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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

..... lou joseph

This is the weirdest winter weather I can remember. One day we have 22 degrees and snow, the next day we get 57 degrees and sunshine. No wonder everyone is walking around sniffing and complaining!

Well, enough about Arlene. Here it is only February, but it's not too late to start making plans for the upcoming Spring Sectional Tournament at the Masonic Center (see flyer on facing page). Barba and Ken Bergmans are in charge, so you know the hospitality will be fabulous. Jane Marshall is in charge of partnerships, and Darlene Mannheimer is handling the newcomers and 299'ers, so there is no reason at all for you not to show up. Rumor has it that if you don't come, Jane Marshall will hunt you down! Better to show up and enjoy yourself! There is, of course, the added bonus of the long awaited return engagement of Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theatre Troupe on Saturday between sessions (also known as Cirque de Oy Veh) so even if you don't do well at the table you can come and watch us! What a deal!!

For those of you who have been following the court battle between Arlene and myself, there is a FINAL excerpt from the trial transcripts inside this issue. Why the end of this? It is no longer needed! The gospel of AKN has now spread to the four corners of the globe there is no where she (Arlene) can run to. Don't worry - we'll come up with something for future issues...

EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT!! EXTRA EXTRA

We are having a 'Novice Swiss' event on March 10 at the Masonic Center. Game time is 12 Noon and there will be an informative lecture at 11:15 on Team Scoring, Movements, and Tactics.

A pizza lunch is included with the deal.

PICK UP A FLYER AT ANY LOCAL CLUB GAME OR ONLINE



pittsburgh Spring Sectional

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 Partners & Team-building!

April 27-29, 2012
 Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, April 27
 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 KO Teams (1st of 3 sessions)

Saturday, April 28
 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)
 4:00 PM **Free Lunch between sessions! Play twice and STILL get home early!**
 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, April 29
 11:00 AM **Brunch & Lunch Included!**
 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

299er
 D: 200-300
 E: 50-200
 F: 0-50
 299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Open Strats
 A: 2000+
 B: 750-2000
 C: 0-750
 All Strats in All Events by Avg. Mps

Hospitality All Sessions!
 Lunch Included on Sat!
 Brunch & Lunch on Sun!
 Lesson from an Expert...
 Friday @ 6:45 PM
 Cubic Zirconia Life Master Theatre
 Saturday @ 3:15 PM

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall 412-371-4067

Newcomers & 299ers:
 Darlene Mannheimer 412-343-0419

Tournament Chairs:
 Barb & Ken Bergman 724-935-4591

Director in Charge:
 Mike Roberts
 Sanction # S 1204082

Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
 Open Swiss Teams \$100 / Team
 299er Swiss \$ 80 / Team

Non & Unpaid
 ACBL Members
 \$1 additional per session
 Student Discount
 \$5 per Session

Full Schedule & Directions @
www.pittsburghbridge.org

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Marybeth Cannon
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Todd Phillips

REGIONAL MASTER

Ruth Rubenstein

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

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Gary Wire

WELL DONE,
ALL!!!

POST-IT NOTES

Sylvia Williams didn't have a knee to stand on. Now, thank goodness, her leg is attached to a brand new knee. Hurry and get well, Sylvia, we need someone at bridge who actually reads the Post Mortem! The list of get well wishes continues to expand, unfortunately. We wish for a speedy recovery for Maureen Hunt and Jack Charles. Perennial well wishes go out to Edie Weiser, Marion Smith and Mary Anne McNeirney. If we've forgotten anybody, please let us know ASAP!

CORRECTION POST

Last month Phyllis Silver noted certain things in her new bridge etiquette post (a new one appears on page 7 of this issue.

In the opening paragraph it was written that she had certain concerns about breeches of etiquette. Ivor McGloughlin rightly pointed out that it should have been "breaches" of etiquette, citing the following definition of breach:

noun. 1. the lower, rear part of the trunk of the body; buttocks. 2. the hinder or lower part of anything.

As it turns out, that error was made by Arlene, not Phyllis, once more proving AKN...

INTERESTING HAND POST

.....by ernie retetagos

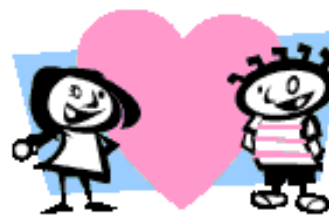
♠ 8 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A J 7 6 4
♣ A Q 5 2

♠ K Q J 6 3
♥ 10 8 7 5 4 3
♦ ---
♣ 7 4

After South dealt and passed, West opened 1 Club and North overcalled 1 Diamond. East bid 1 No Trump, and South's 2 Spade bid ended the auction. (2 Hearts would have been better).

The Ace of hearts was led with East playing the Queen. A club shift went to the Queen and King. East now cashed the Jack of hearts and shifted to a trump to the Ace and a trump back. With spades breaking 3-3, declarer lost a club, a spade, and 3 hearts. After the Ace of hearts lead, best defense of continued minor suit forces would lead to a trump promotion and a one trick set.

Other declarers in spade contracts cashed the minor suit Aces to avoid a club loser. When the defense got in, repeated minor suit leads ruffed declarer down. They only took 4 spades and 2 Aces. Much like in a no trump contract, the Ace of diamonds is needed as a stopper until hearts are established.



INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, both vul and you hold:

You are South IMP's, none vulner-able. You hold:

S A 8 5
H K
D A K 8 5 3 2
C 9 7 5

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
---	---	1C	PASS
1D	1H	2S	4H
?			

What do you bid?

Stan Ruskin PASS Sounds like he has a mountaineous 5/6 hand or something like that. This means solid clubs and at least KQxxx of spades or better. If he has the heart A or maybe even a void, we could have a grand slam. Now which slam is the safest – this is IMPs. I think clubs must be. What would 4NT mean? What would 5H mean? I don't know what we should be bidding. I could pass and see what he is going to bid which is a possibility. If I pass and he bids 4S, 4NT by me is KC Blackwood in S I would think. I'm going to pass and see what he bids.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 5 diamonds. Partners jump shift may be predicated upon a diamond fit and I want to confirm the length in the suit. I'm taking a chance on missing a slam but don't know which suit the slam is in at this point.

Steve Nolan: 5NT. Asks partner to choose a small slam

Bill Holt: .4S. The presence of the KH makes me believe we cannot make 6c, so I'll propose to play at the 4 level and take the H ruffs in the shorter trump hand. Opps have bid to a 10 trick contract without the KH so they likely have a card or two in our suits. We could lose 1S, 1H and 1c trick whether we play in S or in c. If my stiff H were a spot card I'd be more optimistic for slam.

Marvin Rulin: 6 Spades. The opponents are bidding from weakness to make it tough for us. North's jump shift indicates a very strong hand which i interpret as holding 5 spades and at least 5 good clubs. I don't think the hand is worth exploring for seven but a bid of 4 NT would be my second choice.

Lou Josephs: bid 4NT - all purpose blackwood - I don't care what suit we are playing in yet, I want to know Aces. If partner jumps in responding showing a heart void which I suspect (I doubt he would consider a diamond void useful), I consider 7C, but we'll see what the answer is. If we have all the Aces, I'll check for Kings and consider NT at the appropriate level, or 7C, 7S might be right as well, but if we get to 7C and it makes, I'll be satisfied. If we go down, what difference does it make which wrong slam we are in!

Jane Marshall 6C. I am afraid that if I cue bid 5H, partner will think that I have 1st round control of hearts when I bid 6C next, so I'll just bid 6C immediately.

Gail Carns: 6C I would bid 5D if I knew it was forcing

Jim Bachelder: 6Clubs. I doubt if the opponents have eleven hearts so if I merely raise clubs to five, partner will have to pass holding something like: KQJX, XX, X, AKQJXX. Moreover, this hand is a little light for the bidding. Partner may hold: KQXX, A, XX, AKJXXX, with which he can try the grand knowing that my auction shows controls in the pointed suits and a probable heart loser.

Richard Katz: I bid six clubs. Pre-empt warns me off seven which might make. Notwithstanding 6clubs could make even if both black suits misbehave. Down one is in the probability but unlikely.

Arlene Port: 6C I strongly suspect that the future lies in a club slam. Clearly, diamonds does not seem possible, and while spades may be an option, this is, after all, IMP's and the difference is insignificant. 7? I couldn't get there!!

Asim Ulke 5H I think there is a slam our way. But I don't know where. I bid 5H. This should tell partner to place the contract.

Ernie Retetagos 5 Hearts. If partner has the expected 6-5 with soild suits, they will bid a slam.

Florine Walters: 6 clubs. It's difficult to imagine that partner does not have very good clubs and the king, queen of spades.

PJ Prabhu: 5NT. Pick a slam. Expect to play 6C. May miss a grand, but cannot think of a clear path to get there intelligently. Pd may hold KQJx, x, Qx, AKQJTx.

Eric Ruben: 6C. We could have no losers or 2 losers, so I split the difference and bid what I think we are making. Maybe they make a bad save and I go home guilt free.

Pat Katz: I bid 5 hearts, and 6 spades over 5spades

Robert Zimmermann: 5nt. Given the reverse, it's unlikely that we're missing any of the honors outside of the heart suit. But, what's p's hand? If he is 4216, then I want to shoot for 6C. If he's 5215, then I want to shoot for 6S. Without knowing our agreements, I'm going to pass the buck and let p pick a slam.

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INTERNET POST
HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder		5NT
Alan Bell		5H
Marty Bergen		P
David Berkowitz	5NT	
Mark Blumenthal	P	
Larry Cohen		5NT
Martin Cohn		5H
Chris Compton		5NT
Billy Eisenberg		P
Robb Gordon		P
Carl Hudecek		4NT
Eddie Kantar		5NT
Sami Kehela		5NT
Eric Kokish		6C
Boris Koytchou		5NT
John Lowenthal		5NT
Jeff Meckstroth		4NT
Karen McCallum	P	
M. Miles	6C	
Rozanne & Bill Pollack		4NT
Gary Powell		5H
Larry Robins		4NT
Arthur Robinson	P	
Steve Robinson		4NT
Al Roth		4NT
Jeff Rubens		5NT
Ira Rubin		P
Paul Sugar		4NT
Howard Weinstein		6C
Larry Weiss		5H
Robert Wolff		5H
Kit Woolsey		P
Ray Zoller		P

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
PASS	9	1	100
5NT	9	3	90
4NT	6	2	80
5H	5	2	70
6C	3	7	60
5D	0	1	
4S	0	1	
6S	0	1	

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE POST

.....by Phyllis Silver

We all do the following at the bridge table. But, we all should not do the following at the bridge table:

TAKE CARE OF TABLE
BUSINESS FIRST.

1. When the bidding has finished and the opening lead is made, it is dummy's responsibility to place the dummy on the table before writing the contract in the private score card.
2. The same applies to North when the play is over. It is North's responsibility to fill out the table scorecard before writing their score in their private score card. No one at the table should be kept waiting for you!!

YOU AND YOUR BIDDING BOX

1. When the bidding begins, do not touch the bidding box until you are ready to make your bid or pass. It is not only annoying, but it gives partner information that they should not have. Don't think with your hands, think with your mind.

(Ed note:) I cannot tell you how many times opponent, or my partner for that matter, will touch every card before they finally make a bid, and in some cases, even pass;. WHAT IS THAT?)

Excepts from the trial transcripts of Louis Joseph vs. Arlene Port... after the Judge returns from the three day headache curing recess:

Arlene Port

(AP) Your honor, as you can see, I have been severely damaged by Lou Joseph in both writing and by word of mouth. The other day I was at a game and as I moved to each successive table to play, North was heard to exclaim: "Here comes AKN". Last week I visited my 2 1/2 yr old grandson who was trying to tell me something. Because I couldn't hear what he said. He approached me, raised his head, and loudly exclaimed: I SAID: "AKN."

Surely, Judge, you can understand the depths of my despair and now I know you have learned everything you need to know. So, what do you have to say?

Judge (and jury in unison) "AKN"

THE END

DISTRICT 5 Cleveland Rock 'n Roll Regional

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Fri-Sat KO Bracket II

- 1 C Bolen, J Bernhard,
F Howard, C Scholl

Sat Eve Side Game

- A B C
4 2 K Shipkovitz - C Stuart

Saturday Open Pairs

- A B C
1 F Schenker - D Roseberry
3 P Chisholm - A Port

Morning Side Series Overalls

- 3/4 H & MJ Bohl, Jr.

Sunday B Swiss Team Bracket I

- 2 C Bolen, J Bernhard,
F Howard, C Scholl

Sunday B Swiss Team Bracket II

- 1 D Collura, D Pittman,
M Fainer, S Borison

Sunday B Swiss Team Bracket III

- 1 R Heasley III, C Custer,
J Stahl, T Rice

Sunday B Swiss Team Bracket IV

- 2 J Bardi - I Bardi,
I Baxter, G Alius

PBA THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

MARCH 2012

- 02 Club Championship
- 04 Fossick-Goodman Swiss Team (pending site availability)
- 9 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 10 Novice Swiss 12 noon with lecture at 11:15
- 16 Open Pairs
- 23 Unit Championship
- 30 Open Pairs

APRIL 2012

- 06 Club Championship
- 13 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM and Board Meeting
- 20 Unit ACBL Charity Championship
- 27 PBA Spring Sectional @ Masonic Center *Unit Game Cancelled*

MAY 2012

- 04 Unit Championship
- 11 Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 18 Club ACBL Charity Championship and AWARDS NIGHT
- 25 *Unit Game Cancelled* - Cleveland Regional Tournament

Thursday Eve Side Swiss

- A B C
- 1 B Fudor, B Greenspan,
H Sachs, G Carns
 - 1 C Berkman, B Abraham,
M Kramer, L Finegold
 - 3/4 C Stonis, D Mehok, J Smith,
D Hess
 - 1/2 B Bonessa, J Weiss,
K Braun, G Braun
 - 3 S Dillon, M McConnell,
S Wozniak, C Benedict

Sat Morn Swiss Team

- A B C
- 1 J Gray, W Obitz,
C Powell, B Belardi
 - 3 C Berkman, B Abraham,
M Kramer, L Finegold

Sat Morn Side Game

- A B C
- 3 F Schenker - J Overcashier

DISTRICT 5 Cleveland Rock 'n Roll Regional

Wednesday Open Pairs

- A B C
- 1 B Fudor - B Ellis

Wednesday Eve Swiss Teams

- A B C
- 2 A Port, F Schenker,
J Bachelder, D Roseberry
 - 3 C Bolen, J Bernhard,
J Pfeifer, N Pfeifer

Thursday Morn Side Game

- A B C
- 3 H & MJ Bohl, Jr

Thursday Morn Swiss Teams

- 1 F Schenker, A Port,
R Quinlan, C Hoechstetter

Thursday Open Pairs

- A B C
- 3 J Picone - S Schwarzwaelder

Thursday Eve Side Game

- A B C
- 1 A Ulke - P Grover
 - 3 2 N Rebtov KJ Hellman
 - 3 B Miller - P Miller

Friday Morning Side Game

- A B C
- 1 C Hoechstetter-R Quinlan
 - 2 1 M Kramer - L Finegold
 - 3 2 H Bohl Jr - MJ Bohl

Wed-Thu KO Bracket I

- 2 K Bergman, B Bergman,
J Marshall, R Franck

Friday Afternoon Side Game

- A B C
- 2 B Belardi - C Powell
 - 2 R Neafach - J Baseman

Friday Open Pairs

- A B C
- 3 H Sachs - A Ulke

Friday Eve Side Swiss

- A B C
- 3 G Hastings, L Joseph,
C Powell, B Belardi,
J Padgug, S Schwarzwaelder

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FEBRUARY 2012 hot line 412-436-0125

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PBA Unit Championship	4 Unit 229 game
5	6	7	8	9	10 PBA Membership Game	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 PBA Unit Jr Fund Game & PBA Board Meeting	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 PBA Junior Fund SWISS TEAM	25
26	27	28	29			

FIRST AT THE POST 70% GAMES

Bill Holt and Brad Craig	Washington DBC	70.83%
Frank Cordier & James Klein	Boyd Ctr Tuesday	71.88%
Doris Hess and Bob Tate	JCCSH Thursday Aft	70.00%
James & Barbara Klein	JCC Wechsler	70.37%
Arlene Port & Judy Haffner	Rodef	70.83%
Richard Katz & Asim Ulke	Rodef	73.84%

4 IN A ROW

James & Barbara Klein JCC Wechsler

3 IN A ROW

Sandy Harris JCC South Hills
 Delores Ikach-Lefcort Whitehall Monday
 Alan Lefcort Whitehall Monday
 Barbara Bergman JCC SH Tuesday Eve
 Ken Bergman JCC SH Tuesday Eve
 Arlene Port-a-Potty JCC SH Tuesday Eve
 Lou Joseph JCC SH Tuesday Eve

2 IN A ROW

Mary Illson Export DBC
 Betty Wilkerson Export DBC
 Ron Grassel Export DBC
 Rege Hovan Export DBC
 Arlene Port Rodef
 Judy Haffner Rodef
 Madeline Kramer Rodef
 Lessa Finegold Rodef