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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA December 2017

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

We are very lucky. We have the PBA, a wonderful bridge Organization that provides the venue for giving us the best bridge games and events throughout the year.

We weren't disappointed at the October 'Trick and Treat Sectional'. It was just a great affair. Co-Chairs Ron Franck, Barbara Weinstein and John Alioto did a remarkable job of making our tournament so special. Along with the membership chairs, Jane Marshall and Darlene Mannheimer, we send our appreciation to each one of them. You all created a most enjoyable weekend. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. You are so appreciated by us all.

Aside from Christmas and Chanukah, December is such a busy month at the PBA. For your information, here is a list of PBA activities for December.

December

- 1 Unit Championship Holiday Party & PBA Board meeting
(if necessary)
- 7 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game \
- 8 STaC Pairs
- 10 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams
- 15 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 22 Unit Championship
- 29 Open Pairs

TO YOU ALL:

**HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY AND A
HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

STaC Week

**December 4-10
ALL WEEK!**

Win Silver Points at your local club!

A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites.

Your performance at your local club is compared
with other games - for a larger award!

A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750 All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

Check to make sure your club is participating at www.d5bridge.com

STaC'n'Snack

**Thursday Dec 7
Game time 7 PM
Snacking at 6:15**

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

We're at it again - Time to Snack Down!!!

Bring a Favorite Dish for all to enjoy!

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY! PLENNY FOOD!

Please coordinate snacks with Ruth Rutter ...

Email: 1712SNS@pittsburghbridge.org or Text: 412-580-4825

STaC Swiss

**Sunday Dec 10
Game time 11 AM
\$100 / Team**

*** Glenshaw Valley Presbyterian Church ***

Continental Breakfast before & Pizza Lunch!

Steelers play at night so you won't miss a thing!

And Don't Forget... HOLIDAY PARTY

Come Celebrate the Season with your Unit 142 Friends!

Friday, Dec 1 @ Wilkins*

Game time 7PM

***DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE:**

www.pittsburghbridge.org



Pittsburgh Bridge
Association

PITTSBURGH FALL SECTIONAL

Fri. Aft. Strat. Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			August Costanzo, Jim Overcashier,
2	1	1	Ronald Ambrose, Robert Greco
3			Arlene Jacobelli, Kenneth Eichler
	2		Marilyn Burke, Lorraine Hanna
	3	2	Hermoine Balph, Rosanne Patterson
		3	Robert Flynn, June Threlkeld

Fri. Aft. 499r Pairs

5	3	1	Names
1	1	1	W Gentry, Douglas Cleland
2			Dustin Hoover - Madeleine Frizzi
3			Arthur Aronson, Lois Porter
	2	2	Cindy Lucas - Mary Anne Fenstermaker
	3	3	Carol Nathenson - Richard Nathenson

Fri Eve Swiss -

A	B	Names
1		Jane Marshall - Ronald Franck Harold Haffner - Judy Haffner
2		Jan Assini - Frank Cymerman Warren Oberfield - Bernard Fudor
3/4		Barbara Belardi - Judi Sonon Alice Williams, Cecilia Powell
3/4		Mary Paulone Carns, Fred Schenker Asim Ulke, Rammohan Sarangan
	1	Robert Flynn, June Threlkeld Vin Mehta, Ramesh Gupta

Fri Eve Open Pairs-

A	B	C	Names
1	1	1	Randy Pearson, Evan Marti
2			Catherine Caplan - Paul Caplan
3	2		Alan Leaver, Philip Goulding
	3		Sarah Wozniak, Ernest Collins
	2		James Liacos, ; Karl Sokalski
	3		George Small - Linda Fried

Fri. Eve. 499r Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1	1	1	W Gentry, Douglas Cleland
2			Kathleen Dolegowski - Betty Weightman
3	2		Allen Young, Richard Moore
	3		Rick Klapthor Beverly Titzel
	2		Hugh McMaster, Denise Dufour

Sat. Morn. Strat. Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Arlene Port - Judy Haffner
2			Catherine Caplan - Paul Caplan
3	1		Marjorie Mazer - Bruce Brennan
	2	1	Elizabeth and Goldthwait \
	3	2	Evan Marti, Randy Pearson
		3	Neal Zweig - William Seran

Sat. Morn. 499r Pairs

D	E	F	Names
1	1		Judith Lorigan, Betty Weightman
2	2	1	Karen McIlwain - Loreen Schafer
3			Todd Phillips - Spencer Tofts
	3	2	Dolly Nagy - Beatrice Chiappetta
		3	Janice Grier - Robert Grier

Sat. Aft. Open Pairs

A	B	C	Names
1			Steven and Barbara Grzegorzewski
2			Arlene Port - Judy Haffner
3	1	1	Karl Sokalski, James Liacos
	2		Craig Biddle, Alan Leaver
	3	2	John Alioto, Robert Greco
		3	Todd Phillips - Spencer Tofts

Saturday Aft 499 Pairs

5	3	Names
1	1	Dolly Nagy - Beatrice Chiappetta
2	2	Judith Lorigan, Betty Weightman

Sat Compact KO 1

Rank	Names
1	Jane Marshall - Ronald Frank Ernie Retetagos - Marcella Retetagos
2	Ruthie Neafach - Ramesh Gupta June Threlkeld - Vin Mehta
3	Donald Averbach - Ethel Levine James Gump, David Collura

Saturday Aft Swiss Team -

A	B	C	Names
1			Warren Oberfield - Fred Schenker Asim Ulke, Bernie Greenspan
2	1		Bob Heasley - Dorothy Mehok Doris Hess, Fran Steger
3			Richard Krauland - Gloria Moser Joanne Zambroski, Annemarie Gordon
	2		Kenneth Eichler - Sarah Wozniak Arlene Jacobelli Ernest Collins
	3		Cynthia Custer, Brina Segal Barbara Weinstein, Mary Lou Flach
	1		Robert Flynn, John Doyal

PITTSBURGH FALL SECTIONAL

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Sunday Open Swiss Teams

A	B	C	Names
1			Judy Haffner - Harold Haffner Ernie Retetagos, Bernard Fudor
2			Mary Paulone Carns - Gail Carns Asim Ulke, Herbert Sachs
3			Trudy Cohn - Patricia Katz Arlene Port - Reanette Frobouck
	1		Daniel McKinley - Kathleen Mulligan Marilyn Burke - Steven Nolan
	2	1	Rosanne Patterson - Donna Trust Joann Szymeccki, Hermoine Balph
	3/4		Alvin Mariani, Angela Agnello Carol Henderson - Barbara Weinstein
	3/4		Martin Kumer, Darlene Mannheimer Sidney Metzger, Vin Mehta
	2		Robert Flynn, Bob Heasley Hugh McMaster, June Threlkeld

Sunday 499er Swiss Teams

A	B	C	Names	Score
1	1		Linda Fried - Bruce Stephen Karl Sokalski, James Liacos	
2	2		James Gump - Karen McIlwain, John Doyal, Tom Brown	
3	3	1	Alice Hand, Mary Taylor Brenda Donald - Jean Stanhagen	
	2		Kathleen Splane, Jane Slagter Nancy Kosmala, Dennis Kriek	

TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS

1	31.64	Judy Haffner, Pittsburgh PA
2	21.39	Ernie Retetagos, Pittsburgh PA
3	20.73	Arlene Port, Pittsburgh PA
4	20.12	Paul Caplan, White Oak PA
5	20.12	Catherine Caplan, White Oak PA
6	18.78	Asim Ulke, Monroeville PA
7	16.78	Harold Haffner, Pittsburgh PA
8	16.39	Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA
9	15.13	Mary Paulone Carns, Trafford PA
10	13.83	Jim Overcashier, East Canton OH
11	13.83	August Costanzo, Pittsburgh PA
12	13.59	Jane Marshall, Pittsburgh PA

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



SUPPORT DOUBLE

The support double is a convention that allows the opener, after interference by the opponents, to show three card trump support for their partner's suit. Auctions such as 1D-P-1H-1S-X or 1C-P-1S-2D-X are examples of opener showing 3 card support. If opener raises to the 2 level, instead of doubling, that shows 4 card support. In the auction 1C-P-1S-X-XX, the support redouble shows 3 card support. The support double is played at the 1 or 2 level, since you don't want to force partner beyond the 2 level on possible a 4-3 fit. In all of these auctions, the opener's strength is undefined. Opener's hand is considered a minimum unless they make a further bid. When responder knows how many trumps partner has, that is valuable information for determining how high to compete.

Of course, every conventional bid takes away the natural meaning of that bid. When the intervening bid is 1 spade, it would be a very rare hand when opener would want to double for penalties. When the overcalled suit is at the 2 level, there would be a better chance of having a hand that is worth a penalty double. Players that don't like support doubles want the opportunity to penalize the opponents. Even among pairs who play support doubles, there could be a different agreement when the overcall is 1 No Trump.

I play support doubles with all of my partners, including when there is a 1 NT overcall. I wouldn't want to play a convention sometimes but not always. I think it would be a mistake waiting to happen. When a convention has some practical use, its value has to be compared to the loss of the natural meaning. Hands worth a low level penalty double are rare, and support double situations occur numerous times in every bridge session. It's a practical convention based on frequency and usefulness. There is also the negative inference when partner passes over the intervening bid, since they deny three trumps. Hands can easily be constructed where a penalty double would work out better than a support double. You can still get some penalty doubles by passing with strength in their suit, and hoping that partner can reopen with a double with more than a minimum response. Regardless of system, the most important thing is that you and your partner are on the same wavelength.

UP THE LADDER POST

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL - - GREAT SHOWING

JUNIOR MASTER

*Bryan Dematt
Ramesh B Gupta
Richard K Lanz
Cindy D Lucas
Cynthia H Ogden*

CLUB MASTER

Celine C O'Neill

SECTIONAL MASTER

*Asim Kokan
Richard D Nathenson
Martin Greenberg*

REGIONAL MASTER

Sheila M Brotherton

NABC MASTER

Genevieve C Novak

ADV NABC MASTER

*Madeleine L Frizzi
Bruce Stephen*

LIFE MASTER

Gloria Hetzer

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

*Gloria Hetzer
Sandra B McCall
Sarah C Wozniak*

TO ALL OF YOU HIGH ACHIEVERS:
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CAN'T FINISH THIS ARTICLE!! I HAVE TO RUN OUT AND
PLAY BRIDGE AND TRY TO KEEP UP WITH THESE WINNERS

IN MEMORY

This has been a very sad month for the PBA. We have lost too many of our members and friends. Our deepest sympathy to all of their friends and family. They will be missed by us all.

John Bernhard passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 14 after battling bladder cancer. He was the father of 4 and the grandfather of 4. He loved all aspects of bridge and contributed to promoting the game by directing, initiating new games, teaching bridge in schools, and enjoyed making his special meals for a unique singles bridge group. John was a graduate of Allegheny College where he was inducted into the wrestling Hall of Fame. He was a helicopter pilot in the Air Force. His faith and spiritual beliefs were instrumental in helping him cope with his terminal illness. John was a gentleman and a gentle man and will be missed by the bridge world..... Carol Bolen, Mary Lou Flach, and June Threlkeld

Kay Havrilla passed on in the comfort of her own home with her caretaker at the age of 96. She was a long time director in the Pittsburgh area. She taught a number of people our wonderful game. Because of her enthusiasm for the game, June Morrison credits her with the inspiration to found the Zelenople game. Kay directed and taught new players at Rodef Sholom for a number of years. She also had a game at the Masonic Temple until she retired. Kay has been away from the Pittsburgh scene for several years, but she has left us with warm memories of her work to make bridge even more wonderful and fun.....Phyllis Geinzer

Audrey Marzolf Audrey was a good friend of mine. She had a very responsible job at Pitt for one of their publications and was head of the department. She was very professional and loved playing bridge. We had a Tuesday lunch game in her office and had a great time. She was a very nice person.Arlene Port Here is a tribute from a bridge player: I knew her from a singles group here in the South Hills She was, and I say this with respect and kindness, one tough lady, and a great bridge player. When she complimented me on my play, I felt really accomplished!..... Margaret Fischer

PBA EVENTS DEC 2017, JAN, FEB, 2018

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January 2018

- 5 Unit Championship
- 12 No game - Cleveland Regional
- 19 Junior Fund Game
- 26 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

February

- 2 Unit Championship
- 9 Membership Game & PBA Board Meeting

GREAT WEDNESDAY NEWS

The JCC Weschler Game on Wednesday afternoon will be moving to the Rodef Shalom Congregation beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at noon. We look forward to seeing all of our old players and tons of new ones at our new bridge home.....Gary Goetz, Director

POST CARDS

Bob Quinlin has been MIA f (Missing in Action) for a while. It seems as if he injured his back and was told to take it easy. OK, Bob, that's enough easy. Come back soon.

A big hello to **Norman Williams and Gail Hastings**. Hope you are doing great. We just want you both to know you are missed.

INTERNET POST

You are South, matchpoints, E/W vul. You (South) hold:

S K Q 3
H K J 10 8 2
D Q 7
C A J 8

HERE IS THE BIDDING:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST	—
—	Pass	North	1D	
1H	1S	2D*	3D*	
?	*Strong raise	What do you bid?		

Richard Katz : Four hearts, perhaps overbid. Although there are special doubles for this type of competitive auction, they aren't science and why have partner guess. Delighted to have heard a strong passed hand raise.

Craig Biddle: 3S - the standard procedure when you want to go to game and the opponents have bid two suits is to bid the suit you have stopped. This should be unanimous. So our panel will all get an average for 4H-1 when partner has S-xxx H-AQxx D-Jx C-Kxxx and the SA is wrong. C'est la vie! :)

Asim Ulke .I double. It is not clear that I can make 4 heart but we should have 5 defensive tricks.

PJ Prabhu: 4H, but not with conviction. Despite my 16 HCPs, I see several concerns. Nonetheless, I'm electing to see the glass half full and bid the game.

Gail Carns 4C so partner will know I'm not preempting with 4H

Steve Nolan: Double. Educated guess at favorable vulnerability and with extras. I recognize the risk but West stretched and I don't think East knew how much.

Stan Ruskin 4H I must be missing something. There are 2 possible bids – 4H and X (penalty and hope to get 500). I think 4H is clear since I have no idea if we can even beat 3D. What if he had a 7 card suit? 4H should make almost all of the time unless there is some very strange distributions.

Someone is lying and I don't expect it to be my partner. We have at least 26 points between us and RHO opened and bid 3D and left hand opponent made a free bid of 1S. Someone has overbid by a lot but they can still possibly hold 3D to down 1 or maybe even make.

Jane Marshall: 3H...i do not double or pass. I do not think that my side has a game (partner passed originally).

Bill Holt: 4H. Not sure I can make it as I have lots of losers even with my nice count. I'm prepared to double 5d, though. And hey, it's one board at matchpoints.

Chris Wang: I bid 4H. I have an opening hand, but am only an overcaller.

Bob Zimmermann: Double East is a third seat opener at favorable vulnerability. I have 16 real and a partner with a limit raise. So, it's either double or 4 hearts. It looks like the same cards I need to beat this two (+500) in partner's hand are the ones I need to make game (+420). I'll pay off to AKJ-7 times of diamonds East and AJxx of spades in the West.

Paul Caplan: 4 hearts you have the values for game and you may not defeat 3d by 2 tricks and there is always the chance of a 5d bid you be glad to double.

Herb Sachs 3H As double might be ambiguous three hearts should state my case which is invitational; partner will bid three hearts if I pass/ back to square one.

Trudy Cohn: bid 4 hearts. Even devaluing the diamond queen, we should have a play for game

Arlene Port: 4H If I'm going to err, it's going to be on the side of the overbid. My partner is very encouraging and I like (not love) my hand. If it doesn't make I will certainly blame it on the dog who ate my homework. Seriously, I have bid much more on much less. It has a good chance and that's good enough for me. (So much for the scientific method.)

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Hearts. In a heart contract, if the opponents cash the first 3 tricks, you will have to negotiate 3 suits without loss to make game. I don't think it's worth it to push for thin games at matchpoints. Double will probably work out more often than not, but everyone at the table seems to have extra values. This suggests that there could be some distributional hands. I'll just bid a conservative three hearts.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Michael Becker	3H
David Berkowitz	D
Bart Bramley	D
Larry Cohen	D
Mark Cohen	4H
Richard Colker	4H
Billy Eisenberg	3H
Carl Hudecek	4H
Sami Kehiela	4H
Danny Kleinerman	P
Eric Kokish	D
Steve Landon	3S
Michael Lawrence	4H
Robert Lipsitz	3S
Jeff Meckstroth	4H
Marshall Miles	D
Barry Rigal	3S
Arthur Robinson	3S
Andrew Robson	3H
Jeff Rubens	D
Joey Silver	D
Chris Willenken	4H
Anders Wingren	3H
Robert Wolff	4H
Kit Woolsey	4H
Zia	4H

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4H	9	8	100
3S	4	1	80
Dbl.	8	3	70
3H	3	3	50
PASS	1	0	40
4C	0	1	—

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc DECEMBER 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 PBA UNIT CHMP. HOL PTY PBA BD MEET	2
3	4 EXPORT STAC GAME \$1.00 CHARGE	5	6	7 STAC SPEC THURSGM	8 STAC PAIRS		a
10 SUNCAY STAC SWISS	11	12	13	14	15 PBA UNIT Club SWISS TEAMS	16	
17	18 EXPORT XMAS PARTY EXTRA POINTS	19	20	21	22 PBA UNIT CHMP	23	
24 31 NEW YEARS EVE	25 EXPORT NO GAME XMAS DAY	26	27	28	29 PBA UNIT OPEN PAIRS	30	

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Angie Cooper & Mary Ann Shoff	76.39	Indiana	Tue
Ethel Levine & Prakash Shete	77.50	South Hills	Thurs
Asim Ulke & Richard Katz	73.24	Rodef	Mon

SEVEN IN A ROW

Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
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FOUR IN A ROW

Sandra McCall	Temple Emanuel	Wed
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THREE IN A ROW

John Killmeyer	New Brighton	Sat	Angela Agnello Cooper	Indiana	Tues
Carol Conaway	Edgeworth	Wed			

TWO IN A ROW

Lois Cohen	Rodef 299er	Mon	Allan Cohen	Rodef 299er	Mon
Bud McElhanev	Temple Emanuel	Wed	John Killmeyer	Moon	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Moon	Wed	Peggy Shivetts	Greensburg	Thurs
Elaine Zweig	Rodef	Mon	Carol Berkman	Rodef	Mon
Asim Kokan	Rodef 299er	Mon	Syed Ali	Rodef 299er	Mon
Cathy Demos	Longue Vue	Thurs	Judit Bardi	Natrona Heights	Mon
Raymond Kramer	Natrona Heights	Mon	Gloria Moser	Glenshaw	Mon
Jim Gump	South Hills NLM	Tues	Karen McIlwain	South Hills NLM	Tues
Asim Ulke	Wilkins	Fri	Richard Katz	O'Hara	Tues
Asim Ulke	O'Hara	Tues	Arlene Port	O'Hara	Tues
Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues	Hugh McMaster	Edgeworth	Wed
John			Killmeyer	Moon	Wed

Rob-



Merry
Christmas

Moon		
Wed		
Ethel	Levine	Hills
	South	Thurs