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UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Sundae
February 5
Bridge Studio - 11a.m

Unit 141 Sectional
February 10 - February 12
Glenside PA

DSBA Blue Hen Sectional
February 17 - February 19
Bridge Studio

**VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL
FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4**

**NORTH AMERICAN
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
MARCH 15 - MARCH 25**

Unit 141 Sectional
April 13 - April 15
Cherry Hill NJ

Unit 168 Sectional
April 27 - April 29
Chambersburg PA

Unit 133 Sectional
April 27 - April 29
Allentown PA



President's Report

Happy 2012!

Congratulations to the DSBA Achievement Award Winners for 2011! These awards are given to the player[s] who earn the most masterpoints in DSBA events. The January 26 Pro-Am was the first event for the 2012 contest. A specific list of tournaments included this year is on our unit website www.unit190.org

Congratulations also to the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs winners. (The "official tally" from ACBL will be announced in early February.) Winners have been notified and awards will be given at the Blue Hen Sectional prior to the afternoon session on Saturday, February 18.

2011 was a successful year for DSBA. Lots of "firsts" and lots of involvement from players throughout the state. HOWEVER, we have a declining number of members and need to work at building our membership totals. The Board is looking for ideas; YOU are the DSBA and we ask YOU to help. Please forward YOUR ideas to any Board member. All Board meetings are open meetings and YOU may attend.

Please join us at the **Blue Hen Sectional - February 17-19, 2012**

See you at the table!
Trina Williams

DSBA Achievement Award Winners - 2011

0-49

Paul and Elizabeth Akana - 6.36

50-199

Rae Wolfe - 9.92

200-499

Lois Ewing - 9.92

500-999

Joe and Jean Brown - 10.57

1000-2499

Jeff Ruben - 18.00

2500-unlimited

Rick Rowland - 37.49

In Memoriam.....remembering members who died during 2011

S S Cohen
Yvonne La Pash
Kay Mancuso (January, 2012)
Jeannette Rand
Mary Sargent
Barbara Swalley
Patsy Willmore

Yvonne La Pash - Promoting Bridge in Delaware

In early 1960, Yvonne La Pash was teaching intermediate bridge at the Newark Y.M.C.A. to a group of women who expressed a wish to play duplicate on a regular basis.

A meeting was held early in February 1960, with members of the class and bridge friends of Yvonne, to discuss starting a regular duplicate game, in the daytime, for the women of Newark and the vicinity. Plans for this new club were made at this meeting and the name, day, time, fees and yearly dues were decided upon. One member was appointed to find a suitable place to meet, and all were to contact prospective members.

The first game was held in March of 1960. It was a huge success, with eleven tables and a lot of enthusiasm. The first year the club averaged 16 tables per game. Attendance went up through the years, and the club had to limit membership to 100 because of room space.

Yvonne directed the game for twenty-five years. She originally never played in the game, but eventually decided it was time for her to play since she wanted a chance at the "Player of the Year." She won the trophy for the first time during her second year of playing.

In Yvonne's bridge experience she was most proud of this accomplishment. She felt that she promoted bridge in Delaware. As time went on, many club members became Life Masters, and Yvonne herself became a Life Master in 1973. In 1960, she had only fifteen masterpoints.

Yvonne passed away on May 15, 2011

[Editor's Note: Thanks to lara Erb for this obituary which was given to her by Yvonne's daughter, Melodie Antonelli. Yvonne herself wrote the information and left it with a request that the DUMMY publish her article.]

New Bronze Life Masters

Bruce Gwaltney
Judith Gwaltney
Colin Mackay

♣♦♥♠ **2012 Blue Hen Sectional** ♣♦♥♠

Wilmington, DE
February 17 - February 19, 2012

Bridge Studio

Wilmington

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 17, 2012

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, February 18, 2012

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	Stratified Swiss Pairs (stratified by pair's average MPs) (2000+/750-2000/0-750) TWO SESSION EVENT <i>Regional Rating; six 8-board matches against each pair scored by matchpoints and converted to victory points; pairings each round based upon your victory point total.</i>
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7:00 p.m.	Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750) Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Sunday, February 19, 2012

11:00 am - A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)
B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)

30 minute lunch break - Pizza available for purchase between sessions

www.bridge-studio.org www.unit190.org

DSBA Achievement Awards

Each year Unit 190 holds an Annual Achievement Award Contest. There are six categories for these awards, which are based on masterpoint holdings at the beginning of the calendar year. In order to be eligible for the award, a person must be a member in good standing of the DSBA and the ACBL throughout the calendar year. During 2012, the awards will be based on the number of masterpoints won during the calendar year at the following tournaments: The Blue Hen Sectional, the Diamond State Sectional, the First State Sectional, the Pro-Am Teams, the Pro-Am Pairs, the DSBA SwissTeams, the DSBA Open Pairs, the Summer Bracketed Teams and the DSBA-run District 4 Regional. Each award will carry a \$100 cash prize. A single member may not win more than one category. If there is a tie in any category, the prize for that category will be split between the winners. The six categories are: Bronze [0-less than 50 masterpoints], Silver [50-199], Gold [200-499], Diamond [500-999], Emerald [1000-2499], Platinum [2500-unlimited].

DSBA 2012 Pro-Am Series

Fourteen teams kicked off this year's events on January 26 at the Bridge Studio in Wilmington, with the northern section of the Pro-Am Teams game.

Flight winners were: A: Gina Bressler, Andy Kaufman, Hollis Rosenthal, and Jeff Ruben
 B & C: Betty Loveall, Nancy Palumbo, Shirley Schlapfer, and Mary Thurman

Stay tuned for more details of this year's events, including the Pro-Am Pairs game to be held statewide on June 27, and the southern section of the Teams game, coming to Sussex Country in August.

Mike Mocella, DSBA I/N Co-ordinator

2011 DSBA State Tournaments - Winners

Delaware Open Swiss Teams - November 20, 2011

Flight A - Dale Dye, Doug Dye, Alvaro Ronderos, Estelle Ronderos

Flight B - Bridgett Pitt, Ella Zimmerman, Linda Ivanoff, Alex Lukacs II

Flight C - Donald Bly, Marian Bear, Terry Schall, Mark Beifermanhaines

Delaware Open Pairs - December 4, 2011

Flight A, B, C - Lois Ewing and Rae Wolfe

Delaware Summer Bracketed Teams

Flight Winning Teams - Ruben - Everett - Williams - Dominic - Steiner

Top Unit 190 master point winners at Regionals and Sectionals

Lancaster Regional - October 31 - November 5

Randy Berseth [64.48] Jess Stuart [62.83] Andy Stayton [49.08] Rick Rowland [42.81]

Marie & Tom Grabowski [23.56] Paul Amer [23.10] Jeff Koltenuk [16.94]

Dave Treadwell Sectional - December 27 - December 31

Rick Rowland [14.18] Jeff Ruben [9.73] Dave Venetianer [9.59] Jim Herrington [9.25]

Jeff Koltenuk [8.14] Barbara Rhoades [7.70] Andy Stayton [7.68]

Mooch Taylor [5.75] Alan Horowitz [5.74] Debbie & Andy Purbrick [5.20]

Conshohocken Sectional - January 6 - January 8

Rick Rowland [13.99]

FALL NABC
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON - NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 4

87,830.14 MASTERPOINTS, WON BY 4381 PLAYERS

DSBA members who attended the Fall Nationals:

Amal Dasgupta, Tom Denny, Jan Garber, Rick Rowland, Bridgett Pitt, Richard Popper

2012
 75th anniversary
 of the American Contract Bridge League

CLUB NEWS.....

♥♥ **Below the Canal by Audrey Pugh** ♥♥

4th Quarter, 2011

Monday Duplicate Bridge Club

October 31, Club Appreciation Game

1st - Dorrie Kessinger & Gerrie Willis

2nd - Hanson & Linda Robbins

3rd - Dan Premo & Audrey Pugh

December 19, Club Championship

1st - Dan Premo & Ann Collins

2nd - Carolyn Coury & Wilbert Stanley

3rd - Lillian Schaub & Audrey Pugh

Friday Duplicate Bridge Club

December 16, Club Championship Game

1st - Bonnie Savage & Clare O'Brien

2nd - Dick Glidden & Lila Childres



Kathryn "Kay" Mancuso

Kathryn L. Mancuso of Dover, Delaware passed away January 11, 2012.

"Kay" was an avid duplicate bridge player and achieved the level of Gold Life Master. Kay served several years as club manager. She was also a great cook and arranged special parties for the Monday Morning Bridge Club. We shall miss her.

Members of the Monday Morning Bridge Club

♥ ♥ Bridge at the Beach by Dini Romito ♥ ♥

ALERT Weather Updates. During inclement weather, please consult www.who-dini.com. Call your friends who do not have access to a computer.

♥ How exciting it is to begin 2012, a new year, new beginnings and new goals, especially for the Tuesday morning club players. Typical remarks on the goal sheets collected are: Learn to play with confidence; Top 10 District ranking achievement; get those gold; take lessons; play more aggressively; review and understand personal convention cards; slow down and think more; keep game averages at 50%; improve skills; learn a couple of new conventions; take Eli's 2/1 lessons; develop two or three partnerships.

♥ Wow, they are terrific goals. Sounds like they are on their way to success. Tell everyone your goals; all want you to achieve and help. We will check on our progress in the spring. Remember, folks, reach out for help.

♥ Also gratifying are the notes from last year's newcomers that are taking lessons in Florida this winter. Great follow-up. Our 4th quarter 2011 new ACBL members are: Joyce Wickham, Rev. William Wickham, Ruth Baum, Janice Peebly (sailing for six months), and Louise Klein. We look forward to welcoming them in games very soon.

Awards, Celebrations and Prizes, December 2011

Beach Bridge: Most MP's, Lillian Schaub
Best Attendance, Luke Lamar
300 - 500 MP's, Joanne Inglis
100 - 300 MP's, Chuck Coltman
20 - 100 MP's, Mel Presgraves
0-20 MP's, Mary Stover

♥ Twenty-one students began advanced beginner/intermediate lessons Thursday mornings, 9:45 AM, prior to the 11:30 AM game, on planning the play of a hand with Terry Dutton. We are lucky; Terry is one of the finest players in the area and has a great sense of humor. He drives more than an hour to help us with lessons. His series finishes around mid-April.

♥ Special Events are part of my goals which began with an Open team event on January 19. Ten teams competed in the Open section and five teams in the 0-200 section. Many in the side game had never played in a team game. This was preparation for an "8 is enough" team game to be held in May. Overall winners in the Open game are: C.Hahn/B.Keeney/B.Mallon/P.Varrassi; A.Delapo/D.Hand/M.Boyd/J.Rubinsohn; T.Dutton/B.Gore/A.Berry/F.Daly; A.Hagedorn/G.Petren/S.Freber/C.Sommer; M.A.Mumford/G.Jones/L.Regan/L.Shelton;
0-200: L.Flinchbaugh/K.Palmisano, C.Sadowski/C.Allen; J.Sullivan/J.Murray/N.Zawicki/J.Coyle; L.Lamar/B.Houck/C.Kiefer/N.Jones

♥ It is gratifying to see many of the more experienced players playing on different teams. I will continue to schedule Open teams as well as "8 is Enough" Teams. [What is "8...?" A-players = 3 points; B-players = 2 points; C players = 1 point. An "8" team cannot have more than a total of 8 points, can have less but not more. Combinations could be: 2A's/ 2C's; 4B's; 1A/ 1B/ 2C's=7.] The masterpoint strats of A-B-C will be predetermined. Possible breakdowns for our players might be: A-1000+ MP; B-300-1000 MP; C-D-300 MP.

♥ ♥ Upcoming Events ♥ ♥

♥ **Valentine's Day**, Tuesday, February 14, 9:30 AM, Pot Luck Party with prizes for the winners and drawings (with those wearing red somewhere). This is an upgraded club championship game awarded to us for our recruiting success. Please register with Eli or me. Our pot lucks are famous.

♥ **Spring Fling**, Wednesday evening, March 21, 6:00 PM, Ocean View. Food provided or donated for your enjoyment. Prizes during this ACBL-wide special game. Full analyses of the hands. Please register with Eli or me.

♥ **GAME Schedule** & Cancellation Notification - www.who-dini.com

♥ Tuesdays, 9:30 AM, Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Ocean View. Cancellations will appear on the web site by 8:00 AM.

♥ Thursdays, 11:30 AM, Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Ocean View. Cancellations will appear by 10:00 AM (8:00 AM for Lessons) ♥ Thursdays, 6:00 PM, Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach. Cancellations will appear by 4:00 PM.