

# THE DUMMY

Quarterly Publication of the Delaware State Bridge Association ----- June 2022

## **SPECIAL CELEBRATORY EDITION**

*In praise of the 1<sup>st</sup>*  
**REHOBOTH  
BEACH REGIONAL  
TOURNAMENT**  
Success Leads to:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rehoboth Beach  
Regional**  
May 1-5, 2023

Coming Events  
Philadelphia Regional  
at Valley Forge  
June 27 - July 31

Fall Sectional &  
Annual Meeting  
Sept. 9-11  
Bridge Studio  
Wilmington

Southern Sectional  
Oct. 13-15  
Rehoboth Beach

## **DSBA PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Bridge Friends,

What a great 2022 we have had so far!! We are playing "live club bridge" in Wilmington, Middletown, Dover, and Rehoboth Beach. We offer online games on BBO several times a week. We had a very successful Sectional Tournament in February at the Bridge Studio that included a Memorial Game honoring our players who passed in 2021. We hosted the first Bridge at the Beach Regional in May in Rehoboth Beach (if this was the first, guess what's coming next year?). Classes at the Bridge Studio have led us to plan a Mentoring Program, to be implemented in late May/June.

Acknowledgment for contributions to this success go to many people: Harold Jordan, Bridge Studio co-owner and HELPER for many tasks; Richard Popper, Tournament Chair North; Tom Tully, Memorial coordinator; Kim Holm and Caroline

Hughes Co-chairs Rehoboth Regional; Cheryl Shields (MOT), Clare O'Brien (Dover), and Anna Delapo (Rehoboth Beach) club owners; Don Adams, Rohan Mandayam, Harold Jordan I/N program.

We are entering the planning stages for our Fall/winter tournaments and those plans include the Annual Meeting on September 10 (Live between sessions of the Diamond State Sectional). If you would like to be on the Board of the DSBA, please notify Rick Rowland as elections will occur in September.

Is it too soon to think “we have entered the post-covid era for bridge”? Always the eternal optimist, I believe we are well on our way to getting back to a sense of normalcy. Today I played in an 11-table club game; I was so pleased with the game but not necessarily my results! My observations at that game indicate that our players are happy to be playing again!

If you have any suggestions, talk to a Board Member! Better yet, thank that Board Member for working to ensure you have lots of opportunities to play bridge in Delaware!

You may always email me if you wish! [Tswilliams47@gmail.com](mailto:Tswilliams47@gmail.com)

Trina



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From the District 4 President

## **DISTRICT 4 REGIONALS ARE BACK!**



Dear Kim,

I am overjoyed by the success of District 4's first 2022 Regional – Bridge at the Beach, which was held in early May. Not only do I want you to know how special that tournament was, but also how much I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next Regional - the Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge.

### **The Success of the Rehoboth Beach “Bridge at the Beach” Regional**

With the theme, “be kind to your opponents, be kinder to your partner, and most importantly have a good time”, tournament co-chairs Caroline Hughes & Kim Holm and the entire staff set the mood for friendly competition. In the heart of downtown Rehoboth Beach, the location allowed players to walk to hotels, shopping, and the numerous and diverse fine dining restaurants.



Players enjoyed morning walks on the boardwalk, gathering with friends in the many restaurants, and the wonderful buzz of people moving to and from the Bridge tables. The tournament attracted not only seasoned veterans for pairs and team games, but first timers as well. The 0-99'er

section hosted new players at their very first tournament, and was so well-received that 18 new players became ACBL members!

I personally loved the variety of restaurants and having made reservations for 6 in advance at some of the local favorites, was able to enjoy the company of friends – old and new – over dinner. We laughed, celebrated a birthday, and simply enjoyed how much it felt like “old times”. Loved, loved, loved it!



**Joann Glasson & Kim Holm**  
honor bridge teacher  
Dini Romito

**Kurt Engleman & Anne Taylor**

**Jeanne Gehret**  
Tammy Holm  
Ala Hamilton-Day

**Meet me at the Philadelphia Regional at Valley Forge  
June 27 - July 3**

And now tournament volunteers are working hard to make our next Regional, at the Valley Forge Casino Resort, just as enjoyable and welcoming. If you'd like to stay at the Casino hotel, make sure to book before 6/1 to take advantage of the bridge rate

It would be great to see you there!

**Jeanne Gehret**

President, ACBL District 4

From the Tournament Co-Chairpersons

Our recent regional event "Bridge at the Beach" was a judged to be a real success by all who participated. A great time was had by all and the joy and happiness of seeing old friends and getting reacquainted with everyone was truly special.

The lunches served daily by the "Big Fish Market" were awesome and everyone loved them. The Rehoboth Convention Center was the perfect location and venue for this event and the neighboring Breakers Hotel was a great fit as well. Even the sun shone brightly most of the time!

There is plenty of work involved in holding an event of this type but our local players anxiously pitched in with all the necessary help. Two players, Don Hill and Bob Keeney even drove back on Friday night to help us break things down on a day they didn't play! That is what I call support.

The warmth and friendliness as well as all the work exemplified by our local players was tremendous and visitors took notice. In addition to the players we had two non-playing spouses, Marcy Patton and Gary Bish who worked and caddied all-day everyday. It was just so impressive to see the willingness of everyone to ensure a successful event.

And a success it was from the fellowship at the tables to the enjoyment of the Rehoboth area and to filling the local restaurants. Everyone involved should be proud of how well the event was staged. Finally, my personal thanks to all involved for your tremendous willingness to help!

Kim Holm & Caroline Hughes  
Co-Chairpersons

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Rehoboth bridge tournament a huge success

Marilyn Haskins

May 17, 2022

Last week, a large event in the ACBL bridge world was held in Rehoboth Beach's Convention Center, and Rehoboth Beach excelled! A Regional Duplicate Bridge Tournament was held Monday through Friday last week. Regional tournaments bring in bridge players from surrounding states, and are a big deal in the bridge world. Being awarded the opportunity to hold a regional was itself a compliment to Rehoboth and its people and supporting hospitality industry, but Rehoboth and its capabilities and generous nature absolutely astounded all!

The Convention Center itself was a wonderful venue, but the janitorial staff went beyond themselves in helping the volunteers running the tournament with the heavy lifting.

The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce gave advice and goodie bags.

The Breakers and The Sands gave players excellent rooms, excellent rates, breakfast included, all within walking distance of the Convention Center, restaurants and shops.

Big Fish Market provided the daily box lunches for the 220-plus players daily. The market allowed us to call daily with new numbers for lunches, as there is no preregistration, but the market somehow never failed! The lunches themselves received raving reviews for quality, quantity and taste. Many players said it was the best food ever!

The Big Fish Group itself must be complimented, as it gave us those fabulous lunches at a fabulous price and a discount coupon for dinners at their restaurants.

All of Rehoboth Beach was complimented over and over by the players. Players loved the small town atmosphere that provided big tournament results!

Marilyn Haskins

Rehoboth Beach



For Full Results of all Events:

<https://live.acbl.org/tournament-overalls/2205115>

Top 25 Unit 190 Master Point Winners

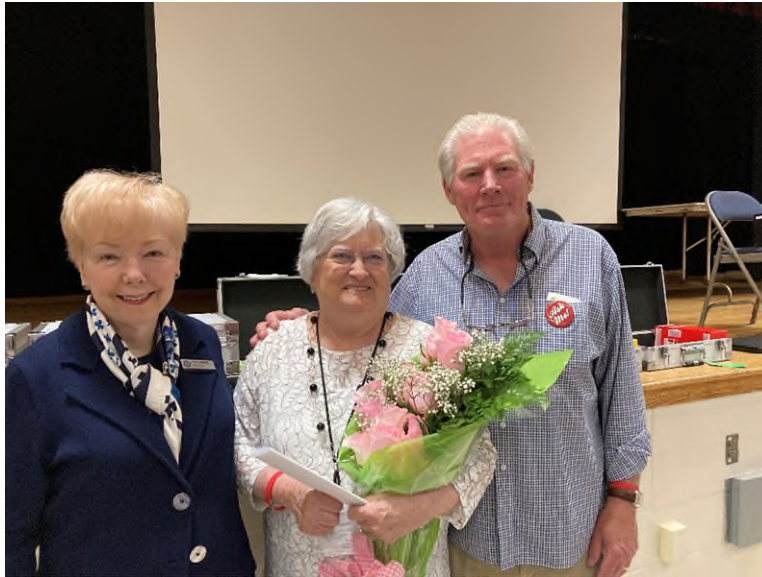
1. Anne Taylor
2. Sigridur Kristjansdotter
3. Ala Hamilton-Day
4. Harold Jordan
5. Peter Filandro
6. Marie Filandro
7. Eli Solomon
8. Andrew Stayton
9. Terry Patton
10. Paula Varrassi
11. John Strange
12. Caroline Hughes
13. Jane Myers
14. Debbie Schell
15. Randall Berseth
16. Melody Henderson
17. Mark Henderson
18. Susan Derrickson
19. Patricia Brown
20. Tina Brinsfield
21. Nancy Steele
22. Nancy Ferguson
23. Judith Gwaltney
24. J. Bruce Gwaltney
25. Richard Popper



## TYPICAL TOURNAMENT LOST AND FOUND



## OUR LOST AND FOUND



### ACBL PRESIDENT JOANN GLASSON APPOINTS OUR OWN DINI ROMITO AS GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

"If you've ever played Bridge at the Delaware Shore then you are familiar with the Queen of Bridge Miss Dini Romito. Dini started recruiting and teaching Bridge back in 1980 "whenever and wherever anyone wanted to learn". Introducing and teaching Bridge to new players was her pride, her joy and her passion.

In 1995 Dini coupled her teaching with managing and Directing live games at ultimately three locations, Lewes, Rehoboth Beach and Ocean View Delaware. Dini has the perfect attitude and personality to Direct games. Her primary objective is to insure that all players enjoy themselves, have a good time and go home happy. She does not accept anything but good behavior from everyone in the room and handles director calls with a smile.

Dini learned the ACBL scoring software program for electronic game scoring. Soon thereafter she began teaching the program to other directors and managers in other Delaware and nearby Maryland clubs. Dini encouraged many players to become teachers and participated in their training. Some eventually started their own games.

Dini was diligent and instrumental in providing a forum for lessons for bridge players at all levels of accomplishment - Newbie, Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Dini recognized that the life blood of growing the bridge - playing community lay in recruiting people willing to play Duplicate Bridge, even if they're innate desire was to improve their game for "party" bridge. She also recognized the importance of a grass-roots effort to grow the game, and she specialized in doing so.

At special bridge events, such as the Holidays and parties to celebrate bridge player accomplishments, Dini invariably had a "covered dish" event. Dini would always have something she, herself, prepared for the game. If you haven't had her "lemon squares", you've missed a delectable treat

District 4 voted Dini to the ACBL's "Goodwill Committee". This is a lifetime appointment for dedication to the betterment of Bridge, particularly in the area of active ethics, conduct, tournament conditions and the promotion of Bridge.

Today we would like to honor Dini by upgrading her to "Ambassador" of the Goodwill Committee for her devotion to the game, for bringing in hundreds if not thousands of new players to the game and for her constant smile, amazing humor, laughter and genuine love of the people and the game we play.

## And a Sad Goodbye to a Very Special Lady



**Charlotte K. Hahn**, 91, formerly from Pasadena, Maryland passed away peacefully at her home in Ocean City, Maryland on March 8, 2022. Born in Baltimore on February 4, 1931, she was the daughter of the late John and Minna Kammer. She was preceded in death by her loving husband John of 16 years and her three sisters, Wilhelmina Dolan, Ruth Parrish and June Herthum.

Charlotte is survived by her partner Eli Solomon and her two daughters Verna Marlow, husband Rick and Wendy Brumfield, husband Vernon. She was known as “Cookie” to her grandchildren “V”, Megan, and Nick and to her great grandchildren Josh and Alyssa. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews who refer to her as Auntie Char.

Charlotte graduated from Eastern High School and attended Salisbury State. She was a fantastic cook and homemaker. She enjoyed playing bridge and became a Certified Bridge Director of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL). She owned and operated the Severna Park Duplicate Bridge Club for 23 years. As a bridge player, she attained the rank of Diamond Life Master with the ACBL.

She was kind, loving, welcoming and a friend to all, and, quick with a joke, she was always the life of every party. She enjoyed cruising and loved Broadway musicals. *Everyone who knew her, loved her. She lived her life to the fullest.*