

# THE DUMMY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Sundae  
February 3  
Bridge Studio

Cherry Hill Sectional  
Unit 141 - February 8 -10

Reading PA Sectional  
Unit 121 - February 15 - 18

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

**SPRING NATIONALS  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
MARCH 6 - 16**

Spring NLM Sectional  
March 6 - 10, Bridge Studio

Chambersburg PA Sectional  
Unit 168 - March 14 - 16

Kimberton PA Sectional  
Unit 141 - March 28 - 30

Lancaster PA Sectional  
Unit 168 - April 4 - 6

Allentown PA Sectional  
Unit 133 - April 25 - 27

York PA Sectional  
Unit 168 - April 25 - 27

**DELAWARE STATE  
SWISS TEAMS  
JUNE 1 - 11 A.M.  
BRIDGE STUDIO**

## President's Report

First, I'd like to welcome both Chris Marlow and Carl Williams to the Board. Chris is one of our up and coming younger players. Carl Williams from Dover, is a club manager and director who has just begun EasyBridge lessons downstate. We're looking forward to their help on the Board.

Next, it's time for congratulations. Little old Unit 190 has three NATIONAL Ace of Clubs winners — Aster Wu, Alan Horowitz and Randy Berseth. The ACBL has approximately 160,000 members in hundreds of units. What are the chances that three of the thirteen categories are won by Unit 190 members? Pretty darn small. Credit for this achievement goes not only to the players, their partners and their teammates, but also to Harold Jordan, the man who can manufacture masterpoints like no other. Congratulations Aster, Alan and Randy. We'll be looking for your name in lights next year.

Finally, let me remind everyone that the Board wants to hear your comments, questions and concerns. Feel free to e-mail me at [rick.rowland@comcast.net](mailto:rick.rowland@comcast.net).

## DELAWARE STATE SWISS TEAMS

**Sunday, June 1 - 11 a.m. - Bridge Studio, Foulkstone Plaza  
\$80.00 per team (includes lunch buffet between sessions)**

Two- session, sectionally-rated black point event, flight cutoffs determined by registration - second session to begin 30 minutes after conclusion of first session

Pre-register by May 25<sup>th</sup>

Call Jess Stuart at 610-793-3994 or Chris Marlow at 302-654-3892  
or email

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or online at [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)

Or mail to Jess Stuart, 12 Tullamore Drive, West Chester PA 19382

***Congratulations to Anne and Monty Taylor, winners of  
The Parke Woodworth Memorial Game on December 10!***

## In Memoriam....remembering DSBA members who died during 2007....

J. R. Gregory Muriel Rusten Ralph Schreyer Fagan Simonton, Jr. Assen Slavov

### ***Congratulations to DSBA members!***

#### **Life Master**

Marilyn Dunning  
Alan Horowitz  
Mervin Jones  
Jean Mansmann  
Anne Priebe  
Jerry Sikora  
Aster Wu

#### **Bronze Life Master**

Tita Abello  
Dorothy Hand  
Beverly Shubert  
Paul Silver

#### **Silver Life Master**

Richard Douglas  
Kay Mancuso  
Anne Taylor

#### **Emerald Life Master**

Richard Popper

### **TOP DSBA MASTERPOINT WINNERS at REGIONALS**

Lancaster, PA - Rick Rowland [79.03]; Marie & Tom Grabowski [38.59]; Barry & Valinda Degler [31.85];  
Marie & Pete Filandro [31.31]; Andy Stayton [27.14]; Andy Kaufman [27.14]; Anne Priebe [26.23]  
Harrisburg, PA - Rick Rowland [123.98]; Jess Stuart [42.92]; Randy Berseth [42.42]; Harold Jordan [42.05];  
Pete & Marie Filandro [30.82]; Bridgett Pitt [17.26]; Tita Abello [16.25]; Aster Wu [16.25];  
Deborah Moore [11.14]; Anne Priebe [11.14]

### **TOP DSBA WINNERS at SECTIONALS**

Holiday NLM Sectional (November 29 - December 3) - Aster Wu [11.34]; Mary Jane Elliott [8.95]; Alice Fulweiler [8.74]  
Dave Treadwell Sectional (December 28 - 31) - Rick Rowland [29.52]; Greg Burch [9.75]; Barbara Rhoades [9.40]  
Cherry Hill Sectional (January 4 - 6) - Richard Popper [30.47]; Andy Kaufman [19.09]; Rick Rowland [9.78]

## **BLUE HEN SECTIONAL - FEBRUARY 22 - 24 - BRIDGE STUDIO OF DELAWARE**

#### **Friday, February 22**

1 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified Women's Pairs  
(Women's Pairs Nine Table Minimum)  
Stratified 99er Pairs

7 p.m. Stratified Pairs  
Stratified 199er Pairs

#### **Saturday, February 23**

1 p.m. Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs  
Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs  
Stratified 99er Pairs

7 p.m. Stratified Open Pairs  
Stratified 199er Pairs

#### **Sunday, February 24**

11 a.m. & TBA  
Flight A/X Two-Session  
Swiss Teams  
&  
Stratified B/C/D  
Two-Session  
Swiss Teams

For additional information visit the Unit 190 website: [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)

## **FALL NATIONALS IN SAN FRANCISCO - November 22 - December 2**

6,011 Players..... 112,323.66 Masterpoints awarded

*Congratulations to top DSBA master point winners Rick Rowland (110.68 points) - he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North American Swiss with teammates Ken Cohen, Janet Robertson and Neal Satten - and Richard Popper who won 50.10 master points*

## ♣♦♥♠Beach Bridge by Dini Romito♣♦♥♠

What a thrilling and busy fall for Beach Bridge, Shuffles and All Stars Clubs. Prizes were presented to many during the 2007 award celebrations. Listed below are the most winning players. We congratulate them all as we say goodbye to 2007 and set new bridge goals for 2008.

**4th quarter Club Champions:** Beach–Donna Waughtal/Ruth Boyle; Shuffles– Dorothy Hand/David Bradley; All Stars–Liz Ashley/Bonnie Walker.

**Most Masterpoints Earned:** Beach–Audrey Hagedorn, Jerry Sikora, Miriam McCauley; Shuffles - Carmela Coleman, Charlotte Hahn, Terry Dutton; All Stars - Bob Keeney, Liz Ashley, Charlotte Wheatley.

**Award Attendance:** Beach–Jeannette Marderwald, Nancy Hardesty, Audrey Hagedorn, George Jones, Anne Ratledge; Shuffles–Charlotte Wheatley, Carmela Coleman, Pat Kanz, Annette Berry, Jeannette Marderwald; All Stars–Jeannette Marderwald/Charlotte Wheatley, Dottie Ireton, Dorothy Hand, Joanne Inglis

### 2007 ACBL Rank Achievements

Junior Master: Scott Freber, Barbara Cleary, Don Greene, Hazel Greene, Mary Ann Lindsey, Jeannette Murray, Leah Holmes, Bitsy Klein, Judy Harbaugh, Cheryl Kirkpatrick, Marge Peck, Gail Ginsburgh, Margo DePuy, Marjorie Corrallo, Sharon Dominic

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

Sectional Master: Rico Federighi, Suzanne and Dave Evans, Mimi Tyson, Jan Shaeffer, Chuck Coltman, Pascal Girard

Regional Master: Joanne Inglis, George Jones, Jane Myers, Lynne Cardwell, Pat Preziosi, Eleanor Brown, MaryEllen Farquhar, Chris Sullivan, Miriam McCauley

NABC Master: Jerry Sikora, Joyce Legge, Linda Regan, Joan Jennings, Nancy Steele

Life Master: Harry Coar, Jerry Sikora

Bronze Life Master: Dorothy Hand, Beverly Shubert

Silver Life Master: Jim Coleman

### Christmas 2007 "Who-Dini" Bridgeland News

All three of the "Who-Dini" Bridge Clubs– Beach Bridge, Shuffles, and All Stars– surprised Dini Romito with a gift of an electronic game timer. There were three different parties and celebrations which provided music, food, laughter and good bridge. Dini, dressed in a Santa's Suit, presented year-end awards and gifts for everyone. A poem, "Who? Who? Who-Dini!" written by Dorothy Hand, was read as a tribute to Dini.

Unit 190 Bridge in Sussex County is active and growing, thanks to Dini's excellent leadership, good planning, creativity, and good will. The bridge community was thrilled to give her this gift and to recognize her for her contribution to ACBL duplicate bridge and her tireless efforts in promoting and teaching the game for the beginner through the most advanced level.

Christmas 2007 was special. It was our way of saying, "Thank you, Dini."

Charlotte Wheatley

#### Life Master, Jerry Sikora

Congratulations, Jerry! One of my favorite partners and friend! Way to go! Start to finish in 3 1/2 years! You are amazing!

Charlotte Wheatley

### **Bridge Studio Corner - February 2008**

**2007** was a good year for the Studio. For the most part we were able to get some new duplicate sessions and lessons started thanks to Randy, Ala, Susan and Anne. But more importantly, your patronage kept us viable and enthused. Alexis, Harold and I wish all of you our most sincere thanks. Please continue to let us know how we can continue to make things better.

Of particular note from the past year is the Intermediate/Novice game on Wednesday mornings. This game averages about 10 tables per week. The structure is a mini lesson followed by a 14-16 board relaxed duplicate game. This session is not only comfortable for even the most inexperienced but also a wonderful indoctrination into the great fun of duplicate bridge. Come try it sometime no matter how inexperienced you might be. We will guarantee that you will not be intimidated.

**Souper Sundae Party** – On February 3, the Studio will hold a 2 session open event (18 boards in each session). Come join us fight off “cabin fever.” The sessions begin at 11:00 am and around 3:00 pm with lunch provided. As the name implies, Alexis will be making a variety of soups in between games. We guarantee that you will be home in time for the Super Bowl. It will also serve as an occasion to honor our Studio Super Stars, Randy Berseth, Aster Wu, Rick Rowland, Alan Horowitz and Kenny Cohen. They all finished first nationally in either the Ace of Clubs or Mini McKinney events.

#### **Lesson Schedule from January to April**

**Application & Analysis** will continue on Thursdays 9:30 to 11:45 through April 17 (No class on February 21 & 28).

**Intermediate II** will begin the week of January 28 and go for ten weeks (No class the weeks of February 18 and 25).

This series features competitive bidding, preemptive bidding, slam bidding and more. These classes are on Monday mornings 9:30 to 11:45 and Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 9:15.

**Beginner II (Easybridge)** will begin the week of January 28 and go for ten weeks. This series will include notrump bidding, five card majors, takeout doubles and more. These classes are on Tuesday evenings 7:00 to 9:15 and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:45.

**Upcoming Special Events at the Bridge Studio** - Mark your calendars and find your favorite partners now for:

Dates	Description
Feb 3	Souper Sundae Party
Feb 22-24	Blue Hen Sectional
Mar 6-10	Spring NLM Sectional
June 6-9	Wilmington Summer Sectional

### **News from Below the Canal**

Beginning on February 7<sup>th</sup>, EasyBridge lessons will be offered at the Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, in Dover. So far, eleven students have signed up for the lessons, which will run about 2 ½ hours each session. Lessons will be taught by Carl Williams, a Dover-area bridge director and manager of the Monday Morning DBC. Carl has also recently agreed to join the DSBA Board of Directors as Downstate Liaison. Thanks so much, Carl, for all you are doing in support of bridge in Kent County.

Marie Filandro