

# THE DUMMY

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## Upcoming Events

Unit 141 Sectional  
February 7 - February 9  
Bala Golf Club - Philadelphia

Blue Hen Sectional  
February 21 - February 23  
The Bridge Studio - Wilmington

**NORTH AMERICAN  
BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
MARCH 20 - MARCH 30  
DALLAS, TEXAS**

DELAWARE REGIONAL  
March 31 - April 6  
Crowne Plaza - Wilmington

STaC  
April 7 - April 13  
Clubs within Unit 190

Unit 141 Sectional  
April 11 - April 13  
Bala Golf Club - Philadelphia

Grand National Teams &  
Unit 120 Sectional  
May 2 - May 4  
Independent Fire Company  
Kingston, Pennsylvania

## DSBA President's Letter

Welcome to 2014!! I'd like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Congratulations to Jill Itzkovitz, Angela Jones, Spencer Kiernan, Colin MacKay, Jeff Ruben and Rick Rowland, the 2013 DSBA Achievement Award winners. These awards are given to the players who earn the most masterpoints at DSBA-held events throughout the year. The first event for 2014 will be the Blue Hen Sectional being held at the Bridge Studio in Wilmington on February 21 - 23.

Spring is approaching and so is the District 4 Spring Regional being held at the Crowne Plaza Wilmington located at 630 Naamans Road on March 31 - April 6. Co-Chairs Tom Grabowski and Judy and Bruce Gwaltney along with their committees have planned a terrific tournament filled with lots of bridge and outstanding hospitality. The Intermediate/Newcomer players will have a full schedule of events, many lectures from the top players in our Unit and District, and there will be lots of gold to give away.

To see a full schedule for the Blue Hen Sectional, the Spring Regional, and a full list of 2014 events included in the Achievement Award Competition for 2014 please visit our website at [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org).

I hope to see you at the tables and as always I welcome all comments and suggestions from our members.

Best regards, Barb



Delaware Regional - March 31 - April 6  
Crowne Plaza, Wilmington

Special newcomer/intermediate events & lectures - Golden Opportunity Pairs (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

Lots of gold points to win

Nightly hospitality after the game

Check for the location of the Hospitality Suite for additional hospitality Tuesday - Saturday nights

In Memoriam....remembering DSBA members who died in 2013

Ed Burke  
Ruth Boyle  
Vincent Casey  
Evie Cogan  
Virginia Gordon  
Leslye Heisler  
Purcell Swann

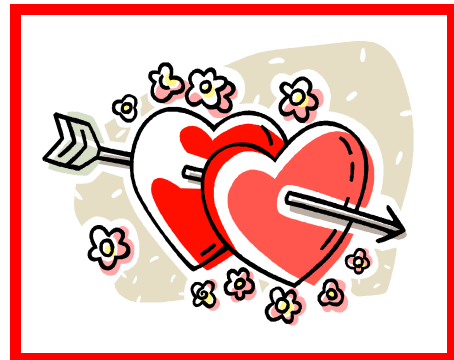
Advancement in Rank

Life Master  
Lois Ewing  
Toni Notarnicola  
John Rubinsohn

Bronze Life Master  
Liz Ashley  
Barbara Cleary  
Susan Herrmann

Silver Life Master  
Jane Malloy

Gold Life Master  
Jeff Ruben

2014 DSBA Achievement AwardsQualifying Events

Blue Hen Sectional  
Diamond State Sectional  
First State Sectional  
DSBA Swiss Teams Championship  
DSBA Open Pairs Championship

# ♥ ♥ 2014 Blue Hen Sectional - Wilmington Delaware ♥ ♥

**February 21 - February 23**  
**The Bridge Studio**

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Friday, February 21, 2014**

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 22, 2014**

10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Two Session Stratified Swiss Pairs With Regional Rating - (2000+/750-2000/0-750)

Each pair plays 6 to 8 board matches against another pair scored by match points converted to victory points; subsequent matches against pairs with similar victory point total

10:00 am - Side game

Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)

Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 pm - Side game

Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)

Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

### **Sunday, February 23, 2014**

10:00 am

A/X Swiss Teams (4000+/0-4000)

B/C/D Swiss Teams (1250-2000/750-1250/0-750)

30 minute lunch break on Sunday - Pizza available for purchase between sessions

Note: Stratifications may be changed at the discretion of the director to accommodate the participants if necessary.

[www.bridge-studio.org](http://www.bridge-studio.org)

[www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org)

### Top DSBA master point winners at recent Sectionals

#### Unit 141 Sectional - January 10 - January 12

Rick Rowland (16.50) Nancy Haile (10.37) Jane Beck (10.37) Teresa Young (7.54)  
Jill Itzkovitz (7.54) Richard Popper (6.56) Bridgett Pitt (6.13)

#### Dave Treadwell Sectional - December 27 - December 31

Rick Rowland (18.23) Harold Jordan (14.69) Jeff Ruben (14.34) Jess Stuart (13.16)  
Pete & Marie Filandro (12.99) Greg Burch (11.20) Barbara Rhoades (9.54)  
Stephen Miller (8.92) Kathleen Miller (8.33) John Strange (8.10)  
Richard Popper (8.09) Caroline Hughes (7.25)

### NEW PARTNERSHIP DESK OPPORTUNITY

District 4 has developed a wonderful new web site addition to assist in finding partners for various events. The Blue Hen Sectional being held in Wilmington February 21- February 23 will be your first opportunity to use this site for a local tournament.

Go to the District 4 web site, [www.district4.info](http://www.district4.info), and click on "New Partnership Desk." A tutorial will guide you through the registration and opportunities available. You will be able to register for events in which you are interested and to find other players who also are interested in those events.

. This should make finding a partner extremely easy as soon as people recognize the value of the site. Please visit the site and see for yourself what a marvelous tool this is.

Julie Hockersmith, Partnership Chairperson, Blue Hen Sectional

### *Plan Ahead - Save the Dates*

Check the DSBA website [www.unit190.org](http://www.unit190.org) for additional information as the date approaches

DSBA State Swiss Teams  
Saturday, May 17 - Downstate  
Sunday, May 18 - Upstate - The Bridge Studio

1<sup>st</sup> State Southern Sectional  
July 24 - July 25 - July 26  
Lewes Presbyterian Church - Lewes, Delaware

## **The Dummy - Back in the Day - September 1957**

Pat McGee Cullen recently gave a whole bunch of old issues of the DUMMY to Rick Rowland, who was kind enough to also send copies to me. It's great that Pat thought to not only save these old issues, some of which date back to the late 1950's, but also to recognize their historical value.

Now that we have computers, it's simple to keep old issues of the DUMMY. They do provide a synopsis of what the unit has been doing. As a matter of fact, as some of you may know, we have a DSBA Committee currently working on a new website for the unit....and we may actually put some of these old issues in an Archives Section for members who are interested in them.

But, in the meantime, Rick and I think you might be interested in some of the stories from the September 1957 issue, which appears to have been typed in three columns on a typewriter. This issue was mailed to members with a \$.02 stamp.

Rick found it interesting that in March of 1957 the DSBA started to sponsor bridge teaching at the Delaware State Hospital which was formerly called Farnhurst and is now the Delaware Psychiatric Center. Bridge classes were held on Friday evenings and one of the volunteers was our own Ken Donovan, who just recently moved from our area.

Since I worked on the By-Laws and Certificate of Incorporation Committee for the unit a couple of years ago, I was especially interested that this particular issue informs members that in July of 1957 the DSBA first filed for a certificate of incorporation with the office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware. Unit 190 was incorporated to take advantage of some of the benefits that would be provided: the unit was established as a legal entity, it could enter into contracts, members became exempted from individual liability, its continued existence was assured, and methods of organization, management and finance became standardized. Apparently, a new set of by-laws was in effect for the unit's annual meeting which was held on October 2, 1957 in the Starlight Room of the Hotel Rodney. (You'll have to ask someone who lives in Delaware longer than me about that particular hotel.) The DSBA Board wanted members to know that bridge in Delaware was "coming of age." Guess they might not have anticipated that in the new millennium the DSBA would have a website, email notification of events, an online partnership desk, and Board Meetings utilizing Facetime!

There was a DSBA Player of the Year award back then. For the 1956-1957 year Evelyn Levitt won, having placed second in the Invitational, Mixed Pairs and Open Teams and third in the Women's Pairs. Now Unit 190 runs just two unit-wide events each year - the Open Pairs and Open Swiss - but back then there were also separate men's and women's pairs, mixed pairs, an invitational that players had to qualify for, and an individual. There was also a Kent County Open Pairs which was held at the Dover AFB, Knock Out Teams, and open pairs and open teams at the Hotel Dupont.

An interesting column in this issue was written by a player named "Bridget." She calls her column "Says Me" and in it she discusses a number of issues, especially the "lack of sociability at the bridge games around town." The ACBL heard about her complaints and in the ACBL Bulletin admonished its members to be more sociable: to identify themselves, make opponents feel welcome and say something.....anything..... especially when facing unfamiliar opponents. Some local players must also have expressed their dissatisfaction with two session events because of carryovers. They felt that with a small carryover they had no chance to win. Bridget offered some sage advice. She wrote, "The only carryover I abhor is a hangover. With a low percentage carryover you have a chance, but with a hangover you've had it!"

Marie Filandro, DUMMY editor