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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Welcome to **2020**. If you think last year was spectacular, "You Ain't Seen Nothin' Yet". I guarantee, 2020 is going to be a year to remember. Why? So glad you asked.

In addition to all of the wonderful things that are going to happen for you with your families and friends, our bridge community will share the goodies coming your way. Notably, we have our 3 super sectionals each year, the first one happening in March at the Masonic Temple. We're letting you know early so you can plan to be there the entire time. If you hurry, the District Regional is about to get underway in Cleveland on January 8. We should get there as a warmup to our Labor Day Regional in Pittsburgh in September.

Then, of course, we have STaC (Sectional Tournaments at the Club Level) twice a year where you can earn silver points at the clubs. We have special club games with extra points. We have qualification games for National events, special team event during the year and more local sectionals near Pittsburgh. But, the best of all is our Friday night game which literally bleeds masterpoints each week. If you're in need of points, point yourself to the game.

The PBA has something for everyone in our unit that we benefit from. That is our Website, designed by Bill Holt. This is perhaps the one publication that keeps track and shares with us all that's happening in our bridge world during the year. We, at the Post Mortem are charged with delivery of the news of the month.

What do we do the best? That's easy. We wish you all the happiest, healthiest, and most prosperous year in 2020. Stay well and have a wonderful new year.

WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

BIRTHDAYS ARE GOOD FOR YOU —
THE MORE YOU HAVE THE LONGER YOU LIVE.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly does!!!

ELIMINATION STRATEGIES

- 1) North S- A H- 8 6 4 3 D- 9 7 C- Q J 9 7 4 2
South S- 6 H- K J 7 D- A K Q 4 C- A K 10 8 6

A spade was led against South's 5 club contract. At first glance it appears that the success of the contract depends on finding a heart honor onside. Upon further review, the contract is cold regardless of the heart layout. After winning the lead and pulling trump, play top diamonds and ruff a diamond. When you lead a heart from the board, just cover East's card. If West wins the trick, they are endplayed and have to give you a trick. This technique is known as an elimination or a strip and end-play.

- 2) North S- K J 5 2 H- 7 6 4 D- A Q 4 3 C- A 7
South S- A Q 9 7 3 H- A Q 9 2 D- K J 6 C- 5

A club was led against South's 6 spade contract. As long as spades don't break 4-0, the contract is cold. After pulling trump, ruff a club and cash diamonds to eliminate the minor suits. When you lead a heart from the board, cover East's card cheaply. If East follows with a small heart, do not play the Queen. If West wins they are endplayed and have to lead into your heart tenace or give you a ruff and slough.

Oftentimes you are unable to eliminate two suits. A situation where you can only strip out one side suit is known as a partial elimination. Sometimes that can be all the help you need to force a defender into a helpful play. It usually can't hurt to limit an opponent's options.

RODEF SHALOM WINTER BRIDGE CLASSES

TWO OVER ONE BIDDING SYSTEM 7 Consecutive Wednesdays January 22 - March 4 2020
BRIDGE BASICS #2 Competitive Bidding - 7 Consecutive Mondays January 27 - March 9 2020
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Tuition...\$70.00 for the 7 week classes plus textbook for the Bridge Basics #2 if required

Competitive Bidding—: Bridge Basics #2.

Seven Wednesdays, January 22 March 4 7—9 pm 2020
Congregation Rodef Shalom 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213

Competitive Bidding Bridge Basics #2:

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 Paul Caplan ACBL Board Certified

Competitive bidding BRIDGE BASICS #2

Seven Mondays, January 27 - March 9 2020 9:15-11:15 am
Congregation Rodef Shalom 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213

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Bridge Basics # 2 by Audrey Grant.

Cost for Textbook \$15.00. if needed

Taught by Arlene Port ACBL Board Certified

TWO OVER ONE - A SYSTEM THAT MAKES BIDDING EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE.

Seven Wednesdays, January 22 March 4 9:30 - 11:30 am 2020
Congregation Rodef Shalom 4905 Fifth Ave., Pgh PA 15213

Taught by Arlene Port ACBL Board Certified

This course is an introduction to the system that is designed to take you to the next level in bidding. It is a highly structured system that allows you to easily understand partners opening bids and responses.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: : You can register online at Pittsburghbridge.org.
Open : Classes in menu or e-mail Arlene Port at: aport220@Comcast.net. Registration also available at Congregation Rodef Shalom. All checks payable to Congregation Rodef Shalom Sisterhood

IN MEMORY

Al MARIANI.....Al started paying on a regular basis, mostly at the Friday night game, but recently he had attended the Tuesday game in Blawnox as well. Although he started late in life, when he did, he became a very fine player. He was a great competitor with wonderful card sense. Better than that, he was a very nice man and a welcome addition to our unit. He was a life master when he passed away Our condolences to his friends and his family. Friday night won't be the same without him and his great partner.

DR. RICHARD LANZ, who passed away recently wa a regular player at the Chartiers-Houston and Beth El games. Our sympathies to his family and his friends.

MARY ILLSON....Mary played in Greensburg and O'hara regularly. She was a silver Life Master. There will be a memorial service in her mamory in January.

- 1 30.56 Stephanie Alexander, Mentor OH
- 2 30.56 Robert Alexander, Mentor OH
- 3 25.22 Linda Burroughsford, Fort Erie ON
- 4 19.49 Gloria Moser, Pittsburgh PA**
- 5 19.38 John Ziemer, Youngstown NY
- 6 18.36 Greg Michaels, Cleveland OH
- 7 16.53 James Gump, Pittsburgh PA**
- 8 16.36 Mike Silverman, Williamsville NY
- 9 16.25 Kamil Bishara, Buffalo NY
- 10 16.13 Trudy Cohn, Pittsburgh PA**
- 11 15.34 Richard Katz, N Versailles PA**
- 12 15.06 Bruce Cahoon, Akron OH
- 13 14.96 James Fox, Canonsburg PA**
- 14 14.88 Gail Carns, Trafford PA**
- 15 14.64 Gary Sikon, Cleveland OH
- 16 14.44 Wayne Heritage, North Olmsted OH
- 17 13.90 Kenneth Bergman, Wexford PA**
- 18 13.70 Randolph Seidenberg Jr, Buffalo NY
- 19 13.64 Bob Flynn, Mc Donald PA**
- 20 13.09 Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA**
- 21 13.01 Catherine Caplan, White Oak PA**

The accompanying list of names reflects the top ten high masterpoint winners from Unit #142 in the December STaC sectional tournament..

Please note that Pgh. top scorers from our unit are underlined and printed in bold.

Congratulation to all the winners.

Partnerships:
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Hospitality:

June Threlkeld
Bob Flynn

Director in Charge: Alex Bealles
Sanction # S2003365

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.
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

<i>Open</i>	<i>499er</i>
A: 2000+	5: 300-500
B: 750-2000	3: 100-300
C: 0-750	1: 0-100
Stratifications in All Director's Discretion	

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

Pittsburgh Spring Sectional

Hospitality All Sessions!

Friday, March 6

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

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Included!

3:00 PM ★

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, March 7

10:00 AM ★

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Included!

2:30 PM ★

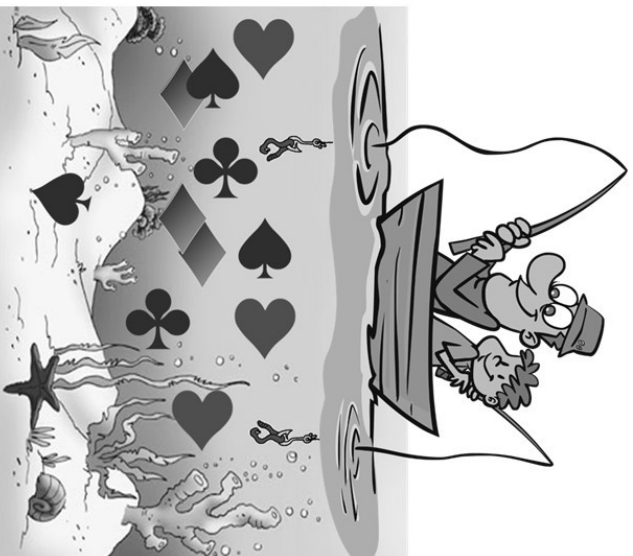
Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, March 8

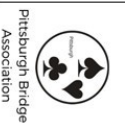
Sunday Brunch & Lunch Included!

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



**Early Playtimes!!
Fri - Sat - Sun**



March 6-8, 2020
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Cleveland Rock and Roll Regional

Fragrance Free Tournament

EMBASSY SUITES

5800 Rockside Road Independence, OH 44131
1-77 EXIT 155

January 8-12th, 2020



Wednesday, January 8th, 2020

10:30 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series (Session 1 of 4)
10:30 am & 3:00 pm Bracketed KO (#1)
Stratified Open Pairs (Session 1 and 2 of 2)
499er Pairs single session *
199er Pairs single session *
Subject to attendance
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 1 of 4)
Single Session Swiss
Slide Game (Session 1 of 4)
Zip KO

Friday, January 10th, 2020 New KO Starts everyday

10:30 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series (Session 3 of 4)
10:30 am & 3:00 pm Bracketed KO (#3)
Open Pairs (Session 1 and 2 of 2)
Gold Rush Pairs (Sessions 1 and 2 of 2)
199er Pairs single session
Subject to Attendance
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 3 of 4)
Single Session Swiss Team
Stratified Evening Side Game (Session 3 of 4)
Horizontal Swiss (1 OF 2)

Thursday, January 9th, 2020 - New KO Starts everyday

10:30 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series (Session 2 of 4)
10:30 am & 3:00 pm Bracketed KO (#2)
Open Pairs (Session 1 and 2 of 2)
Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 and 2 of 2)
199er Pairs single Subject to attendance
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 2 of 4)
Single Session Swiss Teams
Stratified Evening Side Game (Session 2 of 4)
Zip KO

Saturday, January 11th, 2020

10:30 am Stratified Morning Side Game Series (Session 4 of 4)
10:30 am & 3:00 pm Open Pairs (Sessions 1 and 2 of 2)
Compact KO
Gold Rush Pairs (Session 1 and 2 of 2)
Stratified Afternoon Side Game Series (Session 4 of 4)
Single Session Swiss Teams
Stratified Evening Side Game (Session 4 of 4)
Horizontal Swiss (2 OF 2)

UP THE LADDER POST

CONGRATULATIONS
WITH ALL OF THAT HARD WORK YOU PUT IN AT
THE TABLE, GUESS WHAT?
IT SHOWS

JUNIOR MASTER

Terri Tunick

CLUB MASTER

*Deepa Karambelkar
Jagannath Karambelkar*

SECTIONAL MASTER

Seth Spaulding

REGIONAL MASTER

Ann Plunkett

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Ruth Hughes

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Ethel Levine

CONGRATULATIONS
HOW WONDERFUL!! I HAVE NO WORDS TO
DESCRIBE HOW IMPRESSED WE ARE...EXCEPT
WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER

Congratulations

PBA EVENTS CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

January

- 3 Unit Championship
- 10 No game—Cleveland Regional
- 17 Junior Fund Game
- 24 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 31 Unit Championship

February

- 7 Club Championship
- 14 Membership Game & PBA Board Meeting
- 21 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 28 Unit Championship

March

- 6 PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC
INFO on page 6
- 13 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 20 Open Pairs
- 27 Open Pairs

Internet Post Mortem (Cont.) from page 9

Bob Zimmermann: .2 spades. Honestly, I have no idea what's going on here. I don't know why I didn't make a negative double at my first turn. I don't know why West is running from 2 clubs doubled, but didn't run from 1 spade. Let's hope that partner will read this (or my 3 spade rebid) as natural. I'll likely pass 3 no trump if that ever comes into play.

Herb Sachs PASS I see no place for us; (song title)partner should have something like 1/3/3/6; only if east psyched one spade do we have a spot; PASS

Bernie Fudor: PASS Think I'm passing because risk reward doesn't seem in favor of x Probably wrong Happy New Year

**INTERNET POST: **

You are South, IMP's, both sides Vul.
And you hold the following:

S A Q 9 8 7 2
H K 9 8 2
D J 4
C 9

THE BIDDING IS:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	1S	Pass	PASS
2C	DBL	REDBL	2D
PASS	PASS	?	

What do you bid?

Trudy Cohn 2S I will bid 2 spades and kick myself for not making a negative double at my first opportunity. Partner had to know that this is a real suit

Jack Hawthorne: 2H. This one is tough, I have to say. 2S is probably our best spot, but I seriously doubt that partner will believe it, so I'm going to bid 2H.

Ernie Retetagos 2H. The redouble created a one round force, so I cannot pass. Partner does not have 4 diamonds, or they would have doubled. Their most likely distribution is 1-3-3-6. Partner knows that I have 10+ high cards and probably 5 spades, or I would have bid the 1st time. I'll bid 2 hearts and hope to make 8 tricks on a crossruff.

Steve Nolan: Double. Should be penalty since partner has already described his hand. Nobody seems to have much of a fit, we have more of the points and there is a decent chance of a crossruff

Richard Katz 2S With AQ987x, I bid two spades and expect to make it. Subsequent bidding may be quite problematic, but I'm out.

Asim Ulke I double. I expect partners distribution to be something like 1-3-3-6. If partner has 4 hearts or 7 clubs I expect him/her to pull the double. 2D could make and I would loose 180 or would go down 2 trick for a gain of 500

Bill Holt: 2H. My previous actions should connote a penalty pass of 1SX. So 2H (after the re-X) should show values and a suit. If partner now bids 3c I could bid 3d (Western Q), but I hope they can raise H's. Since I didn't negative double 1S partner wouldn't be playing me for 4 Hearts.

Fred Schenker: Dbl. The double by East seems to ask for hearts. My partner opened and should have defensive tricks. If not, partner can always rebid clubs.

Jane Marshall Pass. I would have made a negative double at my first opportunity to bid (rather than pass). My partner should have 4 hearts (since East and I (South) have approximately 11 spades

Gail Carns 2H I don't see any other possible bid

Paul Caplan Pass. you missed your best bid of making a negative double on your first bid. I know that 1spade doubled would be nice. but you have lost your chance of finding the heart suit.

Craig Biddle 2S - very tough problem. This is the clearest call I can make. I wouldn't be surprised to go down in this, but I can't redouble and then pass the deal out at my next turn. Partner could have a good 2=3=2=6 hand just giving me the opportunity to double for penalties. If you think this comment means that I wouldn't have redoubled, you're right. I could also bid 2H here, this clearly shows only 4 since with enough to redouble I would have bid 2H over the 1S overcall with 5. But partner may have nowhere to go over 2H if he is 1=2=3=7, and I'd rather take my chances in 2S than 3C here since I have great spots.

Stanley Ruskin: PASS What a mess? Without the overcall by E, I have a hand that would be game invitational. My partner's 2C bid denies 4H. Easy double shows good hand with some support for the red suits. My redouble shows good hand with an interest in penalty. Wests bid over my redouble shows that he has nothing but long diamonds. He should have a singleton or void in S. He is probably 1/4/5/1 and could be void in S. We are playing IMPs so we don't want any large swing. It doesn't appear that we have a game- partner bid 1C and 2C and passed the 2D bailout bid when he good have bid 3C with a good Club suit - so he has a minimum opening bid. After all of this, I Pass and lead trump whenever we can. I know that no one ever passes but I do here.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	P
David Berkowitz	2S
Augie Boehm	2H
Bart Bramley	P
Larry Cohen	2H
Billy Eisenberg	2H
Russ Ekeblad	2H
Mark Feldman	2H
Ross Grabel	P
Allan Graves	2S
Joe Grue	P
Carl Hudecek	2H
\Sami Kehela	2S
Danny Kleinman	2S
Eric Kokish	3C
Mark Lair	D
Sidney Lazard	3C
Mike Passell	2H
Pratrap Rajadhyaksha	2S
Arthur Robinson	D
David Rowntree	2S
Jeff Rubens	2H
Ira Rubin	2S
Robert Wolff	D
Kit Woolsey	2S
Zia	2S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2S	9	4	100
2H	8	5	90
PASS	4	5	70
DBL	3	2	60
3C	2	0	50
3D	0	0	10

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. JANUARY 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<i>Happy new years</i>		1	
5	6	7	8	9	2	
						3 PBA Unit Champ.
						4
				10 No game— Cleveland Regional		
12	13	14	15	16	17 Junion Fund game	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PBA Unit Swiss Team Champ	25.
26	27	28	29	30	3/PBA U nit Champ	FEB 1

ALL GAMES ARE DESIGNATED AS STaC GAMES DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9— 15 UNLESS POSTED.

FIRST AT THE POST

70% GAMES

Ronald Sain & George Kury	72.50	Indiana	Tues
Mary Ann Lehman & Monti Rea	73.75	Woodridge	Mon
John Killmeyer & Lynn Rafferty	72.73	New Brighton	Sat
Hazel Allen & Elizabeth Goldthwait	71.88	New Castle 750er	Mon
Philip Goulding & Ronald Franck	70.83	Sewickley	Fri
Douglas Sterrett & Garnet Depner	70.00	Latrobe	Sat

FOUR INA ROW

John Killmeyer New Brighton Sat

TWO IN A ROW

Pamela Croach	New Castle	Mon	Barbara Strittmatter	New Castle	Mon
Bharat Shah	South Hills	Tues	William Holt	Zelionople	Tues
Harold Haffner	Rodef	Mon	Patricia Cunkelman	Export	Mon
Judy Lorigan	South Hills NLM	Tues	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Fri-
Anne Allen	Latrobe	Sat	Sam Allen	Latrobe	Sat
Elizabeth Goldthwait	New Castle 750	Mon	Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues-
Kenneth Bergman	O'Hara	Tues	Ernie Retetagos	Glenshaw	Wed
Patricia Katz	Rodef	Wed	Richard Katz	Rodef	Wed
Benjamin Weschler	Edgeworth	Wed	Raymond Kramer	Butler	Thurs
Dennis Pittman	Lebo	Fri	Donald Turacy, Sr	Lebo	Fri
Gail Carns	Glenshaw	Sat	Arlene Port	Glenshaw	Sat
Nancy Gusky	South Hills NLM	Tues	Midge Villella	South Hills NLM	Tues
James Gump	South Hills	Tues	Estill Duggins	South Hills	Tues
Kathleen Glassford	Indiana	Tues	Kenneth Snyder	Greensburg	Thurs
Peter Howell	PBA Unit	Fri			

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