THE DUMMY ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Unit 120 Sectional &
Grand National Teams
May 2 - May 4
Kingston PA

Unit 121 Sectional
May 16 - May 18
Wyomissing PA

Delaware Swiss Team
Championship
May 17 - Ocean View 10:30 a.m.
May 18 - Wilmington 10:30 a.m.

Wilmington Sectional
May 30 - June 1
The Bridge Studio, Wilmington

VALLEY FORGE REGIONAL
JUNE 16 - JUNE 22
KING OF PRUSSIA PA

NORTH AMERICAN BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
JULY 17 - JULY 27
LAS VEGAS NV

First State Southern Sectional
July 24 - July 26
Lewes DE

DSBA President's Letter

SPRING!!! FINALLY!!!

Our recent Regional was a success. We had 7 days of great bridge and terrific hospitality. 905 tables were in attendance and 4866.09 masterpoints were earned! Thanks to Tournament Chairs Tom Grabowski, Bruce and Judy Gwaltney and all their volunteers for all their hard work.

We are actively working on our new website. In the meantime, over the next several months we will be making a concerted effort to get as many email addresses from our membership as possible. Providing your email address will help us "get the word out" to you regarding any and all upcoming tournaments, special games, The Dummy or other announcements we may have through a new program called Constant Contact. Some of you have already received information this way from the ACBL , our District and our Unit. Please help us at this time by providing your email address to me or any other board member.

Our Unit has recently purchased approximately 35 new books to add to our Lending Library. Please visit the library located at The Bridge Studio in Wilmington. Also please follow the honor system guidelines posted at The Bridge Studio when using the library.

On May 17 (Downstate) and May 18 (Upstate) will we be holding our Annual State Swiss Team Championship. This is always a fun event PLUS masterpoints earned at this event go toward our Annual Achievement Award Competition. Please form your teams now and register to play. We will also be recognizing all 2013 Unit 190 winners of the Mini-McKenney and Ace of Clubs races at this event before the start of the second session.

The 2014 First State Southern Sectional is being held on July 24 - 26 in Lewes. Come and play some great bridge, enjoy the beautiful beach and receive that good old southern hospitality.

As always I welcome all comments and suggestions from our members.

Best regards and Happy Spring,
Barb

♣ ♦ ♥ ♠ 2014 Wilmington Sectional ♣ ♦ ♥ ♠

May 30 - June 1, 2014

The Bridge Studio of Delaware
1409 Foulk Rd, Suite 101
Wilmington, DE 19803

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 30

9:00 am - Stratified Open Pairs - (Open/2500/1250)
Stratified NLM Pairs**

1:30 pm - Flight A/X Pairs - (Open/5000)
Stratified B/C/D Pairs - (3000/2000/1000)
Stratified NLM Pairs**

7:00 pm - Stratified Open Pairs - (Open/2500/1250)
Stratified NLM Pairs**

Saturday, May 31

10:00 am - Stratified Open Pairs - (Open/2500/1250)
Stratified NLM Pairs**

2:00 pm - Flight A/X Pairs - (Open/5000)
Stratified B/C/D Pairs - (3000/2000/1000)
Stratified NLM Pairs**

Sunday, June 1

11:00 am - 2 sessions - playthrough

Flight A/X - Two Session Swiss - (Open/4000)
Strat B/C/D – Two Session Swiss - (2500/1250/500)
Pizza will be sold between sessions

**All NLM Pairs stratified based on attendance.

"In Memoriam" - Wayne Kneisley, a member of the DSBA for many, many years, died February 19, 2014

Delaware State Swiss Team Championship

Saturday, May 17, 2014 - 10:30 a.m. - Ocean View Presbyterian Church
Sunday, May 18, 2014 - 10:30 a.m. - Bridge Studio

This will be a two-session sectionally rated black point game.
You do not need to be a DSBA member to participate.
Flight cut-offs will be determined by registrations.
The 2nd session will start approximately 30 minutes after the first session is over.
Lunch will be provided between sessions.
Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 players.
Cost is $80 per team (North) and $56 per team (South)

Pre-registration requested by May 10th for Ocean View and May 11th for Wilmington.

For Wilmington location....call Rick Rowland (302) 571-1827
For Ocean View location...call Scott Freber (302) 858-6156

Or email reservations with names and master point holding of all team members to:
rickrowland@verizon.net for Wilmington
scott.freber@icloud.com for Ocean View

First State Southern Sectional

July 24, 25, 26, 2014
Lewes Presbyterian Church - 133 Kings Highway - Lewes DE 19958

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 24

10:00 a.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Friday, July 25

10:00 a.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

3:00 p.m. - Stratified Open Pairs (2000+/750-2000/0-750)
Stratified 199er Pairs (100-200/50-100/0-50)

Saturday, July 26

10:00 a.m. & TBD - A/X Swiss Teams (3000+/0-3000)
B/C/D Swiss Teams (750-1500/300-750/0-300)
(No player with more than 1500 MPs in B/C/D)

2013 Ace of Clubs and Mini-McKenney Unit 190 Winners

ACBL CATEGORY	ACE OF CLUBS WINNERS	MINI - MCKENNEY WINNERS
0 - 5	Peter Wise	Peter Wise
5 - 20	Bernhard Angermeier	Bernhard Angermeier
20 - 50	Jill Itzkovitz	Jill Itzkovitz
50 - 100	Karen Pollak	Karen Pollak
100 - 200	James Marshall	Barbara Saulsbury
200 - 300	Caroline Hughes	Caroline Hughes
300 - 500	Spencer Kiernan	Spencer Kiernan
500 - 1000	Jane Drevo	Christine Matus
1000 - 2500	Elizabeth Mallon	Elizabeth Mallon
2500 - 5000	Tom Kramer	Andy Stayton
5000 - 7500	Randy Berseth	Randy Berseth
7500 - 10,000	Jess Stuart	Richard Popper
Over 10,000	Rick Rowland	Rick Rowland

DSBA Library Update by Caroline Hughes, Intermediate/Newcomer Chair

The DSBA Library located at the Bridge Studio in Foulkstone Plaza is being updated. The Library was assessed during the cold winter months. The following updates are being made to revitalize the library.

After cataloging the contents, it became apparent that many of the donated books are outdated and the conventions no longer used. For example, think Goren and strong 2 bid openings. In the next couple of months, members of the DSBA will clear away these titles.

The DSBA generously donated $500.00 to purchase new books for the Library. The DE Regional provided tax free and discounted book shopping. A stamp is being made to mark these new purchases as DSBA Library books. Once the books are stamped and the Library is cleaned out, these books will be on the shelf. The DSBA is looking into possibilities for a "satellite" Library down state.

The lending policy will be on the honor system. Cataloging made it apparent that tracking the borrowers and the books is more than one person's job. All DSBA members are responsible for the Library. The honor system requests the following:

- Two Months is the maximum time for a loan
- Sign the books out legibly with the following information:
  - Book title and author
  - Name of borrower with his/her contact information
  - The date borrowed
  - Remember there are other DSBA readers

The August Dummy will update the progress.

Advancement in Rank

Life Masters
Doug Herrmann
Tamara Holm

Bronze Life Master
Judy Harrington

Silver Life Master
William Dillon

Diamond Life Master
Alessandra Graves

Congratulations to Rick Rowland who placed #152 on the 2013 Barry Crane Top 500 list with 736.13 master points....

Top DSBA winners at Regionals and Sectionals

Unit 141 Sectional - February 7 - February 9
Rick Rowland (17.63) Mooch Taylor (11.94) Richard Popper (11.53) Debby & Andy Purbrick (4.86)

Blue Hen Sectional - February 21 - February 23
Rick Rowland (24.21) Richard Popper (17.80) Alan Horowitz (12.04) Randy Berseth (11.58)
Julie Hockersmith (10.76) Spencer Kiernan (9.91) Jess Stuart (7.70) Jeff Ruben (6.48)
Carol Hopson (6.44) Dave Venetianer (6.04) Barbara Rhoades (5.80)

DELAWARE REGIONAL - MARCH 31 - APRIL 6
Rick Rowland (63.69) Eli Solomon (33.37) Andy Stayton (33.37) Randy Berseth (27.13)
Richard Popper (21.45) Mooch Taylor (20.73) Barbara Rhoades (16.55)
Kim Holm (16.53) Tamara Holm (15.77) Alan Horowitz (14.35)

Unit 141 Sectional - April 11 - April 13
Richard Popper (13.91) Rick Rowland (4.85)

Dallas North American Bridge Championships....Final Table Count 9,891... DSBA members who attended....Sam Amer, Benito Garozzo, Spencer Kiernan, Richard Popper

The Dummy - Back in the Day, part II

The May 1958 issue of the DUMMY announced the shocking death of Frank Grady, a well-known and beloved player of that time. Frank was a teacher, director and proud proponent of top quality, friendly bridge.

The Spring Nationals that year were in Atlantic City and about 70 Wilmington players went to compete despite a blizzard! Ivar Stakgold won the Vanderbilt Cup Teams and the Open Pairs and finished third in the Men's Pairs. Among the DSBA players there were Harold and Evelyn Levitt, Dave Treadwell, Col. Skinner, Seymour Cohen, Ralph Schreyer, Ken Donovan, Wayne Kneisley, Frank Pierson, Pat McGee, John Barnicle, Parke Woodward and Jim Mayhart. While our newer players may not know these names, they are very familiar to those of us who have been around for a while.

In 1958, Col. Skinner was selected by the DSBA Board of Directors as its permanent tournament chairman. He was tasked with sponsoring all Unit 190 tournaments, state championships and the weekly DSBA game that was held in those days at the Hotel Dupont. Col. Skinner was a life master with nearly 1,000 points (a super lot back then) and had been a president of the ACBL.

The November 1958 issue featured a report by President Ed Gerard in which he stated his belief that the DSBA had "passed through a period of adolescence" and "was fully grown up." There were 571 members in the unit at that time. It was at the 1958 Annual Meeting that the bylaws were amended to permit a retiring president, at his or her discretion, to serve one additional year on the board. To this day, this bylaw remains in effect.

It didn't cost much to play bridge back then....the entry fee at the Hotel Rodney game was just $1.00 for members and $1.25 for guests. The annual DSBA membership cost was also just $1.00 - and for it you were also an ACBL member, and you received the ACBL Bulletin and a Directory of Member Clubs. Quite a bargain!

The May and November issues of the DUMMY from 1958 provide some evidence that the more things change, the more they remain the same. Slow play, and lack of attendance at Annual Meetings were two issues discussed. Back then, players were not only guilty of discussing the previous round, telling a story or giving their partner a detailed lesson, but also of spending time "out in the bar guzzling a drink." (They were also smoking at the tables back then in addition to the drinking.) Writing in the May 1958 issue, the DUMMY editor was upset that a quorum of members had not been present at the 1957 Annual Meeting. He was visited by a muse. The muse helped him encourage attendance for the 1958 meeting with the following poem....."When I receive the D.S.B.A. greeting, I promise I'll attend the meeting. I'll listen, speak, and quote, then very carefully cast a vote. Work done - I'll stay for cards...concentrate on leads and discards. Hope I win!" The poem must have worked since they were in fact able to amend the bylaws at the 1958 meeting - they must have had the needed quorum.

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