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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by arlene port

On Thursday, October 23, The PBA Pro Am game was held at the Rodef Shalom Temple. What an evening!! I don't know how they do it, but it gets better every year and this year was no exception. A great time was had by all, even though Lou was in the overalls.

So many gave of their time and talents, anonymously, that it is impossible to thank everyone personally. I would just like to say that you are all wonderful for giving so much of your time and energy to such a wonderful charity. (see page 8) This year we had 43 tables. Next year we hope to have twice that many.

The best thing about the PBA is that the good things never end. As our ad indicates, the Fall Section will be upon us all on November 14. I don't want to intimidate you, but I will be taking attendance and you had better be on my list of attendees. It will be so much fun. Barb Weinstein and Ron Franck, are our co-chairs. What a team!!

And, don't forget the spectacular events at the PBA Friday evening game. You can't afford to miss the Unit Championship Swiss Team on November 21. and make a special note on your calendar to attend our holiday party on Friday, December 5.

STaC week begins in December. On Thursday, the 11th STaC and Snack will be held and on Friday, the 12th, the PBA will host a STaC game. Are we lucky or what? All we need is you to be there.

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pittsburgh Fall Sectional
Hospitality All Sessions!

Friday, November 14
 1:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 7:00 PM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Single Session Swiss Teams

Saturday, November 15
 11:00 AM Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Compact Handicapped KO Teams (1st of 2 sessions)
 4:00 PM Lunch on Us between Sessions!
 Stratified Open Pairs (1 session)
 Stratified 299er Pairs (1 session)
 Compact Handicapped KO Teams (2nd of 2 sessions)
 Single Session Swiss Teams

Sunday, November 16
 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
 Stealers @ Tennessee on Monday Night

November 14-16, 2014
 Masonic Center North
 3579 Masonic Way
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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

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Director in Charge: Mike Roberts
 Sanction # 51411055
 Pairs Entries \$12 pp.
 Open Swiss Teams \$100/team
 299er Swiss \$ 80/team
 Non & Unpaid ACBL Members
 \$3 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!
 Full Schedule & Directions at www.pittsburghbridge.org

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

UNIT 142 ON FACEBOOK

Unit 142 is *STILL* looking for a capable, computer savvy person who is familiar with Facebook. The ACBL, as part of an overall marketing campaign, is suggesting individual units and districts create their own Facebook page. The ACBL has provided the unit with a flash drive to help with this endeavor.

The function of the Facebook page would be to capture the entire duplicate bridge experience. The page would not only be used to keep players apprised of current and future events but also to record through pictures the social aspect of the game. Many fond memories and friendships have been formed at the duplicate bridge table. It is important especially for the newer players to witness the enjoyment of the game.

If you are interested in creating and updating a Facebook page for Unit 142 please contact either Barb Bergman or Mary Carns. **HELP!!!**

PBA 2 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER

- 7 PBA Unit Championship and Annual Membership Meeting
- 14 PBA FALL SECTIONAL @ MASONIC CENTER**
- 21 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 28 PBA Open Pairs

DECEMBER

- 5 HOLIDAY PARTY!! PBA Unit Championship & Bd Mtg (if required)
- 11 STaC PAIRS @ Glenshaw Moose - STaC Sn Snack tradition (Thurs Eve)
- 12 PBA STaC Pairs
- 19 PBA Unit Championship SWISS TEAM
- 26 PBA Open Pairs

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Trudy Friedman
Miriam Hartner
Elizabeth Webster

CLUB MASTER

Barbara Cusick
Barbara Laswell
Linda Wozman
Kathleen Wycoff

SECTIONAL MASTER

Jane Kahn
Laura Zimmermann
Rebecca Zoretich

HIP, HIP, HOORAH!!

GOOD WISHES POST

We continue to offer our hopes and prayers for the speedy recovery of the following players:

Please get well soon!!

Herky Block

Gigi Davis

Mary Anne McNeirney

Norman Docö Williams

Bill and Norma Spicher

Betty Noble

Maureen Hunt

Pat Miller (double knee job!!)

Pat Swedlow

Dorothy Mehok (hip replacement)

Lois Kort (knee replacement)

Arlene Port (brain replacement)

To Edie Diamond: You are in our thoughts and we hope to see you back at the bridge table soon.

IN MEMORIAM

Greensburg bridge has lost Larry Evans, a very popular player to his long, hard fought battle with cancer. Over the years Larry was a key worker for their sectional, on the board for years, and taught lessons at the Thursday game. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Linda, son Darren (Valerie) and he was Pap to Abby and Nathan. He was truly a very special person, and the void he leaves can never be filled.

We also regret to announce the passing of Sylvia Williams after a lengthy illness. Sylvia was one of those rare players who could laugh at her own mistakes as well as her partners. She and her late husband Max were always a pleasure to see at the tables. We offer our condolences to her children, grandchildren and many, many friends.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Virginia Birmingham. Virginia played regularly at the Boyd Community Center. She was an attorney who specialized in legal matters for women. Virginia was truly a success at both work and at play and will be sorely missed.

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly does!!!

I watched some of the World Swiss teams on BBO's vu-graph this week. John Kranyak, as South, won the Queen of diamonds lead with the

King in his 4 spade contract, and lost 3 tricks to eventually arrive at this position:

♠
♥ J6
♦ A8
♣ 8

♠
♥ 54
♦ J52
♣

♠
♥ Q
♦ 97
♣ T9

♠ 8
♥
♦ T4
♣ Q6

You are sitting East, and you know the location of all cards except for the 10 of diamonds. When declarer plays the last spade, your partner and dummy both pitch hearts. What should you discard to keep declarer from making his game?

If your partner has the 10 of diamonds, you can pitch a diamond, and declarer loses 2 more tricks. If declarer has the 10, you are triple squeezed. The actual defender pitched a diamond. Declarer led the 10 of diamonds covered by the Jack and Ace. The 8 of diamonds now squeezed East in hearts and clubs. If you pitch a heart instead, declarer leads the 10, Jack, Ace of diamonds, and the heart squeezes you in diamonds and clubs. But if you discard a club, you give up a club trick, but now dummy is squeezed before you on the established club trick. The triple squeeze does not repeat, and declarer goes down one.

PBA ELECTION POST

Election, Saturday Nov. 15, 2014 Petitions due by Oct. 15, 2014
The Bylaws of the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION call for up to a 15 member board of directors, with each director serving a two year term. Terms are staggered, and up to 6 members are to be elected this year. 8 members terms are expiring in 2014. If you would like to run for the board of directors you need to submit a nomination petition signed by 10 members of the PBA The deadline for submitting is Oct 15, 2014. In the last few years, we have had fewer nominations than there were board seats to fill, so there was no need to hold an election. If more than 8 petitions are received an election will be at the Fall Sectional to elect the members of the Board who will serve in 2015

Please submit any nominating petitions to the Board President Barbara Bergman, Election Chair Ruthie Neafach, or any current Board member.

The following members' terms expire in 2014:

Jeanne Baseman	John Bernhard
Ken Bergman	Lorraine Hanna
William Holt	Louis Joseph
Carole Shanahan	Barbara Weinstein

PBA BRIDGE IN SCHOOLS!!!

Thanks to John Bernhard's connection with the Sewickley Y, we started teaching bridge to Moon Township middle school children through the YMCA's afterschool program. We would like to expand this effort in introducing and expanding bridge to our younger population. We are in need of volunteers and connections with school officials. Across the country over 4000 children participate each year in this program. As reported by the ACBL, bridge students have outscored their non-bridge counterparts in science, math, reading and social science. It is funded by the ACBL and there is no cost to the school or the children Our focus is middle school or high school aged children.

John Bernhard is lead instructor with the following teaching volunteers, Paul Caplan, AnneMarie Gordon, Bill Holt, Connie Hoechstetter, Michon Kirlin, Suellen Weir, Terri Tunnick, Kathleen Wycoff

Please contact Lorraine Hanna [724 625 6419](tel:724-625-6419) or lorraineanna4@gmail.com to volunteer in this program or info on school connections.

RONI 2014 LABOR DAY REGIONAL AIRPORT HYATT, AUG 26 - SEP 01

FRI AFT SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 1 J Killmeyer-AM Gordon
 2 V De Jong - D Bloom
 3 2 K Pugsley - K Pugsley
 3 1 P Rosenberg - G Retos
 2 A Sandson - G Sandson

FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 D Fulmer - J Fulmer
 2 2 1 M Vilella - N Gusky
 3 3 C Pattison - D Wyke
 2 P Heinz - G Walters
 3 S L Myers - M Ledzinski

THU EVE SIDE GAME

- A B C
 1 1 B Bozick - S Pollack
 2 2 J Bardi - I Bardi
 3 3 K Pugsley - K Pugsley
 1/2 M Kahl - J Collins
 1/2 W Gunther - M Slusky

THU OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 C Mody - F Tseng
 2 1 D Ruppert - A Leaver
 3 2 KJ Hellmann - D Gibboney
 2 J Rajgopal - A Mariani
 1 P Heinz - G Walters
 2 C Dankosky - J Dankosky
 3 N Zweig - N Chernew

THU-FRI KO BRACKET I

- 1 C Cheek-A Graves-H Bertens-
R Frobouck
 2 MP Carns-G Carns-B Fudor
E Retetagos

THU-FRI KO BRACKET II

- 1 A Elis-S Nolan- C Rosenberger-
D Toy
 2 M Gladfelter-MJ Gladfelter-
S Agarwal-V Vasudevan

THU-FRI KO BRACKET III

- 1 K Klahfen-B Miller-I Agarwal-
S Agarwal
 2 C Woodhead-E Duggins-
J Zakor-G Streiter

FRI FLIGHT A/B SWISS TEAMS

- A B
 1 N Newman-K Newman-
D Faskow-J Albright
 2 R Franck-W Oberfield-
J Haffner-H Haffner
 3 L Jones -P Benedict-C Reitz-
E Bissell
 1 B Violand-E Steingraf-
R Sharkis-S Becker
 2 D Averbach-B Bayuk-
P Geinzer-L Igiel
 3/4 C Wang-R Sheldon-G Moser--
C Szazynski
 3/4 R Heasley-D Mehok-B Segal-
C Custer

FRI GOLD RUSH SWISS TEAMS

- C D
 1 A Cockburn-W Johnson-
V Kane-T Hodous
 2 F Grzegorzewski-T Barbaro-
E Dylewski-W Wagamon
 3 1 A Cullen-B Stephen-R Haas-
J Threlkeld
 2 J Bernot-S McCall-E Levine-
T Morris
 3 J Drennen-K Kreps-S Metosky-
S Metosky

**TO BE COMPLETE IN
DECEMBER ISSUE!!**

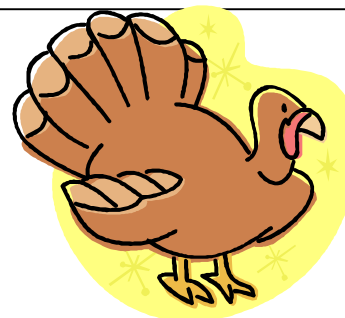
THANK YOU POST

We want to thank the Pittsburgh Bridge Association for their incredible outpouring of generosity for the Pro- Am Charity Game. A special thank you to those who did all the organization and preparation as well as donations of food for this event. It was a lovely evening.

Due to your help, the Memorial Trust in Davita and Lauras' names is now fully funded and will be operational in the coming year.

Alan and Lynne Colker

ED NOTE: As you all know, the monies from the PBA Pro-Am Charity Game was designated to the Memorial Trust in memory of Alan and Lynne's daughters Davita and Laura. We are pleased to announce that the trust received approximately \$5,000.00 as a result of our generous members.



INTERNET POST (cont. from pg 9)

Ernie Retetagos: 3 D. The spade suit wasn't rebid or raised, so I suspect that partner may have a doubleton spade honor. A strong 6-4 hand or a good 5-5 would be consistent with the bidding and yield a decent play for game. I am on the top of my pass and all of my meager assets could be working. Partner's sequence shows extras, and I owe them a raise.

Bernie Fudor: _I bid 2h. My partners don't need that much extra for their auction I won't hang him or her
Gail Carns: 3D I agree with all the comments

Arlene Port: 3D. I think that partner has a strong 2-suited hand. The least I can do is show partner I have some cards, even though I did not bid the first round. Yipee!! I just looked at the professional's answer. That makes it twice in 14 years for me that I found the preferred answer.

POST CARDS: Did you do something special? Did you have a baby? Did you hit the lottery? Let us know and we will report the event.

Congratulations to Harold and Judy Haffner on the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Lauren. They had a wonderful party to celebrate Lauren's transition from a beautiful little girl to a beautiful young adult.

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, n/s vul.

You hold:

S Q 9 2
H J 3
D J 8 6 4
C K 10 9 6

THE BIDDING IS:

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

Richard Katz: 3D Richard and I like the auction and we think 3diamonds describes this hand. Very well

Jane Marshall .3 diamonds. I have an invitational hand for a partner who opened the bidding, reopened with a double and then bid a new suit. If partner asks me for a spade stopper, I will bid 3NT.

Stan Ruskin 3D This is very difficult now since, while I don't have much, I do have something. With a semi spade stopper, no trump will be an option at some point and, if so, North should be the declarer if he has something like Kx, the lead should be coming to him. If he has Ax, it doesn't matter and, if he has nothing in S, we probably won't play it in NT. With that in mind, I can't bid 1NT. Partner can have anything. He can be 1,5,3,4, or 1,5,4,3, or 2,5,3,3, etc. I am going to bid 3D and see what happens. This may be a little conservative but, if partner has a very good hand, he will bid again and we can find our way to the best contract which could be anything of NT, H, D, of at or below game level.

Robert Zimmermann .3D. I'd love to take a shot at 3nt. We're red at IMPs, and that game bonus beckons. Partner should have a big hand with the red suits. But, unless that hand is something like AK-sixth AK-fifth, that won't have any play. Maybe, he'll take another call.
PJ Prabhu Pass. Partner's reopening double was more or less forced and the subsequent correction to 2D does not imply extra strength. It indicates shortness in C. I cannot undo the prior pass; and do not want to make things worse by trying to catch up. Moreover, black suit values, especially the CK, are not appealing (for a D contract). For example, picture partner with Jxx, AKxxx, KQxx, xx and imagine what could happen if I bid anything else.

Steve Nolan 3D. Not making a negative double hasn't done any harm since I have been able to show moderate values and both of my four card minors anyway. Knowing this, North, who has a good hand, can bid again.

Trudy Cohn: PASS It sounds like we have found a home. I will pass. My spade queen looks to be a wasted card.

Herb Sachs 3D I bid three diamonds and is certainly forward going; I will raise three hearts to four and bid 3NT over three spades.

Paul Caplan .3 NT partner has shown 19 plus. this might be our best game. it is hard to recover from the first mistake. if partner is very distributional he will bid again.

Bill Holt 2NT. Really interesting problem. I think 2NT shows a few cards of a Spade stopper, and a desire to hear more from partner - whose hand is huge. Sounds like partner is short in clubs, so might have a S card and bid 3NT. If all red, he'd rebid 3d and I will have to choose between 4H and 5d.

Asim Ulke I bid 3D. I think partner is showing a hand with something like 1-5-4-3 distribution and 17 to 20 HCP. Having limited my hand by passing, I can safely raise diamonds to 3 so we do not miss a makeable game somewhere

Marvin Rulin: 3 D. maybe the Florida heat is affecting my judgment but I read North's hand as a very strong two suiter. Since I did not bid earlier I must show the values I have as paltry as they are. We seem to have a very good fit.


Lou Joseph: 2S I'm bidding 2 spades. Looks like the safest and most descriptive bid I can make as a passed hand

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Steve Beatty	3D
David Berkowitz	2S
Augie Boehm	3D
Bart Bramley	2S
Larry Cohen	2H
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Russ Ekeblad	2S
Mark Feldman	2S
Robert Friend	P
Ross Gabel	2S
Alan Graves	2S
Joe Grue	2S
Barbara Haberman	3D
Carl Hudecek	3NT
Sammy Kahela	P
Danny Kleinman	2NT
Eric Kokish	2NT
Boris Klytchou	3D
Mark Lair	2H
Pratap Rajadhyaksha	3D
Arthur Robinson	2NT
Jeff Rubens	3D
Ira Rubin	3D
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	P
Zia	2S

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
3D	9	10	100
2S	8	1	90
2NT	5	1	80
2H	2	1	70
3NT	1	1	70
PASS	3	2	50

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FIRST AT THE POST

70%

Jane Weiss & Dot Mehok Longue Vue Luncheon Club 77.50 %

2 IN A ROW

C Hoechstetter	Suburban Fri	R Quinlan	Suburban Fri
B Bozick	Beth-El Tue	S Pollack	Beth-El Tue
Andy Makar	Export DBC	Ken Snyder	DBC

GOOD JOB!

17th ANNUAL PRO-AM CHARITY EVENT OCTOBER 23, 2014

OVERALL RANKINGS

A B C

- 1 Bruce Brennan assisted by Stanley Ruskin
- 2 Paul Rosenberg assisted by Harold Haffner
- 3 Susan Portnoy assisted by Louis Joseph
- 1 1 Neil Zweig assisted by Elaine Zweig
- 2 Alan Colker assisted by James Hastings
- 3 2 Tilly Flannery assisted by Kathleen Mulligan
- 3 Andrew Eames and Todd Phillips assisted each other

**CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL
WHO PARTICIPATED, HELPED AND DONATED
43 TABLES IN PLAY!!!**