

# THE DUMMY

## THE DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSN., INC.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

FEBRUARY 1973

### OWN A PIECE OF THE ROCK

In a Swiss Team Tournament the "big deal" is to win a match and the team that wins the most matches is declared the winner. At the DuPont Country Club on the 1st and 8th of February the State Swiss Team was held and every team playing won at least one match. In other words -- everyone had "A Piece of the Rock."

However, some teams had larger pieces than others. Those who took giant chunks of Gibraltar home with them were:

1. Frank Giovannozzi, Andy Stayton, Lenny Reed, Roy Peters.
2. Helen Hirsty, Orlin Norder, Phil Crowe, Les Smith.
- 3/5 Evelyn Levitt, Harold Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Marvin Paulshock.
- 3/5 Margaret Embury, Dorothy Goldstein, Faye Lubin, Norma Sklut.
- 3/5 Ina Morse, Vince D'Anna, Tom Mangold, Mike Yedinak.

Helen and Willcox Brown were the friendly and efficient insurance salesmen and Mel Welch and Tom Kramer were in charge of the claim department.

### SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

President Ed Ramler called the meeting to order on Thursday evening, January 18th and Lea duPont helped herself to a cup of coffee.

Mildred Irwin read the minutes of the last meeting, Al Barney gave the financial report and Lea had her second cup of coffee.

Frank Pehrson announced that Dave Treadwell, who is a member of the National Tournament Appeals Committee, was willing to give a director's course to all DSBA members who are interested. The dates will be announced in the near future.

With the third cup of coffee in her hand Lea reported that she was busy with her committee to revise the mechanics of the POY and the qualifications for the Invitational Tournament.

Vicki Byrne presented the 1973 tournament schedule which appears elsewhere in the DUMMY and Lenny Reed reported that the next Charity Game would be held on March 16th at the New Century Club in Newark.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m. and twelve members headed for the door to go home -- one member headed the coffee pot.

### HE'S SO HOT HE'S SMOKING

With a great 1972 tournament record under his belt, Vince D'Anna keeps smoking those big black cigars and keeps winning. Our new Life Master got off to a super start for the new year as he won the Men's Pairs with Tom Mangold at the University Club.

Chairman John Siverts furnished the players with beautiful prizes and lavish refreshments. For many years the University Club has sponsored the Men's Pairs and it has always been something quite special. This year was no exception.

After the smoke had cleared (If you'll pardon the expression) the Tournament Director, Orlin Norder, announced the winners to be:

1. Vince D'Anna and Tom Mangold
2. Ed Ramler and Ralph Poucher
- 3/4 John Ondrejcin and Armand DiGiacomo
- 3/4 Bill Greenwell and Sy Londoner

The Consolation winners were Richard Morse and J. G. Woolfolk.

No one seems to be interested in Vince's system -- but the DUMMY has received a couple of inquiries as to where you can purchase the "cigars" he's been smoking.

### THE GRAND NATIONALS

This year for the first time any team of four can represent the United States in the World's Championship. Although it would take a lot of winning to accomplish this -- it can be done! The Grand National Tournament is probably one of the most democratic concepts to ever come out of the ACBL. The structure of the tournament is as follows -- using our district #4 as the example.

Thirty-eight teams played in Philadelphia and 16 qualified for head to head matches. After two rounds there are four teams left. This is the situation at the present time. The semifinals and finals will be held in conjunction with the Regional in Lancaster on March 2nd and 4th.

The winning team of District #4 will play a round robin with the winners from Washington and Cincinnati for the Zonal Championship. Then the eight Zonal Champions around the country will play head to head matches at the Summer National to be held in Washington. The winner of all this will then be invited to play in the trials which will determine the International Team. Wow!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We're not sure what Red Points are but we won 1.20 in the Women's Swiss Team game at the Nationals. Everybody should go to a big game like that at least once.

We arrived for Delaware Day and were delighted to see familiar faces greeting us. I refused to take it personally when most of them said, "What are you doing here?" After all, it's very broadening to travel.

We packed a picnic lunch. We didn't exactly tailgate but ate in the Lady's Room - from then on it was all down-hill. After mixing with the crowd just to get caught up with the whole thing, we got our entry and were thrilled we weren't stopped at the door. By this time my partner had the shakes, I had a terrible headache and had sat in some mustard (I think). Everybody was yelling for Patty. I thought, my, these people have been here for so long they know all the little girls by name. By the end of the evening, I realized that they were yelling "caddy", but it was too late for me to get into the swing of things.

We arrived home after 2 a.m. and the next morning with bags under my eyes I proudly told my husband we won 1.20 Red Points! He said, "What are Red Points?" Well, as I said before we're not sure, but we're going to the Regionals to see if we can get the answer.

My partner and I have learned to keep our cool... just last night we played in the Monday night game and drove home to Lancaster Pike without our car lights. It was our lucky night - we picked three points off the tables and a \$10 bill off the floor.

Sincerely,

Marcia Long

P.S. Harold, please don't publish this. Everybody thinks I'm a nut now and I am trying to change my image. However, if anyone can identify the serial number on the \$10 bill I found - I'll be glad to return it.

Dear Editor:

Your October issue given out at Lancaster was most impressive. Most of our fellow Editors are not nearly so neat with layout or as careful in proof-reading.

I am delighted to add you to our list and would like you to cut a plate for me.

Many thanks,

Jim Wood, Takoma Park MD  
Editor, Washington Bridge Bulletin

BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY

Once again established partnerships are asked to bid a hand for the DUMMY. If they arrive at the best contract they are asked to bid again in the next issue.

You are playing match point duplicate, no one is vul and your opponents will not bid. South is the dealer.

North		South	
Spades	AKJ10	Spades	QXX
Hearts	XXX	Hearts	XX
Diamonds	KJX	Diamonds	AQXX
Clubs	KJ10X	Clubs	AQXX
		Chris Hirsch	
1D	1S	1D	1S
1N	3C	1N	3C
3S	3N	3S	3N
4C	4D	4C	4D
5C	P	5C	P

Helen Armstrong	Gladys Shivery
1C	1S
1N	3C
3S	4S
P	

Andy Stayton	Frank Giovannozzi
1N*	2H**
3S	4N***
5H	6N
P	

\* Weak  
\*\* Transfer  
\*\*\* Roaming Blackwood

Don't laugh. The way Andy and Frank have been winning Swiss Team games - they probably wouldn't receive a heart lead-

Mr. M.M.Quarterback	Mrs. M.M. Quarterback
1D	1S
2C	4C
4S	5S*
P	

\* Asking for control of the heart suit.

Every once in a while a hand turns up where a 4-3 trump fit is the best spot. Can you and your partner handle situations like this? Helen and Gladys will be asked to bid again in the next issue of the DUMMY.

IN MEMORY

It has been fifteen years since the death of the Father of Bridge in Delaware, Frank Grady. He died February 15, 1958. He is remembered by many of us as Gentleman, Bridge Player and Friend.

## NEW LIFE MASTER - YVONNE LAPASH

TO MY TWIN  
by Ina Morse

She didn't double 7 No  
When on lead with AK low.  
She didn't bid slam on the basis  
That I had all the aces.

She placed her boards on her auto top  
After directing a game  
when we stopped to talk,  
Then sprinkled her boards  
All over New-ark.

The moment I made IM  
She hugged me and then  
I proceeded to scar her  
With my cigarette end.

On the Canadian tour in '67  
Missing an ace we bid and made 7.  
The Director was summoned

without further adieu  
Said he, "Tell you what  
I'm going to do."

"These nice little ladies  
Look new at the game  
And if you don't take your ace  
Then you're to blame".

She called me "Rosie"  
She called me "Green"  
I'm going to call her  
Peaches and Cream.

She taught me directing  
And many things too  
Like black is a little gray  
And her friendship is true.

She played S.A.  
She played K.S.  
But she's now Life Master  
So the hell with the rest.

## IT'S BETTER THAN TENNIS

Many bridge players do not think the  
seeding is fair in the first round of a  
Swiss Team game. They do not like the  
idea that they have to play one of the  
best teams in their first match.

One thing is sure - they should never  
play in a tennis tournament. Not only  
would they have to play a seeded team,  
but if they lose - they are completely  
eliminated.

In a Swiss Team when you lose the  
first match you will then play a team  
that has also lost their first match. If  
it is possible, you will continue to  
play teams with the same won-loss record  
as your team.

Do you know that you can lose your  
first match and then win the entire  
tournament? It's a darn sight fairer  
than tennis.

## THE DUMMY VS THE U.S. POST OFFICE

It was no contest... The Editor tried  
psyching, gamesmanship, played his cards  
double dummy and it still ended in sheer  
frustration. Here are some of the grue-  
some details.

The DUMMY was to be mailed on Decem-  
ber 29th by The Letter Shop. When my  
personal copy did not arrive in a week  
I started the investigation.

The Letter Shop showed me the mailing  
receipt, the permit mail department at  
the Post Office showed me mountains of  
mail, the foreman on the mail floor  
showed me chaos, the Superintendent of  
Mails showed me inefficiency - and then  
came the Postmaster! Talking to him  
was like talking to a "Waltz".

Just so you can agonize with me - at  
one time during the struggle I pleaded  
with the postal authorities for permis-  
sion to be turned loose on the mail  
floor so I could find the lost DUMMIES -  
and then deliver them personally by car.  
(Gamesmanship) It didn't work.

But true to their motto that "The  
Mail Must Go Through", the DUMMIES were  
finally delivered - two weeks late. One  
would have to say that for the December  
issue the Editor was worth every penny  
of his salary.

## IT'S A NEW BALL GAME

All the trials and tribulations of  
the 1972 tournament schedule have come  
to an end. 1973 is here and Umpire-in-  
chief Lea duPont has called "Batter up"  
and it's a new ball game.

The Men's Pairs and the Swiss Team  
have been concluded and the standing for  
the Mary Bradley Grady Player-of-the-  
Year is as follows:

1/2	Vince D'Anna	11
1/2	Tom Mangold	11
3/6	Frank Giovannozzi	10
3/6	Roy Peters	10
3/6	Lenny Reed	10
3/6	Andy Stayton	10
7/8	Phil Crowe	8
7/8	Les Smith	8
9/10	Helen Hirsty	7
9/10	Orlin Norder	7
11/13	Harold Levitt	5
11/13	Ralph Poucher	5
11/13	Ed Ramler	5
14/22	Margaret Embury	4
14/22	Dorothy Goldstein	4
14/22	Evelyn Levitt	4
14/22	Faye Lubin	4
14/22	Ina Morse	4
14/22	Marvin Paulshock	4
14/22	Norma Sklut	4
14/22	Dave Treadwell	4
14/22	Mike Yedinak	4

Don't worry if you have struck out in the  
first few games. Maybe you'll get a  
"grand slam" in the late innings and  
win it all.

## BLUE HEN SECTIONAL - ODD FELLOWS HALL

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1973

WOMEN'S PAIRS (One Session)	1:30 P.M.
MEN'S PAIRS (One Session)	1:30 P.M.
MIXED PAIRS (One Session)	8:15 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1973

OPEN PAIRS (1st Session - Qualifying)	1:30 P.M.
OPEN PAIRS (Final)	8:15 P.M.
Consolation (One Session)	8:15 P.M.

*(Also open to players unable to play in the afternoon)*

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1973

SWISS TEAM OF FOUR (Two Sessions) . . . . . 1:00 &amp; 6:45 P.M.

Tournament Director - Jerry Machlin  
 Tournament Chairman - Evelyn Levitt  
 Refreshment Chairman - Chris Hirsch  
 Caddy Chairman - Ginny Cordrey

Partnership Chairman  
 Mildred Irwin  
 Home: 475-4798  
 Work: 774-4201

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 16 - Charity Game - Sectional rating - New Century Club - Newark  
 March 22 and 29th - New Castle Pairs - Masters (100 points or more)

Non-Masters (99 points or less) Talleyville Fire Hall

April 6, 7, and 8th - Blue Hen Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall

May 3 and 10th - Mixed Pairs - Hercules Country Club

June, July and August - Summer Round Robin - Archie &amp; Caroline Sparks, Chairmen

September - Open Pairs - Exact date and location to be announced

October 11 and 18th - Women's Pairs - Location to be announced

November 8 and 15th - Invitational - Location to be announced

## OPEN DUPLICATE GAMES

Monday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon - Starting October 2

Monday - Hotel duPont - 7:45 p.m. - Swiss Team 1st Monday of every month

Pre-registration not required. No games November 13th

Tuesday - Dover - 8 p.m. - China Gardens - Blue Hen Hall

Wednesday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines &amp; Delaware Avenue

Thursday - Pennsgrove - 7:30 p.m. - YMCA

Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon

Friday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines &amp; Del. Ave. Swiss Team

1st and 3rd Fridays - Pre-registration not required

Saturday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines &amp; Del. Ave.

Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team - 2nd &amp; 4th Saturdays

Pre-registration required - regular duplicate 1st, 3rd &amp; 5th

Saturdays at 8 p.m.

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### LOCAL PLAYERS SWEEP SECTIONAL

The 1973 edition of the Blue Hen Sectional was held at the Odd Fellows Hall on April 6, 7, and 8th. Since there was such a large attendance from out of town it was quite impressive that the tournament was dominated by local players. The results were as follows:

#### WOMEN'S PAIRS (21 tables)

1. Evelyn Levitt - Helen Smith\*
2. Helen Hirsty - Chris Hirsch
3. Lenora Horowitz - Lee Karam

#### MEN'S PAIRS (10 tables)

1. Don McGee - Willcox Brown
2. Ralph Poucher - Ed Ramler
- 3/4. Archie Sparks - Frank Pehrson
- 3/4. Vince D'Anna - Frank Giovannozzi

#### MIXED PAIRS (33 tables)

1. Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Lodge
2. Mr. and Mrs. James Cordrey
3. Barbara Furbeck - Parke Woodworth

#### OPEN PAIRS (32 tables)

1. David Kogut - Clark Heston
2. Dave Treadwell - Carl Seiler
3. Marvin Paulshock - John Barnicle

#### CONSOLATION

1. Ted Strzyker - John Shaeffer

#### SWISS TEAM (47 teams)

- 1/2. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winer  
Lee West - Mildred McConnell
- 1/2. Ina Morse - Vince D'Anna  
Frank Giovannozzi - J. Dannenberg
3. Evelyn and Harold Levitt  
Dave Treadwell - Carl Seiler

Successful events like this just don't happen. Many people do many things to make one of these tournaments click. Chairman, Evelyn Levitt, wants to thank Ginny Cordrey, who was in charge of cad-dies; Kay Graf, who directed the telephone squad and Chris Hirsch who was in charge of refreshments. A personal thank you goes to Mildred Irwin because without her the sectionals during the past years would never have been so successful. Her hard work under pressure - pairing people to play with each other and forming teams at the last moment - has been invaluable.

If you take all of this and add Jerry Machlin and Esther DeRaad, one of ACBL's finest directing teams and the magnificent support of the local players - you've got it made.

As a final touch, this year Evelyn is sending out an appropriate "Thank You" card to all those who came from out of town to play in Wilmington.

\*Defending Champions

### 4 ALARM FIRE AT TALLEVILLE

With their sirens screaming and their signals flashing the two Barbaras forced all the traffic to "won" side as they raced up the Concord Pike to victory in the Masters Pairs. Fire Chief Orlin Norder declared the fire under control at 11 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 29th. The results of the conflagration were:

1. Barbara Herr and Barbara Furbeck
2. Mickey Levine and Bernie Shames
3. Mike Yedinak and Tom Mangold

A half hour later the fire broke out again in the Non-Master area of the Fire Hall but it was soon put out by:

- 1/2. Al Barney and Mack Truax
- 1/2. Ed and Elaine Slatcher
3. D. R. Levering Sr. and Jr.

A special citation was given to rookie firemen Jess Willard and Allen Levine for their excellent showing under stress. (and under 40 master points) Helen and Frank Pehrson directed traffic and set up a soup kitchen for all the burned and distressed players.

### SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The meeting was called to order by American Motors' President Edward Ramler at 7:30 p.m. on April 12th. Eight board members gathered in the beautiful Ramler showroom to conduct the business at hand. Armed with a pocket full of proxies, Vicki Byrne pushed through her new tournament guide. This classified document will be available to all tournament chairmen. While she still had the floor Vicki announced that the Women's Pairs will be held October 18th and 25th at the New Century Club in Newark. Mike Eagan will run the event and will also be the director.

Backed by Ralph ~~Phyllis~~ Nader, Lea du Pont has decided to recall some of the old methods in calculating the POY. The new model and all of its specifications will appear in the stockholders report (DUMMY) later in the year.

The Board members also approved several other resolutions. Beginning immediately the fee for all non-members to play at our Monday night game will be \$2. This means that it is important to be a member of the DSBA. Membership fee is \$3 and \$5 for renewal.

To improve the understanding with some of the minority stockholders, the Board decided to hold a Pro-Am game on Monday, July 30th.

At this time Ed put two gallons of gas in his car, Lea blew her whistle and the meeting was adjourned.

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North		South	
Spades	X	Spades	JXX
Hearts	AQXX	Hearts	KJ
Diamonds	10XXX	Diamonds	AKQX
Clubs	Q10XX	Clubs	AJ9X
Lenny Lipstein		Matt Kegelman	
1D	1H	1D	1H
2C	2D	2C	2D
2N	4C	2N	4C
4N	5D	4N	5D
6C	P	6C	P
Ed Flook		Bob Gregory	
1C	2S*	1C	2S*
3D	3N	3D	3N
4C	4D	4C	4D
5D	P	5D	P
Helen Armstrong		Gladys Shivery	
1C	1H	1C	1H
2N	3N	2N	3N
P		P	

\*Shows single spade and 4,4,4,1 hand. 5C and 5D look like safe contracts with the club contract a little bit safer. Would you like to be in 6C? Since it depended on just a finesse, Lenny and Matt decided to shoot the works. The Editor will give them a chance to shoot at another hand next issue.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As Chairman of the Blue Hen Sectional, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of my various committees. Even more important has been the fantastic support I have received from the DSBA membership. You have made this sectional most successful and the most profitable in DSBA history.

I thank you so much!  
Evelyn

## OLGA KOR BUT

What Olga Korbut has done for gymnastics, Barnum and Bailey has done for the circus, Ziegfeld has done for the chorus line and Arnold Palmer has done for golf. Each one has popularized his particular game and spread goodwill with each appearance. Little Olga is only 88 pounds, yet she comes through like a bulldozer. With a smile on her face, her performance speaks for itself, everyone knows she's a champion.

We have in our bridge community a small group of better players who are constantly giving their partners, opponents and directors a hard time. These tactics tend to upset inexperienced players. Not only are they giving the game of bridge a bad image but quite possibly we are losing players and future leaders of the DSBA.

Why do people act this way? Is it just their nature or have they had a rough day and are using the bridge table as an outlet? Or maybe they are just frustrated from not winning enough. Whatever the reason, let's knock it off.

Not everyone of us can be an Olga. We can't all charm everyone with our skill and pixie smile, but we can all act like ladies and gentlemen.

P. O. Y.

Spring is in the air and one can hear the sound of bat and ball. Manager Lea duPont hops out of her dugout, walks briskly to home plate and presents her line-up to the umpire. Her team consists of those players who have distinguished themselves during spring training and they are:

1. Tom Mangold	16
2. Vince D'Anna	11
3/8. Barbara Furbeck	10
3/8. Frank Giovannozzi	10
3/8. Barbara Herr	10
3/8. Roy Peters	10
3/8. Lenny Reed	10
3/8. Andy Stayton	10
9. Mike Yedinak	9
10/12. Phil Crowe	8
10/12. Helen Hirsty	8
10/12. Les Smith	8
13/15. Mickey Levine	7
13/15. Orin Norder	7
13/15. Bernie Shames	7

Get in there and pitch - it's a short season - there's only four more games to be played.

DON'T FORGET THE X RATED BRIDGE TOURNAMENT AT HERCULES MAY 3RD AND 10TH. IT'S THE MIXED PAIRS WHERE MEN PLAY WITH THE WOMEN - OR 'VICE' VERSA. ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE VERY EXCITING, IT WILL STILL BE LEGAL. THE COMMITTEE GUARANTEES THAT THE GAME WILL NOT BE RAIDED BY THE COUNTY POLICE. PHONE PHYLLIS CARREL, VICKI BYRNE, WAYNE KNEISLEY OR BURKE WELLDON FOR ADVANCE REGISTRATION.

STILL IN THERE PUNCHIN'

The first phase of the Grand National Tournament has come to a conclusion and a team including two members of the DSBA is still in the running.

The team of Evelyn Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Tom Weik, Chris Jeans, Ray Raskin and Eddie Shapiro won their semi-final match to see who would represent the Keystone Conference. They defeated the all veteran team of Dave Warner, Henry Greer, Sylvester Lowery and Ralph Spritzer by 93 imps. This match was held on vu-graph prior to the recent Regional at Host Farm. The final match was a real thriller! The "home team" defeated Harlow Lewis, Ken Cohen, Luis Pietri, Billy Landau and Charley Gray by one tiny international match point. After 64 boards the "goodies" won in a photo finish.

Evelyn, Dave and the rest of their team will now be sent by the Keystone Conference to a zonal match against the winners of the Ohio and the Washington D.C. Conferences. The eight zonal winners in the United States will play each other at the summer Nationals. The winner of this will automatically be invited to play in the Trials which is the last stop before representing the United States in the world championship.

CHARITY GAME

The Nation-wide Charity game was held Friday evening, March 16th, at the New Century Club in Newark. There were 22 tables in play and the game was directed by Mike Eagan. Those with the highest scores were:

1. Lea duPont and Antoinette Lutz
2. Mike Yedinak and Lenny Reed
3. Genevieve Lynam and Archie Lin
4. Eve Skinner and Mildred Irwin

It is nice to know that there is a charitable aspect to our bridge playing. Every year the ACBL donates thousands of dollars, that they collect from the units, to worthwhile charities. Last year \$110,000 was donated to United Cerebral Palsy of which \$364 came from the DSBA.

DIRECTOR'S COURSE

A Director's Course which will be open to all members of the DSBA will be given on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of May. It will be held each evening at 7:30 at the home of Pat McGee. Please phone her if you are interested as the class will be limited to 15 on a first come first served basis.

The course will be given by Dave Treadwell who is a certified director and a member of the National Appeals Committee. This instruction will be presented at no fee.

CAN YOU TOP THIS?

The motion picture industry has its Oscar, TV has its Emmy, Broadway has its Tony and in the record business the top award is the Grammy. After hearing about the following hand, the Editor would like to establish a new award and call it the Dummy. This particular trophy would be a dunce cap sitting on top of a wooden head.

Dorothy Goldstein tells this story about herself and her partner Ann Cullen. At a recent out of town tournament they picked up the following hand:

Dorothy			
Spades	J		
Hearts	J		
Diamonds	XXX		
Clubs	AKQJ109XX		
Ann			
Spades	AXXX		
Hearts	AKQXXX		
Diamonds	K10X		
Clubs	---		
Only a jeweler could appreciate how this gem was bid.			
South		North	
2C*		2D**	
2H		3C	
3H		4N	
5H		6C	
P***			

\*Their "strong" bid  
\*\*Their "weak" bid

\*\*\*This girl would trust her husband on a desert island with Linda Lovelace, star of the movie Deep Throat.

When her partner opened the bidding with a strong 2C bid-Dorothy was elated. Lightning had struck! All her bridge life she had dreamed that someday she would put her partner in a six contract and have her play it and make it with a void in the trump suit! Maybe, just maybe, this was the hand.

When the bidding was over, East led the QD and South put down the dummy! The defense took two fast tricks - down one. As soon as the hand was over Dorothy began to explain to her partner what she had hoped to do and that Ann should receive a medal for being such a trusting partner - when all of a sudden she realized that Ann was the original club bidder and that if Ann was the declarer the contract would have been ice cold! To say she wanted to kill herself would be the understatement of the year.

Actually it was the bridge hand to end all bridge hands. 6N cannot make with a spade lead and 6 hearts has little chance. The only slam that can make is 6C if the person with the void in trump is the declarer!

I tip my dummy's cap to Dorothy who gave me permission to tell this horror story about herself. She will be presented with her award at an appropriate time.



## SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

It's that time of the year again and that means that the Summer Round Robin is Bob-Bob-Robin' along. Archie and Caroline Sparks are the chairmen and plan to organize several leagues in the most pleasurable event sponsored by the DSBA.

The matches will take place in members' homes during June, July and early August. You may enter 4, 5 or 6 man team and the entry fee is only \$8 for your entire team - for the entire summer. This may be the best value since meat was 49¢ per pound.

Please form your team now and send it with your entry fee to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sparks, 24 Pierce Road, Deerhurst, Wilmington, Del. Their phone number is 656-5036. Be sure to designate who is captain of your team and the captain's phone number. Remember that the captain of the home team is in charge of scheduling that particular week's game and reporting the results to the chairmen.

This is an informal event and substitutes may be used when it is absolutely necessary. However, only registered team members may play in the play-off and in the finals. All matches will be 28 boards and imp scoring will be used. Since this event is sanctioned by the ACBL, appropriate rating points will be issued. As soon as the leagues have been formed each captain will receive a schedule and instructions.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

May 3 and 10th - Mixed Pairs - Hercules Country Club  
 June, July and August - Summer Round Robin - Caroline & Archie Sparks, Chairmen  
 September 21, 22 and 23rd - Diamond State Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall  
 September - Open Pairs - Exact date and location to be announced  
 October 18 and 25th - Women's Pairs - New Century Club - Newark  
 November 8 and 15th - Invitational - Location to be announced

## OPEN DUPLICATE GAMES

Monday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon  
 Monday - Hotel duPont - 7:45 p.m. - Swiss Team 1st Monday of every month  
     Pre-registration not required. No games November 13th  
 Tuesday - Dover - 8 p.m. - China Gardens - Blue Hen Mall  
 Wednesday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Delaware Avenue  
 Thursday - Pennsgrove - 7:30 p.m. - YMCA  
 Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon  
 Friday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Del. Ave. Swiss Team  
     1st and 3rd Fridays - Pre-registration required  
 Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team - 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
     Pre-registration required - regular duplicate 1st, 3rd & 5th  
     Saturdays at 8 p.m.

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# THE DUMMY

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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

JUNE 1973

### RICHARD C. BOSTICK

On May 29th our good friend Dick Bostwick died following an illness of several months. He will be missed by many people and especially by the bridge players of Delaware.

Dick was the perfect gentleman. At the bridge table as well as away from the table he had a certain class that was unique in this hurly-burly world. He was a bridge enthusiast for the past twenty-five or thirty years. Holding the State Men's Pairs at the old Whist Club and in recent years at the University Club was one of his personal projects. A perfect host, he was generous to a fault.

We will miss Dick and think of him often. Maybe our mutual association and friendship will make each one of us just a little better person.

### OPEN PAIRS - COMPLETE WITH DINNER

For those of you who have been asking for a little more sociability mixed with bridge, the DSBA is presenting the State Open Pairs - complete with dinner.

It will be held on Sunday, September 9th in the new air-conditioned Ball Room of the Sheraton-Brandywine Motel on Route 202. The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by a cold buffet dinner and the final session. Due to these fine arrangements everyone should get home by an early hour.

The cost for the entire day will be \$8 per person which will include all the bridge you can play, all the food you can eat and all the silver you can win.

### OVERHEARD AT THE TABLE

The talk these days is all about the Summer Round Robin. It has been years since so much interest has been generated by a single bridge event. Much credit must go to Archie and Caroline Sparks who are co-chairpersons. Those participating are busy playing, scheduling matches and watching the progress of their main competition. So far it's been a lot of fun and fattening. Can you believe having an enjoyable evening of bridge topped off by Sally Orlando's famous coconut cake?... Sometimes you think you are playing against law firms. If Slatcher, Slatcher, Slatcher, and Slatcher should play Levering, Levering and Levering it may be necessary to hire Bayard, Brill and Handelman or Richards, Layton and Finger for directors. . .

### AULD LANG SYNE

In 1950 the Levitts won the State Mixed Pairs Tournament which was held at the old Wilmington Country Club. It was their very first tournament and the late Olive Peterson was the director. Twenty three years later at the Hercules Country Club they did it again. Although they have won this tournament several times in between, this win is noteworthy because it was the first time this championship had ever been successfully defended.

Phyllis Carrel was our dynamic Chairman as well as our entertaining M.C. As soon as she learns to handle her cards the way she handles the mike the rest of the bridge players had better watch out!

The director was Mike Eagan and he announced the high scores to be:

1. Evelyn and Harold Levitt
2. Caroline and Archie Sparks
3. Mildred Irwin and Ralph Schreyer

Ernestine Goodrich and Harold Spurlin won the prize for having the highest score of those pairs having a combined total of less than 50 master points.

Guy Lombardo once said that when he goes he's going to take New Year's Eve with him. Maybe the Levitts will take the Mixed Pairs.

### MONDAY NIGHT GAME NO LONGER AT THE HOTEL DUPONT

The last Unit game to be held at the Hotel Dupont will be Monday, June 25th. The cafeteria will be closed until September for alterations and this will give us an opportunity to try another location.

We will move to the Jewish Community Center on July 2, 9 and 16th, and beginning July 23 the Monday night games will be held at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Route 202.

If the Fire Hall proves satisfactory and popular the Board of Directors may make this our permanent home. The same format will be used with a Swiss Team game on the first Monday of every month.

### WATERGATE

Now that I have your attention - how about writing a letter to the Editor. I am sure someone has something to complain about. Please write to Harold Levitt, 509 Shipley Road, Wilmington, Del 19809

## BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY

Established partnerships are asked to bid a hand for the DUMMY. If they arrive at the best contract they are asked to bid again in the next issue.

You are playing match point duplicate and no one is vul. West opens the bidding with 3 clubs but your opponents will never bid again.

North		South	
Spades	QJ10X		
Hearts	KQXX		
Diamonds	KQXX		
Clubs	X		
Spades	KXX		
Hearts	XXX		
Diamonds	J10XXX		
Clubs	AK		
Carolyn Sparks	Archie Sparks		
D	3D		
4D	4N		
5C	5D		
P			
Elaine Dumas	Bill Dumas		
3D*	3N		
P			
*Weiss- take out.			
Regina Strauss	John Elliott		
D	4C		
4H	P		
Lenny Lipstein	Matt Kegelman		
D	4D		
5D	P		

Undoubtedly this is a very difficult hand to bid as every final contract was mentioned but 4 spades. It seems as if 3N will go down 3 tricks, 5D will go down one or two and you would need the luck of the Gods to bring in 4H or 4S.

The point to consider is - should North after making a light double take another bid if his partner makes a bid he could pass? No winner this issue.

## TAROK

Tarok was an old and popular card game of central Europe. The formal game was played with 78 cards. 56 of these were called Minor Arcana and they were divided into four suits; wands and batons (clubs), cups (hearts), Swords (spades) and money (diamonds). The remaining 22 were called Major Arcana or Tarots (trumps). The Tarot cards had decorated figures representing natural laws, elements, virtues and vices. They were numbered from 1 to 21. The 22nd card, the fool or the madman (Joker), was unmarked.

Since spiritualists throughout the world still use Tarot cards to foretell the future, it was only natural that our own personal fortune teller Lea duPont spread her deck of Tarot cards on her dining room table and came up with the following POY standing:

1.	Tom Mangold	16
2.	Harold Levitt	12
3/4.	Vince D'Anna	11
3/4.	Evelyn Levitt	11
5/11.	Phil Crowe	10
5/11.	Barbara Furbeck	10
5/11.	Barbara Herr	10
5/11.	Frank Giovannozzi	10
5/11.	Roy Peters	10
5/11.	Lenny Reed	10
5/11.	Andy Stayton	10
12.	Mike Yedinak	9
13/14.	Helen Hirsty	8
13/14.	Les Smith	8
15/17.	Mickey Levine	7
15/17.	Orlin Norder	7
15/17.	Bernie Shames	7
18/19.	Ralph Poucher	5
18/19.	Ed Ramler	5
20/31.	Al Barney	4
20/31.	Margaret Embury	4
20/31.	Dorothy Goldstein	4
20/31.	Mack Truax	4
20/31.	Sy Londoner	4
20/31.	Faye Lubin	4
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20/31.	Marvin Paulshock	4
20/31.	Norma Sklut	4
20/31.	Mrs. E. Slatcher	4
20/31.	Mr. E. Slatcher	4
20/31.	Dave Treadwell	4

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

June, July and August - Summer Round Robin - at members' homes  
 August 13 - Pro-Am Game - Talleyville Fire Hall - Am must have less than 10 master points - Please call Pat McGee or Marcia Long\* for details.  
 September 9 - Open Pairs - 2 sessions on Sunday - card fee includes dinner-Sheraton-Brandywine Motel.  
 September 21, 22 and 23rd - Diamond State Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall  
 October 18 and 25th - Women's Pairs - New Century Club - Newark  
 November 8 and 15th - Invitational - Locational to be announced  
 May 17, 18 and 19th - Blue Hen Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall

# BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY

Once again pairs playing on Monday night were asked to BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY. They were told that the hand would be recorded and published. Any pair arriving at the best contract would be asked to participate in the next issue.

Here is the new hand. South is the dealer and the opponents will not bid. Match point duplicate and no one is vul.

NORTH		SOUTH	
Spades	X	Spades	Q109XX
Hearts	AQ10XXX	Hearts	KXX
Diamonds	XXX	Diamonds	AX
Clubs	XXX	Clubs	AJX
Dorthy Goldstein		Raye Lubin	
1S		1N	
P			
Ralph Poucher		Steven Poucher	
1S		1N	
P			
Eve Skinner		Margaret Embury	
1S		1N*	
2C		2H	
P			

\*Forcing one round.

Since the hand probably makes 2N or 3H, Eve and Margaret will be asked to bid the hand in the next issue of the DUMMY. Do you play 1N over a major forcing?

## PRO-AM GAME

How would you like to play golf with Jack Nicklaus? Wouldn't it be wonderful to have the world's greatest Pro as your partner?

Now that is exactly how the Ams are going to feel on Monday night, August 14th when the DSBA holds its next Pro-Am game. As a feature, after the game each player will receive a printed analysis of all hands that had just been played. And if you toss in free coffee and donuts and free passes to future Monday night games - it should be quite an evening.

O.K., so you don't drive a ball quite as far as Jack, but you too can be a Pro by playing with some timid amateur who can't break 100. Remember tee-off time, 7:45 p.m., August 14.

\* The Am must have less than a 10 handicap. (Master points)  
\* We will play winter rules - and that means you may tee up in the fairway. Translated into bridge language - no fancy conventions will be allowed.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Chandler	239-7126
Robert D. Athey, Jr.	478-4906
H. J. Repman	655-5449
James O. Marshall, III	227-7729
Paula J. Weldon	998-4329
Peg Godwin	734-2025
Mrs. Carl DeMartino	478-5808
Mrs. W. H. Kelso	658-0606
Paul W. Calnan	737-7160
Hazel G. Cant	227-9111
Stuart Schenk	798-7366
Steve Osman	475-5023
George Luck	475-8379
Carolyn W. Burlew	798-1509
Robert B. Caddell	475-6768
Faye J. Carrier	998-8621
Barbara R. Sarra	994-7940
Katherine A. O'Brien	475-2767
Gene K. Adams	399-0630
Dolores Marie Adams	399-0630
Mrs. William J. Zack, Jr.	478-4075
Edward J. Wilson	764-1269
Edward L. Kurth	475-4465
Harry N. Coar	865-6056
David P. Pie'	737-5899
Steven Bushman	475-2696
James A. Mayhart, Jr.	478-1727
Gary D. Mroz	731-8274
Dolores Y. Koch	475-4165
William J. Koch	475-4165
Mary I. Martelli	478-1633
Betty Lavelle	654-9303
Mary E. Nolan	734-5433
Heleen M. Timanus	
Helen Griffith	
Nancy E. Rucier	
Paul Bartkow, III	
Horace E. Murray, Jr.	
Sara R. Miller	
Nell C. Miller	
Richard L. Quinn	
Ralph I. Aurillo	
Marjorie B. Witham	
William Witham	

\* Please cut out this list and paste it in your DSBA Directory. To the new members who did not do so - send your telephone number to our Membership Chairman, Mrs. F. T. Lutz, 3301 North Rockfield Drive, Devonshire, Wilmington, Delaware 19810.

## OVERHEARD AT THE TABLE

Big news from the Regional in Atlantic City! The DSBA hit the jackpot with five more Life Masters. Those going over the top were Chris Hirsch, Vicki Byrne, Andy Stayton, Tom Kirch and special mention to the youngest of the group, Freuda Rosenblatt. Evelyn Levitt, playing with Helen Smith, Judy Kay and Ruth Blumenthal won the Women's Swiss Team game... Talking about Swiss Team games, remember that there is one the first Monday of every month... Many members "threaten" to write to the DUMMY. How about today?

## TEAMS AND LEAGUES OF THE SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

Twelve teams will battle it out this summer for possession of the new Edward Gerard Memorial Trophy. This trophy will be kept one year by the team winning the Round Robin. The matches will take place in the members' homes according to the schedule set up by Chairman Lea duPont. The winners of the two leagues will play a 64 board match in August for the championship. In this friendly atmosphere we are sure those participating will have a summer of good bridge and sociability. The teams and leagues are as follows:

## OVER-BIDDERS LEAGUE

- |                   |               |               |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Lenny Reed     | 2. Phil Crowe | 3. Levering   |
| Frank Giovannozzi | Les Smith     | Levering      |
| Andy Stayton      | Eve Skinner   | Levering      |
| Tom Kirch         | Mildred Irwin | and Levering  |
| Roy Peters        |               | Burke Welldon |
| Mike Eagan        |               |               |

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 4. Obrien      | 5. Helen Pehrson | 6. Assen Slavov |
| Bushman        | Frank Pehrson    | John Siverts    |
| Paula McKenica | Archie Sparks    | Ed Haverbeck    |
| MARCIA LONG*   | Carolyn Sparks   | Dick Bostwick   |
|                | Willcox Brown    | Jim Cordrey     |
|                | Helen Brown      | Ginny Cordrey   |

## UNDER-BIDDERS LEAGUE

- |               |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. Jon Finger | 2. Dave Klein   | 3. Pat McGee  |
| Louis Finger  | Lea duPont      | Don McGee     |
| C. Gant       | Antoinette Lutz | Ralph Poucher |
| Brickler      | Vince D'Anna    | Ed Ramler     |
| Dixon         | Ina Morse       |               |
| Dixon         |                 |               |

- |                   |                    |                      |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 4. Dave Treadwell | 5. Esther Ulness   | 6. Rosalie Kurfirst  |
| Ken Meyer         | Mildred Capobianco | Elizabeth Dahlenburg |
| Matt Kegelman     | Fran Salzenberg    | Chris Hirsch         |
| Lenny Lipstein    | Mary Mahla         | Annabelle Stone      |
| Evelyn Levitt     |                    | John Elliott         |
| Harold Levitt     |                    |                      |

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- June, July and August
- Round Robin at members' homes
  - Pro-Am Game at Hotel DuPont - 7:45 p.m.
  - Open Pairs - Annual meeting before second session and anyone may play in consolation game.
- September 14 and 21
- Diamond State Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall
- September 29, 30 and Oct. 1
- Women's Pairs
  - Two session Swiss Team charity game
- October 12 and 19
- Nationals - Host Farm - Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- October 15
- Invitational - By invitation only
- November 10 to 19
- December 7 and 14

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AUGUST, 1973

### FROM LITTLE ACORNS GIANT OAKS GROW

### ANNUAL MEETING

58 Little Acorns played bridge with 58 Giant Oaks at the annual Pro-Am game held at the Talleyville Fire Hall on August 13th.

From all accounts it was a high success with a fine turn-out, free refreshments, silver prizes, hand analysis, free entries for future games and above all friendship galore.

The top finishers in each section were:

#### SECTION A N/S

1. L. Schneider and S. Schenk
2. R. Lumkin and S. Nagy
3. H. Levitt and K. Dent

#### SECTION A E/W

1. J. Cordrey and J. Smalley
2. E. Levitt and P. Skelly
3. L. Handloff and L. Belfer

#### SECTION B N/S

1. F. Nichols and B. Lavelle
2. D. Treadwell and J. Devins
3. D. Goldstein and J. Binder

#### SECTION B E/W

1. E. O'Brien and E. Malloy
2. E. Haverbeck and M. Haverbeck
3. A. Kishbaum and B. Koch

#### SECTION C N/S

1. F. Giovannozzi and B. Bunch
2. A. Stone and D. Reitz
3. C. Moyer and Mrs. C. Moyer

#### SECTION C E/W

1. V. Byrne and J. Willard
2. L. Irwin and J. Senigo
3. W. Dumas and J. Baird

Much credit for this event should be given to the Co-chairwomen Pat McGee and Marcia Long\* with an assist from their chief helper Mildred Irwin. They hope the Ams who participated will come back to play in our regular duplicate games.

Several of the Ams wanted to know how they could join the DSBA and receive the DUMMY regularly. This can be done by mailing a check for \$3 to our Membership Chairwoman, Antoinette Lutz, 3100 Sharp-ley Road, Devonshire, Wilmington, Delaware.

Of course you made a lot of mistakes and of course many of you were kinda scared - but a lot of playing, studying and experience will eventually make an Am a Pro. Remember, you have to take the first step before you can finish a long journey. See you soon.....

The Annual Meeting of the DSBA will be held between sessions of the Open Pair Tournament on Sunday, September 9. It will be held at the Sheraton-Brandywine Inn and the meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to play in the two session tournament you are welcome just to attend the meeting or attend the meeting and play in the consolation game at night.

The nominating committee, consisting of Syl Hirsty, Al Barney, Orpha Norder, Ginny Cordrey and Don McGee have proposed the following slate for Board Members for the coming term: Vicki Byrne, Phil Crowe, Chris Hirsch, Marcia Long\*, Leona Schneider and Bob Levering. There will be one board member nominated and elected from the floor.

Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to congratulate our outgoing President Ed Ramler for his fine job in office. In addition, the Edward Gerard Trophy will be presented to the winners of the Summer Round Robin.

### SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

Nick the Greek would have given you 500 to 1 against four teams in one league ending up in a tie at the end of the regular schedule. But it happened! Here is the league standing before all the play-offs begin:

#### "TREYS"

Team	Won	Lost
Haverbeck	5	2
Hirsch	5	2
Levitt	5	2
Slavov	5	2
Sparks	3	4
Goldstein	2	5
Slatcher	2	5
Levering	1	6

#### "DEUCES"

Team	Won	Lost
McGee	6	1
Norder	5	2
Smith	4	3
Stayton	4	3
Fischer	3	4
*Hartig	2	4
*Lodge	1	5
Liner	1	6

\*Did not play one match

If you can pick the over-all winner out of this traffic jam you should be spending all of your nights at Brandywine Raceway.

## MAN, GOLD IS HIGH

Last week gold sold for \$130 per ounce which is an all time high. No wonder Tom remains in 1st place in the Player of the Year race.

With the Open, Women's, and Invitational left to be played the standings remain as follows:

1.	Tom Mangold	16
2.	Harold Levitt	12
3/4.	Vince D'Anna	11
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15/17.	Bernie Shames	7
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20/31.	Norma Sklut	4
20/31.	Mrs. E. Slatcher	4
20/31.	Mr. E. Slatcher	4
20/31.	Dave Treadwell	4

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

You have to warm up for a championship performance. A pitcher throws a few in the bullpen, a racing car driver tunes the motor in the garage, a track star flexes his muscles near the starting line and a fighter shadow boxes in his corner before the bell.

The last Board meeting was held on August 9th and the temperature that day was 95 degrees. The members warmed up at President Ramler's home and in the tradition of true champions put on a great performance. Their results were:

Announced that there would be a Novice Game on September 10th- that Archie Sparks and Syl Hirsty are now certified directors- that the Annual Meeting will be held on September 9th between sessions of the Open Pair at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Brandywine Inn- that the regular DSBA Monday night game will be held at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Labor Day (Swiss Team) and that Dave Treadwell is President and Mildred Irwin Secretary of the Keystone Conference.

## BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY

Established partnerships are asked to bid a hand for the DUMMY. If they arrive at the best contract they are asked to bid again in the next issue.

You are playing match point duplicate and no one is vul. North is the dealer and your opponents will never bid.

North		South	
Spades	AXX	Spades	Q
Hearts	AXXX	Hearts	XXXX
Diamonds	AX	Diamonds	KQJ
Clubs	Q10XX	Clubs	AKJXX
(DEALER)			
Barbara Furbeck		Barbara Herr	
1C		1H	
2H		3D	
3S		4C	
4D		4H	
4N		5D	
5N		6H	
P			
Eleanor Massaglia		Ed Massaglia	
1C		1H	
2H		4C	
4N		5D	
5H	(?)	P	
Elsie Disabattino		Helen Brown	
1C		1H	
2H		4N	
5S		6H	
P			

Mr. M.M. Quarterback Mrs. M.M. Quarterback

1C 1H  
2H 4C  
5H\* P

\* How good are your hearts partner?

Every partnership should have a method in determining the strength of their trump suit. If Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Quarterback had bid three suits then the 5H bid would have asked for control of the fourth suit. It is obvious in this case it meant "how good are your hearts partner?"

Despite the fact that Eleanor and Ed kinda stumbled into the right contract, they will be declared the winner and asked to bid another hand for the next issue.

It is interesting to note that 6C can make it if the KQ of hearts are a doubleton in either East or West hands - but the odds of this happening are not very good.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - ED RAMLER

In an organization such as the DSBA, there has to be a goodly number of people who devote much of their time and energy to the benefit of all. It has been my good fortune and pleasure to work, as well as play, with those people during the past year.

Our membership has moved back over 600 for the first time in several years. The efforts of our club directors and teachers have been a significant factor, along with the energetic promotion of the Pro-Am games by Pat McGee, Marcia Long and all their helpers. As long as we continue to make tournament bridge in Delaware stimulating, entertaining and fun, we will attract and keep new members.

The attendance at the Unit game on Monday nights continues to disappoint your Board. We are anxious to see if the move away from downtown, while the Hotel Cafeteria is being refurbished, will help. The playing and parking facilities at the Talleyville Fire Hall are quite satisfactory and attendance seems to be picking up. We are apt to stay at Talleyville. The Board raised the fee a quarter, to a dollar and a half, in January and subsequently set the cost to non-members at two dollars. These increases, coupled with somewhat lower expenditures, have put the game essentially on a break even basis in recent months. The Swiss team event continues to be featured on the first Monday of each month. It offers an interesting division from match point duplicate and frequently attracts a table or two of old timers.

The State Tournaments were consistently larger than in recent years. Much of the credit goes to Kay Graff and her telephone committee. Vicki Byrne has devised very helpful guidelines that simplify a tournament chairman's job. Mike Eagan's offer that the New Castle County Bridge Club sponsor the Women's Pair Tournament this Fall has been accepted.

I hope we can persuade Evelyn Levitt to run our Sectional Tournaments for years to come. She and her committee do an outstanding job. They operated so efficiently in the Diamond State that Evelyn could relax and play enough to win the Frank Grady Trophy for the DSBA member garnering the most master points at her own tournament.

Len Reed promoted two fine charity games. One, a two session Swiss Team game with buffet served between sessions at the Hercules Country Club, was the most successful we have ever had. We are drawing on this idea to hold the two session Delaware State Open Pairs on Sunday, September 9, at the Sheraton, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. A branch of the Nationwide Charity game in March drew 22 tables to the New Century Club in Newark. United Cerebral Palsy was the beneficiary of both games.

I'm sure all of you look forward to each issue of the Dummy. Harold Levitt's talent and energy seem boundless as he continues to find entertaining ways to present the news.

Dave Treadwell again donated three evenings to conduct a director's course for sixteen grateful DSBA members. Don and Pat McGee were the gracious hosts. Dave was recently elected President of the Keystone Conference for the second time and Mildred Irwin became its Secretary. Mildred has served the DSBA unselfishly in many capacities ever since her arrival in Wilmington.

Arch Sparks and Syl Hirsty recently became certified directors and will join Mel Welch, Mike Eagan and Orlin Norder in handling DSBA events. We regret that Liz Dahlenberg had to curtail her directing activities, but we are pleased that she feels up to playing regularly again.

The Keystone Conference has set up a program for reporting all breaches of conduct or ethics during its tournaments. I have appointed Arch Sparks to act as Recorder for Delaware Sectionals in cooperation with this program. Your Board feels that it is not necessary for this to include local games and State Tournaments.

We are losing a number of good, hard working Board members in Mike Eagan, awards chairman Lea duPont, secretary Mildred Irwin, membership chairman Antoinette Lutz, Pat McGee and Len Reed. However, I believe Syl Hirsty and his committee have come up with a fine slate of eager replacements.

It has been a privilege for me to serve as your president and I thank all of you for making it a pleasure as well.

## OPEN PAIRS - SEPTEMBER 9th

This year the Open Pairs will be a two session event on Sunday, September 9th. It will be held at the Sheraton Brandywine Inn and the \$7 per player will include card fee and dinner. The first session will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30. Phone Bob and Virginia Levering at 478-4870 for advance registration.

## WOMEN'S PAIRS - OCTOBER 18 and 25

This year the Women's Pairs will be held at the New Century Club in Newark. Make a date to play - you know you're going to win.



## DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL - SEPT. 21 TO 23 - ODD FELLOWS HALL, 3301 MARKET STREET

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1973

WOMEN'S PAIRS (One Session)	1:30 P.M.
MEN'S PAIRS (One Session)	1:30 P.M.
MIXED PAIRS (One Session)	8:15 P.M.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1973

OPEN PAIRS (1st Session - Qualifying)	1:30 P.M.
OPEN PAIRS (Final)	8:15 P.M.
CONSOLATION (One Session)	8:15 P.M.

*(Also open to players unable to play in afternoon)*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1973

SWISS TEAM OF FOUR (Two Sessions)	1:00 & 6:45 P.M.
Partnerships - Orpha Norder - Phone 475-4089	

## WATERGATE NOMENCLATURE

To many of us, Watergate has come up with a whole new lingo. Listed below are a few words and phrases that the Editor has transferred to the language of bridge.

AT THAT POINT IN TIME- When you realize that you blew the hand at trick two.

SHREDDING MACHINE- Where you put your private score after a 40% game.

SUBPOENA- "The protest committee will meet as soon as the game is over."

ENEMY LIST- The players who constantly give you bottoms.

TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION- Let me tell you about the great play I made four years ago.

DIRTY TRICKS- Psyches and false carding that fools you.

COVERT OPERATION- A private understanding with your partner.

COVER-UP- You know you played the hand wrong but you won't tell your partner.

WHITE HOUSE HORRORS- When you realize at trick 12 you reneged at trick 3.

PERJURY- "Renegade? - I never renegade."

BUGGED- How you feel when your partner keeps talking about your last mistake.

EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY- When the director gives his friend just a warning.

INOPERATIVE- "Partner, You forgot we were playing Fishbein again, now cross the damn convention off our card."

FIREFLY THEORY- Looking back, I can see where I went wrong. . .

## OPEN DUPLICATE GAMES

Monday - DSBA Unit Game - 7:45 - at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Route 202.

Swiss Team on first Monday of every month. Pre-registration not required.

Monday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon

Tuesday - Dover - 8 p.m. - China Gardens - Blue Hen Mall

Wednesday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Delaware Avenue

Thursday - Pennsgrove - 7:30 p.m. - YMCA

Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 noon

Friday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Del. Ave. Swiss Team 1st and 3rd Fridays - Pre-registration required.

Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team - 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Pre-registration required - regular duplicate 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays at 8 p.m.

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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

OCTOBER, 1973

6-4, 6-3, 6-3

Billie Jean Levitt, Billie Jean Stone and Billie Jean Kurfirst were winners of events at our Diamond State Sectional. It was held at the Odd Fellows Astrodome on September 21, 22, and 23. Bobby Treadwell, Bobby Pehrson, Bobby Sparks, Bobby Moroz and Bobby Nichols were other local winners.

Sitting high in the umpire's chair, Jerry Machlin announced the matches were won by:

### MEN'S PAIRS - 6 Tables

- 1/2. Frank Nichols - Pete Moroz
- 1/2. Frank Pehrson - Archie Sparks
3. Frank Giovannozzi - Andy Stayton

### WOMEN'S PAIRS - 23 Tables

1. Annabel Stone - Rosalie Kurfirst
2. Evelyn Levitt - Helen Smith
3. Peg Truitt - Nanette Labarge

### MIXED PAIRS - 30 Tables

1. Constance McGinley - Billy Cough
2. C. R. Broomall - Alex Reitarowski
3. Chris Hirsch - Ralph Poucher

### OPEN PAIRS - 32 Tables

1. Evelyn Levitt - Dave Treadwell
2. Pat McGee - Don McGee
3. Bill Laifey - Fred Gillespie

### CONSOLATION - 16 Tables

1. Milton Silver - Judith Lott
2. Jim Foley - G. Wroz
3. Olive Welch - Rev. L. A. Tobin

### SWISS TEAM - 46 Tables

1. Ray Raskin - Gene Gardner  
Chris Jeans - Tom Weik
- 2/4. Joyce Tracton - Sonny Jaspian  
Charles Fleisher - Helen Branigan
- 2/4. Andy Stayton - Lenny Reed  
Mike Yedinak - Frank Giovannozzi
- 2/4. Shirley Weinstein - Arnold Weinstein  
Marc Nathan - Max Bazerman

Evelyn was Chairwoman and received the Frank Grady Trophy for the DSBA member who won the most points. Ginny Cordrey was in charge of the Ball Boys, Chris Hirsch served champagne to the celebrities and Orpha Norder was the sensational promoter. They were all winners.

### SECRET RECIPE

The Editor of the DUMMY has in his possession the recipe for Betty Eagan's sensational Poppy Seed Tea Cake. This is the same cake that started an eating orgy at the Women's Pairs. Since the lack of space does not permit the printing of this secret recipe, write or call for information.

### ETERNITY

"High in the north in the land called Svithjod there stands a rock. It is a hundred miles high and a hundred miles wide. Once every thousand years a little bird comes to this rock to sharpen its beak. When the rock has thus been worn away, then a single day of eternity will have gone by."\*

The Summer Round Robin seemed to have lasted an eternity. After seven regular matches, two league play-offs, two final sessions and 320 boards - the team of Evelyn Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Ken Meyer, Lenny Lipstein, Matt Kegelman and Harold Levitt defeated the team of Don and Pat McGee, Ralph Poucher, Ed Ramler and Parke Woodworth by 79imps in the final play-off.

The success of this most enjoyable tournament must fall right into the laps of Carolinne and Archie Sparks. They even hosted one of the play-off matches which was definitely beyond the call of duty.

Since it was such a great event and everyone had such a wonderful time, and because Sally Orlando's coconut cake was so delicious, and because the "good guys" finally won - I hope that the Summer Round Robin will continue for an eternity - and as you read in the first paragraph, that's a pretty long time.

\*The Story of Mankind, Hendrik vanLoon

### SEE HOW THE SPARKS FLY

Carolyn and Archie put their cast iron game against the spinning wheel of fortune at the Open Pairs - and boy, did the Sparks fly!

The high flying was done at the Sheraton Brandywine Inn on Sunday, September 9. The event was an innovation for the DSBA with a dinner and the Annual Meeting held between sessions. This format certainly had appeal as 36 tables turned out to play. Most players seemed to enjoy the increased sociability and expressed favorable comment for its continuation.

Although our Co-chairpeople Virginia and Bob Levering received poor cooperation from the hotel, they deserve special praise for their excellent job. Orlin Norder did a Herculean job as director and announced the winners to be:

1. Carolyn and Archie Sparks
2. Andy Stayton and Lenny Reed
3. Assen Slavov and Frank Giovannozzi

T. Vavanellos and Phil Saponaro won the award for the best showing for a pair with less than 40 master points. Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell won the Consolation game.

BID THIS HAND FOR THE DUMMY

Established partnerships are asked to bid a hand for the DUMMY. If they arrive at the best contract they are asked to bid again in the next issue.

You are playing match point duplicate and no one is vul. South is the dealer and your opponents will never bid.

NORTH	
Spades	J10XX
Hearts	AXX
Diamonds	AJXXX
Clubs	X
SOUTH	
Spades	AKQXXX
Hearts	--
Diamonds	KQX
Clubs	AXXX

(Dealer)

Al Fischer	Fran Fischer
1S	1N*
3C	4S
5H	6D
6S	P

\*Forcing

Marcia Long*	Sis Singer
2C	3D
3S	4S
4N	5H
5N	6C
7S	P

\*Good enough for the best result but not good enough for your admiring Editor. You can count 13 tricks in N.T. One more boo-boo like this and you'll lose your \*.

Ed Massaglia	Eleanor Massaglia
1S	2D
3S	4H
5H	6S
P	

It doesn't make any difference if you open one or two - if during the bidding the North hand shows a five card diamond suit, spade support and two aces - you can count 13 tricks in N.T.

ON THE BOARDWALK IN ATLANTIC CITY

All you needed was Bert Parks to sing The Miss America Song as the east-west contestants paraded down the runway.

The Women's Pairs Pageant was held for the first time in Newark on October 10th and 17th. The swim suit competition ended in a 72 way tie. In true tradition the Ms. Congeniality Award, voted on by the contestants, was won by Betty Eagan. (Her talent was baking) Judge Mike Eagan announced the winners to be:

3rd Runner-up: Marie Bower-Marian Hunt  
2nd Runner-up: Reba Sapowith-

Laura Handloff

1st Runner-up: Evelyn Levitt-Olive Welch  
Ms. Bridge: Chris Hirsch-Helen Hirsty

The winners had tears in their eyes as they were crowned with a duplicate board by the retiring champions.

IT'S A NO-NO

It is wrong and inconsiderate for a player to sign up to play in a State Tournament and then cancel at the last minute. It is wrong for many reasons. It is unfair to the Tournament Chairman who now has to find another pair for replacement. It is unfair to the director who may have to change the movement and possibly the table arrangement. It is also unfair to those playing if the seeding is disturbed.

At our Open Pairs Tournament last month there were six last minute cancellations. At least four of these were for "silly" reasons. Everyone knows a person can't play if he gets sick or there is a real emergency - but even then he should make an effort to get his own replacement.

This is being written to emphasize the importance of your obligation once you have signed up to play. From now on let us cut this practice down to the undiminshable minimum.

The feeling of the Board is that disciplinary action can come from such an act.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The last Board meeting was held on October 4th at the home of our out-going President Ed Ramler. Not only was Ed an excellent president but he served high class liquor.

The following officers were elected:

President - Ralph Poucher  
Vice President - Phil Crowe  
Treasurer - Al Barney  
Secretary - Chris Hirsch  
President Poucher politely pressed the following political plums on those present:

Vicki Byrne and Ann Cullen  
Co-chairwomen of State Tournaments  
Margaret Embury - Monday Night Games  
Harold Levitt - DUMMY and Sectionals  
Andy Stayton - Special Awards  
Syl Hirsty - Publicity, Permanent Trophies

Frank Pehrson and Bob Levering

By-laws, procedures and policies  
Marcia Long\* - Membership

Leona Schneider - Charity and Pro-Am  
In his inauguration speech Ralph asked for the impossible. Time magazine quoted him as saying, "Now that Ed has been relieved of all the pressures and responsibilities of the presidency - I hope his game improves."

CHARITY GAME

A continent-wide Charity Game will be held on December 19th. The event will have sectional rating and the location will be announced soon. The charity this year is the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
DELAWARE STATE BRIDGE ASSOCIATION, INC.

INCOME STATEMENT

	Fiscal Year 10/1/72 to 9/30/73	Fiscal Year 10/1/71 to 9/30/72
<u>Membership Dues</u>		
Receipts	\$ 2,343.25	\$ 2,471.85
Less:		
Paid to A.C.B.L.	1,555.35	1,646.30
Net Income	<u>\$ 787.90</u>	<u>\$ 825.55</u>

Monday Night Game

Receipts	\$ 4,472.75	\$ 5,146.05
Less:		
Rent	2,580.00	2,858.20
Prizes (cash prizes)	808.00	1,128.00
Directors' Fees	940.00	1,100.00
Scorers, Supplies & Sanction	552.19	560.22
Total Expenses	<u>4,880.19</u>	<u>5,646.42</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (407.44)</u>	<u>\$ (500.37)</u>

State and Sectional Tournaments

Receipts	\$ 7,307.00	\$ 7,205.10
Less:		
Rent	1,891.40	1,440.00
Directors' Fees & Expenses	1,395.23	1,499.25
Prizes	794.00	825.50
A.C.B.L. Sanction & Fees	536.30	634.70
Misc. - Advertising, Caddies, Coffee, etc.	1,347.58	1,439.47
Contributions to 1972 Nationals	-	459.50
A.C.B.L. Charity (submitted by Hercules C.C.)	-	180.00
Total Expenses	<u>5,964.51</u>	<u>6,478.42</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,342.49</u>	<u>\$ 726.68</u>

Other Activities

Receipts:		
Interest on Savings Account	\$ 145.24	\$ 138.22
Expenses:		
"The Dummy" & Other Printing	(1,104.29)	(1,141.47)
Misc. Operating Expenses	( 77.85)	( 147.54)
Net Other Activities (Loss)	<u>\$(1,036.90)</u>	<u>\$(1,150.79)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) FOR PERIOD	<u>\$ 686.05</u>	<u>\$( 98.93)</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Balance in Accounts at End of Period:		
Savings Account	\$ 3,049.93	\$ 2,904.69
Checking Account	816.25	275.44
	<u>\$ 3,866.18</u>	<u>\$ 3,180.13</u>

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Blue Hen Sectional	\$ 645.84	\$ 473.91
Diamond State Sectional	458.35	46.22
Invitational	( 30.00)	( 28.00)
New Castle Pairs	202.20	138.40
Open Pairs	61.10	63.45
Summer Round Robin	-	54.00
Women's Pairs	5.00	( 21.30)
	<u>\$ 1,342.49</u>	<u>\$ 726.68</u>

A. Barney, Treasurer  
October 10, 1973

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

With only the Invitational Tournament remaining, the Player of the Year standing looks like this:

1. Evelyn Levitt	19
2/3. Lenny Reed	17
2/3. Andy Stayton	17
4. Tom Mangold	16
5/8. Frank Giovannozzi	15
5/8. Helen Hirsty	15
5/8. Archie Sparks	15
5/8. Caroline Sparks	15
9. Harold Levitt	13
10/11. Barbara Furbeck	11
10/11. Barbara Herr	11
12/13. Roy Peters	10
12/13. Phil Crowe	10
14. Mike Yedinak	9
15/16. Chris Hirsch	8
15/16. Les Smith	8
17/20. Mickey Levine	7
17/20. Orlin Norder	7
17/20. Bernie Shames	7
17/20. Dave Treadwell	7

ANNUAL SEEDING

As every green-thumber knows, September is the best time to plant grass seed if you want the best results for the coming year.

At the annual meeting on September 9th, which was held between sessions of the Open Pairs, the DSBA planted their very own grass seed. They elected to the Board the slate presented by chairman Syl Hirsty. They included: Vicki Byrne, Phil Crowe, Leona Schneider, Marcia Long\*, Chris Hirsch and Bob Levering. Andy Stayton was elected from the floor. We hope they will aid the Board grow in wisdom and accomplishment.

President Ed Ramler announced that the regular Monday night game will remain at the Talleyville Fire Hall permanently. He also presented the Edward Gerard Trophy to Evelyn Levitt, captain of the winning team of the Summer Round Robin.

Archie Sparks was appointed Recorder for our sectionals. Al Barney presented the financial statement for the past eleven months and said that the report for the fiscal year will appear in the next issue of the DUMMY.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 8 and 15	- Invitational - By invitation only - Talleyville Fire Hall
January 10 and 17	- Men's Pairs - University Club - Don McGee, Chairman
February 7 and 14	- Swiss Team - Dupont Country Club
March 7 and 14	- New Castle Pairs - Master and Non-Masters - Talleyville
April 25 and May 2	- Mixed Pairs - Hercules Country Club
May 17, 18 and 19	- Blue Hen Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall

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DECEMBER, 1973

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

Edith and Archie put it all together in the second session of the Invitational and successfully defended their title. This final state tournament of the 1973 season was held at the Talleyville Fire Hall on November 8th and 15th.

The co-chairwomen, Vickie Byrne and Ann Cullen, not only did all the inviting but also did all the baking. Mel Welch not only did all the announcing but also did all the directing. Eve Skinner not only did all the celebrating but also did all the champagne drinking.

The Invitational is our most unique tournament. In order to qualify you must have made a good showing in previous State Tournaments. It is also special because it generally determines the winner of the Player-Of-The-Year. With 14 tables in play, using the McKenney-Baldwin movement, you had the opportunity of playing against 26 of the other 27 pairs - theoretically the fairest of all movements.

This year's results were:

1. Evelyn and Harold Levitt
2. Frank Giovannizzi and Assen Slavov
3. Don McGee and Vince D'Anna

Tom Mangold and Mike Yedlnak won a section top in the first session and were also leading the field at the time.

### MARCIA LONG\* ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Some time ago the DUMMY published a very funny letter written by MARCIA\*. She wanted to know why some names were printed in our directory with caps and asterisks. Later in her letter, our clever little Sherlock figured out that these people were Life Masters because they were the people who gave her bottoms. Since then the Editor has kidded her by giving her the L.M. treatment whenever her name appeared in the DUMMY.

The asterisk may be a little premature but MARCIA\* has already made her own little mark on the local bridge world. Congratulations to her and to the others listed below.

1. MARCIA LONG\* 27.71
2. Fred Henoch 26.74
3. Paul Mckenica 25.40
4. C. G. Rivers 22.61
5. W. H. Brown, Jr. 21.48
6. Phyllis Carrel 20.95
7. C. L. Moyer 18.78
8. Allen Levin 16.71
9. Iis Downes 14.33
10. Genevieve Lynam 13.04

Each of the above players started with less than 20 points and accumulated the amount next to their name between 9-25-72 and 9-25-73.

### THE EDITOR NEEDS OLIVE WELCH LIKE HE NEEDS A HOLE IN HIS HEAD

Evelyn Levitt successfully defended her Player-Of-The-Year title and your Editor successfully defended second place. The difference each year has been Evelyn's performance with Olive in the Women's Pair.

Andy Stayton, our new human calculator has announced the final standing for the Mary Bradley Grady Trophy to be:

- |                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| 1 Evelyn Levitt         | 29 |
| 2 Harold Levitt         | 23 |
| 3 Frank Giovannozzi     | 22 |
| 4/6 Tom Mangold         | 17 |
| 4/6 Lenny Reed          | 17 |
| 4/6 Andy Stayton        | 17 |
| 7 Vince D'Anna          | 16 |
| 8/10 Caroline Sparks    | 15 |
| 8/10 Archie Sparks      | 15 |
| 8/10 Helen Hirsty       | 15 |
| 11 Assen Slavov         | 12 |
| 12/13 Barbara Furbeck   | 11 |
| 12/13 Barbara Herr      | 11 |
| 14/16 Mike Yedlnak      | 10 |
| 14/16 Phil Crowe        | 10 |
| 14/16 Roy Peters        | 10 |
| 17 Dave Treadwell       | 9  |
| 18/19 Chris Hirsch      | 8  |
| 18/19 Les Smith         | 8  |
| 20/23 Bernie Shames     | 7  |
| 20/23 Mickey Levine     | 7  |
| 20/23 Olive Welch       | 7  |
| 20/23 Orin Norder       | 7  |
| 24/27 Don McGee         | 6  |
| 24/27 Annabel Stone     | 6  |
| 24/27 Rosalie Kurfirst  | 6  |
| 24/27 Marvin Paulshock  | 6  |
| 28/30 Ralph Poucher     | 5  |
| 28/30 Ed Ramler         | 5  |
| 28/30 Margaret Embury   | 5  |
| 31/40 Ina Morse         | 4  |
| 31/40 Al Barney         | 4  |
| 31/40 Mack Truax        | 4  |
| 31/40 Mrs. E. Slatcher  | 4  |
| 31/40 E. Slatcher       | 4  |
| 31/40 Seymour Londoner  | 4  |
| 31/40 Mildred Irwin     | 4  |
| 31/40 Dorothy Goldstein | 4  |
| 31/40 Norma Sklut       | 4  |
| 31/40 Faye Lubin        | 4  |

It is interesting to note that five of the Whiz Kids - Frank, Tom, Lenny, Andy and Vince all finished in the top seven. Congratulations to Caroline Sparks and Helen Hirsty for breaking into the top ten.

It would be amiss not to mention the consistent performance of Assen Slavov. Year after year Assen finishes high in the standing and is undoubtedly one of our most brilliant players.

## RALPH POUCHER - LIFE MASTER

Your president and I began enjoying bridge together about ten years ago. Last month at Lancaster, we pulled each other over the magic threshold.

Ralph is great fun to play with.

Normally very even-tempered, he is more likely to get mad at himself than at his partner. He is not a serious student of the game, but applies great natural ability and card sense. Each hand is a puzzle to be solved and Ralph exudes concentration.

When he scrunches around sideways in his chair, you know all the wheels are turning.

Ralph married his childhood sweetheart and has a lawyer son in California and two lovely daughters. His wife, Doris, has never quite understood his fascination for duplicate. Her reaction to the news that we had both become life masters was priceless. When he called her from Lancaster between the afternoon and evening sessions of the Swiss Team, she responded with, "Good, why don't you come home?" In addition to his bridge activities, Ralph is in a bowling league, plays golf, and has his amateur pilot's license.

To be a perfect host for Ralph is easy - just have plenty of Canadian Club and matches. He seldom gets through an evening of bridge without running out of the latter. Many years ago, he suddenly quit smoking and shamed me out of the habit, for which I will be forever grateful. But as Casey Stengel would say, "He backslid." When I chide him on it, he proudly says, "But I don't smoke in the office." I guess he doesn't think as hard there.

At one time or another, Ralph has won the Delaware Men's Pair, Mixed Pair, Individual and Team of Four Tournaments and he will win some more.

Ed Ramler

## YEAR'S END REFLECTIONS

It was a most satisfactory year for our organization... The move from the Hotel to the Talleyville Fire Hall proved popular as well as profitable... The Summer Round Robin proved very successful. It would be hard to improve on our two sectionals... The Sunday dinner between the sessions of the Open Pairs, looks like a real winner... The Charity Game at Hercules was also enjoyable... The Pro-Am game was a blast. The fact that we now have Patty Skelly and Kathy Dent as regular Monday night players is a testimonial to its success... We had fine dedicated and hard working officers and Board members that made all this possible... May the coming year be as eventful and enjoyable...

Your Editor

## EDWARD O. RAMLER - LIFE MASTER

Ed was born on September 25, 1893 and immediately began screaming at his nursery mates. As a result of his propensity to scream he had difficulty in later years in finding suitable, or unsuitable, whist - and, much later, auction bridge partners. Consequently his earlier card playing days were more or less family affairs. His mother is the first to admit that she still plays a better game than Ed.

While attending Catholic University he was introduced to contract bridge and many years later - while working for his doctorate in Chemistry at Penn State (which explains a lot of things) he started playing duplicate and in less than 10 years became Junior Master. The chase was on.

With some time off for a honeymoon with Barbara and a few nights off in following years to propagate and raise three sons (thus making it possible to become a grandfather last month - this guy really plans ahead) he avidly pursued the ethereal goal of LIFE MASTER.

After wearing out 17 3/16 partners (there are several with fractional futures remaining) he almost made it in 1972, but received a severe setback when he was elected president of the DSB. During his presidency he lost 26 black, 7 red and 3 gold points. But once this leaden mantle of responsibility was removed his game improved dramatically and it was just a question of time. And thanks to Barbara for letting Ed take all the time he wanted to pursue his one remaining hobby, it didn't take long. Dethroned from the presidency in October, he ascended to the glorified heights of Life Master at the Lancaster regionals in November.

The coveted goal was his at last! Congratulations Ed. It has, on occasion, been a pleasure and a privilege to play with you. You are a gentleman and a Ph.D. chemist.

I hesitate to end this eulogy on a discordant note, but in all honesty I must report that almost immediately after attaining gold card status Ed and yours truly proved in the Invitational Tournament what we've been saying for years - Life Masters are dog meat, especially new ones.

Requiescat In Pace  
\* \* \*  
Ralph I. Poucher

## AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY

The nation-wide charity game was held in Newark on December 14th and the winners were:

1. Ina Morse and Vince D'Anna
  2. Helen and Syl Hirsty
  3. Rita Lumpkin and Rose Hafer
- Mike Eagan directed and the women for the local chapter of Cerebral Palsy contributed delicious refreshments.



## GRAND NATIONAL-RED POINTS IN WILMINGTON

How would you like to be in a knockout team game in Wilmington, keep on winning until you are a member of the U. S. International Team and then become the world's champion?

The Grand National gives you the chance to make this dream come true. It will all begin at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Sunday, February 24th. There will be a knockout match at 1 p.m. and another at 6 p.m. The surviving teams will advance to the District Knockouts in Allentown on April 6th and 7th.

Regional red points will be awarded to winners of each 28 board match. In exchange the ACBL expects each entering team to play in all matches until eliminated. Recognizing that half the teams will be eliminated in the first afternoon of play, a black point swiss team event is being scheduled in the evening for the teams eliminated.

Jay Ralph is our unit tournament chairman and he suggests that teams be formed and entered now. Although pre-registration is not required, it would help him in forming other teams. (Phone 654-7317) Entry fee will not exceed \$12 per team per match.

First round matches will be seeded and bracketed by average master points per player. 28 board matches will be played in two 14 board halves and there will be imp scoring. All substitutes and replacements must be in strict accordance with the September Bulletin on page 71.

Four, five or six man teams may consist of any ACBL players provided a plurality of the players are from the Delaware unit. Class A, B, C, D, and E conventions will be permitted in all matches.

Since approximately 25% of the entering field will advance to District play, the larger the field the larger our representation. Remember, if you should lose in the first round it may be to the ultimate national champion or by winning one match you will be among the top 50% of the teams in the nation.

## TOP 10

The top 10 DSBA master point holders as of September 25, 1973.

1. Dave Treadwell
2. Evelyn Levitt
3. Eve Skinner
4. Dick Skinner
5. Archie Sparks
6. Parke Woodworth
7. Harold Levitt
8. Muriel Gatti
9. Assen Slavov
10. Don McGee

## NEW SCORING SYSTEM FOR POY

A revised method of selecting the winner of the Mary Bradley Grady Player-Of-The-Year Trophy was submitted to the Board of Directors by Lea duPont. Her new plan was unanimously approved.

Basically it is the same as the old system with several additions and omissions. It goes into effect for the new 1974 season and its provisions are as follows:

## CLASS 1. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- Open Pairs
- Master Pairs
- Invitational Pairs
- Swiss Team

## CLASS 2. RESTRICTED PARTNERSHIP EVENTS

- Men's Pairs
- Women's Pairs
- Mixed Pairs

## CLASS 3. LIMITED MASTER POINT EVENT

- Non-Masters Pairs

Class	Points for position of finish:				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1.	10	7	5	3	2
2.	7	5	3	2	
3.	3	2	1		

There will no longer be POY points for section tops but they will be recorded for purposes of qualifying for the Invitational. There will be no POY points given in the Open Pair Consolation Game. However, the winners will receive 1 point toward qualification for the Invitational.

A strong effort will be made to discourage three man teams entering pair events. In case a substitute is necessary for one session - a person playing two sessions will receive full POY points and one half POY points will be awarded each player playing one session.

In the Swiss Teams, if a team enters a five or six man team, each player must play four or more matches out of eight to qualify for POY points.

If two or more teams tie for an event, average all point awards and round to the nearest tenth.

Invitational qualification will be two or more POY points or two or more section tops. You can also win one of these points by winning the Consolation Game of the Open Pairs. Alternates will include players who have one point.

## OUR DEWS ARE DO

No matter how you slice it or how you spell it - members of the DSBA must pay their dues. If they are not paid by January 10th you will not be eligible to play in State Tournaments nor will you be listed in or receive our new directory. Send \$5 renewal to MRS. MARCIA LONG\*, 707 Ambleside Dr., Westminister, Wilm. 19308 Be sure to note change in phone number.

## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

FRANK GIOVANNINOZZI - LIFE MASTER

A Board of Directors meeting was held on December 13th at the home of our new President, Ralph Poucher. It looked like snow that evening but the members were not worried. Ralph's wife, Doris, furnished nourishment and his Eskimo dog was sitting by the sled.

Sally Orlando was elected as a new member to replace Bob Levering. Bob was forced to resign due to a job transfer and we all wish him good luck.

The Board is considering changing the Friday night game at our Sectionals from a Mixed Pair event to a Masters and Non-Masters Pairs. Please inform Board members of your preference concerning this matter. The Board represents you - let your voice be heard. (Not yours, Ralph Schreyer)

Mel Welch, who is our Chief Director, attended the meeting. We hope that he will attend other meetings so there will always be complete communication between the Directing Staff and the Board of Directors.

The DSB's answer to Omar Sharif became a Life Master so nonchalantly - you wouldn't believe it. Frank really didn't know that he went over the top while playing in the Regional at Lancaster. Not until his report card came from the ACBL in November did he get the news. Most of us scream, shout, cry and kiss everybody in sight - and this guy actually didn't know.

Frank has had great success in team games during the last few years. He has been a member of the winning Summer Round Robin team in 1971 and 1972 as well as this year's State Swiss Team Tournament. Undoubtedly his most impressive local bridge performance was finishing third for the Player Of The Year. "Cool as a cucumber" he has always been a pleasant partner and a formidable opponent.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 8 and 15 - Invitational - By invitation only - Talleyville Fire Hall  
 January 19 and 17 - Men's Pairs - University Club - Don McGee, Chairman  
 February 7 and 14 - Swiss Team - Dupont Country Club  
 March 7 and 14 - New Castle Pairs - Master and Non-masters - Talleyville  
 April 25 and May 2 - Mixed Pairs - Hercules Country Club  
 May 17, 18 and 19 - Blue Hen Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall

## OPEN DUPLICATE GAMES

Monday - DSB's Unit Game - 7:45 - at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Route 202. Swiss Team on first Monday of every month. Pre-registration not required.  
 Monday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon  
 Tuesday - Dover - 8 p.m. Henry B. duPont College Center - Wesley College  
 Wednesday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Delaware Avenue  
 Thursday - Pennsgrove - 7:30 p.m. - YMCA  
 Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon  
 Friday - Newark - 8 p.m. - New Century Club - Haines & Del. Ave. Swiss Team 1st and 3rd Fridays - Pre-registration required.  
 Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team - 2nd & 4th Saturdays - Pre-registration required. Regular duplicate 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays at 8 p.m.

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