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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Our Pro-Game, as usual, was really the event of the year. It is always so friendly and so fattening. Chris Wang and Jeanie Baseman did an absolutely fantastic job. There were so many people who brought platters of food and dessert, I can't even tell you who they were. What I can do is thank them for their hard work and wonderful gifts of food from the bottom of our heart. There are the big winners of the evening:

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Felice Brody - Toby Wolfe
2/3	2		Trudy Cohn - Andrew Eames
2/3			Jan Assini - Ildiko Baxter
4	3	2	Kathleen Mulligan - Nicholas Resche
		3	Karl Sokalski - Madeleine Frizzi

CONGRATULATIONS!! YOU WERE GREAT

In case you didn't know by now, the Fall Sectional is here - right now. You still have time to get your team or your partner and come-on-down.

Future events are coming in the beginning. STaC week, which includes a team game, is just around the November corner and our yearly Holiday Party is being held on November 30. Please try and be there. Ron Franck, who is in charge works his butt off to make sure you have a good time. I know he feels it's worth it when many people arrive to celebrate the end of the year.

If you find some free time, read the flyer on page 2 and become involved in the mentoring program which will begin soon. It is extremely rewarding to know you are helping others who love bridge to become more experienced and more confident in their bridge skills.

I look forward to seeing you over the weekend.

MENTORS: KEEP THE GAME GROWING!



MENTEES: KEEP GROWING YOUR GAME!

PBA MENTORING PROGRAM



Here is the launch of our Mentoring program to help advancing players polish their game.

MENTORS: Love the game? Want to ensure its survival in the area? **GET INVOLVED!!!**

Mentors will be able to select from the list of interested Mentees. Register at the website.

MENTEES: Desire to improve? Learn from the expertise of a more experienced player. Currently limited to those with <200 mps.

You don't have to be an expert to be a MENTOR. Not just beginners can be a MENTEE.

Register / Details at
www.pittsburghbridge.org/mentor

Fine Print: Play 5x in a 6-month period. Mentors succeeding in this will get one free play at a PBA Sectional (per Mentee). Mentor earns at most one free play per partnership. Renewable by mutual agreement. More details on the website.

CLEVELAND REGIONAL NOVICE PROGRAM

The Cleveland Regional is coming up January, and they have asked us to join us in getting new members and 499rs to attend the Regional. We all see the membership getting older and few low masterpoint players at the tournaments and have contacted our Unit with an incentive program. They are:

- Providing one free session to every player who joined the ACBL in 2018 in District 5.
- Providing one free session to every 499r who has never played in a District 5 Regional. Non-members qualify also.
- Guaranteeing a partner for anyone who wants to play in a session and we will have a 199r, 499r (more than 200 masterpoints) and a more experienced player ready to play as needed. We welcome volunteers from your Units and any volunteers will play free if they are needed and get a free play for another session.

Here are some suggestions for how you can be part of the effort to have these newer players join in the fun at the Regional.

1. Speak personally to a player and tell them about your first time at a tournament and what it's like to be in Cleveland in January. Free is nice, but a word from you will be much much better. Sure the weather may be awful, but usually it is only mildly bad. Emphasize that they will be welcomed and that after the initial confusion of seeing 400 or more bridge players together rather than the familiar faces at a club game that the bridge is the same.
2. Encourage folks to car pool and share a room. December 8 is the deadline for the \$111 room rate.
3. Have flyers for the tournament (view it here) available and give them to newer players or anyone who may want to play. You can pick up more flyers at the Buffalo Regional either from the stack of flyers on one of the tables or from Sharon Fairchild or just print flyers as needed from the link above.
4. Emphasize that the 199r and 499r games are much more suited to newer players than normal club games since the high masterpoint sharks will not be playing.

And, of course, we hope you will be in Cleveland in January for the Regional. Maybe you can be the car pool driver!

Write or call if you have suggestions or comments.

Thanks.

Jill and Bill

Jill Smith
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Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

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

★ Earlier ★
Playtimes!!!
Fri - Sat - Sun

Friday, November 2

★ **10:00 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

★ **2:30 PM** **Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included!**
Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 3

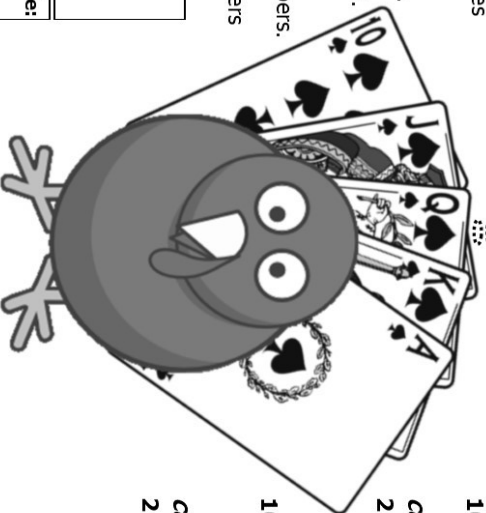
★ **10:00 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st or 2 sessions)

★ **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)

Sunday, November 4

Sunday Brunch and Lunch Included!

★ **10:00 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*



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Loreen Shaler
Karen McElwain
Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S 1811054
Pairs Entries \$25 / pair
Single Session Teams \$50/tm.
499er Swiss* \$88/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.

Open	499er
A: 2000-	5: 300-500
B: 750-2000	3: 100-300
C: 0-750	1: 0-100
Stratifications in All Events by Avg. Mps	499er Straits at Directors Discretion

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



Pittsburgh Bridge Association

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



American Contract Bridge League

UP THE LADDER POST

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CONGRATULATIONS!!
YOU DIDIT!!

LITTLE BY LITTLE
STEP BY STEP - YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO FAME
IN THE BRIDGE WORLDS IN PITTSBURGH

POST CARDS

The PBA should have a Welcome Wagon to welcome the "walking wounded" back to the bridge table.

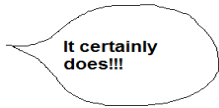
After a rather long absence, **Joanne Zambroski** is back and looking fine. The local bridge players were getting nervous about getting assigned to her seat at the games. They all had to look around to make certain she wasn't there. Welcome back - from everyone.

Kathy Brennan is another MIA bridger. Kathy and Bruce were on an extended vacation in Europe, having a great time and when she came home, whatever bug they were giving out there followed her home. After a couple of weeks to recover, Kathy is back to bridge. Thank goodness.

Fran Steger's brother, Hal, died in October. Our condolences to Fran and her family at this very sad time.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas



At the club games last month, two of the most interesting play problems involved finding the Queen of spades.

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

After West opens 2 clubs in hand #1, some North players might overcall 2 D. If so, pass by East shows at least a King and is game forcing. Double is the way to show a hand lacking a control. If South bids 5D a 5S bid by West would end the auction. After North leads the AD, how should you play if North shifts to a small heart which rides around to your 10? How about if they would continue diamonds at trick two? After a diamond continuation there would be no reason not to make the normal play of ruffing on board and finessing for the Queen of spades. With a heart shift and a ruff looming, you would play spades from the top and be able to handle Queen 3rd or 4th to make 11 tricks.

How would you play a contract of 6S with a heart shift at trick 2 which you win with the ten? In order to finesse in spades, you'd also have to finesse in clubs. Chance of winning both is 1/2 times 1/2, or 25%. If the 5 missing spades are divided 3-2, the Queen will be doubleton 2/5, or 40% of the time. When you add in the chance of 4-1 breaks, the odds of dropping a doubleton Queen are 27%. This is the day that the Queen was offside and doubleton. Ace and King drops the Queen, and the club goes away on the heart.

In hand # 2, East opens a heart and some players jump shift in diamonds after a spade response. The hand is not big enough for me to jump shift. I don't see a game unless partner can bid again. In any case, you end up in 6 notrump, and win the 10D opening lead in hand. If diamonds run, you have 12 tricks on top and 3 different squeeze chances. When you lead a 2nd diamond, West plays small. Do you finesse the 9? You only need to finesse if the lead was from 10- 9 five times. If you go up with a top diamond, South shows out and discards a club. On the next high diamond, South throws another club, as you pitch a spade.

You can finesse either player for the Queen of spades, and claim 12 tricks if it loses, and a chance for an overtrick if it wins. If you play South for the Queen of spades, there will be a double squeeze for the overtrick. Lead the Ace of spades, and let the Jack ride. If the Jack holds, you can cash the last diamond and pitch a club. Now you can come to hand and run black winners. South has to hold a spade and North has a diamond, and neither can guard hearts. Unluckily, your spade finesse loses to Queen 3rd, and you are held to 12 tricks. If you finesse the diamond at trick two, South, holding 6 clubs and the Queen of hearts, soon starts feeling pressure. Cash top black cards, finish diamonds, and a double squeeze will ensue. It's an unusual hand in that you have threats in all four suits.

Win Silver Points at your local club!
A STAaC 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 Team Game 7PM Snacking at 6:15

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church*

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

Pot Luck! So bring a Favorite Dish!

NO SNACK? IT'S OK! COME ANYWAY! PLENTY FOOD!

Please coordinate snacks with Ron Franck

E-mail: 1812SNS@pittsburghbridge.org

Call or Text: 412-913-1505

Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church*

Continental Breakfast & Pizza Lunch!

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

\$100/team Reservations Requested

Call/Text Barb Belardi - 412-496-5895

or Cecilia Powell - 412-860-4445

E-mail: 1812SW@pittsburghbridge.org

***DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:**

www.pittsburghbridge.org.

HOLIDAY PARTY!

Friday, Nov 30 @ Wilkins

Casual fare - Bring something to share!

6:15 FOOD — 7:00 BRIDGE

Pittsburgh

Reservations / Food coordination with

Ruthie Neafach - 412-559-4351 or

Jeanne Baseman - 412-889-2538

Let's make it a November to remember!

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2018

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, CONT. from page 9

Stanley Ruskin: 3S This is very difficult. If partner doubles 3D, is that take out or penalty? Without any prior agreements, it would have to be penalty. What type of hand does partner have? If he has 5 hearts, then he also has a lot of diamonds which isn't likely but possible. I have a very good hand. Partner probably doesn't have more than 2 spades. I still have the AK of clubs and a singleton H. I'm tempted to bid 4D which would be a control with some heart support. I could also bid 3S which shows spades and some cards. Maybe partner has 3 spades? Thus, my choices are 3S, 4D or 4H. I think I choose 3S.

Paul Caplan: 4S 3 hearts must be a 4 card suit with tolerance for the other suits and a good hand. A double would be for penalty. So my bid would be 4 spades.

Trudy Cohn I will bid 3 spades. If partner has three spades, we can play in game. If not, and he has diamond cards, 3NT will play better from his side. I don't think we want to play in hearts since they are probably stacked in the hand of the partner of the pre-emptive three diamond bidder.

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, N/S Vul
 You hold:
 S 9 7 6 5 3
 H 10 4 2
 D 3
 C A K 7 3

THE BIDDING IS:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1D	3D*	PASS	PASS
3H	PASS	?	*

*Natural and preemptive

Richard Katz 3S As doubling 3 diamonds intended as a light negative double, sounds like penalty(also non existent or discussed), therefore causes me to pass. Also doubling 3 diamonds by opener sounds like penalty, therefore new horizons. I figure partner may have quite a variety starting with 4,4,4,1 or 1,4,4,4 with a very good hand. Therefore I can't pass such a seemingly forcing bid, especially with such a good hand and bid 3 spades. This will probably help partner to make the correct next bid. Hopefully we land on our feet, as usual.

Gail Carns ..3S it's the next bid that's difficult

Asim Ulke: I bid 3S. I expect partner to hold a good hand with a distribution like 4-4-3-2 or 3-4-4-2 or 4-4-4-1. Double by north would not be take out.

Chris Wang: I bid 3 spades. If partner bids 3NT, I bid 4 hearts. My other option is to pass 3 hearts

Bernie Fudor: Pass This is a really good problem I'm stumped so I pass although my instinct is to bid 4h, Interested in other opinions

(.see page 8 for additional answers)

Steve Nolan .. 3S. By bidding a four-card suit at the three level, North has shown a very strong hand. We have enough for game although I don't know which one. Rather than guess, I'll show my spades and let partner take the lead.

Bill Holt: 4H. Partner had enough to bid 3H over the preempt, Sounds like the diamond honors are with East so less wasted values. If the club honors were in the S suit I might trot out 3S but not gonna show this suit

Bob Zimmerman: 4 spades. What a tough problem! I'm assuming partner has 4 hearts and 3 diamonds (might he have doubled with 4 and some values there?) and some extras to bid at the 3 level vulnerable. And he didn't open 1nt. And, I have the club honors A 4432 hand like AQJx AQJx Qxx Qx would be about his minimum. We can expect hearts to behave badly, so the 4/3 fits is not optimal. 3 spades might be enough with my hand as partner should read me for some values. But, it's IMPs and there is that tasty game bonus.

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Spades. Partner can't have 3 diamonds, or they would be 4-4 in the majors and reopened with a double. They have 4 diamonds and 4 hearts, and probably would have doubled even with 3 spades. Their most likely holding is one or two spades and 18-19 HCPs. They may have been planning on rebidding 2 NT had East passed. I'll bid 3 spades and hope that partner can bid 3 NT, or possibly raise spades.

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. I hope partner can scramble for 9 tricks. Partner's failure to reopen with a double implies spade shortness. I expect 1453 opposite, but that means diamonds are likely 5710 around the table. Even though North should have a darn good hand for his 3H rebid, I can't envision a makeable game contract.

Herb Sachs: 4H Good hearts, short spades, poor diamonds, good hand; impossible; what am I missing here? too much to pass and three spades puts me in no mans' land. I bid four hearts. give me another zero.

Craig Biddle: 4S Partner can't have 5H, since then he would have 6D. And his double here should be penalty.. Also, with 4D and only one other biddable suit, partner should be bidding 3NT with a 2NT rebid and passing with a 1NT rebid. So this is a takeout double substitute; I expect partner to be 4-4 in the majors. I bid 4S since that's what I would have bid over 3D -P-P-X, P.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4S	8	2	100
4D	5	0	90
3S	4	8	70
4H	3	2	60
PASS	3	3	50
3NT	3	0	40
5C	1	0	40
4C	0	0	20
3H	0	1	N/A

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

David Berkowitz	4D
Bart Bramley	4D
Gerald Caravelli	3NT
Jonh Carruthers	5C
Larry Cohen	4S
Billy Eisenberg	4H
Steve Garner	3NT
Ron Gerard	4S
Carl Hudecek	4S
Eddie Kantar	3S
Sami Kehela	4S
Danny Kleinman	4S
Eric Kokish	4D
Ed Lewis	3S
Chip Martel	4D
Marshall Miles	3S
Sue Picus	4S
Arthur Robinson	4H
Eric Rodwell	3S
Bruce Rogoff	4S
Michael I Rosenberg	4H
Jeff Rubens	4S
Paul Trent	3NT
Eddie Wold	4S
Robert Wolff	P
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	P

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc NOVEMBER 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	SECTIONAL						
5							
6							
7							
1					8 PBA Pro Am Game (Rodef Sha- lom)		2
2					9 PBA club champ Swiss Teams		PITTSBURGH
3							BRIDGE
10							
17					16 PBA Club Championship and Annual membership meeting		
24					23 PBA Open Pairs		
24							
25							
26							
27							
28 PBA							
29 Nov							
30 PBA champ HOLIDAY PARTY							
12/1							

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games

Wayne Davis & Barry Scott	70.83	Indiana	Tues
Judith Lorigan & Madeleine Frizzi	74.34	South Hills NLM	Thurs
Marcella Retetagos & Ernie Retetagos	70.31	Glenshaw	Sat
Ronald Kust & Lorraine Hanna	70.00	Glenshaw 99er	Sat
Paul Caplan & Constance Hoechstetter	70.24	Glenshaw	Sat
Estill Duggins & Donald Averbac	77.50	Whitehall	Mon

SIX IN A ROW

John Killmeyer New Brighton Sat

THREE IN A ROW

Barbara Belardi	Moon	Wed	Constance Hoechstetter	Houston	Fri
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Fri	Kathleen Glassford	Indiana	Tues
Robert Quinlan	Temple Emanuel	Wed			

TWO IN A ROW

Russell Sheldon	Glenshaw	Mo	James Fox	Glenshaw	Mon
Arlene Port	O'Hara	Tue	Ronald Franck	O'Hara	Tues
Jane Marshall	O'Hara	Tue	Susan Konig	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth / ACC	Wed	Joseph Bernot	Wilkins	Thurs
Curt Woodhead	South Hills	Thurs	Estill Duggins	South Hills	Thurs
Ronald Franck	Glenshaw	Mon	Harold Haffner	Glenshaw	Mon
Susan Konig	Whitehall	Mon	Patricia Cunkekma	Greensburg	Fri
Marcella Retetagos	Glenshaw	Sat	Ernie Retetagos	Glenshaw	Sat
Joanne Ladish	Natrona Heights	Mon	Richard Katz	Rodef	Mon
Mary Ann Sapienza	Woodridge	Mon	Reanette Frobouck	O'Hara	Tues
Arlene Port	O'Hara	Tues	Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth /	Wed
Sheila Rabovsky	Moon	Wed	Cecilia Powell	Greensburg	Thurs
Sandra McCall	South Hills	Thurs	Barbara Anderson	South Hills NLM	Thurs
Grant Anderson	South Hills NLM	Thurs	Arlene Port	Wilkins	Fri
Marjorie Mazer	Wilkins	Fri	Audrey Heidenreich	Nat . Heights	Mon
Linda Silberman	Rodef 299er	Mon	Derek Schofield	Rodef 299er	Mon
Estill Duggins	Whitehall	Mon	Donald Averbach	Whitehall	Mon
Arthur Henry	South Hills NLM	Tues	Marie Henry	South Hills NLM	Tues
Ronald Sain	Indiana	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues	Ernie Retetagos	Glenshaw	Wed
Marcella Retetagos	Glenshaw	Wed	Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Wed

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