

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Unit 168 Sectional
Camp Hill PA
November 2 - November 4

DELAWARE STATE
Open Pairs (Upstate)
November 4 - 11a.m. & TBA
The Bridge Studio

District 4 STAC
November 12 - November 18
Shuffles, All Stars & Beach
Bridge Club

**NORTH AMERICAN
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 2**

2012 NLM Holiday Sectional
November 26 - November 30
The Bridge Studio

**LANCASTER REGIONAL
LANCASTER PA
DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 9**

2012 Dave Treadwell Sectional
December 27 - December 31
The Bridge Studio

Unit 141 Sectional
January 4 - January 6

Unit 141 Sectional
Mechanicsburg PA
January 25 - January 27

Happy New (Fiscal) Year!

DSBA begins our new year by saying farewell and THANKS! to retiring Board members Jeff Ruben, Tammy Holm, Paula Varrassi, Rick Rowland, and Carl Williams. More than 21 volunteer years among those members! A complete list of the DSBA Board is in this newsletter.

The **Diamond State Sectional** and our Annual Membership Meeting were held in late September at The Bridge Studio. Plan for next year's meeting on Friday, September 20, 2013.

The **First State Sectional** in Lewes was a success with over 110 total tables. Thanks to the tournament chair Peter Harris, hospitality chair Nancy Steele and partnerships chair Perry Drevo. **Delaware State Open Pairs** (Downstate) was held at The Glade on October 14; 10 tables competed. Both of these events underline our commitment to equitable opportunities for players in Northern and Southern Delaware.

DSBA is pleased to support bridge lessons at The Bridge Studio. Over 50 players are now students of Julie Hockersmith assisted by Barbara Rhoades. We all want to see an increase in the number of bridge players; encourage your friends.

DSBA has established a relationship with Ronald McDonald House Charities. Books and playing cards have been donated. Rick Rowland is promoting this relationship; please talk to him for additional information and see his article on page 2.

A busy Fall Bridge schedule - followed closely by the upcoming holidays. Hard to believe it is time to say, Happy Thanksgiving!

Trina Williams, DSBA President



DSBA Board 2012-2013

Officers

President - Trina Williams

Vice-President - Bill Everett (State Tournaments)

Secretary - Bruce Gwaltney (District 4 Contacts)

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Marie Filandro - Editor *The Dummy*

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Peter Harris - Sectionals/Tournaments South

Steve Herrmann - Disciplinary Chair & Historian

Julie Hockersmith - Membership North & Partnerships

Harold Jordan - ACBL Liaison

Mike Mocella - Intermediate/Newcomer Events

Richard Popper - Sectionals & District 4 Liaison

Barbara Rhoades - Publicity

Congratulations to Paul and Sam Amer who placed 2nd in the District 4 finals of Flight B of the North American Pairs, winning 12.00 gold points.

WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?

Many of our clubs run charity games as a way of enhancing master point awards. Does anyone know where their money goes?

A portion of the charity games benefit the ACBL Charity Foundation. Funds collected by the Foundation are turned back to the ACBL districts on a rotating basis. This year District 4 was provided with \$30,000 to allocate among selected charities. Each unit was given the opportunity to submit an application on behalf of a charity.

The DSBA board voted to submit its application on behalf of the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware. Though located in New Castle County, the Ronald McDonald House serves all of Delaware by providing a home away from home for children and their families while they are being treated at local hospitals, primarily at the Alfred I. DuPont Hospital for Children.

In early October, we were notified that the DSBA application was accepted and that a contribution of \$5,000 will be made to the Ronald McDonald House. As President of the Ronald McDonald House, I want to thank all of those folks in the DSBA, District 4 and ACBL that made this possible.

Rick

DSBA Sectionals in 2013

Blue Hen Sectional - February 22 - 24

Diamond State Sectional - September 20 - 22

First State Sectional - October 3 - 5

DSBA Beginner Bridge Lessons

Julie Hockersmith reports that the free beginner bridge lessons, sponsored by Unit 190 and held at the Bridge Studio, are going very well. There are still three lessons to go. The lessons have averaged over ten tables each week and the newcomers are quite enthusiastic. Many of those who have had to miss a lesson actually took their textbook with them and assured Julie they would be right back to lessons upon their return. When asked, twenty-nine of the forty people have indicated they want to continue with lessons.

Congratulations to Andy Stayton and Jeff Ruben ...recipients of the John Simon IBPA Sportsmanship Award for reporting a score correction at the Philadelphia Nationals that moved them from first to second place in the 0-5000 Life Master Pairs.

2012 - 75th Anniversary of the ACBL

During 2012, the ACBL is celebrating its 75th anniversary. Celebrations took place at the Spring Nationals in Memphis. In addition, the ACBL has an interesting video on [YouTube](#) with pictures of many of the great players from the early days - they really dressed up to play back then, as you will see!

I suspect some of our newer members may not know too much about the ACBL and its role. Many probably know its headquarters is in Memphis TN. The Albert H. Morehead Library and ACBL Bridge Hall of Fame are both housed there.

Currently, the ACBL has 165,000 members from the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Bermuda. These members belong to more than 300 local organizations known as units - ours is the DSBA, Unit 190. Each unit belongs to one of 25 districts - and our District is District 4. Among other things, the units conduct sectionals, and the districts conduct regionals. One of our District 4 regionals was held in Wilmington during 2012. Units and districts both work in cooperation with the ACBL to support its goals and programs to promote bridge.

The ACBL has both a Board of Directors and a Board of Governors. The Board of Directors determines the policies and direction of the ACBL and the Board of Governors serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors.

Lots of interesting information about the American Contract Bridge League is on its website. Pete and I have both been members more than forty years, and we still find ourselves continually learning about the organization. Marie Filandro

Congratulations to Richard Popper who has been reelected First Alternate District Director for District 4.

Top DSBA masterpoints winners

Conshohocken Sectional - September 7 - September 9

Pieter Vanbennekorn (7.66) Christine Matus (7.66)

Diamond State Sectional - September 21 - September 23

Paul Amer & Samuel Amer (10.90) Roger Cason (6.51) Jim Mundell (6.51)
Jess Stuart (6.51) Mervin Jones (6.33) Alan Horowitz (6.16) Rick Rowland (5.76)
Chris Marlow (5.48) Lois Stuart (5.28)

First State Sectional - October 4 - October 6

Eliezer Solomon (11.81) Jane Drevo (9.22) Andy Stayton (9.06) Trina & Carl Williams (8.11)
Peter Harris (7.10) Paula Varrassi (7.10) Jeff Kotnenuk (7.07) Anna Delapo (7.07)
Nancy Steele (7.01)

Glenside Sectional - October 12 - October 14

Richard Popper (5.77) Pete & Marie Filandro (5.77) Jean & Joe Brown (4.58)

Negative Inferences - Part III - by Pete Filandro

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

You opened 1NT, partner raised to 3NT, the opponents remained silent. LHO, playing 4th best lead, leads the 2 of diamonds. You see:

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

S: A Q J x
H: K x
D: K x x
C: K 10 9 x

RHO plays the queen of diamonds and you win the king. You have been favored with a diamond trick you could not have won on your own. You now have 4 top spades, 2 top hearts, 1 diamond, and 2 top clubs. That's 9 tricks. But this is duplicate, and overtricks matter. So you could cash the two top clubs and hope the queen falls. That would give you two extra tricks. You decide to investigate further by cashing your 6 major suit winners. To make my point earlier in the play, I will say you cash the ace and king of hearts first, before cashing your four spades. On the second heart LHO discards (say a small spade). Stop now and consider the inferences...

The positive inference person thinks: "LHO only had 1 heart, so he is a 'favorite' to hold extra club length, and is thus a favorite to hold the queen of clubs." But "favorite" is not enough. If you finesse and it loses, the opponents will win 3 diamonds and one club and 4 hearts. Too scary to try the finesse.

The negative inference person thinks: "LHO led a fourth best diamond. He does not have a five card suit or he would have led it against notrump. He only had one heart. He must have four cards in each of the other suits. I will cash my king of clubs (in case RHO's 'known' singleton happens to be the queen) and confidently finesse LHO for the queen. The 'favorite' is now nearly a 'sure thing'. I expect to win 4 spades, 2 hearts, 1 diamond, and 4 clubs. My 11 tricks should give me a terrific matchpoint score on the hand."

2012 Achievement Award Leaders

Bronze 0-49

1. Barbara Saulsbury - 8.09
2. John Walston - 6.06
3. Leslie Goldstein and Jill Itzkovitz - 3.07

Silver 50-199

1. Sam Amer - 17.42
2. Caroline Hughes - 14.93
3. Pieter Vanbennekom - 10.34

Gold 200-499

1. Anne Morris - 17.69
2. Christine Matus - 15.60
3. Barbara Thayer - 12.81

Diamond 500-999

1. Deborah Purbrick - 18.45
2. Peter Harris - 17.93
3. Mark Henderson - 16.90

Emerald 1000-2499

1. Jeff Ruben - 29.37
2. Anne Taylor - 21.93
3. Alan Horowitz - 20.76

Platinum 2500-unlimited

1. Rick Rowland - 76.88
2. Greg Burch - 36.03
3. Jess Stuart - 35.59

Advancement in Rank

Life Master

Barbara Cleary
Christine Matus
Perry Mitchell
Mary Skinner
Carla Wasniewski

Bronze Life Master

Jeanne Marderwald

Anne Morris
Melody Owen
Patricia Sinex

Silver Life Master

Rona Brenner
Gail Everett

Mark Henderson

Diamond Life Master

Randy Berseth

♣♦♥♠ Club News from Below The Canal by Audrey Pugh ♣♦♥♠

Monday Morning Bridge Club (Modern Maturity Center, Dover, Delaware) had a luncheon and Club Appreciation Game as we said farewell to the following members who go to a warmer climate for the winter - Susan Derrickson and Paul Pelen and Ralph and Liz Gordy. Winners of the game were 1st - Ann Collins & Carolyn Coury, 2nd - Donald Pyne & Walter Berniadzikowski.

We also acknowledged Dan Premo's new title "Silver Life Master". Dan has been one of our directors for several years.

September 24 Club Champion Game Winners were Lillian Schaubé & Clare O'Brien.

2012 NLM Holiday Sectional

November 26 - 30, 2012

The Bridge Studio of Delaware

1409 Foulk Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19803

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs
7:00 pm Stratified NLM Teams

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am¹ Stratified NLM Pairs
12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

¹ Not much time between sessions so bring a sandwich if staying for the afternoon.



2012 Dave Treadwell Sectional

December 27-31, 2012

Bridge Studio of Delaware

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| Thursday December 27 th | 9:30 am | Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) |
| ♦ | 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 | Bracketed Swiss Teams |
| Friday December 28 th | 9:30 am | Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) |
| ♥ | 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 (2000+/500-2000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs |
| Saturday December 29 th | 9:30 am | Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) |
| ♣ | 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 (2000+/500-2000/0-500) Stratified NLM Pairs |
| Sunday December 30 st | 11 a.m. - 2 sessions playthrough | Flight A/X - Two Session Swiss (Open/3000) Stratified B/C/D - Two Session Swiss (1500/750/300) Pizza will be sold between sessions |
| Monday December 31 st | 10:00 am & TBA | 2 single-session Stratified Pairs (2000+/500-2000/0-500) 2 single-session Stratified NLM Pairs Farewell '12 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.

Have you checked out the DSBA Lending Library atwww.unit190.org???