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UNIT NEWS

LORRAINE HANNA

Membership Directory is Finally Here!

You should have received a mailing from our Unit, 142, inviting you to Opt In to an online Membership Directory. Some people have not received this communication. If you have not and want to receive mailings from our Unit regard tournaments, etc. let Bill Holt know so that he could include you in our database. Access to this form is on the top of our Club Results Page. The PBA is delighted we are now able to grant your desire to have a Directory of Members. We followed the ACBL's strict procedures on sharing this information. Bill will send out the online Directory soon.

Mentoring Program and 0-5 Play

I am delighted to report the PBA has approved and extended free play for Mentors and Mentees and those with 0-5 mps until the end of 2022. If you haven't signed up for this program yet, please do so on our Website. Links on the side panel to register along with the terms of this program. You don't have to re-register your current and active partnership.

TEACHERS, WE NEED TEACHERS

Learn Bridge in a Day will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 10am-3pm at Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building.

A big problem we have is after this Seminar, who will teach the prospective bridge players when they're all fired up to learn? We can't bring new players into the game if we don't have teachers. I have been teaching this wonderful game for many years and I get enjoyment and pleasure when I see the enthusiasm and learning skills exhibited by my students. It makes me happy to see them filter into our area games. You can get accredited online through the ACBL website or take the course in person when offered at Regional or National games. Here is a link to information on certification

<https://www.acbl.org/teachers-lounge/#certs>

If you don't want to go through the certification process, there are a number of teacher manuals you can get. The ACBL has their manual online for free.

Here's a link to the Manuals

<https://www.acbl.org/teachers-lounge/>

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Personally, I teach from Audrey Grant's Bridge Basics 1, 2 & 3.

Learn Bridge in a Day!?

Bill Holt, in his charged up style, will be teaching this seminar created by Patty Tucker on Saturday, October 1 from 10am-3pm at Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building, charging \$10 to help with our cost. Free Follow up supervised play session on 10/8. Participants will take home a free manual. Minimum age 15 if unaccompanied and 10 if accompanied by an adult taking the class. Proof of Vaccination Required.

We need YOU to help spread the word. Bring flyers to your library, community cork boards, post on online sites. For more information, click the link "Classes and Lessons" on our website.

Sectional

Ron Franck chaired the Sectional and he did an exceptional job of making an extraordinary weekend we thoroughly enjoyed. Even though Ron's wife, Shirley, doesn't play in our games, she often contributes to our enjoyment by making her delicious treats. The macaroni salads were dee-lish. I ate so many jelly donuts I gained 2 pounds. Thanks to our hospitality Chairs Ernie and Marcella Retetagos; John Doyle, Caddie Master; Darlene Mannheimer, Partnership; Martin Greenberg, Vax Checker and Greeter. Many volunteers helped with making this a go and we sincerely thank each and every one of you. Thanks to all who attended.

Our attendance for the weekend was 614 players with a monetary loss of \$417. The attendance in our last Summer Sectional in 2019 was 1,126 players.

We need your help in running future Sectionals. Sectionals will die if we don't get more people involved in a leadership or helping role. Let one of our Board Members know you are willing to help in some capacity.

Swiss Team Potluck

10 Teams came out to play and eat. It was invigorating to have this special event at the Thursday evening game in Glenshaw. Thanks to the volunteers and especially to Ruthie Neafach and June Threlkeld for organizing this event. Thanks to Ann Plunkett and Lonnie Carey for coordinating the food contributions. The food was plentiful and delicious. Congrats to the winning team; Alan and Lynne Colker, William Seran and Carole Shanahan.

Up the Ladder: Reanette Frobouck has reached the rarefied air in the Bridge World with over 20,000 Masterpoints becoming a Grand Life Master. Congratulations for being on the top rungs.

Outside Publicity

What is bridge? Isn't that a game played by people in country clubs? By old ladies? Men play bridge? Those are some of the comments and questions I get when I talk with people regarding bridge. Thanks to Phyllis Geizner who has agreed to publicize bridge throughout the Burgh. Her sidekick will be Richard Finberg.

Bridge Whiz -FREE ONLINE INSTRUCTION STUDENTS GRADE 4-12

Online registration is **now open** for FREE instruction to students from grades 4-12. Tell your grandkids, spread the word.

<https://www.acbleducationalfoundation.org/page/bridgewhiz-online-bridge-lessons-for-grades-4-12-44.html>

Text Alerts last minute game cancellations

Don't drive to bridge and find your game has been cancelled last minute. Sign up for text alerts and never again make a worthless trip. Simply text GAMEOFF to 84483. Check Club Results on our website page for more info.

Play Bridge, Lose Weight

We all know that bridge is an exercise of the mind, but did you know it burns up calories? In Marty Bergen's *Slam Bidding Made Easier*, he encourages us to concentrate hard when playing bridge. He further states, "Studies have shown that a bridge player who is constantly thinking burns up more calories during one session than a surgeon does while performing a difficult operation!"

I don't think this takes into account our replacing those calories with the food and snacks at our games.

Tuesday game Lauri Ann West

Gus Costanzo is now the Director in charge of the Tuesday game which is currently at Glenshaw. He's taking steps forward to bring the game back to Lauri Ann West. Check our Club Results page or Club Directory page for updates.

Natrona Heights Game has been cancelled since the passing of Sue Golier.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

MARY PAULONE CARNS

This is the policy approved for NABC's (which are run by the ACBL). It has been adopted also by District 5 for its Regionals. And the PBA Board has adopted it for our Sectionals, Special Events, and the Saturday Unit Game. We urge all Club Managers to adopt it as well.

Electronic Device Policy

This policy applies to all events at NABCs and events where ACBL is the Sponsoring Organization. Regional and Sectional tournaments are encouraged to adopt and apply this policy or one more well-suited to their players. A violation of any of the restrictions below will result in an automatic penalty, pursuant to Law 91 of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge.

1 - Any electronic equipment must be kept in silent mode (except for health-related equipment, where silent mode is unavailable or could constitute a health risk).

It is recommended, though not mandatory, that any such equipment remain switched off while in the playing area during a session.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment is not compliant with (1) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/8 of a board, 1.5 imps, or 1/2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the third offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

2 - Players are expected to be paying attention to the game. While at the table, players may not use or interact with their electronic devices during bridge play. When between rounds or sitting out, use or interaction with electronic devices is permitted, provided it is inaudible. For other situations, permission to use or interact with an electronic device will be granted upon the Director's judgment and on a case-by-case basis.

Penalties: If it is determined that an electronic equipment was operated in violation of (2) above, the penalty for the first offense is 1/2 of a board, 6 IMPS, or 2 VP. For each subsequent offense during an event the penalty will be doubled. Beginning with the second offense, the player may be subject to disqualification, upon approval of the Sponsoring Organization.

The above restrictions apply to all players, captains, coaches and kibitzers, except those persons granted permission by the ACBL, and are in force throughout any playing session or segment of play.

A kibitzer in violation of these policies must leave the playing area and may be readmitted only by permission of the tournament director.

Penalties for captains and coaches: Same as for players.

For the purpose of this policy, each day of a multi-day event is treated independently.

Further restrictions and requirements may apply in events involving live internet and/or VuGraph coverage and/or instruction from the Sponsoring Organization.

For the purpose of this policy, Sponsoring Organization is the ACBL for NABCs, the organizing District for Regionals, and the organizing Unit for Sectionals.

A BIDDING DILEMMA**CRAIG BIDDLE**

This situation came up in my Vichill League team's match a few weeks ago. You open 1♥ with ♠AK ♥A9743 ♦KQ64 ♣54 in 2nd seat with all vulnerable. Your LHO bids 4♠ and partner, bless his heart, is there with a 5♥ call. RHO passes, and it's your turn.

Well, does he have ♠74 ♥K10865 ♦9 ♣QJ1054 or ♠2 ♥KQ1065 ♦J103 ♣A973? He'd surely not want to sell out to 4♠ with the first and with the second he has interest in slam if you have a good hand. How can you tell?

You need to have two ways for partner to bid 5♥. In order to do this you need to sacrifice the bid of 4NT (surely, partner wouldn't bid 4NT with the 2nd hand, if you showed him two key cards with no Queen he'd have no idea whether you had your actual hand or ♠Ax ♥AJxxx ♦xxx ♣Kxx) to differentiate, much as we do with responder's (lebensohl) 2NT after partner's 1NT opening is overcalled. So with the weak hand, responder would bid 4NT, telling you to bid 5♣ and then he would bid 5♥, or with a moderate hand and lot of clubs or diamonds he could pass or bid 5♦. And thus his direct 5-level bids would show good hands.

Where should you draw the line? I suggest you require responder to have two key cards, values where he would have forced to game in an uncontested auction, and some extra playing strength for the "strong" bids and with a featureless 2 key cards or worse (♠xx ♥Kxxx ♦xx ♣Axxxx) he use the weak sequence.

Note – there is a schism in this situation. A minority use the 4NT bid as "either a slam try in hearts or "pick a minor". This stems from the "standard" defense to 4-level openings, where 4NT is used as a takeout bid and, if the 4NT bidder subsequently bids a suit at the 5-level he shows a very strong hand. But I think that this is such a low-frequency occurrence that you stick with "direct bids strong."

A MULTI-LAYERED PROBLEM**CRAIG BIDDLE**

You deal and open 1♠ with ♠AK10832 ♥-- ♦64 ♣AK765, none vul at IMPs. Partner responds 2♥, forcing to game. What do you bid?

I hope all of you bid 3♣ here. There will be time to rebid your spades later. For instance, if partner bids 3NT, you just bid 4♠, which will have decent chances to make. And partner will know you have six spades to pull 3NT to 4♠, so he will assume that you have good clubs to not simply rebid your 6-card major.

But over your 3♣, partner raises to 4♣. This shows 4-card support for sure. And it denies 3 spades for sure. Now you have a problem.

If you rebid 4♠ now, partner may pass with a singleton. If you rebid 4♥ here, partner may think you have 3-card heart support and therefore diamond shortness. If you rebid 4NT here, that's clearly RKC

for clubs, but (a) bidding Blackwood with two small in an unbid suit leads to unsolvable problems, and (b) using Blackwood when clubs are trumps is disaster prone anyway. Sure, if partner shows two keys and the ♣Q you can bid 7♣ with confidence. But any other reply gives you a problem. And if you rebid 5♣, partner will almost surely pass, even with both red aces and the ♣Q.

As Sherlock Holmes liked to say, whenever you have eliminated the impossible, the remaining choice, however improbable, must be the truth. But 4♦ is also “impossible” since it shows first or second round control of diamonds, and you have neither.

80 people on bridgewinners have voted on this problem. The leading vote getter is 4♠, with 19. It’s probably the best of a bad lot. Partner should figure out that you have no diamond control and no heart tolerance, but a good hand. (If you had no diamond control, no heart tolerance, and a bad hand, you would have rebid 2♠ with your 6-card suit, which 4♠ clearly shows.) All is well, partner has ♠Jx ♥AQxxxx ♦A ♣J10xx and will drive to 6♣, which is where you want to be.

Partner could have splintered, but a good rule for splintering with a singleton Ace or King is to only do so if you have enough values in the other suits to make up the points you have shown. Here, since you would clearly not have forced to game with 2♥ holding ♠Jx ♥AQxxxx ♦x ♣J10xx, the splinter would not be an option. And this applies to your immediate splinter raises after partner opens a major. If your splinter range is 10-13, you could splinter with 4♦ on ♠Axxx ♥Axxx ♦K ♣Qxxx but not ♠Kxxx ♥Axxx ♦A ♣Qxxx.

KANTAR ON DEFENSE

EDDIE KANTAR

North (dummy): ♠10862 ♥765 ♦AKJ4 ♣QJ

West (you): ♠QJ95 ♥83 ♦85 ♣A6543

The (SAYC) bidding

South West North East

1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass

2♥ Pass 3♥ All Pass

You lead the ♠Q, partner wins the Ace and returns the ♠3 to declarer’s King.

1. Who has the last spade?

Declarer plays off the ♥AK, partner follows with the ♥J then the ♥9.

2. What do you know about partner’s hearts?

Declarer leads a low spade. You play the J and partner discards the ♣10.

3. What do you play now?

Answers:

1. Declarer has the last spade. If partner had started with 3 spades to the Ace, he would have played the higher of his two remaining spades at trick 2. Since he led the 3, and the deuce is in dummy, you know it was partner who had the doubleton.
2. Partner had ♥J109, he played the highest of his sequence first, then the lowest (but not, of course, the J then 10 from J102).
3. You know that declarer has the ♠K and ♥AKQ, there's no room in his hand for any more high cards since he passed a game invitation. Why didn't declarer draw the last trump? Because he has 3 little clubs and wanted to keep you from cashing 3 club winners. He was hoping you would win the spade and play a spade for partner to ruff, then he would overruff and make 1 spade, 5 trumps in hand, two high diamonds, and a club ruff in dummy. But you foil his plan by leading a low club to partner's king (partner knows you have the Ace for the same reason you know he has the K). Partner returns a club, and you play a third club for partner to overruff dummy with his ♥10.

Defense is mostly about attention to detail. Once you know that declarer started with ♥AKQxx and (a) passed an invitation, and (b) didn't draw the last trump, both you and partner could figure out the whole hand.

REGIONAL REPORT

Units 142 and 229 were well represented in the winners' circles for the various events. I'm just going to list people who finished first in their flight, the full list of everyone who placed in the overalls in the event is here: <http://live.acbl.org/tournament-overalls/2209103> and the full list of masterpoint winners is available here: <http://live.acbl.org/masterpoint-winners/2209103>.

Friday Afternoon Gold Rush Pairs – Anne and Sam Allen, Flight C – Chuck Weber II and James Lauf

Friday Open Pairs – Bob Zimmermann and Phil Goulding, Flight B – Dave Collura and Jim Gump, Flight C – Bharat Shah.

Saturday Gold Rush Pairs – Flights B and C – Linda Silberman and Derek Schofield

Mid-Flight Swiss Teams (Sunday) – Carol Bolen, Mary Lou Flach, Pat Anders, and Lorraine Hanna

THIRD HAND PLAY VS. NOTRUMP

CRAIG BIDDLE

Third hand play to the first trick against a notrump contract is often crucial to the outcome. Here's a deal from the Friday Open Pairs.

Dummy: ♠K743 ♥KQ ♦A9742 ♣72

You: ♠Q6 ♥752 ♦J85 ♣KJ1065

Pard	Dummy	You	Declarer
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♣
Pass	2♦	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

A word about the bidding. Declarer's 2♣ bid was "4th suit forcing", often used to check for 3-card support for the suit the 4th suit bidder showed on his previous turn. Dummy's 2♦ bid denied a club stopper and also denied 3 hearts.

Partner leads the ♠10 and dummy plays small. What do you play? Well, for most people the ♠10 lead denies the Jack but could hold a higher honor. (People who play "coded 10's and 9's could have AJ10 here.) So you know that Declarer has the ♠J. Who has the ♠A? If declarer has it, your ♠Q is toast, while if partner has it the lady could win this trick.

Where are the points? You can see 12 in dummy and 7 in your own hand, so there are 21 points unaccounted for. Declarer surely has at least 12, and probably less than 17 (since he didn't make any sort of slam try). So partner has 5-9 points. What is declarer's shape? Declarer probably has 5 hearts, definitely has no more than 3 spades and is likely to have no more than 3 diamonds.

All right, what are you going to play? (Incidentally, you should do all this thinking before playing to trick 1 as a matter of habit. Some of it can be done during the auction or while partner is pondering their choice of lead.) It's right to play the ♠Q, even though declarer is more likely to have the ♠A than partner is. Why? Because it's a clear case of, "heads I win, tails I break even." The ♠Q can't take a trick unless partner has the ace. So you play the ♠Q and it holds.

What should you do now? This is a serious problem at matchpoints. Partner has already shown up with almost all of the points he may have; from his original 5-9, he is now down to 1-5 in the suits other than spades. At IMPs, it would be a no-brainer to shift to the ♣J, playing partner for a specific maximum high-card holding and at least 3 clubs. After all, if this layout exists, you will beat 3NT by taking (at least) the first 5 tricks. At matchpoints, though, it's not so clear. Partner is, after all, not very likely to have not only a maximum, but also the PERFECT maximum. Meanwhile, if it's declarer with the perfect maximum (♠Jxx ♥A109xx ♦KQx ♣AQ) and you shift to a club, declarer may decide to finesse. If he has that hand, and does elect to finesse, he has 12 tricks and you have put partner's ♠A in an early grave.

What's best at matchpoints? I don't know. It's embarrassing to miss out on a quick set of an opposing game. But it's also embarrassing to have partner go to bed with an ace. I suspect that most people will play the club, but I think the odds favor the spade return slightly. And most of the time it won't matter, the final outcome will be decided by the locations of the red suit honors.

Cashing out decisions are really crucial to matchpoints, and almost totally irrelevant at IMPs where the only real objective is to play for the set. If dummy was a little better (say, with the $\spadesuit AQxxx$), then it would be relatively clear to cash since declarer would be a huge favorite to have all of the $\spadesuit J \heartsuit A \diamond K \clubsuit AQ$ to have forced to game and, without the $\clubsuit A$ he would have nothing resembling a game force.

THAT BOOK IS TOO HARD FOR ME

CRAIG BIDDLE

I constantly recommend to people who ask me what convention they should learn next that their next step in learning should be an appropriate book on declarer play or defense. The most common response I get from them is, those books are too hard for me. I have heard that from many players over the years.

Well, guess what. Some of my most treasured books on card play were too hard for me the first time through. But I have persevered, and now my list is a relatively short one. *Adventures in Card Play* by Geza Ottlik is an incredibly difficult book in some respects but very valuable in others. *The Working Horse* by May Sakr is a terrific book on defense. There are problems in both books that I still don't understand. And I'm sure there are others I don't own that I would find challenging the first time through.

I know a few players who became terrific declarers and defenders without reading books. But they are rare. Most high-level players have spent countless hours reading books on card play technique. Their purpose is to acquire a library of patterns that they can use to solve a problem they encounter at the table. The best way to do this for most of us, including me, is to read and reread a "hard" book until it becomes easy.

For instance, I have gone through *Challenge Match* by Hugh Kelsey about 5 times. Its format is a 64 board IMP match against tough competition. Each problem gives you an IMP score depending on the line of play or defense that you chose. The first time through, I lost the match by about 200 IMPs. The 5th time I won by about 300. You all think I'm a natural. Nope, not me. I have just worked very hard to get better at card play. I don't always find the right pattern that applies to the problem I am facing at the table, but my batting average is pretty good.

Seriously, if you're new to the game, you need to go through introductory level books on declarer play and another on defense until you can open either book, look at a problem, and remember the main points on the play required. When you can do that, the game will become much easier. Don't be ashamed if you have to go through the book a few times, this is a hard game and pattern recognition is a big part of it that is horribly under-emphasized by most bridge teachers.

And if you've been playing for a while, there are plenty of intermediate and advanced level books on card play to help you add even more patterns to your library.

STREAKS AND BIG GAMES

CHRIS WANG

Big games:

Kenneth Eichler & Leroy Hackenberg II 75.46 Greensburg Fri

James Gump & Robert Flynn 71.88 O'Hara Tues

Madeleine Frizzi & Karl Sokalski 70.83 Lebo Fri

3 in a row:

Jenny Janitor Export Mon

Dorothy Murray Export Mon

Cecilia Powell Greensburg Wed

Lynne & Alan Colker Wilkins Fri

Beatrice Chiappetta Wilkins Fri

Dolly Nagy Wilkins Fri

Gary Marcus Allegheny Wed

Kenneth Eichler Export Mon

2 in a row:

Kenneth Stiger Beth El NLM Tues

Sarah Wozniak Greensburg Wed

Ed Collins Greensburg Wed

Denise Dufour Allegheny Wed

John Doyal Lebo Fri

Peggy Shivetts Export Mon

Joann Szymecki Allegheny Wed

Judy & Harold Haffner O'Hara Tues

Esther Burstin Beth El NLM Tues

Rebecca Zoretich Beth El NLM Tues

OUR PEOPLE

MARILYN PAINTER

Jame Goldsmith Bress died on September 5, 2022, at the age of 87. She was a life master who had many other interests. She was a member of Rodef Shalom congregation.

Bernard Sobol, husband of Evelyn Sobol, died early this month (August). Bernard had a successful ophthalmology practice in Charleroi and later Uniontown, before retiring to Florida.

On August 19, a memorial service was held for Sue Golier, who died July 11, just shy of her 80th birthday. Several hundred were in attendance including many bridge players. Sue was a beloved member of our bridge community. In addition to family members, Sharon Drake spoke at the service. It all was a fitting farewell to a remarkable woman.

Gen Novak is back playing after undergoing hip replacement surgery. Oh, the marvels of modern medicine! Welcome back.

Please send any news regarding members to me at marilynlpainter@yahoo.com. Or text. 412 708-7433. Good news, I hope!!! I'll acknowledge receipt so you know It has been received. Marilyn.



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3:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, Oct 22

10:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 499er Pairs (1 session)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

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, Oct 23

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/
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