

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**DISTRICT 4 REGIONAL
LANCASTER PA
NOVEMBER 1 - 7**

**DSBA OPEN PAIRS
November 14
10 a.m. & TBA
The Bridge Studio**

Fall Mid-week Sectional
November 15 - November 19
The Bridge Studio

**FALL NATIONALS
ORLANDO FL
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 5**

Dave Treadwell Sectional
December 27 - December 31
The Bridge Studio

Westhampton NJ Sectional
Unit 141
January 7 - January 9

New Cumberland PA Sectional
Unit 168
January 28 - January 30



DSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2010 - 2011

At the Annual Meeting in September, the following members were chosen as Unit 190's Board of Directors for the upcoming year.

Officers

Jeff Ruben - President
Bill Everitt - Vice President, State Tournaments Co-chair
Bruce Gwaltney - Secretary
Jess Stuart - Treasurer

Members and their Duties

Marie Filandro - The Dummy, Unit 190 District 4-Spot article
Julie Hockersmith - Co-chair Membership
Tammy Holm - Partnerships
Alan Horowitz - Past President, State Tournaments Co-chair
Harold Jordan - ACBL Liaison
Mike Mocella - Intermediates & Novices
Barbara Rhoades - Publicity
Rick Rowland - Discipline
Carl Williams - Co-chair Membership, Downstate Liaison
Trina Williams - Sectional Tournaments

District 4 North American Pairs

Congratulations to DSBA members who have qualified to represent District 4 at the North American Pairs.

Flight A - 1st - Richard Popper with partner Daisy Goecker
2nd - Rick Rowland with partner Craig Robinson
Flight B - 2nd - Elizabeth and Kristofor Varhus
3rd - Anne & Monty Taylor



The Rule of 52

Players ask about the application of rules to bridge judgment. A visit to www.bridgeguys.com will provide the following "rules": "2 and 3", "2, 3 and 4", 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 26. It seems ironic that there's no Rule of 13 since there are 13 cards in each suit.

For the most part, I would consider these guidelines rather than rules. Players also need to consider that not all rules fit into one cohesive system. For example, several of the rules deal with what represents an opening bid. Experts disagree on this subject, so there is no one rule that is absolute.

One rule that's not listed is my own personal Rule of 52 that says when the 52 cards from a deal are played, move on to the next 52 cards. There's seldom anything to be gained from going over the last hand, either mentally or verbally. It's a distraction to you and your partner and can only help lead to the next disaster.

Rick Rowland

Editor's Note: Congratulations and thanks to Rick, currently District 4 Vice-President, and the new District 4 President for the upcoming year.

DSBA OPEN PAIRS

Sunday, November 14 - 10:00am & TBA
The Bridge Studio

This will be a two-session, sectionally-rated, black point event.
Flight cutoffs will be determined by master points at game time.
Morning snacks will be provided; pizza will be for sale between sessions.

Pre-registration by November 10th
Entry fee: \$20.00 per person

Register online at www.unit190.org
or by contacting Bill Everitt at (302) 528-2540 - ranger_willie@yahoo.com
or Alan Horowitz at (302) 559-1918 - Horowitz@udel.edu

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!

Life Master

Alan Hodesblatt
Joan Lehrfeld
Anne Morris
Jane Myers
Gail Petren
Elizabeth Varhus

Bronze Life Master

Guy Novello

Silver Life Master

Leon Tomaszewski
Trina Williams

Gold Life Master

Jeff Koltenuk



Top Unit 190 master point winners at Sectionals and Regionals

Harrisburg Regional - August 2 - 8

Jess Stuart (20.15) Pete & Marie Filandro (16.45) Anne Morris (10.20) Mary Boyd (5.21) Bridgett Pitt (5.21)

Wilmington Sectional - August 9 - 13

Jess Stuart (20.96) Aster Wu (12.18) Andy Stayton (10.98) Lois Stuart (10.50) Rick Rowland (9.97) Jim Herrington (9.79)

Hunt Valley Regional - August 16 - 22

Jess Stuart (36.86) Randy Berseth (30.90) Andy Stayton (30.22) Trina & Carl Williams (27.72) Jan Garber (25.91)

Jim Herrington (25.91) Pete & Marie Filandro (25.41)

Westhampton NJ Sectional - September 10 - 12

Andy Kaufman (6.65)

Reading PA Sectional - September 17 - 19

Richard Popper (4.18)

Diamond State Sectional - September 24 - 26

Pete & Marie Filandro (16.94) Shirley Hanson (6.69) Jess Stuart (6.60) Rick Rowland (6.43) Gladys White (6.32)

Philadelphia Regional - October 1 - 16

Bridgett Pitt (23.53) Mike Mocella (22.95) Judith & Bruce Gwaltney (22.95) Colin Mackay (22.95)

Andy Kaufman (19.09) Sandy Anzilotti (15.74) Joan Hughes (15.74) Andy Stayton (14.43) Susan Herrmann (10.86)

Allentown Sectional - October 22 - 24

Pete & Marie Filandro (4.83)

Ms. Southern Delaware Bridge

Trina and Carl Williams represented Unit 190 at an anniversary celebration for Dini Romito, on

Thursday, September 30. Dini was celebrating the fifteen anniversary of Shuffles Bridge Club.

In recognition of her many achievements in promoting bridge through the years, she received flowers, a silver picture frame engraved, "Thanks, Dini" and the following proclamation from Unit 190....

Whereas...Dini Romito has been a part of the Delaware Bridge Community for 15 years

Whereas...Dini in those fifteen years...

Contributed to the growth of membership in the Delaware State Bridge Association

Established clubs in Southern Delaware

Taught hundreds of students to play the game of bridge

Acted as an ambassador of goodwill and zero tolerance

Represented the interests of all who enjoy the game

Whereas...Dini in those fifteen years...

Shuffled and dealt cards by hand to fill approximately 21000 bridge boards

Baked and served approximately 5000 desserts

Carried supplies and boxes into approximately 3000 bridge games

Talked for approximately 15000 minutes

Walked around inside clubs for approximately 375 miles

Whereas...Dini has earned the respect and admiration of players throughout the State of Delaware

Therefore...The Delaware State Bridge Association Board of Directors, with sincere gratitude, proclaims on this day that Dini Romito has earned the title

Ms Southern Delaware Bridge
September Thirtieth Two Thousand Ten

Let's Learn Some Conventions - by Pete Filandro

Everyone - novice, intermediate, or advanced - is intrigued by conventions. That's why I chose the title of this article - as an attention-getter. Small apology, notice I did not say "new" conventions. I will only discuss Stayman and Jacoby Transfers. Boring? Perhaps --- perhaps not. Here's my tip for this article:

"Anytime you agree to play a convention, you should be prepared for the next two bids after the conventional bid."

Below you will find lots of potential sequences. All are in the form of questions. Answers are up to you (and your partner) to determine. I don't have any answers. Think of it as a homework assignment. And, don't forget, we haven't considered that the opponents don't always just sit there - sometimes they enjoy getting into the middle of your auction! But that's another article.....

You open 1NT, partner bids 2C (Stayman), you bid 2D (no Major), then:

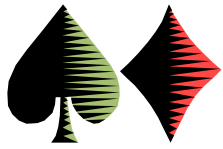
Partner bids 2H. Weak "Bust or Crawling" Stayman? Invitational with 4 spades?
Partner bids 2S. Invitational? Guarantees 4 hearts?
Partner bids 2NT. What does it mean to partner if you now bid 3C, 3D, 3H, or 3S?
Partner bids 3C. Weak with clubs? Invitational with clubs? Slam interest with clubs?
Partner bids 3D. Natural and weak? Natural and invitational? Natural, slam interest?
Partner bids 3H. Natural, forcing with 5H and 4S? Natural, forcing with 4H and 5S?
Partner bids 3S. Natural, forcing with 5S and 4H? Natural, forcing with 4S and 5H?
Partner bids 4C. Slam interest with clubs? Gerber?

You open 1NT, partner bids 2C (Stayman), you bid 2H (Hearts first), then:

Partner bids 2S. Natural invitational? Natural forcing?
Partner bids 2NT. Invitational, with 4 spades? Invitational, with or without 4 spades?
Partner bids 3C. Natural, forcing? Natural, invitational (6 clubs and 4 spades)?
Partner bids 3D. Natural, forcing? Natural, invitational (6 diamonds and 4 spades)?
Partner bids 3S. Shortness (0 or 1 spade)? Cue bid (spade control with superb hearts)?
Partner bids 4C. Natural with 5+ hearts and 5+clubs? Shortness (0 or 1 club)? Gerber?
Partner bids 4D. Natural with 5+ hearts and 5+ diamonds? Shortness (0 or 1 diamond)?

You open 1NT, partner bids 2D (Jacoby, so you announce "transfer"), you bid 2H, then:

Partner bids 2S. Natural? Passable, Invitational or Game forcing?
Partner bids 2NT. What does it mean to partner if you now bid 3C or 3D?
Partner bids 3C. Shortness (0 or 1)? Natural? Invitational or game forcing?
Partner bids 3D. Shortness (0 or 1)? Natural? Re-transfer? Invitational or game forcing?
Partner bids 3S. Shortness or natural? Game force or slammish?
Partner bids 4C. Shortness (0 or 1), natural (4+? or 5+?), or Gerber?
Partner bids 4D. Shortness (0 or 1), or natural (4+? or 5+?)



2010 Fall Mid-Week Sectional
November 15 - 19, 2010
The Bridge Studio of Delaware

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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.

CLUB NEWS...**♣♦♥♠ Monday Morning Bridge Club & Friday Nooners ♣♦♥♠**

During the 3rd quarter of this year we have had a great attendance at Monday & Friday Clubs. We will regret when many of our players leave to spend the winter in Florida. Also, a new couple, Don & Marie Steiner, have become regulars at both games.

Special games and winners

Monday, September 27 - Club Championship

1st - Clare O'Brien & Lillian Schaub

2nd - Bonnie Savage & Audrey Pugh

Friday, July 23 - Club Championship

1st - Audrey Pugh & Bonnie Savage

2nd (Tie) Pat Vogler & Clare O'Brien and Ralph & Liz Gordy

Two of our regular players, Dan Premo and Ann Collins from Chestertown, MD. became Life Masters while playing in the Hunt Valley Tournament.

♣♦♥♠ Beach Bridge by Dini Romito ♣♦♥♠

♥ Bridge at the beach flourished this summer and early fall. Special games and record attendance highlighted every calendar week. Our bridge games were featured in articles in the November issue of *Beach Life* magazine and in the newspaper, *The Coastal Point*, on October 15.

♦ Shuffles celebrated its 15th Anniversary on September 30 with 108 players in attendance. Jay Baum, from the ACBL, sent a letter recognizing Shuffles' contribution in promoting the game of bridge. Unit 190 and the DSBA Board recognized our achievements in a delightful, unique *Proclamation*. I still laugh every time I read it. They could not have chosen a more meaningful way to note this special occasion – and the roses were the crowning glory. We reminisced with photo boards, recognized all the special helpers along the way and the six attendees that were at the very first game in 1995. We noted many special parties and celebrations and showed two of my hysterical Halloween costumes. Fifty door prizes were given away. What a great day! It has been a joy to share my love of the game and my love of people with so many.

♥ Another celebration took place in Philadelphia when Paula Varrassi, of Milton, finished 21st Overall in the WBF Mixed World Pairs, playing with long-time friend, Michael Kamil, now a professional bridge player.

♦ Paula became a Life Master in the early 80's in New Jersey, where she occasionally played with Michael in club games. She didn't play for twenty years until she moved to Delaware three years ago. Paula says, "All my bridge partners these last few years really helped my game." She found Michael again by chance on Bridge Base Online. They talked about playing again and arranged to play in the WBF Mixed Pairs event. As part of her preparation, she was mentored by Eli Solomon, who helped her become "match tough."

From Paula: *"Michael told me we had a chance of making it through the qualifying round, 451 pairs reduced to 156. So that was my goal - to qualify. Not only did we qualify but we were in 8th place going into the final round! Finishing 21st overall was amazing and playing in that field with champions from around the world was very exciting. I was very nervous before we started but then I loved it! I also loved playing with screens; I think it helped me to focus. The congratulatory note from Jeff Ruben, President, DSBA, for the 'excellent finish,' was very much appreciated."*

♥ The future stars of bridge in the area are enjoying the journey to each new rank accomplishment. The 0-20 players enjoy their own game on Thursday afternoons at 12 o'clock. The Tuesday evening game at 6:00 PM begins with a ½ hour lesson for 0-99 MP players.

♦ It's the season we say goodbye to our lovely Snowbirds. Have a great winter; we'll miss you!