responder to show a weak non game forcing hand. Regardless of point count or system, responder's first responsibility is to rebid a 5 card or longer suit. This is only a one round force, but could be a very good hand. With a strong hand and a 5 card suit, just rebid your suit, and then make subsequent bid. With a good 6 card suit and a game forcing hand you can jump rebid.

To show a weak hand that lacks a 5 card major, one system advocates bidding the cheaper of either the unbid suit or 2 NT. In the 2/1 system 2NT is the 2nd negative, and any other call, other than rebidding their suit is game forcing. In the auction 1C-1S-2H, 2NT by responder denies a 5 card suit, and does not promise another bid. But it could be a hand with the values for game, but lacking primary support for either of opener's suits. This bid is a one round force. When responder does have real trump support for one of opener's suits, but a minimal response, bid 2NT and pass or correct opener's rebid.

If responder supports either of opener's suits at the 3 level, after a reverse, that is a game forcing bid with full trump support. There is no need to jump the bidding to show a good responding hand. When your side has some slam potential, you don't want to jam your auction by wasting bidding space.

After a 2 over 1 response, like 1D-2C-2H, there are two different schools of thought. Some play that this bid is a true reverse and shows extra values. Others play that this just shows a 4 card heart suit and does not promise extra. There are pros and cons of each method. Hands that have the strength for a reverse occur frequently enough that regular partnership should discuss this sequence and the 2nd negative sequence.

STaC Week

**December 4-10
ALL WEEK!**

Win Silver Points at your local club!

A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites.

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

STaC'n'Snack

**Thursday Dec 7
Game time 7 PM
Snacking at 6:15**

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

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

Bring a Favorite Dish for all to enjoy!

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY! PLENNY FOOD!

Please coordinate snacks with Ruth Rutter ...

Email: 1712SNS@pittsburghbridge.org or Text: 412-580-4825

STaC SWISS

**Sunday Dec 10
Game time 11 AM
\$100 / Team**

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

Continental Breakfast before & Pizza Lunch!

Steelers play at night so you won't miss a thing!

And Don't Forget... **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Come Celebrate the Season with your Unit 142 Friends!



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association

**Friday, Dec 1 @ Wilkins*
Game time 7PM**

***DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

Pro Am **PRO AM GAME WINNERS**

OVERALL AWARDS

A	B	C	
1			Barbara Belardi - Jacqueline Cavalier
2			Leroy Hackenberg II - Angela Agnello
3	1		Richard Finberg - Jane Kahn
4			Asim Ulke - Barbara Weinstein
5	2		Alan Leaver - Mary Lou Flach
6	3		Bud McElhaney - Sandra McCall
7	4	1	Steven Nolan - Allen Young
8	5	2	Bob Heasley - Robert Greco
	6		Lila Maargolis - Lessa Finegold
		3	Carol Bolen - Dennis Jacobs
		4	Doris Hess - Carol Stuart
		5	Patricia Anders - Russell Orkin
		6	Nicholas Rescher - Richard Kotler

(Ed Note: I would have come in overall had I played)

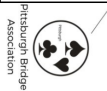
PBA HIGH SCHOOL BRIDGE PROGRAM

Our High School teaching program continues to be very successful this year. Woodland Hills students increased from 16 last year to 28 this year. Fox Chapel increased from 27 last year to 45 this year. We are also working on adding several other schools to the program.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help teach the students can call Paul Caplan at 412-823-9193.

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT EVENT TO PLAY IN THIS WEEKEND,
HERE IS A COPY OF THE EVENTS FOR THE TRICK & TREAT SECTIONAL.

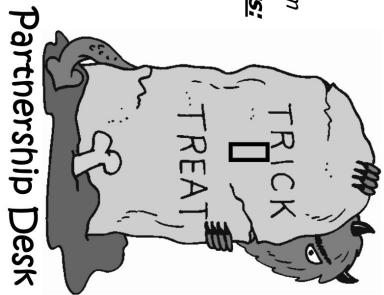
Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / 499er Pairs
 Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
 Play ONLY against other New Players
 Contact Darlene for
 Partners & Team-building!
Schedule & Directions on the web!
www.pittsburghbridge.org



Lesson from an Expert
 Friday @ 6:15 PM



Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall
 412-371-4067
1710pairs@ds5bridge.com
Newcomers & 499ers:
 Darlene Mannheimer
 412-343-0419
499pairs@ds5bridge.com
Tournament Chairs:
 Ron Franck
 412-913-1505
 Barb Weinstein
 412-963-1411
 John Alioto
 412-297-6102
Fall17@ds5bridge.com
 Pairs Entries \$25 / Pair
 Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
 499er Swiss \$ 88/team
 Director in Charge: Alex Beales
 Sanction S1710074
 Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
 \$3 additional per session / pp.



Trick & Treat Sectional

PITTSBURGH HOSPITALITY!

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

Plenty of Team Games

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

Friday, October 27
 1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
 Single Session Swiss Teams
 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)
 (2nd of 2 sessions)
 4:00 PM Lunch on Us between Sessions!
 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 **Super Brunch & Lunch Included**
 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

UP THE LADDER POST

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL - GREAT SHOWING

JUNIOR MASTER

Phyllis T Genszler
 Jack W Philips

CLUB MASTER

Denise Dufour
 Jean P Stanhagen
 Lynn D Williams

LIFE MASTER

Robert H Flynn

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Carol A Bolen
 Garnet Y Depner
 Dennis K Pittman

SAPPHIRE LIFE MASTER

August J Costanzo

*** (In error, I demoted Bernie last month. His true rank is now Platinum Life Master.) Sorry Bernie



PLATINUM LIFE MASTER



BERNARD FUDOR



NICE GOING BERNIE



INTERNET POST

You are South; matchpoints e/w vul. You, South hold:

S	9 7 3 2
H	A 8 4
D	A Q 3
C	6 5 3

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
PASS	PASS	1H	2D

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Bernie Fudor: 2H I go low bid 2h at MPs if its IMPs and vul bid 3d nv bid 2hearts

Richard Katz : Double, negative and correct clubs to hearts. Two hearts now a tad unilateral. Slight overbid perhaps but Aq diamonds a plus, good trumps a plus. If this gets us to 4 hearts, that might be a minus, eh?

Craig Biddle: Double, then raise or correct to 3H. (And if I'm playing Flanery, I would even bid 3H over a 2S response since partner should be showing 3 good spades and shape in a minimum hand.) Although I have a great 10 points, the rest of my hand is awful. Sterile shape, no spots. I'm very unlikely to get a ruff in my hand. 2NT is off my radar with nothing resembling a stopper in either black suit. And I think this hand doesn't have enough offense for a cue-bid raise.

Steve Nolan: 2H. If the bidding continues, it will be easier to convince partner that I have diamond stoppers after I bid 2H than it will be to persuade partner I have three hearts after starting with 1 or 2 NT

Stan Ruskin DBL Even though my QD is now promoted, I'm still 4/3/3/3. I am going to double and raise to 3 hearts if and when I can. All I have is a 2-1/2 raise and this is the way I can show it. I think this is the best way to convey my values so my partner can judge where we should play the hand.

Gail Carns: 3H if it is a limit raise, if not, whatever bid is a limit raise

Robert Zimmerman : double I've got 4 spades and 10 points. I'll show that now and decide between 3 hearts, 4 hearts, or 3 no trump depending on partner's bid.

Jane Marshall: 3 diamonds. If partner opened light in 3rd seat, then I have us too high. If partner has a full opening bid (or better) he can make a decision between 3H and a try for game or slam. I have 3 tricks to contribute...too much to just say 2 hearts. 2NT doesn't appeal to me because I have nothing in the black suits.

Bill Holt: Double (Negative). This is a 'limit that's not quite a limit', with bad shape but well-positioned diamond cards. I have too many Hearts to think pass then convert a double to penalty, so I will double first then raise hearts minimally next. 2H is my second choice.

Ernie Retatagos: 2H Playing matchpoints, I would bid 2 hearts. Partner might have a light 3rd hand opening, and I want to protect our plus. I don't like the 4333, and I have no cards in any of partner's side suits. It usually doesn't pay to stretch to a thin game at matchpoints. What matters at matchpoints is how many pairs you beat, and not your total point score.

Playing imps, there is a bonus for bidding game. I would bid 3 diamonds at imps. It would be more clear to cue bid if I was vulnerable.

Paul Caplan: 2H this hand is a borderline limit raise. I devalued the hand for the lack of a fourth trump and the flat distribution, also partner will need help in the black suits which I can not help with.

PJ Prabhu: 3D. Sitting over the 2D overcaller, the D AQ appears as good as the AK. Hence, 3D showing a limit raise or better is just right. No other bid comes close to describing this hand

Herb Sachs: 2H I automatically subtract one point when holding "Four by three" hands and simply bid two hearts.

Chris Wang: 2NT I guess the other options are 3D or pass. Partner is 3rd seat. I think 2NT is more descriptive. If partner doesn't like NT, I can retreat to hearts.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Philip Alder	D
Alan Bell	3D
Marty Bergen	2NT
David Berkowitz	D
Mark Blumenthal	2H
Larry Cohen	2H
Chris Compton	D
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Robb Gordon	2H
Alan Graves	2H
Carl Hudecek	D
Michael Kamil	2NT
Eddie Kantar	2NT
Sami Kehiela	2H
Eric Kokish	D
Boris Koytchou	D
David Liss	D
Marshall Miles	2NT
Nick Nickell	D
Larry Robbins	D
Arthur Robinson	3H
Steve Robinson	2H
Al Roth	2H
Fred Stewart	3D
Paul Sugar	D
Howard Weinstein	2NT
Robert Wolff	2H
Kit Woolsey	3D
Zia	2H
Ray Zoller	2H

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Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc NOVEMBER 2017

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26	27 EXPORT Charity game for Moose heart	28	29	30		

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Ernie Retetagos & Constance Hoechstetter	72.33	Glenshaw	MonPhil-
ip Goulding & Alan Leaver	71.68	Zelionople	TuesEarl
Benner & Hugo Churchill	71.25	Nancy's Sunday Dinner Club	Sun

FIVE IN A ROW

Deborah Shoup	Greensburg	Thurs	Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues-
Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues			

FOUR IN A ROW

Constance Hoechstetter	Temple Emanuel	Wed
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THREE IN A ROW

Judit Bardi	Natrona Heights	Mon	William Lindgren	O'Hara	Tues
Arlene Port	O'Hara	Tues			

TWO IN A ROW

Ernie Retetagos	Glenshaw	Mon	Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues
Arthur Henry	Chartiers-Houston	Fri	Marie Henry	Chartiers-Houston	Fri
Mary Lou Flach	Allegheny CC	Fri	Barbara Weinstein	Allegheny CC	Fri
Jean Picone	Glenshaw	Sat	Craig Biddle	Glenshaw	Sat
Annemarie Gordon	Glenshaw	Mon	Allan Cohen	Rodef 299er	Mon
Lois Cohen	Rodef 299er	Mon	Kathleen Mulligan	O'Hara	Tues
Ronald Sain	Indiana	Tues	Judi Sonon	JCC	Wed
Alice Williams	JCC	Wed	Sandra McCall	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Moon	Wed	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Thurs
Richard Katz	Wilkins	Fri	Patricia Katz	Wilkins	Fri
Asim Kokan	Rodef 299er	Mon	Syed Ali	Rodef 299er	Mon
Bunny Hoffman	Edgeworth	Wed	Steve Thomas	Edgeworth	Wed
Sandra McCall	Wilkins	Thurs	Donald Averbach	Chartiers-Houston	Fri
John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat	Donald Averbach	Chartiers-Houston	Fri
John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat	Dorothy Mehok	Glenshaw	Mon
James Klein	Rodef	Mon	Barbara Klein	Rodef	Mon
Angela Agnello	Export	Mon	Nancy Gusky	South Hills NLM	Tues
Marian Creps	Indiana	Tues	Asim Ulke	Glenshaw	Wed
Herbert Sachs	Glenshaw	Wed	Jack Hawthorne	Glenshaw	Wed
Donald Averbach	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Barbara Belardi	Wilkins	Fri