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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

BRIDGE “How do I love thee.? Let me count the ways”

1. The Roni Regional.....better than ever. Thanks to the hard work of the tournament committee, who did a spectacular job of making us comfortable and anxious to attend all of the events. Thank you all for hosting this regional; one of the best we have ever had.

2. The Pro-Am Game, Thursday, October 19 at the Rodef Shalom. This is our Unit championship game which incorporates playing with a “pro”, eating yourself into a few more pounds and giving to a very important charity. Make certain you’re there.pgl 3

3. The Instant Matchpoint game on Wednesday, October 25 in Glenshaw. This is really a fun event. You get to play each hand and get the results immediately after it is played. It’s fun and very humbling. It’s also a really opportunity to get gold points. This is a regionally rated game. Pg.2

4. The “Trick & Treat Sectional”, October 25-27 at the Masonic Center. The event we all love It is the perfect blend of bridge, silver points and food. Ron Franck, Barbara Weinstein and John Ailoto are our hosts. Get ready for a weekend of fun. Pg. 4

5. And don’t ever forget our Unit Friday night championship games and monthly team game..

BRIDGE: “HOW DO I LOVE THEE”?:? Answer: What’s not to love? (My apologies to Elizabeth Barrett Browning for stealing her lines. However, I suspect she will never know the difference.)

If you want to see the Regional winners, go to the District website and have a good time.

Wednesday October 25, 2017
Gametime 12 Noon! Win Gold Points!

Morning Munchies!
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Pairs Entries \$25 / Pair

Open Swiss Teams \$100/team

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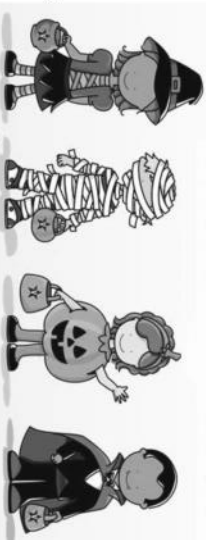
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\$3 additional per session / pp.



Partnership Desk

Trick & Treat Sectional
PITTSBURGH HOSPITALITY!



Plenty of Team Games

October 27—29, 2017
Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, October 27

1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)

7:00 PM

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

Saturday, October 28

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

Lunch on Us between Sessions!!

4:00 PM

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

Sunday, October 29

Super Brunch & Lunch Included

11:00 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

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!
Schedule & Directions on the web!
www.pittsburghbridge.org

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

Lesson from an Expert
Friday @ 6:15 PM



Thursday Oct. 19, 2017 **Game Time 7:00**

Hosted by Jeanne Baseman & Chris Wang

Noshing Commences @ 6:15 PM
Main Course Provided -

Salads, Sides and Desserts will be appreciated! It's for Charity!

Proceeds Benefit:

EAST END COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

EECM provides services and reaches out to those experiencing the desperation of hunger. Playing Site: Rodef Shalom - Oakland

Pick a Pro: \$30 Donation . Check website for availability or call Chris Wang. Pro's are invited to contribute. Minimum total contribution \$30.

***Regular Partnerships not eligible to "Win" the event ... but are eligible for masterpoints**

POST CARDS

ROSE KUNKLE, Rose Kunkle, was going someplace. She took a step up.....and fell on her face. There were several twitches, when she got those stitches,, Now she's back to that gal full of grace.

JIM GREY: I have heard second hand from two people that Jim Gray (and his wife) will be relocating from Pittsburgh to stay with a step child in New Jersey. He is returning to Pittsburgh for a few weeks from Maine before moving to New Jersey.

It seems his health has not been good, and that it may have started with a bad fall at the Tuesday O'Hara game around May of this year. In fact he delayed going to Maine as a result of that fall. Also it seems like he has not played

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos



BALANCING

It's always annoying, (add it to the list), to have the opponents open the bidding when you're holding a big hand. While playing in a knockout team event, vulnerable against not, you pick up S-A Q J x x H--- D-A K Q x x C- K Q x. Your LHO opens 1 spade, followed by 2 passes. As if this wasn't bad enough, it's also the first board of a four board overtime.

If the opponents were vulnerable, pass would probably be the preferred action. You will beat them two tricks, and your game is iffy. If neither side is vulnerable, you can decide whether to try for a nonvul game or take a small plus by passing. However, when you are vulnerable at imps, the lure of a game bonus is too strong to pass up. You can not accept +100, when you have a decent chance of game. Partner could have as many as 7-8 HCPs. Little scraps like the ten of spades or the minor suit Jacks would be worth a trick.

How to find your possible game is another story. Bidding in the passout seat is different than actions in the direct seat. For example, a balancing 1 NT is typically 10-14, and a balancing 2 NT is 19-21 with a balanced hand. A jump bid shows a good 6 card suit with about 16-17 HCPs. To double and bid shows a bigger hand. Balancing in a suit can be as weak as a light overcall.

A two diamond bid is a huge underbid, but it assures a plus score and leaves open the slim possibility of a bid from partner. A three diamond bid is a diamond short, but is more descriptive since it has compensating values with the extra HCPs. If you balance by bidding any number of diamonds, partner is unlikely to be able to find a bid. On this hand, a bid of two or three diamonds will buy the contract and make 4.

The standard way to show a big hand is to double and bid. However it can be a risky proposition to double with a void in the unbid major. If you double, partner will bid hearts. If you then jump to 3 NT, what should partner do with 6 hearts to the Q J 10. If they pass 3 NT, you will be down one, while partner will be down 3 if they go on to 4 hearts.

I have asked some of the local players what they would bid with this hand. I have heard answers of 2 diamonds, 3 diamonds, 2 NT, 3 NT, and double. Since the situation is so unusual, very few partnerships have any agreements. I'd guess that it's probably best to double and bid 3 NT if partner bids hearts, as long as your partner is aware that you do not promise any hearts.

UP THE LADDER POST

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL - GREAT SHOWING

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ELECTION NOTICE

Election, October 15, 2016

The Bylaws of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION call for up to a 15 member board of directors, with each director serving a two year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 6 members are to be elected this year. 3 members terms are expiring in 2016. If you would like to run for the board of directors you need to submit a nomination petition signed by 10 members of the PBA The deadline for submitting is Oct 1, 2016. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were board seats to fill, so there was no need to hold an election. If more than 4 petitions are received an election will be at the Fall Sectional to elect the members of the Board who will serve in 2017

Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President Lorraine Hanna, Election Chair John Bernhard, or any current Board member.

A list of current members and those members whose terms that will expire will be in the October Post Mortem.

REUPS; Not up for election: 9

Ruthie Neafach
Mary Carns
Jane Marshall
John Alioto

That gives us the 15 member board per the by Laws; Assuming no one else is petitioning for a seat before the Nov. deadline., There will be no voting.

NEW NOMINEES

Craig Biddle

TEN TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT THE RONI REGIONAL:

- 1 102.09 Shan Huang, Toronto ON
- 2 102.09 Joan Millens, Kingston NY
- 3 102.09 Ishmael DelMonte, Las Vegas NV
- 4 102.09 David Sabourin, Ottawa ON
- 5 77.79 Bernard Fudor, Murrysville PA
- 6 67.92 Gail Carns, Trafford PA
- 7 65.44 Bernie Greenspan, Beachwood OH
- 8 63.52 Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA
- 9 62.28 Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA
- 10 62.24 Philip Goulding, Wexford P

PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

October

- 6 Club Appreciation Pairs
- 13 Club Appreciation Swiss Teams & Board Meeting
- 19 (Thursday) Pro Am Game (Rodef Shalom)
- 20 Club Championship
- 25 Instant Matchpoint Game (Special, Noon Start)
PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC

November

- 3 Open Pairs
- 10 Unit Championship & Annual Membership Meeting
- 17 Unit Championship Swiss Teams
- 24 Open Pairs

December

- 1 Unit Championship Holiday Party & PBA Board meeting
(if necessary)
- 7 STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game (not held if Swiss Team is held on Sunday 12/10)
- 8 STaC Pairs
- 10 Sunday STaC Swiss Teams (not held if there is a Steelers game that day)
- 15 Unit Championship Swiss Teams

INTERNET POST BIDDING RATIONALE

PASS No one can deny that is by far the most common and most reasonable bid. Most said they would bid next round if available.

3C - These people gave primarily 2 reasons: 1. They were thinking they might make it given the right hand of partner/ 2. They saw this as a preempt, making a heart bid more difficult.

1D - generally a compromise between bidding 3C (encouraging problems if partner has extra values and putting pressure on the opponents. It hides weakness and encourages miscommunications between opps. None regretted their bid. Mark Lair stated: "Least of evils."

1S—Good psyche; preempts heart bid and who knows, maybe you have a spade fit.

I really thought this hand was very challenging. I had no clue that there was any bid but pass to make. WHO KNEW!!

INTERNET POST

You Are South; E/W Vul; IMP's and you hold:

S	Q 10 4
H	3
D	Q 7 6 2
C	10 9 5 3 2

The bidding is:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1C	PASS	?	

**** 3C=Values to sustain 3NT;

2C = game-initational plus raise.

Bernie Fudor: I pass No Imagination

Richard Katz:* PASS. With the following restrictions, pass at this time must certainly be viable. I'll find another reason later to go for a number!

Craig Biddle: 1S : This is ideal for the methods I play with Phil - I can bid 1S to show clubs and if he rebids 1NT to show a minimum balanced hand I can sign off with 2C. However, this is the real world. But I bid 1S here, too, hoping that partner won't raise. I am getting pretty good IMP odds on this bid, if partner has a minimum opener they likely have a good play for 4H (and sometimes for 4S!). Also, when partner raises I will sometimes be allowed to make a partial (or even a game) when the opponents figure out too late that I only have 3 spades. When I get too high, I am likely losing only 4-5 IMPs. When I talk them out of a game, we are winning 10. I think I am almost equally likely to do either of these

Steve Nolan: Pass. The footnote indicates that the system doesn't encompass a bid for a pre-emptive club raise, so I can't make one. Instead, I'll give partner the bad news about my points now, and (probably) chime in with a club bid in the next round

Stan Ruskin PASS I must be missing something. I Pass. I can't think of any reason why I should be bidding. If it gets passed out, so be it. If they balance, my partner will be

Able describe his hand better.

Gail Carns: Pass no other bid

Asim Ulke 2 clubs. I would have passed if I were vulnerable. There is an outside chance that we can make game.

Robert Zimmerman :Pass. Were a weak 3C available, I'd consider that. But it's not. Any bid I make overstates a hand with no controls and no points

Jane Marshall: PASS. Since you have taken away my option to bid 3C, preemptively, no bid appeals to me

Bill Holt: 4c. I'd prefer 3c to be preemptive (inverted minors) but since it's not I'll take whatever preemptive action is available. Give partner 13 hcp and we've 17 leaving them 23 to make their 4 Major game if they can. I have no interest in 3nt. My second choice given these constraints is 5c.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 2 Clubs. Partner will know I have 5 of them and a weak hand

* I rarely get to right my errors,, but last month, I left out Richard's response and he was the only one to make the #1 answer. So sorry. So many errors!

.PJ Prabhu: 1S. Opponents appear to have an 8-card (or better) H fit; they may even have a similar S fit. This bid claims the S suit with minimum deviation from a normal response (of the same bid), potentially hinders opponents from finding their optimum contract, directs a S lead which may be helpful, and possibly help us buy the contract (1NT, 2S or 3S). A club raise, though more pre-emptive, will help the opponents find their best contract.

Chris Wang .PASS I would pass with this hand and see if I could give a delayed raise of 2C. I am afraid that if I bid 4C of 5C immediately, partner might think I have a better hand. Plus I don't know partner has long clubs.

Herb Sachs: PASS /most likely will be able to bid my values later; if there is no later maybe partner meant to bid 2C?

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
PASS	8	10	100
3C	6	0	90
1D	6	0	80
1S	3	2	60
4C	1	1	50
1NT	1	0	40
5C	0	0	20
2C	N/A	2	but many wanted to bid that.

Please see page 8 where I have given some of the rationale for making the various bids.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	1D
David Berkowitz	1D
Augie Boehm	3C
Bart Bramley	3C
Larry Cohen	3C
Billy Eisenberg	1S
Russ Ekeblad	4C
Mark Feldman	3C
Robert Friend	P
Ross Gabel	1S
Alan Graves	P
Barbara Haberman	1S
Carl Hudecek	P
Sami Kehiela	P
Danny Kleinman	P
Eric Kokish	1D
Mark Lair	1D
Sidney Lazard	3C
Pratap Rajadhyaksha	P
Arthur Robinson	P
Jeff Rubens	1NT
Ira Rubin	1D
Paul Soloway	1D
Robert Wolff	P
Kit Woolsey	3C

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 PBA CLUB appreciation.	7
8	9 Club Ap-prec. Extra pints.Export	10	11	12	13 PBA UNIT Club appreciation Swiss Teams o& board meeting..	14
15	16	17 Zeltionople extra points	18 Edge-worth..extra points	19 Rodef/Shalom Pra Am Game LongueVue ex-tra points	20 UNIT CHMP. SWISS TEAMS Allegh. CC. extra points.	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 PBA TRICK	28 AND TREAT
29 SECTION-	30 Export Charity Game.	31	start Match-point gm.			

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Cleman Rosenberger Jr & Donald Toy	71.96	O'Hara	Tues
Ernest Collins & Ronald Sain	71.83	Export	Mon
Karl Sokalski & Tyler Geer	71.73	South Hills NLM	Thurs
Alan Colker & Lynne Colker	70.18	Wilkins	Fri
Barbara Weinstein & Mary Lou Flach	71.13	Allegheny CC	Fri

FOUR IN A ROW

Ethel Levine South Hills Tues Deborah Shoup Greensburg Thurs

THREE IN A ROW

George Kury Indiana Tues Derek Schofeld Rodef 299er Mon
Linda Silberman Rodef 299er Mon Constance Hoehstetter Tem. Emanuel Wed

TWO IN A ROW

Naomi Sogoloff	Whitehall	Mon	Louise Meyer	Longue Vue	Thurs
Elaine Kirschenbaum	South Hills NLM	Thurs	Karen Ricker	SouthHills	Tues
Robert Quinlan	Temple Emanuel	Wed	James Quigley	Wilkins	Thurs
John Bernhard	Longue Vue	Thurs	Richard Bulow	Greensburg	Thurs
Fred Lantz	Greensburg	Thurs	Ernest Collins	Export	Mon
Ronald Sain	Export	Mon	Suzanne Shields	Greensburg	Thurs
Robert Quinlan	Chartiers- Houston	Fri	Robert Heasley III	AlleghenyCC	Fri
Robert Kleinmann	Whitehall	Fri	Bharat Shah	Whitehall	Fri
Judit Bardi	Natrona Heights	Mon	RaymondKramer	Natrona hts.	Mon
Judy Haffner	Glenshaw	Wed	Harold Haffner	Glenshaw	Wed
Carol Moyer	Allegheny CC	Fri	Linton Moye	Allegheny CC	Fri

