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Unit 142 Pittsburgh, PA June 2011
POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... Lou Joseph

Well, I see we've now changed the order of the seasons. Now we have winter, monsoon and summer. Spring is but a distant memory...

We had a little mix up with the awards dinner invitations. I never got mine, but then it turned out I didn't win anything. There was a lot of finger pointing about who dropped the ball, so I might as well admit the truth...it was Arlene's fault. When I realized that she had won her category in the Ace of Clubs I went home and opened a vein, and by the time I recovered consciousness it was too late to send out the invitations. Seriously, I'm sorry about the error. We did have fifteen tables at the party, spectacularly hosted by Patty Katz. We acknowledge all the winners (even Arlene) in this issue. Congratulation everyone. Hopefully next year's chairperson will do a better job that I did.

Plenty of things to look forward to in June - The Greensburg Sectional (June 10-12); STaC Week (June 13-18 WITH THE FAMOUS STACK 'N SNACK ON THURSDAY JUNE 16); The Butler Sectional (June 25-26) and then July brings the PBA Summer Sectional (July 8-10) which means August brings the "RONI" Labor Day Regional (August 30 - September 5). That's enough bridge to keep everyone happy for a little while!

Interested in furthering your education and enjoyment of our favorite past time? (Bridge, not making fun of Arlene...) Consider playing on Friday Nights at the Unit game for a chance to win a scholarship to the District 5 Olympiad. Looking for local classes? Check out the flyer on page 3!

GREENSBURG POST

Hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day....a holiday set aside to honor our veterans who have died (and who are serving) so that we can enjoy our freedoms. Sometimes that reason gets lost in the opening of the pools, people going camping, family barbeques, etc. but we should never forget the sacrifice that these men and women make for us..

Jun 10 -12..Greensburg Sectional. New location is Kirk S Nevin Arenain Greensburg. Check out the flyers or the website for more details. Their hospitality is always a plus. June 25-26...Butler Sectional. .

I know that our area had severe damage with the tornado and hail storms last month but we can all be grateful that we didn't suffer the devastation that occurred in Joplin, MO. No matter how bad the situation seems, it is all relative.

Celebrations and Concerns Corner:

Grace and Dave Smith have been back to the bridge tables. They usually play on Mondays in Export and Wednesdays in Greensburg. It is wonderful to see them playing again. Bob and Mary Lou Ferguson are done traveling (for a while) and have been playing bridge again. Nice to see them and we'll be anxious to hear where they are going next. Charlene Benedict just returned from a trip to Italy with her Pilates Group. Tom and Karen Piper are planning a 6/7 week trip combining a stay in Italy along with a Mediterrean Cruise. Linda and Larry Evans just returned from an Alaskan Cruise/Railroad Excursion. They usually take lots of pics and I'm hoping that they did this time too.

Now for the concerns:

Peggy McFeaters fell again and is back residing in OakHill Rehab at 27 Georges Station Road, Greensburg 15601. Jacki Plummer's mother is out of the Nursing Home, is back residing with Jacki and Glenn, and needs our prayers. Marin DeBone's mother is having health issues and needs our prayers also.

Donna Anthony had a nasty fall going into J Cork's in Greensburg and has a broken right foot and right hand. She has a walking boot and a soft cast but is in a lot of pain. Keep her in your thoughts.. Mary Jo Johnson's sister died. Siblings hold the past like no others. Till next month.....Mary Jo Johnson

June 13-18 2011
STaC Week!
STaC Games All
Week! Plus...

STaC'n Snack 5
Thursday June 16 @ Glenshaw Moose
Game time 7:00, Snacking Starts @ 6:15
You might not win at Bridge...
but everyone wins the Snack-Off!

Take me to
your Lunch!
Dish for All to Enjoy!

Can't bring a snack? It's OK...
somebody has to eat all this food!

Get it before the Snack Alien eats it all!!!

Please Coordinate Snacks with
Barb Bergman 724-835-4931
STaC'n Snack Entry just \$7.50 ppn.

A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many areas.
So your performance at your local club is compared with other
games - a larger award! Check to make sure your club is
participating in STaC Week at www.stac.org

Sponsorships: \$1,200.00 - \$300.00
\$1,000.00 All masterpoint awards are Silver.

Sponsorships by Average M's in all STaC Events

Directors on our website:
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OLYMPIAD CONTEST



Are you a player with less than 750 Masterpoints?

Here's your chance to represent Unit 142 (Pittsburgh) in competition with Buffalo, Cleveland, and all the other Units in District 5!!!

The Olympiad is a District-Wide Stratified Pairs Competition with two sessions on Saturday August 20 and one session on Sunday August 21 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Garfield Hts. (Cleveland), OH.

Players with less than 750 masterpoints may enter and represent their Units - competing for the District 5 Olympiad Trophy. Also, Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three winners of each session.

After each session, hand records, insightful analyses and discussion by Emerald Life Master Dick Early will help you become a better player.

You are a winner here whether you win or not!

Unit 142 Olympiad Scholarship Competition

During the period of May 6 - August 5. Enter a minimum of four (4) times in the 8 qualifying games at the PBA Unit Game, Friday Night at Wilkins, playing with another eligible (<750 MP's) partner. You needn't have the same partner every time. Your 3 best %age games will be used and compared with others.

Full Details on the PBA Website!

This site is a mere 110 miles from Cranberry - and the event is educational & lots of fun! You may enter whether you win this scholarship contest or not. Do us proud and get involved!

Have a Good Time + Get Better + BEAT CLEVELAND !!!
What more could you want?

Unit Game at Wilkins Twp. Game Time Friday Night 7:00
This Contest is Open to Unit 142 Members only.
Swiss Team Games of May 13, June 24, July 22 do not count. Tournament Conflict Cancellations are:
May 27 (Cleve), June 10 (Greensburg),
July 8 (Pittsburgh),

Questions? Contact Mary Paulone Carns 412-436-0548

Entry Forms at: www.d5bridge.com

@ UNIT GAME



TAKE NOTE NOTE

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Comforting city

Living at the Family House, Oakland, while my significant other was in Pittsburgh for a lung transplant, I needed to find diversions to occupy my time. Since bridge is one of my interests, I looked up bridge games in the area. Much to my pleasure, not only did I find several games, I could not get over how warm, welcoming and friendly the people were.

I hope you take great pride in your city of Pittsburgh. It is an exemplary bastion of openness and comfort, and I wish to thank all the people who were so kind to me.

SUE WALLACE

Bayside, N.Y

POST-IT NOTES

Wasn't it great to see Faye Adelsberg back at the games? It's nice to have some good news to report for a change! Mary Anne McNeirney continues to recover, and we continue to wish her well, and pass our well wishes on to Ada Nye and Doc Williams.

Unfortunately, there's plenty of bad news. Jim Barlow passed away after a lengthy illness. Our sympathies to his family and friends, especially Judy Haffner, as they were long time partners. For those of you who didn't know, Larry Long, an equally fine player and fine gentleman, passed away in his sleep. A top masterpoint holder in the District, his departure will leave an unfillable hole in the fabric of our game.

UP THE LADDER POST

SECTIONAL MASTER

Neil Zweig

NABC MASTER

Sarah Wozniak

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Susan Konig

Amy Lowenstein

Theresa Wagner

GOOD JOB ALL!!

2010 AWARDS

FRED SORENSEN AWARD

Asim Ulke

JANE MCINTYRE AWARD

Mary Anne McNeirney

MILT FRAZIER AWARD

William Holt

NIRMALA SOMANI AWARD

"THE NIMMY"

Steven Schwarzwaelder

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Jane Marshall

Well deserved!!
Congratulations from
everyone in Unit 142!!!

2010 ACE OF CLUBS

0-5 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Richard Kotler
2nd Fran Steger
3rd Ronald Garris

5-20 MASTERPOINT

- 1st Ronni Burrows
2nd Amy Tam
3rd Nicholas Rescher

20-50 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Tony Wolfe
2nd Paul Rosenberg
3rd Janis Davis

50-100 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Frank Siffrinn
2nd Sylvia Williams
3rd Ruth Hughes

100-200 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Evelyn Sobol
2nd Judith Vittone
3rd Elaine Mast

200-300 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Steven Schwarzwaelder
2nd James Fox
3rd Dennis Gibboney

300-500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Russell Sheldon
2nd Bruce Brennan
3rd Leslie Cassoff

500-1000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Rowna Sutin
2nd Christopher Wang
3rd William Feeny

1000-2500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st James Quigley
2nd Jean Prior
3rd Francine Feldman

2500-5000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Robert Quinlan
2nd Frank Cordier
3rd Louis Joseph

5000-7500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Arlene Port (*under review*)
2nd Asim Ulke
3rd Jane Marshall

OVER 10000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st James Klein
2nd Margery Tamres
3rd Richard Katz

2010 MINI-MCKENNEY

0-5 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Richard Kotler
2nd Fran Steger
3rd Ronald Garris

5-20 MASTERPOINT

- 1st Amy Tam
2nd Ronni Burrows
3rd Patricia Miller

20-50 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Tony Wolfe
2nd Janis Davis
3rd Paul Rosenberg

50-100 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Frank Siffrinn
2nd Ruth Hughes
3rd Sylvia Williams

100-200 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Evelyn Sobol
2nd Elaine Mast
3rd Tom Piper/Karen Piper

200-300 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Steven Schwarzwaelder
2nd James Fox
3rd Dennis Gibboney

300-500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Russell Sheldon
2nd Leslie Cassoff
3rd Paula Shrut

500-1000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st James Gray
2nd Christopher Wang
3rd Rowna Sutin

1000-2500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Francine Feldman
2nd Jean Prior
3rd Ronald Franck

2500-5000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Robert Quinlan
2nd Barbara Bergman
3rd Kenneth Bergman

5000-7500 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st Asim Ulke
2nd Jane Marshall
3rd Arlene Port

OVER 10000 MASTERPOINTS

- 1st James Klein
2nd Gail Carns
3rd Richard Katz



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A series of 2-Session Classes focusing on one specific topic on Bridge. Classes will be held consecutive Mondays in July & August.

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Or Call Arlene Port at: 412-521-3637



WHERE: Rodef Shalom Congregation
4905 Fifth Ave, Pgh. PA 15213
TIME: Mondays 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
COST: \$25.00 pp. for each 2-week session
Minimum class size 16 students (4 tables)
Maximum class size 24 students (6 tables)
Team Teaching with Lou Joseph & Arlene Port

JULY 11 & 18: BALANCING NOTRUMPS

Includes Sandwich No Trump!

AUGUST 1 & 8: DEFENSE AGAINST NOTRUMP

Come learn from an expert...and Arlene! The March and April sessions were well attended and everyone learned something - even the ones who thought they knew it all already!

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, none vul.
S 6 5 H A Q 6 D A K J 5 C 7 5 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1D	PASS	1S	PASS
1NT	PASS	2C*	DBL
PASS	PASS	2S**	PASS
?			

What is your bid?

* artificial inquiry

** invitational

PJ Prabhu: Pass. I have what I bid. Nothing more to show. Not vulnerable at IMPs, I'm quite content. No point in pushing.

Asim Ulke : When I passed after 2C got doubled, I denied holding 3 card spade fit. Partners insistence on spades implies that he/she has a 6 card suit. With an honor in spades I would raised spades. Even with 14 HCP I don't like this hand for game. I pass.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 4 spades. Partner knows that I have no more than two spades and still is inviting game in spades. I have no wasted values and therefore accept the invitation.

Lou Joseph: I bid 3C. Partner wants to bid 3NT with a club card to protect, that works for me. If I had a club suit I might redouble or bid NT myself. Now partner knows I have exactly 2 spades and 3 hearts, so he can choose the best spot according to his hand.

Steve Nolan: 3S. Passing the buck, but it's the best I can do. It tells partner that I have two spades (I can't have three because I didn't bid them on the previous round); just enough extras to be thinking about game; and no help in clubs. Partner's choices are (i) 4S with solid spades and a red suit honor, or one loser in spades and two red suit honors; (ii) 3NT with running spades and a club guard or (iii) pass

Florine Walters: I am going to take the cowardly bid and pass. We may have the high cards for a game, but unless partner has a six card spade suit headed by at least the AQ, heart K and shortness in clubs, we will not be odds on to make a spade game, and I see no future in 3NT. With the first hand that I described, partner might have bid 3 spades, if invitational. and if partner was interested in a NT game, partner might have bid another suit.

Jane Marshall. : I pass. I do not have a club card. I do not have good support for partner's spade suit. If I had a 6-loser hand, I would not pass. However, I have a 7-loser hand. PASS

Herb Sachs: 3S I have a maximum; I could not have more than two spades on this auction; I owe partner a single raise-so three spades.

Bob Zimmermann : 4 spades. I've denied 3 spades and 4 hearts and 15+ points. For all that, pard is still inviting. How can I be any bigger?

Gail Carns 4S I denied 3S when I passed 2C* and I am max.

Ernie Retetagos: 3 Spades. This should show a maximum with two spades. All partner needs is no club wastage and a good spade suit to have a play for game.

Bill Holt 3S. Partner should know I don't have 3 card support (would have bid 2S over 2cX) but I have nice prime cards and no club stopper else would have bid 3NT myself. Perhaps partner can bid 3NT or 4S armed with this extra info.

Stan Ruskin It appears that 2C one round forcing since you now say that 2S is invitational. If that is the case, partner should already know that I have a doubleton spade since I passed 2C X when I would have bid 2S with three. It's IMP;s and we aren't Vul so why should I be looking for a game? I would pass. The slight alternative would be 3C if I were looking for a game so he could bid 3NT if he had clubs stopped. But I would pass. I have nothing more to say. I still have my solid opening bid – nothing more or less.

**INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED**

Phillip Alder	3D
Grant Baze	P
Steve Beatty	P
David Berkowitz	3D
Henry Bethe	4S
Bart Bramley	P
Ira Chorush	P
Larry Cohen	P
Kitty & Steve Cooper	P
Billy Eisenberg	P
Bjorn Fallenius	P
Brian Glubok	3S
P&M Granovetter	3S
Jim Hall	3H
Carl Hudecek	3H
E. B. Kantar	3C
Ralph Katz	3C
Sami Kehela	P
Eric Kokish	3S
Richard Margolis	3H
M. Miles	3S
Arthur Robinson	P
Michael Rosenberg	3S
Al Roth	P
Jeff Rubens	P
Ira Rubin	3H
Mike Shuman	P
Joey Silver	3S
Paul Soloway	3C
John Swanson	3H
Robert Wolff	P
Kit Woolsey	3S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3S	7	4	100
3D	2	0	90
3H	5	0	90
3C	3	1	90
PASS	14	5	80
4S	1	3	60

FIRST AT THE POST!!

70% GAMES

R Quinlan & C Hoechstetter	75.75%	Suburban DBC
B Lersch & K Klink	72.86%	S Hills JCC NLM
B Rapport & B Rapport	72.22%	Rodef Shalom 99'ers
D Averbach & S Konig	71.53%	Temple Emanuel
J Mendelson & E Mendelson	70.14%	Rodef Shalom 99'ers
J Bernhard & C Bolen		S Hills JCC
Betty & Bill Rapport	72.22%	Rodef 199ers
Emily & James Mendelson	70.14%	Rodef 199ers

3 in a ROW

Doris Hess	Whitehall	Bob Tate	Whitehall
Barbara Bergman JCC SH	Ken Bergman	JCC SH	
Bob Quinlan	Allegh North	Harold Haffner	JCC Wechsler
Judy Haffner	JCC Wechsler		

2 in a ROW

Jean Prior	Whitehall	Bob Quinlan	Whitehall
John Bernhard	JCC SH	Gloria Moser	Allegh North
Marge Tamres	Allegh North	C Hoechstetter	Allegh North
Bob Quinlan	Masonic Tue	Barb Bergman	Masonic Tue
Elaine Mast	JCC SH	Barbara Stroh	JCC SH
Paula Rubin	JCC Wechsler	Mort Rubin	JCC Wechsler
Bettie McElhaney	Washington DBC		

HAVE YOU SEEN POST?

Someone accidentally walked off with Jim Hastings's jacket at the Friday Morning Wilkins Township Game on May 6, 2011. His jacket is a man's black one with the initials JHH on the inner collar. Someone should also be missing a dark blue nautical jacket because that's what they left behind when they took the wrong one. If you realize you're wearing the wrong jacket, please contact Jim at 412-795-5738.

DESPERATELY SEEKING POST...

The Pittsburgh Unit 142 desperately needs a correspondent for the 5th column, the District 5 publication which presents news from all the units in our District and comes out 6 times a year. Interested? Contact Mary Paulone Carns at

Friday, July 8

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

7:30 PM

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams
(1st of 3 sessions)

Saturday, July 9

11:00 AM

Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
Handicapped Bracketed KO Teams
(2nd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped KO 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 KO Teams
(3rd of 3 sessions)
Compact Handicapped KO Teams
(2nd of 2 sessions)
Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, July 10

Brunch & 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

Open	299er
A: 2000+	D: 200-300
B: 750-2000	E: 50-200
C: 0-750	F: 0-50
All Strats in All Events	299er Strats at
by Avg. MPs	Director's Discretion

Pittsburgh "Simmer" Sectional

July 8-10, 2011

Masonic Center North
3579 Masonic Way
Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Lesson from an Expert...
Friday @ 6:45 PM
Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Hospitality
All Sessions!
Lunch Included on Sat!
Brunch & Lunch on Sun!

Partnerships:

Fran Feldman 412-441-0425
Marilyn Painter 412-243-7342

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Darlene Mannheimer
412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:

Sue McQuillan 412-661-7999
Sharon Rohr 412-963-6133

Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
Sanction # 51107054

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

299er Swiss \$ 68/team
Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
\$1 additional per session

Student Discount \$5 per Session

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
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Full Schedule & Directions at
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JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			JCC Wechsler Cancelled		PBA NAOP Qualifier CANCELLED	Unit 229
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
				16 PBA special STaC 'N SNACK Glenshaw Moose	17 PBA STaC Game and Board Mtg	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Rodef Club Chmp				24 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Teams	
26	27	28	29	30		
			JCC Wechsler Club			

THREE MONTHS AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

JULY 2011

- 01 Open Pairs
- 08-10 Summer Sectional at the Masonic Center**
- 15 NAOP Qualifier
- 22 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
- 29 New Partnership Night!!!**

AUGUST 2011

- 05 Unit Championship
- 12 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
- 19 Open Pairs
- 26 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 08/30-09/05 "RONI" Regional Tournament at the Airport Hyatt
- 09 Open Pairs
- 14 Special Instant Matchpoint Game at the Glenshaw Moose
- 16 Club Championship
- 23 Unit Championship SWISS TEAMS
- 30 International Fund Game

STaC GAMES (June 13-18)

Note: if you don't see a game here, check online - they may not have registered yet!

	MORN/AFT	EVE
Monday 6/13	Rodef Shalom Whitehall	
Tuesday 6/14	Natrona Heights Boyd CC Allegheny North (Masonic)	JCC South Hills Greensburg Indiana
Wednesday 6/15	Glenshaw Moose	Temple Sinai Greensburg New Castle
Thursday 6/16	Wilkins Twp Pittsburgh North (Masonic) JCC South Hills	Glenshaw Moose (PBA special game) Butler
Friday 6/17	Wilkins Twp Greensburg Suburban DBC (Whitehall)	Wilkins Twp (PBA)
Saturday 6/18	Center Bridge (Masonic)	