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UPCOMING EVENTS

LANCASTER REGIONAL OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 6

Delaware Swiss Team
Championship
November 20
11 a.m. - Bridge Studio
12:45 p.m. - Ocean View
Presbyterian Church

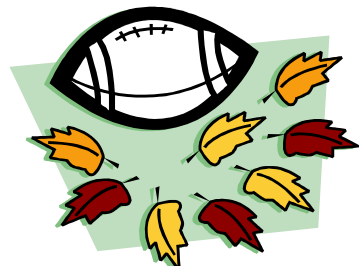
FALL NATIONALS SEATTLE WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 4

Delaware State Open Pairs
Championship
December 4
11 a.m. - Bridge Studio
11 a.m. - Manor House, Lewes

DAVE TREADWELL SECTIONAL DECEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 31 BRIDGE STUDIO

Unit 141 Sectional
January 6 - January 8
Conshohocken PA

Unit 168 Sectional
January 27 - January 29
New Cumberland PA



President's Report

The temperatures are dropping but DSBA bridge is heating up!!!

As we begin a new fiscal year, we have revised By-Laws for Unit 190. (<http://www.unit190.org/Info/2011Bylaws.pdf>). Thanks to Marie Filandro, Pete Filandro, Steve Herrmann, Richard Popper and Jess Stuart for the many hours they spent preparing the revised document. Members approved the new by-laws at the Diamond State Sectional.

One of our goals for the year is to promote more bridge activities for our members in Kent and Sussex Counties while continuing to promote and expand New Castle County activities. New for this year:

- * 48 bridge players traveled by bus from Ocean View to the Diamond State Sectional
- * State Teams will be played on November 20, 2011 in split sites: Bridge Studio and Ocean View
- * State Pairs will be played December 4, 2011 in split sites: Bridge Studio and Lewes
- * The First State Sectional is scheduled for October 4, 5 and 6, 2012 in Lewes, DE

Important information:

- * We will have a calendar for 2012 bridge in Unit 190 as well as District 4 tournaments on the website in early December.
- * NEW dates for Blue Hen Sectional: February 17 - 19, 2012.
- * The Delaware Regional is scheduled for June 18 - 24, 2012.
- * Volunteers are needed to help with the ACBL National in Philadelphia in July 2012. Please contact Barbara Rhoades at bmossr@gmail.com.

The Unit 190 website (www.unit190.org <<http://www.unit190.org/>>) is your best source for information on all Delaware bridge activities. If you have any suggestions or questions, the DSBA Board is listed on the website as well as email contacts for all of us.

Hope to see you at the bridge table!
Trina Williams

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SUMMER NATIONALS - TORONTO - JULY 21 - JULY 31

5908 players won 102,343.74 points

DSBA members in attendance: Amal Dasgupta, Bridgett Pitt, Richard Popper, Barbara Rhoades, Rick Rowland, Jeff Ruben, Andy Stayton, Lois & Jess Stuart, Anne & Monty Taylor, Dave Venetianer

DSBA Certificate of Incorporation

The Delaware State Bridge Association, Unit 190 of the American Contract Bridge League, was incorporated way back in 1957 as a non-profit organization. During the early 1980's, our incorporation was inadvertently allowed to lapse, but it was restored in 1982.

When the bylaws committee began reviewing needed changes to our bylaws, it became apparent that our certificate of incorporation - which had remained unchanged since 1957 - needed updating.

Richard Popper and Steve Herrmann provided the much-needed expertise for this updating. Committee member Jess Stuart has provided a summary of some significant changes in the new document. Our registered agent was updated, and names and addresses of the original incorporators were removed. Our new certificate provides indemnification for DSBA directors and others acting on behalf of the DSBA. It also provides for making necessary changes and for liquidating the DSBA - should it ever become necessary. The updated certificate also expressly prohibits any members or directors from receiving profit or compensation for services.

Our new bylaws and certificate of incorporation should serve Unit 190 well during the coming years.

Marie Filandro

Thank You, Thank You!!!

Thanks to all DSBA members who came out to vote for our bylaws revision during the September Unit 190 sectional. We could never have had the needed quorum without everyone's support. Special thanks to the busload of players who rode up from Sussex County to vote and play bridge. Be sure to look over the newly amended bylaws on the Unit website. The Bylaws Committee

DSBA PRO-AM GAMES - 2012

The upcoming year's Pro-Am team games will be held in January at two locations and dates, with full particulars available after the holidays. The downstate game will be on Thursday, January 19; for details, contact Dini Romito (RomitoDini@aol.com). The upstate game will be on Thursday, January 26; for details, contact Mike Mocella (mmocella@gmail.com). The Pro-Am pairs game will once again be held in June - check the next issue of The Dummy for further information. Mike Mocella, DSBA I/N coordinator

Skinner Trophy Game - Annual Membership Meeting - September 13

1st - Greg Burch and Harold Jordan - 2nd - Kathleen Miller and Skip Koup
3rd - Marie Anzilotti and Peter Kyper

Grand National Pairs - Unit 190 member results

Flight A - 4th - Rick Rowland playing with Corey Krantz
Flight B - 6th - Christopher Marlow and Monty Taylor
Flight C - 5th - Barbara Cleary and Margo DePuy
7th - Joanne Inglisa and Jeryl Sheehy
8th - Anne Cullom and Sharon Weintrob

Congratulations to our newest Bronze Life Master, Mary Boyd

DSBA Annual Achievement Awards - Leaders

0-49 1. Elizabeth Arkana - 3.66 2. Paul Arkana - 2.31 3. John Strange - 1.85	50 -199 1. Kim Holm - 7.25 2. Tamara Holm - 5.48 3. Cathy Kulpinski - 4.57	200-499 1. Roger Cason - 6.74 2. Mike Mocella - 6.73 3. Christine Matus - 6.57
500-999 1. Jean and Joe Brown - 9.79 2. Mark Henderson - 9.07 3. Bill Everitt - 6.91	1000-2499 1. Carl Williams - 9.83 2. Jeff Ruben - 9.67 3. Jim Herrington - 8.07	2500-unlimited 1. Rick Rowland - 30.53 2. Pete Filandro - 24.80 3. Marie Filandro - 23.56

2011 DSBA Unit Championships - upstate and downstate locations

Delaware Swiss Team Championship - 11a.m. Bridge Studio & 12:45 p.m. Ocean View Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 20 - pre-register by November 15

Delaware State Open Pairs Championship - 11a.m. Bridge Studio & Manor House, Lewes
Sunday, December 4 - pre-register by November 30

Details on Unit 190 website.....www.unit190.org
contact Bill Everitt, ranger_willie@yahoo.com for upstate games
RomitoDini@aol.com for November 20th Ocean View game
Anna7nt@gmail.com for December 4th Lewes game

The “Rule” of 18 - Part III - Doubling, Then Bidding Your Own Suit - by Pete Filandro

When an opponent opens the bidding and you make a takeout double (ostensibly showing support for all of the other suits) and your partner dutifully bids one of the other suits but you override him by bidding your own suit, you are showing a strong hand. Typically you will have a decent suit (arbitrarily I'll suggest a minimum of Q 10 xxxx) and extra strength. For this article I will assume RHO opened 1D, you doubled, partner answered 1H, and you bid 1S.

To determine if your hand qualifies, I suggest a “rule of 18”. You should add your HCP to whatever adjustments for shape are warranted. Here are the suggested adjustments:

1. Add 1 point for each singleton or void.
2. Add 1 point if your suit has 2 of the top 3 honors.
3. Add 2 points if your suit has all 3 of the top 3 honors.
4. Add 1 point if your suit is 7 cards in length.
5. Add 1 point if you have a side 4-card suit.
6. Subtract one point for any suit consisting of K, Q, J, Qx, Jx, or QJ.

Here are some sample minimum hands for our sample auction. Having more than the minimum is always nice.

A. Q 10 xxxx	AK	AK	Qxx	{18 HCP, no adjustments}
B. KQxxxx	Ax	AKx	Qx	{18 HCP +1 for 2 top honors -1 for Qx}
C. AKQxxx	Axx	x	Qxx	{15 HCP +2 for 3 top honors +1 for a singleton}
D. AKQxxx	Axx	-	Jxxx	{14 HCP +2 for 3 top honors +1 for a void + 1 for a side 4-card suit}
E. AKxxxxx	KJ	KQ	xx	{16 HCP + 1 for 2 top honors +1 for 7-card suit}
F. AKQxxxx	x	x	Kxxx	{only 12 HCP, but +2 for 3 top honors +1 for 7-card suit + 1 for a singleton +1 for the second singleton +1 for a side 4-card suit}

As always, the Rule of 18 is merely a useful crutch. As your judgment and experience grow, you will be able to look at a hand and say “This hand meets the minimum requirements for doubling, then bidding my own suit.”

Top Unit 190 master point winners at Regionals and Sectionals

Valley Forge Regional - August 22 - August 28

Rick Rowland (60.73) Mooch Taylor (26.20) Barbara Rhoades (16.04) Marie Anzilotti (15.26)
Bridgett Pitt (14.19) Carol Hopson (13.11) Pete & Marie Filandro (13.10) Cindy Rowland (12.30)
Jeff Koltenuk (11.77)

Westhampton Sectional - September 9 - September 11

Rick Rowland (6.50)

Diamond State Sectional - September 16 - September 18

Pete & Marie Filandro (15.35) Jeff Ruben (9.38) Andy Stayton (9.38) Mark Henderson (9.07)
Jim Herrington (6.46) Bill Everitt (5.46) Jean & Joe Brown (4.96) Carole Everitt (4.96)

Conshohocken Sectional - October 14 - October 16

Rick Rowland (21.02) Pieter Vanbennekorn (3.80)

Allentown Sectional - October 21 - October 23

Pete & Marie Filandro (12.05)

2011 Dave Treadwell Sectional - December 27 - 31, 2011 - Bridge Studio

Tuesday - 27	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
Wednesday - 28	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
Thursday - 29	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Flight A/X Pairs (3000+/0-3000) Stratified B/C/D Pairs (1000-2000/500-1000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Flighted Swiss Teams Flight A - Open Flight B - Team Average 0-1000
Friday - 30	9:30 am	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500)
	2:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
	7:00 pm	Stratified Open Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs
Saturday - 31	10:00 am & TBA	2 single-session Stratified Pairs (1500+/500-1500/0-500) 2 single-session Stratified NLM Pairs Farewell '11 Party: Door Prizes & Lunch Events will be scored single session (more MPs) 2-session commitment expected to party & play

NOTE: All NLM Pairs will be stratified at game time based on attendance.

BELOW THE CANAL by Audrey Pugh

Congratulations to the following players

Lila Childres became Bronze Life Master

Daniel Premo and Ann Collins became Life Masters

We also welcomed a new player & Life Master, Brenda Green, who moved here from Oregon. Monday, Oct. 17th we held a Club Appreciation Day & luncheon to say farewell to all our players who are returning to Florida for the winter.

Club Appreciation Day - October 17, 2011

1st Overall - Susan Derrickson & Lila Childres

2nd Overall - Ralph and Elizabeth Gordy

3rd Overall - Monroe Hudson & J.P. Agrawal

Friday Morning Club Championship Game - September 3, 2011

1st - Clare O'Brien & Audrey Pugh

2nd- Cecil Cooper & Wilbert Stanley

BEACH BRIDGE by Dini Romito

Where has the summer gone? As we sadly say our goodbyes to seasonal residents, we hunker down for changing seasons bundled with many exciting games this fall and winter. Lots of surprises coming your way!

Our newest ACBL/Unit members will begin appearing in the side games on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These future stars are just delightful and will be welcomed by everyone: Joyce and Bill Wickham, Jan Peebly and Ruth Baum (presently a snowbird). The Tuesday afternoon lessons, 1:30 - 4:30 are ongoing. The side game players are welcome to join us anytime. We all must keep refreshing our skills in order to move forward.

It's been requested that the Shuffles 12 noon game in Ocean View on Thursdays move to an earlier time to allow more time between this game and the All Stars game at 6:00 PM at Rehoboth Country Club. Beginning in January 2012, the game will move up a half hour to 11:30 AM.

Here are some highlights from the 3rd quarter of 2011: (drum roll, please)

Club Champions: Beach - Lillian Schaub - Bob Keeney
All Stars - Bob Keeney - John Kinnikin; Shuffles - Terry Patton - Jerry Scott.
 Instant MP Golden Winners, September 14 - Nancy Steele - Jane Myers; Jim Coleman - Jeff Stopford
 Mary Alice Mumford - George Jones; Jerry Scott - Terry Patton
 73.56% Game, September - Terry Patton - Jerry Scott
 NAP District Final, Flight "C", October 22 - Congratulations to our District overalls in the top 10:
 5th Barbara Cleary - Margot DePuy; 7th Joanne Inglis - Jeri Sheehy. We had a lovely day!
 Club Appreciation Pairs, 1st Overall - Beach - Paula Varrassi - Peter Harris
All Stars - Liz Ashley - Bonnie Walker; Shuffles - Bob Keeney - Jerry Sikora
 Club Appreciation Teams 1st Overall - Beach - 1st/2nd Tie - Nancy Steele - Perry Drevo - Miriam
 McCauley - Anne Ratledge with Beth Mallon - Lillian Schaub - Carl & Trina Williams
All Stars - Nancy Steele - Perry Drevo - Miriam McCauley - Anne Ratledge
Shuffles - Charlotte Hahn - Bob Keeney - Paula Varrassi - Peter Harris

Rank Achievements

Junior Master - Chris Sadowski, Joy Knox
 Club Master - Phyllis Anthony, Pat Wood
 Regional Master - Joan Keller, Paul Pelen
 NABC Master - Irmgard Brill, Judy Harrington, Toni Notarnicola, Mary Skinner
 Bronze Life Master - Mary Boyd

♥ A word about your dues: We receive an ACBL renewal notice way in advance of the due date. I used to throw them in the drawer. It and the second notice get buried. Somehow I remembered to pay them before receiving "inactive" status. Next time, why not consider doing what I do now; use the option to pay three years dues instead of one. Besides it's cheaper.

♦ Good bridge and good luck to those going to the Virginia Beach Regional. Please continue to call me with your good news so I can post it on the front page of www.who-dini.com.

