

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HARRISBURG PA REGIONAL AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 8

WILMINGTON SECTIONAL
August 9 - August 13
Bridge Studio

Westhampton NJ Sectional
Unit 141 Sectional
September 10 - September 12

DSBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13 - 5:45 P.M. BRIDGE STUDIO

Reading PA Sectional
Unit 121
September 17 - September 19

DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL
September 24 - September 26
Flight B - NAP - September 25
Bridge Studio

World Championships & PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 16

Allentown Sectional
Unit 133
October 22 - 24

Flight A - NAP - October 23 - 24
Allentown PA

NAP Flight C - October 23 - clubs

LANCASTER PA REGIONAL NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 7

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

News Flash! Your local bridge rooms are air-conditioned and are a safe and fun way to beat this summer's extraordinary heat. Come join us at the tables and give your body relief and your brain a challenge. [NOTE: Bridge clubs are also heated in the cooler months.]

The DSBA ran its Pro-Am game on June 21st. Several congratulations are in order: to Mike Mocella whose tireless promotion of the game resulted in 27 tables; to Colin McKay and Jess Stuart for winning the event; and to all the partnerships that had a great time by successfully transcending their uneven levels of experience. Hot-off-the-presses congratulations to Unit 190's Andy Kaufman who was part of District 4's winning Flight A Grand National Team at the Summer NABC in New Orleans, and to Rick Rowland, a member of the winning team in the Senior Swiss.

The annual DSBA membership and election meeting will be held at the Bridge Studio in Wilmington on Monday, September 13th at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend. I promise I'll limit my remarks to a brisk 45 minutes. [Joke: No one wants to hear me for more than 10.] Also, the DSBA Diamond State Sectional will be held at the Bridge Studio September 24 - 26, in conjunction with the District 4 Flight B NAP Finals. Grab your partners and do-si-do your way to the tournament.

This is my last *DUMMY* report as DSBA President, as we will be rotating service as of the annual meeting. I've enjoyed being your president and hope I haven't bollixed things up too badly.

Cheers, Alan Horowitz

Winner, Winner!

Unit 190 can boast of two national winners at the recent New Orleans Summer Nationals. It's wonderful to report that Andy Kaufman was a member of the District 4 team that won the Morehead Grand National Teams Flight A. [Other team members were Howie Cohen, Doug Dye, Corey Krantz, Richard Olanoff, and Elliot Shalita.] Rick Rowland and his teammates Ken Cohen, Neal Satten and Tom Weik won the National Senior Swiss. Congratulations to one and all!

Annual Membership Meeting and DSBA Election
Monday, September 13, 2010 at 5:45 p.m.

Unit 190 members who arrive before the start of the meeting will receive a free entry to the 7 p.m. game. Since this is a membership game, only active ACBL members are eligible to win masterpoints, but everyone is invited to play.

Members will be asked to vote their approval or disapproval of the following slate of candidates:
Marie Filandro, Bruce Gwaltney, Tammy Holm, Rick Rowland, Jeff Ruben, Carl Williams

Assuming the slate of candidates is approved, additional nominations will be taken from the floor, and one additional board member will be chosen.

Current Board Members who are returning for the second year of their term of office are Bill Everitt, Alan Horowitz, Harold Jordan, Mike Mocella, Barbara Rhoades, Jess Stuart, Trina Williams
Retiring from the Board with the maximum of eight years of service are: Richard Popper, Ward Schaumberg, and Anne Taylor

Thanks to all board members, and a special note of thanks to our three retiring members for their many years of service on the Board.

Save this date

DSBA OPEN PAIRS
Sunday, November 14, 10:00am
Bridge Studio

This will be a two-session sectionally rated black point flighted event. Flight cutoffs will be determined by master points at game time. Pizza will be available to purchase between sessions for lunch.

DSBA 2010 Pro-Am Game

The 2010 DSBA Pro-Am game was held at the Bridge Studio on June 21, with 27 tables enjoying the evening. The top finishers in the A flight were Jess Stuart & Colin Mackay (NS), and Tom Grabowski & Kim Holm (EW). In the B flight, the leaders were Mona Lippincott & Mary Lou Hale (NS), and Alan Horowitz & Chris Matus (EW). The C flight was headed by Kristofor & Elizabeth Varhus (NS), and Clyde Hess & Duke Hayden (EW). Thanks to all the players and organizers for a very successful evening, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to our next Pro-Am event! Mike Mocella

Congratulations to DSBA members who were District 4 GNT winners
Championship Flight - Rick Rowland with teammates Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Tom Weik
Flight A - Andy Kaufman with teammates Howie Cohen, Doug Dye,
Corey Krantz, Richard Olanoff, Elliott Shalita...winners of Flight A in New Orleans!
Flight C - Christopher Marlow, Anne and Monty Taylor with teammates
Doug White and Tom Foerster

Top Unit 190 master point winners at Sectionals and Regionals

King of Prussia District 4 Regional - July 12 - July 18

Rick Rowland (69.82) Pete & Marie Filandro (40.39) Andy Kaufman (28.63)
Andy Stayton (28.21) Bridgett Pitt (24.22)

May's Landing Sectional - May 14 - May 16

Bridgett Pitt (13.73)

Wilmington Sectional - June 4 - June 6

Rick Rowland (13.22) Trina & Carl Williams (9.73) Marie & Pete Filandro (8.13)
Jan Garber (5.06) Jim Herrington (5.06) Greg Burch (4.95) Bridgett Pitt (4.37) Marie Anzilotti (4.21)

Kimberton Sectional - June 18 - June 20

Andy Kaufman (10.20) Marie & Pete Filandro (4.50)

Diamond State Sectional at the Bridge Studio of Delaware

Friday September 24, 2010

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 September 25, 2010

1 & 7 pm NAOP Flight B Finals (pre-qualification required)

1:00 pm

Strata-Flighted A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000)

Strata-Flighted B/C/D Pairs (750-1500/300-750/0-300)

Stratified 99er Pairs (50-100/20-50/0-20)

7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500)

Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Special Hospitality Dessert at Evening Session!!!

Sunday September 26, 2010

11:00 am 2-Session Swiss Teams Play-through

Flight A/X (3000+/0-3000)

Stratified B/C/D (750-1500/300-750/0-300)

Pizza will be sold mid-afternoon

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!

Life Master - Mary Boyd, Michael Klein, Barbara Natkowitz, Christine Sullivan

Bronze Life Master - Kathleen Bear, Josephine Coar, Audrey Hagedorn

Silver Life Master - Patricia Burnore, Rojean Ellis, Warren Gaskill, J M McKenna,
Patricia Turk, Paula Varrassi, Lee Wiley

Idle Time Should Not Be Idle by Pete Filandro

Here's a tip that will help you with your own bidding, improve your partnership's bidding system, and aid you in bidding "in tempo" so you can avoid hesitations in the bidding and help the directors in their attempt to minimize slow play. Here it is:

"During idle time in the auction, plan your potential bids over the most common sequences."

To get our discussion started, I dealt out thirteen random cards. Here is our example. Pretend it is Board 1, with nobody vulnerable and my partner is the dealer, North. I hold.....

♠ KJ74 ♥ Q973 ♦ Q763 ♣ 9

While partner is still sorting his cards. I am already thinking and planning what I will do if partner opens 1 Club, 1 Diamond, 1 Heart, 1 Spade, 1 No Trump, 2 Hearts or 2 Spades and the next person passes. (For instance, with this example hand, over 1 Heart or 1 Spade I'll show a limit raise, over 1 No Trump, I'll bid Stayman, etc.) If he bids 1 Club, hmm...should I bid 1 Diamond or 1 Heart?? I'll mentally choose one now and after the round I'll ask partner's opinion as to what seems best in our system. Or, after the game I'll ask one of the club's better players for advice.

Let's say partner actually does bid 1 Diamond. Now my thoughts immediately shift to what I'll do over RHO's most likely actions. I don't want to wait to hear what my opponent bids before beginning to think about how the auction may progress. I've already decided to bid 1 Heart if my RHO passes. Now I consider what I'll do if RHO doubles or bids 1 Heart, 1 Spade, 1 No Trump, 2 Clubs, 2 Diamonds (Michael's), 2 Hearts (pre-emptive) etc. Hmm....glad I'm using my idle time because if RHO doubles, I don't know if I should make a limit raise in diamonds, bid a major...if so which one...or perhaps pass. Another good hand to discuss after the game.

Although you cannot envision every possible sequence during every auction, you would be surprised at how fast the human brain can think. With a little practice you can train your mind to cover more sequences than you would have guessed. It will speed up the bidding and give you a chance to improve your own and your partnership's bidding skills. Try it. Good Luck!

CLUB NEWS..... ♠ ♥ **DOVER DUPLICATE BRIDGE by Clare O'Brien** ♦ ♣

On Monday, June 14 the Monday Morning DBC had its annual Spring Party luncheon and bridge game at Maple Dale Country Club. Club members and their guests played in the 12 table STaC game, had lunch and won door prizes. Hosted by Bonnie Savage and Rusty Vilk, this was a special day for Club manager Audrey Pugh. Members of the club showed their appreciation to Audrey for all of the years she has devoted to Dover's bridge clubs. The Club gave Audrey a gift certificate to Cool Springs Restaurant. Both Bonnie and Rusty are commended for the outstanding job they did in making the luncheon party successful.

MONDAY MORNING DBC

April 19 - Membership game 1st - Dan Premo & Ann Collins 61.79 %; 2nd - Susan Derrickson & Lila Childres 59.29%
 May 17 - Club Championship 1st - Bonnie Savage & Bob Rose 65.93%; 2nd - Wilbert Stanleu & Carolyn Coury 58.35%
 June 14 - STaC Game 1st - Carolyn Coury & Clare O'Brien 62.96%; 2nd - Ann Collins & Dan Premo 60.88%
 In the June 14 game, the overall STaC results with 98 tables, were Carolyn & Clare placing 7th in A & 3rd in B;
 Ann & Dan placed 8th in B

FRIDAY NOONERS DBC

April 9 - Charity game 1st - Audrey Pugh & Clare O'Brien 58%
 May 21 - Membership game 1st - Bonnie Savage & Clare O'Brien 75%.

Just a reminder the Monday morning game starts at 10 a.m. and the Friday game starts at 11:00 a.m. Both games are held in the Palmer Room at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Games are cancelled on all legal holidays and the Nooners' game is not held on the 1st Friday.

♠ ♥ **Bridge Studio Corner** ♦ ♣
2010 Fall Bridge Lessons

Spread the Word... Even though the sun is sizzling and the temperatures are skyrocketing, it's time to think ahead to the Bridge Studio Fall Lesson Series. Predicated on minimum class sizes, the schedule is set forth below.

Beginners (Part 1) – A 10-week series offered on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 taught by Alexis Ciconte. The cost is \$135 for the entire series. Classes will begin on September 15. No books are necessary; notes and hand records will be provided.

Intermediate (Part 1) – A 10-weeks series on Monday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 taught by Tom or Alexis Ciconte. The cost is \$120 for the entire series or \$14 per class on a “pay-as-you-come” basis. Classes will begin on September 13. No books are necessary; notes and hand records will be provided.

Application & Analysis (Advanced Lessons) – A continuous weekly series on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 12:00 taught by Tom Ciconte. The cost is \$14 per class on a “pay-as-you-come” basis. Classes will begin on September 14. No books are necessary; notes and hand records will be provided.

Register Now by calling or writing Alexis at (302) 571-9092; alexiscic@aol.com.

Tell Your Friends

P.S. - Evening Classes – No evening classes are scheduled at this time. However, if interested, let us know. We will schedule something if enough interest is generated.

2010 Summer Mid-Week Sectional
August 9 - 13, 2010
The Bridge Studio of Delaware

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9, 12:30 & 7 Handicapped Bracketed Kos
 9:00 am Abbreviated Open & NLM Pairs¹
 12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 am Abbreviated Open & NLM Pairs¹
 12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
 7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9, 12:30 & 7 Handicapped Bracketed KOs
 9:00 am Abbreviated Open & NLM Pairs¹
 12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs
 7:00 pm Bracketed Swiss Teams²

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 am Abbreviated Open & NLM Pairs¹
 12:30 pm Stratified Open Pairs & NLM Pairs

Tournament Notices

Strats for all Open Pair games
 (2000+, 1000-2000, 0-1000)

All NLM Pairs stratified based on
 attendance.

¹9 AM pairs run 18-22 boards
 and include light brunch.

²Bracketed by average team MPs
 based on registrations

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

2010 is proving to be a year of celebrations. In June, Paula Varrassi achieved Silver Life Master status. New Life Masters include Bitsy Klein, Peter Harris, Chris Sullivan, Mike Klein, Mary Boyd, Barbara Natkowitz, Audrey Hagedorn, and our two latest at the King of Prussia Regional, Gail Petren and Jane Myers. We have quite a few more that are very, very close. Charlotte Hahn achieved Diamond Life Master at the All Stars Club on July 14 with a 77% Club Championship game with Eli Solomon. It's party time for sure! We may soon run out of party themes. Bitsy and Peter were King and Queen of Mardi Gras, Chris "graduated with honors," Mike, Mary and Barbara "crossed the finish line" with Nascar. Other celebrations are in the works.

What a birthday surprise for me in May! Betty Crane, the scheduled director for the day, called me 45 minutes before game time in a panic. She said the line of players was out the door and that I needed to come help her. She was correct; they were lined up to the parking lot. *What the heck is going on? What were these people doing here so early? Did we lose power and my clocks are all wrong? I need to buy more tables. Everyone in the world must be playing today.* I spotted two gigantic cakes and the biggest tray of strawberries dipped in chocolate as they began singing, "Happy Birthday." Unbelievable! Usually I am the one giving the parties. They really got me this time, complete with a crown, gifts, roasts and toasts. I told them that usually this kind of praise only happens after one dies – how nice I was there to hear it. Many hugs and thanks to all who brought in the fabulous food and to the main organizers, Becky Gray, Bitsy Klein, Eli Solomon and Luke Lamar.

Shuffles Bridge Club celebrates its 15th Anniversary on Thursday, September 30, at the noon game in Ocean View. In lieu of awards at the end of the year, there will be dozens of drawings during the game for great, "priceless" prizes. Some old photos will be on display.

The student programs continue, offering workshops between courses. It is thrilling to have so many folks really interested in becoming masters of the game. And their hard work is becoming evident: Finishing 1st overall in open games in recent weeks are players under 30 MPs, and some with many less: Phyllis Anthony/Pat Lanham; Jacque Kappes/Mel Presgraves; and Anita Fern/Sue Snyder. Students from John Farquhar's Del Tech class join our 0-20 game on Thursday afternoons. The students blend well together.

A special welcome to our newest ACBL members: Chick Allen, Judy & Gary Lippe, Betty & Paul Akana, Jacki Keen, Patsy Hawks, Margaret & Mike Faila, Phyllis Anthony, Christine Sadowski, Dora Odor, Ed Odor, Zoe Worrall, John Faber, Marnie Laird, Brenda Phillips, Gail Noel, Rebecca Poffenberger, Mary Ellen Humes, Nancy Shatto.

Other notable victories: Additions to the 70% Club, Phyllis Anthony/Pat Lanham; Jacque Kappes/Mel Presgraves; Charlotte Hahn/Eli Solomon; Beth Mallon/Carmela Coleman. 2nd Qtr Club Champions: Beach—Gail Petren/Corinne Sommer; All Stars—Betty Crane/Lucia Morrison; Shuffles—Charlotte Hahn/Eli Solomon.

Many thanks to Bitsy Klein who retired from the "enviable" position of Food Chairperson. She did a fabulous job as Hospitality Chairperson and is missed so much. Anyone else out there who would like to take charge of the beautiful red folder? Call me "day or night," 302-537-5262.

Calendar of Special Events

Tuesday Mornings, 8/10, 8/17 NAP Qualifying Games, OPEN, 1/2 red; 8/24 STaC game, silver pts; Bidding Workshops thru August, Play of the Hand 9/7-10/26 and Play Workshops for remainder of 2010, 6:00-9:00PM. Most Commonly Used Conventions, Sept 7 through fall, 1:30-4:00PM; 9/16 Instant MP: GOLD, 6:00PM, Invitational;

9/28 Swiss Team Practice; 10/19 Teams, 5% GOLD; 11/30 Club Championship. Defense 2011.

Rehoboth CC: Wednesday Evening: 8/11, 8/18, NAP Qualifying Games, 1/2 red; 8/25 STaC, silver pts; 9/8 Swiss Team Practice; 10/13 LAST WEDNESDAY Game until June 2011, 10/13 Swiss Team, 5% GOLD

Thursday Evening: GAMES CHANGE TO THURSDAY EVENINGS, October 21 6:00PM;

Thursday Afternoons, 8/12, 8/19 NAP Qualifying Games, 1/2 red; 8/26 STaC, silver pts; 9/16 Instant MP: GOLD, 6:00PM plus regular game at 12 Noon; 9/23 Team Practice; 9/30, Shuffles' 15th Anniversary. Dozens of door prizes, Club Championship; 10/7 Team, 5% Gold; NAP D4/Flight "C" FINALS - check website for date.

More info: www.who-dini.com.

♠ ♥ **MOT DUPLICATE BRIDGE by Cheryl Shields** ♦ ♣

MOT Duplicate Bridge meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30am, MOT Senior Center, 300 S. Scott St.. Middletown, DE. For information call Cheryl Shields 302-602-1638. Beat the heat and join us, we are not that far away, give us a try.