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"LET ME TELL YOU HOW WE LOST A MATCH"

These famous last words were repeated over and over after the Swiss Team Championship held at the Dupont Country Club on February 6th and 13th.

After the final session your reporter tabulated the comments of the players and the results were as follows:

Eight players said, "When we got up from the table, we were sure we had won." Two said, "If our partners had played better our mistakes wouldn't have mattered." One player asked, "Here's the hand, would you want to be in slam?" Fourteen stated in no uncertain terms, "I'll never play with those two again!"

Nevertheless, the tournament was extremely successful and Chairperson Ed Flook deserves most of the credit. Another feature was the prompt way the Directors, Mel Welch and Syl Hirsty made the match-ups and kept the game moving. They announced the following results:

1. Lenny Reed - Frank Giovannozzi
Andy Stayton - Mike Eagan
2. Ed Ramler - Ralph Poucher
Annabel Stone - Chris Hirsch
3. Marty Horden - Assen Slavov
Jim Patton - Alan Lauder

Congratulations to Lenny, Frank and Andy who have been on the winning team for the last three years!

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Assen Slavov, Marty Horden, Helen Hirsty and Lea duPont won all four of their matches in Bethlehem and advanced to the Keystone finals. They will play the New York State team captained by Walter May on March 2nd. Let's hope they go all the way and defeat Garozzo and Belladonna next year for the world's championship!

Eve Skinner, Mildred Irwin, Olive Welch and Helen Brown drew a bye on Saturday afternoon, won their match Saturday evening but lost Sunday.

Leona Schneider, Dorothy Goldstein, Rose Hafer and Helen Armstrong won their match on Saturday afternoon but lost at night.

Orlin Norder, Antoinette Lutz, Vicki Byrne and Audrey Sanders had a heartbreak when they lost their first match by a few lumps.

MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP

Assen Slavov and Marty Horden, fresh from victories in Philadelphia and our local Grand National competition, won the 39th Annual Men's Pairs Championship.

The event was held as usual at the University Club and Harry Horwitz was our capable Chairperson. Orlin Norder directed and announced the winners to be:

1. Assen Slavov and Marty Horden
2. Burke Weldon and Wayne Kneisley
3. Ed Flook and Jay Ralph
4. Lenny Lipstein and Matchew Kegelman

Bill Dumas and Garrett Hanby won the prize for the pair who played below average the first session and finished the tournament with the highest score.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The DSBA cordially invites all members of Irish descent to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Talleyville Fire Hall on Monday, March 17.

In order to determine eligibility for this event, the Board of Directors engaged the services of the world famous genealogist, Professor Watts Inna Name who uncovered an astounding fact...all members of the DSBA had their origins in the Emerald Isle.

Proving that the O'Briens, the Eagans and the Byrnes could enter the competition was an easy task for the expert, but tracing the original homeland of the O'Leivitts, the McPehrsons and the Longahans was a feat that only the Professor could accomplish. When all the data was in, the Professor concluded that all members of the DSBA had indeed kissed the Blarney Stone and were entitled to participate in the evening's activities.

Be advised, however, that on this night only the Director may carry a shillelagh. But come anyhow, you'll have a Dublin good time. Co-ordinator for the gathering of the clans is P. Callahan (honest!!!) McGee.

ERIN GO BRAGH!!!

BLUE HEN SECTIONAL

Chairperson, Marcia Long has just announced that Vicki Byrne will be in charge of partnerships for our Blue Hen Sectional that will be held April 25, 26 and 27 at Odd Fellows Hall.

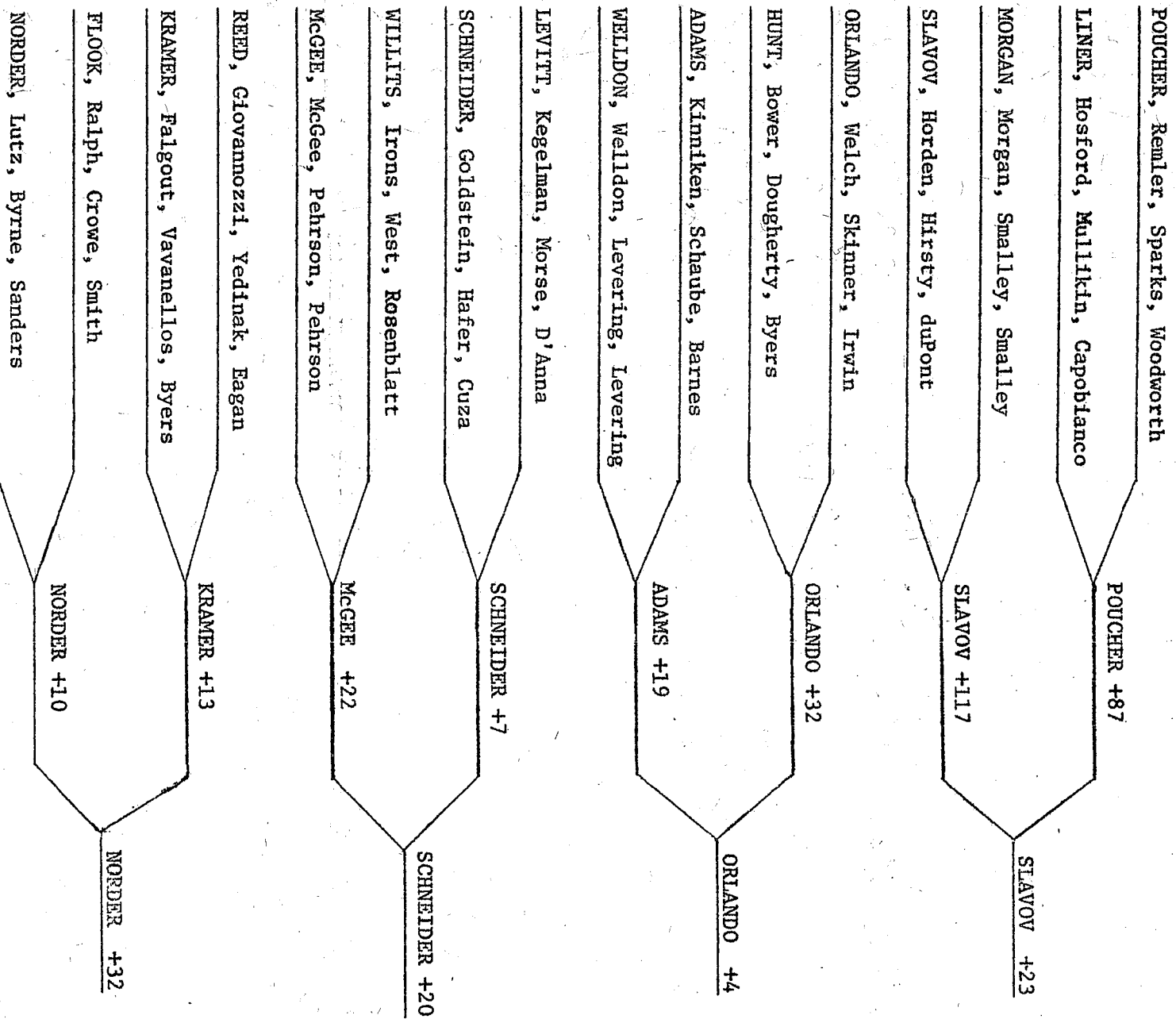
It is not too early to make your bridge dates for this week-end. Phone Vicki at 478-0647.

GRAND NATIONAL A GRAND SUCCESS

Four teams were selected to represent the DSBA in further elimination rounds for the Grand National Championship. They were: Assen Slavov, Marty Horden, Lea duPont and Helen Hirsty; Sally Orlando, Olive Welch, Mildred Irwin and Eve Skinner; Leona Schneider, Dorothy Goldstein, Rose Hafer and Kathy Cuza; Orlin Norder, Antoinette Lutz, Vicki Byrne and Audrey Sanders. These four teams will play in Bethlehem this month, together with other teams from other units, to see who will represent the Keystone Conference in zonal competition later in the year.

Your reporter has attended almost every DSBA tournament since the founding of the organization but he has never seen one run in such a professional manner. It was "big time" all the way. Credit must go to the local Chairperson, Jay Ralph and to Keystone Chairperson, Archie Sparks for the wonderful arrangements, charts and refreshments. Special mention to Syl Hirsty for the fine directing. Faced with a Swiss Team Game on Saturday and Knock-outs on Sunday, Syl ran the games with friendliness, firmness and excellent timing. A National Director would have been proud of such a performance.

Sixteen teams qualified Saturday and on Sunday the Knock-out matches began. The results can be seen on the chart below.



The team captained by Leona Schneider proved to be a sensation. After qualifying Saturday they defeated two of the top seeded teams in the Knock-outs on Sunday. You can take it from a loser, they played darn good bridge and deserved to win.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE INVITATIONAL

Several members have asked that the qualification requirements for the Invitational Tournament be published in the DUMMY. According to the Policy Summary as of 8-26-74 they are as follows:

1. All players with two or more Player-of-the-Year (POY) points qualify unconditionally with the partner with whom they have won the most points (if possible).
2. Players with one POY point may be selected as partners for unconditionally qualified (two or more POY points) players, when no higher ranking partnership exists.
3. Partnerships with one POY point each may play only to complete the movement.
4. Other players with one POY point may play only if absolutely necessary.
5. A player with no POY points is not eligible.
6. Players with section tops in State Tournaments and overall winners of the Open Pairs Consolation are awarded one POY points towards qualification for the Invitational, but these points will not count towards POY standing.

To win POY points players must finish in the top five overall in the following State Tournaments: Open Pairs, New Castle Master Pairs, Swiss Teams.

Or players must finish in the top four overall in the following State Tournaments: Men's Pair, Women's Pair, Mixed Pair.

Players can also win POY points by finishing in the top three overall in the New Castle Non-Master Pairs.

In addition to the above it also helps to have a chairperson with the wisdom of Solomon.

NEW NOVICE GAME

Tom Kramer, who runs the Wednesday night game in Newark, has just announced the start of a new Novice Game. This will be a special section for players with ten master points or less. In addition, Tom will give free lessons to the Novice players beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The DSBA has needed a successful Novice Game for a long time. Let's all of us talk it up and get Tom off to a good start. This will be a wonderful opportunity for new players to be introduced to duplicate in the most friendly atmosphere.

The Novice Game will be held in conjunction with the regular duplicate at the Unitarian Church, 420 Willa Road at 7:45 p.m.

$$1 + 4850 = 5.5$$

Shaun Hutchinson, who had one master point, played the Dave Treadwell who had 4850 masterpoints and together they won the Charity Game that was held at the Delcastle Recreation Center. Since this victory was worth 5.5 master points Dave was quick to point out that although Shaun's total increased 550% his total only increased .113402061856%.

Rudy Lisa and Carter Williams finished second, the Pehrsons were third and Carl Clodius and Leona Schneider were fourth.

The New Castle County Department of Parks and Recreation (Co-sponsor with the DSBA) not only donated the playing space but gave us card tables to use and all the free coffee we could drink.

Twenty-three tables turned out to Trump Out Cancer and \$180 profit will be turned over to the fund. Sally Orlando and Leona Schneider were the Co-Chairwomen and Archie Sparks was our free Director.

* It would be interesting to know how many "Duponters" will check this number.

POY

Andy Stayton, our economical statistician, purchased a pocket computer at the Dry Goods on Dollar Day. For \$9.95 he received an irregular machine with a floating decimal and six parking stamps.

Armed with this one fingered bandit, Andy sat down and in a few minutes came up with the following Player-Of-The-Year standing:

1/2	Marty Horden	12
1/2	Assen Slavov	12
3/6	Mike Eagan	10
3/6	Frank Giovannozzi	10
3/6	Lenny Reed	10
3/6	Andy Stayton	10
7/10	Chris Hirsch	7
7/10	Ralph Poucher	7
7/10	Ed Ramler	7
7/10	Annabel Stone	7
11/14	Wayne Kneisley	5
11/14	Alan Lauder	5
11/14	Jim Patton	5
11/14	Burke Weildon	5
15/20	Ed Flook	3
15/20	Frank Pehrson	3
15/20	Helen Pehrson	3
15/20	Bill Laffey	3
15/20	Frank Nichols	3
15/20	Jay Ralph	3
21/22	Matt Keegelman	2
21/22	Lenny Lipstein	2

There was also a group of twenty players who tied for fourth place in the Swiss Team - each has one point.

THANKS A MILLION

Evelyn Levitt would like to thank everyone who has been so thoughtful during her recent illness. She has defended a heart contract with her usual good spirit and determination.

So that means there is good news and there is bad news. The good news is that she is almost better. The bad news is that she'll be back at the bridge table very soon.....

NEW BRIDGE GAME AND COLUMN

Yvonne La Pash is now running an open duplicate game every Friday evening (7:45) at the Delcastle Recreation Center, 801 McKennan's Church Road. Entry fee will be \$1.50 and all bridge players are invited.

Yvonne is also writing a bridge column for the Weekly Post. If you have an interesting hand you would like to give her or want some information about the new duplicate game, phone her at 994-7540.

LEONA SCHNEIDER, LIFE MASTER

As everyone knows the world is made up of goodies and badies. One of the leaders of the goodie group is Leona Schneider, so this makes it a double pleasure to report she is now a Life Master.

Playing in Bethlehem with Helen Armstrong, Leona went "over" when her team won their first match in the Grand National. However, through the years her two favorite partners have been Vernetta Matt and Carl Clodius.

Leona arrived from Ohio about nine years ago with her husband Gene, her daughter and twin sons. Since then she has been very interested in bridge and the DSBA. Recently she has been on the Board of Directors and has done a fine job in charge of the Charity Games.

It is difficult to be a good partner and a good opponent at the same time. Leona does this with ease and is a credit to the game whenever she plays.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE AND SPECIAL EVENTS

March 14 - Nation-wide Charity Game - Delcastle Center - Sect. rating - 7:45
 March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Party - 7:45 Talleyville with regular duplicate.
 St. Pat McGee Chairwoman.
 April 3 and 10 New Castle - Masters and Non-Masters
 April 25, 26 and 27 - Blue Hen Sectional - Odd Fellows Hall
 May 8 and 15 - Mixed Pairs - Hercules Country Club
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 December 4 and 11 - Invitational

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 Wednesday - Newark - 7:45 P.M. Unitarian Church, 420 Willa Road.
 Thursday - Pennsgrove - 7:30 p.m. - Y.M.C.A.
 Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon.
 Friday - Delcastle Recreation Center - 7:45 - 801 McKennan's Church Road.
 Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team, 2nd Sat. - Pre-Registration required.
 Regular duplicate 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE

Tuesday and Thursday - 8 p.m. - Sea Colony East - Bethany Beach
 Wednesday - 12 Noon - Luncheon & duplicate at Henlopen Hotel - Rehoboth
 *For information contact Richard Green, P. O. Box 672, Bethany Beach, Delaware

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JACK IS BACK

Johnny Millers can come and go but there is only one Jack Nicklaus. This most successful golfer triumphed again last week when he won the Masters at Augusta.

Our Jack Nicklaus, Evelyn Levitt, returning to bridge after a recent illness, proved that she is still a winner by taking the Masters at Talleyville. Evelyn may not swing like Jack but she certainly has his ability, concentration and will to win. And since she plays with your Editor, she knows how to scramble out of the rough.

Archie Sparks, who is pound for pound our finest Director, announced the winners of the Masters and Non-Master sections.

MASTERS

1. Evelyn and Harold Levitt
2. Frank Giovannozzi and Andy Stayton
3. Ken Meyer and Parke Woodworth
4. Assen Slavov and Marty Horden
- 5/7. Elsie DiSabatino & Helen Armstrong
- 5/7. Lea duPont and Dave Treadwell
- 5/7. Lenny Lipstein and Matchew Kegelman

NON-MASTERS

1. Liz Fahl and Fran Kirkpatrick
2. Ed Malloy and Ed O'Brien
3. Stephen Gula and E. J. Wilson
4. Allen Levine and Jess Willard
5. John Benigo and David Reitz

Since there is only one prize to a customer, Steve Gula and E.J. Wilson won the special award. This was given to the pair making the best showing who had less than 40 master points between them.

This tournament was run very success fully by three "rookies". Congratulations to Shaun Hutchinson, Kathie O'Brien and Sonia Zack.

OVERHEARD AT THE TABLE

Several Directors have mentioned the fact that the Mastor Point Box at Talleyville is jammed full-so, please pick up your slips... A show of hands at the last tournament showed that most women still prefer the Women's Pair to be held on Thursday Evenings. One may say that this sample was loaded since these women obviously play on Thursday evening-but on the otherhand these are the ones who support out State Tournaments... At the New Castle Pairs, Ed Ramler was clocked eating eleven sandwiches between one round. After the game his partner said that he over bit every hand...

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, EVERYONE IS IRISH

And this applied to everyone who played bridge at the St. Patrick's Day Party which was held in conjunction with our regular Monday Night game.

Ninety-six Irish people, many dressed in bright green outfits, their stomachs full of Irish Whisky, pretended they were bridge players. The room was decorated in what may loosely be called eighteenth century Irish Renaissance and the bartenders wore traditional mustaches.

Pat McGee was the leader of the band and was ably assisted by good ole' Shaun-essy. Our director changed his name from O. Norder to O'Norder in honor of the occasion. Oh Norder! The unusually noisy game would have warmed the heart of any Irish bridge player. Some of the successful tipsy bids would have made any expert turn green with nausea. While prizes were being given to the four most pleasant opponents, the unpleasant ones drowned their sorrow at the bar.

Amid all this chaos someone won the door prize - it was a green bagel engraved, "On St. Patrick's Day, Everyone Is Irish."

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

With the background music of "Get Me To The Church On Time", our Board of Directors got down to serious business. They urged the membership to get to the Monday night game on time or they may be turned away when they arrive late. They may play only at the discretion of the Director.

Leona Schneider announced that there will be a Charity Game for the benefit of the Talleyville Fire Co. This is a good cause, good PR and will pile up some Brownie points that we may need in the future.

The Open Pairs will again be held on one day with dinner between sessions. This format has been popular since it gives the players with low scores in the afternoon a chance to take out their frustrations at the table. (dining, not bridge)

The record player was still playing music from My Fair Lady at the Board departed. Hostess Chris Hirsch was last seen leaning against her lamp post softly singing "On The Street Where I Live."

CLOBBERED UNDER THE OLIVE BRANCH

Olive Welch and Margaret Embury sat down at the game very quietly and peacefully and then proceeded to clobber the field. The clobbering took place at the Nationwide Charity Game which was held at the Delcastle Recreation Center on Friday evening the 14th of March.

Twenty-four tables turned out to help Trump Out Cancer. Director Mike Eagan announced the winners to be:

1. Olive Welch and Margaret Embury
2. Lea duPont and Frank Giovannozzi
3. Ina Morse and Lenny Reed
4. Marcia Long and Mel Welch

Hand records and delicious refreshments contributed in making the evening a success.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE HE CALLED COLLECT?

Whenever Dave Treadwell has a "big win" at a National Tournament he is allowed to call your Editor collect. However, calling from Hawaii collect has to be a little ridiculous.

The 8 a.m., \$26.10 phone call took place when Dave's Vanderbilt team defeated Lew Mathe, Harlow Lewis, Peter Pender, Steve Altman, Tom Smith and Art Waldeman.

Dave's teammates were Jack Schwencke, Gary Fischer, Garey Hayden, Gaylor Kasle and Lou Blum. This victory put them in the round of eight and it was quite an upset since the Mathe team had been seeded third.

"SKIP-BID, PLEASE WAIT!"

The skip-bid warning (properly phrased "Skip-bid, please wait") announces your intention to skip a level of bidding and commands the next opponent to wait ten seconds before bidding. This way, if your jump bid puts him on the spot, he won't communicate that fact to his partner by hesitation. He has to hesitate even with a yarborough.

If you use the warning, use it every time you skip a level of bidding. That means use it when you make a weak two-bid. Or a strong two-bid. Or open the bidding three notrump. Or jump shift. Or make a preemptive jump overcall. Or respond 6C to a Blackwood 4NT. Give the warning every time you skip a level. And if your RHO makes a skip bid, wait those ten seconds, don't squirm, and don't look at your watch. Bridge works on rules and you're courting penalties if you don't observe them.

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DARN IT

The DSBA's number one Grand National team consisting of Assen Slavov, Marty Horden, Helen Hirsty and Lea duPont lost a very close match in the Keystone finals.

On March 2nd they journeyed to Scranton and lost to a team captained by Walter May. To get that far they qualified in Wilmington and then won four straight matches in Bethlehem.

This team is to be congratulated for such an outstanding performance.

SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

It's that time of the year again and that means that the Summer Round Robin is just around the corner. This year Jay Ralph is Chairperson and he plans to organize several leagues in the most pleasurable event sponsored by the DSBA. Jay assures your Editor that the "Fix is on" and that the same team will win again this year.

The matches will take place in the members' homes during June, July and early August. You may enter a 4, 5, or 6 person team and the entry fee is only \$10 for your entire team for the entire summer. This may be the best value since the 5¢ Hershey Bar or the penny postal card.

Please form your team now and send it with your entry fee to Jay Ralph, 123 Dickinson Lane, Wilmington, Delaware 19807. His home phone number is 654-7317 and his work phone is 774-3286. 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 Chairperson.

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 final matches. Since this event is sanctioned by the ACBL, appropriate rating and master points will be issued. As soon as the leagues have been formed each captain will receive a schedule and instructions.

AWFA NORDER IS AWFA NICE

One of the most important members of the DSBA is Orpha Norder. Over the years she has made many worthwhile contributions to our organization. These things she has done in a very quiet manner and most of the membership does not know of her activities.

Although Orpha does not play in our State Tournaments she always volunteers to be on call in case of an emergency. Sometimes she may just play a hand or two and sometimes a single session. It is quite a comfort to the director and the Tournament Chairperson to know that "she is there".

Several times Orpha was Partnership Chairperson of our Sectional Tournaments. Once she was ill and conducted her partnership pairing from her sick bed. A fine player and bridge teacher, you will find that Awfa Norder is awfa nice.

POY

Andy Stayton, who is in charge of the Player of The Year standings, has decided to use a lottery. He came to the obvious conclusion that the one being used by the State of Delaware was too simple-so he devised his own.

The first thing you do is to take the pages out of the DSBA Directory and paste them on the wall. To win you must throw exactly 28 darts and hit in order the 28 members names having won the most POY points. It is slightly co-incidental that the first dart hit his name...

1/2. Andy Stayton	17
1/2. Frank Giovannozzi	17
3/4. Marty Horden	15
3/4. Assen Slavov	15
5. Harold Levitt	11
6/8. Mike Eagan	10
6/8. Lenny Reed	10
6/8. Evelyn Levitt	10
9/12. Chris Hirsch	7
9/12. Ralph Poucher	7
9/12. Ed Ramler	7
9/12. Annabel Stone	7
13. Ken Meyer	6
14/18. Parke Woodworth	5
14/18. Alan Lander	5
14/18. Jim Patton	5
14/18. Wayne Kneisley	5
14/18. Burke Welldon	5
19/28. Ed Flook	3
19/28. Jay Ralph	3
19/28. Bill Lafey	3
19/28. Frank Nichols	3
19/28. Frank Pehrson	3
19/28. Helen Pehrson	3
19/28. Lenny Lipstein	3
19/28. Matchew Kegelman	3
19/28. Liz Fahl	3
19/28. Fran Kirkpatrick	3

BELOW THE CANAL

Seems my column for the last issue was lost in the mail, but we "below the canals" are still playing bridge. The following are recent successes of some of our members:

Women's Pairs at King of Prussia
Lillian Schaub and Patti Pake
Doom's DBC Charity Game
Frank Kinnamon - Pauline Hallett
International Fund Game
Joan Abraham and Pauline Hallett
Continental Charity Game
Audrey Barnes and Margaret Pelen
Kent County Club Tournament
Eve Skinner and Annabel Stone

Mark the following dates on your calendar-May 1st and May 20th. On the 1st the Doom's DBC will host a charity game for the benefit of the State Retarded Children Association. While on the 20th the Kent County Bridge Club will sponsor a charity game in memory of Diz Bell. Hope to see you at both games.

Good luck at the Blue Hen Sectional!

Patti Cake

THE TALE OF TWO CHEVIES

Charles Dickens once wrote "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". Ed Wordon was thinking of this quote during the second session of the Master Pairs. He had just finished playing with Dexter Pattison and they had one of their usual best and worst games. Fourteen tops and thirteen bottoms.

When it was time to go home Ed went to the parking lot and couldn't find his car. After looking three times he finally called the police. Out he went again and this time he thought he saw the culprits driving around the parking lots and alleys in the area. Like a modern day Ronald Coleman he chased the "thieves" on foot until he was on the verge of complete exhaustion. He was quite dramatic and was heard to mutter something that sounded like "It is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever done."

Later he called home to ask his wife the registration and license number of his car. He was now told in no uncertain terms that he had taken his wife's car to the game! Since he had never driven his wife's car before, it was only natural for Ed to be looking for the wrong car all the time. Her car was still on the lot exactly where he had parked it early in the evening.

When Ed finally came home he found his wife sitting in the living room knitting. She gave him a look... He would rather have faced the guillotine.

BLUE HEN SECTIONAL - ODD FELLOWS HALL, 3301 MARKET STREET

Friday, April 25, 1975

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 26, 1975

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, April 27, 1975

SWISS TEAM OF FOUR (Two Sessions) 1:00 & 6:45 P.M.
 Partnership Chairperson - Vicki Byrne - Phone 478-0647

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On this page of Tournament Schedules and regular duplicate games it is essential to mention the Summer Round Robin. Undoubtedly this is the most enjoyable event on the DSBA Calendar. The Dummy recommends that every member sign up to play - so form your team today. One of the highlights will be Sally Orlando's coconut cake.

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KNOCK, KNOCK, WHO'S THERE

Sally and Ralph, that's who. After knocking on the door for many years, Sally Orlando and Ralph Poucher won the Mixed Pair Championship held last month at the Hercules Country Club. After finishing second and third for so many years, "Richard" finally opened the door.

Barbara Streisand, I'm sorry, I mean Phyllis Carrel was our Chairperson and Funny Lady. She wants to thank everyone for coming, and to inform all the players who attended, that the white Chevrolet is still on the parking lot with the lights on. Could it be Ed Worden's missing car?

It was difficult to tell whether Mike Eagan was a bridge director or a sportscaster. The way he announced the results he sounded like Howard Cosell doing a Flyers game. Whenever he was called to the table he always put the guilty player in the penalty box. After the game he flashed these final results on the scoreboard.

1. Sally Orlando and Ralph Poucher
2. Evelyn Levitt and Harold Levitt
3. Yvonne LaPash and Earl Cummins
- 4/5. Eugenia Slavov and Assen Slavov
- 4/5. Ina Morse and Vince D'Anna
6. Elaine Slatcher and Ed Slatcher

NOVICE GAME

The DUMMY would like to take this opportunity to announce once more that there is a bridge game for novice players. It is held the first and third Friday of every month at the Delcastle Recreation Area, 801 McKenna's Church Road. This duplicate game starts at 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Over the years the DSBA has tried unsuccessfully to run a novice game. Now it seems that we have one that is really catching on. On May 6th there were six full tables!

Our organization depends on new duplicate bridge players and there can be no better introduction to the wonderful world of duplicate than a friendly novice game. Normally the DUMMY doesn't go out of its way to advertise a private game - but in this particular case we would like to give credit to Yvonne LaPash who is doing quite a service for the unit. For additional information call her at 994-7540

MARCIA LONG ON ATTENDANCE

The Blue Hen Sectional was held on April 25, 26, and 27th and set an all time high attendance record for the Odd Fellows Hall. The performance by local players also set a record. In the six events, DSBA members had five firsts, five seconds and six thirds!

Marcia Long with the help of Vicki Byrne and Antoinette Lutz were responsible for one of our most successful tournaments. Jack Fetterman and Esther DeRaad ran flawless movements as local players swept one event after another. Here's the good news:

Women's Pair

1. Vicki Byrne and Margaret Embury
2. Elizabeth Dahlenburg and Julia Kadel
3. Kathy Cuza and Toni Cohen
4. Janet Robertson and Bonnie Rosen
5. Annabel Stone and Rosalie Knirfirst

Men's Pair

1. Archie Sparks and Parke Woodworth
2. Phil Crowe and Les Smith
3. Andy Stayton and Assen Slavov
4. Dexter Pattison and Mike McKenna
5. Bruce Keidan and Arnold Fisher

Mixed Pair

1. Pat McGee and Don McGee
2. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bason
3. Patti Cake and Alex Danilenko
4. Vicki Byrne and Andy Stayton
5. Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell

Open Pair

1. Joseph Livezey and Bruce Silverstein
2. Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell
- 3/4. Antoinette Lutz and Orlin Norder
- 3/4. Ray Raskin and Gene Gardner
5. Will Rogers and Kenneth Chatzinoif

Consolation

1. Elizabeth Dahlenburg and Laura Handloff
2. Helen Hirsty and Syl Hirsty
3. Millie McConnell and Fran Fischer
4. Assen Slavov and Marty Hordeen
5. Pat McGee and Don McGee

Swiss Team

1. Andy Stayton - Frank Giovannozzi
2. Lenny Reed - Ina Morse - Mike Eagan
- 3/5. Pat McGee - Don McGee
- 3/5. Helen Brown - Elsie Disabatino
- 3/5. Les Smith - Phil Crowe
- 3/5. Jay Ralph - Ed Flook
- 3/5. Tom Kramer - Arthur Korth
- 3/5. Charles Rivers - William Brown
- 3/5. Gabriella Amadeo - Marie Gaynor
- Ethel Silver - Emily Economidis

DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM

The King of Hearts is led against six spades and the contract can be made even if the defense is perfect.

S-KQX
H-
D-QXX
C-AXXXXXX

S-JXX
H-AXXX
D-KXXX
C-XX

S-X
H-XXXXXX
D-XXX
C-QJX

S-AXXXXX
H-QJ10
D-AJX
C-X

If anyone can solve this problem they will receive a suitable prize. If you give up and want the answer just call the biggest DUMMY you know.

BELOW THE CANAL

There have been a number of bridge parties the last couple of months for "below the Canalers". On April 17th the Dover Officers Open Mess (DOOMS) DBC had a surprise party for their duplicate players to celebrate their first anniversary. Everyone seemed to enjoy the home-made appetizers and souvenir convention card holders. On June 3rd the Kent County BC put on a lovely dinner at the Elks Club while on the 10th the Ladies BC hosted an outstanding lunch complete with door prizes.

There are two special Olympiad Fund Games planned for this month. One on the 19th at the Dover Officers Club, while KCRC will hold their's June 24th at Wesley College. Plan to attend.

Looks like Kent and Sussex County bridge players will be getting together this summer for some Round Robin fun. So far six teams have signed up. For information contact Lillian Schaub.

Next month you will have a new Below The Canal reporter by the name of Betty Ramage because my family will be leaving the Dover area. I have enjoyed writing our news and hope that this column has helped "bridge" the canal. Good luck and good bridge to each one of you.

Patti Cake

Editor's Note:

Everyone who has known Patti while she has been in our unit will be sorry to hear that she is leaving. On behalf of the DUMMY as well as the DSBA we wish her and her family good health, good luck and good bridge wherever they may go. I am sure when she reads the Patti Cake nursery rhyme to her little baby - she will always think of her friends in Delaware.

HANDY ANDY THE HANDICAPPER

The Green Sheet that is sold at race tracks from coast to coast is published by the world famous Handy Andy The Handicapper. With amazing accuracy he predicts what horses will win the races. If he is wrong he immediately prints another card with the actual winners and pretends it was his original selection.

Handy now gives you his standing and comments in the current Player Of The Year Sweepstakes. If he isn't right, don't worry he'll correct his mistakes in the next few issues of the DUMMY.

1/2	Frank G. (Forget last race)	17
1/2	Handy A. (Selector's choice)	17
3/4	Assen S. (Fierce competitor)	16
3/4	Harold L. (Good stable)	16
5/6	Evelyn L. (Chalk)	15
5/6	Marty H. (Mudder)	15
7.	Ralph P. (Overweight - needs girdle for the stretch)	14

Rest of the Field

8/9	Mike Eagan	10
8/9	Lenny Reed	10
10/13	Chris Hirsch	7
10/13	Ed Ramler	7
10/13	Sally Orlando	7
10/13	Annabel Stone	7
14.	Ken Meyer	6
15/19	Parke Woodworth	5
15/19	Alan Lauder	5
15/19	Jim Patton	5
15/19	Wayne Kneisley	5
15/19	Burke Welldon	5
20.	Earl Cummins	4
21/31	Ed Flook	3
21/31	Jay Ralph	3
21/31	Bill Lafey	3
21/31	Frank Nichols	3
21/31	Frank Pehrson	3
21/31	Helen Pehrson	3
21/31	Lenny Lipstein	3
21/31	Matchew Kegelman	3
21/31	Liz Fahl	3
21/31	Fran Kirkpatrick	3
21/31	Yvonne LaPash	3

WE DON'T HAVE A DRESS CODE

But wouldn't it be nice if everyone came to the bridge game dressed neatly and in good taste? There has to be something wrong when some women come to our State Tournaments and special events in long skirts and some of the men come in dungarees and dirty tee shirts.

We all know that this is a free country and unless the DSBA passes a dress code, a player can come dressed as he pleases. However, the bridge game is no place to demonstrate your rebellion against the establishment.

Let's everyone think about the other people in the game - it isn't fair to make anyone uncomfortable.

*The Editor will Print an Opposing point of view.

1975 ROUND ROBIN

"HI-POWER DOUBLERS"

1. EVELYN LEVITT, Harold Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Ken Meyer, Matt Kegelman, Lenny Lipstein.
2. LES SMITH, Phil Crowe, Jay Ralph, Ed Flook.
3. ED HAVERBECK, Jerzey Zawisza, John Siverts, Harry Horwitz, Bert Mahla, Max Bell.
4. CAL MOYER, Rudy Lisa, Carter Williams, Alan lauder, Jim Patton, Urve Moyer.
5. JESS WILLARD, Kathie O'Brien, Al Levine, Joann Prather, Shaun Hutchinson.
6. MARSHA LONG, Phyllis Carrel, Don Boynton, Wayne Kneisley, Burke Wellidon.
7. BERNARD LINER, Estelle Liner, Howard Cohen, Karen Cohen.

"COOPERATIVE DOUBLERS"

1. MIKE EAGAN, Lenny Reed, Frank Giovannozzi, Andy Stayton, Vernon Kirk, Mike Yedinak.
2. WILCOX BROWN, Helen Brown, Archie Sparks, Carolyn Sparks, Frank Pehrson, Helen Pehrson.
3. ASSEN SLAVOV, Eugenia Slavov, Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Lucky Vavanellos, Kathy Cuza.
4. ELIZABETH FAHL, Fran Kirkpatrick, Barbara Herr, Barbara Furbeck, D.H. Little, Helen Little.
5. BILL DUMAS, Elaine Dumas, Al Fischer, Fran Fischer, Millie McConnell.
6. KATHY SMALLEY*, Jim Smalley, Ed Slatcher, Elaine Slatcher, John Bender, Pat Bender.
7. MARIAM HUNT, Marie Bower, Blanche Dougherty, Beth Byers, Hazel Brennan, Susanne Singer.

** NEW CAPTAIN

"LO-POWER DOUBLERS"

1. RALPH POUCHER, Ed Ramler, Don McGee, Pat McGee, Parke Woodworth.
2. ORLIN NORDER, Chris Hirsch, Antoinette Lutz, Lea duPont, Helen Hirsty, Syl Hirsty.
3. EVE SKINNER, Milfred Irwin, Garrett Hanby, Earl Cummins, Bill Lafey, Fred Gillespie.
4. SALLY ORLANDO, Margaret Embury, Ann Cullen, Joan Whipple, Vicki Byrne, Audrey Saunders.
5. LAURA HANDLOFF, Sis Isaacson, Annabel Stone, Elsie Disabatino, Rosalie Kurfirst.
6. LEONA SCHNEIDER, Rose Hafer, Carl Clodius, Liz Dahlenburg, Dorothy Goldstein.
7. HERB WILLITS, Mildred Capabianco, Robert Irons, Marguerite Mullikin, Freuda Rosenblatt.

"RING-TAILED DOUBLERS"

1. ALBERT ADAMS, Lillian Schaub, Tom Derrickson, Sue Derrickson.
2. LEO CRAVEN, Karen Craven, Denis Tuck, Julie Burns.
3. LEONARD COVERL, Jeane Thompson, Margaret Mooney, Audrey Barnes.
4. JACKIE KASE, Mark Kipperman, Dan Schaffer, Jane Schaffer.
5. REBA SCHWARTZ, Joan Abraham, Pauline Postles, Pauline Hallett, Gisela Bitler, Margaret Hartnett.
6. WILLIAM REMENTER, Marge Rementer, Louis Mancuso, Kay Mancuso.

* The Dover league coordinator is Lillian Schaub - 301-482-8025.

PROAMPROAMPROAMPROAMPORAMPROAMPROAMPROAMPROAM

The Annual Pro-Am Game will be held on Monday evening, July 14, in place of the regular duplicate at Talleyville. Every Am must have ten or less master points and every pro must play like he has more than ten. This is one of the most popular and important events of our bridge year so lets everyone plan to attend.

STANDING OF SUMMER ROUND ROBIN AS OF JUNE 22ND

"Hi-Power Doublers"

	Won	2	Lost	0
Smith	1	1	0	0
Levitt	2	2	1	0
Long	1	1	1	1
Haverbeck	1	1	1	1
Moyer	1	1	1	1
Liner	0	0	1	1
Willard	0	0	3	3

"Cooperative Doublers"

	Won	2	Lost	0
Hunt	2	2	0	0
Slavov	2	2	0	0
Fahl	2	2	1	1
Smalley	0	0	1	1
Eagan	0	0	1	1
Dumas	0	0	2	2
Brown	0	0	0	0

"Lo-Power Doublers"

	Won	2	Lost	0
Poucher	1	1	0	0
Worder	1	1	0	0
Schneider	1	1	1	1
Willits	1	1	2	2
Orlando	0	0	1	1
Skinner	0	0	1	1
Handloff	0	0	0	0

"Ring-Tailed Doublers"

	Won	1	Lost	0
Adams	1	1	0	0
Covell	1	1	0	0
Craven	0	0	1	1
Kase	0	0	1	1
Schwartz	0	0	0	0
Mementor	0	0	0	0

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Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon.
Friday - Delcastle Recreation Center - 7:45 - 801 McKennan's Church Road.
Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team, 2nd Sat. - Pre-Registration required.
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THE DUMMY

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WITH MOP IN HAND

At one time during the recent Pro-Am Game, our Chairman Cal Moyer was seen all dressed up in his red sport jacket, mopping up a spilled drink in front of the refreshment table. After working like a dog to make this event successful - this extra effort was quite symbolic.

A record 39 tables turned out for a fun evening of bridge. Mike Eagan directed and hand analyses were distributed at the conclusion of the game. Refreshments were delightful and plentiful.

The Section top winners were:

Herb Willits and Mary Lockart
Shaun Hutchinson and Rich Rowland
Harold Levitt and Nancy Repman
Ed Haverbeck and J. P. Walsh
Ginny Cordrey and John Roach
John Siverts and Max Bell

An event like this is a complete success if the Pros follow through and continue to play with the Ams. You do not have to mop the floor like Cal but you can do your part for the DSBA by making the Pro-Am Game a continuing success.

NO CHANGE IN POV

Since there have been no State Tournaments since the last issue of the DUMMY, the standing of the Player of the Year remains status quo. With the Women's Open and Invitational Tournaments still on the schedule the leaders are:

1/2	Frank Giovannozzi	17
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3/4	Assen Slavov	16
3/4	Harold Levitt	16
5/6	Marty Horden	15
5/6	Evelyn Levitt	15
7	Ralph Poucher	14
8/9	Mike Eagan	10
8/9	Lenny Reed	10
10/13	Chris Hirsch	7
10/13	Ed Ramlar	7
10/13	Sally Orlando	7
10/13	Annabel Stone	7
14	Ken Meyer	6

THE SPARKS FLY

Over the Fourth of July week-end, Archie Sparks playing with his son Jeff and Mr. and Mrs. Cason of Roanoke, Virginia, won the Regional K.O. team event held in that city. 78 teams competed through four days and six sessions. Jeff is now one of the editors of his unit's publication. From one editor to another - congratulations!

ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8

The annual meeting of the DSBA will be held prior to the Club Championship Game at Talleyville on September 8th at 7 p.m. Every member who arrives before 7 o'clock will receive a free entry.

In addition to the regular business meeting new Board members will be elected to replace those whose term of office has expired. The members of the Nominating Committee are: Evelyn Levitt, Chairperson, Mildred Irwin, Jim Foley, Jean Thompson and Les Smith. The slate they have selected for approval consists of: Kathie O'Brien, Marcia Long, Marian Hunt, Howard Cohen, Jean Thompson and John Siverts.

There will also be one Board member elected from the floor. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, make sure that the person is willing to serve, and present the name at the appropriate time.

Let's have thirty tables of free entries. Don't worry, the DSBA can afford it and is pleased to give this free game to the membership. Remember, each player must arrive before 7 p.m. to get a free entry.

DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM

The double dummy problem that appeared in the last issue created a great deal of interest. With the lead of the KH you can make 6S against any defense.

S-KQX	
H-	
D-QXX	
C-AXXXXXX	
S-JXX	S-X
H-AXXX	H-XXXXXX
D-KXXX	D-XXX
C-XX	C-QJX
S-AXXXXXX	
H-QJ10	
D-AJX	
C-X	

The correct play is to trump in the dummy, play the A and K of Clubs discarding a heart, play another Club and trump with the A, play a small trump to the dummy, play another club and discard your last heart. At this point, no matter what the defense does the hand is ice-cold.

Twenty three members either wrote or called the editor with the correct answer. John Elliott was the first. His prize will be - from now on he will be known as Double Dummy John...

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PHIL CROWE

Bridge in Delaware is fun! This is reflected in the attitude of friendly competition of all of you, and has resulted in another banner year for the DSBA.

Our membership continues to improve, and currently stands at 633, an increase of 28 from last September 30. Our efforts to continue this trend include promotional material distributed through the Welcome Wagons and a new program of giving a free entry to any person playing at the Monday night game for the first time. Your efforts to make new people feel comfortable and welcome is the biggest factor of all.

The Monday night game is thriving at the Talleyville Fire Hall under the able direction of Jay Ralph. Attendance is slightly ahead of last year, which was a good one, and looks as if this might be the best year since 1968. Be sure to watch our new bulletin board for announcements of coming events and other items of interest.

Our special events this year, creations of the fertile mind of Pat McGee, were quite successful and popular. The Christmas-Hanukkah Party in December and the St. Patrick's Day Party in March were enjoyed by all. The latter was particularly notable for the "Green Bagel" award donated by the O'Leivitts and the dashing mustachioed bartenders (I don't have all the adhesive off yet). The Pro-Am Game drew 39 tables, and we have held four successful charity games -- three for the national organization and one this month for the benefit of the fire hall.

Our State Tournaments were successful and well run due to the planning and guidance of Vicki Byrne and Ann Cullen, and the outstanding efforts of the respective chairpersons and their committees. Evelyn Levitt may have met her match in running Sectional Tournaments as Marsha Long drew record attendance at the Blue Hen in April and is planning better things for the Diamond State in September. Evelyn may have relinquished this job willingly -- or was she kicked upstairs?

Your Board has continued its efforts to promote smoother running games in Delaware. Thanks largely to the efforts of Frank Pehrson, extending over two years, the DSBA Procedure Guide has been updated to reflect changes since 1968. Arch Sparks, our Chief Director, is spearheading the development of a similar description and guide covering the duties and responsibilities of DSBA directors, which will provide a uniform basis for directing all DSBA functions.

In new developments, at the last Board meeting we adopted a new Unit Award Program offered by the ACBL. Awards will be given to the DSBA members winning the most master points during 1975 in six different classifications as of January 1, 1975: 0 to 4.99 recorded points, 5.00 to 19.99 points, and the standard classifications of Master, National Master, Senior Master and Advanced Senior Master. Sorry Life Masters, you've got yours. Also, at least partially through the efforts of Jim Foley, a television series "Play Bridge With the Experts", will be shown on Channel 12 this Fall.

Cal Moyer advises that our financial condition is strong, and that we ought to finish the year on the plus side, slightly better than last year. A detailed financial report will be available at the annual meeting.

All in all, this has been an extremely successful year for all of us, and your Board has worked very hard for these results. We owe a vote of thanks to all of them, with special recognition of the outgoing members: Vicky Byrne, Tournament Chairperson, Chris Hirsch, Secretary-Marcia Long, Membership-Leona Schneider, Charity Games-Andy Stayton, Player of the Year Records-Sally Orlando, Club Liaison-and last but not least Ralph Foucher, Advisor, whose comments and advice were unavoidable (requiescat in pace). I also would like to offer a special commendation to the head "Dummy", Harold Levitt, whose contributions are appreciated by us all. I hereby sentence him to another year as editor as penance for his "unpardonable effort" last October.

In closing, I hope to see you all on September 8th at the annual meeting. It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve you as President, and it has been my extreme good fortune to have had such an excellent Board.

MILDRED CAPOBIANCO, LIFE MASTER

Success stories are always good reading particularly if they are about someone you know, someone who has a very big heart and who had done innumerable favors for her many friends, driving them, feeding them, shopping for them, etc. etc. Well, it's no story but a fact, Mildred Capobianco has made Life Master!

Some years ago she wanted me to go to a tournament in Atlantic City. As I was having trouble walking, I declined as I knew I couldn't get around. When Mildred makes up her mind things happen. She said she would push me in a wheel chair and so she did. She also volunteered to pack a lunch for us (Marian Hunt, Marie Bower and myself). As we were going to the Traymore Hotel I tried to point out that this was "silly". No-way Mildred packed the lunch. When we arrived and went into the hotel, there was a beautiful fountain coming out of the Chandelier in the lobby. They had BIG trouble. Pipes had broken and as one of the results all the dining rooms were shut down. While others rushed around to get something to eat, we had a delicious picnic lunch from Mildred's hamper. We got some red points and Mildred continued until she achieved the goal recently at a tournament in New York.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mildred from all your many friends.

Frances (Salzenberg) Bradley

LERROY BRILL, LIFE MASTER

It all started in 1960. That was when Leroy and I won the Men's Pair at the Diamond State Sectional. It was at this point that he determined he would eventually become a Life Master. Not because we had won, but because the pair that came in second were Life Masters from out of town.

Let me tell you how it feels to play bridge with a lawyer who is a tax specialist. My first comment is, "It ain't easy". Leroy attacks a hand like he's dealing with a complicated tax problem. He considers the options, loopholes, weak points, strong points, what he may get away with, and what he can't get away with, the most he can get, and the smallest amount for which he'll settle.

There he sits serenely like a supreme court judge in judgement of the defense or prosecution as the case may be.

But taking everything into consideration it's been real fun playing with Leroy over the years.

Mel Levitt

DIAMOND IN NEW SETTING

The Diamond State Sectional will be held on September 19, 20 and 21st at the Wilmington Manor Lions Club. Many of our members will recall that we used to hold sectionals at this beautiful Club which is located on route 13 just a few miles south of Wilmington. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 19

Women's Pairs	1:30 p.m.
Men's Pairs	1:30 p.m.
Master's Pairs (50 points)	8:00 p.m.
49'er Pairs (0 to 49 points)	8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Open Pairs (qualifying)	1:30 p.m.
Open Pairs (final)	8:00 p.m.
Open Pairs (consolation)	8:00 p.m.

(New pairs may enter this event)

Sunday, September 21

Swiss Teams (1st Session)	1:00 p.m.
Swiss Teams (2nd Session)	6:45 p.m.

Remember that this is our very own Sectional and can only be successful if it is supported by our membership. We are keeping the card fee at \$3 per session even though other units have raised their price to play. We still give free refreshments, beautiful prizes and make sure that local players win. Don't laugh - at our last sectional members of our unit won five of the six events!

Friday night, instead of the usual Mixed Pairs, there will be a Master's and 49'er Pairs, so make your dates now. Vicki Byrne is in charge of the partnerships so give her a call at 478-0647. Marcia Long, who ran such a successful tournament last April, will continue as chairperson.

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

The Nation-wide Charity Game was held on August 1st at Talleyville and for the Talleyville Fire Co. \$178.21 was the net amount realized from the tournament.

Orlin Norder directed the 23½ table game and added something a little special. Before the game started Orlin gave a five minute talk on some of the changes and new rules. Everyone seemed interested in what he had to say and it gave the players food for thought. The winners for the evening were:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Steffen
(Welcome to Wilmington)
2. Rose Buckley and Dexter Pattison
- 3/4. Sonia and Bill Zack
- 3/4. Peg Truitt (The teacher of my child)
and Nanette LaBarge.
5. Ken Meyer and Harold Levitt

FINAL STANDING OF THE LEAGUES IN THE SUMMER ROUND ROBIN

"Hi-Power Doublers"

	Won 5	Lost 1
Levitt	4	2
Long	4	2
Smith	4	2
Haverbeck	3	3
Liner	2	4
Moyer	2	4
Willard	1	5

"Lo-Power Doublers"

	Won 6	Lost 0
Norder	5	1
Poucher	3	3
Schneider	3	3
Willits	2	4
Skinner	1	5
Handloff	1	5
Orlando	1	5

"Cooperative Doublers"

	Won 5	Lost 1
Slavov	4	2
Eagan	3	3
Dumas	3	3
Sparks	2	4
Hunt	2	4
Fahl	2	4
Smalley	2	4

"Ring-Tailed Doublers"

	Won 5	Lost 0
Covell	4	1
Adams	2	3
Craven	2	3
Schwartz	2	3
Rementer	2	3
Kase	0	5

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GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES

And that goes for Pat and Antoinette. Neither one of them would be a threat to Wilt Chamberlain taking rebounds off the backboard, but their total of 120 inches was big enough to win the Women's State Tournament. They had never played together before - just one practice round and BINGO - they're the Champions!

The tournament was played in Newark and Tom Kramer directed. The top five finishers were:

1. Pat McGee and Antoinette Lutz
2. Eve Skinner and Sally Orlando
3. Ann Cullen and Joan Whipple
4. Helen Hirsty and Chris Hirsch
5. Marian Hunt and Marie Bower

Attendance at the Women's Pair has been going steadily downhill. This is a recommendation to the Board of Directors to consider a change of location. There is no reason why a larger number of women should not support so pleasant an event that is geared for them only.

P. O. Y.

The other day I did not hear a bid that my partner had made, so I immediately went to see Howard Cohen who happens to be an ear doctor. He put me in an isolation booth much like the one used on the old TV quiz program "The \$64 Question." There I sat with a pencil and paper while he whispered the following names of the leaders of the Player-Of-The-Year:

1/2	Andy Stayton	27
1/2	Frank Giovannozzi	27
3.	Harold Levitt	21
4.	Marty Horden	20
5/6	Assen Slavov	16
5/6	Evelyn Levitt	16
7.	Sally Orlando	15
8.	Ralph Poucher	14
9/12	Mike Eagan	10
9/12	Lenny Reed	10
9/12	Helen Pehrson	10
9/12	Frank Pehrson	10
13.	Chris Hirsch	9
14/17	Ed Ramler	7
14/17	Annabel Stone	7
14/17	Pat McGee	7
14/17	Antoinette Lutz	7
18.	Ken Meyer	6

Dr. Cohen also reports that because there is only one more tournament remaining (a ten pointer) that only Harold and Marty are within hearing distance of the leaders.

LEVITT TEAM WINS ROUND ROBIN FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

The Levitt team consisting of Evelyn, Harold, Dave Treadwell, Ken Meyer, Matt Kegelman and Lenny Lipstein defeated Assen Slavov, Eugenia Slavov, Rusty Krauss, Barry Falgout, Lucky Vavanellos and Kathy Cuza. They won by 31 imps to win the Summer Round Robin. Many thanks to the University Club for letting us hold the final matches in their card room. The players and the many kibitzers were truly grateful.

To gain the finals the Levitt team defeated the Worder team by 19 imps. On Orlin's team were Helen and Syl Hirsty, Lee duPont, Antoinette Lutz and Chris Hirsch. The Slavov team reached the finals by defeating the Covell team by 58 imps. Leonard's team consisted of Jean Thompson, Margaret Mooney and Audrey Barnes.

If form would always hold there wouldn't be very much fun. But form doesn't always hold as was proven when Marie Bower's team knocked off the team captained by Mike Eagan. And how did the liners and Cohens feel when they easily defeated the Levitt team. I'll tell you how the felt - super!! The fact that any team can defeat any other team on a given night increases the magic of the game. Twenty-seven teams competed this year - maybe forty next year.

I wouldn't want to hold my breath until he got started, but once our Chairman, Jay Ralph went into action, he was superb. He was ably assisted by the Dover league coordinator, Lillian Schaub.

LET THE SUNSHINE IN

Dorothy McCorquodale McDaniel, one of the "old timers" of the DSBA and Eddie Haverbeck, another "old timer", are both recovering from recent illnesses.

In the true spirit of LET THE SUNSHINE IN - let's all send a card to one or both of these members. When I think of these two I have many pleasant memories. Playing with Dot and Claggett Bowie at my first National Tournament is an experience I will never forget, and through the years Eddie has been my special friend as well as my favorite opponent. I am sure many who read this feel the same way I do.

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YOU DON'T KNOW A MEMBER UNTIL YOU EAT WITH HIM...

The Open Pair Championship was a two session tournament on Sunday, October 19. The partially subsidized dinner was a success, and when it was all over, most everyone went home feeling they had a most enjoyable day. Sitting down and eating with your fellow bridge player - has a lot going for it.

For years the Board has pondered as to what should be done with the profits and the treasury. There is no question in the mind of the DUMMY that an affair like this is the answer.

Every once in a while someone enters the DSBA like a breath of fresh air. This could very well be said of our Chairwoman Karen Cohen. Not only did she work hard and efficiently but everyone finds her delightful.

Archie Sparks directed the three sessions with ease. The way he handled the final session and the scoring was outstanding.

Andy and Frank turned in another great performance. This year they have been almost unbeatable. The other top finishers were:

1. Andy Stayton and Frank Giovannozzi
2. Helen and Frank Pehrson
3. Marty Horden and Harold Levitt
4. Olive Welch and Sally Orlando
- 5/6 Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell
- 5/6 Ina Morse and Vince D'Anna

Consolation

1. Charles Rivers and Mike Yedinek
2. Elaine and Bill Dumas

The Pair With Less Than 40 Pts.

1. Mike Archino and George Woolfolk

* Karen was assisted throughout the tournament by her bridge and life partner, Howard.

OVERHEARD AT THE TABLE

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Alice and Ivar Stakgold to our Unit. Ivar has represented the United States twice in international competition and has won the Spingold and Vandervilt as well as other National Championships. The Stakgolds have moved to Newark and Ivar is Chairman of Mathematics at the University of Delaware... We would like to welcome home Ina Morse and Vince D'Anna... Jeff Sparks won his second Regional in three months. As soon as he left the tough Wilmington competition he became a winner... We regret to report the death of Mrs. C. A. Bell, Jr. of Dover and Dick Clarkson of Wilmington.

LOCAL TEAM ON VU-GRAPH

On Tuesday evening November 4th, a team of four representing the DSBA will play a team from the Lancaster area prior to the Regional being held at the Host Farm.

The committee that selected the team consisted of Mildred Irwin, Chairwoman, Eve Skinner and Jay Ralph. They recommended The Team of Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell, and Lea duPont and Helen Hirsty. The Board of Directors passed this selection unanimously.

Here is a brief explanation of the workings of the vu-graph. During a team of four match, a hand that is being played in the closed room is flashed on a movie screen. There is a commentator who tells you what happened to this particular hand the first time it was played, With the aid of a telephone hooked up to the closed room, he will give you the actual bidding and a running commentary on the way the hand is being played. He will constantly keep you informed (byimps) as to the standing of the match.

Twenty boards will be played beginning at 8:15 p.m., therefore those people from the Wilmington area will be able to get home at a reasonable hour. Admission is free -- team songs and cheers will be permitted.

ROOKIE-OF-THE-YEAR

Congratulations to Kathryn Mancuso for becoming our Rookie-Of-The-Year. This is the second straight year that a member from the Dover area has been the winner.

The ACBL has just released the standing of the top "rookies" in our unit. Each of these players started with less than twenty points and accumulated the amount next to their name between 9-25-74 and 9-25-75.

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| 1. Kathryn Mancuso | 26.90 |
| 2. Carter Williams | 24.80 |
| 3. Shaun Hutchinson | 15.53 |
| 4. David Reitz | 13.74 |
| 5. Liz Fahl | 13.06 |
| 6. John Senigo | 12.53 |
| 7. Ralph Aurillo | 11.36 |
| 8. Fran Kirkpatrick | 10.54 |
| 9. J. R. Smalley | 8.66 |
| 10. Myrtle Siple | 7.87 |

TOP TEN

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|--------------------|----------|
| 1. Dave Treadwell | 5,085.14 |
| 2. Ivar Stakgold | 4,643.12 |
| 3. Evelyn Levitt | 3,427.36 |
| 4. Eve Skinner | 2,128.06 |
| 5. Archie Sparks | 1,713.20 |
| 6. Dick Skinner | 1,587.76 |
| 7. Parke Woodworth | 1,460.63 |
| 8. Assen Slavov | 1,185.19 |
| 9. Carolyn Sparks | 1,115.77 |
| 10. Don McGee | 1,100.53 |

SOME LIKE IT HOT.....SOME LIKE IT COLD

The DSBA Board of Directors has been asked to ban Precision and Super Precision from local bridge games. Such violent controversy is not new to bridge. Consider statements made by the current and past ACBL presidents when Roth Stone was introduced. Lew Mathe said, "I believe that the system is wholly designed to fool and intimidate weaker opposition." And these are Don Oakie's words, "I will doggedly oppose the baring of any new system from organized bridge".

The scientific, nonscientific controversy is akin to the smoking controversy. Both sides have strong adherents, and the only resolution is tolerance and compromise. (Perhaps the Monday night game could be divided into a scientific section and a non-scientific section. But the Class A & B only sections did not work out in the Nationals. There are some people playing bridge today that have never played Standard!)

Historically, the DSBA Board has permitted all systems and conventions allowed by the ACBL. This policy helps the DSBA members compete more effectively in higher level competition. Precision is a legal system. The Board has decided not to ban it, in keeping with its historic policy. The Board thinks this policy is good for the development of the game as well as the members, although it creates some discomfort for new players and imposes additional work for players not interested in learning new systems.

The DSBA Board policy only applies to the Monday Night Game, State Tournaments, DSBA run Charity Games and the Round Robin. The Grand National Teams is controlled by the District and Sectionals by the ACBL. Clubs are authorized to bar legal conventions or even permit unauthorized conventions.

Bridge in fun in Delaware! Precisionists think Precision is fun. Be tolerant of each other. Precisionists, be sure to explain your bids fully at an appropriate time. Standard players, don't float too much when your precision opponents get confused. In that way bridge will continue to be fun for all.

Jay Ralph

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BETTER BUY THAN WILMINGTON DRY

Twenty-seven tables turned out to play in the Club Championship and at the same time attended the Annual Meeting. Almost everyone made sure they arrived at the game before 7 p.m. so they could play for free. The Ranch House did a thriving business.

Phil Crowe, our outgoing President, presided over his last meeting. (No comments please) The main business of the evening was to elect new members to the Board of Directors. The following slate was presented by Evelyn Levitt, Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee: Kathie O'Brien, Marcia Long, Marian Hunt, Howard Cohen, Jean Thompson and John Siverts. The entire slate was approved and Helen Peterson was nominated and elected from the floor.

Marie Bower and Marian Hunt won the Club Championship and their names will be engraved on the Col. Richmond H. Skinner Trophy which they may keep for the coming year. There was a tie for second place between Ann Cullen and Fran Fischer, and Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

(Or the splinter that really hurt)

President - Wife!
Vice President - Calvin Moyer
Treasurer - John Siverts
Secretary - Helen Peterson

The Board of Directors met September 23rd and elected the officers listed above. Evelyn Levitt, the newly elected President, announced the following duties of the members of the Board:

Membership - Marcia Long
Assistant Membership & Telephone - Kathie O'Brien
Tournaments - Ann Cullen and Marian Hunt
Special Events - Pat McGee
Monday Night Game and Summer Round Robin - Jay Ralph
Charity Games and Assistant to Monday Night Game - Jim Foley
Grand National and Sectionals - Cal Moyer
Invaluable Advisor - Phil Crowe
Below the Canal Liaison - Jean Thompson
Head Director - Archie Sparks
Publicity and Player-of-the-Year - Howard Cohen

If any member has any suggestions or constructive criticism concerning any phase of our bridge activities, please contact the Board member in charge or the President. By doing this the DSB will continue to be strong and efficient.

PLEASE NOTE

That due to the lack of space, the DUMMY was unable to list weekly open duplicate games. Consult previous issues for the schedule.

THE LIONS ROAR

The roar you heard over the September 19th week-end was from 312 tables of bridge players who were doing their thing at the Diamond State Sectional which was held at the Lions Club. One must wonder how a Chairwoman, as tiny as Marcia Long, could create such a huge success. Her able assistants were Antoinette Iutz, (refresments) Vicki Byrne (Partnerships) and Phyllis Carrel (caddies). Without a doubt this was one of our outstanding tournaments.

Evelyn Levitt won a double header on Friday which enabled her to win the Frank Grady Trophy. This is awarded to the DSB member who wins the most master points during this tournament.

The results were as follows:

Men's Pair - 15 Tables

1. Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout
2. Andy Stayton - Frank Giovannozzi
3. Archie Sparks - Parke Woodworth
- 4/5 Ed Worden - Leroy Irwin
- 4/5 Tom Kramer - John Racz

Women's Pair - 23 Tables

1. Evelyn Levitt - Helen Smith
2. Vicki Byrne - Audrey Sanders
3. C. Maginnis - B. F. Smith
4. L. G. Gee - H. E. Ostahl
5. Judy Kay - J. Elkins

Masters' Pair - 24 Tables

1. Evelyn Levitt - Dave Treadwell
2. Barbara Kopple - W. T. Williams
3. Andy Stayton - Lenny Reed
4. Parke Woodworth - Marty Horden
5. J. Mendelsohn - E. Phillips

49 er's Pair - 11 Tables

1. Anne O'Brien - Ed O'Brien
2. Fran Kirkpatrick - Liz Fahl
3. R. S. Smith - Carolyn Hall
4. Chris Gibson - Carter Williams
5. Sonia Zack - Bill Zack

Open Pair - 54 Tables

1. Ray Raskin - Ron Falor
2. Reuben Alexander - Frank Mastrola
3. Bill Miller - Bruce Silverstein
4. Rusty Krauss - Barry Falgout
5. Vicki Byrne - Audrey Sanders

Consolation - 33 Tables

1. Mildred Irwin - Leroy Irwin
2. Lillian Schaub - Paul Black
3. Kathie O'Brien - Jess Willard
4. Kathy Guza - Lucky Vavanellos
5. Marty Ravins - Barbara Ravins

Swiss Team - 62 Teams

1. Ronald Sukoneck - Leo Peo
 2. Martin Nelson - Ely Solomon
 3. Alan Regenbogen - James Dufey
 4. Pricilla Root - Mrs. A. Gittleman
 5. Frank Giovannozzi - Mike Eagan
 6. Lenny Reed - J. Danneberg
- (tied two out of town teams)

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THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

Any bridge player who is worth his salt, has some time or other walked down the street and dreamed of a great play he was going to make, or some sensational bid that would simply shatter his opponents and partner alike. Some of us even dream of winning a National Championship or defeating Italy for the world's title. As long as there is breath there's hope - so most of us keep dreaming.

To Lea and Helen, one of these dreams came true. On December 4th, the first session of the Invitational Tournament, they had a 75% game. With a 195 average they had an astronomical 295! Not only were they 6 2/3 boards over average but this was one of the biggest scores in any pair tournament in the history of the DSBA.

Archie Sparks directed the 16 table McKenney-Baldwin movement and Lea duPont was Chairwoman. The battle for second place took place on December 11th and the top five finishers were:

1. Lea duPont and Helen Hirsty
2. Dave Treadwell and Marvin Paulshock
3. Dexter Pattison and Ralph Schreyer
- 4/5 Garrett Hanby and John Siverts
- 4/5 Marty Horden and Assen Slavov

Since Lea and Helen have proven that Don Quixote can be a winner - let's all of us continue to dream the impossible dream...

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

At the last meeting of the Board of Directors, it was decided to discontinue the Rookie-of-the-year award and replace it with the ACBL's Unit Medallions. These medallions are a new form of recognition and encouragement to players who have yet to reach the top-most rank in bridge.

Each Unit will receive free of charge, after January 15, 1976, a computer print-out listing the leading players within the Unit in terms of Master Points recorded during calendar 1975 for players who at the beginning of the year were in these classes:

- 0 to 4.99 Master Points
- 5 to 19.99 Master Points
- 20 to 49.99 Master Points
- 50 to 99.99 Master Points
- 100 to 199.99 Master Points
- 200 but not Life Master

These beautiful Medallions will be awarded to local winners at a suitable time after January 15th of each year. Players joining after the first of 1975 will be considered in the 0 to 4.99 class.

VICTORY AT THE LANCASTER REGIONAL

On the evening before the start of the Keystone Regional held at the Host Farm our unit team consisting of Lea duPont, Helen Hirsty, Evelyn Levitt and Dave Treadwell, completely annihilated the team representing the unit from Central Pennsylvania. The host team consisted of Russell Griest, Harold Fitzkee, Martin Ebbert and John Albright.

The Delaware team went ahead with the first board and increased their margin to 41 imps before the 20 board match was over. The result was never in doubt as our team lost only 13 imps. The match was played with a very knowledgeable and funny commentator and in a very friendly manner. The following morning The Daily Bulletin summed up the match perfectly when it stated, "If the contest were based on ethics, deportment, and just being nice, both teams would have finished first."

In addition to this fine victory, local players had two near misses. In the Open Swiss Team event, Evelyn and Dave playing with Ray Raskin and Gene Gardner went into the 9th round needing only one more victory to win this 480 team event. But they lost. In the Men's Swiss Team, which had over 60 teams entered, our local team of Archie Sparks, Andy Stayton, Ralph Poucher and Ed Ramler had a shot to take it all - if they could only win their 8th match. But they too lost.

Archie Sparks was presented with the prestigious National Goodwill Pin. Since every year only one man and one woman in our entire district is given this award - it is quite an honor. To this reporter's knowledge, the only other members of our unit to have receive this pin have been Pat McGee, Eve and Dick Skinner, Dave Treadwell and Evelyn Levitt.

WE CLEANED UP AT THE CHARITY GAME

Literally and figuratively. Last month the DSBA held a very successful Charity Game and donated \$221 to the Cancer Foundation. Since Talleyville Fire Hall did not charge us for the evening, the players cleaned up after the game and did a darn good job.

Jim Foley was our charitable Chairman and Archie Sparks was our charitable Director. However, the hand analysis wasn't so charitable as all the errors were clearly defined. The 27 table game produced the following winners:

1. Dot McNichol and Millie McConnell
2. Leroy Irwin and Buck Buchanan
3. Jim Foley and Mike Archino

WHIZ KIDS WIN POY

It seems like only yesterday when a group of young men from the Newark area began to make themselves known in our local bridge community. The DUMMY gave them the nickname of the Whiz Kids and in a few short years, two of them, Andy Stayton and Frank Giovannozzi have now won the most coveted trophy together since they were partners most of the year.

By winning the Swiss Team, the Open Pair, and second in the Masters', Andy and Frank accumulated 27 POY points that will be difficult to top in the coming years.

Dr. Howard Cohen, our official tabulator, thoroughly examined 340 PO-Eye points and found they were distributed in the following manner:

1/2	Andy Stayton	27
1/2	Frank Giovannozzi	27
3	Marty Horden	23
4	Harold Levitt	21
5	Assen Slavov	19
6	Evelyn Levitt	16
7	Sally Orlando	15
8	Ralph Poucher	14
9	Helen Hirsty	12
10	Lea duPont	11
11/15	Dave Treadwell	10
11/15	Mike Hagan	10
11/15	Lenny Reed	10
11/15	Helen Peterson	10
11/15	Frank Peterson	10
16	Chris Hirsch	9
17	Marvin Paulshock	8
18/21	Antoinette Lutz	7
18/21	Pat McGee	7
18/21	Annabel Stone	7
18/21	Ed Ramler	7
22/29	Wayne Kneisley	5
22/29	Burke Welldon	5
22/29	Alan Launder	5
22/29	Jim Patton	5
22/29	Eve Skinner	5
22/29	Dexter Pattison	5
22/29	Ralph Schreyer	5
22/29	Parke Woodworth	5
30/34	Garrett Hanby	4
30/34	Olive Welch	4
30/34	Charles Rivers	4
30/34	Earl Cummins	4
30/34	Mike Yedinak	4

Congratulations to Sally and Lea who broke in to the top ten for the first time. To all of you who were amazed at seeing Ralph Poucher's name in 8th place - this is to inform you that it wasn't a mistake....

VICTORY POINTS

Victory Points will be used in scoring the Swiss Team Game on the first Monday of January and February. This method will be used so that the players can get acquainted with this particular type of scoring prior to the Grand National on February 21 and 22. The Director will make a full explanation before game time.

SEEING'S BELIEVING

The Lions Club, where we are now holding our Sectional Tournaments, is engaged in a very worthwhile project. They collect old eye glasses and donate them to the Delaware Commission For the Blind. The Board has decided that the DSBA should join this worthwhile endeavor.

If anyone has a pair of eyeglasses around the house that are not being used, please bring them to your duplicate game and give them to the director. Let's see how many we can collect between now and our next Sectional on May 21st. The Editor thinks that the membership can collect at least 500 eyeglasses by that time. He will be there to count them. Remember, seeing's believing.

CHANUKAH - CHRISTMAS PARTY

As usual it was a tremendous success. During the festivities, Pat McGee our Chairwoman was quoted as saying, "You don't have to use a CLUB on the members or give DIAMONDS in place of master points - the way to a bridge player's HEART is through his stomach."

With visions of free food and booze dancing in their heads, 32 tables turned out for our Annual Chanukah-Christmas Party. Although Orlin Norder, our director, was not wearing his Santa Claus suit, he was in a very jovial mood.

All of a sudden there was such a clatter - some of the firemen went to the roof to see what was the matter. Actually, it was the distribution of the funny door prizes. The real Saint Nick would have done a better job.

Pat actually out-did herself with the variety and quantity of the refreshments. A decorated Jewish rye bread and a Menorah was surrounded by Christmas goodies. Rudolph (Don) McGee was our Red Coated Reindeer.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GAME

Our Membership Chairwoman, Marcia Long, has just announced that the Annual Membership Game will be held at Talleyville on Monday evening January 19th. Membership dues must be paid by then if you want to receive part of the extra master point award that will be given out for this special game. If your dues are not paid for the coming year, you can pay Marcia when you buy your entry.

The year 1976 should prove to be a historic one for the DSBA. We now have 98 Life Masters and this year we will pass 100! To many of us this is quite important. As we grow older the large type in the Directory is so much easier to read.

FRED GILLESPIE - LIFE MASTER

When he was a senior in college, Fred started his bridge career with two of his classmates. The bidding system they developed was an amalgam of Kaplan-Sheinwold, Schenken and Roman Blue Team. The basic structure included a strong club, weak no trump, five card majors (seems like C.C. Wei) and control showing responses. Five years and 300 master points later he has among his accomplishments, a win in a Regional Tournament. In 1973 he captured the Men's Pair event at Lancaster with Ed Junker.

Fred now uses Precision with most of his partners and changes many of the systemic calls to suit them. He still gets together occasionally with his college friends, who are located in Chicago and Columbus, for a Regional Tournament.

Locally his usual partners are Ed Junker, Carol Warner, Bob Burger and Bill Lafey.

Professionally, he supervises the computer program at Lincoln College near Kennett Square. He has completed most of his requirements for his Master Degree and expects to receive this award in the next few weeks.

Bill Lafey

GRAND NATIONAL, RED POINT EVENT

Cal Moyer, the DSBA Chairman, has just announced the conditions of play for the local rounds of the Grand National Tournament. It will take place on February 21 and 22 at Talleyville. On Saturday, beginning at 12 noon, there will be two qualifying sessions of Swiss Team. The victory point method will be used. If 24 or more teams enter, 16 teams will qualify to play knock-out on Sunday afternoon and the winners will play another knock-out match in the evening. Sunday matches will be 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

This is a golden opportunity for members of the DSBA to pick up Red Points without going out of town. Remember, on Saturday you will receive Red Points with every Swiss Team match you win. Naturally you will receive more if you win a knock-out match on Sunday.

It is not necessary for you to enter your team in advance but your entry would be welcome. Phone Cal Moyer at 475-4993.

The Grand National is the most dramatic of all bridge tournaments since it is possible for anyone to be the world's champion. Do you know that the team that won the Grand National in 1974 represented the United States in the Bermuda Bowl?

LES SMITH - LIFE MASTER

Long a master of life, Les achieved Life Mastership at 11:18 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12 -- the culmination of an effort that began with the 1966 Fall Nationals in Pittsburgh. This start was doubly devastating, since four men in one motel room with beverage and electric fry pans added up to little sleep and no points. Les had the answer, however, and his unique approach combined camping and bridge. From the motel room he switched to his Wimrod tent camper and eggs bourbondictine, from Standard American to Schenken -- and the points started to appear. As he progressed through the ranks of bridge, he also was perfecting the finer points of camping.

In 1969 Les shifted into high gear, winning the Frank Grady Memorial Trophy with a fine performance at the Diamond State Sectional. The Wimrod turned into a Concord Travel Trailer in 1972. Precision supplanted Schenken in 1973, and over the top in 1975. Never had this rank been achieved in such style.

Always a pleasure to play with, Les is a gentleman to partner and foe alike -- although sometimes too friendly to the latter. His expertise at the table has been experienced by most of us, as he manipulates cards and opponents alike, and his brilliance has on occasion forced me to sunglasses (when he bows his head in thought). Les' camp site hospitality has to be experienced to be believed, even while dumping the holding tank in the rain.

Welcome to the rank of Life Master, partner, I only hope that you don't start to play like one.

Phil Crowe

AL FISCHER - LIFE MASTER

Every day he has studied and read I've curled my lip and tossed my head He'd often take the wrong finesse I'd say no, no, and not say yes We'd argue all the way home in the car It's a good thing it wasn't to far.

Then after a while he began to see The best way to play, and so we'd agree Now things are easier, he's getting some style And I only have to chasten him once in awhile If I keep on smiling and don't raise a squall We just might end up a-winning them all. He really does play very well, and I am happy to have a traveling partner.

Sincerely,

Fran

CHARITY GAME

Jim Foley has just announced that the next Charity Game will be held at Del-castle on Friday evening January 23. To those of you who are interested in master points -- this game will have full local rating.

Many is the time I have had the urge to pick up the pen to write the editor of "The Dummy" to compliment him on his consistent outstanding issues and to express my appreciation for receiving the publication as a former President of the Delaware State Bridge Association

What really galvanized the urge to action was the recent article in "The Dummy" concerning the Precision System. I am glad the Delaware State Bridge Association Board of Directors decided against banning the Precision System. I hope the vote was not close. Twenty years ago, we took the Delaware State Bridge Association out of the minor leagues when it became a chartered unit of the American Contract Bridge League. The members of the Delaware State Bridge Association should take great pride in the accomplishments of its members over the past twenty years in National, Regional, and Sectional Tournaments. These players were able to compete effectively in these events because they were able to play against and use a wide variety of systems at Delaware State Bridge Association events.

Rather than seriously consider banning a system which has been proved effective and understandable, I am sure your leading Precision players would be happy to conduct a series of short lectures prior to the Monday night game. I hope the policy of the Delaware State Bridge Association will prompt its players to develop and improve so that its younger players can maintain the outstanding performance of Delaware players.

Sincerely,

John Barnicle
President, Maryland Bridge Assn

Editor's note: John was President of the DSBA in 1958

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-Reg. Not required.
Monday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon.
Tuesday - Dover, 8:00 p.m. Henry B. duPont College Center - Wesley College.
Wednesday - Newark - 7:45 p.m. Unitarian Church, 420 Willa Road.
Friday - Jewish Community Center - 12 Noon.
Saturday - Jewish Community Center - Swiss Team, 2nd Sat. - Pre-Registration required. Regular duplicate 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE

Monday - Carousel Hotel at 10:30 a.m. After June 1st, 8:15 p.m.
Wednesday - Carousel Hotel at 8:15 p.m.
Friday - Rehoboth Country Club, 1 p.m.
*For information contact Richard Green, P.O. Box 672, Bethany Beach, Del.

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