

THE DUMMY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Souper Sundae
Sunday, February 3
11 a.m.
Bridge Studio

Unit 141 Sectional
Bala Golf Club, Philadelphia
February 8 - February 10

DSBA Blue Hen Sectional
The Bridge Studio
February 22 - February 24

DSBA Open Swiss Teams
March 3 - 10 a.m. - upstate
April 27 - downstate

**WILKES-BARRE REGIONAL
WILKES-BARRE PA
MARCH 4 - MARCH 10**

**NORTH AMERICAN
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
ST. LOUIS MISSOURI
MARCH 14 - MARCH 24**

Unit 190 NLM Sectional
The Bridge Studio
March 25 - March 29

Unit 168 Sectional
Lancaster PA
April 5 - April 7

Unit 141 Sectional
Bala Golf Club, Philadelphia
April 12 - April 14

Happy 2013!

Congratulations to the DSBA Achievement Award Winners for 2012! Their names are listed on our unit website www.unit190.org, and on page two of this issue of the DUMMY. Winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs will be posted on the website as soon as finalized by the ACBL. Mini-McKenney, Ace of Clubs and DSBA Achievement Awards will be awarded on Saturday, February 23 prior to the afternoon session of the Blue Hen Sectional at the Bridge Studio.

Congratulations to Rick Rowland for 10,000 masterpoints! Celebrate his achievement on February 23 after the evening session of the sectional. Join us for champagne, cake and a roast in his honor.

Member information: We are beginning work on a new Directory for Unit 190. All members should make sure their addresses and phone numbers as well as email addresses are updated with ACBL. That is the information we use for our directory. Please have all changes made as soon as possible but no later than March 1, 2013.

The DSBA Lending Library is now located in the Bridge Studio. Feel free to look at and borrow the books there.

Did you know that you are welcome to attend our Board meetings? Next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. March 11, 2013 at the Bridge Studio. You may email any of our Board of Directors by using the link on our website. Look under "info" for all addresses and names of board members. Your input is appreciated.

Hope to see you at the table ! Trina Williams, DSBA President

Rick Rowland - Grand Life Master

Congratulations to Rick!!! Back in 2010, he won the Truscott Senior Swiss Teams at the Summer Nationals in New Orleans. Then, at the Lancaster Regional in December 2012, he won his 10,000th master point. These two achievements qualified him to become a Grand Life Master. A roast in his honor, with champagne and cake, will take place after the Saturday evening session of the DSBA sectional, February 23rd at the Bridge Studio. Please plan to attend to honor Rick.

In Memoriam....remembering DSBA members who died in 2012

Trudy Bryan
Lea DuPont
Carolyn Furio
Geraldine Garvin
Joan Haigh
Irene Hoffman
Marian Hunt

Mildred Irwin
Genevieve Lynam
Richard Ronston
Sydney Spruance
Bruce Stargatt
Pat Vogler

Patricia C. Vogler

Pat Vogler died on December 18, 2012. She was a duplicate bridge Life Master and will be missed by all the Dover Bridge Clubs. Pat taught school at Caesar Rodney until 1970. She served as manager of the Monday Morning Bridge Club and the Friday Bridge Club for several years. Pat was also a bridge director. Our club members will miss her very much.

Audrey Pugh

Congratulations to Jeff Ruben and Andy Stayton... new District 4 appointees to the ACBL Goodwill Committee

2012 DSBA Achievement Award Winners

Bronze 0 - 49

Barbara Saulsbury - 8.75

Silver 50 - 199

Sam Amer - 20.16

Gold 200 - 499

Anne Morris - 17.69

Diamond 500 - 999

Peter Harris - 22.18

Emerald 1000 - 2499

Jeff Ruben - 29.37

Platinum 2500 - unlimited

Rick Rowland - 76.88

Correction - In the last issue of the DUMMY I erroneously wrote that ACBL Headquarters is in Memphis, Tennessee. Well, it was there for many years, but has moved a short distance away to Horn Lake, Mississippi. Thanks to Bill Everitt (whose name I am spelling correctly this issue!) for providing the correction.

Marie Filandro

2013 Blue Hen Sectional

February 22 - 24, 2013
Bridge Studio -Wilmington, Delaware

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 22, 2013

1:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
7:00 pm Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, February 23, 2013

Flighted Two-Session Stratified Open Pairs with Barometer Final
Regional Rating - NEW!!!! Flight A Open; Flight B 0-2000
(Director may convert either to play through with barometer second session if attendance is low)
1:00 pm Qualifying Session
7:00 pm Barometer Final (non qualifiers play in stratified Open)

1:00 pm - Side game - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)
7:00 pm - Side game - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

*** Champagne, cake and a roast to honor Rick Rowland, Grand Life Master after the Saturday evening session.***

Sunday, February 24, 2013

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 LENDING LIBRARY

The DSBA Lending Library continues to be available electronically on the Unit Web site - just go to www.unit190.org and click on the Library link for complete details on the collection. In addition, the Library may now be inspected personally, as it has recently been relocated to the Bridge Studio in Wilmington. Whichever access method you choose, the entire collection is available for use by DSBA members.

Mike Mocella

♥♥♥ New dates for the Lewes Sectional.....July 18 - July 20♥♥♥

Dover, Delaware Bridge Games

Monday Morning Duplicate Bridge
Modern Maturity Center, Dover
10 a.m.

Friday Duplicate Bridge
Modern Maturity Center, Dover
11 a.m.

Congratulations to Debby Purbrick who has achieved the rank of Silver Life Master and to Barbara Rhoades, our newest Gold Life Master.

Top DSBA master point winners at Regionals and Sectionals**NLM Holiday Sectional - November 26 - November 30**

Jane Beck [8.15] Karen Pollak [7.69] Caroline Hughes [5.05] Betty Duncan [4.90]

Lancaster Regional - December 3 - December 9

Rick Rowland [84.34] James Herrington [29.44] Mooch Taylor [24.91]
Andy Stayton [20.45] Harold Jordan [19.38] Debby & Andy Purbrick [16.95] Jess Stuart [16.45]

Dave Treadwell Sectional - December 27 - December 31

Jeff Ruben [14.77] Richard Popper [9.98] Randy Berseth [9.98] Rick Rowland [6.78]
Mooch Taylor [6.64] Bill Everett [6.51] Kathleen Miller [6.46] Melissa Jessup [6.27]
Alan Horowitz [6.16] Barbara Rhoades [6.06]

**DSBA Open Teams**

March 3 - 10 a.m. - upstate
April 27 - 10:30 a.m. - downstate

Save the date and check the unit website for details as the date approaches.....

DSBA Pro - Am Events**Winners of the January 31st [upstate] "8 is enough" Pro-Am Teams**

Flight A - Mike Mocella Robert Grinwis - Lou Tobia - Harold Jordan
Flight B - Barbara Rhoades - Teresa Young - Julie Hockersmith - Prem Premakumar
Flight C - Doug White - Andy Purbrick - Debby Purbrick - John Walston

Downstate Pro-Am Teams will be held during the summer.
Statewide Pro-Am Pairs are scheduled for June 26.

♥♥♥Negative Inferences - Part IV - by Pete Filandro♥♥♥

Continuing with the series concerning negative inferences because “the dog did not bark”, let’s look at a more challenging example:

LHO deals and opens 1D, partner doubles, RHO passes, and you, having to choose between 2NT and 3NT, make an aggressive jump to 3NT, ending the auction. (You’ll tell partner after the hand “I liked my 10’s”)

LHO leads the spade king and down comes dummy:

S: J 10 9 8
H: A Q x
D: x x
C: A J x x

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

You notice that partner’s double was also mildly aggressive, but it was reasonable. At tricks 2 and 3, LHO continues with the Ace and Queen of spades, with everyone following. LHO exits with a heart. You win with the 10 and lead the King of diamonds. LHO obligingly wins the Ace (a duck would make your life more difficult) and exits with another heart. Your top tricks so far are: 1 spade, 3 hearts, 1 diamond and 2 clubs. That’s only 7, so you know that taking the diamond finesse against RHO’s possible jack is silly. Even if it wins, you still must find the Queen of clubs to make 9 tricks. Better would be to avoid the diamond finesse and hope for a good guess in clubs to bring in 4 club tricks. You win the heart with the Queen in the dummy and cash your 13th spade. RHO discards a diamond, you discard the 10 of diamonds (remember, the diamond finesse never gives you a ninth trick, so save all your clubs for finessing in case they break 4 - 1 or 1 - 4), and LHO discards a heart. Next you cash dummy’s Ace of hearts to see if you can get more information. RHO follows, but LHO discards a diamond. Continuing to collect information, you lead a diamond to your Queen and both opponents follow small. (If RHO had showed out, it would be too easy. LHO would be known to have started with 3=3=6=1 shape and you would play the Ace of Clubs, picking up LHO’s known singleton, and taken the proven finesse against RHO.) OK all you Sherlock Holmes fans. Now is the time to pause and consider the “dog that did not bark”. Decide who has the Queen of clubs before continuing.

Solution: We know that each opponent started with 3 spades. We know LHO started with 3 hearts and thus RHO had 4 hearts. RHO showed at least 3 diamonds, so in the minor suits, LHO started with either 5 diamonds and 2 clubs, or 4 diamonds and 3 clubs. In the minor suits, RHO started with either 3 diamonds and 3 clubs or 4 diamond and 2 clubs. AHA! By negative inference we know that LHO cannot have the Queen of clubs. Why? Because if he did, he would have had 15 HCPs (or possibly 16 HCPs if he has the as-yet-unseen Jack of diamonds) in a balanced hand, and he did not open 1NT!!

Elementary, my dear reader.

Fall North American Bridge Championships - November 22 - December 2, 2012
98,721.80 master points won by 5,610 players
DSBA members who attended....Amal Dasgupta, Richard Popper, Donna & Dave Vaughn

FRIDAY NIGHT GAME & PARTY at the BRIDGE STUDIO!

The next date for this event is February 15. This will be a once a month Friday Night Pairs Game/Party. Which Friday of the month will vary so as to not conflict with other local Duplicate Bridge events in our District. Game time is 7:00 pm but plan to arrive by 6:30 to make it a PARTY!!

You can help with the Party effort by bringing an appetizer or dessert to share and of course your favorite BYOB if you want.

Barbara Rhoades will be Directing this game and welcomes suggestions to help make the PARTY Atmosphere! Contact Barbara at Bmossr@gmail.com.

Get your favorite bridge partner lined up and reserve the following dates for Friday Night Games/Parties: March 8th and April 5th.

2013 NLM Spring Sectional at the Bridge Studio of Delaware

March 25 - March 29, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

9:00 am * Stratified NLM Pairs
12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 am * Stratified NLM Pairs
12:30 pm Stratified NLM Pairs

Only NLMs with less than 500 MPs may participate

Stratification will be at the Director's discretion based on actual attendance

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

