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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

With all due apologies to Cole Porter: “Have you heard, the PBA, had a sectional and I’ll say—Well, did you EVAH! What a swell party, swell party, swellegant, elegant party, it was!!”INDEED!!

One of the most successful tournaments we have ever had and, for sure, the most fun. Ken and Barbara Bergman did their usual outstanding job of the feeding and care of the masses that came to worship at the foot of the masterpoint ladder. With a lot of help from their wonderful staff ; Marcella & Ernie Retetagos, Sue McQuillan, Margie Tiglio, Sharon Rohr, Jack Charles, Marilyn Painter, Mary Lou Spine, all the bakers and cooks, Darlene Mannheimer, and Mary Anne McNeirney, they made certain that we were all treated to a grand weekend. We thank you for all your hard work.

And, if that were not enough, we had entertainment worthy of a Broadway opening. OK, it was an off-Broadway production, but don’t be surprised if some very enterprising producer doesn’t pirate it for a first run. I am, of course referring to the funny, informative, and highly entertaining “Jeopa-Bridge” show written produced and starred in by Lou Joseph, Barbara Bergman, Brad Craig and Bill Holt, who served as moderator. The show was really funny and there was standing room only in the “theater” .

Writing a show of that caliber is not easy, but I’m certain the writers will be happy to know that at the next “BPWW” awards (Bridge Players Who Write), they are a shoo-in for the statuette. (A bridge player choking his partner) NICE GOING GANG and thank you all for putting so much effort forth for all of us. I just know your next production will be as fascinating.

So here comes May, and with it the annual PBA Awards Party, where we honor and celebrate our own achievements. May 14th at the Blackridge Center - Party kicks off somewhere around 6 PM - game starts at 7 PM. COME OUT AND CHEER FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND/OR YOURSELF!!!



Pittsburgh Bridge Association
Presents

The Over / Under Contest

May 7, 2010 - Aug 20, 2010

2 separate events. The winner of each event gets free entries to every event in an upcoming Pittsburgh Sectional. You are automatically entered if you play!

- ♦ Play at the PBA Unit game, Friday 7:00 PM
- ♦ Under 1000: play with another player with under 1000 masterpoints, not necessarily the same person each week
- ♦ Over 1000: play with any player
- ♦ Play in a minimum of 4 sessions (of the 10 available) to qualify. Your best 3 games count.
- ♦ The Player with the Highest Average %-age of the best 3 games wins.

Qualification Period: May 7 through August 20, 2010
(Pair games only)

Members of the board of the PBA are not eligible to win but may partner another player in the contest.

For more details see the unit website or contact
Mary Paulone Carns at
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**So come on out and
Get Over! Or Get Under?**
www.pittsburghbridge.org



POST TRAUMATIC HAPPENINGS

You would think that everyone has a right to expect that when their parents leave this world they would leave behind a little nest egg for their children.

I had high hopes because I knew my 102 year old mother, Rose, was finally going to live up to my expectations.

Mother informed me she was going to the Casino to gamble. I knew I had nothing to worry about. I was about to strike it rich.

With baited breath I went to visit Mother when she came back from her trip and knowingly recognized the smile on her face as a sign of success. Not wanting to seem to eager, I casually asked her how it went. "Great" she said. "I won!!" YES!!!!, I thought. And then she continued on. "But I gave it all back; every penny of the \$5.00 profit"

There goes the chateau in France.

POST CARDS

SEEN COLUMN:

(Just like in the paper)

After a lengthy illness, **Arnie**

Roberts was conspicuously present at the Rodef Shalom Monday bridge game. It is wonderful to see Arnie again, looking chipper—er than ever.

Then, of course, **Lois Sloane**, looking better than ever, attended the Monday game as well. Lois spent some down time as a sick puppy. It is so good to see them back.

We almost had to cancel Pittsburgh Bridge!! **Marion Smith** was ill and couldn't play bridge. Everyone knows if Marion isn't there, it isn't a real game. Thank goodness, she showed up to play again. Whew, that was close!! Marion, do something intelligent—stay well!!

HELP WANTED POST

We are trying to restart the mentoring program for our unit. Anyone interested in either being a mentor or being mentored can contact Bill Seran at:
bridgeplayerx2@verizon.net
or call: 412-952-3582.

IN MEMORIAM

Cliff Huffman—He made the best sandwich in town and sometimes, if I was extra good, he would share one of his sandwiches with me.

He was a lovely man, who always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude, in spite of the fact that he was severely injured in an accident a few years ago.

I am deeply saddened by his death. However, I am only one of many. For the first time since I became editor of the Post Mortem, I was continuously updated of his condition by several people and when he died, my e-mail box was filled with notes from friends who were anxious to express their sympathy and sadness at his passing.

There will always be an emptiness at the games Cliff attended. The Pittsburgh Bridge Association has lost a dear friend.

We will all miss him and send our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Our condolences also go to Iola Croner on the death of her grandson. We hope that fond memories will help to sustain her in this time

**PBA SPRING SECTIONAL
APRIL 23-25, 2010**

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 S Harris - D Averbach
 2 E Catalfamo - R Quinlan
 3 I Croner - J Killmeyer
 1 D Hess - J Smith
 2 P Cunkelman - J Janitor
 3 P Silver - J Shapiro
 1 R Grassel - J Zaccardi
 2 D Pittman - N Aquino
 3 J Perman - B Nesbit

FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS

A B C
 1 1 1 C Croushore - C Pattison
 2 2 S Williams - K Steele
 3 3 2 M Fisher - R Marton

FRI-SAT KO BRACKET 1

1 K Bergman, B Bergman,
 E Retetagos, M Retetagos
 2 J Bernhard, C Pfeifer,
 J Pfeifer, J Cavalier

FRI-SAT KO BRACKET 2

1 G Retos, D Mannheimer,
 D Turacy Sr, P Evans
 2 L Ostrow, V Kane, P Shrut,
 J Secka Sr

FRI-SAT KO BRACKET 3

1 C Woodhead, G Wire, D Gregg,
 R Sheldon
 2 R Heasley III, S Rabovsky,
 C Pattison, C Croushore

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 G Hastings - L Joseph
 2 1 1 S Helm - P Anders
 3 A Port - I Port
 2 F Prus - R Middleton
 3 W Feeny - M Kumer
 2 A Mariani - R Mariani
 3 J Fox - F Siffrinn

FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS

A B
 1 S Williams - K Steele
 2 1 F Chapman - J Tsang
 3 2 M Fisher - R Marton

SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 B Fudor - B Greenspan
 2 J Marshall - R Franck
 3 W Oberfield - F Cymerman
 1 R Zack - ML D'Altorio
 2 1 J Fox - F Siffrinn
 3 2 M Jordan - A Eames
 3 B Marracino - L Marracino

SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS

A B C
 1 1 1 K Bleckman - E Diamond
 2 R Greco - J Kirkstadt
 3 2 M Sienicki - D Franjione
 3 B Elias - J Zimmerman
 2 K Peters - A Tan
 3 C Stuart - R Neafach

SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

1 R Katz, P Katz, J Overcashier,
 D Roseberry
 2 J Zambroski, C Powell, J Sonon,
 F Adelsberg

SAT COMPACT KO BRACKET 2

1 D Collura, L Duncan, R Grassel,
 J Zaccardi
 2 W Seran, B Brennan, R Brown,
 U Brown

SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS

A B C
 1 MP Carns - A Ulke
 2 1 P Cunkelman - J Janitor
 3 J Krause, - C Sands
 2 K Eichler - A Jacobelli
 3 P Rubin - M Rubin
 1 S Helm - J Charles
 2 D Overcashier - N Saxena
 3 D Livingston - J Livingston

PBA SPRING SECTIONAL SPECIAL INTEREST POST
APRIL 23-25, 2010

SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

A B

- 1 1 C Conaway - M Babbitt
2 2 K Peters - A Tam
3 3 J McCormick - WD Lowery

SUN 299'er SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1 1 G Perez, J Szymecki, S Wald,
B Gallupe
2 S Broadwater, K Pfeffer,
M Henry, A Henry
3 2 T Piper, K Piper, C Gibboney,
J Divittis
3 1 T Donehoo, L Thiel, R Gavert,
JA Mujwit

SUN OPEN SWISS TEAMS

A B C

- 1 MP Carns, G Carns, A Ulke,
P Katz
2 S Grzegorzewski, B Klein,
B Grzegorzewski, D Donald
3 1 J Prior, ML Naughton, S Helm,
D Averbach
2 M Hunt, B McElhaney,
A Bonneau, P Patton
3 R Poppleton, R Krauland,
M Zinamon, V Vertes
1 J Gray, S Nolan, S Bardi,
J Bardi
2 C Woodhead, G Wire, D Gregg,
R Sheldon
3 C Wang, M Natelson, M Zika,
E Balucha

**REMEMBER - A SECTION TOP
OR FIRST OVERALL IN ALL STRATA
EARNED YOU A FREE ENTRY TO
THE PBA FRIDAY NIGHT GAME.
WE'LL
HAVE THE RECORDS THERE - JUST
COME AND PLAY!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THE WINNERS!!!**

The annual Awards Party will be upon us on Friday, May 14th. In addition to the certificates and medallions awarded to the event winners and category winners, there are four very special honors given in the name of prominent members who are no longer with us in life, but very much with us in spirit. Each of these awards is presented annually to a deserving player.

FRED SORENSEN AWARD

This award is given to the one member of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association who has earned the most masterpoint in the previous years events hosted by Unit 142

JANE McINTYRE AWARD

This award is bestowed upon the person who has been deemed as the one who has contributed most in helping other enjoy the game

MILT FRAZIER AWARD

This award is reserved for the person who is recognized as the one who has given the most effort for the good of the Unit

"NIMMI" AWARD

In memory of Nirmala Somani, who rose from novice to become an accomplished bridge player in a short period of time; this award is given to the novice who has earned the most masterpoints in the previous year

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
AWARD**

Given to the person or persons who have done the most for the Unit and been rewarded with the least amount of gratitude and a plethora of complaints. The award nobody really wants but also the one everyone secretly believes they deserve.

COME OUT & SUPPORT THE WINNERS!

Here it is: Matchpoints, none vul, you are South

Your hand:

S K J 9 6 5
H Q J 7 5 3
D 4
C Q 6

The bidding is:

N	E	S	W
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?			

What do you bid?

Ernie Retetagos: Double. What else? You even made it non vul at matchpoints. Partner doesn't need much to take 9 or 10 tricks in a major.

Asim Ulke: I bid 4D. There is no way to stop in 3 of a major even if I guessed right. Pass or double could be the right action.

Bruce Keidan: pass. not good enough to balance at this level, my 5-5 bmajors notwithstanding. let the heroes bid.

Gail Carns: Pass I think both partner and RHO have good hands and we can probably beat 3D, Since RHO probably doesn't have a D fit, but if I double partner might bid 3NT which I don't think will make.

Bernie Fudor: Put me down as a pass. All other actions feel wrong.

Jim Bachelder: Double, I don't like it but what else? I hope I don't hear either 4C or Pass.

Richard Finberg:3H. This will not get many votes, but I am afraid to double lacking quick tricks, as partner likely has a D stack. 4D could work, but hand is not that strong, and it bypasses 3NT. Bidding 3H allows partner to pass, raise, bid 3S (which I will pass) or 3NT -- and gives partner, rather than me, the last chance to err.

Mary Carns: 3S. Not good enough to bid 4D. If partner bids 3NT or 4 of a minor I'll bid 4H. Yes we could already be too high.

Herb Sachs: Pass. If this is my hand as South after 3d pass pass i also pass. if i could guess perfectly i would bid 4d and hope my partner has at least three of one major and bids it. maybe he can make it but maybe partner is 2-2 -4-5 then what. sometimes you have to sell out to preempts so what.

Florine Walters: Pass. This hand is not good enough for Michaels at the four level, and I do not have a good enough hand to make any other bid at the three level.

PJ Prabhu: 3S. I really want to bid 4D, but am afraid that partner might get carried away. Although double may be the winning bid, I reject it for fear of hearing a 4C response.

Bill Holt: Pass. I am going to pass. I have lousy suits, only half a quick trick, partner couldn't act, and the suits are going to break badly. If I double I won't like hearing 4c from partner, and my hand isn't good enough to double then pull to a major nor good enough to bid 4d 'pick a major'.

Steve Nolan : Double. I think this is better than 4D because it allows for a penalty pass and will allow us to keep low in the event that East has more points than North. If North bids 4C, just hope that it's a better score than 3D making. If 4C is doubled by East, I'll bid 4D to force North to bid a major.

Stan Ruskin: Pass This is very difficult. Partner didn't make a take-out double so there is something strange here. Does he have a diamond stack and is waiting for you to double so he can pass. If so, you can only supply 1/2 of a trick on defense. What kind of a hand does he have that would make you want to compete in 3H or 3S?

Stan Ruskin (Cont.) While he may have a smattering of points, it probably isn't a huge amount – maximum of 12-13 I would guess – maybe less. It is also true that, if there are majors outstanding, they would be with my right hand opponent which is good. Should I guess and bid 3H or 3S? I know this is match points so all you can do is get a bad result but still??? Partner certainly isn't 4/4 in the majors with and opening bid or he would have doubled. I'm going to do something that I have rarely been accused of. I "Pass". Can't win them all

Warren Oberfield: Pass. I believe most people balance too much and when passing in the balancing seat is plausible, I usually do. If one is conservative in balancing situations, it is likely to be replicated at other tables. If one goes for a number, you are less likely to duplicate other results and it becomes difficult to explain to partners/teammates

Auxilliary Expert

Marvin Rulin: pass I would like to get one of my majors into the bidding but they are too weak to bid opposite a pass from partner. west may be lying in wait. if i double what would do if partner bids clubs?

Paul Rosenberg : Dbl. Although the diagram does not match the description, I would like to be playing this hand in a major suit. South has two 5 card majors, and distributional strength. If south doubles, north might say hearts or spades, either of which can be passed, and the contract can be played at the 3 level, which can possibly be made If north bids clubs, then south will have to correct to 4 hearts, and then north can correct to 4 spades, if hearts is really bad. I think it is unlikely that north would consider slam exploration after an initial pass, so at worst the game is played in 4 of the major.

INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

	BID
Phillip Alder	P
Mark Bartusek	P
Alan Bell	D
Marty Bergen	4D
David Berkowitz	D
Mark Blumenthal	3H
Larry Cohen	D
Martin Cohn	3S
Billy Eisenberg	P
Robb Gordon	3S
Cark Hudecek	D
Edwin Kantar	3S
Sami Kehela	D
Eric Kokish	D
Boris Koytchou	P
John Lowenthal	3H
Karen McCallum	D
Marshall Miles	P
Larry Robbins	D
Arthur Robinson	P
Steve Robinson	4D
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	3S
Ira Rubin	D
Paul Sugar	D
Howard Weinstein	D
Larry Weiss	P
Robert Wolff	4D
Kit Woolsey	D
Mahmood Zia	3S
Ray Zoller	D

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Double	13	4	100
Pass	8	9	70
3S	5	1	70
4D	3	1	60
3H	2	1	50

(Ed Note: Lou Joseph and I have more in common than I thought. We both have no problem stealing lines from the pros. (See 1st page). Good for us!!)

(With apologies to Edgar Allen Poe)

A Bridge Players Lament ...by Lou Joseph

*Once upon a bridge game dreary, while I listened, weak and weary
To opponents bidding which astonished me with grief and woe.
Bids I thought were quite insistent, in auctions that were non-existent
Causing me to wonder just where this hand now planned to go.
Finally, I could wait no longer, and my voice rose loud and stronger
When I asked the left hand bidder what his partner's bid did show
Quoth my opponent, "I don't know".*

CLUB POSTS

Easy Come—Easy Go!

Marge Tamres, Director of the Rodef Shalom Sisterhood duplicate has discontinued the last Monday of every month as a charity game.

AND

Don't Forget—The Thursday Afternoon Greensburg game is now a charity game with a sectional rating every week- WITH NO ADDITIONAL COST!! The points are there waiting for you - go out and grab 'em!

PBA MONTHLY SWISS TEAMS

Friday, May 21, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, June 25, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, July 23, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, August 27, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, September 10, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, October 22, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, November 26, 2010 - 7 PM
Friday, December 17, 2010 - 7 PM

PBA 3 MONTHS

FORWARD AT A GLANCE

MAY 2010

05/07 Unit Championship
05/14 PBA AWARDS PARTY
& Club Charity Game
05/21 Unit Championship
SWISS TEAM
05/28 PBA CANCELLED -
CLEVELAND REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT

JUNE 2010

06/06 NAOP Qualifier
06/11 PBA CANCELLED -
GREENSBURG SECTIONAL
TOURNAMENT
06/17 Special Thursday STaC game @
Glenshaw Moose
06/18 PBA STaC game
06/25 Unit Championship
SWISS TEAM

JULY 2010

07/02 Open Pairs
07/09 PBA CANCELLED -
PBA SUMMER SECTIONAL
@ MASONIC CENTER
07/16 NAOP Qualifier
07/23 Unit Championship
SWISS TEAM
07/30 New Partnership Night!

STaC'n'Snack

*STaC Games all Week
PLUS a Special
Game to Enjoy.*

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June 14–20, 2010
STaC Week!!!

Thursday Night @ Glenshaw Moose!

Game Time 7:00 PM - June 17th

Indoor Picnic starts at 6:15.

\$15 per pair—whadda deal!

**Bring your "A" Snack — and whatever
game you've got for all to enjoy!**

It's a Snack Attack at the Moose!

*Don't have a snack? Better come anyway ...
Someone's gonna have to eat all the food!*

*Call Your 'Snack Coordinators':
Judith Perman 412-487-6788
Betty Nesbitt 412-486-5302*

**A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites.
So your performance at your local club is compared
with other games—for a larger award!**

**STaC Strats: "A" 2000+ "B" 500-2000 "C" 0-500
All masterpoint awards are Silver.**



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

**Directions on the Website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org**



GREENSBURG OUTPOST *by Mary Jo Johnson*

The bridge community has suffered a huge loss with the passing of Bill Jacob. He was a gentleman in every essence of the word. All of us could have learned proper bridge etiquette if we had just paid close attention to Bill. He will surely be missed and in his honor, his brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Mary Ann Jacob, donated a spaghetti lunch with salad, bread, and pies for dessert at the Thursday game where Bill played. Just prior to the game, Bob told us how much his brother appreciated the cards and support of his fellow bridge players and that bridge holds a special place in the hearts of Bill's family.

Tom and Karen Piper took the "seas by storm" when they came home with 14 silver points earned at a Sectional at Sea Bridge Cruise to the Bahamas. The weather was less than stellar so they played lots of bridge (sometimes twice a day) and took advantage of the lessons as well. We hear that Tom is going to have knee surgery in the near future. Here's wishing you a successful procedure and a speedy and full recovery.

Ginny Habina has had cataract surgery on one eye and by the time of this printing, will have had the second eye done as well. We're probably going to look a lot older to her now..... LOL.

Kudos to Charlene Benedict who came home from Gatlinburg with 20+ points. Way to go girl !!!! We're all proud of you. Brad Craig (aka.... Tommy Tinnear) and Pat Cunkleman had a 71% game at Dave Legal's Monday game at the Export Moose. Congratulations.....and remind me to sit in the opposite direction of the two of you next time.

For those of you who attended the Pittsburgh Sectional at the Masonic Center in the North Hills, no comments are necessary. But for those of you who did not get to play, you missed a great time with wonderful hospitality and larger than expected attendance.

The Thursday's game spring party is April 29th at Lakeview. Everyone is looking forward to a great dinner, socialization, and good bridge.

The Greensburg Sectional is June 11,12,& 13th at the Greensburg Garden/ Civic Center. We need your help and donations, either food or monetary, so please contact the following committee chair-persons where ever you feel your expertise lies.....Cookies: Jacki Plummer; Snacks, Dips, Cheeses, etc: Charlene Benedict & Sally Wozniak; Soda Pop: Dennis and Carol Gibboney. Signing up now will help them determine what they need to buy or "put the arm" on us for additional donations.

Bridge Quote: South: ALERT ! East: Yes? South: I am requested to further misdescribe my hand.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Ilker Altinoglu
Kathleen Dell'acqua
Tim Glass
Richard Kotler
John Moyer

CLUB MASTER

Ronald Christiansen
Louise Meyer
Patricia Miller
Gerry Tessler
James Tito

NABC MASTER

Wayne Davis

SECTIONAL MASTER

Jean Kabbert

REGIONAL MASTER

Sylvia Williams

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Sarah O'Neil Helm

‘WAY TO GO GUYS’

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Paul Rosenberg & Eric Ruben	71.67%	Sewickley
Carl Hamill & Lou Joseph	72.69%	Moon Area DBC
Pat Cunkelman & Brad Craig	71.53%	Export DBC
Harvey Notarius & Samuel Bliman	70.63%	SHJCC NLM
Marge Tamres & Joe Brady	72.51%	Fri Blackridge
Judy Haffner & Asim Ulke	70.03%	Fri Blackridge

4 IN A ROW

D Bridenbaugh	Export DBC	J Bridenbaugh	Export DBC
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3 IN A ROW

James Klein	Thu Blackridge
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2 IN A ROW

Lou Joseph	Mon Rodef	Mort Rubin	Mon. Rodef
Paula Rubin	Mon. Rodef	Mort Rubin	JCC Wechsler
Jean Prior	Mon Whitehall	Bob Quinlan	Mon Whitehall
Bob Kleinmann	Tue JCC-SH	David Kresh	Tue JCC-SH
Tom Morris	Mon Whitehall	Frank Cordier	Mon Glenshaw (2X)
Joe Brady	Mon Glenshaw (2X)	Jean Prior	Mon Glenshaw
Bob Quinlan	Mon Glenshaw	Jim Quigley	Mon Glenshaw
Marge Mazer	Mon Glenshaw	Arlene Port	Wed Glenshaw
Joe Brady	Wed Glenshaw	J Zambroski	Thu Blackridge
Faye Adelsberg	Thu Blackridge	Paula Rubin	JCC Wechsler
Chris Wang	Tues Temple Sinai	James Gray	Tues. Temple Sinai

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

GROW



AND MULTIPLY YOUR MASTERPOINTS!!

May 2010

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