

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL NATIONALS BOSTON, MA NOVEMBER 20 - 30

Bridge Studio of DE
Holiday NLM Sectional
December 4 - 8

Harrisburg PA Sectional
Unit 168
December 5 - 7

DSBA HOLIDAY PARTY & PARKE WOODWORTH TROPHY EVENT DECEMBER 15 BRIDGE STUDIO

Bridge Studio of DE
Dave Treadwell Sectional
December 27 - 31

Cherry Hill NJ Sectional
Unit 141
January 2 - 4, 2009

Harrisburg PA Sectional
Unit 168
January 23 - 25, 2009

Cherry Hill NJ Sectional
Unit 141
February 6 - 8, 2009

DSBA BLUE HEN SECTIONAL FEB 27 - MARCH 1 BRIDGE STUDIO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2008

As I begin my term as your Unit President, I am excited about serving with such a talented and enthusiastic Board of Directors. We are comprised of 14 volunteer members all working hard to produce quality tournaments, provide mentoring opportunities, present Unit 190 player awards, sponsor our annual holiday party, and much more. I hope you'll join us in our goal this year of continuing to promote and improve bridge in Delaware.

Many thanks go out to Rick Rowland for his excellent leadership this past year. We also express our gratitude to outgoing board member, Carole Everitt, for her many years of service. A warm welcome is extended to our newest board member, Jeff Ruben. Jeff served on the board several years ago and says he applauds our Unit's efforts to recruit and teach new players. He hopes we can convince a lot of baby boomers to keep their minds active in retirement by playing bridge.

I welcome your constructive comments and suggestions towards making bridge better for all of us in Delaware. You can email me at DSBAUnit190@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you at the table!

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DSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Anne Taylor
Vice President: Chris Marlow
Treasurer: Ward Schaumberg
Secretary: Alan Horowitz

Board Members

Marie Filandro, Marie Grabowski, Tom Grabowski,
Mary Pat McCrossin, Richard Popper,
Barbara Rhoades, Rick Rowland,
Jeff Ruben, Jess Stuart, Carl Williams

TOP 10 - NO TRUMP TIPS from KENNY'S KORNER

1. Never bid Stayman with a 4333 pattern.
2. Open 1 NT with all 15 point hands with a 5 card major and a 5332 pattern. Otherwise you have no convenient rebid.
3. Jump to 3 of a major over a 2 Club Stayman bid to show a 5 card major. You may have a 5-3 fit.
4. Consider your spot cards to upgrade or downgrade your evaluation of the hand. Look at 10's very carefully and also consider 9's slightly. Spot cards are critical in NT.
5. Look for good 5 card suits and always add at least a full point if you have one.
6. Bid 3H or 3S with 9-12 points with 3154, 3145, 1354, 1345 patterns. The auction is forcing to at least 4 of a minor.
7. Play Texas Transfers in competition through interference up to 4 Clubs.
8. Play Negative Doubles not penalty doubles at 2 and 3 level. They occur more frequently.
9. Ignore double and 2 Clubs interference over NT and play your system. Double 2 Clubs for Stayman.
10. Bid 4 NT to show 16 points and 4 Spades to show 17 points. Both are quantitative raises. Kenny Cohen

DSBA Annual Membership Meeting & Skinner Trophy Game - September 8, 2008

Flight A - Greg Burch and Rick Rowland

Flight B - Dorothy Heldt and Barbara Stockburger

Flight C - Bill Everitt and Donald Ohlandt

Delaware State Open Pairs - Winners - October 5, 2008

Flight A - Ken Cohen and Neal Satten

Flight X - Chris Marlow and Andy Muenz

Flight B/C/D - Gail Everett and Melissa Jessup

North American Pairs

Flight B - 1st overall - Anne and Monty Taylor (October 25)

Flight B - 3rd overall - Chris Marlow and Andy Muenz (October 25)

Flight C - 3rd overall - Liz Ashley and Bonnie Walker (October 18)

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank !

Life Master - Carolyn Furio, Leslye Heisler

Bronze Life Master - Jack Shubert

Silver Life Master - Jim Chao, Margaret Shellenberger, Carl Williams

Gold Life Master - Marie Grabowski, Harold Jordan

Diamond Life Master - Pete Filandro

Come One, Come All!

DSBA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - PARKE WOODWORTH TROPHY EVENT

Monday, December 15 - Bridge Studio

Doors open at 5:45 p.m. - Great Hospitality!



December Sectionals at the Bridge Studio of Delaware

**Holiday NLM Sectional
December 4 - December 8**

**Annual Dave Treadwell Open Sectional
December 27 - 31**

**DSBA 2009 Blue Hen Sectional - February 27 - March 1
Bridge Studio of Delaware - Foulkstone Plaza, Wilmington DE**

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 27
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, February 28
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
[Dessert at evening session]

Sunday, March 1
11 a.m.
Playthrough

Flight A/X
2-session Swiss Teams
&
Stratified B/C/D
2-session Swiss Teams
(Pizza sold mid-afternoon)

TOP MASTERPOINT WINNERS AT SECTIONALS AND REGIONALS

Glenside PA Sectional - September 12 - September 14

Ken Cohen (16.45) Richard Popper (15.84) Rick Rowland (10.21) Dave Treadwell (5.17)

DSBA Diamond State Sectional - September 19 - September 21

Ken Cohen (20.33) Dave Treadwell (13.96) Richard Popper (12.36)
Rick Rowland (12.34) Anne & Monty Taylor (8.91)

Cherry Hill NJ Sectional - October 10 - October 12

Ken Cohen (31.66) Marie & Tom Grabowski (10.82) Rick Rowland (9.75)

HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL - AUGUST 11 - AUGUST 17

Ken Cohen (88.10) Rick Rowland (88.10) Cindy Rowland (31.81)
Barbara Rhoades (26.66) Rona Brenner (26.36) Gail Everett (25.98)
Melissa Jessup (25.98) Randy Berseth (25.66) Shauneen Hutchinson (24.04)
Harold Jordan (24.03)

SUMMER BRACKETED TEAMS

The DSBA Summer Teams are nearing their completion. The **Flight A** race has been decided, while Flights B & C are coming down to their final matches.

In **Flight A**, Rick Rowland's team came in first. Congratulations to Rick Rowland, Marty Rabinowitz, Greg Burch, Harold Jordan, and Soley Kristjansdottir. Finishing second was Richard Popper's team (Richard Popper, Jeff Ruben, Michael Shuster, Donna Morgen, Richard Morgen, Jay Apfelbaum) while third place went to Andy Purbrick's team (Andrew Purbrick, Chris Marlow, Ala Hamilton-Day, Andy Muenz, Ward Schaumberg).

The final results will be posted on-line and in the next issue of the Dummy. Chris Marlow

A*FAIR BRIDGE by Dini Romito



Bridge is a timed event, that's fair! Everyone gets to play a board in so many minutes. That's fair! Sometimes a difficult hand needs extra thinking time but players should still be within a few cards of finishing when the round ends. Let us examine a **FAIR** game with regard to timing for advanced beginners upward.

FAIR is paying attention to the time. Check the clock or your watch. Be aware of how many minutes remain in the round. Let us look at one sample round:

2-board movement: 16 minutes

1 minute: "Hello, happy to see you."

14 minutes: Play two boards

1 minute: Check the *correctly entered score*, say goodbye, players move,
North passes the boards.

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FAIR is reminding others that "time's a-wasting."

FAIR is calling the director when a pair consistently uses what you feel is an unreasonable amount of time.

FAIR is calling the director's attention to the fact that you are starting a round late through no fault of your own.

FAIR is not starting a board with two minutes remaining until the end of the round. Call the director.

FAIR is finishing a round *early* in order to eat the great food or use the facilities.

FAIR is not leaving the table unnecessarily and expecting defenders to play Dummy's cards.

FAIR is not agonizing over a traveler when the round is called. Make a note to check it later. Move on.

FAIR is for North, while still playing, to immediately and personally pass a board when a round is called.

Do not ask someone else to pass the boards. It is in your "job description."

Otherwise, the waiting four players are deprived of their 16 minutes.

FAIR is for EW to vacate their seats when the round is called even though the table they are going to is still in play - four more players deprived of their 16 minutes.

FAIR is not making a pair wait to come to the table. They have nowhere to go and stand around staring at the ceiling - again, deprived of their full 16 minutes.

FAIR is not making a pair wait for you to arrive at their table. All four of you are deprived of a 16-minute round.

NOT FAIR to yourselves. It has to be disturbing to have moving players and the director hovering for your table to finish, whether or not the delay was your fault. Now everyone feels rushed and irritated.

Wow, who would have thought slow play by one pair affects 12 people in one single round? And, it can be contagious and take a couple rounds to completely catch up. This is not a fun way to play bridge.

Let's examine more ideas that can help a partnership get timely.

Arrive Early. Settle down and be ready to play before the first round begins rather than during the second round.

Play Better. Constantly study, refresh, take lessons, practice and seek advice.

Play Faster. If your declarer play is consistently slow, examine why. If finesses are a problem look them up so you will know the next time. If it is recall, try doing some mental exercises to sharpen your thinking. Most likely, it is...waiting for inspiration to surface. The Bridge Genie seldom comes to the rescue.

Stay Focused. Keep your mind on bridge. Forget your bad boards.

Analyze Slowness. Take note of when you feel yourself slowing down. Get partner to help you.

Unsure what to do? Feeling rushed? Too much sugar? If slow play is due to a specific area of your game, look it up when you get home or get advice. Play more often - the more experience you gain at the table, the faster you will play. Play in a more experienced game where players tend to play at a steadier pace.

Talk Less. It is lovely seeing friends you haven't seen in a week or so. Arrange for catch-up time after the game. Keep conversations during the game to a minimum. Do not hash over the hands or the results. Criticism lowers self-confidence. The game is not the time or the place. There isn't enough time to question partner's action - not enough time to apologize for yours - not enough time to teach your partner and opponents.

Find a Rhythm. Playing at a steady pace relieves frustration and tension caused by slow play. Your scores will improve and everyone will have more fun, especially when playing at your table.

Let's all strive to play **A*Fair Bridge**.

Club News.....**♠♥♦♣BELOW THE CANAL by Audrey Pugh♠♥♦♣**

The Monday Morning Bridge Club has acquired some new members:

Duchesne and Shirley Clark, Hanson & Linda Robbins, Jan Waite
 Sept. 15 (Dist. #6 STAC)–Susan Derrickson & Lila Childress placed overall with a 61.51% game
 September Club Championship— 1st - Dick Glidden & Bonnie Savage
 2nd- Dan Premo & Audrey Pugh
 December 15 - Annual Christmas Party at the Maple Dale Country Club

Bridge Studio Corner - November 2008

Mark your calendars!! Upcoming events you DON'T want to miss

- o Weekly Sunday afternoon game at 12:30 beginning December 14. Partners guaranteed.
- o NLM Sectional (*Silver Point Bonanza*) from December 4 – 8. See website for details.
- o Treadwell Open Sectional from December 27-31. See website for details.

New this Fall

- o NLM Wednesday evening game at 7:00 pm. No partners necessary. Since beginning in September, this game has averaged almost 10 tables. Don't forget, this is a sectionally rated game, so the MP awards are generous.
- o And don't forget the NLM mini-lesson and abbreviated duplicate game every Thursday morning at 9:30.
- o Come join either of these games for a relaxed, fun way to try your hand at Duplicate Bridge.

Lesson Update

- o We're pleased to welcome 20+ students to Easybridge this fall. With the guidance of Ed & Mary Pat McCrossin, they are beginning to Rock n' Roll.
- o Speaking of Rockin n' Rollin, every Monday morning we have over 16 tables of Intermediate students shaking up the Studio. They are definitely a strong group who will eventually make our Duplicate games so much better. Please be sure to make them feel comfortable when the opportunity presents itself.
- o Check out our website for updated lesson schedules for the late Fall & Winter.

♠♥♦♣BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito ♠♥♦♣

♣ **Goodbye, Snowbirds, goodbye**
Seems like we just said, "Hi..."
Why must you run to the sun?
We'll miss you, ONE BY ONE.... Dini

♦ 2008 3rd Quarterly Club Champions

Beach Bridge: Irmgard Brill / Judy Harrington
 All Stars: Charlotte Hahn / Eli Solomon
 Shuffles: Mary Juenemann / Sue Walsh

♥ 70% Club

74.70 Nancy Anderson / Nancy Jose (October 23)
 74.67 Charlotte Hahn / Eli Solomon (September 24)

♠ The Ranks ♠

New Member: Mary Boyd
Junior Master: Fran Verderame
Club Master: Sharon Dominic, Gale Myers
Sectional: Peggy Taylor, Barbara Cleary,
 Margo DePuy
Regional: Miriam McCauley,
 Anne Ratledge, Corinne Sommer,
 Bonnie Walker
NABC: Ruth Boyle, Donna Waughtal
Bronze Life Master: Audrey Hildebrand,
 Jack Shubert
Silver Life Master: Carl Williams