



The Dummy



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Rules, Ethics and Behavior, although interrelated, do not mean the same thing. Since the distinctions are so important and not generally appreciated, let's start off by defining what we mean by Rules, Ethics and Behavior.

Rules — officially called "Laws" — define correct procedure and provide adequate remedy whenever a player *accidentally, carelessly* or *inadvertently* disturbs the proper course of the game, or gains an *unintentional*, but nevertheless unfair advantage. An offending player should pay graciously any penalty awarded by the director.

Note well the words *accidentally, carelessly, inadvertently* and *unintentional*. It is always assumed the infraction was not deliberate and there is no stigma attached to such penalties. Rules (Laws) are *not* designed to prevent dishonorable practices.

Ethics cover moral responsibilities to play "fair". One may be unethical either deliberately or inadvertently, sometimes without violating any law. Obviously, deliberate unethical behavior to gain unfair advantage is far more reprehensible than any law violation. Inexperienced players are frequently guilty of inadvertent unethical conduct through ignorance and, while corrective action by the director is required in such cases, the emphasis is on education.

Behavior is best characterized as etiquette and refers to polite conduct in society. Actually, both Ethics and Behavior are covered under "Proprieties", a separate three-page section in the "Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge". The object of this "Proprieties" section is to familiarize players with the customs and etiquette of the game generally accepted over a long period of years; and to enlighten those who might otherwise fail

player — urbane, courteous, and with impeccable manners who found himself in an ambiguous discarding position. He wanted to play a small heart to request a shift, but an eight was the smallest heart in his hand. He reputedly solved the problem by dropping the card on the floor and as he stooped to pick it up, said "Small heart coming up partner, and placed the eight spot on the table. Cute? Funny? Well, maybe just a little, but nauseous is a better word if you have any sense of ethics.

And now a few words about calling the director:

When? The director *must* always be called *immediately* when attention is called to any irregularity.

Why? There are 116 Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge which cover 62 very carefully worded pages. Even the finest directors have to consult them occasionally so obviously the average player can't be expected to know them all accurately.

Also, the irregularity doesn't affect only the four people at that particular table. It can affect the scores of every player in the section. Consequently, no player has the right to assess or waive and penalty — that right and responsibility resides solely with the director.

How? Ah, here is a key point many of us miss in the heat of competition. This is *not* the time for an emotional outburst. Even the gravest of improprieties at the bridge table can hardly be classified as a heinous crime. In the vast majority of cases the irregularity

Out-of-State Tournaments . .

Delawareans Score at Fall Nationals

Christmas City Sectional

(Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 7-10)

1st (tie) in Team-of-Four: Jack Keane, Dick and Eve Skinner and Ed Worden.

2nd in Mixed Pairs: Jim and Ginny Cordrey

Fall Nationals

(Miami Beach, Fla., Nov. 23-Dec. 1)

Life Master Women's Pairs

10th: Eve Skinner and Margaret Fisher 1085+

Section Tops

Don and Pat McGee (Little River Prs) 211

Don and Pat McGee (Miami Springs Prs) 179+

Don and Pat McGee (El Portal Prs) 191

Dick Skinner and Roy Kyner (El Portal Prs) 180+

Lillian Sertchick and Mrs. H. Ossar (Miami Beach Prs) 194+

Veronica Syrovatka and Ann Acheson Non-Life Masters Women's Pairs) 209

Gene Syrovatka and Dick Schoenfeld (Men's Pairs)

Gene Syrovatka and Dick Schoenfeld (Miami Beach Pairs)

Maryland State Sectional

(Baltimore, Md., January 10-12)

1st Over All in Team-of-Four: Ed Gerard, Jack Keane, Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell

Section Top in Open Pairs: Ed Gerard and Jack Keane



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DON'T LET THE WELL RUN DRY!

In a Regional in Denver several years ago, two young men sat down to play duplicate for the first time. On the second board, one of them finally managed to stop shaking long enough to bid out of turn. Instantly the air was filled with the screams of outraged opponents! From out of nowhere appeared an executioner who was dressed all in black and who bore a startling resemblance to Bela Lugosi.

"What's the trouble here, Frank?" asked the executioner, putting his arm around one of the opponents. "He bid out of turn," said the man thus identified as Frank, his disdain evident in every word.

The executioner crooked his long, bony finger. "You may bid as much and as often as you wish," he said, pointing to the trembling offender, "but your partner is permanently barred from the bidding." The executioner then turned and stalked off to vent his wrath on other new players.

The young offender, who was a credit to his upbringing, took his punishment like a man. Since his partner was barred from bidding for the rest of the tournament, he took it upon himself to select each final contract with his opening bid. "Three Clubs. Five Diamonds. Six No Trump", he would open. His bids were invariably doubled, and down, down, down he would go. The opponents scored top after top, but at least the executioner was not called again.

Then, at the sixth table, tragedy struck! The young player opened "Four Spades" on a three-card suit and, as usual, was promptly doubled. Imagine his surprise when the dummy came down with six-card trump support and a good hand. The doubled contract was made easily.

Once again the air was filled with the screams of outraged opponents. Again the executioner appeared, but this time it was a different executioner — one who looked like Santa Claus except that he had a black

rest of the session. They ended up with a very creditable score of 43 (with 156 average).

This story may sound a little farfetched, but its description of the behavior of the players at Tables 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 rings very true. No one seems to object to bad bidding or bad play from beginners, but let their mistakes result in a good score and the screams will rival those of the heroine on a late, late show presentation of *The Bride of the Wolf Man*.

All of which brings us, in a rather sneaky, roundabout way, to the main point of this article: Duplicate addicts throughout the ACBL, and also, unfortunately, here in Delaware, seem to go out of their way to discourage new players. The situation is doubly lamentable — not only are our tactics anti-social, but if all of the new players are chased away, how will we continue to get our tops?

The following suggestions are offered in the interests of preserving a steady influx of new victims:

1) Be as amiable as your nature will permit when playing against new players — if you are feeling especially friendly, you might even introduce yourself.

2) Avoid a freeze with your partner in

lessons: they may not be in the mood for an utterance from The Oracle at that precise moment.

5) If there is an infraction of the rules (i.e., lead out of turn, renege) a director must, of course, be called. When the offenders are inexperienced, their sense of impending doom can be lessened if the director is summoned with a minimum of histrionics. The director can also ease the tension by avoiding the "I-sentence-you-to-hang-by-the-neck-until-dead-and-may-God-have-mercy-on-your-soul" tone of voice when ruling against new players.

6) A delicate handling of breaches in ethics (either of the real or imagined variety) is especially critical when dealing with an inexperienced player. Most non-tournament players object to being called connivers, liars and cheaters. (Seasoned tournament players, on the other hand, rapidly get used to this sort of treatment.)

Always assume that any breach of ethics by a new player is unintentional or that it was done out of ignorance. If new players seem to be getting into bad habits, it is all right to show them how they can make their conduct conform more closely to accepted bridge standards, but first be very sure that you know what those standards really are.

Try to inform, not accuse. And forget the bad result you got on the board. (It must have been a bad result or you would never have thought about ethics in the first place.) Most important of all — there is no excuse for hauling a new player up before a protest committee over a matter of ethics.



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The Committee Speaks Conduct and Rules

The Conduct and Rules Committee has approved for Delaware tournaments the use of all Class 2 conventions, as listed in the April ACBL Bulletin, with the exception of the Woodson 2-way notrump. The Committee would consider approving the Woodson bid if any interest were expressed since it thinks a liberal attitude with respect to conventions is desirable for unit-sponsored games. Now, this pronouncement probably is just so much gibberish to you but we use it as an excuse to delve into the matter of conventions and what they should mean to tournament players.

A convention (as we use the term and not as a politician would use it) is by definition an understanding between partners. If there is no understanding, either explicit or implied, there is no convention. Contrary to what many players seem to think, one may make almost any bid or play one wishes to *provided there is no private understanding about it with partner*. EXCEPTIONS: A player using weak two bids is required to have between six and twelve high card points inclusive to use the bid; A player may not psyche an artificial two club or two diamond opening. Automatic penalties are provided for these crimes.

Many conventions, particularly those which are not part of standard American bidding, must be called to the attention of the opponents via the convention card so that the users may not have an unfair advantage. If you play a convention which should have been on your card and was inadvertently left off, you may suffer a penalty if the omission damages the opponents. Notice that use of an unlisted convention alone is not sufficient grounds for penalty. The opponents are entitled to redress only if it can be shown they might have improved their result had they known all about the convention (assuming the convention has been authorized for use).

Some examples will illustrate these prin-

THE HAND: DUMMY PLAY BY EL SUPREMO

A communication received lately from Keystone Conference President Ed Gerard (who now resides in the nether regions of our State) runs as follows:

. . . . Playing in Arlington recently with a partner *sans peur, sans reproche*, not to mention *sans cravat*, a hand came up which illustrates two important principles: (1) a penalty double will sometimes indicate to the declarer a line of play he might not otherwise take and (2) if there is only one possible distribution which will succeed, then play for that distribution.

traveler shows all other East-West pairs made a partscore. The opponents call the director, demanding a substantial penalty for infringement of their constitutional rights and alleging unethical conduct on the part of the absent-minded one. EAST-WEST WERE COMPLETELY OUT OF LINE AND ARE ENTITLED TO NOTHING BUT A REPRIMAND FOR BAD MANNERS.

B. A player using strong two-bids opens two diamonds with a worthless hand and passes his partner's positive response. The opponents balance and eventually get to an unmakeable contract which goes down for a bottom. THE DIRECTOR HAS NO MORE BASIS FOR ASSESSING A PENALTY THAN HE WOULD HAVE FOR PENALIZING A SUCCESSFUL PREEMPTIVE BID.

C. A defender leads a jack and declarer later finesse the other defender for the queen. When declarer loses an unnecessary trick to leader's queen, the director is called. AGAIN, NO REDRESS UNLESS THE DEFENDERS ARE BY AGREEMENT LEADING THE LOWER OF TOUCHING HONORS. In that case, the convention (Rusinow leads) not only would have been undisclosed but would have been unauthorized except for IMP team matches.

The common thread running through all of these cases is that you are entitled to nothing if an opponent intentionally or inadvertently misleads you by deviating from the system described on his convention card or from normally accepted practice. More often than not, such deviations will give you

North-South Vulnerable
South Dealer

♠ 84
♥ QJ983
♦ A7
♣ QJ82

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ AJ10972
♥ A10
♦ KQJ4
♣ 10

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
1S	Dbl	Rdbl	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening Lead: King of Clubs

"East's takeout double and subsequent penalty double in the face of our strong bidding marked her with the king-queen of spades, king of hearts and ace-king of clubs. At trick two, she shifted to a small diamond, her only safe exit. If she holds the aforementioned high cards, including KQx of spades and xx or xxx of diamonds, we are on the high road to Wapsville.

"Cash the ace, king and queen of diamonds



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SPEND A GLORIOUS FOURTH AT THE DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL!

What will you be doing on this glorious Fourth of July, 1964? Some people will be listening to flag-waving speeches. Some will be at picnics, biting hot dogs and being bitten by ants. Some will be statistics on the National Safety Council's weekend casualty roll.

But duplicate fans in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland know a better, safer, more comfortable way to spend the Fourth. They'll be in the air-conditioned Gold Ballroom at the Hotel DuPont on that Saturday, competing in the Open Pairs event.

On Friday, July 3rd, the Ninth Annual Diamond State Sectional opens with the Men's Pairs and Women's Pairs. Note the time—1:30 P.M.

Friday Night at 8:00 they—and we really mean you—will start play in the popular Mixed Pairs. That will be the final warm-up for the big Open Pairs on Saturday, July 4th, and the Teams-of-Four on Sunday afternoon and evening at 1:00 and 8:00 P.M.

Playing against nationally and internationally famous masters is one of the big thrills of these events. The cold top you may get against Solomon or Kay, for example, will be something to tell your grandchildren about. And if by chance you fail to get a top against a famous pair, don't give up hope; you really have a very good chance of being able to tell the kiddies about the bottom that they, ably assisted by your partner, gave you.

If, on the other hand, you prefer not to make things too difficult for the visiting masters, you can play in the Non-Masters' Pairs Sunday afternoon and evening. You are eligible if you and your partner each have fewer than one hundred master points.

Whether you play in the Teams-of-Four or the Non-Masters' Pairs on Sunday, you will be able to enjoy what has become one of the most talked-about features of the

NINTH ANNUAL DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Men's Pairs (one session)	Friday, July 3rd	1:30 P.M.
Women's Pairs (one session)	Friday, July 3rd	1:30 P.M.
Mixed Pairs (one session)	Friday, July 3rd	8:00 P.M.
Open Pairs (two sessions)	Saturday, July 4th ..	1:30 and 8:00 P.M.
Teams-of-Four (two sessions)	Sunday, July 5th	1:00 and 8:00 P.M.
Non-Masters' Pairs (two sessions) ..	Sunday, July 5th	1:00 and 8:00 P.M. (less than 100 points)

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

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Open Pairs:	Col. and Mrs. Skinner and Leonard Covell
Teams-of-Four:	Mr. and Mrs. Pehrson
Special Open Pairs:	Mr. and Mrs. Brill and Dr. and Mrs. Shames



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PEGGY GERARD AND NAN LIPSTEIN WIN IN SECTIONAL; HENRICHSON AND HORWITZ FIRST IN MEN'S PAIRS

Results from the Diamond State Sectional Tournament

Hotel DuPont July 3-5, 1964
(Bill and Elaine Dumas, Chairmen)

Men's Pairs

- 1-2. Carl Henrichson and Harry Horwitz
3. Hugh Knipmeyer and Jack Stoeffel

Women's Pairs

2. Evelyn Levitt and Gladys Major

Mixed Pairs

2. Arch and Caroline Sparks
3. Bill Laffey and Orpha Norder

Open Pairs

2. Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell

Non-Masters' Pairs

1. Peggy Gerard and Nan Lipstein
2. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roeberg
3. E. F. Wolfe and H. M. Palmer

Special Pairs

1. Bill and Elaine Downey

Levine and West Win Charity Game

The Delaware version of the Nationwide Charity Game was held at the Academy of

Evelyn Levitt again won the Frank Grady Memorial Trophy, awarded to the DSBA Member winning the most master points in the Sectional or Regional Tournament held in Wilmington. Evelyn won the custody of this annual trophy also in 1960, 1962 and 1963. Dave Treadwell and Arch Sparks ranked second and third.

Sectional Tops

Vincent D'Anna and Jerry Kissel
Sybil Broughton and Dorothy Goldstein
Ed Flook and Bob Gregory
John Garrett and Lee Wiley
Peggy Gerard and Nan Lipstein
Carl Henrichson and Harry Horwitz
William Johnson and John Knowlton
Hugh Knipmeyer and Jack Stoeffel
Hugh Knipmeyer and Parke Woodworth
Evelyn Levitt and Gladys Major
Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell
Mavis McClosky and Mrs. Douglas Thompson
H. M. Palmer and E. F. Wolfe
Richard Reeves and Donald Wilson
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roeberg
Freuda Rosenblatt and Bernard Shames
Arch and Caroline Sparks

OPEN PAIRS OFFERS NEW TROPHY

The Delaware State Open Pairs tournament will be held at the Dunmont Country

DSBA Annual Report

Money. The financial condition of the D.S.B.A. is excellent. However, we have been losing money steadily, at an ever-increasing rate, for almost two years:

Date	Cash Balance	Period Loss
9-30-62	\$4051.30	\$ —
9-30-63	\$3816.27	\$235.03
7-31-64	\$3340.47	\$475.80

The estimated loss for the fiscal year ending 9-30-64 is \$500 to \$550.

The Board of Directors has taken action which is expected to reduce this loss and allow the D.S.B.A. to operate in the black for the next fiscal year.

Funds will be provided to promote bridge in Delaware and to encourage new players to attend tournaments.

D.S.B.A. tournaments, as a group, shall be operated on a rather strict budget so that, as a group, the tournaments will not operate at a loss, but will break even or show a slight profit. To accomplish this, the mailing of printed invitations will be discontinued; possibly there will be a reduction in the amount spent for prizes.

The Monday night game, which has been operating at a loss for two years, is expected to show a profit, since the fee for the winners' game has been increased to \$1.25.

It is still the policy of the D.S.B.A. to provide its members with maximum opportunity to compete for the maximum number of master points. No action is contemplated which will change this policy.

Life Masters. The 1963-1964 bridge year was particularly notable for a 50% increase in the number of D.S.B.A. Life Masters. (Delaware was already leading the nation in number of Life Masters on a per



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BLUE HEN SECTIONAL DECEMBER 11, 12 & 13!

What makes a good bridge tournament?

Good Chairmen? We've got them!

Dave and Rae Thomas, ably assisted by Dick and Ina Morse have been working hard with their committee for months to please you.

Good Facilities? We've got them!

The new Holiday Inn Motel No. 2 is ideally situated on the John F. Kennedy Turnpike. The manager is going out of his way to satisfy our every whim — and we have many whims!

Comfort? We've got that!

Bridge chairs so comfortable we are only afraid our players might become lethargic. The ballroom is beautiful and spacious with excellent lighting conditions.

Dignity? We've got that!

You will not have to apologize to our out-of-town friends. Lovely rooms at moderate prices, cocktail lounge and the excellent cuisine of the "Horseless Carriage" Room will satisfy the most demanding guest.

Hospitality? We've got that!

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Abbott understand how important the "little things" are. They will see that coffee is available free every afternoon, they will have someone empty your

overflowing ashtrays and keep the water pitchers filled. Friday and Saturday nights they will have free coffee and sweet rolls for you while you are checking your scores. On Sunday between sessions they will be proud to offer you a delicious buffet dinner for only one dollar.

Good Competition? We've got that!

If you and your favorite partner make the dates December 11th, 12th and 13th important bridge dates.

The dates, events and times of the Blue Hen Sectional are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 11th. 2:00 P.M. Women's Pairs
Friday, Dec. 11th 2:00 P.M. Men's Pairs
Friday, Dec. 11th 8:30 P.M. Mixed Pairs

Saturday, Dec. 12th 2:00 P.M. Open Pairs
Saturday, Dec. 12th 8:30 P.M. Consolation Game

Sunday, Dec. 13th 1:00 P.M. Team-of-Four
Sunday, Dec. 13th 1:00 P.M. Non-Master Game (under 100 pts.)

Sunday, Dec. 13th 7:00 P.M. Second Session

Need a partner? Call Mrs. Vincent LaPash, at WY 4-7540.

Ginny Cordrey,
The Greater Newark
Bridge Association

CHARITY GAME NOVEMBER 27TH!

When? The Friday after Thanksgiving at 8:00 P.M.

Where? Delaware Academy of Medicine, Inc., at Lovering Avenue and Union Street in Wilmington.

What? Delaware's version of the continent-wide competition that will see players in more than two hundred cities play the same deals at the same time as those in the opening event of the Fall Nationals in Dallas, Texas. Proceeds from all games will go to the ACBL's Charity Foundation, which will distribute the funds to beneficiaries chosen later in the charity year. It is appropriate to note that two local pairs, Arch & Caroline Sparks and Mickey Levine & Rick West have placed as high as second in the entire District 4 Area in previous competitions of this kind.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE 1964-1965 SEASON

Tournament	Dates	Place	Chairman
Open Pairs	October 1st and 8th	DuPont Country Club	Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Norder
Individual	October 29 and November 5th	Brandywine Country Club	Jack Keane
Nation-Wide Charity	November 27th	Academy of Medicine	Gene Syrovatka