

POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

.....by lou joseph

Yes, once again the Post Mortem is late, and yes, once again it is all my fault. (I have mastered this excuse, having repeated it over and over ad nauseum to all my partners at the recent Cleveland Regional)

Last month saw the annual Awards Party. Wonderful hospitality was provided by Jean Picone. It was a great night for envy. A summary of the major awards appears on page

June will be a busy month for Unit 142 players. The Greensburg Sectional Tournament will be held June 11-13 at their new site, the Greensburg Garden/Civic Center. Information and directions can be found by clicking on the Greensburg link on the PBA website. Remember that there will be no Unit game at Blackridge on Friday evening 6/11.

STaC (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) week follows right behind the Greensburg Sectional, running from June 14 through June 20th. Follow the link to the District 5 website and then click on the STaC link to find out which games are participating. Please note that Unit 142, in addition to the regular STaC game being held Friday 6/18, is also holding a special Thursday evening game at the Glenshaw Moose on 6/17. Please see the flyer on page 9. HEIGH-HO SILVER! (points, that is...)

Be sure to check out the flyer on page two concerning the Over/Under 1000 contest being held on Friday evenings. You could end up playing for free at the Fall Sectional!!

While you're planning forward, remember the upcoming Summer Sectional to be held July 9-11 at the Masonic Center. (See page 5) If this summer doesn't provide you with enough bridge to satisfy your cravings, then you definitely should seek psychiatric help!



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



IN MEMORY

.....by arlene port

It is with great sadness we report the death of Red Cohen, a well respected figure in our bridge community. Too often we know our members only by their involvement in bridge.

Red, in fact, was a very special person. He was a veteran of WWII, where he served in the navy. He was also a very talented man who played piano on Broadway.

To those who knew him well, he was charming and funny and a very accomplished bridge player. With over 1000 master points, he was considered by all as a wonderful partner, no matter what their skill level.

Although in his 90's, Red was robust and active. It was a shock and we are dismayed he died so suddenly of a heart attack.

To his siblings, nieces and nephews, who were devoted to him, we send our deepest sympathy

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.

POST CARDS

The editors neglected to offer their special condolences to Cliff Huffman's sister, Lois, a lovely lady and bridge player like her late brother. We apologize for this oversight; it was unintentional

Belated congratulations are offered to Herb Sachs for attaining the eminent achievement of Emerald Life Master (7500 points). You'd think being one of the most respected players in the Unit, not the mention being the Uncle of one of the editors of the Post Mortem, would ensure a more timely recognition of such an honor. Well, once again, it was all my fault....

MAJOR AWARDEES 5/14/2010

2009 FRED SORENSEN AWARD

Asim Ulke

2009 MILT FRAZIER AWARD

Ken and Barb Bergman

2009 JANE McINTYRE AWARD

Susan Podgers & Marilyn Siebert

2009 NIRMALA SOMANI AWARD ("Nimmy")

Dennis Gibboney

2009 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Arlene Port & Lou Joseph

WELL DESERVED TO ALL!!

Cleveland All-American Regional 5/25/10-5/31/10

TUE EVE SIDE GAME

A B C

3 2 E Alcoff-F Feldman

WED MORN SIDE GAME

A B C

2 R Qunlan-C Hoechstetter

TUE/WED KO BRACKET 3

2 G Wire, E Mast, R Sheldon, K Bock

WED COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

1 H Nelson, E Itkin, S Steiner, W Lindgren

2 F Schenker, R Titkin, D Roseberry, P
Facinelli

WED OPEN PAIRS

A B C

3 C Wang-J Stahl

WED EVE 299'er PAIRS

A B C

2 2 T Piper-K Piper

THU EVE SWISS TEAMS

A B C

2 F Schenker, D Petrov, P Facinelli,
D Roseberry

FRI MORN SIDE GAME

A B C

2 R Quinlan-J Prior

3 B Belardi-C Powell

1 1 J Perman-B Nesbit

3 2 H Bohl Jr-MJ Bohl

FRI STRATIFIED SWISS TEAMS

A B C

2 J Haffner, H Haffner, B Ellis,
B Greenspan, M Rabinowitz

3 C Berkman, L Finegold, E Sobol,
M Kramer

1 T Piper, K Piper, D Gibboney,
C Gibboney

FRI EVE SIDE GAME

A B C

3 S Wozniak-C Benedict

SAT AFT SIDE GAME

A B C

2 I Croner-S Schuchert

3 A Colker-L Colker

SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

D E F

1 1 C Oliver-W Nichols

SAT OPEN PAIRS

A B C

3 W Oberfield-M Rabinowitz

3 D Averbach- S Helm

SAT EVE SIDE GAME

A B C

3 J Klein-B Klein

SAT EVE 199'er PAIRS

A B C

3 2 C Oliver-W Nichols

SAT EVE SWISS TEAMS

A B C

1 B Belardi-J Sonon-C Powell-
P Shivetts

SAT MORN SIDE GAME

A B C

1 J Sonon-B Belardi

3 C Powell-P Shivetts

MORNING KO

2 F Schenker, J Tscholl, M Kraut,
D Roseberry, J Overcashier

MORNING SWISS TEAMS

A B C

1 J Haffner-H Haffner-A Ulke-
R Katz

SUN MORN SIDE PAIRS

A B C

1 J Klein-B Klein

MORNING SIDE SERIES OVERALLS

1 R Quinlan

2 B Belardi

AFT'NOON SIDE SERIES OVERALL

2 A Bealles

3 P Miller-B Miller

SUN OPEN PAIRS

A B C

1 R Zwack-G Carns

2 W Oberfield-F Cymerman

3 R Katz-P Katz

1 F Feldman-E Alcoff

SUN EVE 299'er PAIRS

D E F

1 S Broadwater-K Pfeffer

2 1 A Henry-M Henry

SUN COMPACT KO BRACKET 1

1 B Fudor, D Early, J Toy,
M Rabinowitz

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Butler & Pittsburgh "Simmer" Sectional

July 9 - 11, 2010

Masonic Center North

3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Partnerships:

MaryAnne McNeirney
412-327-0755

Newcomers & 299ers:

Darlene Mannheimer
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:

Sharon Rohr 412-963-6133
Sue McQuillan 412-661-7999
Mary Lou Ford 724-843-7219
Steve Schwarzwaelder 412-708-0966

Sanction # S 1007033

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts

All Stratifications by Average MPs in All Events!

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

299er D: 200-300
E: 50-200
F: 0-50

Pairs Entries \$10 pp.
Open Swiss Teams \$88/team
299er Swiss \$ 68/team

*Non & Unpaid ACBL Members \$1
additional per session*

299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Full Newcomer / NLM Schedule:

"Newcomer / 299er Pairs" -
Both Sessions Friday & Saturday
PLUS Special Swiss on Sunday!

Play **ONLY** against other New Players

Contact Darlene for
Swiss & KO Team-building!



PITTSBURGH

Lesson from an Expert...

Friday @ 6:45 PM

Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Student Discount \$5 per Session

Full Schedule & Directions at
www.pittsburghbridge.org

Friday, July 9

Welcoming Hospitality!

1:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)

7:30 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(1st of 3 sessions)

Saturday, July 10

New Times! Free Lunch!

11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(2nd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped Knockout Teams
(1st of 2 sessions)

Free Lunch between sessions!

Play twice and STILL get home early!

4:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed Knockout Teams
(3rd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped Knockout Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)

Sunday, July 11

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Included!

11:00 AM Stratified Open Swiss Teams
(7 rounds of 7 boards)
Stratified 299er Swiss Teams
(6 rounds of 6 boards)
*Separate Play-through Events/
30 point VP scale*

Hospitality All Sessions!
Great Saturday Schedule!



INTERNET POST

Here it is: You are South: IMP's
none vul you hold:

S Q8

H J1072

D Q1082

C Q109

The bidding is:

N	E	S	W
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	PASS		
1S	2D	PASS	PASS
DBL	PASS	?	

What do you bid ?

Bruce Keidan: 2S.

Gail Carns: Pass 2Dx isn't game, it probably will go down and if it doesn't anything I do could be worse.

Richard Finberg: Pass. Likely to be +100, but possibly +300 or more if E has to keep leading from his hand as seems likely. If they make it, -180 is no big deal at IMPs, and no game assured for us. Wish I had an A or K

Arlene Port: 2S I don't think my hand is good enough to set 2D more than one trick and I think we can make 2S. My question is: Even though I know what is considered the best answer, why don't I ever make it? Although, I must agree with those who would have made a negative double over 2D. Does that make me not totally hopeless?

Asim Ulke: I pass. If 2D makes it is a part score. I expect that my partner has no more than 5 spades and no more than 3 hearts. openers distribution is most likely 5-3-1-4. 2 spades might make but I take my chances defending 2D.

Herb Sachs: Pass. I like my intermediates im not thrilled with having to lead spade queen but im passing. no guarantee we have a game. i should at least three tricks along with my soft values. partner is probably 5-4-1-3 no game is for sure and minus 180?? will not be a disaster.

Bill Holt: Pass. It's between that and 2H. They can't get a game swing by 2dX making. The likelihood of partner having 4 hearts is lessened by his 5 card spade suit. I have what looks like 3+ defensive tricks, an ill fit for partner, a 'slow trick' defensive hand, and am willing to try for 300 plus - gambling we don't have 400 or 420. I hope partner is 5314 and we have 7-card fits all around.

Steve Nolan: 2 Hearts. Responding to partner's inquiry. I'll get a second chance to bid no trumps if that's our spot. Pass feels wrong: it's too likely to cost a game for the sake of scoring +100 (and -180 isn't impossible).

Stan Ruskin 2NT I'm torn between 2S and 2NT. I don't think passing is correct in IMPs. There are lots of hands that defeat 2D or may only beat it 1. If you could beat it 1 trick, there is probably no gain because you can make 2 of something. Even if you beat it 2, it isn't worth the chance of minus 180 vs. plus 110 or 120. Partner is probably 5/3/1/4 or 5/4/1/3. I think I may produce more tricks in NT than in a suit and I have help in any suit he has strength. I think 2NT is my final bid.

Mary Paulone Carns: 2S. Not good enough to pass. I would have made a negative double at my first turn.

Warren Oberfield: 2S Sorry, but I do not pass over 1S-2D. I would make a negative double. If I passed at my first turn, either 2S or pass is reasonable over 2Dx, with a mild preference for 2S.

Ernie Retetagos: 2H. A heart contract might play OK even in a 4-3- fit. If partner has a good hand, we should try to uncover a 4-4 heart fit. I should abstain, because I feel like I endplayed myself in this auction by my initial pass. A negative double would have shown hearts plus a willingness to compete. Partner would know which major to bid, and wouldn't have to guess.

Jim Bachelder: 2H, way too weak to consider passing.

PJ Prabhu: . Pass. We may not beat 2D and no game bonus even if they make. My hand appears better suited for defense. Chances of missing game our way is small and even then we are not vul. Second choice is 2H.

Auxilliary Expert

Marvin Rulin 2 NT, I have a double stopper in opponents suit, a balanced hand, good intermediaries and the spade queen should be very helpful. A jump to 3 NT is tempting but with only 7 high card points i'm a little short. i would not bid hearts, if partner had a decent 4 card heart suit he could have bid it.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Pass	12	5	100
2NT	10	2	80
2H	8	3	60
2S	1	5	40
3H	0	0	20
3D	0	0	10

INTERNET POST HOW EXPERTS VOTED

	BID
Michael Becker	2NT
Marty Bergen	P
Larry Cohen	P
Billy Eisenberg	P
Lt. Col Robert Friend	2NT
Alan Graves	2NT
Gail Greenberg	2NT
Barbara Haberman	2NT
Bob Hamman	2H
Cark Hudecek	P
Edwin Kanter	2H
Edgar Kaplan	2NT
Sami Kehela	2NT
Eric Kokish	2H
Mike Lawrence	P
Bob Lipsitz	P
John Lowenthal	P
John Meckstroth	2S
Marshall Miles	P
Josh Parker	P
Michael Passell	2H
Erik Paulson	2H
Peter Pender	2H
Arthur Robinson	2H
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	2H
Ira Rubin	2H
Tom & Carol Sanders	2NT
Joseph Silver	P
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	P



INFORMATION POST
TOP TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD READ THE POST MORTEM

10. It has all the unit news that happened during the last month
9. It has all the unit news that is going to happen during the current month
8. Your name might be in it. (You never know)
7. It has some of the unit news that is going to happen in future months
6. It has fantastically interesting articles.
5. If you read it and your name is not in the “Memory” column, you are still alive.
4. The “Internet Post” gives you a perspective on how the local & national “experts” have bid on difficult bidding situations. Hopefully, it won’t hurt you to learn something. (It hurts me, but I persevere)
3. It has the names of all players who have excelled during the month and allows you to say: “THEY DID THAT?”
2. Lou and Arlene spend approximately 200 hours writing and gathering information. (Lou—3 hrs. and 25 min.—Arlene - the rest!!) Lou will definitely make me pay for that remark. (Even though we really share the work, I like my version better)

AND THE NUMBER ONE REASON IS:

1. ARLENE AND LOU ARE GOING TO START GIVING AN IMPROMPTU QUIZ TO UNSPECTING PEOPLE ABOUT IT’S CONTENT AND IF THEY DON’T KNOW THE ANSWER, WELL, I JUST CAN’T TALK ABOUT IT. I ASSURE YOU, THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE SEVERE.

Cleveland All-American Regional 5/25/10-5/31/10

SUN BRACKET 1 CONSOLATION

- 2 J Prior, R Quinlan, D Averbach,
S Helm

SUN BRACKET 2 CONSOLATION

- 2 T Piper, K Piper, J Plummer,
R Hughes

MON FLIGHT A/X SWISS

- A X
3 2 A Costanzo, J Overcashier,
R Kraut, D Roseberry

MON FLIGHT B BRACKET 1

- 3 H Nelson, E Itkin, F Feldman,
E Alcott

MON FLIGHT B BRACKET 2

- 3 C Bolen, J Bernhard, C Pfeifer,
J Pfeifer

MON FLIGHT B BRACKET 3

- 3 R Sheldon, D Gregg, P Shrut,
J Secka, Sr

MON FLIGHT B BRACKET 4

- 2 S Broadwater, K Pfeffer, A Henry,
M Henry

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL THE WINNERS!!

ALICE WILLIAMS (412-823-7471) AND JANE MARSHALL (412-371-4067) HAVE BEEN TIRELESSLY DRUMMING UP BUSINESS FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT UNIT GAME. THE UNIT THANKS BOTH OF THEM FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A TEAM OR A PARTNER, TRY CALLING EITHER OF THEM!

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*

During the past month we have had several players who were in the hospital with various ailments but all are doing well presently. Sheryl Herschock had foot surgery on both feet and was sporting those gorgeous black boots for a while. Her one foot was worse than the other, so she was able to wear one shoe and only one of those "beauties" and then around the second week of May, I saw her wearing matching shoes (much better look). Lorraine Spangler had a procedure done on her sinuses and missed a couple weeks of bridge. She came back with multiple colored eyes but right now there is just a little discoloration and she is doing fine. When it was first heard that she was in the hospital, everyone assumed it was her back but that wasn't the case. Buzz Carbone spent an overnight in the hospital at the beginning of May. He thought that he was having a stroke but after tests and observation, it was determined that he had an severe 24 hour "bug". To all of you..... glad that you are well and it is nice to have you back.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lois Huffman who lost her brother, Cliff, right after the Pittsburgh Spring Sectional. Cliff, another bridge player, was a great guy, and will be missed by all.

The fifth Thursday of April was the spring party/bridge game held at Lakeview Lounge in Greensburg. There was a very nice turnout and everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner. As usual, Peggy Shivetts announced the bridge winners for the various point categories determined by the compilations that Aubrey George keeps every year. This year's winners were: 5 - 20: Jack Shivetts; 20-50: Bob Davis; 50 -100: Shirley Friedberg; 100 - 200: Dennis Gibboney; 200 - 300: Bill Jacob; 300 - 500: Andy Makar; 500 - 1000: Alieen Clay; 1000 - 2500: Peggy Shivetts; 1500 - 2500: Aubrey George. Each player was presented with a framed certificate and many of these players are acquiring quite a collection.

Another player who is making quite a name for himself is Dennis Gibboney who was recently presented with the Nirmala Somani (Nimmy) Award at the PBA Awards Game. This is granted to the Unit 142 Non-Life Master player who has won the most masterpoints overall for the year, 2009. Congratulations Dennis on a job well done.

Larry and Linda Evans are on a 2 week cruise to Hawaii with friends. We miss them but are 100% positive that they are having a wonderful time and would rather be there than in Greensburg playing bridge. After this past winter, this is a well deserved vacation both of them.

Word has been received that Ralph Horst is doing much better and has been playing bridge again. That's about the best news that we have had in ages. Can't wait to see him at one of the Greensburg games. Hurry back, Ralph..... we have missed you.

The Greensburg Sectional (June 11,12,13) will be held at the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center. Committee chairs need your help so please see them to make you donation.... either monetary or otherwise.

Jacki Plummer: cookies; Charlene Benedict and Sally Wozniak: snacks and hors d'oeuvres; Dennis and Carol Gibboney: soda pop. Looking forward to see everyone there.

PBA 2 MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE (no room for 3!)

JUNE 2010

06/04 NAOP Qualifier
06/11 PBA cancelled (Greensburg)
06/17 Special Thursday STaC game
06/18 PBA STaC game
06/25 Swiss Teams Unit Championship

JULY 2010

07/02 Open Pairs
07/09 PBA cancelled (Summer Sect)
07/16 NAOP Qualifier
07/23 Swiss Teams Unit Championship
07/30 **NEW PARTNERSHIP NIGHT!**

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

Harold & Judy Haffner	74.84%	Mon. Rodef
<i>(Judy didn't have to carry Arlene)</i>		
Claire Morris, & Evelyn Sobol	73.32%	JCC Wechsler
Sidney Stark & Joe Wolfe	71.97%	Rodef 99er's
Harvey Notarius & Stella Kausler	70.14%	S Hills JCC NLM
Susan Konig & Sandy Harris	72.92%	Mon Whitehall

3 IN A ROW

Lou Joseph	Mon Rodef	<i>(2 table games)</i>	
Mel Snitzer	Rodef 99'ers	Carol Rehman	Rodef 99'ers

2 IN A ROW

Judy Haffner	Mon. Rodef	Marge Mazer	Mon. Roder
James Quigley	Mon. Roder	Arlene Port	JCC Wechsler
Lessa Finegold	JCC Wechsler	Bob Quinlan	Allegh North
Sandy Schuchert	Ctr Bridge North	Barb Bergman	Ctr Bridge North
Ken Bergman	Ctr Bridge North		

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Jim Posy
Sidney Stark, Jr
Fran Steger
Donna Trust

CLUB MASTER

Virginia Birmingham
Judith Cawley
Amy Tam

SECTIONAL MASTER

Kathy Bleckman
Edward Diamond

REGIONAL MASTER

Betty Elias
Michael Natelson
Joan Rubinstein
Frank Siffrinn
Karen Steele
Gary Wire

NABC MASTER

Jeannie McCormick
Karen Pipe

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Thomas Dillon
James Hastings
George Retos
Russell Sheldon

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Paul Caplan

EMERALD LIFE MASTER

Herbert Sachs

MAZEL TOV!!
Congratulations!!

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 PBA NAOP QUALIFIER	5 Unit 229 @ 6PM
6	7	8	9	10	11 PBA CANCELLED <i>Greensburg Sectional thru 6/13</i>	12
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