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# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Happy February, 2020. It may seem to you that this, comparatively speaking, is a slow month. It is dreary, cold, snowy and flu infested. You may think that's the case but here is the other side of the coin. It is getting lighter out in the morning. We really haven't had a lot of snow or freezing weather and flu season is almost over. Another wonderful thing about February is that March is just a month away. So, your cup is still half-full.

Having said that, the best I can do for now is tell you that we are getting busy preparing for the Sectional which is coming March 6-8. And, usually, the games get very slim because of all the people who desert us for warmer weather. However, much to my relief and joy, they are holding up fairly well because of all of the wonderful new players we have coming to play bridge. Since I know most of them, I can tell you they are so enthusiastic about the game and want to become experts just like you. Then, of course, we still have the Friday- night- get-a-lot-of-points -night in full swing. Just ask Jane Marshall if you need a partner or points and she will hook you up for the first and cheer you on for the second.

We are busy with our Monday morning and Wednesday morning and evening classes at Rodef Shalom and special novice games and a mini lesson with Lorraine Hanna scheduled 2 times a month. For dates, check the calendar on page 23 of the Post Mortem.

Several of our players who won trips to the Nationals in Columbus are busy practicing for their matches. We can pride in their accomplishment and cheer them on in their events. See? There is something to be happy about after all. See you next month.

## WORDS OF WISDOM TO LIVE BY

WHEN EVERYTHING IS COMING YOUR WAY  
YOU'RE IN THE WRONG LANE

## BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly  
does!!!

### DOUBLES, DOUBLES, END YOUR TROUBLES

1) S- J 6 4 3 H- 5 D- 9 8 C- K Q J 7 5 2. At matchpoints, partner opens 1 diamond and you respond 1 spade. Your LHO bids 2 hearts, and it goes pass, pass, back to you. A 3 club bid by you is a balancing bid, and is nonforcing. If you had at least 10 high card points, you would double to tell partner that we have most of the high cards. Many pairs play support doubles, and partner may have wanted to double 2 hearts for penalty. When you play support doubles, you can still get penalty doubles. A double in this situation is analogous to a reopening double after an overcall of an opening bid gets passed back to opener. When you reopen an auction by bidding a suit, you are denying the willingness to defend a doubled part score. On this hand, you can make 3 clubs, and the opponents can make 2 hearts.

2) S- 6 H- A Q 9 6 D- A Q 10 4 3 C- Q 8 5. At a club game, partner opens 1 club and your RHO overcalls 1 spade. You double and LHO bids 2 spades, pass, pass back to you. You doubled 1 spade to show partner your 4 card heart suit. You wouldn't want a preemptive spade raise to block you out of a potential heart fit. After the raise to 2 spades is passed back to you, a 3 diamond bid would be a nonforcing balancing bid. You have to double here to show a good hand. On this hand, partner will bid 2 NT after your double. If you bid 3 diamonds now, opener will bid 3 NT and take 9 tricks.

Generally speaking, a balancing double in a part score battle shows cards. Partner usually pulls the double and bids a suit. If you play support doubles or responsive doubles, partner may have wanted to make a penalty double, but couldn't. You have to protect partner's hand by reopening with a double. Balancing in a suit denies any interest in defending a doubled part score and is nonforcing. You bid a suit in the balancing seat when you are too weak or too distributional to double.

## VALENTINES DAY MASSACURED

NOTE: If anyone tries to attack me after reading these jokes, I will be heart-broken

#1 Man: "Honey, on this Valentine's Day, I want to tell you something... I'm not rich like Jack. I don't have a mansion like Russell. I don't have a Porsche like Martin. But I do love you and I want to marry you."

Woman: "Oh, dear, I love you too! What was that you said about Martin?"

#3 One morning Emma woke up with a start. Her husband Jim asked what was the matter, she told him, "I just had a dream that you gave me a pearl necklace for Valentine's day. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," Jim said.

That evening, Jim home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, Emma opened it – only to find a book entitled "The meaning of dreams"

#5 This one we understand:  
AN OLDER WOMAN runs into her friend at the mall. "You're not going to believe this," she said. "I found an old lamp the other day. I rubbed it and a genie popped out. He explained that genies don't give three wishes anymore, but he did offer me a choice between one of two wishes. He could give me a better memory or turn my husband into the greatest lover ever."

"Tough choice," said her friend. "Which one did you choose?"

"That's the thing. I can't remember."

#2. Q: What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

A: Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand,

#4, Q. What Valentine's Day candy is best to give a girl?

A. Her-She Kisses

6. Q. Where do all the hamburgers take their girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A. To a meatball.

#7. Q. What did the flame say to his buddies after he fell in love?

A. I found the perfect match!

8. Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love? They're getting married in the spring!

9. Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?

A: Because it couldn't get a date

#10. Q. How did the phone propose to his girlfriend on Valentine's Day?

A. He gave her a ring



## IN MEMORY

**GEORGIA SUE DUGGINS** passed peacefully early in January. She and her husband, Estill, were well known in the Pittsburgh Bridge Community when they initially played. They took a 30+ years hiatus to raise their family and pursue other interests. About five years ago Sue and Estill returned to bridge primarily in the South Hills. About a year into their renewed partnership at the tables, Sue's health took a turn that precluded her continued participation in competitive bridge. We knew Sue as a lovely, patient lady both at the table and away. She is missed.....Phyllis Geinzer

**IRENE KRISTOBAK** died at the age of 91 in January. She was not an ACBL member but was most active in South Hills games, particularly those run by the late Jane McIntyre. I remember Irene as a quiet and patient lady. In her working life, Irene was a seamstress and tailor for Horne's downtown. She retired due to diminished eyesight. I do not know when Irene started to play competitively as she was quite active when I began to play in Pittsburgh. Irene helped Jane with hospitality at her many games as well as played as often as possible. Her husband, Greg, was still working full time so bridge was Irene's hobby. She was active at St. Bernard Parish in Mt. Lebanon. Although it was a bit of a drive, St. Bernard's was always Irene's parish. Before weekday Mass, Irene was at St. Bernard's leading the rosary until she was unable to drive. After Greg died, Irene moved to St. Barnabas to be closer to her family.....Phyllis Geinzer

**ROBERT (BOB) HEASLEY** : Robert had been away from the tables for several weeks. He died January 16 at Allegheny General Hospital. He had been on dialysis thrice weekly for a few years. But he was at as many games as his medical issues permitted. Bob retired from U. S. Steel as a statistician, was active with the Sewickley Senior Men's Club, and Mensa. And he could cook and bake with the best of them! The Monday game was often blessed with Bob's guacamole, his fruitcake, or another treat from his kitchen. He graciously shared his fruitcake recipe with me. He was a pleasant partner and opponent over the years. ....Phyllis Geinzer

**IN MEMORY**

**Rose Kunkel Roarty's daughter, Carolyn,** died in January at the age of 69. Carolyn was a teacher in the Pittsburgh public schools for 37 years. Our deepest sympathy to Rose and her family for her terrible loss

**HOWARD ROM:** We are saddened by the sudden death of Howard Rom who was a regular Monday bridge player at Rodef Shalom, and a good friend to many of our members. We will miss his wonderful smile and enthusiasm for bridge and for life. Our deepest sympathy to Howard's family and to all of his friends. He will be missed by everyone. ....arlene port

**POST CARDS**

Frank Cymerman went to Florida for a vacation and ended up having a meeting with a knife.....the knife the surgeon used to operate on his back. It is our hope that Frank is recovering well and resuming his vacation plans.

This is a message to many, many friends and fellow bridge players who have embraced the winter cold season by joining in. This is definitely the year that when I see someone I know, I never even have a chance to ask how they are. It is obvious from the teary eyes, the raspy voice and the tissues hanging out of every pocket.. I have only one thing to say: 'GET OVER IT' — quickly!.



**PITTSBURGH SPRING SECTIONAL**

**Partnership:**  
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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

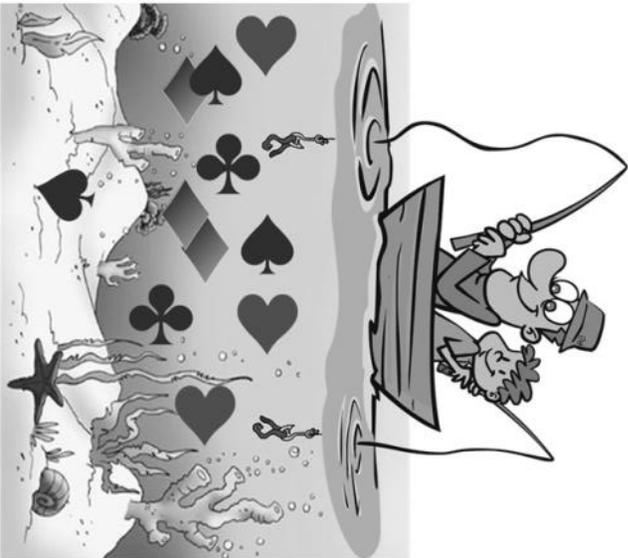
All participants must be current or former ACBL members.  
1-month membership: \$7.99.  
Unpaid & former ACBL members \$4 additional per session.

<b>Open</b>	<b>499er</b>
A: 2000+	5: 300-500
B: 750-2000	3: 100-300
C: 0-750	1: 0-100

Stratifications in All Director's Events by Avg. Mps  
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](http://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



American Contract Bridge League

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



Pittsburgh Bridge Association

**UP THE LADDER POST**

**JUNIOR MASTER**

*Beverly Filtz  
Howard Filtz  
Susan Gibson  
Lee Goodman  
Ryszard Janik  
Joel Kranich  
Bradley Oliver  
Deborah Seidle  
Gan Yang*

**CLUB MASTER**

*Bharati Parikh  
Kiran Parikh  
Rose Pascal  
Lina Pascoli*

**SECTIONAL MASTER**

*Cathy Demos  
Midge Vilella*

**REGIONAL MASTER**

*Brenda Donald  
Derek Schofield*

**NABC MASTER**

*John Driscoll  
Russell Orkin  
Laura Zimmermann*

**GOLD LIFE MASTER**

*Kenneth Eichler*

CONGRATULATIONS  
ALL OF THAT HARD WORK HAS REALLY PAID  
OFF FOR YOU. THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF  
A BEAUTIFUL WINSHIP

CONGRATULATIONS  
WOW.....JUST LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF HIGH  
ACHIEVERS WE HAVE IN OUR GAME. GREAT  
WORK!

**PBA EVENTS CALENDAR 2019 - 2020**

**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

**April**

3 Unit Championship  
10 Open Pairs  
17 Swiss Team Unit Charity Championship (for ACBL)  
& PBA Board Meeting  
24 Unit Championship

**Internet Post Mortem (Cont.) from page 9**

**Bob Zimmermann:** .4 NT. Partner's 2/1 2 diamond bid established a game force over my minimum opener - and my minima are pretty minimal. Opposite his minimum game force, we should be safe at the four level. If he has any extras (even a good 13 count) should have good play.

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**Reannette Frobouck:** 5NT Interesting problem. I have a great hand but we haven't uncovered a fit. 5NT looks right for this hand. Partner should expect a hand that looks like this. May end up in 7D

**INTERNET POST:**

You are South, IMP's, non- vulnerable

You hold:

S K J 10 3

H A K 10 7 4

D A 3

C A 4

The bidding is:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

----- PASS 1H PASS

2D PASS 2S\* PASS

2NT PASS ?

WHAT DO YOU BID?

\* Shows extra values

What do you bid?

**Jack Hawthorne: 6NT** If 2D is game forcing, as most people play it today, I am bidding 6NT

**Ernie Retetagos 3 Diamonds.**

Showing partner the Ace of diamonds is the most important feature that can help partner evaluate their trick taking potential.

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**Gail Carns 4NT** invitational

**Chris Wang:** I bid 4NT, inviting partner to bid 6 NT.

**Jane Marshall 3NT.** I have already bid my values and have a stopper in the unbid suit.

**Paul Caplan 3 NT** I have shown the values of this hand and with no fit the next slam try should be partners.

**Richard Katz 6NT** With 19 points, partner with opener, I also have 3 aces and a five card suit, losing count of five, good hand! No imagination for a grand slam, but so many different six no trumps that will make. Therefore, I bid six no trump and will likely make it. If we're down, I'll be surprised and quite sad

**Asim Ulke** I bid 3D. If partner has a real diamond suit we may be able to make 7D or 7NT

**Bill Holt: 3NT/4NT.** Depending on whether 2d was a GameForce or not. If 2d wasn't a GF, 3NT should show the extras required for game. If 2d was GFing, then 4NT should be Quantitative, asking Partner to GO with extras of his own.

**Fred Schenker: 3D.** These questions just don't provide enough information to be scientific. Is 2D GF? Assuming it is, then I would bid 3D over 2N. But the ultimate question is whether we should be in 3N, 4N, 6D, 6N or 7D. Since pard didn't bid 3D over 2S, are we to assume that pard doesn't hold 6Ds?, and his shape is probably 2-2-4-5? If pard bids 3N over 3Ds, and still assuming that 2D was a GF bid, I would bid 6N. If he bids 4D after I bid 3D, then I would assume a 6 card suit and use whatever key card method we are using to find out what he has and place the contract appropriately. If he shows 2 with the Q, I would ask for Ks, looking for the grand in Ds. If he holds a hand like Ax xx KQxxxx Kxx, I like my chances in 7D.

**Craig Biddle 3C** - I want to give partner a chance to show extra values in diamonds, or perhaps Qx in hearts. I am bidding beyond game at least once. My shortcut for slam bidding here is to construct the worst possible hand for partner where I want to be in 7. In this case, that's one of

AQx.Qx.KQJxx.xxx,

AQx.xx.KQJxx.Kxx, or

AQx.QJ.xxxxx.KQx.

Since partner would surely bid this way with (2) and (3), and might (mis)bid this way with (1), I am very interested in investigating. Partner might also hold AQx.xx.Qxxx.KQxx, when no slam is good. I detest the 2D bid with this hand, but not all partners share my prejudice here. So I'm going to bid 3C. I expect partner to rebid 3D with 1 or 2, 3H with 3, and 3NT with 4. If partner rebids 3D, I will raise to let them ask for key cards. (My values are amenable to being shown in a keycard auction, what I need from partner isn't.) If partner bids 3H, I will ask for key cards since with hearts as the key suit, I just need the HQ to be happy in slam if we have enough key cards. And if partner bids 3NT, I will just bid 4NT as a general slam invitation. (I would rebid 4C over 3NT with 4=5=0=4, my 3C rebid is not natural, so partner won't have to worry about diamonds.)

**Stanley Ruskin** I bid 3D. Since I didn't raise to 3D immediately, this shows 2 card support and strong interest in exploring some slam depending on partner's future bids. Partner should also have a good read of my distribution.

**HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Marty Bergen	3D
David Berkowitz	3D
Bart Bramley	3D
Crew Casen	4NT
Doub & Wildavsky	3C
Billy Eisenberg	4NT
Rob Gordon	4NT
Carl Hudecek	4NT
Paul Ivaska	5NT
\Sami Kehela	4NT
Danny Kleinman	6NT
Eric Kokish	5NT
Nick L'Ecuyer	4NT
Ed Lewis	6T
Erik Paulsen	3NT
Arthur Robinson	3D
Jeff Rubens	4NT
Ira Rubin	4NT-
Barnett Shenkin	4NT
Ron Smith	4NT
Frank Steward	6NT
Robert Wolff	4NT
Joel Wooldridge	5NT
Kit Woolsey	5NT
Zia	5NT

**INTERNET POST RESULTS:**

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
5NT	5	1	100
6NT	3	2	90
3D	4	4	80
3C	1	1	70
4NT	11	4	60
3NT	1	2	30

# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. FEBRUARY 2020

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

2	3	4	5	6		7 PBA Club championship	8 Mini Lesson at Glenshaw Lorraine Hanna.	1
9	10	11	12	13		14 Membership game & Board meeting	15	
16	17	18	19	20		21 PBA Unit Swiss Team Champ	22 Mini Lesson at Glenshaw Lorraine	
23	24	25	26	27		28 PBA U nit Champ	29 LEAP YEAR	

## FIRST AT THE POST

### 70% GAMES

Jack Hawthorne & Robert Zimmermann	70.43	Glenshaw	Mon
Trudy Cohn & Asim Ulke	71.53	Rodef	Mon
John Killmeyer & Robert Park	70.83	New Brighton	Sat
Constance Hoechstetter & Barbara Belardi	70.00	Glenshaw	Sat
Bud McElhaney & Sandra McCall	77.50	Whitehall	Mon
Philip Goulding & Paul Rosenberg	70.74	Sewickley	Fri
Asim Ulke & Arlene Port	71.53	Glenshaw	Sat

### FIVE INA ROW

John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat
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### THREE IN A ROW

Nancy Gusky	SH NLM	Tues	Midge Villella	South Hills NLM	Tues
Joanne Zambroski	Glenshaw	Sat	Ethel Levine	Temple Emanuel	Wed-
Constance Hoechstetter	Glenshaw	Sat			

### TWO IN A ROW

Robert Greco	Natrona Heights	Mon	Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon
Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon	Peggy Shivetts	Export	Mon-
Joanne Zambroski	Wilkins	Fri	Russell Sheldon	Wilkins	Fri-
James Gump	Wilkins	Thurs	Sandra Brand	Wilkins	Thurs-
Laura Mundell	Rodef 299er	Mon	Juanita Nolte	Rodef 299er	Mon-
Pamela Croach	New Castle 750er	Mon	Barbara Strittmatter	N.Castle 750er	Mon
Sheila Rabovsky	Edgeworth	Wed	Gary Marcus	Edgeworth	Wed
N Carbone	Greensburg	Fri	Andrew Makar	Export	Mon
Kenneth Snyder	Export	Mon	Barbara Belardi	Export	Mon-
Harold Haffner	Rodef	Wed	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Wed-
Sidney Metzger	Temple Emanuel	Wed	Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Wed-
Nolly Chess	South Hills NLM	Thurs	Nolly Gibbs	South Hills NLM	Thur-
sArthur Henry	Lebo	Fri	Marie Henry	Lebo	Fri Con-
stance Hoechstetter	Glenshaw	Sat	Barbara Belardi	Glenshaw	Sat
Nolly Chess	South Hills NLM	Thurs	Nolly Gibbs	South Hills NLM	Thurs-
Donald Turacy, Sr	Chartiers-Houston	Fri	Arlene Port	Glenshaw	Sat
Kenneth Eichler	Greensburg	Wed			

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