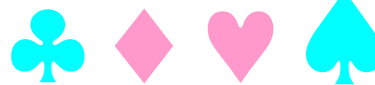


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS & UNIT 120 SECTIONAL May 4 - May 6 Kingston PA**

DSBA 2012 Summer Teams  
Register by May 15

Unit 121 Sectional  
Reading PA  
May 18 - May 20

Unit 141 Shore Sectional  
May's Landing NJ  
May 18 - May 20

WILMINGTON DE SECTIONAL  
BRIDGE STUDIO OF DE  
JUNE 1 - JUNE 3

DSBA Swiss Teams  
June 9 - Ocean View  
Presbyterian Church  
June 10 - Bridge Studio of DE

### **WILMINGTON DE REGIONAL CROWNE PLAZA JUNE 18 - JUNE 24**

DSBA Pro-Am Pairs  
June 27 - two locations  
Bridge Studio & Ocean View  
Presbyterian Church

### **NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP PHILADELPHIA PA JULY 12 - JULY 22**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear DSBA members,

The weather is "heating up" and so are the opportunities for bridge players!!

### DSBA/Unit 190 events

Summer Swiss Teams are an opportunity to play in a less formal atmosphere while still earning points. Look for information on page two and details coming soon on our unit website.

State Team Championships are scheduled for June 9 (Ocean View Presbyterian Church) and June 10 (the Bridge Studio). The games are independent so you may opt to play in either game or both!

The Pro-Am Game is scheduled for June 27 in two locations, the Bridge Studio and Ocean View Presbyterian Church. See information on page three.

The DSBA is working to help local clubs and club managers to sponsor lessons and other educational activities. If you know of an opportunity to help spread the news about bridge or if you have a club or organization that might want to schedule a series of lessons, please contact Mike Mocella or any Board member.

Don't forget our Delaware Regional June 18-24!

Send your ideas for spreading the fun!

Trina Williams

## DELAWARE REGIONAL - WILMINGTON DE - JUNE 18 - 24, 2012

Wilmington's 2012 Regional will be held at the Crowne Plaza (same location as 2010, new name) on Naamans Road, seconds off I-95 and 15 minutes from the Philadelphia Airport. The room rate is \$112 and includes free parking, fitness center, high speed internet, coffee and daily newspaper. There is an on-site restaurant and lounge. Reservation deadline is May 19, 2012.

The tournament will have events for players of all levels. The pairs games will feature pre-duplicated boards. The Newcomer/Intermediate schedule will include Golden Opportunity Pairs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will also be lectures and prizes.

We will be welcoming ACBL President Sharon Anderson, and her husband, Roger, who will be in attendance at the Regional from Monday, June 18 through Saturday, June 23. During their stay, they will provide a group meeting for bridge teachers and another for club managers and owners. Sharon and Roger are both excellent meeting with groups, discussing problems and working on solutions.

Grab your favorite partner and team so that you can get all the kinks out before the Philly National.

Tom Grabowski, Tournament Chairman, [tomgrab@aol.com](mailto:tomgrab@aol.com)

### **Delaware 2012 Swiss Team Championship**

Saturday, June 9 - 10:30 a.m. - Ocean View Presbyterian Church  
 Sunday, June 10 - 11 a.m. - The Bridge Studio of Delaware

Pre-registration is requested for this event by June 5.  
 Lunch will be provided between sessions.  
 Cost for two-session game is \$80.00 per team.

This is a two-session sectionally - rated black point game. Flight cut-offs will be determined by the registrations. The second session will start approximately 30 minutes after the first session is over.

Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players.

Call Bill Everett (302) 528-2540 or Jeff Ruben (302) 893-0427 for Wilmington location.

Call Dini Romito (302) 448-9331 for Ocean View location.

Or email reservations with names and master point holding of all team members to:

[ranger\\_willie@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger_willie@yahoo.com) or [Jeff.ruben@aacr.org](mailto:Jeff.ruben@aacr.org) for Wilmington; [romitodini@aol.com](mailto:romitodini@aol.com) for Ocean View

*Congratulations to Anne & Monty Taylor who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in District 4 with a 69.79% game in the ACBL-wide International Fund Game on January 28.*

### **DSBA 2012 Summer Teams**

Registration is open for this event to be held in members' homes throughout Unit 190. Register by May 15th. Play will begin on June 1 and will end on September 30th.

Teams may consist of four, five or six players. Teams of five or six players are encouraged to facilitate scheduling of match dates. The cost per team for the event is \$40.

Contact: Bill Everett (302) 528-2540, email [ranger\\_willie@yahoo.com](mailto:ranger_willie@yahoo.com) or USPS mail to 18 Ridgewood Drive Hockessin DE 19707-1413. Respond to Bill with the name of your Team Captain, teammates, and total team master points to include all four, five or six members, as applicable. The Team Captain must provide his or her phone number and email address. Payment must be made before registration is considered complete. Team Captains will be provided with the Conditions of Contest.

*DSBA members at the Memphis Bridge Nationals...Randy Berseth, Bridgett Pitt, Lois & Jess Stuart  
 3,762 players won 73,236.97 masterpoints in Memphis.....*

### **2011 Unit 190 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Winners**

#### **Ace of Clubs**

Teresa Young (0-5)	Mary Boyd (300-500)
Don Steiner (5-20)	Peter Harris (500-1000)
Caroline Hughes (20-50)	Lillian Schaub (1000-2500)
Pieter Vanbennekorn (50-100)	Randy Berseth (2500-5000)
Leah Holmes (100-200)	Lois Stuart (5000-7500)
Judy Harrington (200-300)	Rick Rowland (7500-10000)

#### **Mini-McKenney**

Teresa Young (0-5)	Bitsy Klein (300-500)
Don Steiner (5-20)	Peter Harris (500-1000)
Caroline Hughes (20-50)	Marie Anzilotti (1000-2500)
Pieter Vanbennekorn (50-100)	Randy Berseth (2500-5000)
Leah Holmes (100-200)	Lois Stuart (5000-7500)
Judy Harrington (200-300)	Rick Rowland (7500-10000)

## **Rantings and Ravings - Delaware Edition - by Rick Rowland**

The title for this article comes from a series written by Craig Robinson, District 4 Director and former ACBL President. Craig is always willing to right the wrongs of the bridge community. Here's my effort.

Let me start my tirade with this premise.....

Our story centers on an episode at the local club game. It features Bully Boy and his partner. Bully Boy is very good at waving his arms, glaring at partner, berating partner in front of the opponents and generally letting everyone know what a great player he is. Bully's partner, Polly Purebread, is everything that Bully's not. She's quiet, doesn't have an over-inflated ego and tries to be friendly to partner and opponents.

Think about what Bully Boy does for the game:

1. Scares the newcomers to death. Why pay to play bridge and put up with the insults?
2. Creates a miserable atmosphere at the table. Whether the opponents are better players or less experienced players, it's an awkward moment when Bully goes on a tirade.

In a game that is suffering from declining attendance, I hope we can all think before becoming Bully Boy.

## **DSBA 2012 Pro-Am Pairs Game**

This popular annual event will be held on the evening of Wednesday, June 27 in two locations.

The northern location will be the Bridge Studio in Wilmington. For information about this game contact Mike Mocella, DSBA Intermediate/Newcomer Coordinator, at [mmocella@gmail.com](mailto:mmocella@gmail.com).

Players in the southern part of the state will play at 6 p.m. in Ocean View Presbyterian Church, Ocean View (pre-registration). For information contact Dini Romito [romitodini@aol.com](mailto:romitodini@aol.com).

As usual, this event will pair Life Masters and Non-Life Masters as partners, with the same boards played in both locations, making this a true Unit-wide game.

## ***Congratulations to DSBA players who have advanced in rank!***

### Life Master

Catherine Jones

### Silver Life Master

Nancy Steele

Edgar Taylor

### Bronze Life Master

Barry Degler

Mary Jane Elliott

### Gold Life Master

Marie Anzilotti

Tom Denny

Doris & Edward Jones

## **2012 DSBA Achievement Award Leaders**

Bronze - John Walston 3.30

Silver - Samuel Amer 5.63

Gold - Carla Wasniewski 4.74

Diamond - Debbie Purbrick 7.11

Emerald - Andy Purbrick 7.11

Platinum - Rick Rowland 24.86

## **Top Unit 190 winners at Regionals and Sectionals**

### Valley Forge Regional - February 27 - March 4

Rick Rowland [60.40] Andy Stayton [36.13] Tom & Marie Grabowski [21.97] Debbie Purbrick [17.35] Andy Purbrick [16.97]

### Glenside PA Sectional - February 10 - February 12

Rick Rowland [5.81] Pieter Vanbennekorn [3.42]

Richard Popper [3.07]

### Blue Hen Sectional - February 17 - February 19

Rick Rowland [22.95] Greg Burch [14.70] Richard Popper [9.90]

Pete & Marie Filandro [8.23] Lois Stuart [7.61]

### Glenside PA Sectional - April 13 - April 15

Richard Popper [10.68] Pieter Vanbennekorn [6.80]

Christine Matus [6.80]

## Negative Inferences - Part I - by Pete Filandro

Everyone is familiar with Sherlock Holmes' famous line "but the dog didn't bark". It is an example of negative inference. Our brain wiring is attuned to what we see and hear, but much less so to what we have not seen or heard. Let's see if we can improve our declarer play by raising our awareness of negative inferences.

Example 1: After 3 passes, you open 1NT, partner raises to 3NT, everybody passes. LHO leads the 2 of spades (4<sup>th</sup> best leads) and partner puts down the dummy, saying "I upgraded my hand because of the extra tens. I hope I didn't get us overboard."

S: 10 x x  
H: K x x  
D: A J 10 x  
C: J 10 x

2 of spades led

S: Q J x  
H: A x x  
D: K 9 8  
C: A Q x x

You play low from dummy, RHO plays the 8 of spades, and you win with the jack. You play a low heart to dummy's king and lead the jack of clubs. LHO wins the king of clubs and cashes his A, K, and 9 of spades. You can afford to throw a diamond from the dummy and a heart from your hand.. LHO exits with a club. At this point you have all of the tricks except for a two-way finesse for the queen of diamonds. You cash your clubs and each opponent follows to the third round of clubs. On the lead of your last club, LHO discards the jack of hearts, you discard a small heart from dummy, and RHO discards a small heart. At this point a "negative inference" mentality would suggest the next thing to do is - CLAIM! Test yourself. Pause here and do your analysis... But we mere mortals (the "positive inferencers") will continue, thinking thusly: "I will cash the ace of hearts to get the most information possible before taking the critical two-way diamond finesse. LHO shows out and discards a diamond. Now I know the exact original distributions LHO was 4=2=4=3 and RHO was 3=5=2=3. The remaining cards are:

D: A J 10

D: ?xx

H: Q  
D: ?x

D: K 9 8

LHO originally had 4 diamonds, while RHO originally had 2 diamonds, so the odds are 2-to-1 that the queen of diamonds is in LHO's hand." Too bad. The finesse loses. RHO started with Q x. Now, back to the negative inferencer. He looked a little deeper. LHO began the hand with the ace and king of spades, the king of clubs, and then showed up with the jack of hearts. That's a total of 11 HCPs. If he had the queen of diamonds he would not have passed as dealer, so regardless of the opponent's distribution, the queen of diamonds will always be in RHO's hand.

## Food Bank of Delaware

Our Unit 190 members deserve a lot of credit for their generosity to the Food Bank of Delaware during the 2011 Christmas Season. Marie Grabowski reported to me that \$985 was collected from players, and the Bridge Studio made an additional contribution. Marie and her husband, Tom, also made about six trips to drop off donated non-perishable food items. All organizations that provide help to those in need continue to report a large increase in Delawareans asking for help - so I'm certain the Food Bank was most appreciative of our members' efforts.

Marie Filandro

♠♥ **Spring at the Bridge Studio** ♦♣

Along with the blooming of the flowers and blossoming of the trees, Spring has sprung new and exciting lesson and playing opportunities at the Studio. Come and give it a try!

**Lessons - Application & Analysis** – Special 4-week series on Wednesdays in May at 9:30. Cost is \$15 on a pay-as-you-go basis or \$50 for the entire series. Play the afternoon open game for ½ price.

**Review & Play** – Monday mornings at 9:30 beginning April 30. Cost is \$10 plus play the afternoon open game for ½ price.

**Intermediate/Novice Play Opportunities** -  
 Tuesdays at 9:00 – Low key, relaxed sanctioned game for \$8  
 Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm – Casual play with Julie for \$5  
 Fridays at 9:00 – 750 MPs and below sanctioned game  
 Monday afternoons at 12:30 are now flighted  
 1st Monday evening of each month – Swiss teams are now bracketed

## 2012 WILMINGTON SECTIONAL - JUNE 1 - JUNE 3 - BRIDGE STUDIO OF DELAWARE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 A.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (OPEN/1500/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS *
1:30 P.M.	FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (OPEN/3000) STRATIFIED B/C/D PAIRS (1500/1000/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS*
7:00 P.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (OPEN/1500/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 A.M.	HANDICAPPED BRACKETED KO'S STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (OPEN/1500/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS*
2:00 P.M.	FLIGHT A/X PAIRS (OPEN/3000) STRATIFIED B/C/D PAIRS (1500/1000/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS*
7:00 P.M.	STRATIFIED OPEN PAIRS (OPEN/1500/500) STRATIFIED NLM PAIRS*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

11:00 A.M.	FLIGHT A/X - TWO-SESSION SWISS (OPEN/3000) STRATIFIED B/C/D - TWO-SESSION SWISS (1500/750/300)
2-SESSIONS PLAYTHROUGH	PIZZA WILL BE SOLD BETWEEN SESSIONS

\* NOTE - ALL NLM PAIRS STRATIFIED BASED ON ATTENDANCE

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

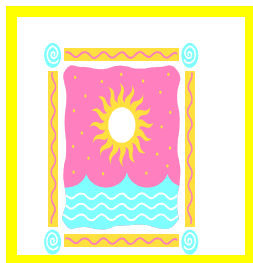
The Monday and Friday clubs have new members and we are very pleased that they all have joined ACBL. The new players are: John & Willie Dilaura, Donald Pyne, Walter Bernadzikowski, and Bernard Angermeir. Another couple from Canada who were with us all winter, David and Kathy Ireland, have returned home.

### Monday Morning Club Championship Winners

- 1st - Helen Winans & Wilbert Stanley
- 2nd - Lillian Schaubé & Clare O' Brien
- 3rd - Walter Bernadzikowski & Bernard Angermeir

### Friday Club Championship Winners

- 1st - Patricia Vogler & Wilbert Stanley
- 2nd - David & Kathy Ireland
- 3rd - Jack Vogler & Cecil Cooper



## **Bridge at the Beach** by Dini Romito

Good news and Great News! Welcome, returning snowbirds; we look forward to seeing your smiling faces. A huge thanks you to Eli Solomon and Charlotte Hahn for taking over when I was in Florida; they are extremely competent and efficient. Thank you to Terry Dutton who spent the winter teaching his masterful Play of the Hand techniques. Congratulations to Bob Keeney for his wonderful achievement of Gold Life Master; can I still call him key-key-key Keeney? Bridge Scorers will be in use shortly (no more travelers or pickups). Beginning June 7, all Shuffles Thursday daytime games return to 12 Noon. And wait until you see the action packed calendar of Special Events planned for you throughout the year with a few surprises I'm keeping secret for the present. Events in **bold** text require pre-registration.

Beginner and 2/1 Game Force lessons begin in June. Please contact Dini to express your interest or pass the information along, 302-537-5262. A Tuesday evening relaxed lesson/game begins in June, the starting date to be announced.

- May - 8, 10, 10 - StaC games, Hi-ho Silver!  
 15, 17, 17 - Charity games  
 24 - NO GAME at Rehoboth CC, 6:00 PM. Shuffles game at 11:30 is still "on"  
 29, 31, 31 - Club Championships  
 31 - Last Thursday evening game at Rehoboth CC until November. Game moves to Wednesday evenings beginning June 6, same time, 6:00 PM.
- June - SHUFFLES: All Thursday daytime games permanently return to 12 Noon beginning June 7  
 ALL STARS: Rehoboth CC games June 6 thru October 25 are on Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM  
 1, 2, 3 - Wilmington Sectional  
 2 - **World Wide Game**, Ocean View, Saturday, 1:30 PM (pre-register)  
 5, 6, 7 - NAP qualifying games  
**9th - UNIT OPEN TEAM GAME**, Saturday, 10:30 AM, lunch provided (pre-register)  
 12, 13, 14 - StaC games  
 18 thru 24 - Wilmington REGIONAL  
 19-20-21 - NAP qualifying games  
 26, 28 - Charity games  
**27th - UNIT PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP**, Wed. Eve, Ocean View, 6:00 PM (pre-register)
- July - 3, [4 no game], 5 - Charity games  
 10 - Club championship  
 11 - Charity  
 12 - NAP  
**13 - ACBL-Wide Game, Friday Evening, Ocean View, 6:00 PM** (pre-register)  
 17, 18, 19 - NAP qualifying games  
 25 - NAP  
 26 - NO GAME AT SHUFFLES, Thursday at noon, Ocean View  
 31 - NAP

### **You'll want to reserve these dates of future special events:**

- \***PRO-AM TEAMS, "8 is Enough"** August 16, Ocean View, 12 Noon (pre-register)
- \*Wilmington Sectional, September 21-23
- \*UNIT SECTIONAL/INSTANT MATCHPOINT - Imagine earning gold and silver on the same day, Thursday October 4, and tons more silver on Friday AND Saturday, October 5 & 6 - *HERE AT THE BEACH!*
- \***5% GOLD OPEN TEAMS**, October 17, October 25, and October 30 (pre-register)
- NAP District 4 Flight C Finals, Saturday October 20, Ocean View 10:30 & 2:30
- NAP District 4 Flight B Finals, Saturday, October 27, Wilmington

### **Bob Keeney - Gold Life Master**

Long time friend and partner, Bob is a master technician and all around great bridge player. Well deserved kudos for his achievement in reaching the rank of Gold Life Master! Lil Schaubé