

# THE DUMMY

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Sundae  
February 7 - 11 a.m.  
Bridge Studio

Reading PA Sectional  
Unit 121  
February 12 - 15

Glenside PA Sectional  
Unit 141  
February 19 - 21

**BLUE HEN SECTIONAL  
FEBRUARY 26 - 28  
THE BRIDGE STUDIO**

**SPRING NATIONALS  
RENO, NEVADA  
MARCH 11 - 21**

**WILMINGTON DE SECTIONAL  
APRIL 5 - 8  
THE BRIDGE STUDIO**

Conshohocken PA Sectional  
Unit 141  
April 9 - 11

**DSBA SWISS TEAMS  
APRIL 18  
THE BRIDGE STUDIO**

Lancaster PA Sectional  
Unit 168  
April 23 - 25

**2010 DELAWARE REGIONAL  
APRIL 26 - MAY 2  
Holiday Inn - Naamans Road**

## President's Report

2010! A happy and healthy New Year to all members of the Delaware State Bridge Association. May you experience good fortune at the bridge table this year, along with goodwill. I hope you have resolved to play often, well, and ethically.

Several Unit 190 members did creditably in 2009 ACBL-wide masterpoint races, continuing a recent trend. Congratulations to Rick Rowland, Randy Berseth, and Jess Stuart who made the Barry Crane 500 list. Kudos to Mary Boyd, Colin Mackay, Bridgett Pitt, Aster Wu, and Randy Berseth who placed in the Top Ten of their respective Ace of Clubs categories. More kudos to Mary Boyd who also placed in her Mini-McKenney category. Many more of us, too numerous to mention, advanced in rank this past year. Congratulations to all!

But that was LAST year. In the next few months, there are going to be several events and tournaments that will provide you with fun, challenges, and masterpoints in several of your favorite pigments. The Blue Hen Sectional will be held the last weekend in February at the Bridge Studio. A new event will be Swiss Pairs, an event Richard Popper played in England. I'm looking forward to trying it out; you should, too! Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> will be the State Swiss Teams Championships at the Bridge Studio. The 2009 Unit 190 Awards will be handed out on that date. The Delaware Regional runs from Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Holiday Inn Select on Naamans Road [That means GOLD, folks]. And the Pro-Am pairs will return to the Bridge Studio on Monday night, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Get your partners and/or teammates lined up for any and all of these and have yourselves a ball.

See you at the bridge table! Your president, Alan Horowitz

## DELAWARE 2010 REGIONAL

**April 26 - May 2**

**Holiday Inn - Naamans Road**

**Free Parking - Nightly Hospitality**

**[www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)**

## **DAVE TREADWELL: AN APPRECIATION**

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Unit 190 lost our senior statesman, Grand Life Master and ACBL Hall of Fame member Dave Treadwell. Dozens of you have "Dave" stories you could tell and many of you knew him far longer than I did. Our local bridge rooms won't be the same without his table presence and, yes, his groan-inducing puns and pranks. For those of us who are relative newcomers to duplicate bridge, coming up against "Mr. Treadwell" as an opponent was daunting, but he did his best (or worst) to put us at ease.

Those of us in the Class of 2005 (we joined the ACBL in that year) - including myself, Bridgett Pitt, and Aster Wu, were very fortunate to have Dave play as our partner in the last year or two. Dave loved to play bridge, and in his gentle way mentored us, the up-and-comers. Bidding, play, and defense suggestions were always provided to us quietly and at an appropriate time.

Living near the Bridge Studio, he was often available to be called in as a pick-up partner:

Unpartnered Player: "Do you have a partner available to play with me?"

Director: "Why yes, we have a Hall-of-Famer lined up for you. Will that be OK?"

It must be noted that Dave would NEVER refer to himself in that way; he was modest about his legacy in the world of bridge. But in what other game is such an arrangement even possible? Dave will be missed.

Alan Horowitz

## **REMEMBERING DSBA MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING 2009.....**

Art Baeckel, Jr

Shirley Hudson

Harvey Retherford

Dan Capone

Sydney Kaufman

Susanne Singer

Earl Cummins

Zelma Kennedy

Janice Waite

Nancy Hardesty

Mary Alice Mulligan

## **Profiling Outstanding Delaware Bridge Players.....Ivar Stakgold**

Born in 1925, Ivar came to Delaware in the 1970's to teach mathematics at the University of Delaware. Most of Ivar's major successes came prior to becoming a DSBA member. Among his accomplishments are a second place in the 1959 Bermuda Bowl World Championship and wins in the three most prestigious ACBL team championships - Reisinger, Vanderbilt and Spingold.

Though he didn't play as much bridge while living in Delaware, he still maintained his world class form. Ivar is currently living in San Diego. He relocated during 2009 to be near family.

NEXT ARTICLE: A Surprise !

Rick Rowland

## **2010 DSBA Directory**

Marie Grabowski is in the process of gathering information to publish a new Unit 190 Directory. To compile the directory, she uses a listing the ACBL provides to units with members names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses (if members choose to include their email addresses) . For this reason, if you always keep the ACBL informed of changes in your contact information she should have your correct information. If not, or if you are unsure if the ACBL has your current information, please contact her at [marie\\_grab@hotmail.com](mailto:marie_grab@hotmail.com) and put "Directory" in the subject line. Snowbirds - Marie needs your Delaware information since the ACBL currently lists you at your winter address.....please email her.

**BLUE HEN SECTIONAL - FEBRUARY 26 - 28 - BRIDGE STUDIO****Friday February 26****1:00 pm****Stratified Open Pairs** (1500+/500-1500/0-500)**Stratified 99er Pairs** (50-100/20-50/0-20)**7:00 pm****Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs** (3000+/0-3000)**Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs** (1000-1500/500-1000/0-500)**Stratified 199er Pairs** (100-200/50-100/0-50)**Saturday February 27****1 & 7 pm NEW EVENT!****Stratified Swiss Pairs** (2000+/500-2000/0-500) 2 sessions

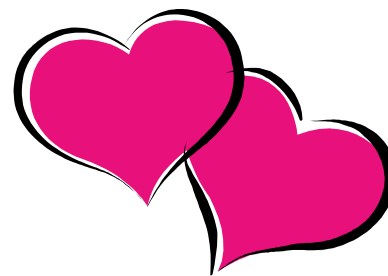
Regional Rating; 6 to 8 board matches against each pair

Scored by matchpoints and converted to victory points;

pairings each round based upon your victory point total.

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Pizza will be sold mid-afternoon.

**Delaware State****Swiss Teams****Sunday, April 18****Bridge Studio****[Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners will be announced at this event]****Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank****Life Master**

Barry Degler

Valinda Degler

Rischa Fishman

Kimmie Fulweiler

Steve Herrmann

**Bronze Life Master**

Jane Drevo

Patricia Loeffelholz

Anne Priebe

Deborah Purbrick

**Silver Life Master**

Alan Horowitz

Sarah Jastak

Robert Porter

Barbara Scales

Aster Wu

**Gold Life Master**

Tom Kramer

**Tom Kramer - Gold Life Master**

Circumstances kept me away from the bridge table for close to 13 years. Upon retiring in May of 2009, I decided to get back into the game and hopefully connect with some of my old partners, in particular, Tom Kramer. Playing with him again was as much of a pleasure as ever. Tom is the ultimate perfect partner: not only is he an excellent player and scholar of the game, but has a disposition and manner at the table that puts his partner and opponents at ease. I have never heard him raise his voice or make an unkind remark to either. I want to congratulate him upon achieving Gold Life Master status and thank him for all I have learned from him in years past and continue to learn to this day.

Sincerely, Lillian Schaub

*Next issue.... "So You Want to Be a Life Master" an article by Pete Filandro (as suggested by Len Thomas)*

*Thanks to the DSBA members who will represent Unit 190 on the District 4 Board...*

*Harold Jordan, Tom Grabowski, Alan Horowitz, Richard Popper*

### Join the **DSBA Registry** .....

Once you are registered you will receive be able to receive correspondence from the DSBA.

You will be notified when the DUMMY is posted on-line, and you will receive reminders of upcoming tournaments as well as other important information for Unit 190 members. Other members will be able to contact you through the registry and you will be able to contact them.

The unit forwards correspondence but does not divulge email addresses. To register... log on to [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org), hit the tab for "registry", scroll down to "add yourself to the registry" then fill in the required fields. It's a great way to stay in touch with Unit 190.

♠♠♠♠♠♠♠ San Diego Nationals - November 26 - December 6 - 12,927 tables - 97,426.10 points awarded ♣♣♣♣♣♣♣

Unit 190 members who were there - Amal Dasgupta, Bridgett Pitt, Richard Popper, Barbara Rhoades, Rick Rowland

### **Top Unit 190 master point winners**

DSBA Summer Bracketed Teams - Flight B - Harvey Eckell, Julie Hockersmith, Alan Horowitz, Jeff Koltenuk, , Paul Silver; Flight D - Doris Downer, Carolyn Furio, Bob McHarness, Steve & Alice Waddington [other flight winners in the November 2009 issue of the DUMMY]

DSBA Open Pairs/Holiday Party - December 13  
Flight A - Harold Jordan and Rick Rowland; Flight B/C/D Kathleen Bear and Nancy Palumbo

Holiday NLM Sectional - December 2 - 6 - Michael and Bitsy Klein [5.91] Patricia Scheerer [4.71]  
Edward Maser [3.75] Millie Mentzer [ 3.72] Mary Lou Walsh [3.69]

Camp Hill Sectional - December 4 - 6 - Pete and Marie Filandro [10.02]

Dave Treadwell Sectional - December 27 - 31 - Rick Rowland [23.01] Jess Stuart [22.19]

Randy Berseeth [18.34] Dave Treadwell [13.39] Soley Kristjansdottir [10.88]

Harold Jordan [10.88] Trina and Carl Williams [10.09] Barbara Rhoades [8.70] Lois Stuart [8.64]

Westhampton NJ Sectional - January 8 - 10 -Soley Kristjansdottir [6.75] Rick Rowland [6.75]  
Debbie and Andy Purbrick [5.31]

### Save the Date for the **DSBA 2010 Pro-Am Pairs**.....

This popular event will be held on Monday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Bridge Studio, Foulkstone Plaza. Each pair will consist of a Pro (Life Master) and an Am (Non-Life Master) The event will be flighted so that pros at all levels can enjoy the event with the Am of their choice. Watch for further details later this Spring, but mark your calendars now for this date.

Mike Mocella, DSBA I/N coordinator

### **FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE**

Unit 190 has donated \$856 to the Food Bank of Delaware. The Food Bank provides low and no-cost foods to qualified feeding programs and develops and implements statewide feeding programs for those in need throughout Delaware. It also provides information about hunger issues, mobilizes support for anti-hunger efforts, and trains the underemployed and unemployed to obtain work in the food service industry.

♦ ♣ **BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito** ♠ ♥

As 2009 came to an end we celebrated the achievements of all our players at Beach Bridge, Shuffles and All Stars Clubs. All awards, prizes and gifts are too numerous to list. A few highlights are listed under each club. See "Players Club" at [www.who-dini.com](http://www.who-dini.com), for all other ranking achievements. I wasn't the only one in the gift-giving mood. The players' donations bought *plastic* inserts for the bidding boxes. They are beautiful...the players and the new inserts.

**LIFE MASTER PARTY:** Bitsy Klein achieved Life Master Status at the Wilmington Sectional in November, and Peter Harris became a Life Master in Williamsburg. Everyone celebrated with a Mardi Gras theme on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Ocean View. What a "Who Dat" celebration complete with masks, bead, jambalaya from Margo and Trudy and muffalattoes! Thank you, Margo DePuy and Trudy Bryan.

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| Beach Bridge: | * #1 Masterpoint Winner: Beach Bridge, Miriam McCauley                  |
|               | * Life Masters in 2009: Nancy Steele, Perry Drevo, and Bitsy Klein.     |
|               | * 70% back-to-back December games, George Jones and Mary Alice Mumford. |
|               | * 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Club Champions: Miriam McCauley and Anne Ratledge |
| Shuffles:     | * #1 Masterpoint Winner: Charlotte Hahn                                 |
|               | * 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Club Champions: Terry Dutton and Bob Gore         |
| All Stars:    | * #1 Masterpoint Winner: Nancy Steele                                   |
|               | * 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr Club Champions: Eleanor Brown and Joanne Inglis   |

**DIRECTORS:** A special 'Thank You' with grateful appreciation to local directors for their help during the year: Jim Coleman, Betty Crane, Dorothy Hand, Beth Mallon, Jerry Sikora, Eli Solomon and Charlotte Wheatley. What a bonus for the players!

**HELLO 2010 ...** A new year, time to set goals. We reviewed last year's goals to see how we did. Those who wrote their goals down and turned them in as a commitment did very well. We'll review again in a few months. Nancy Zawicki already attained her latest goal by having her first game with zero 'zeroes.' This sounds like a great category to add to the Player's Club during the who-dini website reconstruction this winter. If anyone has something you would like included on the site, please offer your suggestions.

**DEFENSE LESSONS** are in full swing. Here's a laugh.... During the practice play, I checked each table to be sure the declarer went down or they replayed the hand. At one table, all four players cheered when the declarer was set. It's not often all four players are happy with the end result!

**PARTNERSHIP CHAIR:** Charlotte Wheatley has graciously accepted to once again find partners for players in February and March for Beach, Shuffles and All Stars games. This is a huge task and we are all so grateful for her help. She can be contacted at 302-537-1055 or [clwheatley@aol.com](mailto:clwheatley@aol.com).

♣ ♦ **BELOW THE CANAL by Audrey Pugh** ♥ ♠

**MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE CLUB**

Because members were leaving for warmer climates, Monday Morning Bridge Club celebrated Christmas with a luncheon on December 7. Forty-eight members and guests were present. Christmas gifts were given to board members in appreciation of their work and support during the year. Many thanks to Lila Childres and Carolyn Coury who hosted the party.

December 7 was also a STAC game, hosted by District 4. Several of our members had exceptional games. Overall, Duke & Shirley Clark tied for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in A, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in B, and were 1<sup>st</sup> in C - winning 8.37 points. Dick Glidden and Lila Childres were tied with Bob Rose and Pat Brown for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in B. And, Rusty Vilks and Bonnie Savage were 7<sup>th</sup> in B.

December 14 the club participated in another STAC game. Club winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Monroe Hudson and Susan Derrickson - 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillian Schaub and Bonnie Savage. Monroe and Susan were also 7<sup>th</sup> overall in A.

**FRIDAY NOONERS**

Club Championship December 11 - 1<sup>st</sup> - Clare O'Brien & Audrey Pugh; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bonnie Savage & Lillian Schaub  
Games in the latter part of December were canceled because of snow and holidays and we all hope for warmer weather the rest of the winter !

♣ ♦ **BRIDGE STUDIO CORNER - FEBRUARY 2010** ♥ ♠

**Extreme Makeover "Studio Edition"** - If you haven't been to the Bridge Studio in 2010, come check us out!! We have a whole new look - new tables, plush swivel chairs, new bidding cards, and electronic scoring devices. You won't be disappointed!! A special thanks to the Everitts, Colin Mackay and Len Thomas for helping us put together all the tables and chairs during the blizzard of '09.

**How about a mid-week Silver Bonanza?** - It's coming to the Studio from April 5 to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Yes, we are having a Sectional during the week. So if you need some color in your Masterpoint Life, mark your calendars. Stay tuned for more details.

**Winter / Spring Lessons at the Studio**

**Intermediate II** will be offered at two different times; Monday mornings at 9:30 am and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning February 1/2. The cost is \$13 per session or \$110 for the entire 10 - week series. It will be taught by Tom & Alexis and is designed for those who have a working knowledge of the game. There will be no book for this course. Instead, you will receive note pages on each topic along with sample hands and/or practice exercises. This series will feature Strong Hands, Preemptive Bids, Competitive bidding (Takeout Doubles, Negative Doubles, Overcalls) and more. The format will be instruction followed by topic specific exercises and boards.

**Beginner II** is offered on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. It started on January 7 and is being taught by Julie Hockersmith. However, if interested in jumping in, please contact Alexis at (302)571-9092: [alexiscic@aol.com](mailto:alexiscic@aol.com) or Julie at (302)743-0170: [pjhockersmith@verizon.net](mailto:pjhockersmith@verizon.net).

**NOTE WELL** - Beginner I is not a prerequisite.

**Application & Analysis** continues on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. Each class lasts about 2 - 2 ½ hours at a cost of \$13 per session. It is taught by Tom and is designed for the intermediate / more advanced player. There is no book for this course. Instead, you receive note pages on each topic along with sample hands or practice exercises. This class will continue through April and probably beyond.

**Casual Play** continues on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Come alone, bring a partner, or any number of friends. You will be given pre-duplicated boards with hand records. Play at your own pace and ask questions of the onsite 'expert.' Just pure practice and fun. The cost is \$5 per session. Carole Everitt will monitor the play and be available for questions and help.



**Souper Sundae - Sunday, February 7 - 11am - Bridge Studio**

2 abbreviated games with a "twist" (not tellin')

Alexis' Homemade Soups

Make your own Sundaes

\$20 per person

Pre-register please (Alexis needs to know how many to cook for)

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