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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Running the RONI Regional is not an easy job. But, as usual, Mary Carns and Ron Franck made it easy. I was not given a list of those that worked tirelessly to make it a success, but I did see these usual subjects hard at work each day. Bill Holt, Sue McQuillan, Barbara Belardi, Judy Sonon, Jan Assini and June Threlkeld were just some of those who worked their tails off to make the tournament a success. As soon as I get their names, I will give the thanks they richly deserve to them all. From what I hear, their hard work really paid off. Tournament attendance was up this year and we attracted many more out-of-towners than usual. From all of us to all of you, Thanks.

Now, let's hear it for the Pro-Am game. If you missed it, the only thing I have to say is: "How Could You"? As usual, it was so much fun. Everything was perfect; the fantastic food, the spacious playing area, and the charity, which was the Pitcairn Camp G, a 1-week camp for girls. The most enjoyment came from playing with someone who had never played with before and who you found to be a delightful partner. Now matter how they did, everyone agreed that was true. This is the one event of the year that is a showcase for all players at all levels. It is the best. Make your reservations for next year.....now!!

It's not often I miss putting something in the Post Mortem, but I am human after all - I think. Each year, for the past several years, our Unit has hosted a Swiss Team Event in memory of members who have passed. This year the event was staged to help celebrate the memory of Barb Bergman and Lou Joseph, whose hard work on behalf of the PBA meant so much to us all.

The one who first organized this event was Richard Zack, who continues to run this Swiss Team since its inception. And, once again, it was lovely. A day at the Edgewood Country Club, great bridge, wonderful dinner and a breakfast bar made for a lovely day and the proceeds went to subsidize our bridge education program. The only thing that was missing was I forgot to thank Richard for all his hard work and dedication to make this a day to remember.....and we all did. So, once again, thank you Richard and your gracious helpers, Patsy Evans and Jeanne Baseman for giving us all a memorable event.

All the news that fits in print (Cont.)

.....by arlene port

I spent so much space thanking all of the people who make the Pittsburgh Bridge Association the terrific organization it is, that I need another page to tell you of the wonderful events coming up in the near future.

The first of these is the Fall Sectional, chaired by Craig Biddle. Honestly, I have heard from many people that Pittsburgh sectionals are always the best. With Craig at the head, it will definitely live up to its reputation. Please make your arrangements as soon as possible. This is a tournament you can't afford to miss. (see ad on page 6)

Don't forget, the Instant Matchpoint Game on Thursday, October 31. Aside from getting your scores immediately, you will receive a book analyzing all the hands by Larry Cohen. That's the best way to find out what you have done that was good and, well, what was not so good. For sure, playing in the game is a "good" thing. (ad on page 5)

And finally, take a good look at the schedule for the PBA game each Friday evening. Every week is an extra point game and this month, the Swiss Team will be held October 11. Need more points? Get thee to the game. I do the *Up The Ladder Post*, and I can't wait to put your success where all can see. No sense in being brilliant unless all can see it.



WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

DRIVE CAREFULLY....IT'S NOT ONLY CARS THAT CAN BE RECALLED BY THEIR MAKER.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



IMP STRATEGY

Unlike matchpoints, imp scoring is based on the total point differential between two scores. The imp conversion chart is a scaled down version of rubber bridge scoring. The difference between imp and matchpoint scoring requires different tactics in both the bidding and the play.

The odds of bidding a vulnerable game is a noticeable difference. Assume that the other table stops in 3 spades, and you are considering raising to game. If you bid and make 4, you will pick up 10 imps. If you go down 1, you will lose 6 imps. You bid vulnerable games at imps anytime you think you have a decent shot, because you are getting 10/6 odds. It's worth bidding game with about a 40% chance. If non-vul, you get about 6/5 odds for bidding game. At matchpoints, you would not ever bid a game that you expected to make less than half the time.

Sacrifice bidding is another area with different tactics. At matchpoints, the opponents are bidding games because they think they are favorite to make. You might consider saving and going minus 500 against their 620 to get an average plus score. A successful save at a team game would pick up 3 imps. But if game doesn't make, your minus 500 along with minus 100 at the other table is a 12 imp loss. The odds favor trying to beat their game.

Whether playing in game or part score, play in the safest strain to get a plus score. You don't mind playing in minor suits at imps, if you are in a makeable contract. At matchpoints, you often take a shot in no trump instead of a minor because it scores better, (if you make it). At imps, you don't care if you got 110 and could have had 120.

In the play of the hand, never jeopardize your contract by trying to make an overtrick. Try to play your hands as safely as possible by guarding against bad breaks. At duplicate, you often play hands by assuming normal breaks and trying for overtricks. When defending at imps, your goal is always to try to beat the contract. It's worth risking an overtrick if you have a chance to set the contract. Playing imps is more like playing real bridge. You try to make your contracts when declaring, and try to beat contracts when defending.

Ed Note: Pay attention. This is very good advice.

WINNERS POST

OVERALL RANK PRO AM GAME

A	B	C	
1	1		Philip Goulding - Bob Heasley
2	2	`	David Frohlich - Barbara Abraham
3	3	1	Peter Howell - William Neal
4	4	2	David Collura - James Gump
		3	Richard Zack - Jeanne Baseman

TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS RONI REGIONAL

- 1 88.50 Carl Berenbaum, Elkins Park PA
- 2 87.76 Barbara Kepple, West Chester PA
- 3 86.98 Fred Schenker, Pittsburgh PA
- 4 83.85 Kathleen Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH
- 5 83.85 Don Sulgrove, Twinsburg OH
- 6 83.85 Dan Roseberry, Dover OH
- 7 69.92 Tom Bishel, Columbus OH
- 8 69.92 John Bishel, Columbus OH
- 9 55.92 Jim Wakefield, Fairfax Station VA
- 10 55.92 Helene Bauman, Arlington VA
- 11 55.19 Jan Assini, Pittsburgh PA
- 12 55.19 Frank Cymerman, Pittsburgh PA
- 13 54.00 Paul Benedict, Pikesville MD
- 14 54.00 Lynn Jones, Timonium MD
- 15 53.82 Vicki Goodykoontz, Morgantown WV
- 16 53.82 Jack Goodykoontz, Morgantown WV

IN MEMORY

Joe and Helen McKinney were two wonderful people who loved to play bridge and who graced our Unit with their presence for many years. Helen died two years ago and last week Joe joined her. I had a chance to read his obituary and discovered that everyone else thought they were as wonderful as we did.

We will always remember Joe, and Helen not only because we played bridge with them, but that we were so lucky to know them as members of our community and as our friends. Our condolences to their family and friends.

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

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Double, Double,
 Toil and...
 Who am I gonna
 DOUBLE r!

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

Friday, October 25

★ **10:30 AM** Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

★ **3:00 PM** **Continental Breakfast and Lunch Included!**
 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
 Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, October 26

★ **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 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

Sunday, October 27

★ **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



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

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PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOC. ELECTION

The following members are at the end of their two-year term and will need to resubmit a petition to serve again.

June Threlkeld

John Alioto

Pat Anders

Craig Biddle

Jane Marshall

Mary Carnes

Ruthie Neafach

Any ACBL member of Unit #142 who wish to serve a 2 year term on the Board of Directors (2020-2021), should contact Ken Bergman at either Barken670@Gmail.com or call 724-935-4591. You may also submit your petition to any current board member.

CONGRATULATIONS
THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE PLAYED
AGAINST ME HAVE LEARNED SO
MUCH.....HOW EASY IT IS TO BEAT A
VERY EXPERIENCED PLAYED.



CONGRATULATIONS
YOU'RE WELL ON YOUR WAY TO
THE NEXT LEVEL..... HURRY UP



PBA EVENTS 3-MONTH CALENDAR 2019

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)

November

- 1 Open Pairs
- 8 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 15 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 22 Unit Championship
- 29 Open Pairs

December

- 6 Unit Championship
- 12 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
- 13 STaC Pairs & PBA Board meeting (if necessary)
- 15 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams
- 20 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 27 Open Pairs

Internet Post Mortem (Cont.)

Bob Zimmermann: 4 spades. At IMPs I'm willing to go to game opposite a minimum. Without Flannery, partner might have only 4 spades. Still, [xxxx xx Kxxx Axx] makes for a reasonable shot at game. And can he be much weaker? With a good hand, partner can continue - and I'll be happy to cooperate

Ernie Retetagos 4 Hearts. At imps, I'm too strong to just invite game, and I don't want to jump shift with so few HCPs. My choice is between 4 Spades and 4 Hearts. I'll go with the long suit and bid 4 hearts.

INTERNET POST:

You are South, IMP's, none vulnerable and you hold:

S A 6 5 3
H A Q J 7 6 4 3
D 8 3
C -----

THE BIDDING IS:

South west north east
1H PASS 1S PASS

? What do you bid?

Bill Holt: 4S. Lack of opposing bidding suggests partner is the good hand here. If good enough to press for slam, my 5-Loser S hand shouldn't disappoint. Rather play in Spades and use the Hs for discards. If they lead diamonds I'll want partner to play 4th. I expect the opps might come in with 4NT for the minors... but I'll have told my tale to partner

Trudy Cohn: 3S I will bid 3 Spades. What I lack in points is made up in distribution.

Bernie Fudor: 4 clubs showing shortness is my bid could work out or maybe not

Jack Hawthorne: 4C: Seems like a pretty automatic 4C splinter. Yes, we might be a little light in high cards, but my shape offers excellent play in spades.

Richard Katz: 4C Losing count five, good playing hand.

Most thoughts are either under or over-bids. I prefer splinters to be specifically a singleton, non honor, with hands much stronger in controls. Since I can't think of a perfect solution, I am going to select the one although quite defective, seemingly the most descriptive, four clubs, ugh. I'll live with it.\

Asim Ulke: I bid 4C. The hand is worth a game bid in spades. I might as well show my shortness. If partner has something like

Kxxxxx x Axx xxx the slam is odds on.

Chris Wang: 4H I bid 4 Hearts. I have a self sufficient heart suit, and even though I have a spade fit with partner, I don't want to worry about losing trump control with possibly having to ruff clubs. Game may not make, but it might, so I try for game.

Paul Caplan 4 clubs splinter in support of spades.

Fred Schenker: 4C I'm interested to see who's not bidding 4C and why they're not. I think that's the best description of the hand. 4 card support, with club shortness and good potential for game opposite a minimum response. If it were matchpoints, this would be harder. Pard will sign off with a minimum, or cuebid to show some interest in slam

Jane Marshall 4S Probably 4 spades. I know that I am not leaving my partner any room to explore, but I am not interested in inviting and am afraid that, if I bid just 2 spades, partner will pass (and we can make 4 spades).

Craig Biddle: 3S ..I'd like to bid 4S (what the hand is worth) but partner will likely hang me if I do. So I will bid 3S, figuring that if partner passes this they can make something.

Stanley Ruskin: Herb Sachs: 4C, 4C and me bid 4C from FL. We think it tells our hand in one bid.

Gail Carns: 4H Finally an interesting problem. If the hand is played in spades and a club is lead it can be difficult to get to the dummy after hearts are setup. Therefore I bid 4H but spades could be right.

Steve Nolan: 4C. Splinter. Game is on even opposite the most plausible minimum hands, but unless partner can bid 4NT or make a cue bid in diamonds, we don't have a slam.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3H	9	0	100
3S	6	1	80
4H	2	3	70
2S	3	0	70
2H	1	0	70
4C	3	9	60
4S	2	4	50

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	2S
David Berkowitz	4S
Bart Bramley	3S
Richard Colker	4H
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Dan Gerstman	4C
Carl Hudecek	3H
Sami Kehela	3H
Danny Kleinman	3H
Eric Kokish	4H
Steve Landen	3H
Michael Lawrence	4C
Ed Lewis	4S
Robert Lipsitz	3H
Jeff Meckstroth	3S
Marshall Miles	3S
Barry Rigal	2H
Arthur Robinson	4C
Andrew Robson	3H
Jeff Rubens	3H
Joey Silver	3H
Chris Willenken	2H
Andrew Wirgren	2S
Robert Wolff	3S
Kit Woolsey	2S
Zia	3S

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. OCTOBER 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>4 PBA Club appreciation pairs</i>	
						<i>11 PBA Club appreciation Swiss teams & Board mtg.</i>	
	6	7	8	9	10		5
13		14	15	16	17	18 PBA club- championship	19
<i>20 PBA SEC- TIONAL</i>		21	22	23	24	25 PITTSBURGH	<i>26 SEC- TIONAL</i>
27	28	29	30	31 ACBL Instand MPt	<i>NOV. 1 PBA club appred. prs</i>		5

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

William Holt & Robert Park	73.72	Glenshaw	Mon
Hazel Allen & Donna Blaine	72.50	New Castle 750er	Mon
Kathleen Glassford & Judy Pierce	70.00	Indiana	Tues
August Costanzo & Jim Overcashier	70.60	Glenshaw	Sat-
Kathy Katich & Ron Katich	70.83	New Castle 750er	Mon-
Constance Hoechstetter & Barbara Belardi	74.69	Glenshaw	Sat
Dennis Pittman & Ramesh Gupta	70.83	Houston	Mon

SIX IN A ROW

Asim Kokan Rodef 299er Mon Syed AliRodef 299er Mon

FOUR IN A ROW

Richard Katz Rodef Wed

THREE IN A ROW

Constance Hoechstetter	Temple Em.	Wed	Leroy Hackenberg II	Gresbg	Fri-
Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth	Wed	Eleanor Scalzo	Butler	Thurs-
Lorraine Worsley	Butler	Thur			

TWO IN A ROW

Craig Biddle	Glenshaw	Mon	Ethel Levine	Whitehall	Mon
M Weisensee	Whitehall	Mon	Leroy Hackenberg II	Gresbg	Wed
Peggy Shivetts	Greensburg	Wed	Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Fri
Esther Sain	Greensburg	Fri	Patricia Cunkelman	Grsbg	Fri
Sam Hoenstine	Export	Mon	Bernard Fudor	Export	Mon-
Barbara Sautter	Woodridge	Mon	Prakash Shete	S Hills NLM	Tues
Garnet Depner	Greensburg	Wed	Jean Chess	S Hills NLM	Thurs
Jacqueline Cavalier	Glenshaw	Mon	Joane D'Antonio	Glenshaw	Mon-
Ram Srivistava	Whitehall	Mon	Reanette Frobouck	O'Hara	Tues
Arlene Port	O'Hara	Tues	David Collura	South Hills	Tues
James Gump	South Hills	Tues	William Holt	Zelionople	Tues
Robert Quinlan	Temple Em	Wed	Micheal Fezar	Edgeworth	Wed
Joseph Bernot Wilkins		Thurs	Andrew Makar	Latrobe	Sat