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POST MORTEM

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This is a first for the Post Mortem. I am giving up my first page to the Pirates. Our readers need a rest.



**Pittsburgh Bridge Players
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Wednesday, August 7th

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BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly
does!!!

FAST ARRIVAL

The principle of fast arrival is a treatment that is used after a partnership has established a game force in a suit contract. If either partner jumps to game, that shows a hand with no interest in slam. Stronger hands are bid more slowly, so as to give more room to investigate a higher level contract.

Most partnerships use Jacoby 2NT as their forcing major suit raise. In the auction 1S-2NT-4S, the 4 spade bid is fast arrival. It shows no singleton and less than 15 high card points. With more HCPs, the opener bids 3 spades or 3 NT to give room for partner to make a cue bid.

For pairs that play that 2/1 is a game force, the opportunities for fast arrival are very common. Here are some examples. In the auction, 1S-2C-2H-2S, if opener bids 4 spades, they have a minimum opener. If opener bids 3 spades instead, that would show extra high cards, and probably without a minor suit Ace. With an Ace, opener would cue bid the Ace. If 2/1 is game forcing, 1S-2C-2S-3S is stronger than 1S-2C-2S-4S. It makes sense that there should be a difference between a 3 bid and a 4 bid. For hands with some mild slam interest, the lower bid gives an extra level of bidding room to investigate.

Most game going hands with a minor suit fit play in 3 NT. So fast arrival applies primarily to major suit trump fits. Unlike jumps in suit contracts, jumps in no trump show extra values. 2NT-4NT is stronger than 2NT-3NT. If 1S-2C-2D-2NT is game forcing, then 1S-2C-2D-3NT is 15-17 HCP as opposed to a 12-14 2NT bid. Everything in bidding depends on partnership agreements and understandings. Although some treatments work better than others, the most important thing is that you and partner are on the same page.

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June 13 - 7 PM!

Snacking at 6:15—Game Time 7:00

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Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
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All participants must be current or former ACBL members.
1-month membership: \$7.99.
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

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| Open | 499er |
| A: 2000+ | 5: 300-500 |
| B: 750-2000 | 3: 100-300 |
| C: 0-750 | 1: 0-100 |
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★ **Early** ★
Playtimes!!!

Friday, July 12
10:30 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

Continental Breakfast!
Lunch Provided for those playing 2-Sessions!
3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, July 13
10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)

Continental Breakfast!
Lunch Provided for those playing 2-Sessions!
2:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 14
Continental Breakfast 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



Pittsburgh Bridge Association



American Contract Bridge League

JEAN PICONE

When Jean Picone died, the Pittsburgh Bridge Association lost one of its' most productive and revered members in our Unit.. Anyone who ever attended a game run by Gus Costanzo, Jeans partner for 13 years, they found wonderful hospitality, a warm reception and a woman who cared about their comfort and enjoyment. In all of the years I attended those games, I always felt welcomed by Jean. She really made the game feel like a family affair.

Jean wasn't just Gus's helpmate. She was, in fact, a highly educated and accomplished individual. By profession, Jean was a Psychiatric social worker with Forbes Hospice and UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital. In addition, participated in Scottish folk dancing, a part of her heritage. She was a committed theatre and concert attendee and spent good times with her many friends who did not play bridge. Also, Jean was extremely bright and, with help from Gus, became an accomplished bridge player.

Jean had two great sons, one who lived in Pittsburgh and one in Spain from a prior marriage. Her late husband, Len, was a bridge player and I believe introduced her to the game. It was after he died, she spent the remainder of her life with Gus.

The most amazing thing about Jean is how really nice she was. I never heard her complain or get angry (at Gus). She got along with all of us and we all loved her. We will always remember what a lovely lady she was and how lucky we were to know her.

.....Arlene

IN MEMORY

The Pittsburgh PBA is very much like a community. We know each other so well. We celebrate with our bridge friends as they achieve greater levels of accomplishment, and we mourn with them when they suffer a personal loss.

Alan and Lynne Colker mourn the death of Alan's brother Jim, who died May 1. Jim was accomplished in business, at one time serving as President of Contraves Goerz . He loved his beautiful garden, the arts, his special wine collection and his many other interests. But most of all, he loved his wife and his children and family. Alan and Jim are both lucky to have had each other for so many years of happy times. Our condolences to Alan and Lynne on his passing.

Jackie Skirboll suffered the loss of her husband, Alan, after a brief illness in May. Alan was an entrepreneur who owned and started several successful businesses. Perhaps his most famous was "The Salad Company". Alan was a most loving father grandfather and husband of 59 years. He was really a great guy who loved life and the people who were part of his life. So much a part of our community, Alan will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Though he is gone, Jackie will always have the special memories of the wonderful life they shared. Our very best to his family and myriad of friends.

Joe Zaccardi one of our regular bridge players died in May. An electrical engineer , he worked at Westinghouse in the Defense and Electronics Division of WEC. He earned his masters degree at Johns Hopkins. Not surprisingly, he was a bridge Life Master. Joe was a very special guy. He was always friendly and had a warm word and a smile for all. In case you are confused, thinking that Joe is still with us, it's because his brother Jim is an identical twin. Even at this stage of life, I could not tell them apart.. It's a great shame that there aren't more exact copies of Joe. His friendliness and happy smile were always a pleasure to see. Our deepest sympathy to his children, his brother Jim and their family. We're gonna' miss him terribly.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

***Cary Blancett
Sunil Desai
Bharati Parikh
Klran Parikh***

LIFE MASTER

Ruth Rutter

CONGRATULATIONS!! TO YOU ALL

(Note: We forgive those who announced that Ruth Rutter made Life Master in another Unit. We never got the notice. Sorry Ruth, you will always belong to us.. Congratulations for earning this wonderful level of achievement.)

NOTICE

I received this notice from Craig Biddle. This site is run by the English Bridge League. This is all the information I have, so if you are interested, go to the web sight noted below and check it out. (I would make certain I knew who was receiving my money)

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PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2019

June

2 (Sunday) Bergman-Joseph Swiss Teams
7 NAOP QUALIFIER
13 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
14 STaC Pairs & PBA Board Meeting
21 Unit Championship
28 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

July

5 Unit Championship
12 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC Info
19 NAOP QUALIFIER
26 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

August

2 New Partner Night
9 NAOP QUALIFIER & PBA Board Meeting
16 Unit Championship
23 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
30 Open Pairs

INTERNET POST, CONT. from page 9

Trudy Cohn ., I will bid 4 clubs. If partner bids 4 Diamonds , I will then bid 4 hearts. If opponent bids 4 Spades, I will double. I don't think that any bid is perfect.

Chris Wang: Dbl. If I had one or two diamonds, I would consider bidding 5 diamonds. Since I don't have any diamonds, that eliminates that option. So I either pass or double. Even though we are playingimps, I have a strong hand and think we can set the contract. So I double for penalty, telling partner I have a strong hand and not to bid again. It is possible the suits may not split well and we don't set the contract.

Asim Ulke I double. Bidding is full of dangers. Partner has 7 diamonds and most probably 2 spades. that leaves not many clubs or hearts in his/her hand for a reasonable game in those suits which will break badly for our side. Passing is cowardly.

Paul Caplan: Double I will take a plus at this vul.

Steve Nolan .. Double. Penalty. Hoping for a crossruff.

Gail Carns: I bid 4C (forcing) if N bid 4D I bid 4H.

You are South, IMP's, both vul.

You hold:

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

The bidding is:

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| --- | ---- | 3D | 3S |
| ? | | | |

Bill Holt: Double, for penalty. Wow ... anything could be right. You could be making 4H, 5c, or even 5d – assuming partner is sound for a Vulnerable first seat 3-bid. But with 5 non-diamond Quick Tricks in my hand, plus a potential ruff in partner's hand and a diamond return from partner, I think a penalty double is right.

Bob Zimmermann: Pass I don't know who can make what. I'm fairly sure we don't have a fit. So, maybe we'll take the first five with some cross-ruffs. Or, they make 6 when they ruff a red card before partner. I take my -140 and move on to the next board.

Ernie Retetagos: 5 Diamonds. Seems like partner does not have a face card outside of the diamond suit. I hope they happened to notice that we are vulnerable. A vulnerable preempt is not a weak hand, and I expect a semisolid 7 card suit. Partner's 6 winners and my 5 count up to 11 tricks.

Jack Hawthorne: Pass I'm going to pass and hope to double something at the 4 level. I'm happy that the opposition has relieved me of responding to my partner's preempt.

Richard Katz 4C I'm always the optimist. Start partner off with 6-7 diamonds, next guy give 6-7 spades plus my two leaves four. If they are 1 for partner and three for lho, then partner has five or six unaccounted for cards in my two suits.

Modern style most won't have four hearts but might have at most three, probably two, leaves room for him possibly to be 1,2,6,4 (wow) six clubs be's a maker. Therefore I put my double card away for now and bid four forcing clubs!!

If partner bids four diamonds, obviously, I try four hearts, not terribly disappointed that I didn't hear five clubs, as partner now has three hearts or quite surprisingly rarely could be four. However If partner bid five clubs, I'm bidding six. as hand may break badly, I wouldn't push for six hearts on probable 5-3 fit, but love initial thought of six clubs, thx.

My guess is five or six clubs makes and I'll use that double card at the five level or higher.

Plus 1370-1390, 2140? If a club card is missing, it's right where it belongs. Once again, 6-5 come alive, plus good two suits and Aces! Or go minus and go home once again.

If partner has total dog, and can't stand four hearts with his 2,2,7,3 dog, or 1,2,7,3 dog, five clubs may make and I'll double five spades.

Thx for my opportunity to guess. Once again optimistic, thoughtful, and minus only 100, as no one doubled.

Herb Sachs: four clubs ever the optimist; partner could?? be 1-1-7-4 or close; no double as they may have ten or eleven spades; If I were sure four hearts after four diamonds forcing? that is my plan or just five diamonds; partner should have a reasonably good playing hand.

Jane Marshall 4 hearts. Then, when the opponents bid 4 spades, I bid 5 clubs. I cannot cue bid spades (showing a fit for diamonds). I think that the opponents will let me bid both of my suits.

Craig Biddle ..5D. I wouldn't make this bid with Phil, of course, since I could be going for 800. But with most of my partners, and with North of the Master Solvers Club, I am reasonably confident that this game will make. Without the interference, I would have bid 3H (forcing) in case 4H was on but at IMPs 620 vs. 600 is a minor consideration, and I can't bid 4H here; partner should pass that with S-xx H-x DKQJ10xxx C-Qxx

Stanley Ruskin: . Double Very difficult. Where can we get the best plus score. Since I have no way of knowing what partners other suit distribution is, we could make nothing up to 6 of something. If we have a game, it most likely be 5D since partner should have a good 7 card suit for his bid but we might not even make 5D. On the other hand, I think we could beat 3S from one to 3 tricks - while knowing there might be a way in some strange world, that could make 3S. Thus, I would double and try to beat it as much as we can.

Bernie Fudor: 5D This. I think is the best problem that I can remember I have no problem with constructing hands where your best bid and result can range from 3sx to 6 of either diamonds clubs or hearts Anyone who claims that there is only one bid that stands out might see their nose grows After that rant I still have to make a bid and ive been influenced by one of my partners to bid 5D and that seems as good as anything but if in the real world its wrong that would be no surprise

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| Alan Bell | 4H |
| David Berkowitz | 4C4H |
| Bart Bramley | 1NT |
| Larry Cohen | 4C |
| Billy Eisenberg | 4C |
| Brian Glubok | 4H |
| Allen Graves | 4C |
| Carl Hudecek | 4C |
| Michael Kamil | 4H |
| Danny Kleinman | 4D |
| Eric Kokish | Dbl |
| Marshall Miles | D |
| Rozanne & Bill Pollack | 4C |
| Larry Robbins | D |
| Arthur Robinson | 4C |
| Steve Robinson | 4H |
| Debbie Rosenberg | 4C |
| Jeff Rubens | D |
| Ira Rubin | 4C |
| Don Stack | 4H |
| Fred Stewart | D |
| Howard Weinstein | 4C |
| Robert Wolff | 4C |
| Kit Woolsey | D |

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|------|------|-----|-------|
| 4C | 11 | 4 | 100 |
| 4H | 6 | 1 | 80 |
| Dbl | 6 | 6 | 80 |
| 4S | 1 | 0 | 50 |
| 4D | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 3NT | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| PASS | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| 5D | 0 | 3 | N/A |

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc JUNE 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 IPBS UNIT CHMP | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 PBA SWISS Teams Unit Chmp | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | -17 PBA OPEN PAIRS\ Grass Roods Fund Game | 18 1 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 NO GAME CLEVELAND REGIONAL | 25 |
| 26 2 | 27 3 | 28 4 | 29 5 | 30 6 | 31 PBA UNIT CHMP | JUNE 1 C |
| JUNE 10 - TO JUNE 16 STAC WEEK | | | | | | |

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games

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| Hazel Allen & Judy Karnes | 70.00 | New Castle 750er | Mon |
| Harold Haffner & Asim Ulke | 77.55 | Rodef | Mon |
| Judith Cawley & Jim Fields | 74.37 | Rodef 299er | Mon |
| Harold Haffner & Judy Haffner | 71.43 | Rodef | Wed |
| Patricia Katz & Richard Katz | 71.13 | Rodef | Wed |
| Fred Lantz & Richard Bulow | 75.60 | Greensburg | Thurs |
| Asim Ulke & Judy Haffner | 72.69 | Wilkins | Fri |
| Chris Macoy & Kathleen Dolegowski | 72.74 | South Hills NLM | Tues |
| Gloria Moser & Mary Lou Naughton | 72.76 | Glenshaw | Wed |

SIX IN A ROW

Philip Goulding Zelianople Tues

FIVE IN A ROW

Jim Fox Allegheny CC Fri

FOUR IN A ROW

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| Barbara Belardi | Export | Mon | Martin Cohen | South Hills | Tues |
| Harold Haffner | Rodef | Wed | Judy Haffner | Rodef | Wed |

THREE IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
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| Alan Leaver | Zelianople | Tues | Cleman Rosenberger Jr | O'Hara | Tues |
| Donald Toy | O'Hara | Tues | Patricia Katz | Rodef | Wed |
| Peter Howell | PBA Unit | Fri | Robert Quinlan | Temple Emanuel | Wed |

TWO IN A ROW

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|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Kenneth Bergman | Glenshaw | Wed | Sandra McCall | Temple Emanuel | Wed |
| Bud McElhaney | Temple Em | Wed | Mary Kirsch | Edgeworth | Wed |
| Joe Sawyer | Edgeworth | Wed | Joanne Zambroski | Wilkins | Fri Rus- |
| sell Sheldon | Wilkins | Fri | David Kozloff | Rodef | Mon |
| Sandra Brand | Rodef | Mon | Patricia Katz | O'Hara | Tues |
| Arlene Port | O'Hara | Tues | Donna Trust | Longue Vue | Thurs- |
| Richard Katz | Wilkins | Fri | Patricia Katz | Wilkins | FriMary |
| Lou Flach | Allegheny CC | Fri | Barbara Weinstein | Allegheny CC | FriMary |
| Paulone Carns | PBA Unit | Fri | Gail Carns | PBA Unit | Fri |
| Kenneth Bergman | Glenshaw | Mon | Harold Haffner | Rodef | Mon |
| Philip Goulding | Glenshaw | Wed | Richard Katz | Rodef | Wed |
| Robert Quinlan | Temple Emanuel | Wed | Kenneth Eichler | Greensburg | Wed |
| Fred Lantz | Greensburg | Wed | Madeleine Frizzi | South Hills NLM | Thurs |
| Judy Lorigan | South Hills NLM | Thurs | Kenneth Eichler | Greensburg | Fri |
| Philip Goulding | Allegheny CC | Fri | Robert Zimmermann | PBA Unit | Fri |
| Phyllis Genszler | Rodef 299er | Mon | Jack Philips | Rodef 299er | Mon |
| Mary Kirsch | Edgeworth | Wed | George Spine Jr | Chartiers-Houston | Fri |
| Beverly Anne Spine | Chartiers-Hou | Fri | Dustin Hoover | South Hills | Sun |
| Madeleine Frizzi | South Hills | Sun | Shirley Eskew | Woodridge | Mon |
| Henry Nelson | O'Hara | Tues | Kenneth Bergman | O'Hara | Tues |
| Wayne Obitz | Indiana | Tues | Ronald Sain | Greensburg | Wed |
| Richard Katz | Wilkins | Fri | Patricia Katz | Wilkins | Fri |
| Asim Ulke | Wilkins | Fri | Judy Haffner | Wilkins | Fri |
| Kenneth Stiger | Lebo | Fri | | | |