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Unit 142

Pittsburgh, PA

June 2017

# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

Welcome to June. Can you believe it? If you missed our Awards Party, you missed a wonderful time and great food. Riddle: What do you say to a bridge players wife who made all the food for this party? Thank you!! This doesn't nearly articulate our gratitude to Shirley Franck, Ron's wife, for working so hard and making such delicious refreshments. Thank you so much Shirley. And Ron, you are so lucky to have such a wonderful woman in your life.

We have so much to look forward to this month. The Championship Swiss on Sunday, June 11, is a very special event. (see pg. 2) It is one of the few really social events we have every year. If you need to make up a team call Richard Zack.

Then, of course, STaC (Sectional Tournament at the Club Level) where each game that participates is able to award silver points. So, if your mining for silver, this is the time to do it. See the calendar and check out the games that week to see if they are participating. And, for sure, be at the Thursday night STaC special. Food and Fun.

In July, we have the Summer Sectional to look forward to. Who knew that so many people could have so much fun - and get master-point rich at the same time.

And, Finally.....Congratulations to Ruthie Neafach on her amazing feat of becoming a Life Master. Ruthie, you reflect everything about our unit that proves how much fun and how rewarding playing bridge is for us all.

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**2017 Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman**

## UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Join us again for great food, fun, and fellowship!  
Help us celebrate the memory of Audrey and Gloria, two friends whose presence graced our bridge tables together for more than 45 years.

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**  
**Edgewood Country Club**

**Coffee, Bagels & Pastries at 9:45**  
**Game Time 10:30**

Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon  
Entry: \$150 per team of four, Extra Player \$37.50\*

### Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 750

Stratifications by Team Average MPs

*7 session play-through with dinner break!*

For additional information:

Richard Zack at 724-895-3364 - [rszack@gmail.com](mailto:rszack@gmail.com)  
or Patsy Evans at 412-563-2807- [chevans2@verizon.net](mailto:chevans2@verizon.net)

**RSVP:** Kindly have one member of your team phone Patsy so we can plan accordingly.  
Casual Country Club Attire, please.

*Food! Fun! Fellowship!*

*\*All Proceeds Benefit*

*Local Bridge Education!*

*See you there!*

Directions on the website:  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)

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# ALL AMERICAN REGIONAL UNIT #142 WINNERS

## Wed Aft NLM Pairs - 6.0 Tables

MPs	3	2	1	Names
	2/3	1		Patricia Rambasek - Richard Laird,

## Tue-Wed KOs-1 - 16 Tables

Rank	Names
2	Fred Schenker - Craig Biddle, Pittsburgh PA; Michael Kraut, Royal Oak MI; Dan Roseberry, Dover OH
3/4	Bernie Greenspan - Brian Ellis, Beachwood OH; Herbert Sachs - S Ruskin, Pittsburgh PA

## Wed Compact KO-1 - 11 Tables

Rank	Names
2	Judi Sonon - Barbara Belardi, Pittsburgh PA; Jean Prior, Du Bois PA ; Cecilia Powell, Monroeville PA

## Wed-Sun Aft Side Game - 14.5 Tables

MPs	A	B	C	Names	Score
	3	2		Arlene Cullen, Pgh	June Threlkeld, Bridgeville

## Wed-Sun Eve Side Series - 5.5 Tables

MPs	B	C	Names	Score
	2	2	Arlene Cullen, Pgh PA; June Threlkeld, Bridgeville PA	

## Thursday Eve Swiss - 12 Tables

A	B	C	Names
2			Robert Quinlan, Constance Hoechstetter, Pgh; Peter Merker, OH; William Lindgren, Slippery Rock PA
3	2		Mary Lou Flach, ; Jean Picone - Bernadine Bonessa, Pgh; Doris Hess, Beaver PA
4	3		Leroy Hackenberg II, Prgh PA; Frank Scali, N Ridgeville OH; Angela Agnello, Indiana PA; Susan Israelson, Pgh

## Thu-Fri AM Swiss Teams - 8 Tables

A	B	C	Names
3	1	1	Ruthie Neafach - Jeanne Baseman Arlene Cullen, Pgh PA; June Threlkeld, Bridgeville PA

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## Thu-Fri KOs-1 - 9 Tables

Rank	Names
2	Bernie Greenspan - Brian Ellis, OH; S Ruskin - Herbert Sachs, Pittsburgh PA
3/4	Kenneth Kranyak, OH; Jan Assini - Frank Cymerman, Pgh PA; Susan Stark, Pepper Pike OH; Michael Creager, Bedford OH

## Friday Open Swiss Teams - 26 Tables / Based on 59 Tables

A	B	C	Names
3			Warren Oberfield - Craig Biddle - Fred Schenker, Pgh \

### Partnerships:

Jane Marshall  
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Darlene Mannheimer  
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### Tournament Chairs:

Bill Holt  
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June Threlkeld

Bob Flynn

Summer17@d5bridge.com

Pairs Entries \$25 / Pair

1-Session Team Entries \$50 / Team

Open Swiss Teams \$100/team

499er Swiss \$ 88/lean

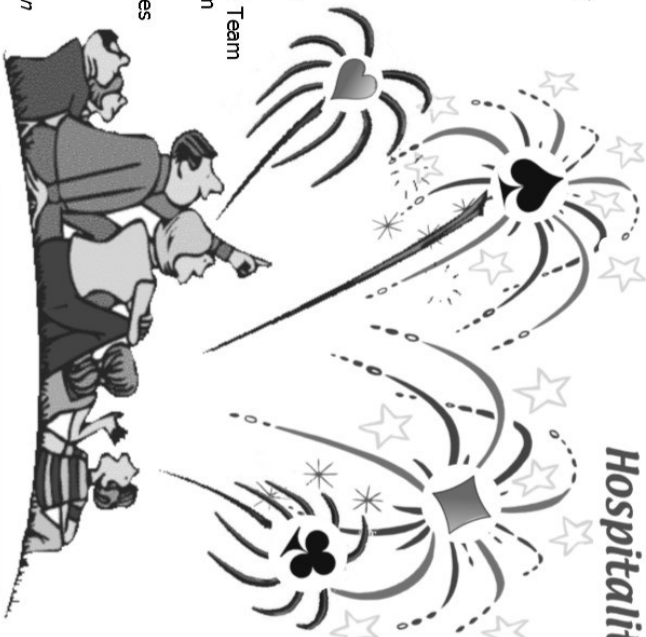
Director in Charge: Alex Bealles

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Non & Unpaid ACBL Members

\$3 additional per session

Student Discount: \$5 per Session



# PITTSBURGH SUMMER SECTIONAL

Hospitality All Sessions!

July 14 - 16, 2017

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

### Friday, July 14

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, July 15

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!

3:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)  
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)  
Compact Handicapped KO Teams  
(2nd of 2 sessions)  
Single Session Swiss Teams

### Sunday, July 16

11:00 AM Super Brunch & 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

### Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

Newcomer / 499er Pairs  
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday  
PLUS Special Swis 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)

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



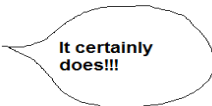
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# BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetas



## THE PROBLEM.....AND THE SOLUTION

The field had some trouble with a couple of hands from recent club games. In the 1st hand, all of the West players were in 4 hearts, and I would assume that East opened 1 club at almost all of the tables. North had a normal spade lead. Both clubs and hearts split evenly, but most declarers only made 11 tricks.

S- A 6	S-10 4
H- A K Q 10 8 2	H - 9 3
D- J 10 5 2	D- A 8 6 4
C- Q	C- A K 10 9 7

Evidently, after winning the lead and pulling trumps, declarers played the Queen of clubs, and went to the Ace of diamonds to make a couple of discards on the clubs. The Jack didn't fall, so there were 2 losers. After drawing trumps, the correct play is to "waste" the Queen of clubs and overtake, pitch a spade on the other top club, and lead the ten of clubs, pitching a diamond as South wins the Jack. The diamond Ace is an entry for 2 more discards.

In the 2nd hand, in a 16 table game, only Bob Flynn and John Doyal bid the laydown slam.

S- A J 10 8 4 2	S- K Q 6 5	1S---2NT*
H- A 7	H- K 10 8 5 2	3C**--4S
D- Q 9 8 5	D- K 6	5 C--5D
C- A	C- 8 5	6S = P

\*Jacoby 2NT.....4-card support and game forcing

\*\* Singleton or void in clubs.

I have shown my suggested bidding sequence. After the opening bid, 2 NT is Jacoby, and 3 clubs shows a singleton. East's jump to 4 spades would be fast arrival, denying slam interest. West should still thinking slam, but it is unwise to use Blackwood with two fast losers in a suit. Cue bid the Ace of clubs, and East should bid 5 diamonds. It is vital to show a control. Some think that the cue bid should just show the Ace of diamonds. Opener's failure to ask for Aces suggests that they have a good hand, but are lacking a control in a suit. There is a good chance that opener has the Queen, or the Ace may be onside. Nothing works all of the time, but the 5 club bid is asking you to bid your cheapest control.

## UP THE LADDER POST

### JUNIOR MASTER

Denise Dufour  
Candace K Gottschall  
Dennis Kriek  
Karen G Smith

### CLUB MASTER

Tyler Geer  
Leslie W Swensen  
Richard L Wagner

### SECTIONAL MASTER

Alan N Bress  
Robert W Ferguson

### BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Arlene Cullen

### RUBY LIFE MASTER

Joane D'Antonio

### GOLD LIFE MASTER

Ronald A Sain

WHO NEW YOU WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL?  
WE ALL DID!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

## IN MEMORY

**Tom Henderson** an active member of our unit, passed away in May. Because our members spend most of their time together playing bridge, rarely do we ever really get to know how wonderful they really are. We made a big mistake in Tom's case. He was a very prominent attorney who specialized in asbestos and other toxic chemical litigation. He was very active in many organizations and prominent in his community. Tom had two children and 4 grandchildren whom he adored. I used to play against Tom and his wife, Carol at the O'hara game in Blawnox. He was a very good player and, in his spare time, he achieved the rank of

We would also like to extend our sympathy to Fran Steger on the loss of her father and Richard Kaurland on his mother's passing.

### Friday Eve Side Swiss - 5 Tables

A	B	C	Names
1	1		Jan Assini - Frank Cymerman, Pgh PA; Susan Stark, OH; Michael Creager, Oh

### Wed-Sun AM Side Game - 7.0 Tables

A	B	C	Names
1/2	1		Karl Sokalski, Pgh PA; James Liacos, OH
3			Judi Sonon, Pgh PA; Jean Prior, Du Bois PA

### Saturday Open Pairs - 14.0 Tables / Based on 42 Tables

A	B	C	Names
3			Gail Carns - Mary Paulone Carns, Trafford PA

### Sat-Sun KOs-2 - 13 Tables

Rank	Names
1	Leroy Hackenberg II, Pgh PA; Frank Scali, OH; Jill Otte - Leo Mann, OH
2	Keith Pugsley - Katherine Pugsley, ON; Judit Bardi - Istvan Bardi, Pgh PA
3/4	Christopher Wang - Jean Picone, Pgh PA; Vicki Kane - Nithi Sivaneri, WV

### Sun Compact KO-1 - 16 Tables

Rank	Names
1	Mary Paulone Carns, Patricia Katz, & Richard Katz, Pgh PA; Brian Ellis, OH

### Wed-Sun Eve Side Game - 20.25 Tables / Based on 7 Tables

Rank	Names
2/3	June Threlkeld, Bridgeville PA
2/3	Arlene Cullen, Pittsburgh PA

### Sun Open Pairs - 10.0 Tables / Based on 30 Tables

A	B	C	Names
2			Craig Biddle - Warren Oberfield, Pittsburgh PA

## PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS 2017

### June

2	NAOP QUALIFIER
9	Unit Championship & PBA Board Meeting
11	(Sunday) Fossick Goodman Swiss Teams
15	STaC Pairs - Special Thursday Game
16	STaC Pairs
23	Unit Championship Swiss Teams
30	Unit Championship

### July

7	NAOP QUALIFIER
14	PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC Info
21	Unit Championship
28	Unit Championship Swiss Teams

### August

4	New Partner Night
11	NAOP QUALIFIER & PBA Board Meeting
18	Unit Championship

## POST CARDS

Gail Hastings. We have a message for you: If you don't come back to the bridge table soon, we are coming to get you. Please take care of yourself and get here as soon as you can.

Ron Franck has to have everything brand new. So, he bought himself a new hip. Thankfully, they did a good job and he is happy and well.; unlike some of use who have "new hips from hell" . I'm not jealous . (I just wrote that on my blackboard 100 times.....and it still isn't true.

This is a postcard to just about everyone I know.....Stay well

### INTERNET POST

Matchpoints, E/W Vulnerable. You are South.

You hold:

S A 7  
H 6  
D K Q J 8 7 3 2  
C Q T 5

THE BIDDING IS:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1D	2NT*	DOUBLE	3H
???			

? What do you bid?

**Chris Wang** I pass. If partner doubles, I will pass. If partner passes, I will pass. If partner bids 3S, I will bid 4D.

**Trudy Cohn: 4D** My bid is 4 diamonds. I am not sure whose hand it is but that will give my partner the information on which to make a decision.

**Asim Ulke: PASS** I pass. I have a partner

**Bernie Fudor: PASS .2 passes** for me . I might bid if I had a clear cut bid but all bids are too unilateral

**Herb Sachs: 4D** I'm not sitting for any double. With this holding, I cannot defend.

**Jane Marshall: Pass** and pull a double by partner to 4D. I'm not sure what the Os mean in the problem. If the spade O is the King, I would bid 4 diamonds immediately.

**Steve Nolan: Pass**, then pass again. I have what I promised, but no more. It's partner's decision at this point.

**Bill Holt Pass.** If partner has an opening hand for his X, he'll do something intelligent over 3H. If he bids 3NT he will like my diamond suit. If he doubles, I will pull to 3NT – defending 3HX with such distribution is a smidgen scary. It's Matchpoints so just one board. And I've well-developed apology skills.

**Stan Ruskin Pass.** I have nothing to add at this time and will wait further developments. It seems that we have forgotten how to pass. If partner doubles or bids 3NT, I will pass. If he bids 3S, I will bid 5D. If he bids 4D, I will cue bid 4S. I have no idea what partner's hand is. If I bid over 3H, I will never know.

**Gail Carns: Pass** this says I can't cooperate with a double so partners double is not cooperative thus I pass again.

**Fred Schenker: PASS** (kinda) It is useful to have agreements on whether double here is penalty or takeout, and whether pass is forcing or not. If double is takeout, that's what I bid, and correct 3S to 5D (because pard passed the opportunity to penalize, pard must have Cs). If double is penalty, I pass. If pard bids 3S I bid 5D (same logic as above), if pard doubles or bids 3N, I pass. Thankfully it is a MP hand.

**Paul Caplan 4 diamonds.** I am not interested in defending at the 3 level.

**Robert Zimmerman Pass then 5 Diamonds.** Both of partner's doubles show cards, and my diamonds will play opposite a void if necessary (and I don't think that's likely). There's too much playing strength in this hand to do any less and not enough defense to sit for the second double.

**Ernie Retetagos Pass and Pass.** It seems right to pass the first time. The only other bid that I could consider is 4 diamonds, and now we can't play 3 NT. I feel less confident about the 2nd pass.

**Craig Biddle Pass** I assume my diamonds are KQJ10732. I pass, then pull double to 3NT. The advantage of this plan is most clearly seen if partner doesn't double 3H - then I know 5D is our best spot. Note that if partner has doubled 3H on, say, J10xx and scattered stuff, they should know to pull 3NT on this auction; if I had a doubleton heart I would most likely sit for the double.

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
4D	8	2	100
a/3NT	7	2	90
a/3S	4	0	70
a/4D	2	1	60
a/pass	1	7	50
3NT	1	1	50
3S	0	0	10
a/5D	0	3	N/A

a=pass / Then pull to ???

### HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Alan Bell	4D
David Berkowitz	a/3S
Bart Bramley	a/3S
Larry Cohen	a/3NT
Billy Eisenberg	4D
Sur Gohel	a/4D
Carl Hudecek	a/P
Michael Kamil	a/3NT
Sami Kehiela	4D
Danny Kleinman	a/3NT
Eric Kokish	a/3NT
Marshall Miles	2NT
Rozanne & Bill Pollack	a/3NT
Larry Robbins	4D
Arthur Robinson	4D
Steve Robinson	a/3S
Eric Rodwell	3D
Jeff Rubens	4D
Ira Rubin	a/3NT
Fred Stewart	4D
Howard Weinstein	a/3S
Robert Wolff	4D
Kit Woolsey	a/3NT
Ray Zoller	a4D

# Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. JUNE 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>PBA Chmp &amp; Board Meeting</i>	3
4		5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>11 Fossick Goodman Swiss Teams</i>	<i>12 Houston STaC</i>	<i>13 STaC WEEK</i>	<i>14.</i>	<i>15 STaC Pairs Special Thurs. Game</i>	<i>16 PBA STaC Pairs</i>	<i>17</i>	
18	19 Houston Club Chmp.	20	21	22	23 <i>PBA Unit Chmp Swiss Teams</i>	24	
25	<i>26 Chmp Charity for Military Houston</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>PBA Unit Chmp.</i>		

## FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

Teresa Dristas & Ruth Falsetti	71.97	Longue Vue	Thurs
Gary Wire & Richard McNeer	70.50	Rodef	Mon
William Feeny & Suzanne Shields	71.51	Greensburg	Fri
Arlene Port & Paul Rosenberg	70.83	Moon	Wed
Marilyn Latterman & Vitie Friedman	71.43	Rodef 299ers	Mon

## THREE IN A ROW

Dorothy Murray Wilkins	Thurs	Gloria Moser	Glenshaw	Sat
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## TWO IN A ROW

Naomi Sogoloff	Whitehall	Mon	Richard Fowkes	Natrona Heights	Mon
Lorraine Worsley	Natrona Heights	Mon	Bud McElhaney	Whitehall	Mon-
Sandra McCall	Whitehall	Mon	Henry Nelson	O'Hara	Tues
Esther Sain	Indiana	Tues	Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues
Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon
Asim Ulke	Rodef	Mon	Kathleen Dolegowski	S H NLM	Tues
William Lindgren	Zelionople	Tues	Patricia Cunkelman	Greensburg	Thu-
Marcella Retetagos	O'Hara	Tues	Jane Blackburn	South Hills NLM	Thurs-
Robert Heasley III	Nancy's Club	Sun	Richard Katz	O'Hara	Tues
Asim Ulke	O'Hara	Tues	Herbert Sachs	Glenshaw	Wed
Lessa Finegold	JCC	Wed	Lila Margolis	JCC	Wed
Yvonne Coursen	Natrona Heights	Mon	Joseph Secka Sr	Whitehall	Mon-
Barbara Bergman	Zelionople	Tues	Kenneth Bergman	Zelionople	Tues-
Bunny Hoffman	Edgeworth	Wed	Steve Thomas	Edgeworth	Wed
Barbara Belardi	Greensburg	Wed	Dorothy Mehok	South Hills	Thurs
Arlene Port	Rodef	Mon	Judy Haffner	Rodef	Mon
Thomas Jolly Jr	O'Hara	Tues	Alfred Tung	O'Hara	Tues
Alan Leaver	Zelionople	Tues	Philip Goulding	Zelionople	Tues

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