

# THE DUMMY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL  
AUGUST 11 - 17

**DSBA MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING AND ELECTION  
BRIDGE STUDIO  
SEPTEMBER 8  
5:45 p.m.**

Glenside PA Sectional  
Unit 141  
September 12 - 14

**DIAMOND STATE  
SECTIONAL  
BRIDGE STUDIO  
SEPTEMBER 19 - 21**

Reading PA Sectional  
Unit 121  
September 26 - 28

**DE STATE OPEN PAIRS  
BRIDGE STUDIO  
OCTOBER 5  
10 a.m. and TBA**

Cherry Hill Sectional  
Unit 141  
October 10 - 12

LANCASTER REGIONAL  
Unit 168  
October 27 - November 2

Editor's Note: In the May 2008 issue of the **DUMMY**, an incorrect date for the Diamond State Sectional appeared. Please double check that you have the correct date as listed above.

## President's Report

The stock market's down. The housing market's down. Other than gas prices, what's up? The answer—bridge in Delaware.

Thanks to the efforts of Jess Stuart and Chris Marlow, attendance at the Swiss Team championship rose by over 30%. Not satisfied with that, they went out and increased the Summer Round Robin from 5 to 22 teams (If only I had a stock that rose by 340%).

Last issue, we introduced Kenny's Korner. I'm happy to say that the Korner is up and running. Early returns indicate that it's going to be a popular feature for players at all levels.

Visit the Korner at [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org).

I look forward to seeing you all at the DSBA Annual Meeting on September 8 at the Bridge Studio.

Rick

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION

**Monday, September 8, 2008**

**5:45 p.m. at the Bridge Studio**

Jess Stuart, Vice President of the DSBA and the DSBA Board present the following slate of candidates for election to the DSBA Board of Directors:

Marie Filandro	Rick Rowland
Mary Pat McCrossin	Ward Schaumberg
Richard Popper	Carl Williams

All are current Board members who have agreed to run for another two-year term. According to article VI.4.b of the bylaws (revised August 2, 2004), "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 2007-2009, whose terms expire next year: Marie Grabowski, Tom Grabowski, Alan Horowitz, Chris Marlow, Barbara Rhoades, Jess Stuart and Anne Taylor.

The DSBA Board expresses sincere gratitude to Carole Everitt who is retiring from the Board after serving as Membership Chairman. Our membership growth is due in large part to her outstanding efforts in this area.

Unit 190 members who arrive BEFORE the start of the meeting will receive a free entry to the Membership Game which begins at 7p.m. All are welcome to play, but only active ACBL members are eligible to win master points. Overall winners, regardless of master point eligibility will have their names engraved on the Colonel Richard H. Skinner Trophy. Membership applications and renewal information will be available at the game.

## **Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!**

Life Master - Tom Hughes  
 Bronze Life Master - Joseph Brown, Audrey Hildebrand, Betty Loveall,  
 Chien-Ping C. Kao, Aster Wu  
 Silver Life Master - Iara Erb  
 Emerald Life Master - Jess Stuart

### **DSBA Swiss Teams - June 1 - Overall Winners**

*Flight A - Andy Kaufman, Richard Popper, Jeff Ruben, Andy Stayton*  
*Flight X - Marie & Tom Grabowski, Jeff Koltenuk, Paul Silver*  
*Flight B - Paul & Sam Amer, Anne & Monty Taylor*  
*Flight C - Jeanne Ann Benson, Joanne Campion, Jennie Del Buono, Judith Quinn*  
*Flight D - Douglas, Steve & Susan Herrman, James Bray*

## **2008 DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL**

September 19 - 21 - Bridge Studio of Delaware - Foulkstone Plaza

### Friday, September 19

1 p.m.

Stratified Open Pairs  
 Stratified Women's Pairs  
 Stratified 99er Pairs

7 p.m.

Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs  
 Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs  
 Stratified 199er Pairs

### Saturday, September 20

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  
 Special Hospitality  
 after the Evening Session

### Sunday, September 21

11 a.m. - playthrough

Flight A/X two-session Swiss  
 Stratified B/C/D two-session  
 Swiss

Pizza will be sold  
 mid-afternoon

Additional information available at the unit website [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)

## **Delaware State Open Pairs Championship**

**Sunday, October 5 - 10 a.m. and TBA - Bridge Studio**

This will be a two-session flighted event, with flight cutoffs determined by master points at game time.

It is a sectionally-rated black point game.

A buffet lunch will be provided between sessions.

Pre-registration is required by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cost for both sessions including lunch will be \$22 per person.

## DSBA MENTORING PROGRAM

Alan Horowitz, DSBA Intermediate/Novice Program Director, reports that the DSBA Mentoring Program is underway. Currently three mentors - Sue Corbett, Jan Garber and Jess Stuart, have volunteered to help intermediate level players, those with fewer than 200 master points, make a successful transition to the Monday night 199-er game.

Mentors make a commitment to play with their mentee once a month for at least four months, and work to increase their mentee's confidence and comfort level. They review the hand records after each played session to discuss what went well and what might be improved upon.

Mentors should be patient, flexible and invested more in the process of bringing someone along than in immediate results. No particular ACBL rank is required to be a mentor. Mentees should be willing to work on improving their game and should be open to suggestions for improvement.

Currently, all players interested in being mentored are being accommodated, but as more intermediate players express an interest, more mentors will be needed. Players interested in being mentored and those willing to mentor should contact Alan at 302.654.1423 or [horowitz@udel.edu](mailto:horowitz@udel.edu).



## DELAWARE SUMMER BRACKETED TEAMS

The DSBA Summer Teams began this June and is running through October. For those who have not participated in this type of event, it is designed as a fun social alternative to the larger team events one typically sees at the club or tournament level. Matches usually are held at team members' homes, which gives players a chance to meet and play in a relaxed, more informal setting.

This year witnessed one of the largest turn-outs for the event in the past several years. Twenty-two teams registered to play, allowing the organizers to create three flights (A,B,C), stratified according to masterpoints. Each team plays five matches against other teams in their own flight. Flight A is a round robin among 6 teams, while B and C had enough teams to create two further brackets. B and C teams will have a short round robin, then play-off to determine the winners and final placements.

We are greatly encouraged by the turn-out this year and hope to expand the tournament further next year to include more teams throughout the state. The DSBA would especially like to thank Jess Stuart for his efforts in organizing, facilitating, and enlisting potential team members, and Ala Hamilton-Day for her enthusiasm and efforts to bring in so many players new to the game.

For those who are playing this year, we thank you for your participation and efforts that have made this event successful. Have fun, and good luck!

Chris Marlow

Top DSBA MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT SECTIONALS AND REGIONALSReading PA Sectional - May 16 - May 18

Pete &amp; Marie Filandro (6.33)

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

Dave Treadwell (14.91) Neal Satten (10.69) Ken Cohen (10.69)

Wilmington Summer Sectional - June 6 - June 8

Ken Cohen (18.92) Rick Rowland (16.43) Jess Stuart (15.83) Andy Kaufman (12.19)

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

Ken Cohen (85.10) Neal Satten (82.10) Rick Rowland (80.13) Marie &amp; Pete Filandro (23.36)

Andy Kaufman (23.25) Harvey Retherford (22.43) Jeff Koltenuk (22.43)

Shauneen Hutchinson (18.07) Gail Everett (18.07) Barbara Rhodes (18.07)

Wilmington NLM Sectional - July 17 - 21

Kathleen Bear (8.99) Patricia Loeffelholz (8.74) Mary Lou Farnum (7.36)

Mary Jane Elliott (7.35) La Verne Onuschak (6.14)

***Club News.....*****BELOW THE CANAL by Audrey Pugh****Monday Morning Bridge Club**

Apr. 14 - Charity Club Championship:

Overall: 1st Rusty Vilks &amp; Audrey Pugh

2<sup>nd</sup>: Clare O'Brien & Carolyn Coury

May 19 - ACBL Membership

Overall: 1st Dan Premo &amp; Ann Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Helen Flamm & Pat Vogler

June 9 STAC (District 6 &amp; Delaware)

Ann Collins &amp; Dan Premo placed in A,B, &amp; C with a 64.88% game.

Mary &amp; Lloyd Jenkins placed in B with a 62.80% game.

June 23 Club Championship

Overall 1<sup>st</sup>: Helen Flamm & Betty Nagle2<sup>nd</sup>: Ralph & Elizabeth Gordy

June 30 Upgraded Club Championship

Overall: 1st Nellie Jones &amp; Clare O'Brien

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ann Collins & Carolyn Coury

June 30 The club had a "Spring Picnic Party". The club supplied cold cuts & cheeses for sandwiches and soda & wine. Members brought their favorite salad, cake, pie, and hors d'oeuvres. Needless to say, the food was delicious.

**Friday Nooners Bridge Club**

Friday is a much smaller game and we are grateful when the 'Floridians' return—Ralph & Elizabeth Gordy  
Freda Mesibov and Irvin Chaffitz

June Club Championship: Winners

1<sup>st</sup>: Lila Childres & Evelyn Petrucci;2<sup>nd</sup>: Anne Schuster & Mary Jenkins

## **Bridge Studio Corner - August 2008 - "Fall at the Studio"**

### **NEW – Intermediate / Novice game**

- 1 Wednesday evenings at 7:00 beginning September 10
- 2 Duplicate game with Masterpoints
- 3 Relaxed pace / Non-intimidating environment
- 4 Great place to "get your feet wet" in duplicate play
- 5 Partner guaranteed (No partner necessary)
- 6 Cost \$9
- 7 Come join Alexis for the fun!

### **Intermediate / Novice Mini Lesson and Duplicate Game**

- 1 Will **MOVE** from Wednesday mornings to Thursdays morning at 9:30
- 2 **Change is effective on September 11**
- 3 Short mini lesson followed by an abbreviated Duplicate game with Masterpoints
- 4 Relaxed pace / Non-intimidating environment
- 5 Partner guaranteed (No partner necessary)
- 6 Cost \$9
- 7 Come join Tom for the fun!

### **Lessons**

#### **Beginner (Easybridge) – Spread the Word!!!**

- 1 Introduction to the world of bridge with emphasis on learning through experience.
- 2 Tuesday Nights from September 9 through November 11, or
- 3 Wednesday Mornings from September 10 to November 12
- 4 Teachers – Ed & Mary Pat McCrossin
- 5 Cost \$125
- 6 Class minimum is 10 students
- 7 **Pre-registration required** by contacting Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or alexiscic@aol.com

#### **Intermediate**

- 1 Monday Mornings at 9:30 from September 8 through November 10
- 2 Focus on "2 over 1" bidding system
- 3 Instruction followed by play and discussion of topic specific hands
- 4 Teacher – Tom Ciconte
- 5 Cost \$100 for the entire series or \$12 on a pay as you come basis
- 6 Masterpoints awarded
- 7 Complete notes and hand records provided
- 8 **Pre-registration required** by contacting Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or alexiscic@aol.com

#### **Application & Analysis**

- 1 **Tuesday** mornings beginning September 9
- 2 Each session will include 8 boards followed by detailed discussion of bidding, play and defensive learning points.
- 3 Teacher – Tom
- 4 Cost is \$12 per class on a pay as you come basis
- 5 Masterpoints awarded
- 6 Notes and hand records provided

### **Upcoming Special Events at the Bridge Studio**

Mark your calendars and find your favorite partners now for:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
September 19 - 21	DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL
December 4 - 8	5 - DAY HOLIDAY NLM SECTIONAL ( DATES PENDING)
December 27 - 31	DAVE TREADWELL SECTIONAL

### **Open Games**

- 1 Mondays through Saturdays – Open pairs at 12:30
- 2 Partners guaranteed on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
- 3 Thursday evenings – Swiss teams at 7:00 pm
- 4 Cost \$9

## **BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito**

♥ Summer is not the only thing that sizzles in Sussex. Bridge players are taking lessons and attending lectures to help their game "thermometers" rise.

♠ Easybridge!2 continues on Tuesday evenings 6:30-9:00PM as a 0-49er short game. It is open to anyone under 50 points and guarantees a partner. The format is a ½ hour lesson followed by 12 boards. Sometimes they even get homework!

♦ Tuesday afternoons thru August, 1:30-3:00PM, feature weekly lectures by top local players. Attendees raise their level of thinking to help achieve their goals. Topics include: When to take a Sac; "Double" Trouble; Developing X-Ray Vision, No Respect for 1NT; New Minor Forcing/4<sup>th</sup> Suit Forcing; Cheap Support Payments; Plus/Negative Doubles; Let's Get Out Your Splinter. For a full schedule and local game information, go to [www.who-dini.com](http://www.who-dini.com).

♣ May 29<sup>th</sup> featured a Mentor game at Shuffles. Non-Life-Masters (NLM) were mentored by Life Masters. To show their appreciation, the NLM's supplied the "Thank You" lunch. What a wonderful array of goodies (more recipes for our cookbook) along with a fabulous cake made by Jean Moxley for Dini's (how many years?) birthday. See it at the who-dini Photo Gallery. The bouquet of flowers was fabulous and bloomed for three weeks. What a great day for everyone to meet, eat, chat and play this great game. Everyone was a winner - but the computer listed 1<sup>st</sup> Overall as Terry Dutton and Dave Evans. Great 71% game, guys.

Congratulations to Club Champions: Beach Bridge – Mary Alice Mumford/Doug Ward; All Stars – John Friling/George Jones; Shuffles – Charlotte Hahn/Eli Solomon

### **Welcome new ACBL members:**

Nancy Zawicki, Ed Strickler, Fran Verderame, Linda Lewis

2008 **70%** Partnerships: Charlotte Hahn/Jerry Scott; Terry Dutton/Dave Evans;  
Jane Myers/Nancy Steele; Betty Crane/Lucia Morrison

### **Upcoming Special Events**

Stac Week August 18-24, NAP Qualifying Games

### **September**

Separate 0-49er NAP Games, Tuesday AM, Wed Eve, Thurs Aft, with interest and attendance

September 11th: Instant MP Gold Game, Beach Bridge and Shuffles

September 21st: Sectional Beach Bus leaves Bethany Beach at 8:00AM for Wilmington. to attend Swiss Team event. Play two sessions and return to Bethany by 9:15PM. Leave the driving to them. Sit back and relax. If you plan to join the Bus Party, get your team together now. For reservations to and from Sussex County, call Dini, 302-537-5262. Seating is limited.



Next issue.... Part one of an article by Dini...**A\*Fair Bridge**