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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Wow, July was a big winner for members of our Unit in Los Vegas and at our July Sectional. Well, that's the good news and the bad news. To those who did so well, we think you're wonderful. That's the good news. The bad news is, now that you are regarded as brilliant, you have an obligation to keep proving it. We know you and all the rest of our members will have the chance to shine Sept. 3—8 at the Roni Regional. See page 3 for the schedule.

We have a lot to look forward to, but we are still in awe over the wonderful Summer Sectional held in July. Once again we owe a debt of gratitude to Bill Holt and the many people it takes to make an event so special. As usual, that would be June Threlkeld and Bob Flynn, hospitality, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer,, Partnerships, Ron Franck, who continues to give us support where it is needed and all of the members who contribute to our success. But, we just cannot forget our unsung hero, Shirley Franck, Ron's wife, who continues to take care of us with her fantastic cooking skills. We really should do something to show our appreciation. I know! We should have Ron stop making her work so hard for us. No, that won't work. We need her too much.....and we appreciate all that she does. Thanks again, Shirley, you're the best.

Do you have your partner for the Pro-Am game in September? What! You don't! Well, you better hurry. What!! You do! I look forward to seeing you there. Just be afraid. This year I expect to come in average.

In the meantime, have a great month and a good time.

WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

IF YOU LEND SOMEONE \$20 AND NEVER SEE THEM AGAIN, IT WAS PROBABLY WORTH IT.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly does!!!

BALANCING

When you are in the pass-out seat and the opponents have stopped at a low level, there is a good chance that it's your hand. When you have less than opening count, your partner likely has close to an opener, but didn't have a descriptive bid after their RHO opened. You usually want to balance when you have distribution, regardless of point count. By bidding you have a chance to make your bid, go down one against their part score, or push the opponents up one. Balancing situations occur multiple times in every session, and it usually pays to be as active as possible. Here are a few examples from club games.

1) S- K J 10 7 2 H- 5 4 3 2 D- J 5 C- K 5. Your vulnerable LHO opens 1 diamond, and it goes pass pass to you. If you pass, you will be minus 90. If you bid 1 spade, your partner will cue bid and you will bid 2 spades. Partner will raise with their 14 count, and you'll play and make 3 spades.

2) S- Q 9 3 H- 8 6 4 3 D- A K 8 4 3 C- 7. With neither side vulnerable your LHO opens 3 clubs, and it goes pass pass. If you pass, you will be minus 110. It may seem a little tempting to bid 3 diamonds, but double much better. Double is always the most flexible action, because partner might have a penalty pass. Partner will go to game in hearts, and go down one only because of a 4-0 trump break offside.

3) S- A Q 6 4 3 H- 5 3 D- 3 C- J 10 9 8 2. With only the opponents vulnerable, your LHO opens 1 NT, responder transfers to hearts, and after opener bids 2 hearts, it goes pass pass. If you pass, you will be plus 100. If you bid 2 spades, you will make 4.

In all of these examples, you caught your partner with a flat opening bid that was not strong enough to act in the direct seat. Even though you can be sure that partner has some HCPs, bidding has an element of risk in that you have no guarantee of a fit. Never the less, you just can not let the opponents play at a low level without getting into the action when you have distribution.

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL

Fri. AM Strat. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Reanette Frobouck - Arlene Port
2	1		Nancy Hobert, Joane D'Antonio
3			Jack & Vicki Goodykoontz
	2	1	Dennis Jacobs, Carol Henderson
	3		Jack Hawthorne, Randy Pearson
		2	Marci Yunes, Susan Portnoy
		3	Judith Perman, Nancy Mathews

Fri. AM. 499r Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1	1	1	Mardy Walling - Cindy Hollo
2	2	2	Caryle Glosser - Bill Geiger
3	3		Karen McIlwain, Lorean Schafer
		3	Cindy Lucas - Mary An Fenstemaker

Fri Swiss -

A	B	C	Names
1			Fred Schenker - Jan Assini
			Frank Cymerman Dan Roseberry
2	1	1	Joseph Secka Sr - Bud McElhane
			Joseph Bernot, Sandra McCall
3/4			Cecilia Powell, Barbara Belardi - John Killmeyer, Patricia Cunkelman
3/4	2	2	Hugh McMaster - Dorothy Mehok
			Rodney Lipman, Micheal Fezar
		3	Karen Ricker, Estill Duggins, Sidney Metzger, Susan Konig

Fri. Aft Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Asim Ulke, Harold Haffner
2			Robert Zimmermann - Peter Howell
3	1		June Threlkeld, Robert Flynn
	2		Mary Lou D'Altorio, Richard Zack
	3		Peter Halmos, Jeffrey Cook
		1	Susan Portnoy, Marci Yunes
		2	Tom Piper - Karen Piper
		3	Carol Henderson, Dennis Jacobs

Fri. Aft. 499r Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Karl Sokalski, Juanita Allison
2/3	1/2		Margaret Ball, Sheila Brotherton
2/3	1/2		Janice Rainbolt, Jim Drexler
	3	1	Marcia Taylor - John Burton
		2	William Geiger - Caryle Glosser
		3	Linda Silberman Derek Schofield

Sat.

5	3	1	Names
1	1	1	Kathy Surma, Trudy Friedman
2	2		Charles Weber II, Judy Karnes
3	3		John Driscoll, Prakash Patel
		2	William Geiger - Caryle Glosser
		3	Betty Grossheim, Tina Williams

Sat. Morn. 499r Pairs

5	3	1	Names
1	1		Charles Weber II, Judy Karnes
2	2		John Driscoll, Prakash Patel
		3	Nicholas Rescher - Richard Kotler
	3	1	Ann Plunkett - Lonnie Carey
		2	Frank Koelliker Janet McKee
		3	Jane Slagter - Nancy Kosmala

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Kathleen Mulligan - Daniel McKinley
2	2		Ami Elis - Steven Nolan
3			Kenneth Bergman - Patricia Anders
		3	Richard Zack, Mary Lou D'Altorio
		1	Dustin Hoover - Madeleine Frizzi
		2	Hermoine Balph - Rosanne Patterson
		3	Jeffrey Weiss, Gregory Bruhn

Saturday Aft 499 Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Nancy Kosmala- Kathleen Splane
2			James Liacos- Karl Sokalski
3	2	1	Marcia Taylor - John Burton
	3	2	Charles Weber II- Judy Karnes
		3	Esther Burstin- Shirley Smith

Sat Compact KO

Rank	Names
1	Bradley Craig, Constance Hoechstetter
	Robert Quinlan, William Holt,
2	Arlene Port - Patricia Katz;
	Allan Graves, Richard Katz,
3	Henry Nelson, William Lindgren;
	Paul Caplan - Catherine Caplan
4	Sheila Brotherton, Margaret Ball
	Cindy Lucas, Mary Anne Fenstemaker

(Cont. On page 7.)

PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL

(cont. from pg.3)

Saturday Aft Swiss Team -

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Joseph Secka Sr - Bud McElhane,
			Joseph Bernot, Sandra McCall
2			Barbara Belardi - Judi Sonon
			Jean Prior, Cecilia Powell
3	2		Ernest Collins, Sarah Wozniak
			Kenneth Eichler, Arlene Jacobelli
		3	Mark Pickering, Charles McPeek
			Bob Heasley, Vin Mehta

Sunday 499r Swiss Teams

A	B	C	Names	Score
1			Gregory Bruhn, Jeffrey Weiss\	
			Nicholas Rescher - Richard Kotler,	
2	1		Pat Rambasek - Richard Laird	
			Celine O'Neill, Nancy Kosmala	
3/5	2/3		Marge Kasper - Donald Wyke,	
			Alice Schmidt, Carol Pattison	
3/5	2/3		Kenneth Stiger - Terry Barker,	
			Barb Sautter, Angelo Brunetti	
3/5			Betty Weightman - Karl Sokalski,	
			Judy Lorigan, Juanita Allison	
		1	Denise Dufour - Paul O'Neill	
			Steven Thomas - Bunny Hoffman	

Sunday Open Swiss Teams

A	B	C	Names
1			Jan Assini, Frank Cymerman
			Ernie Retetagos, Bernard Fudor
2	1		David Collura, James Gump
			Gloria Moser - Evelyn Sobol
3			Reanette Frobouck - Patricia Katz
			Allan Graves, Richard Katz
	2		Daniel McKinley - Kathly Mulligan
			Steven Nolan - Nurit Elis
		3	Jacquelyn Skirboll - Susan McQuillan
			Sharon Rohr, Steven Schwarzwaelder
	1		Todd Hertzberg - Linda Fried
			Ildiko Baxter, Martin Greenberg,

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Ken Bergman - Patricia Anders
2			Philip Goulding, Craig Biddle
3	1	1	Jeffrey Weiss, Gregory Bruhn
	2	2	Dustin Hoover - Madeleine Frizzi
	3/4		Mary Alice Brandt Sylvia Camilli
	3/4	3	Kathleen Dolegowski, Scott Baldwin

TOP 15 MASTERPOINT WINNERS

Total masterpoints: 1159.62 earned by 270 players.

Total attendance: 278 tables.

1	24.11	Reanette Frobouck
2	22.81	Arlene Port
3	21.32	Jan Assini
4	21.32	Frank Cymerman
5	20.18	Richard Katz
6	20.18	Allan Graves
7	18.44	Fred Schenker
8	18.44	Dan Roseberry
9	17.85	William Holt
10	16.90	Ernie Retetagos
11	16.81	Bradley Craig
12	16.75	Philip Goulding
13	16.64	Patricia Katz
14	16.31	Kathleen Mulligan
15	16.31	Daniel McKinley

UP THE LADDER POST
JUNIOR MASTER

Cary Blancett
Sunil Desai
Bharati Parikh
Kiran Parikh

CONGRATULATIONS WE MAY JUST
HAVE A FEW HIGH ACHIEVERS
THIS MONTH BUT WE FEEL LUCKY
THEY HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO
SHARPEN THEIR BRIDGE SKILLS

CONGRATULATIONS
THINK YOU'RE GOOD HUH?
WELL, YOU ARE

NATIONAL NOTABLES

Phil Goulding and Bob Zimmerman were 2nd overall in the 3-day Bruce LM-6000 Pairs, earning 56.25 masterpnts for their efforts.

Marsha Taylor and John Burton struck red in Las Vegas by placing 1st overall in a 299er event. They were first in A,B & C and they won the most beautiful trophies. WOW!! WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT.



PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2019

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*

October

- 4 *Club Appreciation Pairs*
- 11 *Club Appreciation Swiss Teams & PBA Board Meeting*
- 18 *Club Championship*
- 25 *PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC*
- 31 *ACBL-Wide Instant Matchpoint Game (Thurs. daytime)*

Note from the Cleveland Sectional on August 9, 10 and 11.

We apologize for our error and hope you will **join us on August 9, 10 and 11.** I sure wish I had not sent you that promotional email this morning!

All of the other details are the same except for the dates and they are: Please join us on **August 9, 10 and 11** for the Cleveland Silver Bowl Sectional Tournament. The tournament is at the nicely air conditioned Rocky River Memorial Hall 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH

There will be two sessions of Open and 499 Pair games Friday and Saturday at 10:00 & 2:00 and a Stratified Swiss Teams Sunday at 10:00.

Enjoy Unit 125's wonderful hospitality. Lunch Friday & Saturday; Bagels on Sunday morning and Sunday buffet.

Full Schedule and map is attached with the revised dates inserted. The ACBL will post a revised flyer and dates real soon.

Need a partner? Contact Rosemary Kleis, 440-785-4481.
Have a question? Contact David Hobe (tournament chair) at davidh@hobe.com or 216-496-1955

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H Q862
D K
C QJ

The bidding is:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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1S PASS 2NT* PASS
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Bill Holt: 3H. Don't like NT with my shape so will try for the H fit. Can always pull 3NT to 4S.

Bob Zimmermann: 3 Hearts. This should be forward going. Partner will know I don't have 5 hearts, but he might have 4 himself. Apparently, the ACBL does not allow him to make a negative double in response to my overcall. I'll raise 3 spades to 4, and sit for 3nt.

Ernie Retetagos: 3 No Trump. It is tempting to look for a possible 8 card major suit fit. With so many fast losers, 9 tricks might be easier than 10 even if we have a fit. \

Arlene Port: 3H A desperation bid because I have no idea. My only other choice would have been 3S. I wouldn't have even bid 3NT if I was an alien from another planet. However, after reading all of the rational from the "pros", I still wouldn't bid 3NT. I'm changing my middle name from Platt to Wrong.

Richard Katz 3H Yuck, I would love to pass as this may make, or be our cheapest minus score. Sadly, I probably bid three hearts, because you said it was my turn. Hopefully partner bids three spades, which I would pass fast. Not optimistic with this mess.

Herb Sachs: 3NT/PASS Got it. Between 3NT and pass; only 50 more is 2nt is going down (unless doubled)

Trudy Cohn: I will rebid 3 Spades. My hand doesn't look promising for NT.

Asim Ulke: I bid 3NT. I do not want to play a 10 trick game in hearts or spades with an aceless hand. I also do not want to take the lead.

Chris Wang: I respond 3 spades. I have soft values, no Aces so I take the conservative route. I decide to rebid the spade suit instead of introducing a weak 4 card heart suit at the 3rd level.

Steve Nolan: 3H. Tells partner that I have a distributional hand and both majors, without promising extras. Over 3 of a minor, 3S or 3NT from partner, I'll bid 4S.

Paul Caplan: 3 spades this is a bad 12 and a lack of aces. partner can bid game if he wishes.

Gail Carns: 3H I plan to bid game in Hearts or Spades. I assume 3H is forcing.

Jane Marshall .4 spades. My partner can probably control the minors and I probably have 5 tricks in spades. However, my hand is missing entries. I considered 3NT, but the tricks will be in spades.

Craig Biddle ..3S - I don't want to bid a game, NV at IMPs, when I need partner to have two aces and the SQ in a hand limited to 12 HCP in order to have a play for game. And if I bid 3H, partner will raise with 4, since this 3H sounds entirely too encouraging. Partner could have S-10 H-KJxx D-10xxx C-AKxx, but even that perfecto can't claim 10 tricks; trumps could be 4-1. If I were vul at IMPs I'd bid 3H, though.

Stanley Ruskin: I bid 3H. I'm showing some extra values and I'm looking for the best Contract which could be anything. Pass could be correct also since 2NT Isn't forcing. If partner bids game somewhere, he has the advantage of Knowing where most of the missing cards are. I could make a good case For bidding 3NT but I think 3H is still the best bid in this instance.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3NT	11	2-1/2	100
3C	8	0	80
3H	5	7	60
3S	2	4	40
PASS	1	1/2	20
4S	0	1 N/A	

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

David Berkowitz	3C
Bart Bramley	3NT
Gera;d Caravella	3NT
John Carruthers	3H
Larry Cohen	3NT
Richard Colker	3NT
Billy Eisenberg	3C
Steve Garmer	3NT
Ron Gerard	3H
Sar Gohel	3S
Jim Hall	3NT
Carl Hudecek	3NT
Eddie Kantar	3C
Sami Kehela	3C
Danny Kleinman	3S
Eric Kokish	3NT
Chip Martel	3C
Marshall Miles	3NT
Sue Picus	3C
Arthur Robinson	P
Arthus Robinson	P
Eric Rodwell	3NT
Michael Rosenberg	3C
Jeff Rubens	3NT
Kerri & Steve Sanborn	3NT
Paul Trent	3H
Robert Wolff	3H-
Kit Woolsey	3H
Zia	3C

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc AUGUST 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

4	5	6	7	8	9 PBA- NAOP qualifier	10 Lorraine Hanna mini Unusual NT 10:30
11	12	13	14	15	16 PBA unit championship	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 PBA Swiss Tm Wilkins NAOP Qual	24 Lor- raine Han- na mini Michaels
25 <i>AL</i>	26		28	29	30 RONI REG. 10/3—	31 Sept 1 110—8

FIRST AT THE POST

Anita Demarco & Tony Matrazzo	73.75	New Castle 750er	Mon
Arlene Port & Judy Haffner	73.58	Rodef	Mon
Ronald Franck & Harold Haffner	73.44	Rodef	Mon
David Kozloff & Sandra Brand	70.31	Rodef	Mon
Sandra McCall & Robert Quinlan	73.21	Wilkins	Thurs
William Holt & Constance Hoechstetter	73.44	Zelionople	Tues
Dustin Hoover & Karl Sokalski	70.24	Lebo	Fri
Estill Duggins & Gertrude Mallet	72.50	Whitehall	Mon
David Kozloff & Sandra Brand	72.76	Rodef	Mon
Constance Hoechstetter & Paul Caplan	70.37	Temple Emanuel	Wed
Patricia Cunkelman & Ronald Sain	76.79	Greensburg	Fri
Marcella Retetagos & Janice Phillips	70.05	Glenshaw	Mon
George Kury & Ronald Sain	73.75	Indiana	Tues

SIX IN A ROW

Philip Goulding Allegheny CC Fri Arlene Port O'Hara Tues

FIVE IN A ROW

Reanette Frobouck O'Hara Tues Patricia Cunkelman Greensburg Fri
Arlene Port Rodef Mon Judy Haffner Rodef Mon

FOUR IN A ROW

Jack Hawthorne Glenshaw Mon Reanette Frobouck Glenshaw Mon
Mahendra Patel Temple Emanuel Wed Asim Ulke Wilkins Fri Ju-
dy Haffner Wilkins Fri Cecilia Powell Greensburg Wed

THREE IN A ROW

Ronald Sain Greensburg Fri Beverly Ann Spine Edgeworth Wed
George Spine Jr Edgeworth Wed Kenneth Eichler Greensburg Wed
Thomas Jolly Jr Glenshaw Mon Judy Haffner Rodef Wed
Harold Haffner Rodef Wed Alice Hand South Hills NLM Thur-
Mary Taylor South Hills NLM Thur

TWO IN A ROW

Ronald Sain Indiana Tues Joanne Zambroski Glenshaw Wed
Russell Sheldon Glenshaw Wed Ronald Sain Greensburg Wed
Robert Quinlan Chartiers-Houston Fri Donald Turacy, Sr Chartiers-Houston Fri
Kitty Jo Hellmann Latrobe Sat Kenneth Eichler Export Mon-
Richard Katz O'Hara Tues Midge Villella South Hills NLM Tues-
Nancy Gusky South Hills NLM Tues Esther Sain Indiana Tue-
James Quigley Wilkins Thurs Joanne Zambroski Wilkins Fri
Russell Sheldon Wilkins Fri Gail Carns PBA Unit Fri
Asim Ulke PBA Unit Fri Robert Quinlan Temple Emanuel Wed-
Sandra McCall Temple Emanuel Wed Bud McElhaney Temple Emanuel Wed-
David Kozloff Rodef Mon Sandra Brand Rodef Mon
Kenneth Bergman O'Hara Tues James Gump South Hills Tues-
David Collura South Hills Tues Douglas Sterrett Greensburg Thur-
Dustin Hoover Lebo Fri Kathy Katich New Castle 750er Mon-
Ron Katich New Castle 750er Mon Patricia Katz Rodef Wed
Reanette Frobouck Rodef W Constance Hoechstetter Temple Em Wed