

# THE DUMMY

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Reading PA Sectional  
Unit 121 - May 16 - 18

May's Landing NJ Sectional  
Unit 141 - May 30 - June 1

**DE STATE SWISS TEAMS  
JUNE 1 - 11 a.m.  
BRIDGE STUDIO**

**WILMINGTON SUMMER  
SECTIONAL  
JUNE 6 - 8  
BRIDGE STUDIO**

Camp Hill PA Sectional  
Unit 168 - June 13 - 15

DISTRICT 4 REGIONAL  
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA  
JUNE 16 - 22

MABC REGIONAL  
RESTON, VIRGINIA  
JUNE 30 - JULY 6

**SUMMER NATIONALS  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
JULY 17 - 27**

**WILMINGTON NLM  
SECTIONAL  
JULY 17 - 21  
BRIDGE STUDIO**

## **WELCOME .....**

### **TO A NEW MEMBER AND A NEW FEATURE**

Unit 190 has recently doubled its number of Grand Life Masters with the addition of Ken Cohen.

Ken's arrival, via transfer from the Philadelphia unit, gives us two multiple winners of national championships, joining Dave Treadwell in that accomplishment.

Ken has volunteered to host a new feature on the DSBA website, Kenny's Korner. The Korner is under construction and should be available sometime in late May. It will give any player the opportunity to get expert insight to the issues that challenge them at the table.

Rick Rowland, DSBA President

## **DELAWARE STATE SWISS TEAMS**

**Sunday, June 1 - 11 a.m. - The Bridge Studio**

## **DELAWARE SUMMER BRACKETED TEAMS**

One of the most enjoyable DSBA tournaments is a round robin team event played over several sessions in the homes of the participants. It is open to teams of four, five or six players who need not be DSBA members. Five or six teams are grouped in each bracket by masterpoints and each team plays a match against every other team in the bracket, roughly one match per month June through October. The cost is a bargain at \$48 per team.

We expect to field enough teams to have at least three brackets so you will be competing against your peers. If there is enough interest we may set up one or more down-state brackets.

Register your team by May 30 on line at [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)

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## **DSBA ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - 2007**

Unlimited - Rick Rowland

Under 2,000 and Under 1,000 - Barbara Rhoades

Under 500 - Jean Mansmann

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

### **LIFE MASTER**

Deborah Bryan  
Linda McGrath  
Mike McGrath

### **BRONZE LIFE MASTER**

Charlotte Bispham  
Julie Dugan  
Marilyn Dunning  
Kaia Gallagher  
Alan Horowitz  
James Kee  
Charlotte Wheatley

### **SILVER LIFE MASTER**

Geraldine Garvin  
Julie Hockersmith  
Barbara Rhoades

### **Gatlinburg Regional - Top Winners**

Marie Anzilotti, Ken Cohen, Tom & Marie Grabowski, Rick Rowland, Neal Satten  
Patricia Sinex, Lou Ann Carter, Thomas & Joan Hughes

### **Top DSBA Masterpoint Winners at Sectionals**

Cherry Hill - February 8 - 10 - Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Richard Popper, Andy Kaufman  
Reading - February 15 - 18 - Pete & Marie Filandro, Jess Stuart  
DSBA Blue Hen - February 22 - 24 - Richard Popper, Neal Satten, Ken Cohen, Alan Horowitz  
Wilmington Spring NLM - March 6 - 10 - Thomas & Joan Hughes, John & Joan Flanagan  
Kimberton PA - March 28 - 30 - Neal Satten, Ken Cohen, Dave Treadwell, Andy Kaufman

## **Unit 190 2007 ACE OF CLUBS and MINI - MCKENNEY WINNERS**

**Members with \* \* \* won their categories ACBL-wide.....special congratulations!**

New DSBA member Ken Cohen was the ACE OF CLUBS Over 10,000 points winner with 567.96 points!

ACBL CATEGORY	ACE OF CLUB WINNERS	MINI - MCKENNEY WINNERS
0 - 5	Dr. Howard K. Wachtel	Dr. Howard K. Wachtel
5 - 20	Nancy Hardesty	Nancy Hardesty
20 - 50	Anne C. Anderson	Elizabeth Pierce
50 - 100	Aster Wu * * *	Aster Wu
100 - 200	Alan M. Horowitz * * *	Alan M. Horowitz
200 - 300	Marilyn H. Dunning	Marilyn H. Dunning
300 - 500	Gladys C. White	Cindy Rowland
500 - 1000	Anne Taylor	Barbara Rhoades
1000 - 2500	Randy Berseth * * *	Randy Berseth
2500 - 5000	Rick Rowland	Rick Rowland * * *
5000 - 7500	Jess Stuart	Jess Stuart
Over 10,000	Dave Treadwell	Dave Treadwell

### **DSBA members on the Barry Crane Top 500 for 2007**

Ken Cohen, Rick Rowland, Neal Satten, Andy Kaufman, Randy Berseth

**♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ Beach Bridge ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠**

Dini Romito was on a trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt when this issue of the DUMMY went to press. Her article will resume with the next issue. She asked that I mention that she has a **Master/Non-Master Game** scheduled for Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Visit her website [www.who-dini.com](http://www.who-dini.com) for information about the game.

**Quarterly Club Champions**

Beach Bridge: Miriam McCauley and Anne Ratledge

All Slams: Dorothy Hand and Charlotte Wheatley

Shuffles: Terry Dutton and Bob Gore

**DSBA Mentoring Program - Alan Horowitz, Intermediate/Novice Program**

Unit 190 is starting a mentoring program, with a primary goal of helping intermediate level players (those with fewer than 200 master points) make a successful transition from the Monday night 199-er game to the open Monday night game. It is hoped that under the mentorship of a more experienced player, the intermediate player's confidence in and comfort level with playing in a more advanced field will grow.

Mentors are asked to make a once-a-month commitment to play with their mentee, for at least four months (a minimum of four sessions). Mentors should also be willing to review the experience with his/her mentee, using the hand records to discuss what went well and what might be improved upon, the goal being gentle lessons.

Mentors should be patient, flexible, and invested more in the process of bringing someone along than in the immediate results. No particular ACBL rank is required to be a mentor. Mentees should be willing to work on improving their games and should be open to suggestions regarding bidding, play of the hands, defense, and table presence.

Players willing to be mentors and those interested in being mentored should contact Alan Horowitz at 302.654.1423 or at [horowitz@udel.edu](mailto:horowitz@udel.edu).

**In case you don't get the Bridge Beat, you might want to read this excerpted article.**

ALERT!! - We are having some success getting newer, less-experienced players to our regular duplicate games. That's the good news. The bad news is that they get intimidated and scared away by some of the regulars.

While we are sure no one is deliberately trying to intimidate, it happens almost involuntarily. Here's why. Experienced players expect to see convention cards, reliable bidding by the opponents, proper alerting, reasonable tempo, thorough partnership agreements, etc.

With inexperienced players this isn't going to happen right off the bat, and it would be folly to penalize them for these infractions because: They don't do it knowingly, they don't have the wherewithal to glean anything meaningful from their infractions, and if totally embarrassed—they won't come back.

So, if you see some new faces, introduce yourselves, be patient, be constructive, expect some irregularities, and ABOVE ALL, don't embarrass them by calling the Director over entirely esoteric stuff. Deal?

**Unit 190 members who traveled to Detroit for the Spring Nationals**

Ken Cohen, Richard Douglas, Harold Jordan, Andy Kaufman, Christopher Marlow  
Neal Satten, Nancy Steele, Jess & Lois Stuart

Mark your calendars and find your favorite partners now for:

<u>DATES</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
June 1	Delaware State Swiss Team Championship
June 6 - 8	Wilmington Sectional
July 19 - 23	5 - day Summer NLM Sectional
September 14 - 16	Diamond State Sectional

**Lesson Schedule from April through June - Join the following classes in progress...**

**EasyBridge 1** is designed for those who have little or no knowledge of the game. Classes began on April 8, continue through June 10, and are held on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. We are pleased to have Ed and Mary Pat Mc Crossin as the presenters for this course. Tell your friends about it!

**Review and Beyond** is designed for students who have taken the Intermediate program and are eager to review certain topics and expand their knowledge of them. The series, which began on April 21 and continues through June 30, is held on Monday mornings at 9:30. Tom and Alexis are presenters.

**Strategy and Technique** began at 7 p.m. on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues for ten consecutive Wednesdays. The course concentrates only on play and defensive techniques, with little or no reliance on bidding conventions. Presenters are Harold and Ala, and hopefully at least one of them will show up each week. Perhaps if you're unlucky they both will! The course is designed for those who have completed either EasyBridge 1 or the Intermediate program, yet other interested parties are welcome to join as long as they're not overwhelmingly skilled at taking tricks.

## **BELOW THE CANAL** by Audrey Pugh

## Monday Morning D.B.Club

**10 am. Mondays - Modern Maturity Center - Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE**

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March 3- Club Championship (combined with a Special Party for new Silver Life Masters, Kay Mancuso and R. Clare O'Brien.) Winners: 1st Overall, Lloyd & Mary Jenkins; 2nd Overall, Helen Winans & Betty DiCello.

Four new players have joined our club and the ACBL. They are Cecil Cooper and Frank Bossler of Middletown, Delaware and Hanson and Linda Robbins of Easton, Maryland.

Future Special Games: May 19 - Membership Game and June 23 - Club Championship & Party

## Friday Nooners Club

**11 a.m. Fridays - Modern Maturity Center - Forrest Avenue, Dover DE**

(Friday club meets on all Fridays except the 1st Friday of the month as the room is not available)

New players that have joined the Friday Club are Betsy & Tony Janairo & Joan Santelli.

For info about clubs call: Patricia Vogler (302-698-0616) or Audrey L. Pugh (302 734 4870)

## EASYBRIDGE - DOVER

Carl Williams reports that the six-week EASYBRIDGE class that he taught at the Modern Maturity Center has successfully completed. Twenty six students attended each week.