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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

We have two front page announcements to make in May. The first of these is our PBA AWARDS NIGHT. Traditionally, this is an affair we hold each May to honor those members of our Unit who have achieved success. It is a wonderful evening with food, fun, and fantastic bridge. Please join us. If you need a partner, call Jane Marshall and she will arrange one for you. We look forward to seeing you there.

The second is our PITTEBURGH SPRING SECTIONAL!! April 27—29 join in for FUN; good time, good food, good bridge, and PROFIT.....lots and lots of master points. Need a partner? Not to worry, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer (non life master) await your call. We've got you covered.

For upcoming events, check out page 7. Rodef Shalom beginning and intermediate lessons START Monday, April 30. Check it out and, particularly, pass it on to those people you know who would like to begin or improve bridge.

WELCOME TO MAY: THE SEASON HAS BEGUN!!

PBA AWARDS PARTY

WHAT: PBA AWARDS PARTY
WHEN: FRIDAY, MAY 18 2018
WHERE: WILKINS TOWNSHIP (Unit Game Site)
WHAT TIME: 7:00 PM Come early to enjoy the food.
WHO WILL BE THERE: EVERYONE WHO HAS WON A UNIT AWARD AND ALL OF THOSE WHO COME TO HONOR THEM.
COME COLLECT YOUR AWARD OR GIVE YOUR FRIEND AN "ATTABOY"

***JUNIOR GAME - Saturday @ 10am**
Limited to age 18 and under
For those with 0-5 Masterpoints
Session is FREE, includes lunch!

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
www.pittsburghbridge.org

**New! Earlier Playtimes
On Saturday & Sunday!**

April 27-29, 2018
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Lesson from an Expert
Friday @ 6:15 PM

 Pittsburgh Bridge Association

 American Contract Bridge League

10:00 AM ★ 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, April 28

10:00 AM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)
Junior Game - Under 18 with 0-5 mps
See Box* for Details!

2:30 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, April 29

10:00 AM ★ Super Brunch & Lunch Included

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 Aug. Mps Director's Discretion

Partnerships:
Jane Marshall 412-371-4067
Partners@pittsburghbridge.org

Newcomers & 499ers:
Darlene Mannheimer
412-343-0419
499er@pittsburghbridge.org

Tournament Chairs:
Ron Franck 412-913-1505
Ken Bergman 724-713-3170
Spring18@pittsburghbridge.org

Director in Charge: Alex Beales
Sanction # 51811054

Pairs Entries \$25 / pair
Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
499er Swiss \$ 88/team

All paying participants must be current or former ACBL members. 1-yr membership: \$7.99; unpaid & former ACBL members \$3 additional per session.



Pittsburgh Spring Sectional
Hospitality All Sessions!

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BARB BERGMAN & Lou JOSEPH

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Help us celebrate the memory of Barb & Lou, two remarkable friends whose presence graced our bridge tables - and whose dedication and hard work on behalf of Pittsburgh Bridge was legendary.

Sunday, June 3, 2018
Edgewood Country Club

Coffee, Bagels & Pastries at 9:45 ~ Game Time 10:30

Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon

Entry: \$150 per team of four, Extra Player \$37.50*

Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 – 2000 C: 0 – 750

Stratifications by Team Average MPs

7 session play-through with dinner break!

For additional information, Call:

Richard Zack at 724-895-3364 or

Patsy Evans at 412-563-2807 or

Jeanne Baseman 412-889-2538

Or Email: BarbLou@pittsburghbridge.org

Please RSVP: via email, or call Patsy Evans

- Limited to 28 teams!

Casual Country Club Attire, please.

Food! Fun! Fellowship!

****All Proceeds Benefit***

Local Bridge Education!

See you there!



**Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**

POST CARDS

Guess who just moved to Schenley Gardens on Bigelow Blvd. in Oakland? Jimmy and Barbara Klein have settled in to a nice apartment/ I know they would love to hear from you. . So, if you have a chance, give them a call.

I thought I lost Alice Williams, but she is right where I put her. Sharing a room with husband Sq. Hill Rehab on Wightman Street in Sq. Hill. I understand she now has a broken arm and an injured foot. Alice, please take better care of that beautiful body

.f you know of anyone in our community that needs a “Hi There”, please let us know.\

IN MEMORY

She was a tiny person who looked as if she didn't have enough strength to do much of anything. Well, she may have been tiny, but **Edie Diamond**, who died in March was anything but weak. She was, in fact, a dynamo of energy who loved to swim, play golf, and play bridge, all of which she did very well. Oh yes, she was also an avid antique collector. Most of all, she was a lovely person who always had a smile on her face and was trying to be the best at everything she did. Her greatest success, however, was in being nice to everyone, being fun to be with and who always made everyone feel important. Our deepest sympathy to her husband of 70 years, Ed, and her sons Ed and Kenneth. We will all miss her.

Sarah O'Neil Helm who recently died was a regular at our bridge games in Pittsburgh. She was a Life Master and was always full of fun, and had a great sense of humor. Though she moved to Georgia some time ago, we mourn her death and will not forget her.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



CUE BIDS

When you and your partner are in a game forcing auction with an agreed upon trump suit, a cue bid usually shows a control in the opponent's suit. When you are not yet in a game force, a cue bid is a general show of strength. Partner's first obligation is to bid no trump with a stopper. A couple of cue bid situations came up in a club game as West dealt with neither vulnerable.

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

In some bidding systems, the West hand in #1 is an opening bid, either 1 of a minor or 1 NT. I think that most would pass and hear East make a takeout double over North's 2 spades. If you are playing the Lebensohl convention, West's bid of 3 diamonds, (or 3 clubs), is natural and shows invitational values. If West had a weak hand, they would start off with 2 NT. If East hears partner bid either suit at the 3 level, they are strong enough to cue bid 3 spades. This bid shows a strong hand with a fit. West bids 3 NT, and makes 5.

In hand #2, West opens 1 diamond and hears North overcall 1 heart. It now goes pass, pass, back to West, who reopens with a double. If East bids 3 clubs, West would probably try 3 NT. 3 clubs is reasonable because if East had another high card, they could have bid 2 clubs over 1 heart. If East only bids 2 clubs, West would cue bid 2 hearts as a general show of strength. East can't bid no trump, and they are too strong to rebid just 3 clubs. If East jumps to 4 clubs, West could possibly cue bid again on the way to 5 clubs. Since they are now in a game force, a 4 heart cue would show first round control. East, with nothing else to show, would sign off in 5 clubs, making 12 tricks because clubs break 2-2.

At a low level, a cue bid is a probe for a playable strain. It shows a good hand with a fit. Partner should rebid no trump, if possible. If unable, a repeat of their suit is the weakest action, and anything else shows some values. Once a game force has been established, a cue bid shows a 1st round control on the way to game in the agreed upon suit.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

*Dolly Nagy
Juanita Nolte
Kathryn Powell
Timothy D Redmond*

CLUB MASTER

*Don N Draper
Joanne R Progar
Elizabeth J Quindlen
Molly Simonds*

SECTIONAL MASTER

Jim Reynolds

NABC MASTER

Ellie Puskarich

RUBY LIFE MASTER

Susan H Dillon

WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF YOU. IT ISN'T EASY

CONGRATULATIONS!!

FOR YOU ALL "PRACTICE MADE PERFECT"

CONGRATULATIONS

SPRING LESSONS - RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

Seven Mondays, April 30, 2018—June 18 No class May 28
**LEARN TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER
 YOU CAN BE**

BRIDGE BASICS #2 *Bridge Basics #2:*

Competitive Bidding Plus. This course will reinforce and improve skills you learned in the beginning series. Focus on bidding strategies; doubles, overcalls, etc. with some conventions and introduction to play of the hand. Taught by Arlene Port, ACBL Board Certified. Bridge Basics #2 Textbook by Audrey Grant Available if needed...Cost \$12.00

Beginning Bridge—: BRIDGE BASICS #1

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge or reacquaint themselves with the game and achieve a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant. Cost for Textbook \$12.00. if needed Taught by Paul Caplan ACBL Board Certified

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Paul Caplan
 Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,
 plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* OR #2 if needed;
 Advance Registration Requested—Complete & Mail this Form
 For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637; or Email
 aport220@comcast.net Or Register Online:
 www.pittsburghbridge.org/classreg.htm
 Improve your game ...

MAKE BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

2 Separate Concurrent Classes:

Seven Consecutive Mondays, April 30, 2018

**Congregation Rodef Shalom 9:30 AM -11:30 AM
 Rodef Shalom Congregation 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213**

Please accept this reservation for the Rodef Shalom Congregation - Spring 2018

Bridge Basics #1 or #2 Please Order Book @ \$12.00 Circle Course number
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 ZIP _____ PHONE (_____) _____
 EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to CONGREGATION RODEF SHALOM at the cost of \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed). Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Classes Held at:
 Rodef Shalom Congregation
 4905 Fifth Ave
 Pgh, PA 15213

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2018

April

- 6 Unit Championship
- 13 Swiss Teams Unit Charity Championship
(for ACBL) & PBA Board Meeting
- 20 Unit Championship
- 27 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC - No Game

May

- 4 Club Championship
- 11 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 18 Unit Grass Roots Fund Game & Awards Night
- 25 No game—Cleveland Regional

June

- 1 NAOP QUALIFIER
- 3 (Sunday) Barb Bergman - Lou Joseph Swiss Teams INFO
- 8 Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting
- 14 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
- 15 STaC Pairs
- 22 Unit Championship Swiss Team
- 29 Unit Championship

INTERNET POST (cont.)

Craig Biddle: I bid 4H here, showing a minimum GF with 4 hearts. I love my hand for hearts, but it's still possible for partner to have x KJxx AKQx QJxx - he has all his bids and we are off two cashing tricks. If partner has a more slammish hand he can move forward. My other bids here would be: 3S natural 3NT a minimum GF probably with 5S and 3C. 4C natural, 4D natural 4S natural slam try (4NT keycard ask with hearts agreed with the rest of you. (Ed note: Craig wrote a detailed description of a slam try method called "Mulberry Bush". It was fascinating, but I didn't have any room. If you are interested, either call me or Craig. We both have it on file.)

Ernie Retetagos: 5 Hearts. There are no footnotes, but I play that 2 hearts is artificial 4th suit game forcing, and 3 hearts shows a 4 card heart suit. Partner is 4441 or 544. I'd bid 5 hearts to let partner pass with a weak hand or bid 6 with controls.

Bernie Fudor 3S I'm torn between 3sp a slam try or 4h since I'm an overbidder I guess I bid 3 sp My pd could have a good 0454 which might have a good play for slam.

INTERNET POST

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

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

The bidding is:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
..... 1D PASS
1S PASS 2C PASS
2H PASS 3H PASS

? What call do you make.?

Richard Katz 4H Any problem here? I bid four hearts, hope to make it, and never look back

PJ Prabhu: 3S. Partner should have 4 Hs for raising my second suit. Slam is quite possible. Hence, I cue bid my SA. If partner bids 4C, I will continue with 4D. I don't see any close alternatives to this bid.

Phil Goulding: 4H's Despite how much fun it is to bid and make 25 HCP slams, in a serious IMP game, unless I felt we were behind and needed a big swing, I'd take the conservative route and bid 4H's. Partner may bid again with the magic hand, but most likely I'll miss a skinny but makeable slam and my partner will second guess me until his next mistake :) Ed. Note: Phil sent in an answer that included exploring trying for a slam. He felt it was risky and detailed his reasons. I couldn't print that because there simply wasn't enough room in the newsletter. I wish I had the room.)my partner will second guess me until his next mistake :)

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 4 hearts. Nothing that partner has said indicates anything but a minimum opening bid. He would have to have too many of the "right" cards for a slam to make.

Gail Carns: 4NT This bid is tough because I haven't been told if 2H was 4th suit game forcing (thus artificial) or not.

Steve Nolan: 3S. A below-game cue bid that's encouraging without going overboard. Over most continuations, my next bid will be 4H, after which partner can take command. If partner takes 3S as a Bluhmer (bidding the fourth suit after partner shows three suits = no wasted values in the fourth suit) we should still end up in the right spot.

Jane Marshall: 3S. That is a cue asking for a return cue by my partner. When my partner raised hearts he showed 4-cd heart support. Now he has at most 1 spade. If he cuebids clubs, I will ask for keycards with heart agreed. If he does not show club control I will bid 4 hearts.

Bill Holt: 6H. Partner seems to be 1444 or 0454 so assuming we are not off 2 quick club tricks, I should have a play for 6. Let LHO lead his Ace of diamonds if he holds it.

Chris Wang .4H I take the low road and bid 4 hearts. I am void in partner's first bid suit, diamonds, and partner seems to be short in my first bid suit, spades. I am not sure if partner has 3 or 4 hearts. Plus the opening lead may be a heart to cut down on the cross ruff

Fred Schenker: 3S. This really depends on whether 2H is an artificial bid. Since you do not indicate an alert, I suppose we are to assume it is natural and forcing. Now I assume that any bid I make at this point (other than 4H) is a cue bid in support of H. Exclusion BW won't help with this auction because you really need to know about cards in the C suit. So I will bid 3S, hoping to hear 4C from partner. If I get 4D, I'm signing off. If I get 4C, I'm bidding 4D. Surely pard is either 0-4-(5-4) or 1-4-4-4. It seems like this problem should have sequels, because we're not done bidding, and I'm not bidding 6H without knowing about a C control

Asim Ulke 3S It appears that partner has a singleton or void in spades. I bid 3S. If partner cooperates with a 4C bid, I respond with a 4D bid. If partner's next bid is 4H, I sign off. These kind of hands may not produce 12 tricks unless a good hand with aces

Bob Zimmermann: 4 hearts. Perhaps there's slam here opposite a perfect fit. If I had exclusion blackwood for diamonds, I might even use that. But, my 2 heart bid should have been 4th suit forcing, so partner doesn't know I have hearts. Were I to bid any other suit, my 2H would be read as an artificial force. Add to that partner's likely 1354 shape with wasted diamond cards, and seem looks even less of a good bet. No. I'll take the low road here.

Stan Ruskin 3S You are now in a cue bidding sequence so I bid 3S showing the A and go from there. Partner has a singleton or void in S. So this could be good or not. Partners next bid will determine my bids. This is a hand that could make 4, 5, 6 or 7. Even though 2H is 4th suit forcing, once I cue bid, I have agreed on H.

Paul Caplan: 3 spades. cue bid your ace. partners hand should be 1-4-4-4 or 0-4-5-4. with good hearts and 2 aces you have a pathway to 6 hearts.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5H	12	1	100
6H	9	1	80
4H	5	6	70
3S	5	8	50\
4D	1	0	30
4NT	0	1	N/A

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	6H
Grant Baze	3S
Steve Beatty	5H
David Berkowitz	5H
Henry Bethe	4H
Bart Bramley	6H
Ira Chorush	3S
Larry Cohen	4H
Mark Cohen	6H
Billy Eisenberg	3S
Bjorn Fallenius	4H
Brian Glubok	4H
Jimm Hall	5H
Fred Hamilton	6H
Carl Hudecek	6H
Eddie Kantor	3S
Ralph Katz	5H
Sami Kehela	6H
Don Kern	5H
Eric Kokish	5H
Marshall Miles	5H
Arthur Robinson	4H
Michael Rosenberg	5H
Al Roth	6H
Jeff Rubens	5H
Ira Rubin	5H
Mike Shuman	4D
Joey Silver	6H
Paul Soloway	3S
John Swanson	5H
Robert Wolff	6H
Kit Woolsey	6H

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PBA UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 PBA UNIT SWISS TEAM CHARITY CHMP. BOARD MEET- ING.	14
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FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Nancy Kosmala & Dennis Kriek	72.22	Glenshaw 99er	Sat
Arthur Henry & Marie Henry	72.62	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Craig Carter & Dustin Hoover	72.08	South Hills NLM	Thurs
Arlene Port & Trudy Cohn	70.23	Rodef	Wed

THREE IN A ROW

Mary Lou Flach	Allegheny CC	Fri
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TWO IN A ROW

Leroy Hackenberg II	Greensburg	Thurs	Ronald Franck	Wilkins	Fri
David Livingston	Greensburg	Thurs	Jane Marshall	Wilkins	Fri
Mary Paulone Carns	BA Unit	Fri	Gail Carns	PBA Unit	Fri
Joel Roteman	Whitehall	Mon	M Weisensee	Whitehall	Mon
Carol Stonis	Glenshaw	Wed	Steve Thomas	Edgeworth	Wed
Bunny Hoffman	Edgeworth	Wed	Teresa Dristas	Nancy's club	Sun
Alan Colker	Glenshaw	Mon	Lynne Colker	Glenshaw	Mon
Trudy Cohn	Rodef	Mon	Jack Hammer	Export	Mon
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Arthur Henry	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Marie Henry	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Constance Hoechstetter	Moon	Wed	Carol Bolen	Allegheny CC	Fri
Audrey Heidenreich	Natrona Heights	Mon	Daniel McKinley	Wilkins	Fri
Bradley Craig	Greensburg	Fri	Marcia Taylor	Rodef 299er	Mon
John Burton	Rodef 299er	Mon	Barbara Belardi	Export	Mon
Thomas Jolly Jr	O'Hara	Tues	Alfred Tung	O'Hara	Tues
Prakash Shete	South Hills NLM	Tues	Leroy Hackenberg II	Greensburg	Thurs
Catherine Caplan	PBA Unit	Fri			
Paul Caplan	PBA Unit	Fri			