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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in printby arlene port

In case you haven't noticed, half of 2018 is gone and we are starting to work on the last 6 months. NO PROBLEM. We have plenty of special and not-so-special events to look forward to.

As we speak, the NAOP Qualifier games are being held in club games throughout clubs in our unit. These games not only choose representatives of our district who may ultimately compete at a National event, but the points for winning at the club level are silver, rather than black, which is the norm. So, if you are looking to become a Life Master, you need plenty of silver and these are the games which reward winners with silver. Check the newsletter calendar or check with your local to club to determine if they are holding these qualifiers.

And the points keep coming: The Pittsburgh Summer Sectional begins Friday, July through Sunday, July 15. In order to accommodate our members, event times have been changed and most will begin earlier than at previous tournaments. This will allow players to participate and still have time to fulfill their other commitments. It is a really good idea and we are looking forward to having a very successful Sectional. For game times and events, please check the flyer on page 2 of the newsletter. Also, if you need a partner for any event, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer are happy to accommodate you.

So, have a wonderful summer and don't forget to make a date for our once-a-month team game. If you have a chance, practice for the Sectional on July 6. And, don't forget to do what you do best: Support the PBA.

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

All participants must be current or former ACBL members.
1-month membership: \$7.99.
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

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. Mbps Director's Discretion

Full Newcomer / NLN 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

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL

Hospitality All Sessions!



★ Early ★
Playtimes!!!
Fri - Sat - Sun

Friday, July 13

10:30 AM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

3:00 PM ★ Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included!

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, July 14

10:30 AM ★ Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)

3:00 PM ★ Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included!

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 15

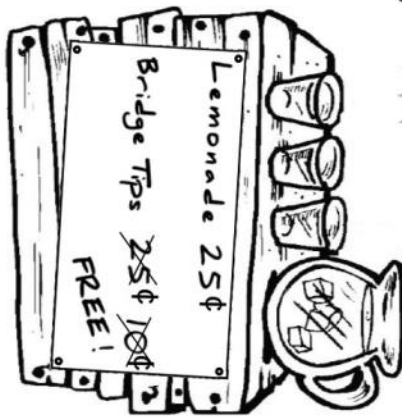
Swiss Sponsored by Breakout Rehab

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Sunday Brunch and Lunch Included!

10:30 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



July 13-15, 2018
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Pittsburgh Bridge Association

American Contract Bridge League

HITCHING POST

Well, this is something that doesn't happen very often in the PBA family:
HURRAH!! WE'RE HAVING A WEDDING!

Frank Cymerman and Jan Assini are getting married July 4th. What a great occasion. We wish them both a wonderful life together filled with years of happiness and good health. Congratulations to you both. (I hope they don't think I am going to babysit for their kids)



NOTES FROM UNIT 142 STaC WEEK

STaC week has come.....and gone.....and left in it's wake the following top overall winners in Unit 142.

THEY ARE:

No. 10	Sandra McCall
16	Ron Frank
19	Philip Goulding
20	Pat Katz
23	Jim Fox
25	Asim Ulke
28	Arlene Port
30	Harold Haffner
32	Russ Sheldon
33	Craig Biddle

NICE

GOING

GANG

IN MEMORY

ROZ SACHS, who was one of our most accomplished bridge players died in June. Married to Herb Sachs, Roz not only was a fine player, she was, in fact, a woman of quality and courage.

Roz suffered for many years with the debilitating disease of MS, which took a great toll on her physical capabilities and her health. I knew her very well and played partnership bridge with her in the past, and in all that time, I never heard her complain or bemoan her situation. She simply lived a life as full as possible, in spite of having many limitations. She made no excuses. I thought she was one of the bravest people I ever met and was awed by her attitude of always moving forward.

Roz was very nice, very smart, and very proud of her wonderful family. Our condolences to Herb and her family who will miss her terribly, and forever. And so will we.

We wish to extend our condolences to Tom Jolly, his family and many friends, whose wife passed away recently. She had been ill for several years.

POST CARDS

THERESA WAGNER is once again recovering from a second stroke. I hate to scold her, BUT "Theresa, stop it now and don't let it happen again". We miss you, in spite of the fact that you are a good player and a force to be reckoned with. Please get well and come back to the table soon.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



THE SIMPLE SQUEEZE - PART II

Last month's article discussed the four necessary ingredients for a successful squeeze. A defender can be squeezed if they can only keep one card, and have to guard two suits. As long as declarer has a threat over that defender and an entry, the squeeze will be successful. The following hand exemplifies these components. South received a spade lead against their 6 NT contract. There are 11 top tricks and a chance for an extra trick if diamonds break 3-3. There is also the chance that hearts could break 3-3 and provide a 12th trick. To try for that possibility, declarer ducks a heart after winning the opening lead. The opponents win and return another spade.

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

Declarer is in position to run all of the remaining tricks except for one. By ducking the heart, they have rectified the count for a possible squeeze. Rectify the count just means losing a trick or tricks, so that there is only one loser. To avoid any ambiguity, declarer can now test one of the red suits. If they cash 3 top diamonds, they will find that West has a high diamond left. Before testing the hearts, South cashes the club winners. When the last club is led, West is squeezed. Notice that the squeeze would fail, if the defender's hands were exchanged. Dummy would have to discard before the defender.

The only expertise required in the hand is to duck a trick,(rectifying the count) and then run winners. As long as a defender has to guard two suits, and there is a threat sitting over them, they're squeezed as long as you have an entry in a threat suit.

UP THE LADDER POST

CONGRATULATIONS!!
 IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY THAT THESE
 "EXPERTS" WERE TRUMPING THEIR OWN TRICKS.
 WHO KNEW?

JUNIOR MASTER

*Harry Edgos
Steven C Thomas*

CLUB MASTER

*John M Burton
Bunny Hoffman
Marcia L Taylor*

REGIONAL MASTER

*Martin Greenberg
Mary M Kirsch*

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Barbara J Weinstein

CONGRATULATIONS
 WHAT A WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT!



WHO'S IN CHARGE?

It is always a plus to know who the people are who run your organization. Otherwise, how would you know who to yell at when you don't like something. On the other hand, how would you know who to compliment when something good happens? Actually, placing blame is generally a good way of bragging how good you would be in their job and why you simply don't have the time to be an active participant. On the other hand, a compliment is usually followed by a "Thank You, and would you like to help?"

So, here is a list of those who make your Unit #142 enjoyable. In case you don't know it already, these are remarkable people who make our unit the best.

- PRESIDENT: LORRAIN HANNA
- VICE PRESIDENT: CHRIS WANG
- SECRETARY: MARY CARNS
- TREASURER: JOHN ALIOTO

- PAT ANDERS
- JEANNE BASEMAN
- KEN BERGMAN
- CRAIG BIDDLE
- RON FRANCK
- BILL HOLTWEBMASTER
- JANE MARSHALL
- RUTHIE NEAFACH
- JUNE THRELKELD
- BARBARA WEINSTEIN
- MARY ANNE McNEIRNEY, (Hon)

THANKS SO MUCH FOR DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB FOR US

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2018

- July*
- 6 NAOP QUALIFIER
 - 13 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC
 - 20 Unit Championship
 - 27 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

- August*
- 3 New Partner Night & PBA Board Meeting
 - 10 NAOP QUALIFIER
 - 17 Unit Championship
 - 24 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
 - 31 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL (8/28-9/03) - No Game

- September*
- 7 Club Championship
 - 14 Unit Championship
 - 21 Open Pairs
 - 28 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

Jack Hawthorne: 2S. Partner's 1S o/c was preempted by West's initial response. We have half the deck and 7-8 spades. Besides, I'm not going to the 3-level in my 3-card club suit. 2NT is my 2nd choice, and I might run there if one of the opponents looks like they're ready to devour 2S.

Stan Ruskin : 3C Sounds like partner has a 9-12 point hand with 4S (maybe 5) and 4 or 5C. East probably is 2/5/4/2 - maybe 2/5/5/1 or 1/5/4/3. W probably has 4 or 5S 2H, 2 or 3D and 3 or 4C. Thus, it appears to me that 3C is the best bid. It seems to me that it is more likely that partner has 5C than 5S. 3C should have a good chance of making since my Red kings are well placed.

Arlene Port: Because I write this column, I already knew the preferred responses, but nothing much about the distribution. However, if I had the hand that North held, I might consider passing and leading a trump. Clearly, declarer and partner have no fit. So, I would double only with a massive two suiter. I should get another point or so for giving an answer that was at the bottom of the list. I may not have brains, because I chose this answer, knowing it was not up there, but I have guts!

INTERNET POST

You are South, both sides vulnerable, You hold:

S J 10 5
H K 4 3
D K 8 3 2
C Q J 2

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
-----	-----	-----	1H
PASS	1S	PASS	2D
PASS	2H	DBL	PASS
?	What is your call?		

Richard Katz 2S I right side our two spade contract and hope partner is 5-1-3-4, or 5-2-2-4, or good spades 4-2-2-5 where qjx clubs will come in handy. Can't defend or think of n t with all cards in wrong positions. Feeling very uncomfortable. Although partner most probably has three hearts on this auction, maybe he has????

Gail Carns 2S This x shows a good hand with spades

Herb Sachs: .. 3H I am playing partner for a good hand with spades; how good? and how many spades? I have a very good hand and will be aggressive . I bid three hearts and raise three spades to four and wonder why partner did not bid spades.This is really a tough one.

Asim Ulke: 2S What would partner do holding spades and clubs over 1H pass 1S to him? He would pass. After the diamond bid on his left he can show his hand with a double. I expect a hand like 5-2-2-4 or 4-2-2-5 or similar in partners hand.

Steve Nolan .2NT. West is psyching. I think (s)he has very few (if any) points but some heart support, and intended to bid 2H all along. West's spades might be long or short because the sole purpose of the 1S bid was to make it harder for us to find our right spot. I bid 2NT which is right on points given the shape of my hand and tells partner about my stoppers in both of East's suits. If partner replies 3S, I'll raise to four.

Bill Holt: 2S. Partner has a black 2 suiter and likely has 3 Hearts on this auction (opps seem to be settling in 5-2 fit). He couldn't overcall 1S. We might have more cards in clubs, but I'd rather play at the 2 level. And in the Major in case it's matchpoints.

Craig Biddle: 2NT - partner has the black suits, I have red suit stoppers, E probably doesn't have a lot of entries. I expect partner to have something like AQxx xxx x A10xxx.

Bob Zimmerman: 2 Spades. To quote the immortal Al Roth, "What's the problem?". Partner has spades and no way to show them over the opponent's bid. Heck, Lefty might even have psyched a spade (does anybody do that anymore?) Given the sterile distribution, I'll go low.

Chris Wang. I am going to **pass**. Even though I have 10 points and a double fit, I have a 9 loser hand.

Jane Marshall: Pass. If my partner is crazy, they make it. I would lead a heart to keep declarer from ruffing diamonds. My partner could have bid spades if he really had lots of spades. I can't imagine this auction.

Ernie Retetagos: 2 Spades. Looks like partner has 3 hearts. I don't think that my vulnerable partner would come into their auction without some distribution. So I think that they probably have a singleton. I am expecting to find a good hand with 9 cards in the black suits.

Phil Goulding: I bid **2 S**, partner should be short in hearts and if he has 5 clubs he probably would have bid 3 clubs instead of double. If he has clubs and diamonds he would have bid 2NT, so he probably has 4+. spades and keeping it at the 2 level feels safer.

Trudy Cohn: 2NT Sounds like my partner must have spades and clubs. Can't have very many points given all the bidding. The only bid that my hand warrants is 2NT. Partner can take that back to three clubs if he wants to. I really don't understand why we are in the auction.

Paul Caplan: 2NT partner has the black suits and you have stoppers in the red suits and an average hand. 2nt shows those values. partner with a weak hand can pull to his best suit or bid a game with a better hand.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	3S
David Berkowitz	3H
Augie Boehm	2S
Bart Bramley	2S
Larry Cohen	2NT
Billy Eisenberg	3S
Russ Ekeblad	2S
Mark Feldman	3S
Russ Gabel	3S
Allan Graves	3S
Joe Grue	3S
Carl Hudecek	2NT
Sami Kehela	2NT
Danny Kleinman	2S
Eric Kokish	3S
Mark Lair	2S
Sidney Lazard	3S
Mike Passell	3S
Pratap Rajadhyakshs	2S
Arthur Robinson	2NT
David Rowntree	2S
Jeff Rubens	3S
Ira Rubin	2S
Robert Wolff	3S
Kit Woolsey	2S
Zia	2S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3S	11	0	100
2S	10	8	90
2NT	4	4	70
3H	1	1	50
4S	0	0	30
3D	0	0	20
3NT	0	0	20
PASS	0	3	10
3C	0	1	N/A

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PBA NAOP QUALIFER	7
8	9 NAOP Qualifying 10:30 Glen- shaw Dup.	10	11	12 NAOP Qualifying Wilkins 10:30	13 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL AT MASONIC SECTIONAL	14 SUM. SECT.
15 SUMMER SECTIONAL	16	17	18 NAOP Qualifying Glenshaw Dup 10:30	19	20 UNIT CHAM- PIONSHIP	21 NAOP Qualifying Wilkins 11:00
22	23	24	25	26	27 Unit chmp swiss teams. <hr/> NAOP Qualifying Wilkins 10:30	28
29	30	31	AUG 1	2	3	4

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games			
Patricia Katz & David Kozloff	72.02	Rodef	Wed
Ronald Sain & Patricia Cunkelman	72.22	Greensburg	Fri
Nancy Matthews & Darlene Mannheimer	73.00	Nancy's Sunday Dinner Club	Sun-
Joseph Secka Sr & Joseph Bernot	70.00	Whitehall	Mon-
Ronald Franck & Alan Leaver	70.83	Glenshaw	Sat

THREE IN A ROW

John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat	Hugo Churchill	Nancy's Club	Sun
Patricia Katz	Rodef	Mon	Patricia Katz	Rodef	Wed
Richard Katz	Rodef	Wed	Bradley Craig	Greensburg	Fri-
Dorothy Murray	Wilkins	Fri	Joseph Bernot	Whitehall	Mon-
Joseph Secka Sr	Whitehall	Mon	Martin Kumer	Greensburg	Thurs
David Frohlich	Wilkins	Fri	Harold Haffner	Wilkins	Fri-
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Fr	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Fri
Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Thurs			

TWO IN A ROW

Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues	Jim Gump	South Hills	Tues
David Collura	South Hills	Tues	Sam Allen	Greensburg	Thurs
Anne Allen	Greensburg	Thur	Jenny Janitor	Wilkins	Fr
Richard Katz	Rodef	Mon	Sylvia Shaw	Houston	Mon
Ron Emerick	Indiana	Tues	Dennis Gibboney	Greensburg	Thurs
Ethel Levine	Chartiers-Houston	Fri	Donald Averbach	Chartiers-Houston	
Arthur Henry	South Hills NLM	Tue	Marie Henry	South Hills NL	Tues
Robert Kleinmann	South Hills	Tues	Diane Beaver	Ligonier	Tues
Leida Milazzo	Ligonier	Tues	Robert Park	Moon	Wed
Mary Lou Naughton	Glenshaw	Mon	Annemarie Gordon	Glenshaw	Mon
Lessa Finegold	Rodef	Wed	Lila Margolis	Rodef	Wed
Kathleen Splane	ACC / Edgeworth	Wed	Jane Slagter	ACC / Edgeworth	Wed
Peggy Shivetts	Greensburg	Thurs	David Kozloff	PBA Unit	Fri
Arlene Port	PBA Unit	Fri			

CONGRATULATIONS!