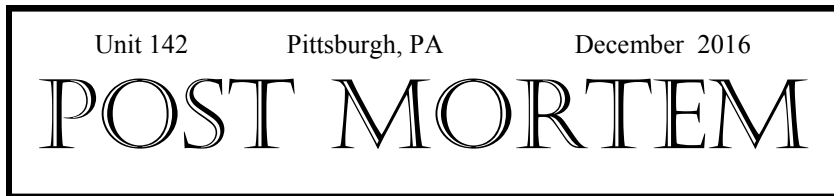


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All the news that fits in print

.....by arlene port

2016 IN REVIEW

In case you have forgotten, 2016 had some wonderful times and some not so wonderful times. Here are just a few of the highlights:

2016 - THE PAST

THE GOOD NEWS: We gained so many new bridge players and new friends whose enthusiasm led us all to strive to be better at our favorite game.

THE SAD NEWS: We lost many very dear friends who personified the skill, the spirit and the character of our game and our unit.

TOURNAMENTS: Undeniably, our Sectionals and special events were outstanding in 2016, due mainly to the hard work of our dedicated volunteers and our loyal members who attended.

UNIT GAME: Friday night has become a "must" for a growing number of players who love the challenge of playing against the most skilled in our area. Everyone looks forward to the once-a-month Swiss Team game and it continues to grow in attendance.

CLUB GAMES: This year has seen an increase in the number of players who have the option of attending the many games available in our area. There are at least 5+ games each day from which to choose that are located conveniently for everyone. Also, the number of master points awarded has grown significantly. The goal of becoming a Life Master is now more of a reality than a dream.

GRATITUDE: To all of our hard working board members and our retiring president, Ron Franck, we thank you all for making Unit #142 the very best with your guidance and support.

2017- THE FUTURE

Just wait and see. 2017 is going to be the most successful year we have ever had. More fun, more success and more of us all.

THE HOLIDAY TOP SEEDED BRIDGE PLAYERS—ONE MORE TIME

by.....Arlene Port

Chanukah Abe and St. Nick came to play
At a National tournament one winters day.
They were long-time bridge partners who both loved the game
But the systems they played, well, they just weren't the same.

They sat down to play and old Claus nearly burst
For he had a good hand and he could speak first.
"I bid one wreath". T'was a Standard decision
"I say two dreidels", (Our Abe played Precision)

"I up to three stockings" Yep that's what Nick did
"Four pieces of candy" when Abe's turn to bid
"Five trees". "Six latkes" Strong bids filled the air
It was just touch and go as to which would declare.

"Seven ornaments, Abe, that bid can't be beat
But Abe, he refused to go down in defeat!
"I bid 8 candles. The contract is mine"!
"Wait! There's eight reindeer and Rudolph makes nine"!!

Abe knew it was over and St. Nick would play.
But left hand opponent had something to say.
"I bid 10 pizzas—a great sacrifice".
Abe doubled and thought the rewards would be nice.

The contract was made due to faulty defense
They said "How could he do that? It doesn't make sense".
"If you just cashed your ace" Abe scolded St. Nick
"Then we would be laughing at setting one trick."

Santa just smiled and gave Abe a hug

BRIDGE TEST FOR BIDDERS

Z S U C Q K S D N O M A I D B
 F E H O D D I R E C T O R E L
 I D U N C U W S B N E P M K A
 N A G V N F P N T R N W A O N
 E P A E H I E L L R I M L V O
 S S N N M Y H Y I W A D S E I
 S E C T I O N A L C S E G R G
 E G N I D D I B Q J A W H E E
 H Y X O G E R B E R O T O V R
 K X N N L T O U R N A M E N T
 C C L B L A C K W O O D I B B
 N L E Z E E U Q S L O S R O N
 A U P A N L L E H C T I M P U
 R B K U K Q M I C H A E L S H
 F S T D C O N T R A C T J N K

BID
 BIDDING
 BLACKWOOD
 BRIDGE
 CLUBS
 CONTRACT
 CONVENTION

DIAMONDS
 DIRECTOR
 DUPLICATE
 FINESSE
 FRANCK
 GERBER
 HEARTS

MITCHELL
 REGIONAL
 REVOKE
 RON
 SECTIONAL
 SLAM
 SPADES
 SQUEEZE

STaC Week

December 5-11 - ALL WEEK!

Win Silver Points at your local club!

A STaC Game is a Sectional Game held at many sites.

So your performance at your local club is compared with other games - for a larger award!

A: 2500+ B: 750-2500 C: 0-750

All Masterpoint Awards are Silver.

Check to make sure your club is participating at www.d5bridge.com

STaC'n'Snack

Thursday, Dec 8th*

Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building

We're at it again - Time to Snack Down!!!

Bring a Favorite Dish for all to enjoy!

NO SNACK? IT'S OKAY! COME ANYWAY!

Game Time 7PM, Snacking AT 6:15 PM.

Hosted by Barb Weinstein. Please coordinate your

And Don't Forget... Holiday Party

snacks with Barb at 412-996-2205



Pittsburgh Bridge Association

Come Celebrate the Season with your

Unit 142 Friends!

BRIDGE BYTES

.....By Ernie Retetagos

It certainly
does!!!

CUEBIDS

Cue bids have different meanings, depending on the situation. The most common usage is when there has been an opening bid followed by an overcall. If either of the other two players makes a cue bid, they are announcing at least limit raise values in support of partner's suit. Typical examples are 1C-1H-Pass-2C or 1H-2C 3C. Each of these bids show 3-4 trumps with at least 10 plus support points. A jump to the 3 level should show 4 card trump support and no more than one side card.

At higher levels, the cue bid is used as a slam try. S--A K x H-- A x x x D--A C-- K 10 x x x. When you open this hand 1 club, lefty bids 3 diamonds and partner bids 3 hearts. A 4 diamond bid by you would show a raise to 4 hearts and a diamond control, either the Ace of diamonds or a singleton diamond. This hand came up in a club game, and is worth another slam try even if partner signs off at 4 hearts.

At the 3 level, a cue bid can be a try for 3 NT. Say you hold S --A Q x x H--x D--x x C--A K Q J 10 x x. After you open 1 club in third seat, LHO bid 2 hearts, partner bids 3 diamonds, and RHO passes. A 3 heart bid by you asks partner to bid 3 NT with a stopper in hearts. That is your partner's priority, and any other bid denies a stopper. This kind of a cue bid is also known as a Western Cuebid. If the big hand had a stopper in hearts, they would bid no trump themselves. It makes sense that 3 hearts would be an asking bid, rather than showing a stopper. You do not have to play Western cuebids to make this bid. Although it is part of a convention, it is also just bridge logic.

UP THE LADDER POST

JUNIOR MASTER

Shahn R Karamanos
Joanne R Progar
CLUB MASTER
James J Dillon
Shirley A Dillon
Karen McIlwain
Russell D Orkin
Diana J Smail
Jean Tuthill

SECTIONAL MASTER

Nancy E Gusky
Suzanne Morgan

REGIONAL MASTER

John M Alioto
Richard R Moore
Barbara R Weschler

NABC MASTER

David Allison

ADV NABC MASTER

Alvin A Mariani

LIFE MASTER

Joann M Szymecki

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Barbara J Weinstein

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Kathleen R Mulligan

WAY TO GO !!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ADVANCING PLAYERS.

IN MEMORY

Our condolences to Kathleen Dologowski on the loss of her mother. After talking to Kathleen, it was evident that she was a warm and very kind woman . Kathleen and her mother were very close and her only family. We hope Kathleen knows that our bridge community will always be an important part of her bridge family.

Unit Game Needs Hospitality Volunteers

HELP....

The PBA Unit game, held weekly on Fridays at 7:00 PM at Wilkins Twp. Municipal Building, will have no one to handle hospitality as of January 1. If we don't find someone, there will be no hospitality. That means no soda, no coffee, no snacks. You will be able to bring your own, but if you do, please bring serving implements, and be prepared to clean up and take home your used items and any mess. If you are interested in volunteering, or want more information, please contact Lorraine Hanna, PBA president or Mary Paulone Carns, business manager, or any board member.

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Mary: 2toucans@comcast.net

GET WELL POST

Lois Sloane did a very bad thing. She fell and broke her hip. Someone forgot to tell her that falling is not a good thing. Lois, don't do that again and get better ASAP. We miss you at the table.

A message to Trudy Cohn— OK Trudy, judging from the way you are looking, (fabulous) and acting, (perky) I cannot believe you aren't feeling so hot. This is very difficult for me because I have to be so nice to you. Seriously, give me a break and get well so I can get back to abusing you.....love, arlene



PBA EVENTS 3 MONTHS

January

- 6 *Open Pairs*
- 13 *No game—Cleveland Regional*
- 20 *Junior Fund Game*
- 27 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*

February

- 3 *Unit Championship*
- 10 *Membership Game & PBA Board Meeting*
- 17 *Club Championship*
- 24 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*

March

- 3 *Unit Championship*
- 10 *Unit Championship*
- 17 *Unit Championship Swiss Teams*
- 24 *PITTSBURGH SECTIONAL @ MASONIC*
- 31 *Open Pairs*

LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY.....RETURNS

ATTENTION PLAYERS!

Learn Bridge in a Day returns Jan 28th. Help us out by taking the flyers from your local club and post them for us! Coffee shops, libraries, grocery stores, country clubs, exercise studios ... Anywhere where they can catch some eyeballs!



INTERNET POST

As usual, you are South. Matchpoints, both vul. and you hold:

S -----
 H A K 6 3
 D 10 7 3 2
 C 10 8 7 5 4

THE BIDDING IS:

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| SOUTH | WEST | NORTH | EAST |
| --- | 1S | 2C | 2S |

? What do you bid

Jane Marshall Double

(responsive). If North bids hearts, I will bid 4 hearts. If North does not bid hearts, I will bid 5 clubs. I will let them play 5 spades (if they bid it).

PJ Prabhu 5C. I would like to have put in a lead-directing H bid on the way to 5C, should we end up defending a S contract; but couldn't figure out how to do this without deceiving partner into thinking that I have an interest in declaring a H contract. I do not want to splinter in S due to a lack of D control. The real problem will arise when a 5S rebid by LHO comes around to me undoubled.

Trudy Cohn: I will bid 5C. Pretty sure that opponents have a game and we might have one also. If they take the bait and go on to 5Spades, I will be delighted to double and defend.

Richard Katz: Dbl. Responsive double, hopefully to four hearts, or five

Steve Nolan: 3H. I don't know which side will buy the contract. 5S by the opponents is likely, though, in which case partner will be on lead. I want that lead to be a heart and it won't be unless I bid 3H now. I can bid 5C over 4S in the next round.

Bill Holt 3H. A "Fit Non-Jump" showing 'where I live' before raising clubs. I am not defending 4S with this hand.

Ernie Retetagos 3 Hearts. My first thought was to bid 3 spades. But upon further review, I'll try 3 hearts, before going to 5 clubs. This will help partner evaluate their hand, and get them off to the right lead if we defend

Asim Ulke: I bid 3H. A lead director in case we have to defend 5 or 6S. My next bid will be 5D.

Bernie Fudor: 3H I see 5 possible bids: 3H, 3S, 4S, 5C and (yes) 6C (why not) .I think I bid 4sp must be void and never mind changed my mind I bid 3H for lead in case i wind up defending 5S . No great confidence in my bid

Arlene Port: 3S This is a call that is forcing, saying that I have values. My only problem is that I might lose the heart suit, but, then, I always have the club suit fit and will get to a reasonable contract, whatever that may be. I can't have everything.

Herb Sachs: 3S Forcing. I hope to cuebid hearts at my next turn

Chris Wang I bid 3S with the intention of going to 4C. If opponents go to 4S, I probably double, If partner bids 3 NT, I probably retreat to 4C.

Fran Prus: 3S. Too much value in the heart suit for a preempt.

Robert Zimmermann 5 clubs Anything could be right. With as little as [xxx xxx xx AKxxx] we'll be down 1, but have a profitable save against 4 spades and a set of 5 spades. Let the opponents make a decision at the 5 level.

Craig Biddle: 3H. I expect LHO to bid a lot of spades here. If he doesn't, then partner has a lot of spades too. I bid where I live so partner can judge the competitive auction, but I will pull to 5C if he doubles 3S or 4S. New suits after a 2 level overcall are forcing.

Gail Carns 3S Q is always right
Stan Ruskin 4S. I'm pretty sure this is our hand but at what level. Partner should have an opening bid so E probably doesn't have much more than spades. We could have a slam - I'm pretty sure we have at least a game. I bid 4S which is exclusion key card Blackwood and go from there.

INTERNET POST RESULTS:

| BID | Nat. | Pgh | Award |
|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 4S | 10 | 1 | 100 |
| 5C | 8 | 3 | 90 |
| 3S | 4 | 5 | 80 |
| 3H | 3 | 6 | 70 |
| DBL | 2 | 2 | 60 |
| 6C | 1 | 0 | 60 |
| 4C | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 3C | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 4H | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 4NT | 0 | 0 | 10 |

HOW EXPERTS VOTED

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| Philip Alder | 5C |
| Michael Becker | 5C |
| David Berkowitz | 4S |
| Bart Bramley | 6C |
| Larry Cohen | 5C |
| Mark Cohen | 3S |
| Richard Colker | 3S |
| Billy Eisenberg | 4S |
| Carl Hudecek | 3S |
| Sami Kahela | 4S |
| Danny Kleinman | 3H |
| Eric Kokish | D |
| Steve Landers | 3S |
| Mike Lawrence | 5C |
| Robert Lipsitz | 4S |
| Jeff Meckstroth | 5C |
| Marshall Miles | 3H |
| Barry Rigal | 4S |
| Arthur Robinson | 5C |
| Andrew Robson | 4S |
| Beverly Rosenberg | 4S |
| Jeff Rubens | 4S |
| Joey Silver | 3H |
| Don Stack | D |
| Chris Willenken | 4S |
| Anders Wirgrun | 5C |
| Robert Wolff | 5C |
| Kit Woolsey | 4S |

Pittsburgh Bridge Assoc. December 2016

| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| | | | | | | 2 PBA HOLL- DAY PARTY | 3 |
| 4 | | 5 Export STaC \$1.50 extra charge. | 6 Zrimoplr STaC/extra points. | 7 Edgeworth STaC /extra points | 8 pba STaC/ Snaek * not held if Sunday Swiss Longvue STaC | 9 PBA STaC Sewickley STaC | 10 |
| 11 PBA Sunday STac Swiss. Not held if Steelers | 12 | | 13 Zelenople extra points | 14 Edgeworth extra points | 15 Longvue extra point | 16 PBA Champ. Swiss teams. Sewickley extra points | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Export Club Champ Xmas Party | 20 Zelenople charity/extra points | 21 Edgeworth Charity/extra points | 22 Longvue charity game | 23 PBA Unit Club Champ. Sewickley Charity game | | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Export no game. | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 PBA Open Pairs. | | 11 |

FIRST AT THE POST

.70%+ GAMES

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------------|-----|
| Patricia Cunkelman & Barbara Belardi | 71.13 | Export | Mon |
| Kathryn Clarke & Gail Stoner | 71.50 | Edgeworth | Wed |
| Judy Haffner & Asim Ulke | 74.20 | Wilkins | Fri |
| Herbert Sachs & Asim Ulke | 70.31 | Glenshaw | Wed |
| Dennis Kriek & Rosemary Shuker | 73.33 | Glenshaw 0-5 | Sat |
| June Threlkeld & Bob Flynn | 70.83 | Houston | Mon |

FIVE IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----|------------|-------------|-----|
| Allan Cohen | Rodef 299er | Mon | Lois Cohen | Rodef 299er | Mon |
|-------------|-------------|-----|------------|-------------|-----|

FOUR IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----|---------------|--------|-------|
| Kathryn Clarke | Edgeworth | Wed | David Ruppert | Butler | Thurs |
| Cecilia Powell | Greensburg | Wed | | | |

THREE IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Gail Stoner | Edgeworth | Wed | Fred Lantz | Greensburg | Thurs |
| Richard Bulow | Greensburg | Thurs | Robert Quinlan | Houston | Fri |
| Rosemary Shuker | Glenshaw 0-5 | Sat | Asim Ulke | Glenshaw | Wed |
| Herbert Sachs | Glenshaw | Wed | Ethel Levine | Temple Emanuel | Wed |
| Donald Averbach | Temple Emanuel | Wed | Thomas Jolly Jr | O'Hara | Tues |
| Alfred Tung | O'Hara | Tues | | | |

TWO IN A ROW

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|
| Jane Marshall | O'Hara | Tues | Ronald Franck | O'Hara | Tues |
| Sheila Brotherton | Longue Vue | Thur | Samuel Bliman | South Hills NLM | Thur |
| Harvey Notarius | South Hills NLM | Thur | Tom Dristas | Nancy's Sun. Club | |
| James Fox | Glenshaw | Mon | Russell Sheldon | Glenshaw | Mon |
| Ethel Levine | South Hills | Tues | Patricia Katz | JCC | Wed |
| Reanette Frobouck | JCC | Wed | John Killmeyer | Moon | Wed |
| Robert Park | Moon | Wed | James Klein | Wilkins | Thurs |
| Barbara Klein | Wilkins | Thurs | Philip Goulding | Wilkins | Thurs |
| Craig Biddle | Wilkins | Thurs | Bradley Craig | Greensburg | Fri |
| Christine Balsley | Glenshaw 0-5 | Sat | Donald Averbach | Whitehall | Mon |
| John Alioto | O'Hara | Tues | Daniel McKinley | O'Hara | Tues |
| Tris Thorne | Edgeworth | Wed | Suzanne Morgan | Edgeworth | Wed |
| Peggy Shivetts | Greensburg | Wed | Louise Meyer | Longue Vue | Thurs |
| Kathleen Dolegowski | SH NLM | Thurs | Felice Brody | Rodef | Mon |
| Toby Wolfe | Rodef | Mon | Brad Bozick | South Hills | Tues |
| Steven Pollak | South Hills | Tues | Philip Goulding | Zelionople | Tues |
| James Fox | -Houston | Fri | Russell Sheldon | Houston | Fri |
| Kenneth Bergman | Glenshaw | Wed | Barbara Bergman | Glenshaw | Wed |
| Kathryn Clarke | Edgeworth | Wed | | | |