

THE DUMMY

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AUGUST 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL
August 13 - 19

York PA Sectional
September 7 - 9

Bensalem PA Sectional
September 7 - 9

**DSBA MEMBERSHIP
MEETING AND ELECTION
BRIDGE STUDIO
September 10**

**DIAMOND STATE
SECTIONAL
BRIDGE STUDIO
September 14 - 16**

Reading PA Sectional
September 28 - 30

**DE STATE PAIRS
BRIDGE STUDIO
October 7**

District 4 NAP B/C Finals
Bridge Studio
October 13

District 4 NAP "C" Finals
Ocean View Presbyterian Memorial Hall
October 13

Cherry Hill Sectional
October 19 - 21

Allentown PA Sectional
October 26 - 28

LANCASTER REGIONAL
October 29 - November 4

Annual Membership Meeting & Election

Monday, September 10, 2007

♠♥5:45 p.m. at the BRIDGE STUDIO♦♣

Unit 190 members who arrive BEFORE the start of the meeting will receive a free entry to the Membership Game, which will immediately follow the meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone is eligible to play, but only partnerships of two active ACBL members are eligible to receive masterpoints. Membership applications and renewal information will be available at the game. Overall winners, regardless of masterpoint eligibility, will have their names engraved on the Colonel Richmond H. Skinner Trophy.

Anne Taylor, Vice President of the DSBA and the DSBA Board * present the following slate of candidates for election to the DSBA Board of Directors:

Marie Grabowski
Tom Grabowski
Alan Horowitz

Barbara Rhoades
Jess Stuart
Anne Taylor

According to Article VI.4.b of the revised bylaws, "the membership will vote its approval or disapproval of the entire slate by open ballot."

Assuming that six new Directors have been duly elected from the set of six or more nominees, additional nominations will be taken from the floor, from which the seventh Director will be elected.

Returning to the Board are current members for 2006 - 2008 (terms expire next year): Anna Delapo, Carole Everitt, Marie Filandro, Richard Popper, Rick Rowland, Ward Schaumberg and Mike Wilson.

Current Board members for 2005 - 2007 (terms are expiring) are: Susan Corbett, Casey Dauphin, Marie Grabowski, Tom Grabowski, Denis LaSota, Cindy Rowland, Anne Taylor. (Marie, Tom and Anne have agreed to run for another two-year term).

The DSBA Board wishes to express sincere gratitude to Sue, Casey, Denis, and Cindy for their years of excellent service. Our highly successful Regional and Sectional Tournaments and our membership growth are all due in large part to their outstanding efforts in these areas.

*Board approval was pending as THE DUMMY went to press.....

Diamond State Sectional

Mark your calendars for the 2007 **Diamond State Sectional** to be held at The Bridge Studio in Foulkstone Plaza. The dates are Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday, September 14 - 16.

Games are scheduled for 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There will be two-session Swiss Team games [A/X & B/C/D] on Sunday starting at 11:00 AM.

For a complete schedule of events and directions to the Bridge Studio, go to www.unit190.org and click on Sectionals. We look forward to seeing you at this DSBA sponsored event.

Denis LaSota, Tournament Chair

DELAWARE STATE PAIRS - Sunday, October 7 - Bridge Studio
2 Session - 10 a.m. and TBA - \$22.00 per person includes bridge and lunch

CONGRATULATIONS TO DSBA MEMBERS!

Bronze Life Master
Mrs. B. R. Brookes

Silver Life Master
Jack Gleckner
Jim Herrington
Howard (Skip) Koup

Gold Life Master
Ward Schaumberg

TOP DSBA MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT REGIONALS

RICHMOND, VA - Rick Rowland (47.38); Marie & Pete Filandro (41.32); Rona Brenner (28.14)
 CHERRY HILL, NJ - Rick Rowland (78.96); Dave Treadwell (40.60); Tom Grabowski (37.24); Marie Grabowski (36.61)
 NORTH BETHESDA, MD - Richard Popper (20.55); Amal Dasgupta (13.70); Dave Treadwell (11.40)

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS OF THE DE STATE SWISS TEAMS - MAY 20

Flight A - Rick Rowland, Martin Rabinowitz, Craig Robinson, Elaine Landow
 Flight X - Christopher Marlow, Ala Hamilton-Day, Ward Schaumberg, Andy Muenz
 Flight B - Deborah Bryan, George Stack, Samuel Yake, Karen Xia
 Flight C/D - Anita Kaufman, Mary Lawler, Cecilia Dupont, Shiam Mamo

DSBA TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT SECTIONALS

Ocean City, MD Sectional - May 11 - 13 - Nancy Jose; Josephine Coar; Harry Coar; Audrey Hildebrand
 Wilmington Sectional - June 1 - 3 - Andy Kaufman; Rick Rowland; Richard Popper; Jess Stuart
 Delaware Summer NLM Sectional - July 19 - 23 - Aster Wu; Bill Everitt; Donald Ohlandt;
 Michael McGrath; Linda McGrath

DISTRICT 4 GNT FINALS - Rick Rowland & Andy Kaufman (1st Open Flight); Dave Treadwell (2nd Open Flight);
 Edward McCrossin, Mary Pat McCrossin, Gail Everett, Melissa Jessup (2nd "C" Flight);
 Christopher Marlow (3/4 "B" Flight)

Summer Nationals were held in Nashville, Tennessee - July 19 - 29
12,879 tables; 110,083.88 masterpoints won by 4822 players
Top DSBA winners: Richard Popper 107.98; Rick Rowland 71.50; Ward Schaumberg 57.62

INTERMEDIATE / NOVICE CORNER by Tom Ciconte

2/1 Game Force - Perhaps the topic that triggers the most questions from our students is the "2/1 Game Force." In an article I recently read by Eric Rodwell, he answers many of the questions:

- 1) **What is it?** Opener bids 1 Diamond, 1 Heart, or 1 Spade and responder bids a lower ranking new suit at the two level. Whenever this occurs the auction is forcing to game. Using standard methods, a two level response is forcing, but not to game.
- 2) **What is the advantage?** It allows the partnership to save valuable bidding space and make the most natural bid on the hand. Using standard methods it takes two bids by responder to force to game. With the "2/1 over one" system both players know right away.
- 3) **When doesn't it apply?** If responder is a passed hand or if responder's RHO overcalls or doubles.
- 4) **Best Reference Book** - "25 Steps to Learning 2/1" by Paul Thurston.

Congratulations to DSBA members Andy Kaufman and Rick Rowland. Along with team members Ken Cohen and Vic Quiros, they won the Open Flight of the District 4 Grand National Teams!

Changes to the DSBA Directory:

(Notify Marie Filandro, Dummy editor, of additional changes, corrections and updates)

Olive Artress - new phone number - 302 - 368 - 0479

Carole Everitt - cell phone only - 302 - 528 - 2680 [delete number for landline]

Bill Everitt - cell phone only - 302 - 528 - 2540 [delete number for landline]

Jean Moxley and Jerry Moxley - change number to 302 - 539 - 4960 [delete current directory number]

BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito

Local Game Schedule and Special Events: www.who-dini.com

- ♣ TRIPLE POINTS AWARDED EVERY WEEK: Tues AM, Beach Bridge NLM ♥ Wed Eve, All Slams ♥ Thurs Aft, Shuffles
- ♦ RECORD GAME ATTENDANCE: As we make room for vacationers, Shuffles broke a regular Club game record with 18 tables.

♠ MIKE LAWRENCE came, saw and conquered nearly 100 fans through his lectures July 9 and 10, sponsored through 4 Kings BC and Beach BC. The topics presented were: Balancing, Mistakes You Should Stop Making, Negative Double Questions from Both Sides of the Table and Bidding Over an Opponent's Takeout Double.

♥ **2007 ACBL MEMBERS:** We welcome... Jack Holmes, Jean Johnson, Scott Freber, Mike Klein, Claire Brady, Anita Ferm, Judy Harrington, Cheryl Kirkpatrick, Linda Kulin, Carolyn Lehman-Johnson, Marge Peck, Karen Storms, Pat Wood, Margo DePuy, Enid Levine, Ron White, George Bauer, Marjorie Corrallo, Pat Lanham, Sharon Dominic, Becky Gray, Darlene Herring, Gail Ginsburgh

♦ NEWCOMERS, Ed and Pat Lanham scored an 80% game.

♥ BEGINNER AND INTERMEDIATE LESSONS coming in September. Watch for starting dates and registration at www.who-dini.com/Lessons

♣ INSTANT GOLD Matchpoint Game: Wednesday Evening, September 19, Pre-registration required with Dini.

♦ GET QUALIFIED in August for NORTH AMERICAN PAIRS:

Tues, Aug 7, 28 - Wed Eve, Aug 8, 29 - Thurs Aug 2, 30 - D4 Finals Flight "C" - October 13, 2-Session Event

BRIDGE STUDIO CORNER by Tom Ciconte

"We survived our first year at the Studio not in small part due to your support. Our sincere thanks. We still have a big hill to climb to make the Studio a viable, long-term going concern but with your continued patronage, it's do-able. Thanks again.

Beginning September 11 we will be launching a **Tuesday afternoon game at 12:30**. You will then be able play bridge at the Studio six days a week at 12:30. And of course, all games will be sectionally rated. Also this Fall we will begin a full slate of lessons at all levels including some new teachers. Schedule below:

- Beginner
 - Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 beginning September 11.
 - Friday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 beginning September 14.
 - Ala Hamilton Day will teach both of these classes
 - Cost is \$125 for the 10 week series. **Pre-registration required.**
- Intermediate
 - Monday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 beginning September 10.
 - Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 beginning September 12.
 - Tom & Alexis will teach Monday and Harold will teach Wednesday evenings.
 - Cost is \$100 up front or \$12/class on a "pay as you come" basis. **Pre-registration is required.**
- Application & Analysis
 - Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00
 - Tom will teach this class.
 - Cost is \$12 per week on a "pay as you come" basis.
- Contact Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or e-mail at alexiscic@aol.com to pre-register.

BELOW THE CANAL-DOVER DUPLICATE by Carl Williams

MONDAY MORNING DBC All games at 10:00 am

April 2	N/S	Kay Mancuso/Lou Mancuso	E/W	Dan Premo /Monroe Hudson
April 9	N/S	Bonnie Savage/ Ann Collins	E/W	Lloyd Jenkins/Mary Jenkins
April 16	N/S	Lou Mancuso/Jack Vogler	E/W	Dan Premo/Monroe Hudson
		Lila Childres/Susan Derrickson		
April 30		Carolyn Coury/Paige Barnes / Bob & Patsy Willmore / Nellie Jones/Carl Williams		
May 7	N/S	Lloyd & Mary Jenkins	E/W	Dan Premo /Monroe Hudson
		Jack Vogler/Ann Collins		Bob & Patsy Willmore
May 14	N/S	Nellie Jones/Jim Cady	E/W	Carl & Trina Williams
		Irv Chafitz /Freda Mesibov		Clare O'Brien/Carolyn Coury
May 21	N/S	Ralph & Liz Gordy	E/W	Susan Derrickson/Lila Childres
		Laura Ragonesi / Richard Ronston		Kay Mancuso/Audrey Pugh
June 4	N/S	Lloyd & Mary Jenkins	E/W	Clare O'Brien/Betty Nagle
		Kay & Lou Mancuso		Anna Delapo/Jed Kee
Jun 11	N/S	Rusty Vilk/Bonnie Savage	E/W	Betty Nagle/Mary Jeunemann
		Kay & Lou Mancuso		Richard Ronston /Evelyn Petrucci

Club Championship Game

Jun 18	N/S	Rusty Vilk/Bonnie Savage	E/W	Wilbur Stanley/Carolyn Coury
		Liz & Ralph Gordy		Carl & Trina Williams
Jun 25		Melva Urban/Pat Clarke / Rusty Vilk/Susan Derrickson / Bob & Patsy Willmore		

Friday Nooners All games at 11:00 am

Club Championship Game

May 18	Pat Vogler/Wilbur Stanley	Nancy Libourel/Anne Schuster
June 8	Wilbur Stanley/Dorrie Kissinger / Irv Chafitz/Freda Mesibov /Rusty Vilk/Bonnie Savage	
June 15	Irv Chafitz/Freda Mesibov	Richard Ronston/Carolyn Coury
June 22	Irv Chafitz/Freda Mesibov	Lila Childres/Audrey Pugh
July 13	Rusty Vilk/Bonnie Savage	Richard Ronston/Rayzella Spector

**Come join
our games.**

**For partners
call
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8659**

**First time
players
at our club
receive a
free play.**