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POST MORTEM

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All the news that fits in print

by lou joseph

Well, it looks like Spring has been trying to make an appearance over the last few weeks. Winter seems very reluctant to leave, but I do believe the sun is winning the contest at last! IT'S ABOUT TIME!

March brought us the PBA Spring Sectional and Barb and Ken Bergman did their usual fabulous job. The hospitality was only spectacular, and although Barb was careful to thank everybody at the tournament, I'm sure she would wish me to once again express her and Ken's appreciation to all who contributed to making the tournament the success that it was.

Were you able to catch the Cubic Zirconia Life Master's performance on Saturday afternoon between sessions? Bill Holt (aka Gene Rugburn) hosted the 2015 Matchpoint Game, with contestants Ruthie Neafach and Dot Mehok and panelists Ernie Retetagos, Ron Franck, Barb Bergman and myself. (Some wag pointed out that all the panelists were past or present PBA presidents. Well, who else would volunteer to make a fool of themselves?) The show was a riot, and we thank all the good sports in the audience, especially Jane Marshall, who was prominently featured!

So, now it's April, with May right around the corner. Take a well earned breather this month to be ready for all the activities due in May - Awards Night (05/15) and the Fossick-Goodman Educational Charity Team Game at Edgewood Country Club (05/17)

Look inside for the flyer for the upcoming PBA classes. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please reserve early. It would be greatly appreciated.

Happy Passover and Easter to all!

CHECK OUT PAGE 6 FOR OUR APRIL CLASS SCHEDULE!

2015 Audrey Fossick & Gloria Goodman

UNIT CHAMPIONSHIP SWISS

Join us again for great food, fun, and fellowship!

Help us celebrate the memory of Audrey and Gloria, two friends whose presence graced our bridge tables together for more than 45 years.

Sunday, May 17, 2015
Edgewood Country Club

Coffee & Cookies at 10:15 Game Time 11:00
Edgewood Signature Buffet Dinner Served Late Afternoon
Entry: \$140 per team of four, Extra Player \$35*

Team Stratifications

A: 2000+ B: 750 - 2000 C: 0 - 750
Stratifications by Team Average MPs
7 session play-through with dinner break!

For additional information:

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RSVP: Kindly have one member of your team phone Patsy so we can plan accordingly.

Casual Country Club Attire, please.



Food! Fun! Fellowship!
***All Proceeds Benefit**
Local Bridge Education!
See you there!

Directions on the website:
www.pittsburghbridge.org

IN MEMORIAM

Unfortunately, March brought still more sadness and loss to our Unit family.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Lou Wolff and Graham Whitlow, both of whom recently suffered the loss of their wives.

ANITA WHITLOW, Graham's wife of 53 years passed after a long battle with lung cancer. We offer our prayers to Graham and his family to sustain them in this time of grief.

The family is having memorial service and a celebration of her life, on Sanibel Island and will have another one in Murrysville, Pennsylvania in June, when all six grandsons will be able to be present.

RENEE WOOLF, Lou's wife died in March. Both from England, Renee traveled with Lou to the US and was by his side throughout their marriage. Our deepest sympathies to Lou, his family and friends. I knew Renee and she was, indeed a bright, lovely lady.

GET WELL POST

Well, we managed to get all of our injured back home, except one.

Bob Zwack is still recovering in the hospital. Hurry up and get out of there Bob. We miss you.

Bud Kury - recovering from surgery after falling

Ivor McGloughlin - recovering from hip surgery

*Arlene Port - recovering from self-inflicted food poisoning

And of course

Norman "Doc" Williams

Mary Anne McNeirney

Betty Noble

Bill and Norma Spicher

Phil Miller (finally back home!!)

George Cross

Arnie Roberts (c'mon Arnie, that's enough already)

*It wasn't me.....it was Lou that done it!!

PBA 3 MONTHS AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2015

- 5 NAOP Qualifier
- 12 PBA Unit Championship and Bd Meeting
- 18 PBA Special Thursday Evening STaC Pairs @ Glenshaw Moose
- 19 PBA STaC Pair
- 26 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

JULY 2015

- 3 NAOP Qualifier
- 10 PBA Summer Sectional at Masonic Center
- 17 PBA Open Pairs
- 24 PBA Unit Championship
- 31 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

AUGUST 2015

- 7 PBA NEW PARTNERSHIP NIGHT
- 14 NAOP Qualifier and PBA Board Meeting
- 21 PBA Unit Championship
- 28 PBA Unit Championship Swiss Team

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

GOODBY POST

Interestingly, while most of the snowbirds are on their way home, there are at least two who I know have or are just leaving to spend the summer in Florida. That would be Sharon Rohr and Reanette Frobouck. They both had good reason. Sharon recovered from a stay in the hospital and Reanette took off after she played with me. Come back soon Reanette and give me another 8 chances to change. (OK, 7)



BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS?

A hand came up at the Vanderbilt team game in the Nationals last week, that I found interesting for a number of reasons. Vulnerable against not, you hold:

- ♠ K x
- ♥ void
- ♦ A K 10 x x x x
- ♣ A K J x.

LHO opened 2 spades, partner passed, and RHO bid 4 spades.

At one table they bid 5 diamonds and played there. They caught a dummy with 3 trumps, Queen 3rd of clubs, and a doubleton spade. Regardless of the location of the spade Ace, dummy can pitch a spade and get a spade ruff for 12 tricks and +620.

At the other table they tried 6 diamonds. It went pass, pass, to RHO holding

- ♠ A x x
- ♥ A K x x
- ♦ x
- ♣ x x x x x.

They bid 6 spades and got doubled. It went down 3 tricks for -500 and a gain of 3imps. Bidding a slam is a tough way to loseimps. **I'm sure that there is a lesson to be learned from this hand, but I'm not sure what it is.**

(Ed.: Ernie, you have WAY too much time on your hands!!) (Lou)

LESSONS - PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

7-week series beginning April 27, 2015

LEARN HOW TO BECOME THE BEST BRIDGE PLAYER YOU CAN BE



Beginning Bridge—: *Bridge Basics #1.*

A class for those who wish to learn how to play bridge or reacquaint themselves with the game and achieve a solid foundation. This course will use *Bridge Basics #1* by Audrey Grant. Cost for Textbook \$12.00.

Taught by Lou Joseph, who, once again, will make bridge masters of you all.

BRIDGE BASICS #2

COMPETITIVE BIDDING PLUS This course will reinforce and improve skills you learned in the beginning series and follow-up. Focus is on the play of the hand, with some emphasis on defense strategies. The road to a complete bridge game.

Bridge Basics #2 by Audrey Grant Available if needed...Cost \$12.00 Taught by Arlene Port

Classes will be taught by Arlene Port & Lou Joseph Tuition \$70 for the 7-week classes,

plus textbook for the *Bridge Basics #1* if needed; Advance Registration Requested—Complete & Mail this Form Or Register Online: www.pittsburghbridge.org/classreg.htm

For Details, Call Arlene at 412-521-3637; or Email aport220@comcast.net Improve your game ...

MAKE BOTH YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAPPY!!!

The PBA Lesson Series Continues...2015 April 27@ 9 AM — Seven Mondays May 8) @ Congregation Rodef Shalom 9AM -11AM Two Separate Concurrent Classes

Please accept this reservation for the PBA Bridge School, Spring 2015

Bridge Basics #1 or #2 Please Order Book @ \$12.00 Circle Course number

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

EMAIL _____

Make checks payable to the PITTSBURGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATION at the cost of \$70.00 per person (plus \$12 textbook if needed). Classes will be limited, and applications are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis.

Classes Held at:
Rodef Shalom Synagogue
4905 Fifth Ave
Pgh, PA 15213

Online Registration Available at WWW.Pittsburgh Bridge .org



American Contract Bridge League

Form and Payment to:
The Pittsburgh Bridge Association
c/o Arlene Port
220 N. Dithridge Street #404
Pittsburgh PA 15213

FRI AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 J Janitor-B Belardi
 2 A Ulke-G Carns
 3 P Caplan-C Caplan
 1 1 S Israelson-R Ambrose
 2 2 D Gibboney-E Collins
 3 3 K Peters-A Tam

FRI AFT 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 F Powers-J Drennen
 2 A Henry-M Henry
 3 1 1 D Wyke-C Pattison
 2 2 K Kilzer-J Kilzer
 3 J Alioto-R Greco
 3 B Lersch-B Weightman

FRI EVE STRATIFIED SWISS

- A B C
 1 A Ulke-T Cohn -P Katz-R Katz-
 1004 V
 2 C Woodhead-P Shrut-E Duggins-
 J Secka Sr
 3 2 R Heasley-D Mehok-F Steger-
 D Hess
 1 A Cullen-R Haas-J Threlkeld-
 B Stephen

FRI EVE OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 1 D Collura-M Mazer
 2 2 2 D Kresh-R Kleinmann
 3 3 3 L Puntureri-T Glass

FRI EVE 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 1 1 S Broadwater-T Brown
 2 2 2 M Henry-A Henry
 3 3 3 S J Anderson-B Heisele

SAT MORN OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 1 K Mulligan-J Phillips
 2 2 1 D Kresh-R Kleinmann
 3 2 I Argawal-S Argawal
 3 S Sobota-A Sobota

SAT MORN 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 2 D Singer-R A Mayberry
 2 M Symington-M Killian
 3 C Lesjack-J :Lesjack
 2 1 S Smith-B Weightman
 3 2 C Pattison-D Wyke
 3 J Jegasothy-L Wozman

SAT AFT OPEN PAIRS

- A B C
 1 C Caplan-P Caplan
 2 B Grzegorzewski-S Grzegorzewski
 3 1 1 D Kresh-R Kleinmann
 2 2 R Flynn-M Kumer
 3 3 D Livingston-J Livingston

SAT AFT 299'er PAIRS

- D E F
 1 1 1 D Trust-V Crawford
 2 2 2 G Singer-R A Mayberry
 3 3 3 R Goldthwait-E Goldthwait

SAT AFT STRATIFIED SWISS

- A B C
 1 B Bergman-KBergman-
 E Retetagos-M Retetagos
 2 1 1 R Heasley-D Mehok-G Moser-
 M Burke
 3 MP Carns-W Holt-R Quinlan-
 C Hoeschstetter
 2 2 J Prior-A Bonneau-D Averbach-
 B McElhaney
 3 3 V Simak-S Schuchert-S Harris-
 N Aquino

SAT COMPACT KO - BRACKET I

- 1 J Marshall-R Franck-A Elis-
 J Zambroski
 2 F Schenker-D Roseberry-B Fudor-
 W Oberfield

SAT COMPACT KO - BRACKET II

- 1 R Davis-J Davis-D Mannheimer-
 P Evans
 2 D Beaver-D Sterret-D Gibboney-
 E Collins

SUN OPEN SWISS

- A B C
 1 F Schenker-D Roseberry-B Fudor-
 E Retetagos
 2 V Simak-S Schuchert-A Agnello-
 N Burney
 3 K Bergman-B Bergman-J Marshall
 R Franck
 1 J Phillips-M Retetagos-D Kozloff-
 S Spear-Brand
 2 1 I Baxter-T Tjader-B Weinstein-
 C Henderson
 3 2 C Wang-J Gray-V Kane-L Ostrow
 3 J Bernot-J Secka Sr-P Shrut-
 G Hetzer

SUN 299'er SWISS

- D E
 1 1 L Porter-R Shirley-J Metcalfe-
 H Allen
 2 2 J Allison-D Allison-J Easton-
 J Blackburn

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS
 TO ALL WHOSE NAME AP-
 PEARS (RIGHT SIDE UP)**

JUNIOR MASTER

- Joanne B Alaica
 Joan C Davis
 Lee A Hommel
 Elizabeth J Quinlan
 Olive M Verbit
 Richard J Verbit
 Cynthia J Wancheck

CLUB MASTER

- Suzanne Morgan
 Charles G Weber II

REGIONAL MASTER

- Hazel W Allen

NABC MASTER

- Marie Henry

SILVER LIFE MASTER

- Mary Lou Flach
 Susan A McQuillan
 Marilyn Painter

GOLD LIFE MASTER

- Vincentina Simak

WELL DONE!!!

INTERNET POST

You are South, IMP's, none vul. You hold:

S 4 2
 H K 3
 D K 6 4 3 2
 C A J 9 7

The bidding is:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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PASS	1H	DOUBLE	PASS
?			

Stan Ruskin 2H ..I have close to a maximum pass. I think the only way to show this to bid 2H. I don't think anything else is forcing

By a passed hand. If partner bids 2S as expected or higher levels of S, I would then bid D. This should show what I have – good hand without spades. If partner bids anything else but S, I raise him – 2NT to 3NT; 3C to 4C; 3D to 4D etc. If partner bids 4S, I pass.

Herb Sachs: 2NTCareful what you ingest; there must be a reason for this problem as 2NT seems so obvious for the moment; still I will stick with it.

Asim Ulke I bid 3D. If partner invites with a 3H bid next, I bid 3NT

Richard Katz 3D Three diamonds, auction should conclude or go smoothly from here. Curious to learn from others thoughtful choices.

PJ Prabhu . 3D. This is the value bid. If we have game, it is most likely 3NT from my side. Hence, my second choice is 1NT which is an underbid that may not help us reach 3NT even when it is right. I don't like to bid 2NT with only Kx in H though it could work out if partner has just the right cards.

Paul Caplan: .3D this is what this hand is worth. you do not have good enough hearts for 2NT.

Lou Joseph: 2H This is not a hand I want to jump to 3D or 2NT on. I could bid 1NT with one heart stopper, but I think that's a bit of an underbid. I'll start with 2H which should show a good 11-12. Partner should be able to gather from this that I have almost an opening hand without 4 spades and a since I didn't pass the double or jump in NT my heart stopper is minimal. If LHO doubles the 2H bid and partner passes, I'll correct to 3D. If partner bids NT, 3NT sound reasonable. If partner bids spades, I'll now bid 3NT to take the lead into my hand to protect the KH.

Ernie Retetagos: 2 D I disagree with the initial pass. I think that most modern day experts would open this hand. The pair that opens the bidding has a clear advantage in the auction. I'm going to devalue the heart King and bid 2 diamonds. Partner can make a further bid with extras. I'm not going to push for an iffy nonvulnerable game.

Bill Holt 2H. As a passed hand, I think 2H! then 3d is the way to get this hand off your chest. If you jump to 3d you won't get the 'almost an opener' message out there. I don't like the position of the KH but perhaps I will end up declaring, or perhaps promote a card in partner's hand. 1H was 3rd seat.

Steve Nolan: 3D. This seems clear cut. Diamonds are natural. The hand is too strong not to jump but not strong enough to cue bid.

Gail Carns: 2D hoping I get a chance to make another call

Bob Zimmermann: 2nt. I would have opened this hand. Now, I will never get partner to believe I have this much. My non-vulnerable opponent might be opening very light in third seat, and partner could have a huge hand - or not. I'll make the strongest non-forcing bid available.

Arlene Port 2H West's 1H is a 3rd hand non vulnerable opener and that means something to me. Two hearts is absolutely forcing and will give my partner the opportunity to let me know whether West was just kidding or really had something to say. If partner bids 2 spades, I will now bid 2NT or raise any minor suit they bid.. I think my hand is too good to bid 2D and not good enough to bid 3.

.Note: My apologies to those who didn't get the chance to respond to my question. It will not happen again.....I hope.

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

Phillip Alder	3D
David Berkowitz	2H
Augie Boehm	3D
Gerald Caravelli	3D
John Carruthers	2NT
Larry Cohen	2H
Charles Danan	2H
Billy Eisenberg	2NT
Richard Freeman	2H'
Ron Gerard	3D
Mary and Max Hardy	3D
Carl Hudecek	2NT
Edward Kantar	2NT
Sammy Kehela	2H
Eric Kokish	3D
Chip Martel	2H
Marshall Miles	2NT
Sue Picus	3D
Arthur Robinson	2NT
Eric Rodwell	2NT
Michael Rosenberg	2H
Al Roth	2NT
Jeff Rubens	2NT
Ira Rubin	2H
Ron Smith	2NT
Paul Trent	2H
Robert Wolff	2NT
Kit Woolsey	3D
Zia	2H

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

BID	Nat.	Pgh	Award
2NT	11	2	100
2H	10	4	90
3D	8	5	80
3NT	0	0	60
1NT	0	0	40
2d	0	2	10

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FIRST AT THE POST

70% games

Don Averbach & Naomi Sogoloff 70.00% Temple Emanu-el

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Note: Directors report multiple winners and 70% games by e-mail. If your name is not listed, please tell the director of the relevant game. If the director does not report the item, please e-mail either me or Lou and we will put it in the *First at the Post* column. If you do not have access to e-mail, just write it out and hand it to either one of us.

WHY YOU SHOULD READ THE “INTERNET POST” COLUMN It gives you the opportunity to:

- Compete at bidding against many of the top players in our unit and at the national level.
- Consider the various bids that are made and the different conclusions that are reached.
- Understand how each bid demonstrates the thinking process that is so important to good bidding.
- Laugh at the one who didn't get a high score. However, in these problems, there is no such thing as a bad bid. You may not agree, but the bid in these cases always has merit.

Everyone, well almost everyone, who plays duplicate bridge wants to be accomplished. Well, the problem is, you have to work at it. This column gives you the unique opportunity to get a peek into somebody's mind and see what criteria they use to make their decisions. I promise you, the first time you disagree with one of the bids which were made you have come a long way towards achieving your bridge goals.