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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print
.....by arlene port

WELCOME TO THE RONI REGIONAL

This is our premier tournament of the year and we know you will have a fantastic time. Everything you ever wanted is here for you: Copious events, hospitality, master points by the dozens and even some teaching lectures. Listed below are the lectures available, dates, times and lecturer. We hope you will take advantage of everything we have to offer:

LABOR DAY LECTURES

WEDNESDAY AUG 29:

12:00 Darlene Mannheimer Response to partners 1NT
6:00 Lorraine Hanna Standard signals and suit preference

THURSDAY AUG 30:

12:00 Judy Sonon Counting cards and points
6:00 Paul ICaplan Defense

FRIDAY AUG. 31

12:00 Arlene Port Bidding: Getting to game
6:-00 Phil IBecker Penalty Doubles

SATURDAY SEPT. 1

12:00 Ron Franck Takeout doubles
5:00 Gus Costanzo Novices Lecture

SUNDAY SEPT. 2

12:00 Craig Biddle Don't Cash Your Winners
6:00 Fred Schenker Opening Leads

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND MAY ALL YOU LIFE MASTER DREAMS COME TRUE.

PITTSBURGH August 28 - September 3, 2018	
Tuesday, August 28	Brocketed KO I (Continues 1 & 7 Wednesday) 1 & 7 Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 499er Pairs 1 & 7 Afternoon Side Series 1st of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 1st of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Wednesday, August 29 Morning Side Series 1st of 5 1 & 7 499er Pairs 1 & 7 Compact KO 1 & 7 Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 Afternoon Side Series 2nd of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 2nd of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Thursday, August 30 Morning Side Series 2nd of 5 1 & 7 A/B/C Open Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri) 1 & 7 Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri) 499er Pairs 1 & 7 Brocketed KO II (Continues 1 & 7 Friday) 1 & 7 Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 Afternoon Side Series 3rd of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 3rd of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Friday, August 31 Morning Side Series 3rd of 5 1 & 7 499er Pairs 1 & 7 A/B/C Open Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Gold Rush Swiss Teams Afternoon Side Series 4th of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 4th of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Saturday, September 1 Morning Side Series 4th of 5 9 A/B/C Open Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri) 9 Gold Rush Swiss Teams (Continues 9 Fri) 499er Pairs 9 Brocketed KO III (Continues 1 & 7 Sunday) 1 & 7 Stratified Open Pairs 1 & 7 Afternoon Side Series 5th of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 5th of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Sunday, September 2 Morning Side Series 5th of 5 9 499er Pairs 1 & 7 Compact KO 1 & 7 A/B/C Open Pairs 1 & 7 Gold Rush Pairs Afternoon Side Series 6th of 6 1 & 7 Evening Side Series 6th of 6 1 & 7 Stratified Swiss Teams 1 & 7 Monday, September 3 Strat-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
Stratification by Average Masterpoints in All Events. Stratification of Side games and Morning games at Directors' Discretion. Mid chart used in top bracket of KOs & 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 2500+ B 750 to 2500 C 0 to 750	A/B/C Pairs and Swiss A 3000+ B 1500 to 3000 C 0 to 1500
Gold Rush D 300-750 E 100-300 F 0-100	Strat-Flighted Swiss (Monday) Play-through 7 rounds of 7 [Food Available] A & A/X Play alone, B-C-D Stratified All Players with over 2500 Mps play in A/AX A: 5000+ B: 1500 to 2500 C: 500 to 1500 D: 0 to 500

PITTSBURGH UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Note: Listed below are the officers on the Board of Directors for Unit #142, along with a VERY short description of their duties. This list is being printed for two reasons. The first is to let you know how much work it takes to run our organization and to introduce you to the ones who actually do the job. The other reason is that there are never enough people to accomplish all that has to be done and there are many areas where your help is crucial. So, please find a little time to offer to help anywhere you can. It will be greatly appreciated.

Officers

President (Lorraine Hanna) : Presides at quarterly meetings of Unit Board and . Appoints, Committee chairs. 2 year term expires November, 2018.

Vice President (Chris Wang): Monitors all chairs and provides support when needed. Is also ready to assume President's duties if President is unable to perform.

Secretary (Mary Paulone Carns) : Is charged with all of the administrative duties of the Unit. Mary makes certain that everything we have to do in order to function legally and properly is done.

Treasurer (John Alioto) Manages and performs all financial responsibilities.

Committee Chairs: All Committee Chairs report to the Board

Hospitality: Hospitality Chairs rotate and rely a great deal on volunteers who supply much of the food for each special event.. This is an area that depends and needs your help. We are counting on you. Please contact one of the following for more information: Ron Franck, Ken Bergman, Ernie and Marcel-la Retetagos, Bill Holt, June Threlkeld, Bob Flynn, Jeanne Baseman, Ruthie Neafach, Rosanne Patterson

Unit Game Hospitality Chair There is none at the present time, and we need several someones to help.

Bridge Teacher Liaison (Lorraine Hanna) :Notify teachers of new ACBL programs and items of interest. .

Caddy Master (Fred Schenker) :Trains and obtains caddies for tournaments. We are in need of responsible pre-teens or older. Pay is \$75 each day. Link on front page of website to sign up, or contact Fred

Club Liaison (Chris Wang) : Distributes flyers of events to Club Directors

Disciplinary (Fred Schenker) Follows ACBL rules for disciplinary action

Site Contact/Assesment: Bill Holt, Craig Biddle, Ken Bergman
Investigate and secure sites for Unit sponsored games

Web Master (Bill Holt, backup Gary Goetz)

Maintains our web page with a wealth of information on bridge in the Burgh and links to various informative bridge sites. Receive **Text Alerts** of last minute cancellations...sign up on our website on the Club Results Page, top leftthand corner. .

Welcome Wagon (June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn): Contact new ACBL members by phone offering to help them acclimate to bridge in the Burgh

District Liaison (Mary Paulone Carns) Mary is a member of both the District Executive Board and the Unit Board.

Novice Liaison (Darlene Mannheimer)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Cont.)

Club/Unit Manager (Mary Paulone Carns): Manages the Unit game and assures that results from Unit-sponsored events are posted to web page; orders, stores, transports and maintains inventory of bridge-related supplies;

Unit Tournament Coordinator (Mary Paulone Carns)

Develops list of possible dates for Sectionals and other Unit-sponsored events;

Stac Coordinator (Mary Paulone Carns)

Communicates with District STaC Coordinator regarding dates and Conditions of Contest; notifies Unit Board regarding the above

Education Bridge in Schools: (Paul Caplan) Is in charge of setting up teaching sites in schools and recruiting volunteers. Paul, along with volunteers provide instruction to students.

Want to get a program started in your area? Contact Lorraine Hanna.

Learn Bridge in One Day (Bill Holt) : A special event held at the regional each year to introduce the public to bridge. Bill teaches this course and follow-up and provides all support.

Election: (Craig Biddle): Petitiions signed nominations for members of the Board and has nominations published in Post Mortem prior to voting.

Facebook Page (Martin Greenberg): Can be reached from link on Club Result page, top righthand corner. Pictures and information on special events.

Membership: (Carol Bolen)

Sends a welcome letter to new ACBL members in our Unit. Keeps track of our Unit Membership from reports sent to her by the ACBL (currently 898 members) . Sends Get Well and Condolence cards. **(Carol is resigning from this position and we need a new Membership Chair for the upcoming year)**

Mentoring (Chris Wang)

In planning stage of program to mentor new and novice players.

NewComer/Teacher (Lorraine Hanna)

Program to introduce Duplicate play and mechanics of the game in a relaxed atmosphere for Newcomer and Novice Players with 0-5 and 0-99 Master Points. A free mini-lesson, with handouts, follows the Convention Card. Hand records distributed at end of game. Game twice a month at Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church.

Publicly:

Post Mortem (Arlene Port, editor) Along with a lot of help from Chris Wang and Phyllis Geinzer. Prepares and distributes monthly newsletter

Flyers (Bill Holt) Prepares flyers for special events

Outside Publicity: (Sharon Drake)

Writes columns of special events for on-line newspapers, local papers and magazines

Recorder: (Judi Sonon) Investigates written complaints from players

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly
does!!!

THE LAW OF TOTAL TRICKS

The Law of Total Tricks is a popular method of hand evaluation. The law states that the total number of tricks available in a hand is equal to the combined number of cards in each side's longest suit. If you have a 10 card fit, and the opponents have a 9 card fit, there would be 19 total tricks. You should bid to the level of the number of trumps in your side's longest suit. If your partner opens or overcalls in a major and you have 5 card trump support, you should bid to the 4 level with your 10 card fit.

A jump raise to the 4 level is a preemptive raise, showing less than opening bid strength. It is bid with the expectation that it will either make, or be a profitable save. When you are vulnerable against not, be a little more careful. Here are a few examples from club games.

At favorable vulnerability, you hold, S- K 9 7 6 H- A 7 5 4 D- 10 8 C- Q 7 4. Partner opens 2 hearts and RHO overcalls 3 diamonds. Your 4 heart bid will probably end the auction. Surprisingly, you can make 10 tricks because partner has a stiff diamond, and both black cards are onside. If the opponents bid 5 diamonds, they will go down one in their 10 card fit. If one of the black cards is offside, the opponents could make 11 tricks, and we would could take 9 tricks. Regardless of the location of the Ace of spades, there are 20 trumps and 20 tricks.

With both sides vulnerable, you hold S-A J 5 3 H- K 6 4 D- Q 10 2 C- 10 9 2. Your partner bids 2 spades over LHO's 1 club opening bid. When your RHO makes a negative double, you bid 4 spades. You can take 10 tricks in your 10 card fit, and the opponents, who also have a 10 card fit, can take 10 tricks in either hearts or clubs.

With both sides vulnerable, you hold S- K Q 5 4 3 H- - D- 10 8 6 4 C- J 4 3 2. Your LHO opens 1 diamond, and partner overcalls 1 spade. When RHO doubles, you bid 4 spades. The opponents can make 5 hearts, but it is difficult for either one to come in at the 5 level. Your 4 spade contract will fail by a trick. A one or two trick set is probably the most likely result when you have a big fit, but a weak hand. Unless you are vulnerable against not, a jump to the 4 level in your 10 card fit will usually be a make or a good save.

Ed Note: While this is a valuable addition to your decision-making at bridge, like all of the laws and rules and count aids, there are many other variables that should be considered in the bidding process. Examine them all, along with your "law of common sense" before you make your bids.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

*Jerome W Kiger
Rose Pascal
Donald R Schowalter*

CLUB MASTER

*Phyllis T Genszler
Ramesh B Gupta
Juliet S Jegasothy
Richard K Lanz
Jack W Philips*

SECTIONAL MASTER

*Mary Jane Edwards
Barbara L Lehman
Tris A Thorne*

REGIONAL MASTER

Karen McIlwain

NABC MASTER

*Sandra R Metosky
Stewart I Metosky*

LIFE MASTER

Sam E Allen

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

*Florence P Chapman
Robert H Flynn*

DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD TO BE SO ACCOMPLISHED?

CONGRATULATIONS

BY NOW, YOU ARE FINALLY AT THE
STAGE WHERE YOU CAN START CHARGING FOR
THE AUTOGRAPHS YOU GIVE OUT.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

IN MEMORY

....by Phyllis Geinzer

Whoever said: "Only the Good Die Young", certainly was mistaken when it came to **Alice Williams**, who died in August at a ripe old age of 80+. Alice was not only good, she was just wonderful. She was a very accomplished bridge player, very friendly and the most funever. She had such a great sense of humor and was beloved by everyone in our unit and beyond. Alice had energy to burn. She worked hard for the Unit, doing partnership for both the Regional and Sectional tournaments. Judy Sonon, her partner and very close friend recalled that when she was a beginning player, Alice took the time to mentor her. She was always encouraging and welcoming to new players. Although in recent times she played mostly with Judy, Ernie Retagos was a long and faithful partner who played with her in tournaments. Alice's husband, Norman, who was very ill for many years was comforted in the knowledge that Alice did and would always take care of him. When he could no longer be at home, she made certain that she went to the nursing home daily to be with him. Alice was indeed special, in so many ways and to so many people. We have lost a valuable gem in our unit, one that we will never be able to replace.....arlene port

We would like to extend our condolences to Bob Heasley, whose wife passed recently and Janice Smith whose husband Cliff died after a long illness.

We would also like to include Jackie Tucker, a bridge player from Pittsburgh, who was well know in our Unit. Jackie was ill for many years and we just learned of her recent death.

TO FRIENDS OF SARAH O'NEILL

For those of you who wish to attend, this is the information for Sarah O'Neill Helm's celebration of life/memorial service to be held Saturday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. at the Walnut Grill, Route 19, Wexford.

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2018

August

26—31 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL (8/28-9/03)

September

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

October

- 5 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 11 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom)
- 12 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams & Board Meeting
- 19 Open Pairs
- 26 Club Championship
- 31 ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game (Wed. afternoon)

November

- 2 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC -
- 9 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 16 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 23 Open Pairs

IN MEMORY

Dale Dermer died in August.. Before she moved to Virginia several years ago, she was an integral part of our Unit.. She was a great bridge player and kind of wonderful eccentric. She was very special. Up until a few years ago she came to our Regional in September. I always played with her and enjoyed our time together. For those of you who didn't know her, I can tell you all that you missed something. Wherever she is now, I know she is having a great time playing bridge.....arlene port

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's; E/W Vul. You hold:

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

THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
----	----	1D	P
1S	P	2D	P
2H	P	2S	P
3D	P	3NT	P
?			

Richard Katz 4NT I bid four n t quantitative, accommodating for qjx of clubs hand. Ideal partner hand is Axx, xx, kqjxxx, kx. Worst may be Axx, qx, kjxxxx, qjx.

Hopefully partner recognizes the difference. Hence, my usual punt.

Gail Carns 4D a slam try, I hope partner does not think I have a singleton club after bidding 3 suits.

Asim Ulke:I bid 4 diamonds. We could have 2 losers in clubs. It is up to partner now to bid 5 clubs with the club ace or bid 6 diamonds with the club king. I reluctantly pass 4NT by partner

Chris Wang: 4NT quantitative. If partner has club Ace, spade Ace, diamond king, diamond queen, slam makes. If partner also has 6 diamonds then 7 makes (assuming no 4-0 split).

Steve Nolan .4C. It depends on your bidding system. If partner's high cards are in the suits bid, there are twelve tricks in spades, hearts and diamonds, and whether 6NT is there comes down to how many fast losers there are in clubs. If 5C asks for the club holding in your system, make that bid. If not, ask for aces.

Bill Holt: Pass. My flat 17 count is not slammish facing partners minimum shown with the 2d call. Partner has a club card and 9 tricks should be doable. I don't think 12 in diamonds is.

Bob Zimmerman: 6 diamonds. I really don't know if we have a tool to distinguish between QJx and Kx of clubs. Even a decent minimum (Axx xxx KQxxx Kx) will have good play for slam. I object to the 2 heart bid. I don't think it's forcing. What would I bid over 2 diamonds with (Kxxxx QJxxx - xxx)?

Craig Biddle: 4NT - invitational since the agreed suit is "notrump."

Ernie Retetagos: 4 Hearts. My sequence has shown a game force in diamonds. I will cue bid 4 hearts on the way to 5 or 6 diamonds.

Trudy Cohn , I bid Six Diamonds. Trudy

Paul Caplan: 4nt asking for aces. You can get out at 5 diamond if partner has no aces.

Herb Sachs: .PASS As I have bid spades, hearts and diamonds partner should know know I have nothing in clubs. Pass

Bernie Fudor: 4NT Good problem I bid 4nt and place all the the blame on pd .

Jane Marshall: Pass. We have a 7-card spade fit. Probably only one club stopper. Although we probably have only 1 club stopper, if any, 9 tricks may be there. 9 tricks may depend on a good split in the club suit.

Jack Hawthorne: PASS Well, South's bidding is virtually pleading with North to bid 3NT with a club stopper, and he has done so. Based on the sequence, I pass. I don't believe 6NT is on, but 6D or 6S might be. But to be consistent with my bidding thus far, I would pass 3NT.

Stan Ruskin : PASS: I don't have anything more to bid. I have described my hand and partner has described his. This looks about the right place to me.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4NT	8	5	100
4H	7	1	90
4D	6	2	80
5D	0	0	70
6D	2	2	60
PASS	4	5	50
5NT	0	0	20
5S	0	0	20
6NT	0	0	10
4C	0	1	N/A

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Grant Baze	4D
David Berkowitz	4H
Henry Bethe	P
Bart Bramley	6D
Ira Chorush	4H
Larry Cohen	4D
Kitty & Steve Cooper	4NT
Billy Eisenberg	6D
Carl Hudecek	P
Eddie Kantar	4NT
Ralph Katz	4NT
Sami Kehela	4NT
Danny Kleinman	4NT
Eric Kokish	4D
Jill Meyers	4H
Marshall Miles	4NT
Arthur Robinson	4H
Michael I Rosenberg	4D
David Roundtree	4H
Jeff Rubens	p
Ira Rubin	4H
Mike Shuman	4NT
Joey Silver	4D
John Swanson	4H
Robert Wolff	4NT
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	4D

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

23 30	24	25	26	27	28 PBA Unit Chmp Swiss Teams	29	16	17	18	19	20	21 PBA Open prs	22	9	10	11	12	13	14 PBA unit championship	15	2	3	4	5	6	7 PBA club chmp	8																				
SEPTEMBER 3																RONI REGIONAL																AUGUST 28															

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games

Dorothy Mehok & Marcella Retetagos	70.83	Allegheny CC	Fri
Asim Ulke & Gail Carns	72.12	Rodef	Mon
Joseph Secka Sr & Joseph Bernot	70.24	Whitehall	Mon
James Gump & Kenneth Bergman	70.43	Glenshaw	Mon
Richard Katz & Asim Ulke	74.28	Glenshaw	Wed
Asim Ulke & Richard Katz	76.30	Glenshaw	Sat
Judi Sonon & Nurit Elis	71.25	Rodef	Wed

FOUR IN A ROW

John Killmeyer New Brighton Sat Robert Quinlan Chartiers-Houston Fri

THREE IN A ROW

Gen Novak Ligonier Tues Trudy Friedman South Hills NLM Tues
Judith Lorigan South Hills NLM Tues Kenneth Bergman O'Hara Tues

TWO IN A ROW

Phyllis Mellor	ACC / Edgeworth	Wed	Dennis Kriek	ACC / Edgeworth	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Greensburg	Wed	Dorothy Murray	Wilkins	Thurs
Bill Balph	Longue Vue	Thurs	Hermoine Balph	Longue Vue	Thurs
Donald Averbach	South Hills	Thurs	Alexander Bealles	Butler	Thurs
Joanne Zambroski	Glenshaw	Mon	Bruce Feldman	Rodef 299er	Mon
Patricia Katz	O'Hara	Tues	Bradley Craig	Ligonier	Tue
Asim Ulke	Rodef	Wed	Richard Katz	Rodef	Wed
Robert Quinlan	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Asim Ulke	Rodef	Mon
Bharat Shah	South Hills	Tues	Prakash Shete	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Fri	Leroy Hackenberg II	Greensburg	Fri
Arlene Port	PBA Unit	Fri	David Kozloff	PBA Unit	Fr
Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tue	Bill Balph	Longue Vue	Thur
Hermoine Balph	Longue Vue	Thurs	Asim Ulke	Wilkins	Fri
Judy Haffner	Wilkins	Fri	Audrey Heidenreic	Nat, Heights	Mon
Estill Duggins	Whitehall	Mo	John Killmeyer	Houston	Mon
William Holt	Zelionople	Tue	Hugh McMaster	ACC / Edgeworth	Wed
Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Wed	Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	We
Bud McElhaney	Chartiers-Houston	Mon	Judith Moore	Glenshaw 99er	Sat
M (Peg) Fischer	Glenshaw 99er	Sat			

CONGRATULATIONS