

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Unit 141 Sectional
Conshohocken PA
September 7 - September 9

DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL
September 21 - September 23
Bridge Studio

Annual DSBA Membership Meeting,
Light Supper, Election
September 21 - 5:45 p.m.
Bridge Studio

Unit 121 Sectional
Reading PA
September 28 - September 30

FIRST STATE SECTIONAL
October 4 - October 6
Lewes Presbyterian Church
Lewes DE

Unit 141 Sectional
Glenside PA
October 12 - October 14

DSBA STATE PAIRS
October 14 - two locations
Bridge Studio - upstate
TBD - downstate
Details will follow.....

Unit 133 Sectional
October 19 - October 21
Allentown PA

NAP Flight A - Allentown PA
October 20 - October 21

NAP Flight B - Bridge Studio
October 27

NAP Flight C - Clubs
October 20

2012 WILMINGTON SECTIONAL
October 29 - November 2
Bridge Studio

A hot and busy summer for bridge!

Thanks to: *Tom Grabowski*, Tournament Chair of the Wilmington Delaware Regional - *Barbara Rhoades*, who organized the team of Unit 190 volunteers for the Philadelphia Nationals - and to all of the DSBA volunteers who helped out at this very special event - *Bill Everitt* and *Dini Romito* for organizing the Delaware State Teams North and South.

Because of all of these special events, our local clubs have had to contend with small games or no games at all. From Ocean View to Wilmington - with lots of clubs in between - DSBA members can play bridge six days a week. Support your local clubs and tell the club managers how much you appreciate the opportunity to play!

DSBA members should visit our DSBA website: www.unit190.org for information about upcoming events and information about our unit-sponsored games both North and South.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting September 21!!!
Trina Williams, DSBA President

Annual Membership Meeting and Election

Friday, September 21 - 6 p.m. - The Bridge Studio

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Bridge Studio during the September DSBA sectional. A light supper will be provided for all DSBA members in attendance, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

DSBA members will be asked to vote their approval or disapproval of the following slate of candidates - Kay Brown, Marie Filandro, Bruce Gwaltney, Steve Herrmann, Julie Hockersmith, Richard Popper

If this slate is approved, additional nominations will be taken from the floor and one additional Board Member will be chosen.

Bill Everitt, Harold Jordan, Peter Harris (who has been appointed to replace Paula Varrassi), Mike Mocella, Barbara Rhoades, Jess Stuart, and Trina Williams - are returning for the second of their two-year terms.

Tammy Holm, Jeff Ruben, Rick Rowland, Paula Varrassi, and Carl Williams are retiring from the Board. Sincere thanks for their efforts in support of the DSBA and its bridge players!

2012 DIAMOND STATE SECTIONAL - September 21 - 23 - THE BRIDGE STUDIO

Friday, September 21 - 1 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs
7:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs

Saturday, September 22 - 1 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs
7:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs and Stratified 199er Pairs

Sunday, September 23 - 11 a.m. and TBD - A/X Swiss Teams & B/C/D Swiss Teams
Check the DSBA website - www.unit190.org for complete details

2012 FIRST STATE SECTIONAL - OCTOBER 4 - 6 - LEWES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday, October 4 - 12:30 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs
6:00 p.m. - ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game

Friday, October 5 - 10 a.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs
3:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs & Stratified 199er Pairs

Saturday, October 6 - 10 a.m. and TBD - A/X Swiss Teams & B/C/D Swiss Teams
Check the DSBA website - www.unit190.org for complete details

More Rantings and Ravings from Rick

DIRECTOR!!!

This one word sparks more controversy and animosity at the bridge table than any other. I play very complicated and artificial methods with some partners. If an opponent questions their legality or our need to provide a defense to the methods, I encourage them to call the director for clarification. I play with at least one very thoughtful partner who will sometimes bid out of tempo. If I feel as though I have a bid in spite of the slow pass, I acknowledge the hesitation before bidding and encourage the opponents to call the director if necessary.

The fact that the director is called to the table is not an accusation of wrong doing. It should be viewed as a request for the clarification of rules that we must all follow. Demonstrating ill will toward the caller only escalates the confrontation. If the call is made inappropriately, the director will point that out to the party that called.

The next time a director call is made at your table, whether you or your opponent is making the call, take a deep breath and let the director do his/her job.

Rick Rowland

Editor's Note: Rick has just retired from the Board of Directors with the maximum allowable eight years of continuous service. In addition, he makes numerous contributions to District 4 - including serving as District President last year. We all owe him our thanks for his untiring efforts in support of bridge and bridge players.

DSBA OPEN PAIRS - OCTOBER 14 - UPSTATE AND DOWNSTATE LOCATIONS
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UNIT WEBSITE - www.unit190.org

DSBA LENDING LIBRARY

The DSBA Lending Library is now open! Are you looking for ways to raise the level of your game? Or perhaps you would like more information on some specific aspect of bidding or play. Maybe you would like to hear the reflections of some of the game's great players, or relax with some bridge-based fiction or humor. If so, the DSBA Lending Library is for you!

For access, go to the DSBA Web site - www.unit190.org - and click on the Lending Library link for full information.

You are also encouraged to make your own bridge materials available to others in the Unit - either by donating (permanently) or lending (while retaining ownership) them to the Library.

Mike Mocella I/N Chairman

DSBA Swiss Teams Winners - June 9 and June 10

Downstate Winners:

Flight A: Paul Harris, Charlotte Hahn, Bob Keeney, Paula Varrassi

Flight B: James Coleman, Jeff Stopford, Dave Archino, Michael Archino

Flight C: Pat Preziosi, Liz Ashley, Margo DePuy, Barbara Cleary

Upstate Winners:

Flight A: Jeff Ruben, Jess Stuart, Lois Stuart, Robert Maier

Flight B: Cindy Rowland, Barbara Rhoades, Melissa Jessup, Gail Everett

Congratulations to DSBA members who have advanced in rank.....

Bronze - Carol Hopson, Gail Petren, Alan Southmayd

Silver - Marilyn Dunning, Ralph Gordy, Peter Harris, Christopher Marlow

Gold - Robert Keeney, Mildred McConnell

Diamond - Amal Dasgupta

GNT winners - Open Division

Rick Rowland, Ken Cohen, Neal Satten, Tom Weik

GNT winners - Flight B

Christopher Marlow, Gregory Kiddy, William Sedlis, Doug White

Top DSBA masterpoint winners

Wilmington Regional - June 18 - June 24

Rick Rowland (43.55) Greg Burch (21.33) Jess Stuart (19.60) Anne Morris (17.69)

Tom & Marie Grabowski (17.00) Mark Henderson (16.71) Marie Anzilotti (16.22)

Anne Taylor (14.88) Anne Priebe (14.33)

Wilmington Sectional - June 1 - June 3

Richard Popper (10.61) Rick Rowland (8.50) Mooch Taylor (7.30) Jess Stuart (7.13)

Randy Berseth (5.94) Jeff Koltenuk (5.54) Pete & Marie Filandro (5.47)

Negative Inferences - Part II - by Pete Filandro

Continuing with the series concerning negative inferences because "the dog did not bark", let's look at this example:

LHO deals and opens 1C. After 2 passes, you balance in the pass-out seat and eventually become declarer in a suit at some partial. When the dummy comes down you see that your side's combined HCP are, let's say, 23. That leaves 17 HCP for the bad guys.

What do we know so far about the opponents' hands? Well, LHO has 12 or more HCP (occasionally 11 with a shapely hand) and at most 17 HCP. That is a positive inference. Because he passed, RHO has less than 6 HCP. That is a negative inference.

So, the odds are that any high card will tend to be in the hand with the most points. Starting out by assigning average values to each hand, LHO will have, on average, 14 HCP. RHO will have, on average, 3 HCP. So until we know more, any king, queen or jack will tend to be in LHO's hand in a ratio of 14:3.

Now let's continue the play. As bright novices, you are doing your best to count. You are responsible for counting winners, counting losers, counting trumps, trying to count the other three suits, etc. Whew! This is not easy. Perhaps this much counting and concentration is all that can be expected of you.

Sorry, but I'm going to ask you to add another responsibility - that of being on the lookout for negative inferences. In this case, about halfway through the hand, RHO plays an ace. We know by negative inference that he cannot have more than 5 HCP so now if we have a two way finesse against a queen, the odds are no longer 14:3 that LHO has it — it is 100:0 that the queen is in LHO's hand. The finesse against LHO is now a sure thing! Similarly, if we are missing a king, it too must be in LHO's hand, so even if we have very few cards in a suit, as declarer we must bang down our ace. It is our only chance. Imagine you have only 6 cards in a suit with Q J 10 in the dummy and A 3 2 in your hand. Since LHO must hold the king, you eschew the finesse and lay down your ace. Usually you will collect two small cards. Once in a while you get to smile (inwardly, no gloating) when RHO has six small cards in the suit and LHO has a singleton king. For the remainder of that round, you can be sure LHO will be holding his cards closer to his chest!!

2012 Achievement Award Leaders

Bronze 0-49

1. John Walston - 6.06
2. Barbara Saulsbury - 4.07
3. Leslie Goldstein and Jill Itzkovitz - 2.30

Silver 50-199

1. Caroline Hughes - 14.16
2. Pieter Vanbennekom - 8.90
3. John Strange - 6.80

Gold 200-499

1. Anne Morris - 17.69
2. Christine Matus - 14.16
3. Barbara Thayer - 12.81

Diamond 500-999

1. Deborah Purbrick - 18.45
2. Mark Henderson - 16.90
3. Anne Priebe - 14.33

Emerald 1000-2499

1. Anne Taylor - 21.35
2. Jeff Ruben - 17.98
3. Andrew Purbrick - 17.97

Platinum 2500-unlimited

1. Rick Rowland - 71.12
2. Greg Burch - 36.03
3. Jess Stuart - 29.08

FREE Beginner Bridge Lessons in Wilmington!

Do you have friends and family who would be interested in learning bridge, but are unsure about committing time and money to such an effort. We can't do much about the time requirement, but the DSBA (in cooperation with the Bridge Studio) is sponsoring free lessons this Fall for all who are interested.

This 10 week series will be held on Thursdays at 9:30 AM beginning on September 13. Pre-registration is required by contacting Alexis Ciconte at 302-571-9092 or at Alexiscic@aol.com.

This course will use the Bidding in the 21st Century course materials from Audrey Grant, one of bridge's best known and most respected teachers. The course will be taught by Julie Hockersmith, who is similarly known and respected in our own area! A wide variety of topics related to bidding will be covered.

Mike Mocella, DSBA I/N chairman

DOING THE RIGHT THING WITH ANDY AND JEFF

First off, Andy Stayton and Jeff Ruben get kudos for finishing second in the Bruce O-5000 Life Master Pairs at the recent Philadelphia Nationals. That's a fabulous accomplishment!

But it's only part of the story. At the conclusion of the event, the scoring showed they had won! Then a score correction changed the final standings and they learned they came in second.

But that's still only part of the story. The real story is that Andy and Jeff discovered the scoring error and reported it themselves. As Jeff told the Daily Bulletin, "There was never even a millisecond of thought given to not reporting the correction. I can't believe it's even an issue that any player wouldn't do what they're supposed to do in this situation. I know I wouldn't be able to live with myself."

Congratulations to both Andy and Jeff ! Great players and sportsmanlike competitors!
Marie Filandro

Bridge Studio - 2012 Fall Lesson Schedule

Beginner

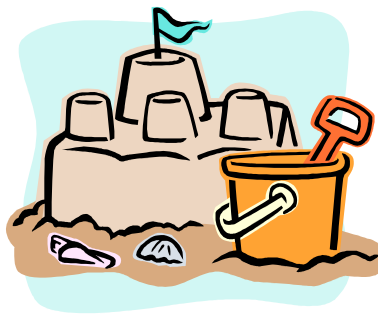
- Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for 10 weeks beginning September 13
- Teacher – Julie Hockersmith
- Fee - **FREE! FREE! FREE!** Compliments of the DE State Bridge Association
- **Pre-registration required** by contacting Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or at alexiscic@aol.com
- Class minimum is 12 students

Intermediate

- Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for 10 weeks beginning September 10, or
- Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning September 11
- Teachers – Alexis or Tom on Mondays; Julie Hockersmith on Tuesdays
- Fee - \$135 for the entire series or \$15 pay as you come basis
- **Pre-registration required** by contacting Alexis at (302) 571-9092 or at alexiscic@aol.com
- Class minimum 12 students

Advanced - Application & Analysis

- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for 4 weeks beginning September 12
- Teacher – Tom
- Fee - \$15 per class pay as you come basis



2012 DSBA Pro-Am Pairs Game

A total of 28 tables competed in this annual event, held this year on June 27 at sites in New Castle and Sussex counties. The Northern section winners were Alan Horowitz & Caroline Hughes (the overall event winners) and Bridgett Pitt & Charles Seaver (the overall event runners up). The Southern section was led by Jane Myers & Peggy Comerford, and Mary Gaffney & Gail Ginsburgh.

This year's Pro-Am games will conclude with the Southern section of the teams event scheduled for Thursday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m. in Ocean View. And, of course, be sure to watch for news of the 2013 events in later issues of The DUMMY.

Mike Mocella DSBA I/N coordinator

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

Ralph and Liz Gordy are back from Florida and Ralph is now a Silver Life Master and Liz tells us that she will soon be one!

Special Games this quarter

April 2 - Club Championship - 1st- Ray Spector & Carolyn Coury - 2nd- Ann Collins & Dan Premo
3rd - Susan Derrickson & Monroe Hudson
April 9 - Charity Club Championship - 1st - Pat Vogler & Laura Raganosi - 2nd- Ann Collins & Dan Premo
3rd - Rusty Vilks & Bonnie Savage
April 16 - Charity Club Championship - 1st-Lillian Schaube & Audrey Pugh - 2nd- Pat Vogler & Helen Flamm
3rd - Susan Derrickson & Lila Childres
June 11 - Stac Club Championship - 1st - Clare O'Brien & Carolyn Coury - 2nd- Dan Premo & Ann Collins
3rd - Ralph & Liz Gordy
June 18 - ACBL Membership Game - 1st- Lila Childres & Susan Derrickson - 2nd- Lillian Schaube & Audrey Pugh
3rd- Ralph & Liz Gordy



♣♦♥♠Bridge at the Beach by Dini Romito♣♦♥♠

SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT...

SHUFFLES "8 is Enough"

Thursday, August 30, 2012, 11:30 AM, Ocean View
Fill your team up to a total of 8 points. Player categories:
1000 MP+ = 3
300-1000 = 2
0-300 = 1

Be a TEAM PLAYER and Register Today
Who-dini games, romitodini@aol.com or 302-537-5262

CALENDAR SCOOP

Lewes Sectional, October 4(aft) - October 5 - October 6
Shuffles Instant Matchpoint (Gold), October 4, Lewes, 6:00 PM
Saturday, October 20, 2012 - NAP District 4 Flight "C" FINAL, (2) Sessions, Ocean View