



# The Dummy



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## RON CRONISE IS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Ron Cronise, who won over 56 master points in the year ending October 1, 1965, easily outdistanced his competition to become the Delaware State Bridge Association's first Rookie-of-the-Year. Mary Roeberg held to the runner-up spot, barely escaping a minute master point surge by Vince D'Anna. Although only DSBA members with more than 20 master points on October 1, 1965 are eligible, thirteen of the participants were able to rack up over 20 points during the year.

The 1966 Rookie-of-the-Year race is already under way. All DSBA members who have less than 20 points on October 1, 1965 are eligible. Look for the standings in future issues of The Dummy.

Leading contenders for the 1965 Rookie-of-the-Year are listed below. Our congratulations to all of them.

Ron Cronise .....	56.26
Mary Roeberg .....	42.69
Vince D'Anna .....	40.00
Babs Rogers .....	34.32
Celia Trusler .....	29.22
John Kinnikin .....	28.92
Jim Mayhart, Jr. ....	27.89
Dr. Ed Kane .....	27.12
Harry Roeberg .....	24.88
F. W. Kinnamon .....	24.46
Mrs. Peter Moroz .....	23.43
Mrs. H. W. Sewell .....	22.04
R. S. Liu .....	21.05
Mrs. R. Stewart .....	17.36
Mrs. Howard Weibel .....	14.25
Mrs. D. J. Dolbow .....	13.44
Mr. R. A. Reeves .....	12.70
Mrs. P. A. Cundiff .....	12.35
Mrs. W. C. Brown .....	11.40
21. Mrs. M. Abbott .....	10.65
Mr. R. F. Darling .....	10.65

## Local Tournament Results

### Individual

Jack Keane  
Rick West  
Freuda Rosenblatt  
Harold Levitt  
Roland Ro

### Team-Wide Charity

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Syrovatka  
Elsie DiSabatino — Sybil Broughton  
Mrs. C. Herr — Mrs. A. Furbeck  
Don McGee — Ron Cronise

## DSBA MEN'S PAIR — "BEYOND COMPARE"

By the grace and charity of the Almighty, plus a bucketful of perspiration, on the part of the Committee, it would seem that the 30th annual DSMP Bridge Championship Tournament was a grand success!

I quote in substance the words of that ubiquitous and well-seasoned gentleman, Mr. Jack Keane, President of the DSBA—"this was the finest tournament of its kind I have ever seen."

This exuberance of sentiment was obviously not induced by the flush of his own success—he finished so far down the list, no one as yet has found his position.

So tightly seeded was this event (thanks principally to Colonel Skinner, and those wonder boys and God's gift to women, Bostwick and Wetter) that a four-way tie developed for first place between:

Leroy Brill and Dr. Ian T. Gilson  
Martin Horden and Assen Slavov  
James Putman and Jack Delaney  
Melvin Welch and Peter Moroz

Ten thousand orchids to the lovely ladies, Helen Pehrson, Helen Brown, Eve Skinner and Mrs. Wells, who, on a moment's notice graciously filled in our absentee breach. (We are all still trembling at the thought of what would have happened had that famous team of the Helen twins, (Pehrson and Brown) won the Men's Pair State Championship.)

Our gratitude also goes to all those in authority at the University and Whist Club, for hosting this historic and legendary event, which had its roots as early as 1892.

At long last, indubitably, and by all means the least, and with the greatest immodesty, let's don't forget to thank ME — the Chairman, for a masterful performance!! (o, B-O-Y!!—what a NUT!!!)

With indefatigable tenacity our inimitable director "The Colonel," labored from late Thursday night until 5:30 p.m. Sunday, missing TV, golf and football programs, in order to crack the four-way tie, and to come up with a pairs-winner and a pair of runners-up for the awarding of prizes.

He used a somewhat intricate formula, officially promulgated by the ACBL for this purpose. Roughly, it is the Einstein Theory to the Nth degree, chopped up by an electric computer. For prize purposes it came up with the winning pair of:

Leroy Brill and Dr. Ian T. Gilson  
Flight B Special Award for the second evening won by:

## New Format Planned For Knockouts and Mets

Several changes will be introduced into the 1966 Delaware State Knockout Teams and Metropolitan Teams.

**Qualification.** This year the top eighteen teams in the Delaware State Team of Four will qualify for the Knockouts and the next nine teams will qualify for the Mets with the restriction that no team having more than 600 combined master points will be eligible for the Mets.

**Scoring.** Both the Knockouts and the Mets will be scored by Victory Points. In the Victory Point scoring method (which has been adopted for the Spingold Team trials in the Summer Nationals) each team plays a series of short qualifying IMP matches.

**Movement.** The eighteen teams qualifying for the Knockouts will be divided into two carefully seeded sections. All teams will play through two sessions with every team playing six board matches against the other eight teams in the section. The total IMPs won or lost in each match will be converted into Victory Points according to the schedule given below. At the conclusion of the second session, the winners of each section will be determined by totaling the Victory Points won over the eight matches. The two section winners will then be pitted in a 32 board knockout match for the championship.

Each team in the Metropolitans will also play six board matches against the other eight teams. After two sessions, the two teams which have accumulated the most Victory Points will meet in a 28 board head-to-head match for the championship.

## VICTORY POINT CONVERSION CHART

Thirty victory points are available in each match. These are divided between the winner and loser based on the IMPs won or lost as follows:

IMPs Won	Victory Point Division
0	15-15
1	16-14
2	17-13
3	18-12
4-5	19-11
6-7	20-10
8-9	21-9
10-11	22-8
12-13	23-7
14-15	24-6
16-17	25-5
18-20	26-4
21-23	27-3
24-26	28-2
27-29	29-1



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## Player of the Year Standings

Player	Points
Keane .....	15.0
Horden .....	13.5
Slavov .....	13.5
Brill .....	10.0
Hilson .....	10.0
Levitt .....	9.5
Levitt .....	8.5
Sapowith .....	7.0
Poucher .....	7.0
Morris .....	7.0
Treadwell .....	7.0
Paulshock .....	7.0
Donovan .....	7.0
Dumas .....	7.0
Dumas .....	7.0
AcNutt .....	6.0
Wasilewski .....	6.0
Worden .....	6.0
Herr .....	6.0
Flook .....	5.5
McNichol .....	5.5
Leshem .....	5.5
Levin .....	5.5
Ramler .....	5.0
McGee .....	5.0
Welch .....	4.5
Moroz .....	4.5
Putman .....	4.5
Delaney .....	4.5
Rosenblatt .....	4.0
Jordrey .....	4.0
Jordrey .....	4.0
Skinner .....	3.5
Welldon .....	3.0
Kneisley .....	3.0
Orlando .....	3.0
Pehrson .....	3.0
Pehrson .....	3.0
Ro .....	2.0
Kilbourne .....	2.0
Cronise .....	1.5
Reed .....	1.5
Greenwell .....	1.5
Londoner .....	1.5
Sparks .....	1.5
Sparks .....	1.5
Brown .....	1.5
Brown .....	1.5
Byrne .....	1.0
Dull .....	1.0
McGee .....	0.5
Jovell .....	0.5
Schultz .....	0.5

## NEW DSBA DIRECTORY

A new, complete, and current DSBA directory will soon be ready for distribution. It will be available and sent to paid-up members ONLY.

If you are not paid up, please mail \$2. at

## DSBA MEMBERS SCORE AT RICHMOND

Many Delawareans drove to Richmond, Va. for the Mid-Atlantic Regional in February. And many won precious red points. Barbara Furbeck became our newest Life Master by topping her section in the Masters' Pairs playing with Barbara Herr. Following are local players who finished third or higher in their section or placed overall. Your reporter hopes he did not miss any!

### Masters' Pairs

Mel Welch and John Hawks, third in section

Jim Greenfield and Alice Robinson, first in section and thirteenth overall

Willcox and Helen Brown, third in section  
Barbara Furbeck and Barbara Herr, first in section and tie for seventeenth overall

Elsie DiSabatino and Sybil Broughton, third in section

### Men's Pairs

Hugh Knipmeyer and Jack Keane, third in section

Jim Greenfield and W. M. Beverly, second in section

Ron Cronise and Don McGee, second in section

Cowboy Irwin and Dave Treadwell, first in section

### Women's Pairs

Pat McGee and Ann Cullen, third in section  
Mildred Irwin and Ann Burroughs, first in section and thirteenth overall

Elsie DiSabatino and Sybil Broughton, first in section and tie for fourteenth overall

Mrs. G. Schwartz and Mrs. M. W. J. Abraham, first in section and seventeenth overall

Barbara Furbeck and Barbara Herr, third in section

Betty Putman and Mrs. K. Patrick, second in section

### Open Pairs

Matt Kegelman and Hugh Knipmeyer, second in qualifying section

Ann Cullen and Dave Treadwell, third in qualifying section

Mickey Levine and Len Reed, first in section in finals and fourth overall

Pat McGee and Ron Cronise, third in section in finals

### Team-of-Four

Jim Greenfield, Ed Shapiro, Klaus Binkenstein, and Israel Rubin, second in section and tie for twelfth overall

Jack Keane, Matt Kegelman, Hugh Knipmeyer, Dave Treadwell, third in section, second in section, and tie for eighth overall

### Side Game

## RESULTS FROM SPRING NATIONALS

Led by Mrs. Harold Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Mrs. Helen Smith and Arch Sparks in the Vanderbilt Team of Four, a dozen Delawareans participated in the Spring Nationals at Louisville, Kentucky. Many scored well. Results follow:

### ACBL SPRING NATIONALS

Louisville, Ky. March 4 to 13

### Women's Pairs

10th Overall — Mrs. Harold Levitt & Mrs. Helen Smith

First Qualifying Round — Sect. third — Mrs. Harold Levitt — Mrs. Helen Smith

Second Qualifying Round

Section Top — Mrs. C. E. Dahlenburg — Helen Armstrong

Section Second — Mrs. Harold Levitt — Mrs. Helen Smith

### Men's Pairs

First Qualifying Round Section Top — Dave Treadwell & Archie Sparks

Second Qualifying Round Section Third — Dave Treadwell & Archie Sparks

Second Qualifying Round Section Second — Col. R. H. Skinner & S. W. Kantor

### Vanderbilt Team of Four

Second Qualifying Round — Section Second — Mrs. Harold Levitt, Dave Treadwell

Mrs. Helen Smith & Archie Sparks

Above Team defeated Oakie, Drury, Schleifer & Coleman in First Final Match.

### Mixed Pairs

Section Second — Col. R. H. Skinner & Leigh Grant

### Gordon Potato Chip Pairs

Section Second — Leigh Grant (Hammond, Ind.) — Col. R. H. Skinner

### Stokely Van Camp Pairs

Section Third — Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Welch

### Bermuda Bowl Fund Fairs

Section Top — Klaus Binkenstein & Israel Rubin

### Blue Grass Unit Pairs

Section Top, 6th Overall — Diane Aiken & Col. R. H. Skinner

### Open Pairs

First Qualifying Round — Section Top — Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Welch

### Winn Dixie Pairs



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## Evelyn Levitt Takes Ayer-Of-The-Year Award

Evelyn Levitt, with a driving finish in the tech, became the DSBA 1966 Player-of-the-year. 5th in the Open Pairs, 6th in the Individual, tied for 2nd and 3rd in the Team-four, 2nd in the New Castle Pairs, 3rd in Women's Pairs, and 1st in the Invitational, she scored 24.5 out of a possible 49 pts. 19.5 of these she won partnered by her band, Harold, who finished in 5th place.

Double winners included Jack Keane (individual and Kent Co.), Marty Horden (Team-of-Four and tie in Men's Pairs), Assenrov (Team-of-Four and tie in Men's Pairs), Edward Worden (Mixed Pairs and New Castle Pairs).

An interesting note is that 10% of the DSBA membership placed on the POY which follows:

5 E. Levitt	M. Welch
5 M. Horden	P. Moroz
A. Slavov	J. Putman
J. Keane	J. Delaney
5 H. Levitt	4 F. Rosenblatt
D. Treadwell	O. Welch
E. Worden	M. Kegelmann
M. Paulshock	R. Tigani
L. Brill	P. Woodworth
I. Gilson	H. Hirsty
5 D. Leshem	J. Ward
K. Donovan	J. Schoonover
B. Herr	3.5 B. Welldon
E. Dumas	W. Kneisley
5 C. Sparks	E. Skinner
P. McGee	3 S. Orlando
W. Dumas	E. Haverbeck
R. Sapowith	R. Clarkson
L. Morris	2.5 D. McGee
J. McNutt	H. Brown
R. Wasilewski	2 R. Ro
R. Poucher	L. Kilbourne
E. Ramler	B. Putman
H. Pehrson	S. Cohen
F. Pehrson	N. Sklut
B. Furbeck	L. Sklut
D. Pattison	1.5 R. Cronise
A. Sparks	L. Reed
E. Flook	W. Greenwell
F. McNichol	S. Londoner
B. Levin	W. Brown, Jr.
R. West	1 E. Dahlenberg
E. Gerard	P. Gerard
L. Handloff	M. Jeunehomme
R. Sapp	0.5 L. Covell
R. Donovan	G. Schultz
	W. Figgs

## COL. RICHMOND H. SKINNER RETIRES AS DSBA TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

It will not be the familiar New England twang of Col. Dick Skinner who will call our state tournaments to order over the microphone next season. Dick has decided to retire from tournament directing in order to have more time for participation. To most of you, Dick is just the person who gives the instructions for an orderly tournament and gives rulings when necessary. After all, somebody has to do it!

Now let me tell you something!

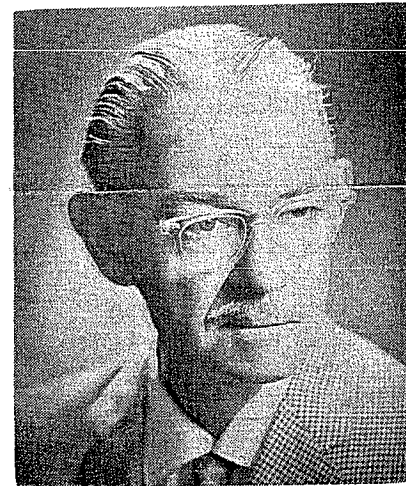
Dick served continuously on the Executive Committee of the American Contract Bridge League from its founding in 1936 as a consolidation of the feuding American Bridge League and the United States Bridge Association, to 1944 when he served as President. This feud left many wounds and the formative years of the ACBL were critical to healing them. (I was active in the Northern New Jersey unit at the time and can personally testify to some of this). Dick made many important contributions during this period in nurturing the ACBL from a struggling babe to a healthy teenager — a process that has continued with the emergence of the ACBL as a strong, mature parent body for the hobby we all enjoy.

Delaware was fortunate in having Dick arrive on the local scene in 1955, about the time the Delaware State Bridge Association was being formed. Dick aided in transforming bridge in Delaware from the benevolent dictatorship of much-beloved Frank Grady to a more democratic body firmly affiliated with the ACBL. With Frank's passing early in 1958, we found ourselves in parlous state without a director to step into Frank's shoes. Very lucky for all of us, Dick volunteered to take on most of Frank's tasks so that we never lacked an experienced hand guiding the conduct of our tournaments.

Dick has also been President of the New England, the Mid-Atlantic, and the Keystone Conferences. Most bridge players may be unaware even of the existence of conferences, but they are all-important in organizing regional tournaments where so many of us win coveted red points. Along with all of this, you probably will not be surprised to learn that Dick is an expert player. He has placed high in numerous national events, has won at least ten regional events, and has led the field in countless sectional and lower-rated tournaments.

Now let me tell you something else!

Dick's participation in the administrative and competitive aspects of bridge, although



COL. RICHMOND H. SKINNER

and referee, civil engineer, golfer, army officer, legislator, championship fancy diver, business executive, flying instructor, designer — you name it — he has probably had a hand in it one way or another. And what he has done he has done well.

Dick studied chemical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology for a three and one-half year period interrupted by military service. Later he transferred to California Institute of Technology where he was graduated with a BS in civil engineering. For the next seven years he followed this profession with Stone & Webster, Inc., a prominent engineering and construction firm, and participated in many important engineering jobs, including the construction of Conowingo Dam.

From 1930 to 1942, he worked for the Pipe Organ Manufacturing Company and held various executive positions, including the offices of General Manager, Secretary, and Vice-President. Wartime restrictions barred manufacture of pipe organs and Dick volunteered for the United States Army in 1942.

He became an officer in the Chemical Warfare Service and later was assigned to the Pacific Fleet where he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Navy for his work during the invasion of Leyte and Luzon. He received many other commendations for development work in this field from both the Army and the Navy. He retired from the Army in 1951 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

We wish you well in your retirement, Dick. And you others, just remember the competi-



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## ANNUAL MEETING TRAVELING SCORES..... HELD SEPT. 12TH

One of the highlights of the 13th Annual Meeting of the DSBA which was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont on September 12, was the introduction of a new trophy award, The Col. Richmond H. Skinner Trophy. A silver cup was donated by the A to commemorate Col. Skinner's many contributions to Delaware Bridge and be awarded annually to the winners of Club Championship Game which follows annual meeting.

A brief summary of the DSBA's financials was presented by Jerzy Zawisza, the treasurer. Noteworthy was the fact that this year, all DSBA sponsored tournaments show a profit, leaving a comfortable balance in treasury of \$3,407.06.

Evelyn Levitt, a perennial favorite to win or the other, successfully copped both Frank Grady and the Mary Grady trophies. A silver cigarette box was given to Cronise for his master point winning trophy in the 1964-1965 "Rookie of the year".

The following slate was presented by the nominating Committee for election to the Board of Directors:

Board of Directors:

Elizabeth Dahlenburg  
Marty Horden  
Orpha Norder  
Frank Pehrson  
Betty Putman  
Dick West

The general assembly approved the slate secret ballot and elected Dave Treadwell to the floor.

Remaining Board Members include: Roy Brill, Jim Cordrey, Ed Flook, Jackie, Hugh Knipmeyer, Pat McGee and Jerzy Zawisza.

Outgoing Board members are: Sybil Broughton, Elsie DiSabatino, Bill Gas, Leon Fields, Bob Gregory, Ina Morse, Frank Pehrson and Gene Syrovatka.

A change in the By-Laws whereby dues to DSBA and the ACBL become payable on January 1 of each year, rather than October as approved by the general meeting.

Our spies tell us that our illustrious ident, Jack Keane, was a trifle bit disinted with the meeting. It seems that he been "boning up" on parliamentary procedures for days . . . . and all for nought.)

### RESULTS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Winer  
Orpha Norder & Steve Serota  
Mr. & Mrs. Assen Slavov  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Sklar

### MAJESTIC LAKE GEORGE LAKE GEORGE, N.Y.

June 30-July 4

Individual — 4th Overall — Mike Rogers

### CHAMPLAIN FESTIVAL PLATTSBURG, N. Y.

July 8-10

Mixed Pair-Section Top .. Mr. & Mrs.

Mike Rogers

### SUMMER NATIONALS DENVER, COLORADO

July 30-August 7

Mrs. Mike Rogers had 3 section tops

& Mr. Mike Rogers had 4 section tops

### MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ROANOKE, VA.

Sept. 1-5

Section top-Men's Pair — Lee Irwin &

Don McGee

### KEYSTONE REGIONAL

Oct. 6-9 — Harrisburg, Pa.

Masters Pairs: 6th Overall:

Evelyn Levitt & Dave Treadwell

Masters Pairs: Section Tops:

Evelyn Levitt & Dave Treadwell

Sybil Broughton & Dorothy Goldstein

Women's Pairs: 3rd Overall:

Evelyn Levitt & Helen Smith

Women's Pairs: Section Tops:

Pat McGee & Judy Kay

Evelyn Levitt & Helen Smith

Men's Pairs: Section Top:

Don McGee & Leroy Irwin

Open Pairs — Qualifying: Section Top:

Jack Keane & Dave Treadwell

Open Pairs — Consolation: Section Top:

Jay Ralph & Phil Crowe

Team-of-Four: 12th Overall:

Harold Levitt, Evelyn Levitt,

Jack Keane, Dave Treadwell

### BALTIMORE SECTIONAL

July 29 — Baltimore, Md.

Open Pairs — Consolation: 2nd Overall:

Mr. & Mrs. Assen Slavov

### PENNSYLVANIA STATE

Aug. 19-21 — York, Pa.

Mixed Pairs: Section Top:

Mr. & Mrs. Assen Slavov

Men's Pairs: 1st Overall:

Assen Slavov & Martin Horden

### DISTRICT 5 REGIONAL

Sept. 1-5 — Pittsburgh, Pa.

Women's Pairs: Section Top:

Evelyn Levitt & Helen Smith

Mixed Pairs: Section Top:

Olive & Mel Welch

Open Pairs: 6th Overall:

Evelyn Levitt, Dave Treadwell

Open Pairs — Consolation: Section Top:

Olive & Mel Welch

Master's Pairs: Section Top:

Dave Treadwell & Eli Reich

### SUMMER NATIONALS

Denver, Colorado

Life Masters Pairs: (6 sessions)

Dave Treadwell & Arch Sparks

5th Overall after 1st session

7th Overall after 5 sessions

23rd Overall after 6th session

(300 pairs competing)

## LOCAL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

1. Harold Levitt, Evelyn Levitt, Ken Meyer, Len Lipstein.
2. Martin Horden, James Greenfield, Al Pahnke, Earl Cummins.

### OPEN PAIRS

1. Dave Treadwell, Evelyn Levitt
2. Seymour Cohen, Ken Donovan

### OPEN PAIRS — CONSOLATION

1. Don McGee, Mildred Irwin
2. Steve Serota, Orpha Norder
3. Sally Orlando, Mrs. H. Wise

### TEAM-OF-FOUR

1. Mr. & Mrs. Arch Sparks,  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Willcox Brown
- 2.3. Dexter Pattison, Ralph Schreyer,  
John Siverts, Edward Worden.
- 2.3 Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Dumas