

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28

Westhampton NJ Sectional
Unit 141
September 9 - September 11

DSBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING & ELECTION SEPTEMBER 12 - 5:45 P.M. THE BRIDGE STUDIO

DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL
September 16 - September 18
The Bridge Studio

DSBA Special Membership
Meeting & Bylaws Vote
11 a.m. - September 18
The Bridge Studio

Reading PA Sectional
Unit 121
September 23 - September 25

Conshohocken PA Sectional
Unit 141
October 14 - October 16

Allentown PA Sectional
Unit 133
October 21 - October 23

NAP Flight A - Allentown PA
October 22 - October 23
NAP Flight B - Bridge Studio
October 29
NAP Flight C - Clubs
October 22

LANCASTER REGIONAL OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6

President's Report

Before I step down as President in September, I want to thank the DSBA Board of Directors for their hard work and dedication in taking care of Unit matters. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for volunteering to take time to work on such things as the By-Laws and administering tournaments when they would rather just be playing bridge.

I hope that some of you will consider giving back to the game by volunteering for the Unit in the future. Here is a suggestion: we will need lots of volunteers to take on various tasks during the 2012 Summer Nationals in Philadelphia. Barbara Rhoades will be coordinating this volunteer effort; please say yes when she asks you to take part. Did I mention that volunteers receive free entries?

Please come to the Bridge Studio on September 18, the last day of the Fall Sectional, to vote on revisions to the Unit's Bylaws. The Bylaws and our Certificate of Incorporation had not been updated in many, many years. The DSBA Board of Directors has approved and filed the Certificate of Incorporation, and now we need a quorum of members to approve the revision to the Bylaws, so please come and vote that day even if you are not playing.

The revised Bylaws, and a list of significant changes from our current Bylaws, are posted on our website, www.unit190.org and on the DSBA Bulletin Board in the Bridge Studio. The new Certificate of Incorporation will be posted shortly. Many thanks to Jess Stuart, Marie and Pete Filandro, Richard Popper and Steve Herrmann for working on this project.

I have greatly enjoyed serving as your President in 2010-11 and look forward to seeing you at the bridge table. Jeff Ruben

Vote, Vote, Vote!!!

We need a quorum - 10% of DSBA members -
about 75 members - to vote on the bylaws revision.
Please support Unit 190.

11 a.m. - The Bridge Studio - Sunday, September 18th

Annual Membership Meeting and DSBA Election
Monday, September 12 - 5:45 p.m - The Bridge Studio

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 partnerships of two ACBL members are eligible to win masterpoints, but everyone is invited to play. Non-members can join the ACBL prior to the game.

DSBA members will be asked to vote their approval or disapproval of the following slate of candidates:
Bill Everitt, Harold Jordan, Mike Mocella, Barbara Rhoades, Jess Stuart, Trina Williams.

If this 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 two-year terms are Bruce Gwaltney, Julie Hockersmith, Tammy Holm, Marie Filandro, Jeff Ruben, Carl Williams, Rick Rowland. Sincere thanks to Alan Horowitz who is retiring from the Board - and to all Board Members for their service in support of the DSBA.

DSBA Special Membership Meeting - Vote on Bylaws Revision
Sunday, September 18 - 11 a.m. - The Bridge Studio

Just prior to the start of the Sunday team game at the Diamond State Sectional, if a quorum of DSBA members are present (approximately 75), a special membership meeting will begin. The purpose of the meeting is to allow members to vote their approval of revised DSBA bylaws. Polls will be open and members will be able to vote from the beginning of the meeting until about 6:00 p.m., when polls will close and the meeting will be adjourned.

In appreciation for members making the effort to vote, a complimentary pizza lunch will be provided between sessions for everyone present. Please plan to come out and vote!

Top Unit 190 master point winners

Wilmington Sectional - June 3 - June 5

Rick Rowland [27.17] Randy Berseth [13.72] Pete & Marie Filandro [7.52] Richard Popper [7.02]
Mary Lou Hale [6.35] Kathleen Miller [6.15] Paul Amer [5.75] Dave Venetianer [5.75]
Fred Gillespie [4.82] Chien-Ping Kao [4.82] Jess Stuart [4.70]

Mid-week Sectional - The Bridge Studio - July 4 - July 8

Marie Anzilotti [15.31] Bernard Rehberg [13.70] Jeff Koltenuk [13.32] Andy Purbrick [12.87]
Bridgett Pitt [7.75] Judith & Bruce Gwaltney [6.82] Anne Taylor [6.26] Tom Kramer [6.11] Alan Horowitz [5.92]

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank!

Life Master - Mary Lou Walsh, Sharon Weintrob

Bronze Life Master - Lila Childres, Bitsy Klein

Silver Life Master - Maxine Alexander

Gold Life Master - Fred Gillespie

DSBA PRO-AM GAME - JUNE 15

This year's DSBA Pro-Am pairs game on June 15 was truly unit-wide for the first time, with the same boards being played simultaneously at both upstate and downstate sections.

In Wilmington, the North-South winners were Peter Kyper & Chris Matus, while the East-West players were led by Tom Grabowski & Kim Holm. In Sussex County, the North-South section leaders were Carl Williams & John Campbell (the overall event winners) and Chris Sullivan & Judy Harrington, with East-West headed by Peter Harris & Andy Hawks and Betty Crane & Catherine McHugh (the overall event runners-up).

Congratulations to all, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to next year's Pro-Am teams and pairs events - stay tuned for details!
Mike Mocella, Intermediate/Novice Coordinator

2011 Diamond State Sectional - September 16, 17, 18 - The Bridge Studio**Friday, September 16, 2011**

1:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

7:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, September 17, 2011

1:00 p.m. - StrataFlighted Open Pairs A/X (4000+/0-4000)
StrataFlighted Open Pairs B/C/D (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

7:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Sunday, September 18, 2011

11 a.m. - A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)
B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)
Complimentary pizza lunch will be provided between sessions or BYO lunch!

Note: On Sunday, September 18th DSBA members will be voting during the course of the day for proposed new Unit 190 bylaws.

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

Last issue we defined what a reverse bid was, and stated the requirement that each partner bid at least once more after the reverse bid.

Now we come to the Rule of 18 (HCP and distribution). We'll use our sample auction, 1C - 1S - 2H, and assume (initially) that the clubs are a 5-card suit and the hearts are a 4-card suit. You will need 18 HCP, if you have only 0 or 1 of your partner's spades, due to a potential misfit. You can credit yourself with one point for each spade that you have in excess of one. Thus, you need only 17 HCP if you have 2 spades. You need only 16 HCP if you have 3 spades. Additional points can be added for extra shape because long cards in suits often win a trick, potentially making even a lowly deuce into a winner. Add one point if your first bid suit (clubs in our example) is six cards in length. Add two more points if the clubs are seven cards in length. Add two points if your second suit (hearts in our example) is five cards in length.

In the form of a table, the minimum HCP, I stress minimum needed for a reverse using our sample auction of 1C - 1S - 2H is:

♠	♥	♦	♣	
x	AKxx	Qxx	AKQxx	[18 HCP]
xx	AKQx	xx	AKJxx	[17 HCP + 1 point for having 2 spades]
xxx	AKxx	x	AKQxx	[16 HCP + 2 points for having 3 spades]
xx	AKxx	x	AKQxxx	[16 HCP + 1 point for having 2 spades + 1 point for sixth club]
xxx	AKxx	-	AKJxxx	[15 HCP + 2 points for having 3 spades + 1 point for sixth club]
x	AKxxx	x	AKJxxx	[15 HCP + 1 point for sixth club + 2 points for fifth heart]
xx	AKxxx	-	AKxxxx	[14 HCP + 1 for 2 spades + 1 for sixth club + 2 for fifth heart]
x	AKxxx	-	AQxxxxx	[13 HCP + 1 for sixth club + 2 for seventh club + 2 for fifth heart]

Look carefully at that last example which has "only" 13 HCP. It shows the power of long suits. If your HCP count were not so low, this would be an excellent 2C opener!! Given normal suit breaks, you expect to win 4 heart tricks and 6 ½ club trick. That's 10 ½ tricks!

To complete our table, there are some subtractions to make. To save space, I will not show example hands. You can write out your own expanded table if you wish. Subtract one point if your holding in partner's suit (spades in our example) is Q, J, or Jx. Subtract one point if your holding in the unbid suit (diamonds in our example) is Q, J, QJ, Qx, Jx, or Jxx.

DSBA Annual Achievement Awards - Leaders

0-49 1. Elizabeth Arkana - 1.35 2. John Strange - 1.19 3. Gerrie Willis - .86	50 -199 1. Kim Holm - 7.25 2. Tamara Holm - 5.48 3. Cathy Kulpinski - 4.57	200-499 1. Michael Mocella - 6.73 2/3. Bruce & Judith Gwaltney - 3.85
500-999 1. David Venetianer - 6.66 2. Chien-Ping Kao - 5.83 3. Christopher Marlow - 5.75	1000-2499 1. Cindy Rowland - 6.67 2. Barbara Rhoades - 6.22 3. Carl Williams - 6.09	2500-unlimited 1. Rick Rowland - 30.53 2. Richard Popper - 14.64 3. Pete Filandro - 9.45

Club News.....**♣♦♥♠ Bridge Studio Corner ♣♦♥♠****Bridge Lessons at the Studio**

Beginner – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm with Julie Hockersmith beginning September 13. Fee is \$135 for this 10 week series. Pre-registration required (see contact information below).

Intermediate – Mondays at 9:30 am with Tom & Alexis Ciconte beginning September 12. Cost is \$135 for this 10 week series or \$15 per class on a “pay as you come” basis.

Advanced – Application & Analysis with Tom Ciconte on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month beginning September 7 at 9:30 am. Cost is \$15 per class.

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♣♦♥♠ Below the Canal by Audrey Pugh ♣♦♥♠**Monday & Friday Games - Modern Maturity Center, Dover DE**

The following bridge members have returned from spending the winter in warmer climates and we welcome them back: Susan Derrickson (Arizona), Ralph & Liz Gordy (Florida), and Betty Nagle (Florida). We also have a new couple, George & Mary Burks, who moved to Dover recently and are attending our games.

Special Games & Winners

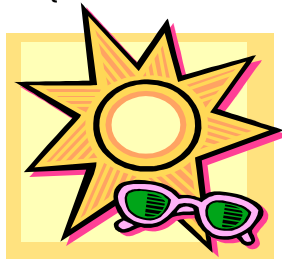
April 18 Charity Club Championship - 1st & 2nd (tie) - Lillian Schaube & Audrey Pugh and Dan Premo & Ann Collins

3rd - Susan Derrickson & Lila Childres

June 10 Club Championship - 1st - Pat Vogler & Helen Flamm; 2nd Clare O'Brien & Audrey Pugh

June 13 STAC District 6 - 1st - N/S Duke & Shirley Clark; 2nd N/S Ralph & Liz Gordy

1st - E/W (9th Overall 63.99%) Clare O'Brien & Carolyn Coury



♣♦♥♠ Beach Bridge by Dini Romito ♣♦♥♠

Ahh, the sweet days of summer. How fortunate we are that so many of our friends return year after year to play bridge with us between catching all those rays, and I don't mean stingrays. Did you ever notice that locals don't go to the beach? We save all those spots for our lovely visitors. Of course, they are not too happy about the bridge construction at Indian River. But our hearty welcome makes them forget the traffic. Game sizes all over have increased, Beach bridge had 24 ½. One expected Craig Robinson to show up again!

Welcome to our newest ACBL members: Carol West, Natalie Zatz, Al Awad, and Betty and Bob Wheeler. Pat and David Hensing are from Missouri.

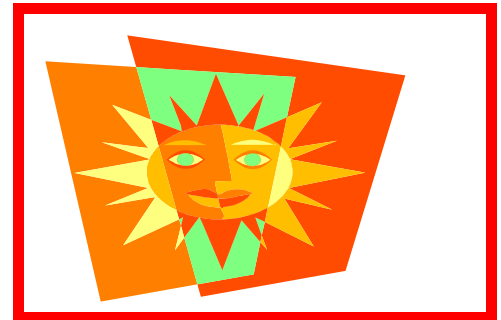
PRO-AM June 15

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this wonderful event. I received many emails asking for the date of the next one. I especially thank the Life Masters who made such a wonderful impression on the non-Life Masters.

Accolades to the NLM's for having the courage to step out of your box. You were terrific!

Club Champions - Second Quarter

Beach: Dotty Ireton/Mimi Tyson
Stars: Beth Mallon/Debbie Blake
Shuffles: Dolores & Ron Daringer



70% Club

Phyllis Anthony/Sue Snyder, 71.25%
Betty and Bob Wheeler, 73.75%

World Game, June 4 Participation

How lovely that Lillian Schaub and Tom Kramer tied with Chris Sullivan and Gail Petren.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE, RESERVE THE DATES

Club Championships

August 4 Thursday afternoon - Ocean View, 12 noon
August 24 Wednesday evening - Rehoboth CC, 6:00 PM
August 30 Tuesday morning - Ocean View, 9:30 AM

Instant Matchpoint Game, September 14, Ocean View, 6:00 PM, Pre-register

Flight "C" District 4 North American Pair FINALS, Ocean View, 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM - October 22
Double session, Pre-qualification

October "5% Gold" TEAM Games

October 5 - Wednesday Evening
October 13 - Thursday Afternoon
October 18 - Tuesday Morning