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POST MORTEM

All the news that fits in print

..... by lou joseph

Summer seems to be here with a vengeance! Well, why be surprised with 96 degree weather in June when we had 80 degree weather in February? It could be worse...maybe.

July kicks off with the PBA Summer Sectional (see flyer on facing page). Ron Franck, Bill Holt and Ruthie Neafach have been organizing like crazy to bring off the tournament of your dreams - but only if YOU come out and play. If you don't come, then all their work will have been for naught. Mind you, they have an almost impossible act to follow - the Bergman's have running a Sectional down to an absolute science.

I think the job they do is so amazing and any event they host runs so smoothly that we all seem to forget how much work they do in front and behind the scenes. A perfectly good example was the STaC 'n Snack held at the Glenshaw Moose last month. Twenty tables in play, refreshments galore, and a great time had by all - one might almost be convinced there was nothing to running these events - until you wake up one day and the people whom have broken their backs for no thanks at all have retired into the sunset. So if you see Barb or Ken or anyone else you know has been working their as- off, how about at least saying thanks!

Did you hear about Arlene's first 2/1 class at Rodef Shalom. It was so successful that the entire class hoisted her upon their shoulders, paraded her through town, over the Liberty Bridge, up the McArdle Roadway, and heaved her off Mt. Washington! OK, maybe that's just jealousy on my part. Apparently everyone who took the class told everyone who didn't what a fabulous class it was and is. Usually after my first class, they tell their friends things that I can't repeat in writing!

Don't forget the Butler Sectional at the end of this month (see flyer inside.) Also New Partnership Night coming up in August (see the 3 months in advance post inside.) Also, please talk up the LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY from Judi Sonon being hosted at the Radisson during the RONI Labor Day Regional Tournament at the Airport Hyatt (ALSO inside!) We all have friends and acquaintances who should consider the opportunity.

Pittsburgh Summer Sectional

July 6 - 8, 2012
 Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Friday, July 6

- 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, July 7

- 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 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 8

- 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

Full Schedule & Directions @ www.pittsburghbridge.org

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

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

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

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

All Strats in All Events by Avg. MPs
 299er Strats at Director's Discretion

Partnerships:
 Jane Marshall
 412-371-4067

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

Tournament Chairs:
 Bill Holt 412-860-2794
 Ron Franck 412-913-1505
 Ruthie Neafach 412-242-7419

Director in Charge:
 Mike Roberts
 Sanction # S 1207046

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 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!

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the passing of Marian Bass, a long time regular player at Rodef Shalom.

POST CARDS

This column is reserved for you. It is for those who are not feeling well, feeling better, or just feeling like they want to have their names in the Post Mortem. In an case, we cannot oblige unless we know about it.

So, how about keeping your ears and eyes open for anyone who needs our attention. I know we can take Lou's mind off of picking on me by giving him someone else to write about. I will feel neglected, but I will get over it.

If you haven't already made your plans for the upcoming Sectional, stop whatever you're doing and get to it right away.

And I know Ruthie Neafach will be delighted to know that I reminded you to bring cookies, etc. for the players. It wouldn't hurt to bake up a batch.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

ELECTION POST

Election: Saturday, Nov 10 2012
Petitions Due By: Oct 10 2012

The Bylaws of the Pittsburgh Bridge Association call for up to a 20 member Board of Directors, with each Director serving a two-year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 10 members are to be elected each year. For 2012, seven 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 10/10/2010. 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 2013. Please submit any nominating petitions to Board President Asim Ulke or Elections Chair Phyllis Silver, or any current board member. The following board members' terms are expiring:

Ken Bergman
Bill Holt
Lou Joseph
Maryanne McNeirney
Marilyn Painter
Bill Seran
Carole Shanahan

ANOTHER GREAT HAND FROM THAT OLD HAND EXPERT

.....Ernie Retetagos

Let's all give Ernie a bid hand!!

♠ K J 10
♥ K 9 8
♦ 10 5 4
♣ A 9 4 2

♠ A 9 2
♥ A J 7 5 4 3
♦ 2
♣ 8 7 6

At a club game, East opened 1 diamond in 3rd seat and South overcalled 1 heart. After West doubled, North redoubled, later cue bid, and South ended in 3 hearts. After the defense led and continued diamonds, South had to consider the best plan to test the clubs before resorting to a spade finesse.

If South ruffs the diamond and leads trump, East shows up with a singleton Queen. After pulling trumps, you duck a club and ruff the diamond return. After the Ace of clubs and a club ruff, you find that East started with 4 clubs. Since you are down to all spades in the 3 card end position, a losing spade finesse would also cost a club trick.

Instead of ruffing trick two, South should pitch a club. On a diamond continuation, throw another club. Now play Ace of clubs and ruff a club, before pulling trumps ending on the board. After another club ruff, declarer still has a trump in hand before playing on spades. Since the only face card you've seen from West is the King of clubs, you successfully finesse for the spade Queen. The technique of throwing a loser on a loser allowed declarer to maintain trump control while attempting suit establishment.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Peter Cannon
Tyler Geer
Glenn Walters

CLUB MASTER

Madeleine Carlin
Marshall Carlin
Madeleine Frizzi
Gary Goetz Jr
Richard Nathenson

SECTIONAL MASTER

David Allison
Juanita Allison

NABC MASTER

Ruth Hughes
Judith Vittone

LIFE MASTER

Bernadine Bonessa

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Robert Heasley III
John Kristufek

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Lynne Colker
Ami Ellis
Dorothy Mehok

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Henry Nelson
Jean Prior

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Robert Quinlan**

**I object!! He didn't suffer enough!!
(showoff) Signed Anonymous (ap)

DISTRICT 5 SUMMER STAC 2012

TOP 25 Unit 142 Masterpoint Winners

1. Jean Prior
2. Bernie Fudor
3. Bob Quinlan
4. Susan Konig
5. Karen Bock
6. Arlene Port (*under investigation*)
7. Gail Carns
8. Barbara Bergman
9. Russ Sheldon
10. James Klein
11. Ernie Retetagos
12. Dennis Gibboney
13. Ken Bergman
14. Judy Haffner
15. Sue Lordi
16. Cecilia Powell
17. Barbara Belardi
18. Tom Lordi
19. Herb Sachs
20. Deborah Shoup
21. Stan Ruskin
22. John Bernhard
23. Dale Gregg
24. Jane Marshall
25. Gus Costanzo

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL!!**

LEARN **1** BRIDGE in **1** Day!

Why is Bridge the world's most popular card game?

Ever wonder
why most
Newspapers
run a daily
Bridge
column?



Care to make
new friends,
and have fun,
while keeping
mentally
sharp?

Did your parents play Bridge but you never learned?

Here is your chance!

**The Pittsburgh Bridge Association is
Offering a Single Session Bridge Lesson!**

Designed for the complete newcomer!

Saturday Sept. 1st - 12 Noon - 4:30 PM

Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt

**\$25, includes take-home manual
& light supper to follow!**

(Free Parking for the Bridge Lesson)

Advance Reservations Required - Call with Questions

www.pittsburghbridge.org

Or Call 412-407-CLUB (2582)

*Free Parking instructions mailed
or emailed to all Registrants*

DISCOUNT FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS



Butler Sectional

July 28 and July 29, 2012

Tanglewood Center
10 Austin Ave
Lyndora, PA 16045

Saturday, July 28

12:00 Stratified Open Pairs, \$10/Pair

12:00 Stratified 299'er Pairs, \$10/Pair

6:00 Stratified Open Pairs, \$10/Pair

6:00 Stratified 299'er Pairs, \$10/Pair

Sunday, July 29

11:00 Stratified Swiss Teams, 7 rounds of seven boards with a short break to eat

\$100/team, meals included

Open events stratified by average masterpoints. A: 2000+, B: 750-2000, C: 0-750. 299'er events stratified at the Director's discretion.

Refreshments will be provided before and during each session and after the Saturday evening session.

There will be a \$1/session charge for lapsed and non-ACBL members. ACBL Zero Tolerance policy will be in effect.

Tournament Chair: Alex Bealles, (724)287-0359, awbealles@zoominternet.net

Partnership Chair: George Cross, (724)652-3459

Directions:

From North or South, Take Rte. 8 to the Lyndora/Hansen Ave exit. After crossing the bridge, turn left at the third traffic light (at the 7-11). Tanglewood is the third building on the left. Alternatively, take Rte. 79 N to Rte. 68. Follow 68 east to New Castle Rd. After you pass Butler H.S. and start down hill, turn right at the first light, go 1 block and turn right at the next light. Tanglewood is the third building on the left.

From East or West, take Rte. 422 to the Lyndora/Rte. 356 S exit, turn left and follow the directions from New Castle Rd. Alternatively, from West, follow the Rte. 68 directions.

LOCAL GAMES OF INTEREST POST MARGIE TAMRES

Directors are not born - they are made. A little bit of this and a little bit of that and VOILA!! You have a director. Fortunately, in the case of Marge Tamres, we have a lot of everything built into the small frame of this highly respected director of two local games and one in the Beaver area.

Marge started her directing career somewhere in the early 1980's. Jane McIntyre who ran the Rodef Shalom and the JCC games retired and Margie took over. She also inherited the game in Beaver from another director.

Actually, Margie comes by her knowledgeable presence in the bridge world naturally. She is now, and has been the leading master point holder in our unit for many years, earning the title of Grand Life Master by virtue of her national championship win with Joe Brady and having reached a total of 10,000 master points; a number she has long since surpassed. Her skills at playing are legendary. She qualified to play in the 1974 World Bridge Olympics with Grace Moore and had to do well at the national level in order to do so.

Margie is the mother of three girls and has three grandchildren. So, if you're trying to find her, she is either directing, playing or spending time with her family. And if you're looking for a great game to play in, try these:

**MONDAY - 12:00 Noon Rodef Shalom Duplicate BC
Rodef Shalom Synagogue, 4905 Fifth Ave, Pgh PA 15213**

**WEDNESDAY: 12:00 Noon JCC Duplicate Bridge Club
J.C.C., 5738 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15217**

**1st SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH: 6:00 PM
New Brighton - Unit 229 'Unit Game'
YMCA, 223 2236 3rd Avenue
New Brighton, PA 15066 Check club results page for
changes or call: George Cross @724-652-3459**

INTERNET POST

Here is this month's hand: You are South, E/W vul, imp's

You hold:

S Q 5
H K 5 4 3 2
D A Q J 9 7 4
C --

The bidding is:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
4SPADES 4NT* ?

Asim Ulke: I bid 6S. This may not make but there is no way I can describe this hand to partner for help in placing the final contract.

I have too many controls for that.

Bill Holt: 5S. We might not have 3 tricks so I am unwilling to defend 5c at these colors. If we were vulnerable I would assume we could make 5S or possibly 6S as partner would guarantee a better suit & hand. It would help to know preempt style here.

Herb Sachs 5S Opponents may be six-six in clubs/three-zero in spades/ lord only knows about the red suits; I bid five spades and will decide later what to do over six clubs; dont want to be on the wrong end of a double slam swing.

Robert Zimmermann: 6S. Hard to find a sensible auction to anything, and all my values are probably working (other than the KH)

Florine Walters: DBL It could be right to bid five diamonds, but I am going to double and try to buy the hand at the five level.

Steve Nolan 5D. Then spades at my next turn. Then double the opponents if they go to the seven level. I'm thinking ahead to the defense against the grand slam: if West is declarer, the double will be Lightner and partner will lead the desired club against 7H or heart against 7C.
Gail Carns: 6S I don't think east will defend (Oh, I see we got the real Gail Carns back)

Ernie Retetagos: 5 Spades. At this vulnerability, partner could have a wide range of hands

Trudy Cohn: 6S I will bid 6 spades. All of my cards appear to be working well

Fred Schenker: DBL My bid is double. I am sure the opps are going to bid 5C. I want to make sure that pd has the opportunity to x 5C. If pd does not x 5C, I'm bidding 5S. If they bid something other than 5C, I will x that..

Marvin Rulin: 5 Spades. I'm trying to keep them from finding their big club fit without telling them too much about my hand, and we have a reasonable chance to make 5 spades. Of course if partner or east has the King of diamonds we could make six.

Bernie Fudor: 5D Good problem I bid 5 D as lead director and hope to buy it at 5 sp. I probably bid one more. Come back to me if they bid 6 clubs at Imps I might bid one more

Jane Marshall 6S. I don't think EW can make 7 clubs, but I do believe that they can make 5 or 6 clubs. We will be down 4 or 5 at 6S (minus 800 or 1100) against their 1370.

Stan Ruskin: 5D Wow!! Whose hand is this anyway? Remember, this is Imps. They obviously have a club fit and for all I know, East could have 6H and 7C. No one will ever know. All I have is one heart trick – maybe. They are vulnerable but, for all I know, they can make 6 or 7 Clubs and we could make 6 or 7 Spades. Inimps, I always bid one more. A small loss is acceptable and a large one isn't. I bid 5D on the way to wherever we are going so partner know that I have the Diamond A and a competitive hand if, for some reason he is on lead if they win the auction. Additionally, partner, if he wants can bid diamonds. At any rate, I plan to compete to 6 spades if they bid 6C.

PJ Prabu 5S. I wouldn't want to let opponents play 5C. Hence I may as well raise the preempt right away.

Paul Caplan: 6 spades might be right might be wrong but it looks like fun to me.

Arlene Port: Well, I'm not going to count my answer because I had no clue, so I read the rationale for doubling and of all the bids, that was the one I felt was the best. The reason most "experts" gave was that if you double 4nt, maybe they will bid 5C and partner would double. Of course, a bid of 5D would be my dream. The only bummer to that was if partner does not double 5C, I have to bid. Since I am an optimist, I would then bid 6S. Anyhow, this is supposed to be a learning activity and if nothing else, at least I learned!!

INTERNET POST

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Alan Bell	5D
David Berkowitz	D
Bart Bramley	5S
Larry Cohen	D
Billy Eisenberg	5D
Richard Freeman	5D
Geoff Hampson	D
Carl Hudecek	5S
Michael Kamil	5NT
Sami Kehela	D
Danny Kleinman	P
Eric Kokish	D
Marshall Miles	5S
Rozanne & O Bill Pollack	5S
Larry Robbins	5D
Arthur Robinson	5S
Steve Robinson	5S
Jeff Rubens	D
Ira Rubin	5D
Harry Steiner	D
Frank Stewart	D
Howard Weinstein	5D
Robert Wolff	5S
Kit Woolsey	D
Ray Zoller	5C

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
Dbl	9	2	100
5S	8	5	80
5D	6	3	70
Pass	1	0	50
5NT	1	0	50
5C	1	0	40
6S	0	6	20

JULY 2012 hot line 412-436-0125

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 See flyer on page 2	9	10	11 JCC Wechsler No Game	12	13 PBA OPEN PAIRS	14 Unit 229
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FIRST AT THE POST

3 IN A ROW

Lila Margolis	JCC Wechsler	Lessa Finegold	JCC Wechsler
Arlene Port	Rodef	Judy Haffner	Rodef

2 IN A ROW

Ken Bergman	Allegh North	Henry Nelson	Allegh North
Elio Catalfamo	Allegh North	Bob Quinlan	Pgh North
Pat Heinz	Rodef 199	Glenn Walters	Rodef 199
Ami Elis	Rodef	Nurit Elis	Rodef
Harold Haffner	Rodef	Pat Heinz	Rodef 199er
Glen Walters	Rodef 199ers		

THREE MONTHS AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 2012

03 New Partnership Night
 10 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
 17 PBA Unit Championship
 24 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
 31 *PITTSBURGH LABOR DAY REGIONAL AT THE AIRPORT HYATT*

SEPTEMBER 2012

07 PBA Open Pairs
 14 PBA Club Championship
 21 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team
 28 International Fund Game

OCTOBER 2012

04 INSTANT MATCHPOINT GAME Thursday Eve - Glenshaw Moose
 05 PBA Club Appreciation Pairs
 10 ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY GAME - Wednesday Eve - Rodef Shalom
 12 PBA Club Appreciation SWISS TEAM and PBA Board Meeting
 19 PBA Club Championship
 26 PBA Unit Championship