

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Harrisburg PA Sectional
November 16 - 18

FALL NATIONALS
San Francisco CA
Nov 22 - Dec 2

Holiday NLM Sectional
Nov 29 - Dec 3
Bridge Studio

Holiday Party (Open)
2 session
December 9
Bridge Studio

**DSBA HOLIDAY PARTY &
PARKE WOODWORTH
TROPHY EVENT
DECEMBER 10
BRIDGE STUDIO**

Dave Treadwell Sectional
December 28 - 31
Bridge Studio

Cherry Hill Sectional
January 4 - 6, 2008

HARRISBURG REGIONAL
JANUARY 21 - 27

**BLUE HEN SECTIONAL
FEBRUARY 22 - 24
BRIDGE STUDIO**

President's Report

The DSBA has had a successful run over the past few years, most recently under the leadership of Tom Grabowski. Before looking to the future, I'd like to thank Tom for all of his efforts.

While membership is increasing, we need to make sure that we keep the members involved. With that in mind, the Board will be embarking on two new initiatives this year. The first is the establishment of an Intermediate/Newcomer Promotion Committee. This committee will be headed by Alan Horowitz. Its purpose will be to bring newcomers into the mainstream bridge community. The second is the establishment of a Publicity Committee. This committee, headed by Barbara Rhoades, will work with the Sectional, Regional and State Tournament Committees to help promote the games throughout Delaware.

As we go through the year, I'll be looking for feedback from our members. The easiest way to express your comments, concerns or questions would be via e-mail at rick.rowland@comcast.net.
Rick

Blue Hen Sectional - February 22 - 24

DSBA Board of Directors

President: Rick Rowland

Vice President: Jess Stuart

Treasurer: Ward Schaumberg

Secretary: Anne Taylor

Board Members: Jim Chao, Anna Delapo, Carole Everitt, Marie Filandro,
Marie Grabowski, Tom Grabowski, Alan Horowitz, Mary Pat McCrossin,
Richard Popper, Barbara Rhoades

The DSBA has contributed approximately \$1,000 to each of the following charities:
The Ministry of Caring, The Ronald McDonald House, The Friendship House and the Delaware National Guard and Reserve Foundation.

DSBA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY & PARKE WOODWORTH TROPHY EVENT

Come one, come all!
Monday, December 10 at the BRIDGE STUDIO
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.
Great Hospitality!

DSBA DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Please make the following changes to your DSBA Directory...

Howard Wachtel
 8500 Lindbergh Blvd #2103
 Philadelphia PA 19153
 215-492-1066
quadratic@juno.com

William A. Carr
 The William Penn House
 1919 Chestnut Street, Apartment 707
 Philadelphia PA 19103
 215-563-5166

CONGRATULATIONS TO DSBA MEMBERS!

DIAMOND LIFE MASTER

Rick Rowland

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Ed Kane

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Gail Everett
 Ann Marie Finch
 Melissa Jessup
 Christopher Marlow

LIFE MASTER

Shauneen Hutchinson

TOP DSBA MASTERPOINT WINNERS at the HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL

Rick Rowland (46.46); Jeff Koltenuk (32.06); Jack Gleckner (30.43); Chuck Regnier (29.82)

DELAWARE STATE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS - OCTOBER 7

Flight A - Pete and Marie Filandro
 Flight X - Randy Berseth and Tom Kramer
 Flights B, C, D - Carl and Martha Book

TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT SECTIONALS

York PA (September 7 - 9) Jess Stuart (6.0)
 Bensalem PA (September 7 - 9) Rick Rowland (11.96); Ward Schaumberg (10.0); Andy Kaufman (4.01)
 DIAMOND STATE (September 14 - 16) Dave Treadwell (10.70); Jess Stuart (10.29); Trina & Carl Williams (8.40);
 Lois Stuart (8.31)
 Reading PA (September 28 - 30) Ward Schaumberg (5.47); Barbara Rhoades (5.47)
 Cherry Hill (October 19 - 21) Andy Kaufman (8.08); Paul Silver (2.91); Jeff Koltenuk (2.91); Jack Gleckner (2.91);
 Chuck Regnier (2.91)
 Allentown PA (October 26 - 28) Pete & Marie Filandro (15.92)

♣♦♥♠ **BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito** ♣♦♥♠

Where is Ocean View DE? What is a "Shuffles?" We are famous now. I know you want to know why. Ocean View is where Shuffles Bridge Club hosted the 1st and 3rd Overall winners in District 4's North American Pair Flight "C" contest. Departing for the Detroit Nationals next March will be 1st OA Nancy Steele and Jane Myers, and 3rd OA Chris Sullivan and George Jones. The thrilling news along with flowers was delivered in person to each one. Last summer I promised if we had the winning pair, I would donate \$100 toward the trip. Yippee (or is that yikes!) I need another \$100, my privilege.

ZERO HOUR: For a month "The Zero Hour" was advertised as "coming soon." No one knew what it was until the week before. All game participants were invited to stay - for free - following the game to go over their zero or near zero scores. It was very well received following the NLM game on Tuesday mornings this past summer.

2007 Club Champions, 3rd Quarter - Beach, L.Regan/L.Shelton; All Slams: P.Preziosi/
M.DePuy; Shuffles: C.Hahn/E.Solomon

NEW RANK ACHIEVEMENTS:

Junior Master: Judy Harbaugh, Cheryl Kirkpatrick, Marge Peck, Gail Ginsburgh, Margo DePuy, Marjorie Corrallo

Club Master: Paula Chamberlain, Mary Koren, Irmgard Brill, Nancy Hardesty, Bonnie Drake, Trudy Bryan,
Bitsy Klein, Marge Peck, Rose Roberts, Jeri Sheehy

Sectional Master: Suzanne and Dave Evans

Regional Master: Joanne Inglisa, George Jones, Jane Myers, Lynne Cardwell, Pat Preziosi

NABC Master: Joyce Legge

70% CLUB

J.Sikora/A.Hagedorn; B.Keeney/J.Kinnikin; D.Hand/C.Wheatley

INSTANT MP GOLD GAME: Shuffles hosted 4 sections for this year's popular game. The golden section winners are: L.Holmes/G.Hutzelmann (1st overall 69.62% of all sections); L.Ashley/P.Preziosi; R.Boyle/D.Waughtal; P.Drevo/G.Petren; D.Hand/C.Wheatley; J.Coleman/C.Hahn; J.Scott/D.Wand; J.Toridis/T.Toridis

COMPETITIVE BIDDING - This 6-week course concentrates on learning how high and what to bid over opponent interference. This hands-on course also reviews play and defense. Lessons start November 6, for six consecutive Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:45PM. For more information, go to www.who-dini.com

Congratulations to Unit 190 members and their partners who qualified for the North American Pairs finals at the Spring Nationals

Flight A - Andy Kaufman and partner Elliot Shalita (3rd) -

Flight B - Christopher Marlow and partner Andy Muenz (1st)

Flight C - Nancy Steele and partner Jane Myers(1st); George Jones and Chris Sullivan (3rd)

BELOW THE CANAL by Carl Williams

Join us for bridge in Kent County....call Dorrie Kessinger, 302-697-8659 for a partner

First time players receive a free play...

Monday Morning Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 10 a.m. at the Modern Maturity Center

Friday Nooners meets at 12 noon at the Modern Maturity Center

Holiday Party
December 12th at Maple Dale Country Club

Bridge Studio Corner by Tom Ciconte

New Afternoon Bridge Games! – Don't forget your newest options for the Bridge Studio afternoon games: Monday thru Saturday at 12:30! And, **of course**, the Wednesday morning Intermediate and Novice game is alive and well at 9:30 every week. It's a mini lesson followed by a relaxed 14 – 16 board game. This is an excellent opportunity for you students to practice your newly acquired skills.

Where's the **Silver?** At the Studio in very large doses this Fall.

- 📁 For starters, there is the NLM Sectional from November 29 to December 3. Is that a typo, or is it really 5 days? No typo, Thursday thru Monday, 2 or more sessions per day. Here's your chance to load up. See below and visit www.unit190.org/Tournaments/sectional.html for details.
- 📅 We'll have another STaC Week December 10-16
- 📅 And there are two Sectionals coming up, December 28 -31 and February 22-24. See the links below.
I/N Note: These sectionals have various 99er and 199er games and strats – with separate games most of the pairs sessions!!

Holiday Party – On December 9th, the Studio will hold a two-session open event. Come join us - kick off the Holiday season. The sessions begin at 11:00 am and around 3:00 pm with lunch served in between.

Upcoming Special Events at the Bridge Studio

Mark your calendars and find your favorite partners now for:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>
November 29 - December 3	NLM Holiday Sectional
December 9	Open Holiday Party (11 & 3 - catered)
December 10 - December 16	STaC Week
December 28 - December 31	2 nd Annual Dave Treadwell Sectional
February 22 - February 24	Blue Hen Sectional

Studio Student Center

The biggest complaint we get at all student levels is, "I am overwhelmed." This is somewhat understandable but at the same time it is also manageable for most students. You need to do two things.

- 1) If your only contact with bridge is at the lesson, even the most diligent will probably struggle. At the very least, **REVIEW YOUR NOTES!**
- 2) More importantly, you have to play and begin to experience these conventions / hands with some modest degree of frequency. Play on a computer, play with friends, best of all come play on Wednesday mornings where you will get hand records to review.

Lesson Schedule from November to January.

Application & Analysis will continue on Thursdays 9:30 to 11:45 with two weeks off at Christmas.

Intermediate will continue with a **Play & Defense** series beginning in mid November and will go through mid January. These classes are on Mondays 9:30 to 11:45 and Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:15.

Beginner II will start in mid January on Tuesdays 7:00 to 9:15 and Fridays 9:00 to 11:45.