

# THE DUMMY

## THE DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSN.

Wilmington, Delaware

January 8, 1970

### THE BLUE HEN SECTIONAL

This coming weekend, January 16, 17, and 18, the Blue Hen Sectional will again be held at the Lion's Club in Wilmington Manor on Route 13 South of Wilmington. Dave Klein, the tournament chairman, informs me that the following schedule will prevail:

Friday Afternoon at 1:30 P.M. - Men's and Women's pairs.

Friday Evening at 8:00 P.M. - Master's and Non-Master's pairs, the dividing point for this game is 50 master points.

Saturday Afternoon and Evening at 1:30 and 8:00 P.M. - Open pairs, two sessions, the first session is qualifying for the Championship event, non-qualifiers play in a separate consolation event also open to new pairs.

Sunday Afternoon and Evening at 1:00 and 6:30 P.M. - Swiss Team-of-Four, this is the new movement where each team plays 7 board matches scored by International Match Points against 8 other teams.

If you need a partner for any event or another half team, contact Helen Hirsty, Phone 762-0367. We are sure that you will have a good time so come out and play. Free coffee will be served during all sessions. Beautiful prizes will be awarded to winners and runners-up of all events and section-top prizes also.

### CHAMPIONS (ALMOST) FROM WILMINGTON

Dave Treadwell and Evelyn Levitt went down to Miami Beach for the purpose of enhancing their master point totals at the Fall National Tournament. They did so by picking up 50 points for finishing second overall in the Four Session Mixed Pair event. They trailed the Parker's of Washington by only 3 points after the 3rd session but could not match the winner's fantastic final session.

Parke Woodworth went to Miami Beach to have some fun playing in the Fall Nationals. He had a good time and almost came away with the Championship of the Two Session Individual Event. Parke finished second by only one measly point behind the winner. He let everyone in Wilmington know that there were at least a dozen times when he could have picked up 5 or 10 points, let alone the two points he needed.

### CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - DSBA

The Delaware State Bridge Association has appointed Mel Welch as their chief tournament director effective in 1970 for all State Championships and unit run games. Mel has earned this award by doing an outstanding job directing many of our games over the past two years in addition to his weekly game at the DuPont Country Club.

The DSBA has a need for alternate and substitute directors. If you are a qualified director and can fill this bill, please contact either Mel or Orlin Norder or Bill Lafey. The pay for good directors is good so try and help out if you can.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE - LOCAL EVENTS

Bill Lafey is our tournament chairman for 1970. He is in the process of arranging a full tournament schedule of State Championship events for the coming year. The ACBL has relented and will allow us to offer master points for all games according to the Local Ratings that were given in 1968. This allowance is good through March at the earliest or until rescinded by the ACBL. The complete schedule is in the process of being revised. The following events have been definitely set.

Men's Pair - January 22 and 29 - University and Whist Club. Contact Dick Bostwick at the club to enter. This is the oldest DSBA tournament dating back many years before the DSBA was even born. The tournament is a friendly game where both good bridge and good luck are essential to win. A few years ago, this event produced the rare oddity of a quadruple tie for first place.

Swiss Team-of-Four - February 12, 19, and 23 - Hotel DuPont Cafeteria. Marty Horden is chairman of this event which replaces the previous knock-out team game. The old format of two qualifying rounds plus two final matches produced too long an event. The new format will be a Swiss Team event consisting of six matches of 8 boards each, played on two successive Thursday nights. At this point, all teams except the top 4 will be eliminated and these teams will play three additional matches the following Monday night. The best score for the three sessions, according to Swiss Team Rules, will determine the winner (full carry-over from qualifying rounds to the finals).

New Castle County Master's and Non-Master's Pairs - March 12 and 19. Place to be announced. Ed Worden is chairman of these events where the experts can beat each other without having to worry about being taken by two old ladies or young beginners. Those players with less than 100 points have their own event.

To enter the above events, either contact the chairman or leave your entry with Mel Welch or Bill Laffey on a Monday night. Now that we are again awarding master points in all our tournaments, let's make bridge a success in Delaware by entering the events, playing hard, but fair and square like ladies and gentlemen, and winning if we can.

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - 1969

The Annual Rookie-of-the-Year Award was presented to Jeff Sparks on December 22, 1969. Jeff is the son of our long-time bridge champions Arch and Caroline Sparks. The trophy is given to the DSBA member who had 20 points or less in October of the previous year and gathers in the most points during the October through October year. Jeff accumulated 44.07 points to nose out Bob Bender with 42.20 points. In third place was Mike Eagan with 24.73 points.

#### NOVICE GAMES - MONDAY EVENINGS

The Delaware State Bridge Association will hold a novice game in conjunction with their regular Monday Evening game at the Hotel DuPont Cafeteria whenever a sufficient number of tables come out. At other times, novices will play in the regular game being specially treated. Our definition of a novice is that anyone who thinks they are a novice is one. Less than 10 master points is a second criterion. So come out and play on Mondays whether you are a novice, run-of-the-mill player or expert. We want you and we need you to keep bridge up in Delaware.

#### SPECIAL KNOCK-OUT EVENT

The Board of Directors of the DSBA decided to hold a special team-of-four knockout tournament in December. The games were held on four successive Monday nights. 16 teams entered the event which was filled with upsets. Only 3 seeded teams out of 8 were victorious the first evening, and only 1 remained for the semifinal round. In the championship round, the young team of Tom Kirch, Andy Stayton, Len Reid and Frank Giovannozzi played excellent bridge and won handily over the old pros team of Marty Horden, Parke Woodworth, Ed Flook and Frank McNichol. Congratulations to the best team in Delaware as of December, 1969.

#### NEWS FROM THE ACBL

The ACBL has rescinded action taken last year requiring life masters to pay a \$5.00 recording fee to the League. Life members who have paid their fee for 1969 can have their \$5.00 refunded by writing to the League prior to April 30, 1970.

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February 24, 1970

### CONTINENT-WIDE CHARITY GAME

On March 20, 1970 at 8:15 PM sharp the nineteenth Continent-Wide Charity game of the ACBL will be held in the quarters of the New Castle County Duplicate Bridge Club, the Newark New Century Club Building at the corner of Delaware Avenue and Haines Street in Newark, Delaware. This event carries sectional rating with liberal masterpoint awards. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the national overall winners of the event as well as first and second place prizes for the highest scores in each of the twenty-four districts of the ACBL. This event is being played simultaneously in over 200 cities in the United States and Canada with an expected overall attendance of over 15,000 players. You are actually participating in the world's largest bridge tournament. The same computerized hands you will be playing, will be played throughout the country and the Nationals in Oregon. After the game you will receive free hand analyses, prepared by some of the top experts in the country.

Inasmuch as you are contributing to charity when you participate in this event, your entry fee of \$2.50 per player (set by the ACBL) is fully tax-deductible. The proceeds from this event and all other such events go directly to the Charity Foundation of the American Contract Bridge League. Over \$2,500,000.00 were distributed by this foundation to medical research organizations and social welfare agencies since the foundation began. Free parking, free coffee and free cookies will be available at this game, so come out and play in this event and at the same time contribute to some of the best causes.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Laffey, the tournament schedule has been firmed up. Delaware Bridge traditionally has been a success, these tournaments have helped and inasmuch as the ACBL is granting masterpoint awards to these tournaments again, there is no reason not to participate in them.

CONTINENT-WIDE CHARITY GAME, (see above) March 20, 1970, 8:15 PM, Newark New Century Club, Newark, Delaware, Fritz Loewenstein.

NEW CASTLE OPEN PAIRS Ed Worden is chairman of this event. Two sessions, March 12 the first and March 19 the final session. Talleyville Firehouse, Talleyville (Rt 202) Delaware.

KENT COUNTY OPEN PAIRS A two session event scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 1970 in the Elk's Club in Dover, Delaware. Leonard Covell is chairman.

MIXED PAIRS First session May 7, 1970 and second session May 14, 1970. Hercules

Country Club, Burke Weldon is chairman of this event.

WOMEN'S PAIRS First session on June 4 and second session on June 11, 1970. Vicky Byrne is chairwoman of this event, place will be announced at a later date.

### SECTIONALS AND REGIONALS

#### KEYSTONE REGIONALS

June 18 to June 21, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL July 18 and July 19 in the Wilmington Manor Lion's Club,

Rt 13/40 South of Wilmington, Del. Swiss-Team-of-Four (two sessions) on Sunday, July 19, 1970.

### DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - DIRECTORY

Mrs. C. Hirsch and Mrs. M. Irwin worked hard and diligently to list the over 500 members of the Delaware State Bridge Association. Every member will receive a copy of this directory with the 'phone numbers and names of all the new and old members of the DSEA. In addition the directory contains a listing of all the clubs and games in this area. These two ladies have put a tremendous amount of work into it; and, they did it without any remuneration; they not only deserve a lot of credit for a job well done, but the heartiest thanks of every Delaware Bridge player.

### NOVICE GAMES - EVERY MONDAY EVENING

As we all know, the DSEA is sponsoring a special novice game to run concurrently with the 'regular' Monday night game at the Hotel DuPont. Les Smith is working hard to get as many novice players as possible to participate, but he cannot do it alone. If you, as one of our regulars, know any bridge players who for some reason or another have never played Duplicate and are possibly afraid to get chopped to pieces by the ferocious 'pros', ask them to come and play in our novice section. If a partner is needed, Les Smith (762-3304) will be delighted to make the necessary arrangements. We want them, we need your help to get them, so let us all get with it!

We may be skating on thin ice, but it seems to us that the Dummy has rarely been used as an outlet for editorial opinions. We do not want to set a dangerous precedent, but we feel that Delaware Bridge players will not object if they will be subjected to editorial comments now and then in their own publication. As a rule, editorials express philosophies of a news organ or opinions by special editorial writers which may or may not be in accord with the policy of the publishers. This editorial -- we are certain -- will reflect the feelings of the Board of Directors of the DSBA, but not necessarily agree with some of the readers. The subject of this editorial is "Seeding", a bone of contention at many tournaments. The old time "pro" is well aware of the necessity of seeding but is not always delighted with the results of the actual process. Newcomers to Duplicate Bridge and, strange as it may seem, quite a few of the regular players not only are unfamiliar with the expression but frequently show amazement that there is such a thing as seeding, once it has been explained to them.

The 'Official Encyclopedia of Bridge' defines seeding as "The assignment of certain tables to particularly strong contestants when entries are sold to assure that there will be no preponderance of strong pairs in direct competition within one section". At most DSBA sponsored tournaments especially at "Team-of-Four" events, seeding will assure each pair or team as equal a chance as is humanly possible in the competition, which after all is the main purpose of seeding. Who now decides what teams or pairs should be seeded or not? Seeding committees for DSBA sponsored events usually consist of three people, preferably none of them from the same team. When a new Board of Directors takes over, a General Tournament chairman is appointed from the ranks of the board members. When a special tournament is scheduled or planned, he appoints a chairman specifically for this event, who may or may not be a member of the board. This event chairman in turn selects the chairman of the seeding committee who subsequently picks two or more others to serve with him.

Prior registration is usually required for certain events, not only to determine space requirements etc. but essentially to furnish the seeding committee with the names and masterpoint holdings of the participants in this event. Here now is how the actual process of seeding takes place. The registered entries are divided into three categories, known in the trade as "Top-seeds", "Intermediates" and "Non-Seeds". The 'top-seeds' are the teams or pairs consisting of the strongest players, the 'intermediates' are less strong and the 'non-seeds' do not fall into any of the previous categories.

The decision as to what teams or pairs fall into what category is based on the combined personal knowledge of the committee members. This arrangement more often than not coincides with the team's or pair's combined master point holdings. Actually the masterpoint holdings of the individual players is the basic factor for the classification of a team or pair into any of these three categories but a good seeding committee will temper the final classification of entries by personal knowledge of the individual players or team composition. To start the seeding process, the 'top-seeds' are placed on the schedule first, then the 'intermediates' are placed and then the 'non-seeds' are placed in a strictly at-random fashion. The end result hopefully will be that all pairs or teams are seeded on an overall basis. This is the basic procedure followed by the DSBA and, in our opinion the best procedure.

The favorite scapegoat for players who may have had a bad game is usually the seeding committee; environment, directors and partners or team mates are always criticized but the brunt of complaints will fall on the seeding committee "....if we have had a better start, we would have done better, but due to the incompetence of the seeding committee....."

The actions of the seeding committees who have functioned at DSBA events and tournaments up to now has been faultless. These committees consisted of the best and most qualified members available. They more than deserve the highest praise for a job well done. It is our sincere hope that future committees will be as good as the previous ones who have done such an excellent job and have contributed more to the success of our DSBA tournaments than any other factor. Let us consider their job and let us be grateful that your Delaware State Bridge Association has such capable men available who selflessly are willing to serve without remuneration on such a difficult and thankless job for the benefit of all Delaware Bridge players.

F. L.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE HIM FOR A PARTNER?

Two professional mind readers who have not seen each other for quite a while bumped into each other at a party. Says the first one: "You are fine, how am I?"

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April 22, 1970

### DELAWARE STATE MIXED PAIR BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The 26th annual Delaware State Mixed Pair Bridge Tournament is completely non-discriminatory except for one little detail - it's got to be one he and one she in the partnership! Call SALLY ORLANDO (762-1559) if you need help in getting a partner.

#### HERCULES COUNTRY CLUB

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1970

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1970 7:45 P.M.

Fee: \$4.00 per player - covers both sessions

Advance entries must be placed in order to participate. Call entries to BURKE WELLDON (994-4401, ext. 516 or 998-4329) or to MEL WELCH (762-1536).

WOMEN'S PAIRS - First session on June 4 and second session on June 11, 1970. Current plans are to hold the event in the daytime. Vicki Byrne is chairwoman of this event. Contact her for details as to time and place.

### SECTIONALS AND REGIONALS

#### KEYSTONE REGIONALS

June 18 to June 21, Colony-Traymore Hotels, Atlantic City  
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Sunday, July 19, 1970!

### NEW CASTLE OPEN PAIRS RESULTS

#### Masters Pairs

1. Mrs. A. Di Sabatino & Mr. E. Cummins
2. Mrs. W. K. duPont & Mr. D. Klein
3. Mrs. R. H. Skinner & Mrs. S. Orlando

#### Non-Masters Pairs

1. Mr. & Mrs. S. Morrison
2. Mr. A. Fischer & Mr. J. Elliott
3. Mrs. V. Fassett & Mr. B. Nolin

### DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION - DIRECTORY

\*\*\* CORRECTIONS \*\*\*

Please make the following additions and corrections to your directory.

#### ADDITIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Hall Westchester 793-1916  
Hazel Trice Harrington 398-3732

#### CORRECTIONS

Thomas E. Kirch Newark 738-4268  
J. Frank Nichols Newark 738-6632  
Jack Stoeffel 654-8777

### STANDBY ALERT

Have you ever wanted to play bridge, but been without a partner? You can come to the Monday night DSBA game at the Hotel du Pont without fear. There is always a player standing by to fill in for partnerless players. In order for this system to function, we need volunteers. If you are willing to donate an evening to insure that everyone can play, you can volunteer to be a standby. Contact TOM KIRCH (738-4268) for further information. (By the way, Standbys play for free!)

### BIDDING QUIZ

Test your bidding judgement against a panel of experts. Answers appear on the reverse side.

A. Match-Points, both sides vulnerable the B. Match-points, both sides vulnerable the bidding has gone:

|       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |
|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East | South | West | North | East |
| 1 D   | 1 H  | 2 D   | 2 H  | 1 NT  | 2 C* | 2 S   | Pass |
| 2 S   | 3 H  | Pass  | Pass | ?     |      |       |      |

\*Landy Convention.

You South hold:

S-AJ10 8 H-3 D-AJ 10 874 C-A 7

You south hold:

S-Q7 H-AQ5 D-KJ97 C-AJ42

C. Rubber bridge, North-South vulnerable the bidding has gone:

|               |       |      |       |       |      |       |      |
|---------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|
| East          | South | West | North | South | West | North | East |
| 2 S*          | ?     |      |       | 1 S   | Pass | 2 C   | 2 H  |
| *Weak two-bid |       |      |       | ?     |      |       |      |

You south hold:

S-A H-9 D-KQJ10752 C-KQJ8

You south hold?

S-AK1075 H-Q72 D-K4 C-K63

### DUMMY ENTRIES

If you have any information that you feel is pertinent to "THE DUMMY", please contact either Tom Kirch 738-4268 or Mike Eagan 368-7492.

## THE TIME TUNNEL

Let us step into the TIME TUNNEL and take a short trip into the past.

1963-1964

Dave Treadwell edges Evelyn Levitt for player of the year.  
A 50% increase in the number of DSBA Life Masters (12 new gold card holders).  
The first Pro-Am game was held and drew 55 tables (a record for a DSBA tournament).  
Gerard and Keane win national event. (Goderich Pairs)

1964-1965

Ken Donovan and Evelyn Levitt tie for player of the year.  
Ron Cronise wins first Rookie of the year race. (56.26 points)  
The new ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge includes 15 DSBA members.

1965-1966

DSBA hosts its last regional tournament.

DSBA loses inter-city match to the Philadelphia Whist Association.  
Evelyn Levitt wins player of the year.

Col. Richmond H. Skinner retires as DSBA tournament director.  
Mrs. S. Nathan wins rookie of the year.

1966-1967

Dave Treadwell wins player of the year.  
Mrs. W. K. du Pont wins rookie of the year.

## BIDDING QUIZ ANSWERS

Total your score from the following:

- A. 5 D-100; 4 C-90; 4 D-70; Db'1-50; B. Pass-100; 2 NT-50; 3 C-40.  
C. 4 NT-100; 5 D-60; 3 S-50; 4-D-40. D. 2 NT-100; 3 C-80; Pass-60; 2 S-40.

If you didn't score too well, this confirms your suspicion that you know more than the experts anyway.

## TALK ABOUT NOVICES

In order to insure the future success of the DSBA we must encourage new players to participate in duplicate bridge. One method of encouragement is a novice game. Although the novice section at the Monday Night game has not attracted an overwhelming response, several players that first came to participate in the novice game now play regularly at the Monday Night game. Fritz Loewenstein's New Castle County Bridge Club has a very successful novice game on Wednesday night at the New Century Club in Newark, which has already produced several duplicate addicts. Therefore let us encourage our friends to play in either the Monday Night game or at the New Castle County Bridge Club.

Another possible way to encourage the novice players would be to reactivate the Pro-Am game, which has always received a good response. (See Time Tunnel)

However, the most basic way to encourage novices is to invite them to play and treat them with hospitality.

It's good to think and plan your play,  
But excessive thought can cause delay.  
Time won't change the spots, I say.  
So make your move--Then Pray!!!

## THE DUMMY POLL

The following are presented for consideration by DSBA members. If you would like to voice your opinions send your comments to Thomas Kirch, 148 L Prestbury Circle, Newark, Del. 19711 or J. Michael Eagan, 15 Alwyn Road, Newark, Del. 19711, and we will try to present a consensus opinion in the next issue of "The Dummy". (P.S. Sorry we can't include stamped addressed envelopes.)

1. The rating point system is superior to the old master point game plan.
2. Swiss Team event should be included in the DSBA Tournament Schedule.
3. The Pro-Am game should be reactivated.
4. There should be a round-robin match between Wilmington, Newark, Dover, and the remainder of Kent and Sussex Counties.

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### Don't Miss the DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL!!!

July 18 and 19

LIONS CLUB

DuPont Highway, Route 13  
4 miles south of Wilmington

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 18

OPEN PAIRS 1:30 and 8:00 P.M.  
SPECIAL PAIRS 8:00 P.M.

ENTRY FEE \$3.00 per session (.25 to 1972 Fall National Fund)

PARTNERSHIP

Mrs. Mildred Irwin

Ph. 475-4798

July 19

SWISS TEAM OF FOUR 1:00 and  
6:30 P.M.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

Frank Pehrson

*Summer Nationals, Boston, Massachusetts, August 7-16. See "Bulletin" for details.*

#### CONTINENTWIDE CHARITY GAME

In the Charity Game held in conjunction with the Spring Nationals, March 20, 1970, Dr. R. Ro, Wilmington and Mr. A. Lin, Newark finished second in District 4 with a 68.2% game.

You will have an opportunity to match or better this performance at the Summer Charity Game to be held Friday, August 14, 1970 at the New Castle County Bridge Club headquarters, New Century Club, Newark, Delaware.

#### MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

##### DSBA ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, September 14, 1970 - 7:00 P.M.

GOLD BALLROOM FOYER, HOTEL DU PONT

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TO FOLLOW

The proposed slate for next year's Board of Governors will be presented in the next issue of "THE DUMMY". Plan to attend the meeting to register your vote.

PRO-AM GAME, SEPTEMBER 28, 1970 - Hotel duPont

At least one player in every pair must have 10 or less registered masterpoints. Plan to invite a less experienced partner and participate in their excitement as they enjoy high level duplicate bridge.

#### MASTER PLAY REVISITED

In his classic book Master Play, Mr. Terence Reese introduced the following hand with this statement, "Six diamonds would have been easier, but South played in 6 spades." However, he neglected to mention that 7 diamonds was cold against any lead but a club. See if you can find the winning line of play. Solution appears on the reverse side of "THE DUMMY".

S Q532  
H J96  
D J63  
C KQJ

S 876  
H K  
D AQ98742  
C A7

S 4  
H Q10752  
D 10  
C 1096532

Declarer-North  
Opening Lead -- 4 S

S AKJ109  
H A843  
D K5  
C 84

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RETURNS TO THE U.S.

The Dallas Aces composed of James Jacoby, Bob Wolff, Bob Hamman, Mike Lawrence, Bobby Goldman, and Bill Eisenberg and supported by npc Oswald Jacoby and coach Edgar Kaplan defeated Nationalist China in the finals at Stockholm, Sweden. Their victory brought the U.S. its first international team championship since 1954.



WILMINGTON PAIR WINS 1AM EVENT IN ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pehrson of Wilmington combined with Mrs. S. Weiner and Mrs. G. Goldberg of Brightwaters, N.Y. to capture the team event at the Devon-Cornwall Bridge Congress held in Torquay, England in April 1970. They topped a field that included some of Britain's leading players.

MASTER PLAY SOLUTION

There are many variations of approaches to reach the proper end position, but the key play is to ruff a heart to set up the double squeeze. The spade lead makes communications more difficult. The play is as follows: S K; H K; D A; D K; low heart ruffed; four rounds of diamonds, leaving the following end position.

|   |    |   |    |   |     |
|---|----|---|----|---|-----|
| S | Q5 | S | 87 | S | 8   |
| H | -- | D | -- | H | --  |
| D | -- | C | A7 | D | --  |
| C | KQ | S | A  | H | A8  |
|   |    | D | -- | C | 109 |
|   |    |   |    |   |     |

On the lead of a spade to the ace, LHO must discard C 9 to protect hearts, as RHO follows with S 5. On the lead of H A, RHO is squeezed in the black suits and declarer must take all the tricks. Of course any DSBA player would have led a club on the hand and destroyed any chance of success!

DSBA TOURNAMENT WINNERS

| MIXED PAIRS                | Women's Pair Championship | Women's Pair--Side Game |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. S. Orlando         | 1. Mrs. Chris Hirsch -    | 1. Mrs. E. Eichbaum-    |
| Mr. R. Poucher             | Mrs. A. Lutz              | Mrs. L. Connell         |
| 2. Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Weldon | 2. Mrs. V. Byrne -        | 2-3. Mrs. G. Crammer -  |
| 3. Mrs. E. Levitt -        | Mrs. A. Sanders           | Mrs. E. Sewell          |
| Mr. D. Treadwell           | 3. Mrs. S. Orlando -      | 2-3. Mrs. B. Byers      |
| 4-5 Mrs. B. Herr           | Mrs. E. Skinner           | Mrs. B. Dougherty       |
| Mr. E. Worden              | 4. Mrs. S. Broughton -    |                         |
| 4-5 Mrs. C. Hirsch -       | Mrs. E. Disabatino        |                         |
| Mr. T. E. Kirch            | 5. Mrs. B. Furbeck -      |                         |
|                            | Mrs. B. Herr              |                         |

HELP! HELP! KEEP THE STANDBY ALIVE

At a recent Monday Night Game no fewer than seven (7) players arrived without a partner, secure in their knowledge that they would be able to play because the DSBA has a standby service. This demonstrates not only the need but also the advantage of having a standby available. Many partnerless players are encouraged to participate in duplicate bridge and meet potential future partners. If you could donate one night of your time to promote bridge in Delaware-BE A STANDBY! CONTACT TOM KIRCH, Ph. 738-4268.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE DUMMY POLL in the April issue stimulated the overwhelming response of TWO members. The tabulated results are 100% in favor of the Pro-Am Game and 100% in favor of the inter-city round robin match.

The DSBA lost two of its finest and most gracious players when Arch and Caroline Sparks moved to California. We are sure that we convey the thoughts of the entire DSBA when we wish them the best of luck in their new home.

Many DSBA players participated in the recent Keystone Regionals at Atlantic City and did very well. One of the editors would appreciate it if someone would explain the proper usage of the Schenken 2 D bid to his partner in the Men's Pairs as his application of this bid caused quite a controversy at Atlantic City.

The News-Journal Papers are considering a weekly feature column on bridge in Delaware. If you think this would be a good idea please contact MR. SKIRVIN, Features Editor, 654-5351. The editors of "THE DUMMY" issue an open challenge against any partnership to compete in the Open Pairs Event of The Diamond State Sectional, Saturday, July 18, the losers to buy coffee or other appropriate refreshment!

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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE--REFER TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR DETAILS.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Effective January 1, 1969, A.C.B.L. regulations drastically restricted Unit Activities and limited the number of locally rated Unit tournaments for which Master Points could be given. As a result, in 1969, although a full schedule of State Championship events was offered, Master Points were available for only a few and for a special 3-session knock-out team event last December.

Since late 1968, your Board has been working diligently, by letters to members of the National Board of A.C.B.L. and by cooperation with the other Units of the Keystone Conference, for the right to continue the State Tournaments we have been holding for over 25 years. We were able to elect a new representative to the National Board of Directors of the A.C.B.L., Mr. Charles McClurkin of Harrisburg, Pa., a man very much in sympathy with our wishes. Last November, the A.C.B.L. restored our right to hold sanctioned state tournaments, effective January 1970. In 1970, we have a full schedule of State Championship events with Master Points. Certainly, the efforts of your Board of Directors were instrumental in bringing this about.

In 1966, the D.S.B.A. had a high of 750 members, but there has been an annual decline to a low of 560 in 1969. Present membership is slightly higher, and it appears the decline in membership has been halted.

In 1967, the Monday game averaged 110 tables a month. In 1969, attendance reached a low of 85 tables a month. To date in 1970, we have been averaging 91 tables a month. A lot of old faces are missing, but we are beginning to see some new faces, and signs are that game attendance is improving. The elimination of Master Point night and of Winners' Games has definitely reduced our attendance, but it has helped the private clubs which are reporting improved attendance since January 1969. Probably more Delawareans are playing duplicate bridge now than were a few years ago.

The financial condition of the D.S.B.A. is improving. In fiscal 1969, which ended Sept. 30, 1969, there was a loss of \$468.93. For the first nine months of fiscal 1970, there is a gain of \$110, but we expect a loss of \$50 to \$100 in fiscal 1970. We believe the DSBA is heading back into the black. In any event we have no serious financial problem as of July 1, 1970, with \$2634.73 in a savings account and about \$200 in a checking account.

Several changes have been made in the Monday night games. Seeding has been discontinued, except for the monthly Club Tournament, for which it is required by ACBL regulations. In order to bring about better communication between Board Members and the players, Board Members have been selling entries on Monday nights, and the practice of giving the entry-seller a free entry has been discontinued. A standby service has been inaugurated. Someone is available every Monday night for players without partners. This has been a popular service, for as many as five singles have appeared in one night.

We tried to have a Novice section. Eleven tables turned out the first night, but after that there was so little interest that the Novice section was discontinued after a few months.

Odds and ends: For many years, 6 or 8 nights a year the DSBA has sent out volunteers to offer bridge as a recreation for the patients at Farnhurst. In the past year there has been a problem getting volunteers for a primarily social evening during which very little bridge is played. The Board decided it was not a proper DSBA function and voted to discontinue the Farnhurst program.

For the first time in several years, a new DSBA handbook was issued, listing the names and phone numbers of all DSBA members. The Dummy format has been changed with a reduction in cost. It has been issued bi-monthly with reasonable regularity. Wilmington papers seem not to be interested in bridge activities, and they have given little publicity to DSBA tournaments in the past year.

For many years the annual meeting of the DSBA has been held on the second Monday of September at the Hotel duPont, followed by the annual Club Championship game. This year, inability to get hotel space for the meeting has necessitated a change. The meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M., Sept. 17, 1970, in the ballroom of the duPont Country Club. This is before the final session of the Delaware State Open Pairs Championship. The Consolation Game of the State Championship will, for the first

time, be open to any one who wants to play. The entry fee will be \$2.00. The annual Club Championship will be held as usual in the DuPont Cafeteria at 8:00 P.M. September 14, 1970. A major order of business at the annual meeting is the election of members of the Board of the DSBA. Present board members and date of expiration are:

|                    |           |                    |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| September 30, 1970 |           | September 30, 1971 |
| P. Crowe           | B. Laffey | H. Hirsty          |
| L. Dahlenburg      | A. Sparks | F. Loewenstein     |
| M. Horden          |           | A. Lutz            |
| T. Kirch           |           | O. Norder          |
|                    |           | L. Smith           |

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Frank Pehrson, Chairman, Helen Hirsty, Mildred Irwin, Pat McGee, and Orlin Norder have proposed the following for a two-year term as members of the Board of Directors:

|            |               |              |
|------------|---------------|--------------|
| Phil Crowe | Bill Laffey   | Ed Massaglia |
| Tom Kirch  | Harold Levitt | Olive Welch  |

In addition, at least one other person must be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. Be sure to come to the meeting and get the kind of representation on the board that YOU want.

Orlin L. Norder, President

#### ONLY A MONTH AWAY--SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENTS

The regular Monday night game has been cancelled on Labor Day, Sept. 7, 1970. However, the month of September will be packed with exciting tournaments.

|                        |   |   |                    |   |   |
|------------------------|---|---|--------------------|---|---|
| DSBA Club Championship | * | * | September 14, 1970 | * | * |
| Pro-Am Game            | * | * | September 28, 1970 | * | * |

#### DELAWARE STATE OPEN PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

##### DU PONT COUNTRY CLUB

7:45 P.M.

Thursday, September 10 & Thursday, September 17

*Fee: \$4.00 per player - covers both sessions*

Advanced entries must be placed in order to participate. Call entries to MIKE EAGAN (368-7492) or to TOM KIRCH (738-4268).

The Annual Meeting will be held preceding the second session - 7:00 P.M., September 17. For the first time the consolation will be open to players who did not participate in the first session. Entry fee - \$2.00 per player.

#### PARTNERSHIPS

#### TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

INA MORSE Ph. 368-3552

TOM KIRCH

#### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| DSBA BOARD A MATCH TEAMS     | OCTOBER 8 & 15   |
| Keystone Regional, Lancaster | NOVEMBER 5-8     |
| DSBA INVITATIONAL            | NOVEMBER 12 & 19 |
| CHARITY GAME                 | NOVEMBER 27      |

#### NEW LIFE MASTERS

We would like to extend our congratulations to two of the DSBA's lovely and gracious ladies- IEA DU PONT and HELEN HIRSTY- who attained their gold card in grand style by winning the Women's Pairs at the Norfolk Regional over the July 4th weekend.

00PS!!

We would like to extend congratulations and thanks to Lenny Rosenbaum for his Double Dummy (any reference to the co-editors is purely coincidental) solution to Master Play Revisited in the June issue of "The Dummy". Lenny pointed out that after dropping a spade on the Ace of Hearts, a ruffing finesse against the Queen of Spades would land 7 D against any lead.

THANKS!!

The editors of "THE DUMMY" would like to extend the thanks and appreciation of the DSBA members to the many people who worked so hard on committees and tournaments during the past year to MAKE BRIDGE IN DELAWARE PLAYED FOR PLEASURE: LET'S HELP KEEP IT THAT WAY!!

TEK & JME

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# THE DUMMY

THE DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSN.

Wilmington, Delaware

October, 1970

## EDITORIAL

It is with great expectations that I assume the position of Editor of the DUMMY. They will be realized if this publication can in a small way increase membership interest in the D.S.B.A.

I am hopeful that the DUMMY will serve as a liaison between the members and the Board of Directors. Let everyone participate. Participation comes in a variety of colors. It can come in playing bridge frequently and supporting the tournaments. Participation can come in working for the organization or presenting good ideas and suggestions. Participation can also take the form of constructive criticism.

There is an old theory about making members active in an organization - it suggests putting everyone on a committee ... With this in mind, I am taking this opportunity to appoint every member who reads this editorial a member of my personal committee.

Let there be communication between the membership and the DUMMY which in reality will be communication between the membership and the Board. To facilitate this concept the DUMMY now has a Letters To The Editor Column. I urge you all to write because you are very important. Without you there would be no organization.

*Harold Levitt, Editor*

## NOVICE GAME

A regular novice game sponsored by the D.S.B.A. is scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. It will run at the same time as the regular game on Monday nights at the Hotel DuPont beginning in January.

The entry fee for the Novice game will be one dollar per player and the first time you play you will be the guest of the D.S.B.A. The Novice game will be a separate section and will have its own director. Please come, it will be pleasant, happy and friendly. No matter how you hyphenate it, the "no-vice" game is for you.

## OPEN PAIRS OPEN SEASON

The first State tournament of the season was held September 10th and 17th at the DuPont C.C. Thirty-six tables played in the Open Pairs and when the smoke had cleared the top three finishers were:

1. Parke Woodworth - Marty Horden
2. Harold Levitt - Marvin Paulshock
3. Tom Kirch - Andy Stayton

The winners of the consolation game were Richard Morse and George Woolfolk.

Tom Kirch was chairman and managed to get two section seconds and third overall. One has to wonder if he is the perfect host or is he just allergic to silver.

## SECTIONAL SET

The annual Blue Hen Sectional has been sanctioned for Jan. 15, 16, and 17 at the Wilmington Manor Lions Club.

The Men's and Women's Pairs will be held Friday afternoon and the Mixed Pairs Friday night. A two session open Pairs is scheduled for Saturday and the Swiss Team on Sunday.

Make a date with a good partner by Thanksgiving before he's gobbled up...

## PRO-AM ALL PRO

One of the most successful bridge events of the season was the Pro-Am game held at the Hotel DuPont on September 28. It was All-Pro all the way...

With a fine turnout of thirty tables the game was extra friendly and super pleasant. Mel Welch ran the game in his usual jovial manner and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

We hope the Ams who enjoyed themselves will return to play in the newly scheduled novice games or on a regular Monday night. We also hope that the Pros will continue to be courteous and friendly at the table, then they can truly be called professional.

## TREASURES FROM THE GARRETT

## THEY CALL IT BRIDGE

Except for sex - this bloomin hex  
Controls us one and all  
It's played in rain - in health or pain  
In winter - summer - fall.

This silly game - though seeming tame  
Is brutal in its force  
And when you're "hooked"  
You play "profound" - like lovely Ina Morse.

Now bridge is played - in sun or shade  
At breakneck speed - or crawl  
And soon you'll find this crazy grind  
Obsesses one and all.

The strangest thing about this vice  
It's rarely played for dough  
A scrap of paper's what you get  
Which makes the winners glow.

When once committed to a date  
Despite where he may dwell  
A guy will murder if he must  
Or crash the Gates of Hell.

I've seen opponents bust in sweat  
Grow nasty - ugly - ~~mean~~  
They curse the throng when they go wrong  
Finessing for a Queen.

This game was built for Guys and Dolls  
So cultured and refined  
But nowadays they "play for blood"  
Which nearly blows the mind.

When once they said, "Now may I lead?"  
The answer was "Pray do"  
But now they say, "Come on and play,  
I need another brew."

Into a cut pour Iodine  
You cannot stand the pain  
Like gutting bridge, the hurt subsides  
And so you play again.

You get a call to make a pair  
It takes but little urgin'  
You just can't wait to grab the bait  
As each new hand's a virgin.

I've quit this "jazz" ten thousand times  
With fierce determined drive  
But then I fall at partner's call  
"Till seven forty-five."

And so it goes from head to toes  
I'm in another "strife"  
Oh - What the Hell - I'll ring that bell  
The balance of my life.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

NATION-WIDE CHARITY GAME - November 27 - Newark  
(*New Century Club, Haines and Delaware Ave.*)

INVITATIONAL - December 3rd and 10th

MEN'S PAIR - January 7th and 14th - Whist Club

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

In 1936 Irving Berlin wrote a song entitled, "I'm Going to Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter."

Today I find myself doing just that - writing myself a letter. I am doing this to introduce the Letters To The Editor column to the readers of the DUMMY.

I hope this will be one of the avenues of communication between the members of the organization and the Board of Directors. Please write with questions, suggestions, criticism, humor or even praise on anything that has to do with bridge or the D.S.B.A.

So, to misquote Irving, "Sit Right Down and Write The DUMMY a Letter."

Sincerely,

The Editor

*Address all correspondence to:*

Harold Levitt  
509 Shipley Road  
Wilmington, Delaware 19809

## P.O.Y. STANDING

The 1971 Player-Of-The-Year will be determined by the member having the best record in the last three tournaments this year plus all of the State Tournaments in the calendar year of 1971. Beginning in 1972 it will be on a calendar year basis only.

After the first two events, Orlin, our energetic statistician reports the following leading players and their points:

|      |    |                  |    |
|------|----|------------------|----|
| 1 -  | 2  | Marty Horden     | 10 |
| 1 -  | 2  | Parke Woodworth  | 10 |
| 3 -  | 10 | Vicki Byrne      | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Phil Crowe       | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Audrey Sanders   | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Les Smith        | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Dexter Pattison  | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Ralph Schreyer   | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | John Siverts     | 9  |
| 3 -  | 10 | Ed Worden        | 9  |
| 11 - | 12 | Harold Levitt    | 8  |
| 11 - | 12 | Marvin Paulshock | 8  |
| 13 - | 14 | Vince D'Anna     | 6  |
| 13 - | 14 | Ina Morse        | 6  |

# SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Matthew 7:12

On Thursday evening, October 1st, the new Board of Directors met and elected the following officers:

President . . . . . Bill Laffey  
Vice President . . . . . Les Smith  
Treasurer . . . . . Phil Crowe  
Secretary . . . . . Pat McGee

As the band played "Hail To The Chief" our new president designated the following jobs to the Board members:

State Tournaments . . . . . Tom Kirch  
Publicity . . . . . Bob Rhodes  
Special Awards . . . . . Orlin Norder  
Monday Night Game . . . . . Olive Welch  
Partnership & Hospitality . . . . . Les Smith  
Membership . . . . . Antoinette Lutz  
Sectional Tournaments - and  
the DUMMY . . . . . Harold Levitt  
Charity Games . . . . . Fran Sheldon  
Novice & Pro-Am . . . . . Fritz Loewenstein  
By-Laws . . . . . Ed Massaglia

After dispensing with routine business the Board examined in detail the irregularity that occurred during the second session of the open pairs. Many were of the opinion that it was wrong to have changed the seeding once play had begun. The Board was sympathetic to those players who were affected. In conclusion, the permanent tournament chairman was instructed to take all necessary precautions so that it would be impossible for this to happen again.

## TWENTY TEAMS TRY TO TRIUMPH

And two tied.

The State Board-a match Team-of-four was held at the DuPont Country Club on October 15th and 22nd and ended in a tie. The top three teams were:

- 1-2 Vicki Byrne, Phil Crowe,  
Audrey Sanders and Les Smith  
(*Won 1st prize on tie-break*)
  - 1-2 Dexter Pattison, Ralph Schreyer,  
John Siverts and Ed Worden
  - 3rd Vince D'Anna, Ina Morse,  
Assen Slavov and Dr. Lenny Rosenbaum
- Lenny Reed was the tournament chairman and those who did not play missed all the fun.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the D.S.B.A. was held before the start of the second session of the Open Pairs on September 17th.

Our outgoing President, Orlin Norder, expressed his thanks for the work and cooperation of the officers and Board. He also stated that it was his opinion that one of the D.S.B.A.'s biggest problems was the lack of communication between the members and the Board. Orlin urged the incoming Board to correct this situation.

Helen Hirsty read the minutes and Phil Crowe presented the financial report. Both were accepted by the membership. It was apparent that our financial situation had improved appreciatively during the past year.

The Player of the Year Award was presented to Dave Klein and the Frank Grady Trophy to Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell.

Interest was shown by the membership in a State Swiss Team Tournament and the continuation of annual meetings before the second session of the Open Pairs.

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Fran Sheldon says, "When hearts are trump lead with a diamond. Recently she tried one on just for sighs..."

## PARTNERSHIP SERVICE

Are you looking for a bridge partner? The DUMMY has inaugurated a new confidential partnership service and it functions in the following manner:

If you are interested, send in your name, phone number and total masterpoint holding to the DUMMY. In a short time you will receive a list of other members who are also looking for partners.

This information will not be published and is for your private use. Only participating members will receive this list. As new players apply you will also receive their names and phone numbers. It is up to you to contact each other. Remember, in 1920 Benito Garozzo had never heard of Georgio Belladonna...

If you are interested write today to:  
THE DUMMY, c/o Harold Levitt, 509 Shipley Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

## OVERHEARD AT THE TABLE

Olive Welch, Milpy Irwin and Chris Hirsch are busy compiling the 1971 D.S.B.A. Directory.... Please pay your dues to our membership chairman, Antoinette Lutz when you are billed by the A.C.B.L. You will receive your membership card promptly.... Next year there will be two or three Pro-Am games. Success breeds success... We welcome home our traveling members - Carolyn and Archie Sparks, Sy Londoner and Bob Gregory.....

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# THE DUMMY

## THE DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSN.

Wilmington, Delaware

December 1970

### EDITORIAL

#### COMMITTEE REPORT

In the last issue of the DUMMY I appointed everyone who read the editorial to be a member of my special, personal committee. The purpose of the committee was to improve the communication between the members of the D.S.B.A. and the officers and members of the Board. Getting everyone involved would lead to a better and stronger organization.

During the past eight weeks I have received letters from some of you and spoken to many more. A few comments can be read in the Letters To The Editor column on page 3. I am sure the rest of you have some complaints or suggestions concerning bridge in general or the D.S.B.A. in particular.

Now is the time and the DUMMY is your opportunity to get these things off your chest. Please write as I am anxious to hear from the rest of my committee.

#### ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Figures released by the A.C.B.L. shows that John Elliott with 42.41 master-points has become our Rookie Of The Year. Other leaders were:

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Mrs. M. Weller (Milford)   | 29.35 |
| A. A. Fischer (Wilmington) | 23.76 |
| Carl Clodius (Newark)      | 20.08 |
| C. McClure (Seaford)       | 19.12 |
| Mrs. A. M. Simon (Dover)   | 10.74 |

#### KINDA SPECIAL

A Novice game will be held the first and third Monday nights of every month at the Hotel DuPont...A new pair IMP game will be held at Fritz's Club every Friday evening.

#### IT PAYS TO BE INVITED

The Delaware State Invitational Tournament was held at the Green Hill Country Club on December 3 and 10. Those who were invited were players who had qualified in previous tournaments.

The top finishers were:

1. Evelyn Levitt and "DUMMY"
2. Marvin Paulshock and Dave Treadwell
3. Lea duPont and Dave Klein

The Green Hill Country Club proved to be an excellent choice for a tournament of this size. Mel Welch is to be congratulated for his directing and Barbara Herr and Barbara Furbeck were extremely efficient as co-chairmen.

#### P.O.Y. STANDING

With one eye on his trusty slide rule and the other on his Monroe Calculator, Orlin, our statistician extraordinaire, has come up with the current standing of the Player-Of-The-Year:

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| 1. Harold Levitt       | 18 |
| 2. Marvin Paulshock    | 15 |
| 3. Evelyn Levitt       | 11 |
| 4 - 5 Marty Horden     | 10 |
| 4 - 5 Parke Woodworth  | 10 |
| 6 - 13 Vicki Byrne     | 9  |
| 6 - 13 Phil Crowe      | 9  |
| 6 - 13 Audrey Sanders  | 9  |
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| 14 Dave Treadwell      | 8  |
| 15 - 17 Vince D'Anna   | 6  |
| 15 - 17 Tom Kirch      | 6  |
| 15 - 17 Ina Morse      | 6  |

#### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MEN'S PAIRS - January 7th and 14th - Whist Club

BLUE HEN SECTIONAL - January 15th, 16th and 17th  
(Wilmington Manor Lions Club - Route #13 south of Wilmington)

Friday, January 15 - Men's and Women's Pairs at 1:30 P.M.

- Mixed Pairs at 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, January 16 - Open Pairs at 1:30 and 8:00 P.M.  
(Consolation game open to all at 8:00 P.M.)

Sunday, January 17 - Swiss Team-Of-Four at 1 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Chairman - Evelyn Levitt - Phone 764-1591  
Partnerships - Helen Hirsty - Phone 762-0367

DELAWARE STATE SWISS TEAM-OF-FOUR - February 11th and 18th  
(DuPont Country Club)



## HOW'S YOUR BRIDGE GAME?

*By Bill Dumas*

Poker players would be extremely unhappy playing contract bridge in much the same manner as the average baseball player can't stand the quiet and solitude of golf. They would prefer vocal intonations, gestures, hesitation bidding, scowls and hand signals in order to pep up our duplicate games. However, you know when the general principles of ethical conduct and the observance of proper etiquette are appreciated, arguments are voided and the pleasure that a duplicate game offers is materially enhanced. Would any of us find real pleasure from a game in which every form of coffeehousing is permitted? I doubt it.

When the ethics and etiquette of duplicate bridge are occasionally disregarded it is because the player concerned has never known these principles. As new players start to play duplicate they have enough to absorb without finding out about their ethical responsibilities. Our capable Club Directors, under their discretionary powers, can take care of those who know the rules but choose to disregard them. In the case of the new player, the older members of the Delaware State Bridge Association, can assist and encourage them by not acting as though the world has come to an end because of ethical violation. As an older player just be careful that you observe the code of rules. Our directors take into consideration the experience of the player involved when making a ruling. Therefore why shouldn't you as a respected player give the new player a break, as this attitude will encourage his attendance at our club games and eventually our sectional and regional tournaments. Try to be as pleasant as possible if a violation occurs. Be willing to overlook code violations of the new player but scream for the director if the opponents are good players and in your opinion the infraction is intentional.

Rather than cover all the breaches of ethics and etiquette this article will try to point out a few "don'ts".

- (1) Don't make bids in an uneven tone and tempo because a doubtful bid is made with a slightly doubtful tone.
- (2) Avoid any act or mannerism that may convey information other than that which is deductible from the bids and play.
- (3) Don't make a final bid with a tone of finality and look away from the table if the partner thinks of making a further bid. There has been probable times when your partner "looks out of the window" then puts the cards down on the table, lights a cigarette or takes out a powder puff and finally lifts up a pencil to write the contract in the private score. You probably didn't want to pass but couldn't disobey such clear instructions.
- (4) Don't turn played card the wrong way. Each player including dummy should keep track of which side wins each trick.
- (5) Don't play your cards in the air or detach a card before it is your turn to play.
- (6) Don't on some occasions say "pass" and at other times say "no bid". To avoid confusion I recommend that you say "pass" unless you have a broad A that cannot be concealed.
- (7) Don't take advantage which might occur from partner's hesitation by influencing your call, lead or play.
- (8) Don't huddle with a singleton, or when an honor is led and you couldn't cover even if you wanted to.
- (9) Don't double abid as soon as it is made and in a vicious tone. Partner has a doubtful leave-in but passes because of your tone and tempo.
- (10) Don't huddle before dropping the queen when your partner leads the king.
- (11) Don't mix cards before the results of the deal has been agreed upon. Players could think you are trying to confuse the result.
- (12) When dummy, don't ask to see opponent's hand. Make sure your partner does not lead from the wrong hand or revoke. Don't lose your rights as dummy.
- (13) When your opponent says "I am about to make a skip bid" be sure to hesitate about ten seconds before making a bid.
- (14) Don't teach your opponents the game but explain on request any of your conventional bids or special understanding.
- (15) Don't be bashful or hesitate about calling the director for a ruling. By doing this your rights are fully protected.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRIDGEMAN, RICHMAN, BEGGARMAN, THIEF,  
DOCTOR, POET, ALLERGY CHIEF

Helen and I, although not playing as much "public" bridge as we once did, still play more than enough to keep our "hands" in!

There were three things in the October, 1970 issue that caught my eye:

A) "Just allergic to silver" (This was pertaining to Tom Kirch missing silver prizes three times in the Open Pairs.) Please give him my telephone number and office hours and I will be glad to give him a percentage discount in treating him!

B) This is in reply to your invitation on Page 3 to "Sit right down and write the DUMMY a letter."

C) As I have always enjoyed Shakespeare, feeling that it and the Bible contain all one needs to know about life, I am sending you some lines I have come across during the past year that seem applicable, at least to me.

*(Editor's Note: Due to lack of space only one will appear.)*

Discouraged, five "bottoms" in a row, what is your opinion of bridge and your dumb partner?

"It is a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.  
Macbeth - Act 5, Scene 5, line 27.

Finally, I guess I was really inspired to write this letter after I read "They Call It Bridge", by our mutual friend whose name shall remain unmentioned. Here is my answer to him.

EIGHT LINES  
TO A QUATRAIN BRIDGE PLAYER

In his attic writing poems  
Garrett states the facts of life;  
But it certainly helps to know him -  
Just suppose you were his wife!

Garrett! This is all in fun;  
For to us you're NUMBER ONE!  
Write your verses by the score;  
We love them-but you much more.

With kindest personal regards,  
Charles M. Bancroft, M.D.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE D.S.B.A.? RIGHT? WRONG? WRITE!

ADDRESS ALL MAIL FOR THE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR COLUMN OR FOR  
THE CONFIDENTIAL PARTNERSHIP SERVICE TO HAROLD LEVITT,  
509 SHIPLEY ROAD, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19809.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A MESSAGE FROM MATT'S MRS.

When a publication devoted to bridge is read and enjoyed by a non-bridge player, somebody's got to be doing something right.

Obviously it's the new editor.

GRRREAT!!!!

Sincerely,  
Mary C. Kegelman

## IF THE SNOE FITS

As editor of the DUMMY, you invited letters on matters members thought would be of interest to the others. I am taking you at your word and sending this.

We all can't be experts or life Masters and frankly I couldn't care less if I did not become one. I play bridge because I enjoy the game, the company in which I find myself and look forward to a pleasant evening, win, lose or draw.

My suggestion only costs the slightest effort to be pleasant and courteous towards another player. When a move is called and a pleasant good evening given, it is rudeness of the first order not to acknowledge it or even look up to see who sat down.

There are just a few who feel courtesy is not necessary but perhaps someone, somehow should reach that few and tell them it might even help their game if they remembered courtesy pays off. It costs so little and can bring back so much. They might even like the response they get.

Sincerely,  
Samuel H. Morrison

## ATTENTION AUDUBON SOCIETY

It is with pleasure that I write to say that your breezy, witting style will mean that not only will the DUMMY be received but it will be read. Two birds are thus taken care of with one stone, your members are informed and amused.

Congratulations  
Frances L. Salzenberg

## SWEET CHARITY

Confucius once said, "Cast crumbs upon the waters and they will come back sandwiches."

In the Nation-wide Charity Game held in Newark on November 27 the following received the largest sandwiches: (In the form of master points):

1. J. Patton - A. Lauder
2. Mrs. G. Schneider - G. Cartwright
3. Caroline and Archie Sparks tied Leonard Covell - Jean Thompson

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Matthew 7:12

A most beautiful splinter has just come from the board. It comes in the form of Phil Crowe's treasurer's report. For the first time in many years the D.S.B.A. has operated at a profit. During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1970 your organization was in the black to the tune of \$62.52. What a sweet melody....

The Board examined the summer round robin and its diagnosis was one of malnutrition. Its prescription -- feed the robin master points. Progress report later....

An international flavor will be added to the 1971 tournament schedule. A Swiss Team-Of-Four Championship will be held. Now is the time to put a feather in your hat and form your yodel quarter.

## NEW LIFE MASTER

Last month in Lancaster, Bernie Shames became our newest D.S.B.A. Life Master.

Bernie, our first dentist to receive this honor, had no trouble collecting the last few points. It was easy for him - just like pulling teeth....

## TREASURES FROM THE GARRET

## "THE BOOK"

Now look - you bridgers - one and all  
Give praise unto the Lord  
And do it now - before you play  
Another silly board.

The key - you see - to happiness  
Is not collecting pelf  
By psychic law - you've gotta' give  
A portion of yourself.

When sorrow strikes - it surely will  
Come on and get aboard  
Fall on your knees and say a prayer  
Give thanks unto the Lord.

Some days are full of deep despair  
You sink into a hole  
For feeling grand - go give a hand  
To some unlucky soul.

So break it up - those greedy thoughts  
And grab the joy of living  
Just don't forget this grateful day  
That's why we had Thanksgiving.

And now there's Christmas once again  
Throughout this troubled world  
A time of joy for everyone  
The young - the old and knurled.

When one has thoughts of someone else  
He can't be very bored  
His heart will warm - despite the storm  
So up - and praise the Lord.

What's this to do with playing bridge  
Perhaps this wondrous thing  
When doubled - vul - some seven off  
You might still "song a sing".

Come one - come all - you Protestant  
The Catholic and the Jew  
It's peace on earth and happiness  
To each nice one of you.

So bid that "slam" and make it work  
Perhaps a favored not  
Just don't withhold your thanks and  
praise  
Unto your living God.

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