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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

I GET IT!! Summer is over and here comes the season; the season where many of our group head for warmer locations and the rest of us get to stay here and enjoy the fabulous bridge events designed for our pleasure. . Here is what's in store (Actually, a little warmth in the winter couldn't hurt me.)

PRO-AM Game at Rodef Shalom on October 11. If you don't have your partner, there just might be one waiting for you. (See page 4)

On Wednesday, October 31 there is a really interesting event: INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME. In case you are wondering, this is a game that gives you a number from 0-100 after each hand. At the end of the game, the ones with the highest score are the winners. That's instant gratification and so much fun. Try it - You'll like it!! (page 3)

Then comes the biggie November 2-4. That would be the Pittsburgh Fall Sectional. If you read the ad on page 2 you will see the lineup of great events. We look forward to seeing you all there, right where you belong. Need a partner? No problem, call either Jane Marshall or Darlene Mannheimer and they will help you.

In the meantime, I know you will be busy changing your wardrobe from hot to cold and checking the thermostat. I don't mind giving you a little time to get used to the seasonal changes. However, once that is done, I expect you to get to the bridge table where you belong.

Have a wonderful Halloween. Don't forget to dress up in your scariest costume. I will just come as I am. I'm already scary.



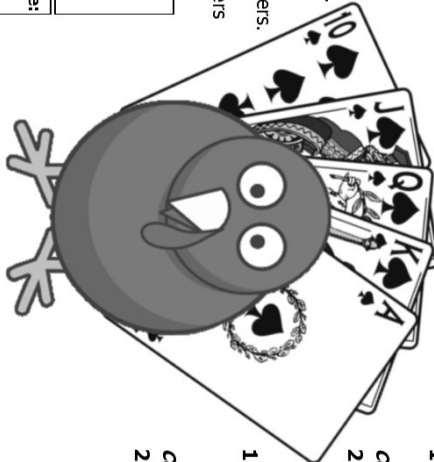
Open
A: 2000+ 499er
B: 250-2000 5: 300-500
C: 0-250 3: 100-300
1: 0-100
499er Straddle in All Events by Avg. MBS Director's Discretion

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



November 2-4, 2018
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Sunday Brunch and Lunch Included!
10:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams (7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 499er Swiss Teams (5 rounds of 6 boards)
Separate Play-through Events/ 30 point VP scale



Partner thinks I play like a Turkey. High praise indeed!

Friday, November 2
10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
10:00 AM Saturday, November 3
Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)
2:30 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

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Director In Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S1811054
Pairs Entries \$25 / pair
Single Session Teams \$50/tm.
499er Swiss* \$8/Team
Sunday Open Swiss* \$100/tm.
* Extra Swiss Players: \$8 ea.
All participants must be current or former ACBL members.
1-month membership: \$7.99.
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

Earlier Playmes!!!
Fri - Sat - Sun

Hospitality All Sessions!

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

Wednesday October 31, 2018
Gametime 12 Noon! Win Gold Points!

Morning Munchies!
Reservations Required! *
Please Carpool!

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian
Butler Plank Road,
Glenshaw, PA 15116



Everyone's Favorite ACBL-wide Game!!!
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412-427-9784 or 18IMP@pittsburghbridge.org

Such a Deal! See You There!



Directions on the Website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org



The 21st Annual Charity
Thursday October 11, 2018
Rodef Shalom Temple
Game Time 7PM

PRO AM *Benefits Charity*

We've Assembled an All-Star Lineup of the Top
Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area!
Co-Chairs Chris Wang & Jeanne Baseman
Call Jeanne @ 412-889-2538 to get hooked up!
Or email: Getapro@pittsburghbridge.org

Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation (Paid by the AM)
Or, play with whomever you wish: \$30 Donation /pair
Additional Cash Donations Welcomed & Encouraged!

Proceeds Benefit Circle Camps for Grieving Children

Circle Camps for Grieving children is for girls aged 9-15 that have lost a parent. It's a week long summer camp program, intergrating grief & camp activities.

www.circlecamps.org

Main Course will be provided @ 6:15 PM
Finger Foods, Appetizers & Desserts appreciated!
Please Coordinate with June Threlkeld 412-953-8945
or Ruthie Neafach 412-559-4351



Rodef Shalom Temple
4905 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213



Online Pro List & Driving Map:
www.pittsburghbridge.org/ProAm

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas



Bidding Judgement

I played in a few team games at our recent Regional. Most of the hands are a blur, but these three hands have stayed with me due to some unusual auctions. In the 1st hand, I didn't realize that I had faced a bidding decision until afterwards.

Your hand is S- A K J H- K J D- K J x C- K x x x x . You are the dealer, Vul against not. An opening 2 NT bid shows 20-21, and you have 19 HCPs. I rarely upgrade, even though many players do routinely add a point with a 5 card suit. With 4 Kings and 3 Jacks, it seemed obvious to me to open this hand 2 No Trump. At the other table, they opened 1 Club. Later, I found another player who would this 1 Club. Their reasoning is that a 2 NT opening shows 20-21, and if partner can't respond, there is no game. This time partner has 9 HCPs and a 5 card spade suit. The choice of opening bid seems to not have affected the outcome. But I would always want to be the declarer with all those Kings and Jacks. At one table 4 spades made, and a 5 diamond sacrifice went down 500 at the other table.

I was on the wrong end of an unusual auction when a nonvul opponent held S- A K Q 10 x x H- A x x D- x x x C- x. At the other table, a natural 2 spade overcall was made after a 1 NT opening bid. My teammates competed to 3 spades after competition and got doubled for down 2. At my table they doubled my 1 NT opening bid to show a one suiter. Their partner is supposed to bid 2 clubs, but instead bid 2 hearts with Q J 10 sixth of hearts, and 6 small clubs. The overcaller raised to 4 hearts, which could not be stopped.

On the final hand, my RHO made an imaginative call holding, S- J x x H---- D- K Q J x x C- K 10 9 x x . With neither side vulnerable, they heard a 1 heart opening bid on their left, a 1NT on their right, and they overcalled 2 diamonds. Opener reversed into 2 spades, and responder bid 2 NT. Opener bid 3 clubs, 3 hearts by responder, and 4 hearts by opener(me). When it went pass, pass, they said double. I was declarer and held S- A Q x x H- K J 10 8 x D- A C- A x x. I caught a terrible dummy with A x of hearts and a useless Queen of clubs. The doubler caught his partner with 6 hearts to the Queen nine and the King of spades. Even though I went minus 300, I still think it is funny that opposite a passing partner, he made a penalty double with no trumps and no Aces. At the other table, 3 NT was the final contract, and could have been beaten, but it slipped through. I played against this opponent the following day, and he asked if I liked his double. and I had to admit that I did find it amusing.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Carolyn A McMullen
Joyce G Spiegel
Virginia H Volpon
CLUB MASTER
Suzanne Harchelroad
Shahn R Karamanos
Cindy D Lucas
Joel Safier

SECTIONAL MASTER

Denise Dufour

REGIONAL MASTER

Trudy W Friedman
Joyce A Gendler
Stephen I Gendler
Marge H Kasper
Suzanne Morgan
Loreen R Schafer
Bertha B Vint

NABC MASTER

John M Alioto
Ronni K Burrows
Patricia M Miller

LIFE MASTER

James W Gump
Ethel J Levine

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Sharon A Drake
Ethel J Levine
Judith T Perman

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Donald Turacy Sr

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

JANE PATRICIA KATZ

Congratulations!
PAT  EMERALD LIFE MASTER

JANE L MARSHALL

CONGRATULATIONS!!
WELCOME TO THE RANKS OF SILVER
BRIDGE PLAYERS. IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU AS
PART OF OUR UNIT.



IT'S A CONSPIRACY!! THERE'S TOO MANY PLAYERS GETTING
GOOD. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? SAY "GOOD WORK" STUPID

HELP

PBA NEWCOMER BRIDGE DATES

Lorraine Hanna notes:

The dates for Glenshaw bridge are

Saturday, 10/13 Responding to NoTrump

Saturday, 10/27 handling interference over Notrump

I'm going to start a mentoring program to be introduced at the Pro/Am. I'm following the ACBL's guideline. Mentees cannot have more than 200 points. Mentors need to have 50 points more than Mentee. Mentees can mentor with the 50 point spread. Mentor/ Mentee should be a new partnership.

HOW WAS YOUR GAME POST

		Translation
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	We just had a few partnership misunderstandings:	Bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	Can't tell for sure Probably somewhere around average, maybe a little below	Bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	We sat the wrong direction:	Bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	We could have done without a couple of boards:	Bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	I don't think we'll wait around for the scores:	Bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	Mind your own business:	Very bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	The hands weren't very interesting:	Pretty bad
Q:	How was your game?	
A:	Great!!	We were average

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2018

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 - No Game Info
- 9 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 16 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 23 Open Pairs
- 30 Unit Championship Holiday Party & PBA Board meeting (if necessary)

December

- 6 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
- 7 STaC Pairs
- 9 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams (not held if there is a Steelers daytime game)
- 14 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 21 Unit Championship
- 28 Open Pairs



INTERNET POST

You are South, vul, IMP's, and you hold:
 S ---
 H A J 8 6 5
 D A K 9 4
 C A K 9 3

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1H PASS 1S PASS
 ? What do you bid

Richard Katz 3D Although 3 clubs seems reflexively correct, that now makes diamonds by partner 4 th suit forcing. Therefore I bid a thoughtful 3 diamonds, with 4 clubs next, a possibility, keeping the levels of correction intact. Although 3 diamonds is theoretically sound, based on partners response, the next bid by you is the "money" bid. This may be quite difficult or easy based on partners response. Good luck with that, Richard

Gail Carns .3C if partner bids 3NT I will bid 4D, maybe I should reverse C's and D's. This one is tough.

Asim Ulke: 3D I have a bad feeling about jump shifting with this hand but I bid 3D anyway. I save bidding clubs for my next bid if I it seems right over partners next bid or 3NT.

Chris Wang: I bid **3D**. If partner bids 3 hearts or 3 spades, I will bid 4 clubs. If partner bids 3 NT, I will pass

Steve Nolan .. 3D. This hand is too strong not to jump. It may take some time to find the right strain, but we should be able to get there. If I start with 3C, the diamond suit will get lost if partner does not bid it straight away.

Bill Holt: 3C - 3? Game forcing jump shift. Question is, which minor? Normally you'd bid diamonds first then clubs. But I am bidding 3c, allowing partner room to show a diamond suit. If he does not, I will bid 3NT.

Bob Zimmerman: 3 Clubs I'm hard pressed to think of an alternative. Perhaps the panel has a better idea,

Ernie Retetagos: 2 Diamonds. Hopefully, partner can scrape up 2nd bid. If partner passes, there's a good chance that there is no game.

Trudy Cohn ,3D My bid is 3 diamonds. If partner rebids spades, I will bid 3nt. If he supports hearts, I will bid 4 clubs.

Paul Caplan: 3 clubs. If you do not jump you will not ever be able to show the value of this hand.

Phil Goulding: I'll bid 3C -- game forcing. I think I am too strong to bid 2C and would not consider NT at this point in the auction

Jane Marshall:3D (game forcing jump shift...not a splinter in support of spades). If partner rebids spades I will bid 4C (not Gerber). The only way I will let partner play in spades is if he bids 4S after my jump shift. If the auction goes 1H-1S-3D-4S, I will bid 5C. Then I will pass a 5S bid

Jack Hawthorne: 2D strikes me as automatic. I expect partner to rebid spades, and I'll complete my pattern bidding clubs. Now comes the hard part \

Herb Sachs: **2D** I expect partner to bid again and then I can bid 3 clubs.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2D	10	3	100
3C	9	5	80
2C	5	0	70
3D	1	6	50


Note: Those who bid 2D, for the most part, felt the hand wasn't that great without a fit, even though, if partner passed two diamonds, they were getting a very bad board.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

David Berkowitz	3C
Henry Bethe	2C
Bart Bramley	2C
Ira Chorush	2C
Kitty & Steve Cooper	3C
Billy Eisenberg	3C
Carl Hudecek	2D
Eddie Kantar	2D
Ralph Katz	2D
Sami Kehela	3D
Danny Kleinman	3C
Eric Kokish	2D
Ed Lewis	3C
Jill Meyers	3C
Marshall Miles	2D
Arthur Robinson	2D
Michael IRosenberg	3C
Jeff Rubens	2D
Ira Rubin	2D
Mike Shuman	2C
Joey Silver	2D
John Swanson	3C
Robert Wolff	2D
Kit Woolsey	2C
Zia	3C

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc OCTOBER 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 PBA Appreciation pairs	6
7	8	9	10	11 PBA Pro-Am Game (Rodey's team)	12 PBA club chmp Swiss Teams & Board Meeting	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 PBA unit Open Pairs	20
21	22 	23	24	25	26 PBA Club Championship	27
28	29	30	31 PBA Mitchmi game	1 Nov	2 /3/4 FALL	3 SECTOR-MA;

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games

David Laman & Verna Laman	78.13	Glenshaw 99er	Sat
Philip Goulding & Alan Leaver	75.52	Zelionople	Tues
James Fox & Philip Goulding	72.32	Allegheny CC	Fri

FIVE IN A ROW

John Killmeyer New Brighton Sat

FOUR IN A ROW

Richard Katz O'Hara Tues

THREE IN A ROW

Hugh McMaster ACC / Edgeworth Wed

TWO IN A ROW

George Kury	Indiana	Tues	Madeleine Frizzi	South Hills NLM	Tues
Sandra McCall	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Rodney Lipman	/ Edgeworth	Wed
Reanette Frobouck	O'Hara	Tues	Constance Hoechstetter	Moon	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Moon	Wed	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Thur
Peter Cannon	Rodef 299er	Mon	Marybeth Cannon	Rodef 299er	Mo-
nill Micheal Fezar / Edgeworth		Wed	Susan Dillon	Greensburg	Wed
Constance Hoechstetter	Houston	Fri			

CONGRATULATIONS

