

♣ ♦ THE DUMMY ♥ ♠

Quarterly Publication of the Delaware State Bridge Association: July 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Non-Life Master
Sectional
0-750 Stratified Pairs
Ocean View, DE
September 18-19, 2026

See attached Flyer

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Be the reason someone
smiles today.”

- Roy T. Bennett

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Comments, suggestions, questions,
corrections always welcome

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Hello Unit 190!

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Bridge at the Beach Regional. Rehoboth Beach in the spring never disappoints – beautiful weather, the boardwalk, the beach, a fine array of restaurants, and – oh yeah – plenty of bridge, too. If you haven’t been, just look at the array of happy people Andrea was able to arrange pictures of in this issue of *The Dummy*; they just might inspire you to make plans to join us next spring. Trust me, many of these people aren’t usually that cheerful!

Although getting local club game attendance back to pre-pandemic numbers has been a struggle in many areas, it’s encouraging to see tournament bridge recovering. Be sure to check out our other upcoming tournaments, the next one of which is advertised elsewhere in this issue of *The Dummy*.

And now for my parting thoughts ... Yes, literally, I’m parting. After serving as many consecutive years on the Unit 190 Board of Directors as allowed by the bylaws – and by mental health experts – I will be stepping aside. Best of success to the next crew of directors. If nothing else, you won’t have to listen to me anymore (well, as the Board President, that is)!

Have a great summer!

Harold



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MONDAY MORNING BRIDGE CLUB

FRIDAY NOONERS

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SUFFLES 2

Ocean View, Delaware

Thursday @ 12:30 pm

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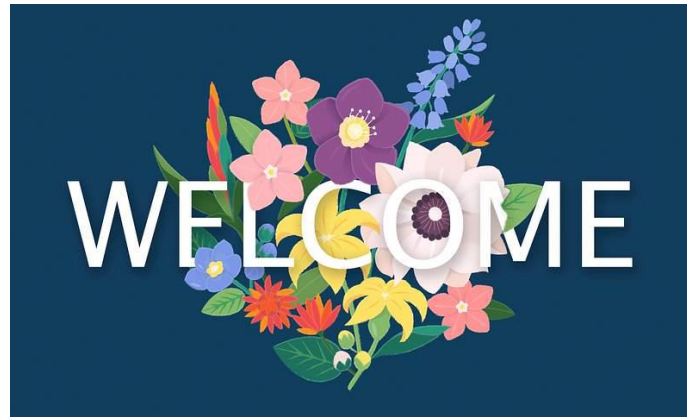
UNIT 190 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Have a safe
and festive 4th
of July holiday



THE WELCOME MAT

Unit 190 extends a warm welcome to the new / transferred members listed below.

New Members

Nan Mester
Janice Meyer
Maureen Moloney

Transferred Members

Richard Bradley
Phyllis Cohen
Marilyn Edler
Sugi Hayes
Jane Myers
Leah Scott

MOVING ON UP

Congratulations to the Unit 190 Members listed below who have achieved a new ACBL rank in April – June of this year !!!

Silver Life Master

Joanne Collins
Lee Davis
Bill Herdle

Advanced NABC Master

Stefan Haroldsson

NABC Master

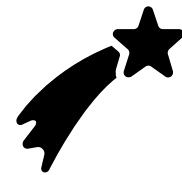
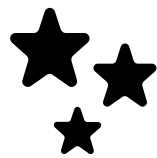
Neil Himelein

Regional Master

Mike Archino
Susan Trombley

Club Master

Susan Epstein
Leslie McClintock



Congratulations
well-earned !!



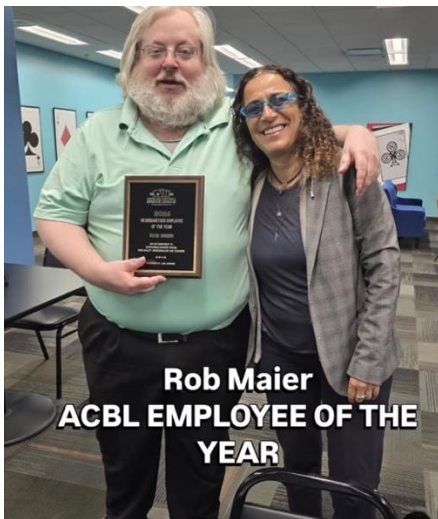
2025 ACBL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

★ **ROB MAIER** ★

Congratulations to Unit 190's Rob Maier on being awarded the 2025 ACBL Employee of the Year!

In presenting the award, ACBL CEO
Bronia Jenkins said the following:

“This year’s HQ Employee of the Year has worked for ACBL for more than 10 years. [He] is approachable, helpful, and patient. Described as great at troubleshooting and finding solutions to problems. This person creates an environment where you never feel uncomfortable asking questions. Some may describe this winner as funny. Work quality, professionalism, and teamwork as inspired by Jane Johnson. ... And he is like the most helpful, most kind, funniest person. He is a wonderful man to be around.”



The full video of the award presentation can be found on the ACBL Facebook site, posted 21 May 2026, and in the Reels section of that Facebook site.

Pictured left are Rob Maier and Bronia Jenkins. Photo from ACBL Facebook site.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
UNIT 190 UPCOMING TOURNAMENT**

Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament

Win **SILVER** points!!
0-750 Stratified Pairs
Limited Space ... Reserve Early



September 18-19, 2026
Ocean View Presbyterian Church
Ocean View, Delaware

[Ocean View Tournament Flyer](#) link
Flyer also included – next page

Join Us in Ocean View, DE

Non-Life Master Sectional Tournament

0-750 Stratified Pairs

When: Fri & Sat Sept 18-19, 2026

Where: Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Ave., Ocean View, DE 19970

Complimentary Lunch

A complimentary lunch will be served between sessions. Complimentary coffee, tea and water available as well during the day.

Entry Fee

Entry fee is \$20/person per session. This is a **CASH Only** tournament, so be prepared!

Schedule

4 Single Session Events

Friday & Saturday, Sept 18-19

10 am & 2:15 pm

Stratifications are based on Master Points
and the Directors Discretion

**LIMITED SPACE
RESERVE EARLY!**

Click here to Register



Play in this fun 2 day Tourney!

Win *silver* points! This is a chance for all Intermediate/Novice ACBL members to experience a tournament with their peers. No player may be a life master or have more than 750 master points. Pre-registration is required in order to guarantee your spot and lunch. Space is limited so get your reservation in early.

Tournament Co-Chairs - Kim Holm & Donna Heckscher

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Tournament Director - John Hogan

Partnership - Tammy Holm, tamaraholm@yahoo.com



BRIDGE AT THE BEACH REGIONAL – RECAP
APRIL 27th to MAY 1st
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware



Thank you to all who came to Unit 190's home state of Delaware to play in the fifth annual **Bridge at the Beach** regional tournament. The tournament featured 5 days of competitive bridge, lunches intended to satisfy all dietary needs, and 4 morning lectures from international speakers on a variety of topics guaranteed to interest bridge players of all levels. Two evening hospitality events – Orange Crush Night on Monday and Wine & Cheese Night on Wednesday – were enjoyed by many players. Even the weather cooperated!

Full tournament results can be found at the District 4 website <https://4acbl.org/2026/02/02/rehoboth-beach-regional-2026/> and at <https://live.acbl.org/events/2605111>.

Highlight results for Unit 190 members and photos from the tournament are provided below.

THE THRILL OF VICTORY – REHOBOTH 2026

First Place Finishes – Teams w/ *Unit 190 Player(s)*

Date	Section	Team Players	MPs
04.27.26	Teams 3	R. Shenkin, S. Shenkin, <i>T. Tully, K. Pollak</i>	9.73
04.28.26	Teams 3	<i>C. Hughes, J. Robbins, L. Guo, J. Zhang</i>	12.67
04.28.26	Teams 6	<i>H. Campbell, A. Fieldman, L. Rosenthal, J. Rosenthal</i>	8.72
04.28.26	Teams 7	<i>D. Wise, S. Epstein, J. Frueh, N. Trawin</i>	6.42
04.29.26	Teams 2	<i>D. Venetianer, K. Engleman, P. Scalamandre, S. Kristjansdottir</i>	14.99
04.30.26	Teams 6	<i>J. Bonenberger, K. Fireman, W. Herdle, A. Pelak</i>	8.05
05.01.26	Teams 2	<i>A. Taylor, P. Varrassi, A. Stayton, E. Solomon</i>	17.02
05.01.26	Teams 4	<i>B. Levinson, J. Koss, S. Nemser, S. Humphrey</i>	10.03



Pictured left:

Friday, May 1st
Flight 2 Teams

1st Place Finish !!

Andy Stayton, Anne Taylor,
Paula Varrassi, Eli Solomon



GOLD POINTS – REHOBOTH 2026

Congratulations to Unit 190 players who achieved
gold points in the tournament !!

1	61.19	Eliezer Solomon, Ocean City MD
2	44.17	R Jay Becker, Delray Beach FL
3	40.59	David Venetianer, Chadds Ford PA
4	40.59	Kurt Engleman, Avondale PA
5	34.99	Rick Rowland, Wilmington DE
6	34.82	Richard Popper, Wilmington DE
7	34.73	Sigridur Kristjansdottir, Wilmington DE
8	25.08	Andrew Stayton, Rehoboth Beach DE
9	25.08	Anne Taylor, Rehoboth Beach, DE
10	24.88	Paula Varrassi, Milton DE
11	21.33	Barbara Rhoades, Wilmington DE
12	18.54	Anna Delapo, Milton, DE
13	17.05	Debbie Schenkel, Wilmington DE
14	17.05	Benjamin Schenkel, Wilmington DE
15	15.92	John Hogan Jr, Rehoboth Beach DE
16	15.91	Donald Pyne, Harrington DE
17	15.91	Mark Nehra, Felton DE
18	14.26	Randall Berseth, Bear DE
19	14.11	Michael Mayer, Middletown DE
20	14.10	Sally Humphrey, Hockessin DE
21	13.25	Hope Campbell, Ellendale DE
22	12.77	Ala Hamilton-Day, Philadelphia PA
23	12.67	Caroline Hughes, Wilmington DE
24	12.34	William Herdle, Wilmington DE
25	12.13	Bonnie Elgar, Milford DE



26	11.44	Lee Davis, Wilmington DE
27	11.44	Thomas Hughes, Wilmington DE
28	9.73	Tom Tully, Kennett Square PA
29	9.73	Karen Pollak, Norristown PA
30	9.57	Susan Derrickson, Lewes DE
31	9.54	Carl Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE
32	9.54	Lynne Coan, Rehoboth Beach DE
33	9.41	Roger McAlevey, Millsboro DE
34	9.37	Susan Epstein, Wilmington DE
35	8.55	Nancy Steele, Rehoboth Beach DE
36	8.55	Tina Brinsfield, Rehoboth Beach DE
37	8.45	Richard Weissman, Lewes DE
38	7.98	Nancy Robbins, Wilmington DE
39	7.98	Marcia Abbott, Newark DE
40	7.39	Sharron Laas, Hockessin DE
41	7.39	Andrea Malinowski, Boothwyn PA
42	6.23	Mary Harding Cist, Wilmington DE
43	6.20	Gail Levy, Rehoboth Beach DE
44	6.20	Trina Williams, Bethany Beach DE
45	5.72	Mickey Debellis, Lewes DE
46	5.72	Janelle Gmitter, Lewes DE
47	5.40	Kurt Weidner, Millsboro DE
48	5.26	Tom Bason, Frankford DE
49	5.26	Carol Bason, Frankford DE
50	5.26	Rich Lepley, Lewes DE
51	5.26	Mary Reilly, Lewes DE
52	4.85	Teresa Young, New Castle DE
53	4.69	Rusty Vilk, Long Neck DE
54	4.69	Robert Gray, Milton DE
55	4.34	Neil Himelein, Wilmington DE
56	4.07	Gail Petren, Rehoboth Beach DE



57	4.07	Terry Coates, Lewes DE
58	3.75	Dr Frank Falcone Jr, Rehoboth Beach DE
59	3.75	Peggy Comerford, Ocean View DE
60	3.68	Ann Biehn, Avondale PA
61	3.68	Pamela Folz, Wilmington DE
62	3.68	Joan Flanagan, Hockessin DE
63	3.68	Kathleen Bear, Wilmington DE
64	3.49	Janice Meyer, Laurel DE
65	3.22	Donna Heckscher, Dagsboro DE
66	3.22	Melody Owen, Wilmington DE
67	3.22	Marcy Boyle, Lewes DE
68	2.76	Cindy Brown, Ocean View DE
69	1.77	Jeanne Peech, Wilmington DE
70	1.53	Lois Grieshober, Middletown DE
71	1.53	Kathy Rodammer, Newark DE
72	1.45	Beatrice King, Rehoboth Beach DE
73	1.45	Mark Conheady, Rehoboth Beach DE
74	1.38	Barbara Brooks, Wilmington DE
75	1.26	Jeanmarie Leonard, Wilmington DE

Source: ACBL (05.18.26) [Thanks, Rob M!]



Heading home with a stack of gold ... Debbie Schenkel and her son Benjamin Schenkel

REHOBOTH 2026 – PHOTOS

Guest Speakers & Tournament Chairs



Pictured above from left to right: Guest Speaker Joann Glasson, Guest Speaker Ala Hamilton-Day, Guest Speaker Roy Perry, Tournament Photographer Paula Varrassi, Tournament Co-Chairs Kim Holm and Harold Jordan, Guest Speaker Eric Rodwell.

Orange Crush – Monday Night



Enjoying the Orange Crush Night festivities are, from left to right, Babbette & Todd Thorsen, Debbie Schenkel, Sigridur Kristjansdottir, Jane Austin, and Betty Duncan.



Orange Crush Night festivities continue with, from left to right, Rick Rowland, Alex Allen, Bob Glasson, Randy Berseth, Joann Glasson, Sigridur Kristjansdottir, Harold Jordan, Anne Taylor, Ala Hamilton-Day

Wine & Cheese – Wednesday Night



The festivities continued Wednesday evening with Wine & Cheese Night. Top left: Rick & Cindy Rowland / Bottom left: Marci Abbott, Nancy Robbins, Sharron Laas / Right side front row: Barbara Rhoades, Anne Taylor, Marie Filandro / Right side back row: Sigridur Kristjansdottir, Andrew Stayton, Peter Filandro

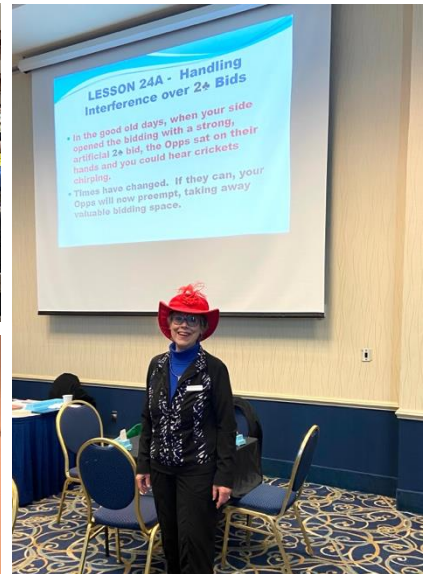
That's A Wrap !!



Roy Perry on Masterful Mistakes



Joann Glasson on Declarer Lead Deception



Ala Hamilton-Day on Handling Interference over a 2 Clubs Bid



Thank you to Co-Chairs Kim and Harold and their team for a marvelous tournament!



Until next year ... au revoir!!

Bridge in Fashion



Happy Summer
Stay cool – go inside and play bridge!

