

THE DUMMY ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

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UPCOMING EVENTS

South of the Border
Stratified Open Pairs
Sectionally - Rated
May 6 - 5:30 p.m.
The Bridge Studio

Reading PA Sectional
Unit 121
May 13 - May 15

Mays Landing Sectional
Unit 141
May 20 - May 22

WILMINGTON DE SECTIONAL
UNIT 190
JUNE 3 - JUNE 5

York PA Sectional
Unit 168
June 24 - June 26

SUMMER NATIONALS
TORONTO, CANADA
JULY 21 - JULY 31



President's Report

If you have not already put together a team for the DSBA Summer Teams, I hope you will join us for this fun event. We will have a bracketed round-robin event with brackets in Wilmington and also downstate. You'll play matches in one of the team members' homes – a great combination of social and tournament bridge. Please sign up on the unit website, www.unit190.org by May 15.

Also, we are excited to be holding the next Pro-Am game on June 15 in both upstate and downstate locations.

Your Board of Directors is working hard on several initiatives. We are revising the By-Laws and Certificate of Incorporation, and working on job description for the officers.

Finally, congratulations to our 2010 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners, listed elsewhere in this issue, and to Rick Rowland for making the Top 500 with 691.68 points.

Jeff Ruben

DSBA Pro - Am Pairs - Wednesday Evening June 15 Upstate and Downstate Locations

Pro - any Life Master Am - any non-Life Master
Qualifying event for DSBA Annual Achievement Awards

UPSTATE - 7 P.M. - THE BRIDGE STUDIO, WILMINGTON

DOWNSTATE - 6 P.M. - MEMORIAL HALL,
OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pre-registration is required.....

June 1st for Pros and Ams seeking partners

June 8th for Pro-Am pairs to be registered

Upstate Information and registration: mmocella@gmail.com
Downstate information and registration: RomitoDini@aol.com

Delaware Summer Teams

This is a team event, played in the homes of the participants.

The event will run from June 1st until September 30th.

There will be two separate sections - Upstate and Downstate

Cost: \$40.00 per team for the entire tournament - payment must be made before registration is considered complete. Cards and bidding boxes will be provided if needed.

Registration due by May 15th

Points won apply toward the DSBA Annual Achievement Awards - \$100 is at stake!

If enough teams sign up there will be different brackets and you will only play teams in your bracket.
If there are not enough teams for a full bracket, teams will be handicapped.

Teams should consist of 4, 5, or 6 players - participants need not be DSBA members.
Teams of 5 or 6 players are strongly encouraged.

Register online at www.unit190.org or at Ranger_willie@yahoo.com
Or contact Bill Everitt at (302) 528-2540 for information or to register

The "Rule" of 18 - Part I - Reverses by Pete Filandro

I am frequently asked what minimum strength is needed for a reverse bid. I suggest using a guide of 18 (total of HCPs and distribution). I say "guide" because it is subject to judgment. Sometimes 17 might be enough - and sometimes a threadbare 18 is not enough. But because everyone seems to like "rules", I will call it "The Rule of 18". Before describing what we count to reach our total of 18, let's review what a reverse is.

Reverses have two special qualities:

1) Reverses are bids that make your partner go to a higher level if she wants to take a preference to your first bid suit. For instance, you open 1C, partner responds 1S, and you bid 2H. Your 2H bid was a reverse because if partner wants to take you back to your first bid suit (clubs), she must bid to the next level, i.e., 3C.
2) Reverses are usually played as a "one-round force". This means each partner promises to bid once more. Using our sample auction of 1C - 1S - 2H, the responder cannot pass 2H, even if she had scraped up a minimum 1S bid in the first place. And if responder bids a simple bid, like 2S, the opener cannot pass. Although the 2S bidder might have a minimum hand of 6 points, she could also have a powerhouse with 15 or 20 points! She can safely bid a mere 2S because her partner's reverse was a one-round force and each partner was required to bid at least once more.

Next issue we will continue our discussion of this "Rule of 18" and look at some sample auctions to decide when to reverse and when not to reverse.

Top Unit 190 master point winners at Sectionals and Regionals

Glenside Sectional - February 11 - February 13

Richard Popper [10.99] Rick Rowland [8.63] Pete & Marie Filandro [6.52] Tami & Kim Holm [4.62]

Blue Hen Sectional - February 25 - February 27

Rick Rowland [27.20] Richard Popper [14.64] Pete & Marie Filandro [8.21] Dave Venetianer [6.66]
Fred Gillespie [5.83] Chien-Ping Kao [5.83] Mooch Taylor [5.75] Christopher Marlow [5.75]

Conshocken Sectional - March 25 - March 27

Rick Rowland [12.75] Richard Popper [10.28] Dave Venetianer [7.64] Andy Stayton [4.64]

2011 District 4 Grand National Teams

Championship Flight Winners - Rick Rowland and teammates Ken Cohen, Neal Satten and Tom Weik

2010 Unit 190 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Winners

| ACBL CATEGORY | ACE OF CLUBS | MINI - MCKENNEY |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 0 - 5 | David Pie | David Pie |
| 5 - 20 | Anita Ferm | Anita Ferm |
| 20 - 50 | Elizabeth Flinchbaugh | Donna McKeown |
| 50 - 100 | Toni Notarnicola | Toni Notarnicola |
| 100 - 200 | Judy Harrington | Sharon Weintrob |
| 200 - 300 | Michael Mocella | Mary Boyd |
| 300 - 500 | Peter Harris | Peter Harris |
| 500 - 1000 | Paula Varrassi | Paula Varrassi |
| 1000 - 2500 | Aster Wu | Bridgett Pitt |
| 2500 - 5000 | Randy Berseth | Andy Kaufman |
| 5000 - 7500 | Rick Rowland | Rick Rowland |
| 7500 - 10,000 | Jess Stuart | Marie Filandro |

Congratulations to Rick Rowland.... 2010 Top 500....691.68 points

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!

Life Master - Mary Lou Farnum, Susan Herrmann, Melody Owen

Silver Life Master - Charlotte Wheatley

Bronze Life Master - Fateh Jain, Mike Mocella, Christine Sullivan, Kristofor Varhus

Gold Life Master - Bernard Rehberg

2011 Wilmington Sectional - June 3 - June 5, 2011

The Bridge Studio of Delaware

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 3

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| 9:00 am | Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |
| 1:30 pm | Flight A/X Pairs (Open/3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |
| 7:00 pm | Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |

Saturday, June 4

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| 10:00 am | Handicapped Bracketed KOs Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |
| 2:00 pm | Flight A/X Pairs (Open/3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1500/1000/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |
| 7:00 pm | Stratified Open Pairs (Open/1500/500) Stratified NLM Pairs ¹ |

Sunday, June 5

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| 11:00 am 2 sessions playthru | Flight A/X - Two Session Swiss (Open/3000) Strat B/C/D - Two Session Swiss (1500/750/300) Pizza will be sold between sessions |
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¹NOTE: All NLM Pairs stratified based on attendance.

DSBA ACHIEVEMENT AWARD LEADERS - 2011

0 - 49 - Paul and Elizabeth Arkana

50 - 199 - Kim and Tamara Holm

200 - 499 - Mike Mocella

500 - 999 - David Venetianer

1000 - 2499 - Cindy Rowland and Barbara Rhoades

2500 - unlimited - Rick Rowland

Next qualifying event: Pro-Am Pairs

Club News.....

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ Bridge Studio Corner ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Intermediates & Novices!! On Monday mornings beginning April 25 at 9:00 am, the Studio will offer a Mini Lesson & an abbreviated Duplicate Game just for you!!

Details:

- 1) Tom will conduct a ½ hour mini lesson on various basic topics.
- 2) The duplicate game will begin at approximately 9:30 and continue until 11:45
- 3) Hands will be random (not lesson specific) and hand records will be provided.
- 4) Come alone or bring a partner.
- 5) Entry Fee is \$10

We will try to keep it light and fun but please keep in mind that we will play by the rules and you will be expected to maintain pace of play.

The Studio is Heading South of the Border
Friday, May 6 - 5:30 p.m.
Stratified Open Pairs - Sectionally Rated
Tacos, Nachos & More - Bring your own beverage of choice
\$15.00 per person
Reservations, pleasealexiscic@aol.com or (302) 571-9092
The Bridge Studio of Delaware - www.bridge-studio.org

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ Below the Canal by Audrey Pugh ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

Monday Morning Bridge Club

February 28 - ACBL Wide Senior Game

First - Carolyn Coury & Ann Collins

Second - Bonnie Savage & Audrey Pugh

March 7 - Club Championship

First - Cheryl Shields & Barbara Augustine.

Second - Dan Premo & Ann Collins

Our Club members were very saddened to learn that one of our members, Patsy Willmore of Middletown had died this past weekend. Patsy had a great sense of humor and we shall all miss her.

♣♦♥♠ **Beach Bridge by Dini Romito** ♣♦♥♠

We made history April 28. Craig Robinson paid Shuffles a visit, #9 of his 100 club tour, and we used Duplimate boards for the first time. What a way to spring forward.

We are honored and privileged to have had our ACBL president visit us in Ocean View. The players prepared a feast in anticipation. Many remarked how nice he was, laid back and funny. He certainly captured all of us. We'll follow him everywhere. Craig handed out the Unit certificates and medals for the 2010 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney winners. We had eight first-place winners and we recognized everyone in the Top 10.

As for the Duplimate—it doesn't seem nearly as complicated as my Droid so there's hope for me. I now have a direct phone line to Harold Jordan, day or night. That is what you said, isn't it Harold? What a wonderful addition for the players.

The credit for the smooth running of the club games in my absence goes mainly to Charlotte Wheatley, Eli Solomon and the loyal and giving players. Eli took over the Shuffles club, special games, the computer, posting on who-dini and teaching the Intermediate classes. Charlotte's main job was Partnership Chair. She went over and above making sure supplies were available, preparing food, directing games, banking, mentoring and transporting equipment to the different game locations. I promised myself I would not ask either of them for anything for at least a month. Well, I already broke those promises. They are treasures and very much regarded and needed as are our other Directors, Betty Crane, Jerry Sikora and John Rubinsohn.

Member Cheers and Tears

New Members: Pat Powell, Maria DeSantis, Bill Goens. We look forward to seeing your names in lights. Congratulations to Nellie Jones who celebrates her 96th birthday in May.

Beth Mallon and Lillian Schaubé had a 75% game.

Club Champions: Beach, Dot Green/Kay Heinlen; All Stars, Liz Ashley/Bonnie Walker;
Shuffles, Terry Dutton/Bob Gore

Condolences to the family and friends of Mary Margaret Rogers who passed away March 31. She had a loving family, husband and eight children. Mary Margaret was a Bronze Life Master and always a lady at the bridge table.

Schedule of Special Events

Those with an * require pre-registration with Dini unless otherwise noted.

*Summer Teams: Register by May 15 with Bill Everitt, Ranger_willie@yahoo.com

*June 4 - 1:00 PM, - Worldwide Bridge Contest

*June 15 - 6:00 PM - Pro-Am

North American Pairs - 1/2 red - Two/month each club, Jun-Jul-Aug.

*July 22, Friday Evening - ACBL-wide Game, 6:00 PM - 1/2 red, full analyses

*September 14 - Instant MP GOLD Game - Wednesday evening, 6:00 PM

*October 22 - D4 Flight "C" NAP Final - D4 Overalls 25% Gold, 2 day sessions

