



# The Dummy



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## Cream-Skimmers, Headshrinkers and Kindness

Unless you happen to be connected in some official capacity with the D.S.B.A., you will probably not appreciate the vast amount of real labor involved in arranging and conducting the various bridge events from week to week. I am sure you will agree that they are smoothly prepared for your easy enjoyment.

For example, never a day passes but what Barbara Herr, the indefatigable (nothing at all to do with Montreal), does not do something constructive for us Bridge Players, in a genuine effort to make our game more pleasurable. A real thoroughbred!!

Now, if there is one facet of the activities of our association which I adore, it is the institution of lovingly and sweetly caring for the single member who presents himself on any given Monday evening looking for a game. Many times it is one of those timid little disstaff jobs. She is probably scared and needs much more than ordinary or hesitant amenities to be completely at ease.

Although there are many members who quite willingly sacrifice a Monday night for the "Odd-Ball" there are also many too many freeloaders who CREAM-SKIM these events, contributing little or nothing.

If you are called upon to serve your association in this capacity, how about dragging out and polishing up some of that old fashioned graciousness and charm you used during the "courtin' days."

**VOLUNTEERING** to do this bit some Monday evening would put you in the KINDNESS category — First Class, Grade A, Topflight and Numeral One.

A psychiatrist would probably charge thousands of bucks, over a period of time, for the following bit of considered judgment from the Chairman's "Philosophy of Life"; you may have it for free:

Just as inexorably as the sun will rise tomorrow morning out of the East, and almost as inexplicably (unless you think you are God, and I already have a couple of nominees from the D.S.B.A. for this post) \*just so is it an irrefutable axiom that those who selflessly give the most (I don't care as to the nature of the gift) receive the most, those who give little receive the same, and those who give nothing wind up their miserable little lives with ulcers, the gеспе or a ventilated head!!!

The Monday night "Odd Ball" Committee Members are Bill Wetter, Jim O'Brien and H. Garrett Hanby. Let them know when you can serve.

H. Garrett Hanby

\*Come, come now, Garrett, you can't really mean that. —ED.

## WOMEN'S PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP ALL NEW IN '62!

The 1962 Delaware State Women's Pair Championship starts next Thursday, January 18th, and Dot McCorquodale, the hard-driving General Chairman, has instituted some really sweeping reforms:

First of all, there's a new place to play—the Banquet Room of the Dutch Pantry Restaurant. This is adjacent to the Holiday Inns of America Motel, at 4000 Concord Pike, just north of the Talleyville traffic light. There is free parking for at least 250 cars, so if they like, the ladies can tell their partners (and any kibitzers, for that matter) to travel in separate vehicles, should they so desire.

And secondly, a delicious buffet dinner will be served before the first session; the time for the dinner will be 6:30, with play starting at 7:45. A measly \$5.00 covers the entry fee for both sessions as well as the cost of the dinner. Those who cannot attend the dinner need pay only \$3.50 for the entry fee, with free coffee and cokes to boot. In any case, reservations should be made at least three days before the first session, that is, no later than Monday, January 15.

Most ladies have probably already received their announcements. They are said to be highly unusual (shocking pink, maybe?).

Prizes? But of course! And beautiful silver, at that. Not enormous, but beautiful.

Need a partner? Call Ellie Harrington at SY 8-5232.

### The Committee:

Dot McCorquodale ... General Chairman  
Evelyn Eskridge ... Prizes & Trophies  
Ellie Harrington ... Publicity & Partners  
Evelyn Levitt ... Rules & Procedure  
Helen Peterson ... Refreshments & Mimeography  
Fran Sheldon ... Sellers & Scores  
Veronica Syrovatka ... Entries & Buffet  
Lee West ... Announcements and Invitations

### Sparks And Woodworth Leading In Men's Pairs

*Late Bulletin!* — Kindly old Garrett Hanby, Chairman (again) of the Men's Pair Tournament reports that, at the half way point, Archie Sparks and Parke Woodworth are leading the field with a score of 189½ (Average is 156).

Second: Ken Donovan — Marvin Paulshock.  
Third: Thomas Rafferty and William Dempsey.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The D.S.B.A. Board of Directors last sat in solemn conclave on Saturday, December 2, 1961. So what? Well, just cast your eyes below.

*Welcome Greenville!*  
Duplicate Games have been, are being and will continue to be held at the Greenville Country Club under the protective wing of Helen Peterson. The Greenvillites are now officially franchised as a member club of the D.S.B.A.; pink slips will be distributed and master point games held.

*Yes? No? Maybe?*  
Whether or not to split the Individual Tournament into Masters' and Non-Masters' sections again this year will be the subject of a binding vote by all members present at the D.S.B.A. Annual Meeting this September.

*On The Way Up*  
The New Castle Pairs Tournament, having outgrown its previous confines, is to be held in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont this year. Full details will be printed in the next issue of "The Dummy".

*All Hail to the New L-M!*  
A.C.B.L. regulations provide for holding extra Master Point games to celebrate the attainment of a new Life Mastership. From now on, the D.S.B.A. will begin taking advantage of this provision on some of those second and fifth Mondays which would otherwise only be F.M.P. games. For example, Monday, January 29, 1962 will be Lenny Lipstein Night.

*Very Small Splinters*  
Pick-up ships are to be used in the Invitational Tournament this June — Sunday, March 18th is now definite for the new Life Masters' Individual — The next Board of Directors Meeting will be Saturday, January 20, 1962.

## UNSOLICITED INFORMATION

Some day, this column will list the "proprieties" section from the laws of contract bridge. This month's comments will be confined to "unsolicited information" at the bridge table.

It is quite proper to draw conclusions from *an opponent's* hesitation, remark or manner during the bidding or play of the hand. However, this is done at ONE'S OWN RISK!

For example, suppose that, as declarer at a no trump contract, you lead to AQJ in the dummy, left hand opponent plays low, you call for the jack and left hand opponent turns the trick as if his partner had played the king. Right hand opponent, however, plays small and dummy's jack wins. Your problem now is to guess whether to use up a vital entry to your hand and repeat the finesse or to develop tricks elsewhere. The question is simply whether left hand opponent has inadvertently located the king for you or whether he has employed an unethical ruse (NOT PENALIZABLE).

Let's assume that you conclude it was inadvertent, abandon the suit and make one less than the field because left hand opponent had the king all along and tricked you into thinking it was elsewhere by his action in turning the trick. You have a bad result, have been the knowing victim of an unethical ruse and have no recourse.

Without recriminations or preaching by the victims, the director should be called and the incident related by both sides. The director will explain to the party guilty of offering gratuitous misinformation the impropriety of his act and make a mental note for future reference.

Since this type of impropriety, like undue hesitation to play a singleton, usually occurs amongst newcomers to duplicate play, the warning by the director serves to make the offender aware of the proprieties and thus improve the playing atmosphere for all participants in the future. The director may, upon repeated and deliberate improper actions and after due warning, bar the offender from duplicate play.

Arch Sparks

## REMAINING TOURNAMENTS FOR THE 1962 SEASON

Tournament	Date	Place	Chairman
Men's Pairs	January 4 and 11	University Club	H. Garrett Hanby
Women's Pairs	January 18 and 25	Restaurant at Holiday Inn	Dot McCorquodale
One-Session Charity Game	April 26	Academy of Medicine	Gerry Berman
Team-of-Four	February 15 and 22	DuPont Country Club	Olive Welch
Newcastle Pairs	March 8 and 15	Hotel DuPont (Gold Ball'n)	Charley and Helen Bancroft
Mixed Pairs	April 5 and 12	Hercules Country Club	A. B. Smith
Dover Air Force Base	April or May	Treadway Inn, Dover	Helen Armstrong
Knock-Out & Metropolitan	May 3, 10, 17 & 24	Hotel DuPont (Cafeteria)	Bill and Elaine Downey
Invitational	June 7 and 14	Hotel DuPont	Lenny Lipstein!!!
Summer Round Robin	June through September	Private Homes	Al Pannke
Diamond State Sectional	July 6, 7 and 8	Hotel DuPont	



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## That One Club Bid! IS HAROLD LEVITT WORTH 50c? Splinters From The Board

(Part One)

After a one club opening bid, a series of responses can develop which leaves inexperienced opponents at a loss as to the bidders holdings. Some defenders now wonder if the director should be called to protect their interests. To provide a few hints for defense against an opening one club bid and, more important, to provide a basis for calling the director, a brief review of one club bids follows.

In the Standard American (Goren) System, the opening club bidders hand may differ in structure and point count in first and second seat as compared to third and fourth seat. In first and second seat, the one club bid may be either a biddable suit or a balanced or unbalanced hand with no five-card major, ranging from 13 to 20 points. This latter hand must have at least three clubs, preferably with an honor. The defender does not know the strength or distribution until the opener has rebid. This one club bid is *not forcing*; however, the partner will strain to make a response at the one level with as little as 3 or 4 points. Do not call the director in the mistaken thought that they are playing "one club forcing".

The third or fourth seat Goren one club opener has a passing partner who cannot easily force a rebid from opener. Therefore, it follows that opener will tend to bid his best suit. If opener wants to take a calculated risk with a very good hand and opens a short club "to make it easy for his partner to bid", neither his partner nor the opponents know this is a short club bid. Now responder with three or four seated points is expected to pass. Therefore, if responder bids, holding

S — Jxx  
H — xx  
D — Kxxx  
C — xxxx

S — Qxx  
H — jxxx  
D — jxxx  
C — xx

they are not playing Goren and you should call the director when the dummy comes down, before playing a card.

(to be continued)

—by Arch Sparks

Don't everyone answer at once . . . . Chemists tell us that the intrinsic value of the human body is about forty-five cents. This means that if you buy Harold for fifty cents you'll be short-changed a nickel!

This buying bit is our way of telling you that the D.S.B.A. is sponsoring a one-session Charity Game for the benefit of the National Kidney Foundation, to be held Thursday evening, April 26th, at the Academy of Medicine. Prior to the start of the game, Evelyn and Harold Levitt will be raffled off and the pair holding the lucky ticket will have the opportunity of playing with these two fine players.\*

### 2c From The Chairman

Gerry Berman, the energetic Chairman for this event, says that the game will have sectional rating, so there will be plenty of master points for those finishing in the money. The starting time? 7:45 P.M. The entry fee? \$2.25. The Director who has generously donated his services? Ed Worden. So-o-o Make a date now for the game and then buy at least one raffle ticket.

\*Harold, who claims to have won more tricks with the deuce of clubs than anyone else east of the Mississippi, says that Kaplan and Sheinwold have given Evelyn and him permission to play Standard Goren for this special occasion. The only thing he says about Evelyn's bridge playing ability is that she is pretty good for a girl.

### ARE YOU ON THE

### MAILING LIST FOR THE DUMMY?

Yes, yes, we know you *must* be, or else you wouldn't be reading this. But sometimes copies are misdirected, or even undirected. If this should be the case, tell Matt Keegelman.

### LIFE MASTERS' INDIVIDUAL

#### New Event This Year

Who is a dogmat Life Master and who is the genuine article? Is Kaplan Sheinwold superior to Standard American? If you and your partner aren't speaking, what bidding system do you use?

Delaware's twenty research-minded Life Masters will gather on Sunday, March 18th, at the Holiday Inn Motel on Concord Pike to determine the answers to these penetrating questions and to fight for the title of "El Supremo" in a two-session Life Master Individual.

Kibitzers are welcome to attend, and those with strong stomachs may even share the buffet dinner between rounds upon payment of the cost price. . . . For further details, contact Ed (don't call me Red Heart) Gerard.

Eligible LMs are:

Arthur Brace  
Ken Donovan  
Ed Gerard  
Jack Keane  
Lois Kilbourne  
Evelyn Levitt  
Harold Levitt  
Lennie Lipstein  
Jimmie Mayhart  
Dot McCorquodale  
Jerzy Zawisza

— by Ed Gerard

### POEM

Who Is He?

A famous one's  
In Gay Paree  
But this one lives  
At Wilmington 3.

The sight of planes  
May make him cry,  
But strike a flint  
And he will fly!

From the most recent D.S.B.A. Board of Directors Meeting:

#### The North-South Problem

No, nothing to do with the segregation question. But what to do about those perennial bargainers who always pestier the entry sellers for North-South positions rather than East-West? Well, two things: Have North-South be the sit-out direction half the time, or even all the time, and, secondly, make'em take East-West and like it, except in cases of physical disability.

#### Prizes

Spend more? Less? Section Top and/or Flight B Silver? Evelyn Levitt to head up fact-finding committee.

#### Monday Night Game

Odd-Ball duties to be spread around a little more. Winners' Game to be policed, with entrants being required to specify just how they became qualified to play.

#### Building Fund

An abandoned Food Fair being considered as a home for the D.S.B.A., but maybe not too seriously.

#### By-Law Change

Nothing, really; just a formality. Membership to be notified in writing at least ten days prior to the Annual Meeting of a proposed change to be voted on at that time.

#### D.S.B.A. No Cheap skate

From now on, the winner of the Foering Trophy will be given a free entry to our Sectional, too. This unit will thus conform to the practice of all others in the district.

#### Schedule Changes

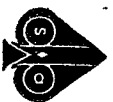
Sharp-eyed\* readers will detect some changes in the Tournament Schedule (see below). The Invitational has been moved up to May 24th and June 7th to avoid a conflict with the Atlantic City Regional on June 14th. This means that the final round of the Knock-Outs will probably be held concurrently with a Monday night game.

Next Board Meeting: March 17th.  
\*And don't think we have no sharp-eyed readers. For example, Ed Worden once detected a misspelled word in the mailing permit stamp!

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One-Session Charity Game	April 26th	Academy of Medicine	Gerry Berman
Dover Air Force Base	April 28th	Treadway Inn, Dover	Helen Armstrong
Knock-Out and Metropolitan Teams	May 3rd, 10th and 17th*	Hotel DuPont Cafeteria	Jim O'Brien
Invitational	May 24th and June 7th	Private Homes	Bill and Elaine Downey
Summer Round Robin Teams	June through September	Hotel DuPont	Lennie Lipstein
Diamond State Sectional	July 6th, 7th and 8th	Hotel DuPont	Al Pahnke

\*The date for the final session of the Knock-Out Team-of-Four is to be announced.



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## SORRY, NO BRIDGE-ORAMA!

Unfortunately, we couldn't afford Bridge-orama, but all kibitzers, dorbizers and tsisters\* are nevertheless invited to watch the finals of the Knock-Out Teams and Metropolitan Teams in the Governor's Room at the DuPont Country Club on May 17th and 20th.

The sixteen teams in the Knock-Out and eight teams in the Metropolitan begin bashing heads on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:45 in the Holiday Inn Motel. The second round will also be held at this Motel on May 10th at 7:45. Then the scene will shift to the DuPont Country Club and the Governor's Room for the finals of the Metropolitan and the semi-finals of the Knock-Out on May 17th at 7:45.

The exciting finals of the Knock-Out are to be held three days later, on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 in the Governor's Room. There will be ample room for friends, enemies and guests, (as well as for the above-mentioned kibitzers, dorbizers and tsisters) to view this championship match of thirty-two boards.

The teams competing in this tournament qualified by their performance in the recent Team-Of-Four tournament, the top seeded team in the Knock-Out being the winner in the Team-Of-Four, namely Dexter Pattison, Ralph Schreyer, Clay Sharts, John Siverts and Ed Worden. And so it goes, down to the bottom seeded team in the Metropolitan, which would be the one placing twenty-fourth in the Team-Of-Four.

\*Kibitzers occupy the seats of honor. The dorbizers stand behind the kibitzers. The tsisters are even farther from the table and can't say a word; they just click their tongues — "Ts — ts — ts," whenever they disagree with a bid or a play.

— by Jim O'Brien

## THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TEAM

Lest anyone forget those happy sociable hours spent last summer, the time has now come to form our teams for the Summer Round Robin Team-Of-Four, the Tournament that is played in our own homes, and in which, so far, no one has ever ended up in the wrong section.

In order to streamline this gay event, a few changes have been made in the conduct of the Tournament. Most notably, there will no longer be an entry fee collection taken up at each match (entries will be paid in advance) and the play-offs will be completed the week following Labor Day, rather than run on well into October.

These are the conditions of entry:

1. All entries must be received by May 28, 1962, accompanied by the entry fee of \$14.00 per team. This fee is the sole fee for the entire summer.
2. Teams may consist of four, five, or six players.
3. Matches will be determined by International Match Point

4. Matches will be scheduled to start either June 18th or June 25th, depending on the number of entries. There will be no matches the week of July 4th, due to the Diamond State Sectional. Regular season play will be completed by mid-August and the inter-league play-offs will be completed Labor Day week.
5. All teams entering shall be expected to complete their schedule in the time allowed.
6. Entries may be given to Lenny Lipstein, Seymour Cohen, Jack Keane or Frank Pehson.

—by Lenny Lipstein

## Entry Blank for Summer Team-Of-Four

(Must be received with fee by May 28, 1962)

Team Member

Master Pts.

1. .... (Captain) .....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....
6. ....

Captain's Address .....

Phone Number .....

## RECENT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Though 'tis not long, since the last issue of that lovable publication, "The Dummy", appeared, no fewer than five tournaments have been completed in the interim. Space does not permit the heaping of praise upon the head of each and every player who wound up over average; fact is, the very best we can manage is a cold, heartless tabulation of the first three places overall. And here it comes:

### New Castle Pairs

(Charley and Helen Bancroft, Chairman)

### Masters' Section:

1. Bill and Elaine Dumas
2. Gerry Berman and Dot Leshem
3. Dick Clarkson and Ralph Schreyer

### Non-Masters' Section:

1. James McNitt and Roman Wasilewski
2. Roy Donovan and Ralph Schilly, Jr.
3. Louis Finger and Bruce Stargatt

### Life Masters' Individual

(Eddie Gerard, Chairman)

1. Marvin Paulslock
2. Eddie Gerard
3. Lenny Lipstein

### Mixed Pairs

(Bill and Elaine Downey, Chairman)

1. Ralph Schreyer and Mildred Irwin
2. Frank and Helen Pehson
3. Dick Bostwick and Mary Wise

### Charity

(Gerry Berman, Chairman)

1. Charley Bancroft and Bill Dempsey
2. Lois Kilbourne and Ralph Poucher
- 3-4. Bill and Elaine Dumas

### Dover Air Force Base

(Helen Armstrong, Chairman)

1. Arch Sparks and Dave Treadwell
2. Henry Kobsa and Assen Slavov
3. Mildred Irwin and Ed Worden

### Who Is She?

All her smiles on Monday night  
Save duPont electric light;  
Toughest pards she treats with  
ease—

Lives with Goren, if you please.  
Ancient Troy had a famous one,  
Just like ours in Wilmington;  
For dessert she's always ready,  
Even though her name's not Betty.

Answers\* to poems in the previous issue of "The Dummy":

1. Arch Sparks
2. Bob Burger

\*Special congratulations are in order to Ed Worden, who has a remarkable record of consistency in figuring these things out!

## PLAYER-OF-THE-YEAR STANDINGS

The last time we looked up from the form chart to view the P. O. Y. race, Evelyn Levitt was several lengths ahead of the pack, and not exactly standing still either. However, since then, Ralph Schreyer has come roaring up from behind and there should be an exciting finish.

The standings given here include the first eight of the ten tournaments which count toward the P. O. Y. award; the results from Dover are not included. The only other tournament remaining which counts is the Invitational, which starts later on this month. With a total of 601 P. O. Y. points being shared by a total of 88 players, the following are the top ten:

Rank	Player	Points
1.	Evelyn Levitt	29
2.	Ralph Schreyer	26
3.	Harold Levitt	18
4.	Dexter Pattison	16
5.	Ken Donovan	15+
6.	Jerzy Zawisza	15
7.	Assen Slavov	14+
8.	John Siverts	14
9.	Dave Treadwell	13+
10.	Ed Gerard	13

\*Ralph has won three tournaments this year. Not single-handedly, but almost, we suppose.—Ed.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Cleaned from the March and April D.S.B.A. Board of Directors Meetings (Dave Treadwell, Presiding):

Prize Committee (Evelyn Levitt, Bill Laffey and Sally Orlando) recommends an expenditure of about \$3 per table for prizes for all regular tournaments except the Knock-Out, which should be about \$5 per table. The use of uniform section top prizes will save \$\$\$, since they can be bought in quantity.

Monday Night Games of 27 or more tables will be run in three sections. Winners' Games of less than 20 full tables will be run in one large section.

## 1962 Invitational

At the point where all but one of the annual tournaments which count toward participation had been completed. Co-Chairmen Bill and Elaine Downey reported that about seventeen of the eighteen tables allotted to play in this year's Invitational Tournament had been accounted for.

Now, with the results from the final qualifying tournament\* also in, the coveted invitations are expected to be in the invitees hands almost any minute. The Event is being held at the Holiday Inn Motel for the first time this year, on Thursday, May 24th and Thursday, June 7th.

\*Dover Air Force Base, held last Saturday, April 28th.