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Pittsburgh, PA

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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

How does it feel to be at the top of your game? I wouldn't know, but we have two in our Unit that do. Jan Assini and Asim Ulke attained that level of excellence in June. Both of these very accomplished bridge players reached a total of 10,000 master points; Jan, as a Grand Life Master, which indicated a National event win and Asim, as a Platinum Life Master. They now share, with very few others in the ACBL, and the other 5 in our Unit, the title of "The Best We Have To Offer". Congratulations to you both.

Now back to the real world. If we expect to join Asim and Jan at the top, we have to start playing more bridge. That's easy. We have games and special events to burn; the next special event is the Pittsburgh Summer Sectional July 12—14. (ad on page 3). So, gather your master points by the dozens. 10,000 is just around the corner.

If the summer sectional and those sectionals in our area aren't enough, there isn't a morning or afternoon that you can't find a really good game at our local clubs. In case you didn't know, the PBA Unit game on Friday night always has an extra point game. Now, going to that game is a great suggestion.

In September, we have the Pro-Am special game. (ad on page 4). This is really the most fun game of the year. I am always amazed at how good most of the "am's" are. Playing bridge with a more experienced players, is always great fun and a learning experience. Make certain you have your reservation ASAP.

I'm starting a new column in the Post Mortem that is called:

WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

"If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague"

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly does!!!

GADGETS

Most of us like to have a few gadgets on our convention cards. Fairly recently I added a couple of gadgets that have worked out well, and the situations occur frequently.

The Flannery convention is an opening bid that shows 5 hearts and 4 spades with 11-16 HCPs. A Flannery overcall is a 2 diamond overcall over a 1 club opener that shows 5 hearts and 4 spades with enough strength to act, about 8-16 HCPs. If you overcall 1 heart instead, you might lose a 4-4 spade fit. If you double, you don't get to show your 5 card heart suit. Your partner can respond by cue bidding with invitational strength or jumping with a preemptive raise. The normal meaning of a 2 diamond overcall would be a preemptive jump, which doesn't take away much room anyway. So you are not giving up a lot by using this convention. I even got most of my partners to also agree to play that 1D-2D shows 5 hearts and either 4 or 5 spades. Partner should assume that you probably have 4 spades, because 5-4 is several times more likely than 5-5.

Another gadget that I use is what I know as Q/Q, because you are asking two questions. I just learned that this is called Spiral in Florida, as you are spiraling up. After partner opens a minor, you respond in a major, and opener raises to two of your suit, (1C-1S-2S), a 2NT bid is Q/Q. It asks how many trumps and how many HCPs. A 3 club response by opener shows a 3 card raise with minimum HCPs, 3 diamonds shows a 3 card raise with a maximum, 3 hearts shows a 4 card raise with a minimum, 3 spades shows a maximum with 4 trumps, and 3NT shows 4 trumps and a 4-3-3-3 maximum. Although many partnerships want to have 4 trumps to raise, opener should always consider raising with 3 cards to an honor and a ruffing value. The 2 NT bid is normally a game try by responder with about 10-11 HCPs. Q/Q can also be helpful when responder has a big hand and is considering a slam. I play this convention with all of my partners, and it comes up in every session.

Benefits Charity!

The 22nd Annual
PBA



Thursday September 19, 2019
7PM ~ Rodef Shalom Temple

We've Assembled an All-Star Lineup of Top
Masterpoint Holders in the Pittsburgh Area!

Co-Chairs Chris Wang & Jeanne Baseman

Call Jeanne @ 412-889-2538 to hook up!
Or email: Getapro@pittsburghbridge.org

Pick a Pro: \$34 Donation (Paid by the AM)
Or, play with whomever you wish: \$34 /pair

Proceeds Benefit Pitcairn Camp G
a non-profit allowing young girls ages 7 to
17 to attend a one-week summer camp.
www.pitcairncampg.com

Small Plates & Finger Foods @ 6:15 PM
Extra Finger Foods, Appetizers & Desserts
will be appreciated!

Please Coordinate food with
June Threlkeld 412-953-8945
or Ruthie Neafach 412-559-4351



Rodef Shalom Temple
4905 Fifth Avenue

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

Partnerships:
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Tournament Chair:
Bill Holt 412-860-2794
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Hospitality:
June Threlkeld & Bob Flynn
Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S1907034

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.
Upaid & 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. Mps Director's Discretion

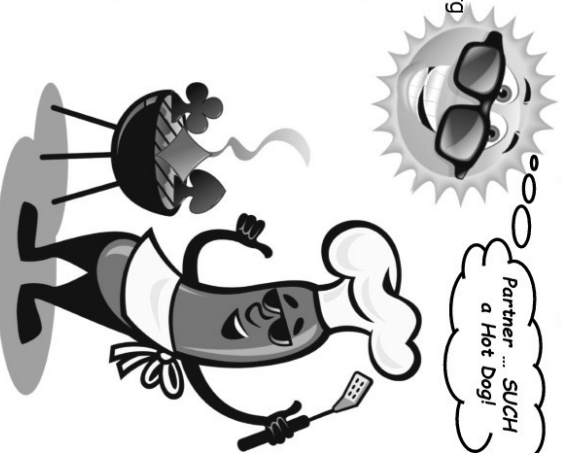
Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:
Newcomer / 499er Pairs -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!
Play ONL Y against other New Players
Contact Darlene for
Partners & Team-building!
Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL

Hospitality All Sessions!

★ Early ★
Playtimes!!!

Partner ... SUCH
a Hot Dog!



Friday, July 12

10:30 AM

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

3:00 PM

Continental Breakfast!
Lunch Provided for those playing 2-Sessions!
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)

2:30 PM

Continental Breakfast!
Lunch Provided for those playing 2-Sessions!
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

10:00 AM

Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included!
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

No Hot Dogs or Card Symbols were harmed
in the making of this Flyer.
No Hot Dogs to be served at the Tournament.



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association



American Contract
Bridge League

IN MEMORY

Barbara Horowitz, a member of our bridge community, died on June 22, after a brief illness. Barbara was an active and a long-time member of our Unit. She had a large and very loving group of friends that were devastated by her sudden passing. Barbara also had another strong connection with our Unit. Her late aunt, Gloria Goodman was also a committed bridge player and her husband, Harvey played at our games. More recently, Barbara and her companion, Nick Chernew were regular attendees at bridge games. More than that, Barbara was a lovely, friendly woman who enriched us by her presence. Our deepest sympathy to her family and her friends. We will all miss her.

STaC RESULTS

Listed below are 20 members of Unit @142 who scored the most masterpoints overall in the STaC (Sectional Tournament at the Club Level) held District wide in June.

JUST SO YOU KNOW: These numbers are impressive:
OF THE TOP 20:

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|---|----------------------------|--|
| 7 | - Are from Pittsburgh area | |
| 5 | - Are from Ohio\ | |
| 6 | - Are from Buffalo | |
| 1 | - From Youngstown | |
| 1 | - From Fort Erie | |
| | | 5 18.61 Asim Ulke, Monroeville PA |
| | | 7 17.89 Reanette Frobouck, Pittsburgh PA |
| | | 8 17.12 Kenneth Bergman, Wexford PA |
| | | 11 16.12 Arlene Port, Pittsburgh PA |
| | | 14 15.80 Barbara Belardi, Pittsburgh PA |
| | | 15 15.54 Judy Haffner, Pittsburgh PA |
| | | 19 13.67 Jack Hawthorne, Valencia PA |

GOOD WORK PITTSBURGH!!

Note: Numbers represent the position these people ranked in the top 20.

CONGREGATION RODEF SHALOM BRIDGE LESSONS SUMMER/FALL SCHEDULE ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

JULY: MONDAY BRIDGE BASICS #1

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge or reacquaint themselves with the game and achieve a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant. Cost for Textbook \$12.00. if needed Cost: \$70.00
Taught by Paul Caplan

7 MONDAYS 9:30—11:30
JULY 22 THRU SEPT 9
No class Sept 2.
For information:
See Flyer or call or e-mail
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DEFENSE Wednesday 9:30-11:30
This class, is intermediate/ advanced in nature and will deal, in depth with the most important aspects of defending at the bridge table. Topics will include, ,
COUNT VS. ATTITUDE, OPENING LEADS, HOLD-UP PLAYS, RELAYING INFORMATION TO PARTNER DURING DEFENSE. and other defensive strategies used to successfully defend. All of these defensive strategies will be studied for both trump and no trump contracts.
Taught by Arlene Port

6 CLASSES WEDNESDAY JULY 24-Aug. 8
Cost: \$60.00
For information:
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JULY: MONDAY

Bridge Basics #2: Competitive Bidding Plus.

This course will reinforce and improve skills you learned in the beginning series. Focus on bidding strategies; doubles, overcalls, etc. with some conventions and introduction to play of the hand. Taught by Arlene Port, ACBL Board Certified. Bridge Basics #2 Textbook by Audrey Grant Available if needed...Cost \$12.00
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BEGINNING BRIDGE—EVENING THURSDAY 7:00 TO 9:00 PM.

This is a class that will be available for those who cannot attend day classes.

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 WHAT YOU DO WELL, PUT BRIDGE ON
 THE TOP OF YOUR LIST!!!

UP THE LADDER POST
JUNIOR MASTER

*Diane L Garry
 John M Johnson
 Jan C Swensen*

CLUB MASTER

*Candace K Gottschall
 Ralph Schmeltz
 Rameshwar D Srivastava*

SECTIONAL MASTER

*Mary Anne Fenstermaker
 Cindy D Lucas
 Dr Lonnie Carey*

NABC MASTER

Donna Trust

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Mr Vin Mehta

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Jacqueline P Cavalier

PLATINUM LIFE MASTER

Dr. Asim Ulke

GRAND LIFE MASTER

Jan L Assini

CONGRATULATIONS
 WINNING ISN'T THE ONLY THING.....
 HAVING FUN IS!!



Here's to our two
 10,000 master-
 point winners.
 Well-Earned
 Well-Deserved
 Well- - - Enjoy
 Your Success.

PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2019

- 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
- September
 6 PITTSBURGH REGIONAL (runs Sept. 3 through Sept. 8)
 INFO
 13 Unit Championship
 19 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom) INFO
 20 Club Championship
 27 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

POST MORTEM (Cont. from pg.9)

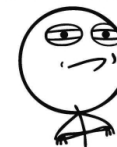
Jack Hawthorne: Pass I doubt that this will be a popular choice, but I think I'll pass. 3NT might make, but I'd feel better about that contract if partner has overcalled 3D. With suits likely breaking unfavorably, no game contract will be comfortable. I'm going to take a plus on defense.

Bernie Fudor: 2NT; Good problem I can make a case for a couple bids but as usual ill make the overbid , 2nt followed by 3nt to show a Heart stopper and willingness to play in game. Old timers (geez I think that's me) might regret the loss of 2nt as natural bid. I don't like 3c as a forward going bid with that ratty suit.

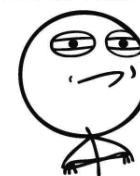
CHALLENGE ACCEPTED



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You are South, matchpoints, none vul and you hold:

S J 10 8
H K Q 8 6
D 4 2
C A 4 3 2

The bidding is:

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
..... 2H DBL. PASS
? (LEBENSORHL APPLIES)

What call do you make....and why.

Bill Holt: Pass. Worth a gamble at matchpoints. 3NT might make, but I cannot bid 2NT invitational if playing Lebensohl, and I don't have enough to bid 3NT IMHO.

Bob Zimmermann: 2NT. Lebensohl applies, so partner will bid 3 clubs unless he has a huge hand. Assuming that's not the case, I'll bid 3NT next - showing the values for game and my stopper. If he shows extras, well, we'll see

Ernie Retetagos: 2 Spades.. Since we don't have a fit, pass is tempting. We'll probably beat them one, but sometimes 2 hearts will make, and sometimes it will go down two. To play in game, I'd have to bid 2 NT followed by 3 NT. Problem is that even if partner has a good hand, the diamond and spade cards are probably offside. Even if partner has 16 HCPs, game is no sure thing. I would bid 2 spades. I think I can make this contract, and beat the pairs that are either plus 100 or who go down in 3 NT.

Richard Katz 3c I bid three clubs at this time. Shows 8+, would love to hear three hearts from partner or three spades, or pass. Even three diamonds would do. This hand is only good opposite an exceptional partners hand.

Herb Sachs: Pass There are many hands where pass is right and hands where we can't find nine no trump tricks. I pass.

Trudy Cohn: 2NT If playing Lebensohl, I respond 2NT and over my partner's forced 3 Club bid I bid 3NT.

Asim Ulke: I pass. I think I can get 400 at 3NT. But I am more likely to get 500 by defending.

Chris Wang: Pass. Since Lebensohl applies, a natural 2NT bid is not possible. I think the only other possible bid is 3NT. (I

Steve Nolan: 2NT. A forcing bid since Lebensohl applies. But pass instead if it's late in the session and I need a top.

Paul Caplan: Pass This hand is worth a 2nt invitational bid but you can not do that. So the decision is between 3nt or pass. I will pass and take the plus score. If 3nt makes the double night be worth more.

Gail Carns: Pass I hope this beats possible pluses.

Jane Marshall PASS. My strength is in hearts and I do not have a 5-cd suit. My partner does not have 5 spades (he probably would have bid spades rather than double if he had 5 spades). My 2nd choice is 3NT.

Craig Biddle ..3NT - lebensohl's one big flaw is exposed here - you have to overbid when you have a couple of stoppers in their suit and don't want to pass for penalties. This heart holding is worth much more as declarer with the long hearts on lead than it is on defense.

Stanley Ruskin: 2NT I don't see too much here. I have cards and we probably have a game in NT Spades or even Clubs. So we have to find out where we are going. I think that 2NT (lebensohl) is all that I have as the best option. Over 3S response, I would raise to 4S. Over 3C, I would bid 3NT. Since, between the 2H bidder and me, we have 10 trumps. If partner has 2 H, we can be off a rough right away. I can't worry about that if we are in 4S because, if we wind up in 4S, partner has to have a good hand with at least 5S. If he doesn't have 5S, my 4H to the KQ supply an ample stopper.

Arlene Port: Pass. This is a first for me. I don't remember when I ever agreed with the national "experts". However, the truth is that I know I'm getting a plus if I pass and I am too chicken to take a chance on bidding game. So much for logic and talent.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	2S
David Berkowitz	3C
Bart Bramley	3C
Larry Cohen	3NT
Richard Colker	3NT
Billy Eisenberg	2S
Dan Gerstman	2NT
Carl Hudecek	2NT
Sami Kehela	P
Danny Kleinman	P
Eric Kokixh	3C
Steve Landen	P
Michael Lawrence	3NT
Robert Lipsitz	P
Barry Rigal	3C
Arthur Robinson	3NT
Arthur Robson	2S
Beverly Rosenberg	P
David Rowntree	P
Jeff Rubens	3C
Joey Silver	P
Chris Willenken	2S
Andrew Wirgen	3C
Robert Wolff	3NT
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	P

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Pass	9	9	100
3C	6	1	90
3NT	5	1	80
2S	4	1	70
2NT	2	5	40

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Min Lesson Play of the hand
7	8	9	10	11	12 PGH SECTIONAL	13 SECTIONAL
14 pgH SECTIONAL	15	16	17	18	-19 NAOP QUALIFIER	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 UNIT CHAMP SWISS TEAMS	27 Cuebids Mini lesson
28	29	30	31	AUG.1	2	3

FIRST AT THE POST

70 % Games

Jack Hawthorne & Reanette Frobouck	71.70	Glenshaw	Mon
Reanette Frobouck & Richard Katz	75.30	Rodef	Wed
Judi Sonon & August Costanzo	70.83	PBA Unit	Fri
June Morrison & Dennis Pittman	75.00	Zelionople	Sat
Sue Golier & C Nicholas Tredennick	70.65	Natrona Heights	Mon
Asim Ulke & Judy Haffner	72.92	Wilkins	Fri
Steven Schwartzwaelder & Ami Elis	71.01	Glenshaw	Wed
Patricia Katz & Reanette Frobouck	70.54	Rodef	Wed

FIVE IN A ROW

Harold Haffner	Rodef	Wed	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Wed
Philip Goulding	Allegheny				

FOUR INA ROW

Reanette Frobouck	O'Hara	Wed	Arlene Port	O'Hara	Wed
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THREE IN A ROW

Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues	Kenneth Bergman	O'Hara	Tues
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Wed	Juanita Nolte	Rodef 299er	Mon
Carol Bolen	Allegheny CC	Fri	Jack Hawthorne	Glenshaw	Mon-
Reanette Frobouck	Glenshaw	Mon	Barbara Belardi	Greensburg	Thur
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Mahendra Patel	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Micheal Fezar	Edgeworth	Wed
Asim Ulke	Wilkins	Fri	Judy Haffner	Wilkins	Fri

TWO IN A ROW

Kenneth Bergman	Zelionople	Tues	M Weisensee	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Fri	James Fox	Allegheny CC	Fri
Gloria Moser	O'Hara	Tues	Janice Phillips	Glenshaw	Wed-
Lousie Meyer	Longue Vue	Thurs	Carol Henderson	Longue Vue	Thurs-
Philip Goulding	Glenshaw	Wed	Richard Katz	Rodef	Wed
Robert Quinlan	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Wed
Kanneth Bergman	Allegheny CC	Fri	Robert Quinlan	Glenshaw	Sat
Madeleine Frizzi	Lebo	Fri	John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat
Sue Golier	Natrona Heights	Mon	Ann Fisher	Rodef 299er	Mon
Laura Mundell	Rodef 299er	Mon	Kathleen Dolegowski	S.Hills NLM	Tues
Chris Macoy	South Hills NLM	Tue	George Kury	Indiana	Tues
Richard Katz	Rodef	Wed	Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth	Wed
Marcella Retetagos	Glenshaw	Sat	Patricia Cunkelman	Export	Mon-
Nolly Gibbs	South Hills NLM	Tues	Arlene Port	Rodef	Wed-
Trudy Cohn	Rodef	Wed	Dennis Gibboney	Greensburg	Wed
Cecilia Powell	Greensburg	Thurs	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Fri-
Ronald Sain	Greensburg	Fri	Jayant Rajgopal	PBA Unit	Fri
Alvin Mariani	PBA Unit	Fri			