

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL NATIONALS SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 6

Sloppy Joe Sunday
November 15 - 11 a.m.
Bridge Studio

Holiday NLM Sectional
December 2 - December 6
Bridge Studio

Camp Hill PA Sectional
Unit 168
December 4 - December 6

**DSBA OPEN PAIRS &
HOLIDAY PARTY**
DECEMBER 13 - 10a.m. & TBA
BRIDGE STUDIO

Dave Treadwell Sectional
December 27 - December 31
Bridge Studio

Westhampton NJ Sectional
Unit 141
January 8 - January 10

New Cumberland PA Sectional
Unit 168
January 29 - January 31

Looking ahead.....

**DELAWARE 2010 REGIONAL
APRIL 26 - MAY 2
HOLIDAY INN
I-95 & NAAMANS ROAD**

President's Report - November 2009

Greetings from all of us at the ACBL's Unit 190, The Delaware State Bridge Association. The mission of the board is to promote duplicate bridge in Delaware, which we accomplish in many ways from subsidizing beginner's bridge lessons to running high quality tournaments. This next year promises to be very exciting, because in addition to Sectional tournaments run by the DSBA in February and September, we are also hosting the Delaware Regional in late April of 2010. We also run three state tournaments - Swiss Teams, Summer Bracketed Teams, and the soon-to-be-held State Open Pairs and Holiday Party on Sunday, December 13. You may register for the State Pairs on the DSBA Website at www.unit190.org.

I am gratified to have such a strong board working with me and for you. Anne Taylor's leadership last year was wonderful, and it culminated in her recruiting first-rate board members for this coming year. On the board, we have NLM members, we have members from downstate, and we have a superb mix of veterans and newcomers to serve you. Please feel free to write me with suggestions for improving our beloved game of bridge statewide, as well as with any questions that you might have. You may reach me at horowitz@udel.edu. We also welcome participation from non-board members with the tournaments we run; let me know if you'd like to help.

Your president, Alan Horowitz

DSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alan Horowitz, President
Jeff Ruben, Vice-President
Ward Schaumburg, Treasurer
Harold Jordan, Secretary
Anne Taylor, Past President

Bill Everitt, Marie Filandro, Bruce Gwaltney,
Mike Mocella, Richard Popper, Barbara Rhoades,
Rick Rowland, Jess Stuart, Carl Williams, Trina Williams

Special thanks to Bruce Gwaltney who agreed to join the Board shortly after the September meeting. A Board vacancy occurred when Mary Pat and Ed McCrossin relocated to Florida.

THE 2010 DELAWARE REGIONAL - April 26 - May 2, 2010

Will be here sooner than you think!

Convenient Location - Holiday Inn - I-95 and Naamans Road

Free Parking - Nightly Hospitality - Good Competition at All Levels

Line up your partners and teams early ! Talk it up to your out-of-town bridge friends.

DSBA State Open Pairs Championship and annual Holiday Party
Sunday, December 13 - 10 a.m. and TBA - BRIDGE STUDIO

A two-session, sectionally-rated, black point, flighted event

Flight cutoffs determined at game time by master points

Buffet lunch will be provided between sessions

Pre-registration required by December 9 - cost is \$24 per person

Register on-line at www.unit190.org or via sign-up sheet in the Bridge Studio

Or call Jeff Ruben (302) 475-0469 jeff.ruben@aacr.org

or Bill Everett (302) 528-2540 ranger_willie@yahoo.com

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!

Life Master - Jane Drevo

Bronze Life Master - Bill Everitt, Tom Hughes, Carolyn Price, Sydney Spruance

Nancy Steele, David Venetianer

Silver Life Master - Joe DeColli, Nancy Jose, Kathleen Miller, Bridgett Pitt

Lou Tobia, Gladys White

District 4 - North American Pairs

Congratulations to Unit 190 members who did well.....

Flight A - 3rd - Rick Rowland with partner Craig Robinson

Flight B - 1st - Anne and Monty Taylor; 3rd - Chris Marlow with partner Andy Muenz

Flight C - 1st - Mary Boyd and Peter Harris; 3rd - Linda Regan and Laurie Shelton

DSBA Summer Bracketed Teams

One match in Flight B remains. Other matches are completed.

Flight A was won by Rick Rowland, Greg Burch, Harold Jordan, Soley Kristjansdottir, and Martin Rabinowitz. Flight C was won by Bill & Carol Everitt, Herb & Kathy Chalek.

The Barbara's

Barbara Furbeck and Barbara Herr have been a fixture in Delaware bridge for decades. Their crowning achievement was a win in the Women's Life Master Pairs at the 1976 Fall National Championships. Barbara Furbeck is a retired research chemist and can still be seen at the bridge table, primarily at the Bridge Studio. Barbara Herr is a retired chemist who, in addition to her bridge activities, was the chair of the Delaware State Commission for Women. Rick Rowland

Next article: Ivar Stakgold

Top Unit 190 master point winners at Regionals and Sectionals

Hunt Valley Regional - August 17 - 23

Rick Rowland (42.19) Pete & Marie Filandro (30.95) Andy Kaufman (30.55)
 Andy Stayton (30.55) Anne Taylor (21.72) Jeff Koltenuk (21.18) Trina & Carl Williams (19.25)
 Harvey Eckell (19.25) Monty Taylor (19.04) Barbara Rhoades (19.00)

Ocean City Regional - October 19 - 25

Lois & Jess Stuart (36.77) Anna Delapo (29.30) Jane Drevo (27.04)
 Nancy Steele (25.64) Paula Varrassi (23.00) Jeff Koltenuk (21.05) Jim Herrington (21.05)
 Harvey Eckell (21.05) Jerry Moxley (20.35)

Reading Sectional - September 4 - 7

Pete & Marie Filandro (5.50) Andy Kaufman (3.94)

Kimberton Sectional - September 11 - 13

Rick Rowland (5.06) Ward Schaumberg (3.16) Mooch Taylor (3.16)
 Bitsy & Michael Klein (2.92) Judith & Bruce Gwaltney (2.57)

Diamond State Sectional - September 25 - 27

Richard Popper (14.00) Judith & Bruce Gwaltney (8.38) Marie Anzilotti (8.34)
 Rick Rowland (6.25) Harold Jordan (5.86) Anne & Monty Taylor (5.25) Chris Marlow (5.25)
 Andy Kaufman (5.20) Andy Stayton (5.20)

Cherry Hill Sectional - October 9 - 12

Pete & Marie Filandro (18.62) Andy Kaufman (13.00) Michael Mocella (2.52) Colin Mackay (2.52)
 Judith & Bruce Gwaltney (1.67)

NATIONAL GOODWILL COMMITTEE

In September, Marie and Tom Grabowski were notified that they had been appointed lifetime members of the ACBL's National Goodwill Committee. They received this honor in recognition of their enthusiastic support for goodwill both at our local club and at tournaments. The Committee commended them for their caring and friendly ways, especially at their local club. A well deserved honor!

Colonel Skinner Trophy Game - September 14

1st - Richard Popper and Donna Morgen

2nd - Marie and Tom Grabowski

3rd - Rick Rowland and Greg Burch

Swiss Pairs by Richard Popper

The Wilmington sectional to be held February 26 through 28, 2010 will feature an event on Saturday, February 27 which is very rarely run anywhere in the United States, a two session Swiss Pairs, at 1 PM and 7 PM. Yes, Swiss Pairs, not Swiss Teams.

During the course of the two sessions, each pair will play a series of 6 to 8 board matches against other pairs. The number and length of the matches and the number of boards in each match will depend on the number of entries, but the number of boards played each session will be much the same as in a typical pair game. Everyone will play the same boards at the same time, and the results will be match pointed across the field. Each pair's percentage score from the 6 to 8 boards in the match will be converted to victory points. The scale varies depending on the length of the match, but normally a score of about 66 % over the course of match will produce a blitz in that match.

Pairing, just as in a swiss team, is random for the first match. Thereafter, each pair will be paired against another pair with a similar record. The pair with the most victory points wins!

This is an event designed for pairs of all abilities. Master points will be awarded for each match won, and the event will be stratified so that everyone will have a real chance to win an overall award. As in a stratified Swiss team event, players will tend to play against other players in their own stratification after the first round or two. Of course, a flight B or C pair which is having a very good day may have to play against flight A players as a result of doing well, but generally, players will feel comfortable playing against players of their own ability.

Traditional one session pairs events will be available for players who are not able to play two sessions or don't want to try this event.

We hope that lots of players in all strata will come to play on February 27. If you have questions, feel free to call or email me. 302 764 3208 or rjapopper@verizon.net



Don't Be a Dummy About Being the Dummy by Pete Filandro

Dummy has Absolute Rights, Qualified Rights, and Limitations.

These are all spelled out in the Laws of Duplicate Contract Bridge (especially Law 42 and 43).

Dummy has the **Absolute Right** to:

- provide information - in the Director's presence - about fact or law
- keep count of tricks won and lost by having his cards positioned to show which side won each trick. And, until a lead is made to the next trick, he may draw attention to a card that is pointed incorrectly by any of the other three players
- play the dummy's cards as directed by the declarer

Dummy has the **Qualified Right** to:

- ask declarer (**but not a defender**) if he has a card in the suit led when declarer fails to follow suit (for example, "No Spades, partner?")
- try to prevent an irregularity by **declarer** (for example, "You're in your hand, partner.")
- report any irregularity, but only **AFTER** play of the hand has ended (for example, "I think one of the defenders revoked during the hand.")

Dummy is **limited**:

- Dummy should not call for the Director during play (except if one of the other three players has first noted an irregularity)
- Dummy may not call attention to an irregularity during play
- Dummy must not participate in the play or communicate about the play (for example, he may not suggest plays to declarer or point to or touch cards in dummy to suggest plays; he may not state that dummy is high)

Certain party bridge, kitchen bridge or social bridge customs or courtesies are **NOT** permitted by the laws of duplicate bridge. Dummy may not exchange hands with declarer, nor walk around behind declarer to see his hand or watch his play. Dummy may not lean over to look at a defender's cards.

Penalties are prescribed for violations of dummy's qualified rights and limitations, and for doing any of the party bridge actions that are not allowed.

Bridge Studio Corner - November 2009

Casual Play – Tuesday mornings at 9:30. This is your opportunity to play in a non-competitive setting. You can come alone, with a partner or with a group. Play at your own pace and feel free to discuss and question as you go along. We provide the boards, hand records and refreshments. Most importantly, there will be an experienced player on hand to answer questions about the bidding, play and defense. Cost is \$5 per person. Why not give it a try?

Facts of Bridge Life (by Eddie Kantar) - Don't bid the same values twice. Don't play with someone you don't like. Don't scream at your partner (or Alexis, Tom & Harold for that matter).

Upcoming Events

Sloppy Joe Sunday on November 15 at 11 am. Two abbreviated sessions, lunch, door prizes and fun. Dress in your sloppiest attire! The cost is \$18 per person. Pre-registration please so Alexis gets an idea how much "Sloppy Joes" to prepare. You can do this at the Studio or by contacting Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or alexiscic@aol.com.

NLM Sectional – Silver point bonanza from December 2 - 6.

See the website (www.bridge-studio.org) for details.

Dave Treadwell Sectional from December 27 - 31. See website for details.

FAQ – Is North the only player who can handle the Boards?

There is nothing in the rules that forbids any player from touching the boards. From a practical point of view, North or South usually passes the boards to the next table and North turns a board face down after it has been played so the players won't take hands out from different boards. No player should ever reprimand another. It would be a breach of etiquette for North to demand that no one else touch the boards.

Thursday Night Swiss Teams – thank you for your patience while playing in the 2nd floor annex. Although the conditions were not optimum, you gave us a chance to put our best foot forward for the beginners.

Many thanks to Ed and Mary Pat McCrossin for their time and effort teaching Beginner's Bridge at the Studio. Their enthusiasm and love of the game is evident in their students who are beginning to test their newfound skills at the bridge table. Our best wishes to them as they relocate to Florida. We'll miss them.

BELOW THE CANAL - by Audrey Pugh

The Dover Clubs have had good attendance records for the summer and will miss the following players who are returning to Florida for the winter: Ralph & Elizabeth Gordy, Irv Chafitz, Freida Messibov, Betty Nagle, Paul Soentgen.

This summer we have been joined by several "old friends" and former bridge players who have retired - Lillian Schaube, Albert "Buz" Adams, and Bob Keeney.

Monday Special Games & Winners

September 28, Club Championship - 1. Susan Derrickson & Ann Collins
2. Lillian Schaube & Audrey Pugh

October 5, Club Appreciation - 1. Ralph & Elizabeth Gordy
2. (Tie) Dick Glidden & Lila Childres; Dan Premo & Ann Collins

Friday Special Games & Winners

September 23, Club Championship - 1. Lillian Schaube & Audrey Pugh
October 9, Club Appreciation - 1. Irv Chafitz & Freda Messibov
2. Bonnie Savage & Lillian Schaube

BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito

A fall fest of special games, tournaments and the lure of winning extra master points kept players on the move: Instant Matchpoint, 5% Gold Team Games, Club Appreciation Pairs, North American Pair Flight "C" D4 Final, Club Championships and back-to-back Ocean City MD and Lancaster PA Regionals. Many thanks to Eli Solomon, Charlotte Wheatley, Jim Coleman, Jerry Sikora, Beth Mallon and Betty Crane for their help directing games. All are greatly appreciated.

The 0-20 masterpoint side game on Thursday afternoons is making an impact with students. Beginning in November, several of the players volunteered to review some problem hands with the students. What an opportunity to learn!

We hugged our snowbirds goodbye as we welcomed Bob L from Memphis who came to visit a few days. He came during the nor'easter and witnessed 40 players driving through two feet of water at the foot of Indian River Bridge in pelting rain and blustery winds to attend the NAP Flight "C" D4 Final in Ocean View. Bob L was there when Mary Boyd and Peter Harris captured 1st overall district honors. They are making plans for the Nationals in Reno in March 2010. 3rd Overall D4 winners are Linda Regan and Laurie Shelton.

Our newest ACBL members are Janet and Roy Couch, Barbara Keate, Mel Presgraves, Barbara Saulsbury, Beverly Greenberg, Jacque Kappes and Donna Vaughn. We look forward to their continued success in our (I/N) Intermediate/Novice program.

To help prepare for the Ocean City Regional, a special class, available to all players, reviewed and instructed how to fill out the convention card. I accompanied twenty students to their first regional. We met at the Registration Desk, toured the playing room, found the entry table and lecture and food areas. They met the ever-capable Jean Moxley at the Partnership Desk. The registration and first-time tournament gifts plus first place prizes were a hit. First "red" points were earned by Nancy and Dave Lurty, Wendy and Tony Janda, Dotty Spann/Lynn LeBrun, Anita Ferm/Sue Snyder and Mike Tasevoli/Rick Cott.

3rd Quarter Club Champions

Beach: Barbara Natkowitz/Valerie Reber

Shuffles: Adelaide Schultze/Jerry Scott

All Stars: Debbie Blake/Beth Mallon

Instant Matchpoint, the GOLD game

Shuffles: C.Hahn/J.Coleman, P.Comerford/J. O'Connor, A.& L.Lieberman, A. & A.Perez.

Beach: C. Sullivan/G.Jones, M.McCauley/A.Ratledge, I.Brill/J.Harrington, E.Bosworth/C.Kulpinski.

5% Club Appreciation Teams

Beach: L.Ashley/P.Preziosi/I.Brill/J.Harrington

Shuffles: C.Hahn/J.Scott/A. & W.Stone

All Stars: Tie – E.Brown/J.Inglis/S.Dominic/C.Sommer and T. & C.Williams/P.Mitchell/M.Rogers

For other local information, go to www.who-dini.com.