

# POST MORTEM

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## All the news that fits in print

.....lou joseph

The last time I looked it was the beginning of summer and now August is here. You probably knew that, but even if you didn't have a calendar handy, the continuous 90+ degree weather coupled with 100% humidity might have tipped you off.

But even with the heat, I look forward to August because it means the RONI REGIONAL (District 5 Pittsburgh Labor Day Regional Tournament) is almost upon us. The new site at the Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt is so stupendous that it defies description. You simply have to come out and see it for yourself. FREE PARKING TOO! Check out the flyer on page 5!

There are two more events you should be saving the dates for as well. Thursday evening, September 16 at the Glenshaw Moose is the worldwide Instant Matchpoint Game and Pot Luck Dinner. The event had become, as far as the PBA was concerned, well... moribund until two years ago. The resurrection under the skillful hands of Barbara Bergman and her committee has been nothing short of amazing. See the flyer on page 8!!

And close on the heels of that event is the annual premier event of the PBA calendar, the PRO-AM CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP. This year it will be held on Thursday evening, October 14 at Rodef Shalom Temple, to benefit the Chron's and Colitis Foundation. Judy Haffner and Arlene Port (*I said Chron's, not crones!*) are putting together a spectacular affair. All that is required is your support and attendance. Come support a great cause!! See the flyer on page 9!!!

Before I close I must congratulate Sue McQuillan, Sharon Rohr Steve Schwarzwaelder and Mary Lou Ford for chairing the spectacular Pittsburgh-Butler Summer Sectional (results inside). The hospitality was sensational and the tournament was a great success. A special thank you to Mary Anne McNeirney who is retiring as partnership chairperson. A job well done!!!

Oh, and another thing... THE PBA FRIDAY EVENING GAME HAS MOVED TO THE WILKINS TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING!!! Check the website for address and directional information!!!

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  
2toucans@comcast.net

So come on out and  
Get Over! Or Get Under?  
[www.pittsburghbridge.org](http://www.pittsburghbridge.org)



## UP THE LADDER POST

### JUNIOR MASTER

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Gloria Snyder  
Robert Warner  
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### NABC MASTER

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## ADVANCING PLAYERS - TAKE NOTE!

The upcoming "Roni" Regional will provide you with the opportunity of attending several FREE lectures and presentations from various local and out of town bridge teachers and personalities. Judi Sonon, Arlene Port, Lou Joseph and others will present specialized lectures prior to the afternoon and evening sessions on Thursday through Sunday afternoon, and Dick Early will be giving his always popular hand analysis after the Saturday afternoon session. A free buffet dinner will be offered for those attending this always informative presentation!!!

## 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.

### ELECTION POST

#### PBA BD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

*Election: Saturday, Nov 12 2010*

*Nominating Petitions Due By:  
Oct 12 2010*

The Bylaws of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association call for a 20-member Board of Directors, with each Director serving a two-year term. Terms are staggered, and 10 members are to be elected each year. For 2009, six Board members' terms are expiring. If you would like to run for the Board of Directors, you need to submit a nominating petition, signed by ten members of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association. *The deadline for submitting nominating petitions is 10/12/10.* In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were Board seats to fill, and there has been no need to hold an election. If more than ten nominating petitions are received, an election will be held on , at the Fall Sectional, to select the members of the Board who will serve from 2010 until 2012. Please submit any nominating petitions to Board President Bill Holt or Elections Chair Ron Franck, or any current board member

The following board members' terms are expiring:

Bill Holt  
Barb Bergman  
Ken Bergman  
Lou Joseph  
Maryanne McNeirney  
Darlene Mannheimer  
Marilyn Painter  
George Retos  
Steve Schwarzwaelder

**PITTSBURGH/BUTLER “SIMMER SUMMER” SECTIONAL ; 07/09-07/11/10**

**FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS**

A B C

- 1 B Bergman - K Bergman
- 3 D Frohlich - J Klein
- 2 F Feldman - E Alcoff
- 3 2 J Perman - L Gesoff
- 3 N Saxena - D Overcashier

**FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS**

D E F

- 1 1 A Sandson - G Sandson
- 2 2 1 J Purvis - F Wilson
- 3 3 2 C Croushore - C Pattison
- 3 R Kotler - N Rescher

**FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS**

A B C

- 1/2 D Frohlich - J Klein
- 1/2 1 A Jacobelli - K Eichler
- 3 2 R Zimmermann - P Howell
- 3 E Balucha - L Kort
- 1 J Cavalier - R Heasley III
- 2 J Schultheis - D Pittman
- 3 M Tiglio - C Benedict

**FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS**

D E

- 1 1 K Piper - T Piper
- 2/3 B Segal - S Rabovsky
- 2/3 J Purvis - F Wilson

**HANDICAP KO - BRACKET I**

- 1 J Prior, ML Naughton, F Feldman, E Alcoff
- 2 B Belardi, M Smith, J Zambroski, J Sonon

**HANDICAP KO - BRACKET II**

- 1 D Toy, C Rosenberger, R Krauland, C Bonfiglio
- 2 S Harris, E Mast, K Bock, R Sheldon

**COMPACT HANDICAP KO**

- 1 B Bergman, K Bergman, M Retetagos, E Retetagos
- 2 J Smith, D Hess, D Mehok, M McConnell

**SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS**

A B C

- 1 1 J Janitor - P Cunkelman
- 2 J Haffner - H Haffner
- 3 2 J Crowley - H Greenberg
- 3 L Woolf - I McGloughlin
- 1 N Aquino - D Pittman
- 2 A Lowenstein - S Levin
- 3 G Edelstein - B Weisberger

**SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS**

D E F

- 2 2 1 P Miller - R Burrows
- 3 K Pfeffer - S Broadwater
- 3 C Gibboney - R Hughes
- 2 J Purvis - F Wilson
- 3/4 C Croushore - C Pattison
- 3/4 J Depee - G Depee

**SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS**

A B C

- 1 J Marshall - R Franck
- 2 1 A Jacobelli - K Eichler
- 2 H Nelson - W Lindgren
- 3 A Bonneau - B McElhaney
- 1 D Kelly - J Cavalier
- 2 D Hammerschmidt - J Hamerschmidt
- 3 D Livingston - J Livingston

**SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS**

D E

- 1 K Pfeffer - S Broadwater
- 2 1 C Croushore - C Pattison
- 3 K Piper - T Piper
- 2 S Rabovsky - W Nichols

**SUN OPEN SWISS TEAMS**

A B C

- 1 E Retetagos, M Retetagos, S Lordi, C Hoehstetter
- 2 R Franck, J Marshall, B Bergman, K Bergman
- 3 B Belardi, M Smith, J Sonon, C Powell
- 1 1 J Fox, F Siffrinn, J Secka Sr, P Shrut
- 2 2 A Collura, D Collura, D Pittman, J Schultheis
- 3 C Needham, Jr, J Skirboll, J Bardi, I Bardi
- 3 G Retos, P Witsberger, D Turacy Sr, D Mannheimer

**SUN 299'er SWISS TEAMS**

D E

- 1 B Jones, F Umbel, J France, B Miller
- 2 1 C Oliver, W Nichols, K Steele, S Williams

Bridge riddle: What is even better than Arlene coming in first, second or third in a tournament event?

Answer: Coming in fourth so I don't have to print her name in the Post Mortem!

## INTERNET POST

You are South Matchpoints, E/W Vul

You Hold:

S A1083 H KJ1093 D 865 C K

South	West	North	East
1H	Pass	2C	Pass
2H	Pass	2S	Pass
3S	Pass	4D	Pass
4S	Pass	5C	Pass
5S	Pass	6H	Pass
?			

**Asim Ulke: .I bid 7C.** Partner's bidding is consistant with a hand like, - AQx Axx AQJxxxx. Although 7H may be a better match point spot, a diamond lead and 4-1 break in hearts may kill the grand. Safe place is 7C

**Jane Marshall . 7C.** I wouldn't have opened this hand. Since I have dragged my feet as much as possible until partner bid 6H, I would show the club king. I don't see how partner could have been trying to support hearts, based on his bids thus far.

**Ernie Retetagos: 6 Spades,** The cheapest bid that I can make. I'd like to know more about our methods. Was 2 Clubs a game force, or forcing if suit was not rebid? If all partner needs is the King of clubs, they could have used Key Card to find it.

**Richard Katz:** I Pass because I think it plays better in hearts. If this was a grand slam force, I think it's a pretty funny one.

**Herb Sachs:** I pass gratefully with the knowledge that my partner can no longer torture me (and I know that I will never again be forced to sit opposite this fictional character who just wants to make me nuts). I have said repeatedly with each bid: partner I have a dead minimum (aside from the fact I would never open this hand) so I guess partner still wants to know whether my dead minimum has anything whatsoever to add. I DO NOT. or perhaps partner has actually realized I DO NOT and therefore has given up on a grand while I pray I make six and defend my opener!!!!

**Bill Holt 7S.** I keep trying to sign off with my minimum and partner keeps Q-bidding. Usually that is me over there who keeps bidding! Sounds like Pard has a long club suit with high red honors and a nice spades – should be able to ruff one of the round suits good. Maybe it makes and maybe it doesn't but it's only 1 board at matchpointS.

**Steve Nolan: 7S.** I'm tempted to abstain because of the unimaginative 5 spade bid on the last round. I had already announced a minimum with my 4 spade bid, and if I had bid 6 clubs instead of 5 spades, North would have been able to place the contract. In any case, we have a 4-4 spade fit, North has a powerful hand, clubs are solid and the red suits are stopped. I don't know whether North has the queen of spades, which is essential for the grand slam to succeed. I'm bidding it anyway, on the principle that North would not have pushed so hard without the queen.

**Mary Paulone Carns: 6S.** If partner bid properly, he has spades, and whatever he is looking for (for a grand slam), I don't have it. If he was supporting hearts the whole time, and didn't tell me that till now, he better find another partner

**Stan Ruskin: 6S This** is absurd. I have no idea what partner has. Once you forced me to open an 8 loser hand all bets are off. To open this hand is pushing the envelope even for Meckstroth who opens anything. You would be able to describe your hand much better if you passed. I have no idea what partner has. After 3S, I would have thought 4D is a cue bid but he then bid 5C which can't be – he doesn't have 2<sup>nd</sup> round control. Forgetting all of this, what is 6H? A grand slam force if I have something – I don't know what. Did the idiot make a mistake and really wants to play this in H? Too bad if he did because I'm not passing. He didn't bid KC Blackwood so does he want me to bid 7S with the A or K of S. I have no idea, so I justbid 6S.

**Jim Bachelder 6S** Obviously, partner has interest in a grand and is doing a lot of chest pounding. He's shown all three of the missing aces and may have other club honors, If he does, the spades may not be solid and that is my concern. While, on one hand, my spades are not TXXX, they also aren't AQXX either, If they were, I'd bid 7S, I'm afraid of a trump loser so I'll sign off in 6S.

**PJ Prabhu: 7H.** Oh what a tangled web ...? Or is it really? Keeping faith in partner's bidding, I believe 2S was an advance cue bid. Perhaps partner was planning to bid 3H over my anticipated 2NT rebid. The unexpected raise to 3S forced partner to change plan. I expect to see KQx(x), AQxx, -, AQxxx(x) ind dummy. I have shown a minimum opening bid with 4 spades and 5 hearts. The auction has significantly improved the value of my cards: the SA, the CK and KJT9 of H are huge and so is xxx of D. I'm tempted to pass at match points (MP), but not at IMPs. The 7H bid also works as an insurance in case partner has (not that I believe it) KQxxx, Ax, -, AQxxxx

**Trudy Cohn:** Pass. Partner knows at this point that I have 4 spades along with 5 hearts and has made the decision for us

### Auxilliary Expert

**Paul Rosenberg: 6S** North refuses to pass despite south showing a minimal opening hand. The question in my mind is whether to play this in 6 h or 6 sp. I would choose 6 spades in that t is likely that there is a 4/4 trump position rather than 5/3 which is preferable. In a ddition it is likely that the stronger hand is in the north so perhaps it is better to have declarer there.

**Marvin Rulin:** 6 spades. too bad we weren't playing flannery. partner is probably counting on a six card heart suit from me after i rebid it. he may have only 2hearts but should have 4 spades. he chose the level(6) and is leaving the choice of suits to me .

**Gail Carns 7S** 6S partner had a lot of ways to set hearts. This is a try for 7S

## INTERNET POST HOW EXPERTS VOTED

	BID
Michael Becker	7C
Alan Beir	7S
David Berah	P
Larry Cohen	7C
James Costello	P
Billy Eisenberg	7D
Lt. Col Robert Friend	P
Sam Fry, Jr	P
Alan Graves	7C
Barbara Haberman	6NT
Bob Hamman	7D
Dennis Heller	6S
Cark Hudecek	P
Marc Jacobus	6S
Edwin Kantar	6S
Edgar Kaplan	7C
Sami Kehela	P
Eric Kokish	7C
Bob Lipsitz	7C
John Lowenthal	6S
John Meckstroth	6S
Marshall Miles	P
Erik Paulson	P
Peter Pender	7C
Arthur Robinson	7C
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	7S
Ira Rubin	P
Tom & Carol Sanders	7C
Joseph Silver	7C
Paul Sugar	P
Robert Wolff	6S
Kit Woolsey	P

### INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Pass	12	3	100
6S	6	6	90
7C	10	2	80
7D	2	0	70
6NT	1	0	50
7S	3	3	40
7H	0	1	30

Everyone's favorite ACBL-wide game!

September 16, 2010

Glenshaw Moose

Game Time 7PM

POT LUCK DINNER

@ 6:15!



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Pittsburgh Bridge Association Presents

The **13<sup>th</sup>** Annual Charity **PRO\*AM**

Thursday Evening - October 14, 2010

This year it's  
**FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

**BRIDGE**

**Our Wonderful 'Pick-a-Pro' Bridge Game is ON as Usual!**  
Each player can select from the top 100 masterpoint holders in the Unit, or can play with whomever they wish. Check the website to see the available Pros then call a Co-Chair to reserve your Pro.

**Don't play 'Duplicate' Bridge?** We have a Special Fun Bridge section set up for you. This would be a great introduction to duplicate bridge for those who have previously only played party bridge.

**Don't play Bridge?** Bring a table of Mah Jong, Poker or Canasta players, or *any game you choose to play*. Bring your friends - including your weekly poker game - and join in the fun.

**It's all about the Food, Fun, and Funds!!!**

We are raising much-needed funds for our wonderful Charity: The Sigal Family Research and Education IBD Fund at the University of Pittsburgh. which funds research and development of cures for Crohn's, Colitis and IBD.

**Charitable Donation: \$25 per person.**

**Bridge 'Pro' Entry Fee \$6.** Additional Donations Welcome

\*\* Please RSVP with your Table / Pro Selection \*\*

**MAH JONG +**

**Pro's are first-come, first serve. Go online for the list of available Pros or just call a Co-chair**

Call a **Arlene Port 412-521-3637**  
Co-Chair: **Judy Haffner 412-521-1267**

**Thursday, October 14 - Game Time 7:30 PM**

**Registration & Reception 6:45 PM**

**Congregation Rodef Shalom  
4905 Fifth Ave, Pgh PA 15213**

**www.pittsburghbridge.org**





# GREENSBURG OUTPOST *by Mary Jo Johnson*

Hi there,

We were so sorry to hear of Grace Smith's problems in the aftermath of her successful knee replacement. Grace suffered a stroke on her left side (the opposite side of her replaced knee) and is rehabilitating in Harmorville. Rumor has it that she has regained some movement in her leg and that the arm is coming along. I'm sure that she would appreciate hearing from all of us and since I don't have Harmorville's address please send cards to her home: 6076 Triple Crown Circle Greensburg, PA 15601.

Peggy and Jack Shivetts' son was hospitalized for several weeks. Word has it that he has recently been discharged which is a step in the right direction. Please know that our thoughts and prayers have been with you and will continue to be with the two of you and your son.

Two of our members have had surgery: Lorraine Spangler had to undergo another procedure on her sinuses. Let's hope that this one is more successful than her last one. And Marilyn Schwing had surgery on her back. We know how much pain Marilyn has been enduring, so we are hopeful that this will alleviate her agony. Wishing both of you and speedy and full recovery.

Kitty Jo Hellmann and Bud Kury held their NLM tournament on July 27th. All participants enjoyed the day (and lunch) and are looking forward to the next NLM tournament, which will be September 18th at the First Christian Church in Greensburg. Anyone needing information should call Kitty Jo: 724 - 834- 2325.

Speaking of tournaments: mark your calendars for the Pittsburgh Roni Gitchel Atkins Labor Day Regional Tournament being held at the Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt Regency beginning August 31st and continuing through September 6th. There was a great turnout of Greensburg players last year (with rave reviews) and we are anticipating more

## ***PBA 3 MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE***

### **AUGUST 2010**

08/06 Unit Championship  
08/13 NAOP Qualifier & Bd Meeting  
08/20 Open Pairs  
08/27 Unit Champ SWISS TEAMS

### **SEPTEMBER 2010**

09/03 RONI REGIONAL (*PBA cancelled*)  
09/10 Unit Champ SWISS TEAMS  
09/16 IMP Game at Glenshaw Moose  
(See page )  
09/17 Club Championship  
09/24 Unit Charity Game

### **OCTOBER 2010**

10/01 Open Pairs  
10/08 Unit Champ and Board Meeting  
10/14 PRO-AM CHARITY GAME  
At Rodef Shalom Temple  
(see page )  
10/15 Club Championship  
10/22 Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM  
10/29 Open Pairs

## **FIRST AT THE POST!!**

### **70% GAMES**

Jean Picone - Gus Costanzo	70.75%	JCC SH Tues
Micki Roteman - Joel Roteman	70.83%	Whitehall Mon
Jean Prior - Don Averbach	70.03%	Temple Emanuel Wed
Shirley Eskew - Jackie Aloe	70.04%	JCC SH NLM
Marilyn Ashkin - Gerry Tessler	72.01%	Rodef 99ers
Carol Rehman - Mel Snitzer	72.07%	Rodef 99ers

### **3 IN A ROW**

Doris Bridenbaugh	Export DBC	Jim Bridenbaugh	Export DBC
Judy Haffner	Mon. Rodef (2)	Asim Ulke	Mon. Rodef
Arlene Port	Mon. Rodef		

### **3 2 IN A ROW**

N Sogoloff	JCC SH Thu	Fran Feldman	Mon. Rodef
Harold Haffner	Mon. Rodef	Carol Lehman	Mon. Rodef 99ers
Mel Snitzer	Mon. Rodef 99ers	Carol Berkman	Wed. JCC
Harold Chelemer	JCC Wechsler	Madeline Kramer	JCC Wechsler

## **YES, YOU CAN TEACH OLD DOGS HOW TO TAKE NEW TRICKS**

.....by john bernhard

SINGLES BRIDGE of Pittsburgh, at last report the only ACBL sanctioned singles membership club in the country, has a mascot that attends our club events. Her name is Chloe, a 9 year old English Springer Spaniel and she is a therapy dog with Therapy Dogs International.

Since it is a singles bridge club, our movements are always single movements so each player gets to play between 10 & 18 different players. At the change of tables every so often there is an empty seat at the table due to a delayed 4th player Chloe will occasionally jump up on that chair, look at the other 3 players with a look that says: "Who's the dealer?"

On one occasion, our membership chair, Dr. Willa Dean Lowery was the delayed 4th and instead of "Shooshing" her off, she sat down beside her and picked up her hand. Chloe remained on the chair, looked over Willa Dean's shoulder with the look "Do you mind if I watch?" Cindy Custer, our SINGLETON News Letter Editor grabbed her camera and shot a priceless photo.

(Ed Note) John game me the most adorable picture of the dog sitting at the table with a bidding box on her left. I was unable to reproduce it for the PM, but you get the picture.)....thanks, John, for a wonderful story.

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POST CARDS: Marion Smith had the nerve to get sick and end up in McKeesport Hospital. I don't mean to complain Marion, but why aren't you here to give me a list of the club winners like you usually do? If you don't get better soon, I will be very upset and I know you don't want to do that. Please take care and come back in a hurry. We miss you.....love, Arlene (and everyone else)