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President's Letter

I've written quite a few President's Letters over the past four years or so. I feared I might be running out of material. And then some of the youngest players in Atlanta rescued me.



First Richard Jeng. At the Toronto NABC last month, Richard was named the King of Bridge for 2017. The ACBL Educational Foundation awards this honor to the most outstanding high school senior in the country. One factor is performance at the table, and that alone might have earned Richard the title. Richard attended the very first Atlanta Junior Bridge summer camp in 2006 and three years later became the youngest (at the time) Life Master in ACBL history. He has since amassed an outstanding record, from winning Atlanta Youth Championships to titles in the Young Life Master Pairs and Flight B NAP Pairs in NABC's to representing the USA in international competition. As stellar as his performances have been, his contributions go far beyond that. He created a bridge club in middle school and taught his classmates to play. Richard has taught several Atlanta Junior Bridge summer camps, furthering these skills by achieving ACBL TAP accreditation.

One often hears nowadays that generalists are out and that students must concentrate on one activity. That doesn't apply to Richard. His pursuits go far beyond bridge, from learning Chinese to school activities to technology. Congrats to the ACBL for a perfect choice, to Richard's parents and brother Andrew for their constant support and most of all to Richard for all he has accomplished to earn this award.

Four college students bailed me out too. Kudos to the Georgia Tech players who won the ACBL Collegiate Bridge Bowl Championship in Toronto last month. We let you know a few months back that Georgia Tech was fielding its very first entry into this competitive event. These Yellow Jackets were not cowed by teams that had far more experience playing at this level. They finished third in the round robin that cut the field down to four teams. Tech then knocked off Cal-Berkeley in the semi-finals before drubbing 80-37 the outmanned team from University of Chicago. Congratulations to Arjun Dhir, Santhosh Karnik, Charles Wang and Andy Xu as well as faculty advisor Giorgio Casinovi, coach Patty Tucker and all the local players who prepared these collegians so well.

Martin J. Nathan

Bridge Clubs

Midtown Bridge Club

First Presbyterian Church (Wednesday)
1328 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309

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Save the Date!

2018 Summer North American Bridge Championships

by Judy Fendrick



We are honored that Atlanta was chosen by ACBL to host the 2018 Summer NABC tournament (also known as Nationals), as well as the 2023 Fall NABC. It is a tribute to our outstanding volunteers who made the 2013 Summer NABC a success.

The 2018 tournament will run July 26-August 5 at the Marriott Marquis downtown.

Joe Sherwood and I are co-chairs for the tournament and have been working with our local committee chairs over the last 18 months and will continue finalizing plans with ACBL over the next 12.

If you've never been to a National Tournament, it is a great opportunity to compete against players from all over the world. The schedule will provide National and Regionally-rated events for players at all levels, plus Gold Rush events daily. In addition to entertainment and great food, there will be well-known guest speakers that you won't want to miss. Game times for National events will be at 1:00 and 7:30.

We will provide more details as they become available. Stay tuned!

Directory and Partner Finder

by Rob Epstein

Have you created your (free) account on the new DBAA web site? Many have, but many more still need to enroll. The new web site includes a partner-matching tool. To use this tool, just create an account with Pianola (see below). Once enrolled, players can advertise for a game and control who sees their profile, meaning there'll be no awkward conversations.

Also, the new DBAA web site allows you to enroll in the DBAA directory. The membership directory has been created by our members signing up with Pianola, a free service provided by the DBAA. The directory is opt-in so you decide whether or not you want to be included.

To sign up with Pianola, click [here](#) to create your account. If that link doesn't work, or you are having any other difficulty setting up your account, please contact:

Sue Williams - szw2584@gmail.com

Rob Epstein - rbpstn@bellsouth.net

You can of course use the DBAA web site without being a member; its open to anyone. Without a sign-up, however, you won't have access to the Online Directory or be in the Print Directory. The Partner Finder will also not be available. Sign up now so you don't miss out.

Limited Games – Up to 500 MPs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Roswell DBC 11:00 0-500	Ruff 'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)	Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Bridge Club of Atlanta 10:00 **0-50	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 **0-100
Atlanta DBC 11:00 **0-100		Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300 6:00 0-20	Atlanta DBC 11:00 **0-299	Alpharetta DBC 10:00 **0-20	
Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300					

** The director will stay after the game to go over hands and answer your questions.

You can find the web pages for each club – including phone numbers, addresses and directions – starting on page 1 of this newsletter or on our web page at www.dbaa.us. Just click on Club Websites on the menu along the left side of the home page.

The Longest Day

by Arlene Tauber

“The Longest Day” is the feature charitable event of the ACBL every year, having thus far raised over half a million dollars to combat Alzheimer’s disease. The BCA Team raised over \$58,000 this year by having special events like our Wine and Cheese Dinner, our New Pot Luck Dinner and a Swiss Team game. Everyone was so generous this year with not only their money but their time. We could never have done all that we did without all of you. We are a team and together one day we will help eradicate this disease. Helen Browdy and I want to thank all of you, especially Sam Marks who donated every entry fee he received from the Longest Day and also from our Swiss Team night.



Arlene and Helen

We finished second in the ACBL once again this year.

Editor’s Note: While Arlene and Helen won’t tell you, the pair has been recognized by both the ACBL and the Alzheimer’s Association for their exceptional efforts in raising funds to combat this disease.

21 Rules of Being a Good Partner

by Marty Bergen

(Part 1 of 2)

"I have always believed that your attitude toward your partner is as important as your technical skill at the game." – Rixi Markus, one of the all-time great players.

Before you sit down to discuss what you are playing, you should start your partnership off on the right note. Half the battle of winning is being a good partner. Always observe the following:

1. Do not give lessons, unless you are being paid to do so. *"According to an evening paper, there are only five real authorities on bridge in this country. Odd how often one gets one of them as a partner."* – Punch (British magazine).
2. Never say anything to your partner unless you would want him to say the same to you. If you are unsure whether your partner would want you to say something, don't.
3. Never "result" (criticize your partner for a normal action just because it did not work this time).
4. Unless your intent is to clear up a misunderstanding, avoid discussing the hand just played. If you cannot resist, be discreet.
5. Remember -- you and your partner are on the same side.
6. Do not forget that your partner wants to win as much as you do.
7. If you feel the urge to be nasty, sarcastic, critical or loud, excuse yourself and take a walk.
8. When there is time between hands, do not discuss bridge.
9. When you want to consult another player about a disaster, ask about your hand, not your partner's.
10. Do not ever criticize or embarrass your partner in front of others.
11. Remember that bridge is only a card game.

10 more coming in November

The More Things Change...

"It is a miracle to me that, in all the literature of bridge, there is not a single chapter on 'How to Pass.'" – Ely Culbertson (1891-1955)

Sportsperson of the Year

by Roz Howell



The Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta (DBAA) has established an annual award for the Sportsperson of the Year (SPOTY). This person is honored for their **admirable ethical behavior and strong sense of fair play over an extended period of time and for their outstanding pleasant and gracious comportment at the table.**

The award is available to any member of the DBAA regardless of their level of achievement in bridge.

Nominations for the 2017 Sportsperson of the Year are open now. Any DBAA player may nominate a candidate. Nominations must be received by the SPOTY Committee no later than October 1st. You may email or snail mail your nominations to any of the committee members listed below. DBAA board members, SPOTY committee members and former winners are not eligible.

A successful nomination will refer to the criteria highlighted above and will **include specific examples.** Generally, it should be no more than one page, typed or hand written. You may nominate more than one person and a person may be nominated more than once. Voting will be by the DBAA Board at the scheduled October 14, 2017 meeting.

Each year the DBAA awards SPOTY free plays for all of its sectional tournaments in the following calendar year along with a certificate so stating. In addition, his/her name will be added to a large plaque displayed with all the DBAA honorees.

Current Unit 253 members who may have been selected while members of Unit 114 are included in the list of DBAA SPOTY winners. Past winners include:

2016	Bert Ward	2000	Patty Tucker
2013	Mike Sheldon	1990	Kevin Collins
2012	Priscilla Smith & Ron Torre	1985	Sara Medlin
2011	Mike Kovacich	1983	Jack Feagin
2010	Josie Mitchell	1982	Roger Roemmich
2009	Carey Snider	1979	Myldred Kelly
2007	Claudia Feagin	1975	Bob Duval

Please give this outstanding honor your serious attention and send your nominations as soon as possible to any of us:

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Tournament Schedule August 2017 — August 2018

Atlanta offers players so many opportunities to play in tournaments and earn those coveted pigmented points. Here's what's on tap for the upcoming twelve months.

Make your plans now to play in all of these tournaments!

August 21-27	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
August 29 - September 4	Atlanta Regional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
November 8-12	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
December 11-17	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
February 12-18	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
February 21-25	DBAA Sectional	DoubleTree Perimeter Hotel
May 30 - June 3	DBAA Sectional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
June 15-17	Non-Life Master	Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club
July 26 – August 5	20018 Atlanta	Marriott Marquis
August 20-26	District 7 ST@C	Your Club

Tournament schedules are always subject to change.

DBAA Game Schedule

By Pete Martin

The DBAA game is held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club, 5 Dunwoody Park, Atlanta. Info about the game can be found at dbaa.us. The game is open to all players (no masterpoint limit) and it is stratified to give everyone a chance to do well and win masterpoints.

August 02	Club Championship (Double points)
August 09	NAP Qualifier (Triple points)
August 16	AJB Charity (Double points)
August 23	District 7 ST@C
August 30	NO GAME (Atlanta Labor Day Regional)
September 06	International Fund (Double points)
September 13	International Fund (Double points)
September 20	International Fund (Double points)
September 27	International Fund (Double points)
October 04	Club Appreciation Pairs (Triple points)
October 11	ACBL Charity
October 18	NABC Fund Raiser
October 25	Club Appreciation Teams (Triple points)

In addition, please welcome our new director Joe Velardita! We thank Miles Duke for his many years of directing the Wednesday evening game, and we will hopefully see Miles from time to time when Joe is not available.

Zero Tolerance

by Ron Torre

Playing in Greenville against two lovely ladies from central Georgia, I asked if they had been to the Memorial Day Sectional in Atlanta. I then asked them if they enjoyed playing in the Open Pairs game; they commented there were three or four tables where the opponents totally ignored them when they sat down to play. They continued to talk about strategy/conventions/game results and failed to say "hello" or even acknowledge the ladies. They said they left the tournament with a bad taste. I don't know if they will return.

We have all heard the "war stories" of years gone past where a player would hit his partner for failing to make a proper lead or players would ridicule their opponents for poor play at the table. Zero Tolerance (ZT) has eliminated those situations. BUT there is more to Zero Tolerance.

The purpose of ZT is to create a pleasant environment for players. This means:

Being a good 'host' or 'guest' at the table.

Greeting others in a friendly manner.

Praising the bidding and/or play of the opponents

Having two clearly completed convention cards readily available to the opponents. (This one is part of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge, not just a nicety)

You represent all of Atlanta when you are sitting at the table. And that means **you** can have a great impact – positive or negative – on our tournaments' success. When your opponents arrive at your table, acknowledge them and be friendly. You don't have to become life-long friends, but if you are talking to your partner about strategy or mistakes in bidding, STOP !! Acknowledge your opponents' presence. Say "hello", maybe add "how are you?" A "where are you from?" can go a long way. While this should be the responsibility of North or South, East/West can contribute as they move from table to table. Regardless of what your partner may have just done, **you** should feel obligated to make the guests feel welcome.

Should the above seem silly or too much for your partnership, then it is suggested you ask for an East/West entry. Then all you have to do when you move is sit down and say "hello" and let North/South make the next move in courtesy.

The opponents that sit down at your table could be silly or poor players, BUT every player contributes to the game. They help make a larger field and thus help you in playing the game you enjoy.

There are three kinds of bridge players:

1. Those who can count, and
2. Those who can't.

August September October

Upcoming Special Games

The ACBL and the DBAA offer many special games to clubs, giving you the opportunity to maximize your masterpoints. The ACBL events often include expert hand analyses. Here is what is on tap for the upcoming three months.

Thursday, August 17 (day)	Unity Charity Championship for Atlanta Junior Bridge
Wednesday, October 25 (afternoon)	*ACBL-wide Instant Matchpoint Game

* Includes hand records with expert analyses

August is the last month in which you can qualify in clubs for the North American Pairs (NAP) District Finals in November. (If you and partner are Non-Life Masters with less than 500 points each, your District Finals are right here in Atlanta.)

Throughout September clubs can run International Fund games – check your club’s calendar for any it is holding. A portion of each entry fee goes to support players representing North America in International competition.

October is Club Appreciation month and the ACBL lets each club run lots of these extra point games.

Board Meetings

DBAA/Unit 253 Board meetings are open to all members. Come see how hard we all work to enhance your enjoyment of bridge through our various activities and programs. You might even find an opportunity to volunteer. Meetings are held Saturday mornings at Bridge Club of Atlanta from 9:30 to 11:30, unless otherwise noted.

Here is the *tentative* schedule for the rest of 2017.

August 29 * October 14 December 9

* Special location: we’re holding this meeting at the Ravinia, just before the first session of the Atlanta Regional. We don’t have a room number yet. Starting at 10am.

Bridge Lesson

Four Rules for Third Hand Play

- Add your points to what you see in dummy and determine how many are left. Then quickly review the bidding in your mind and try to determine what is the most and least high cards declarer and partner may each hold.

If you are slow in doing this or determining which card to play, it may be best to say, "I want to think about the hand for a moment."

- From your partner's opening lead card, make an educated guess about his holdings in the suit led; then reflect on your holding and that of dummy. A general rule is third hand high but you must know the standard exceptions. Your bridge teacher can help you here but while you wait check out:

<https://www.larryco.com/bridge-learning-center/detail/697> or

<http://www.northerncoloradobridge.com/archives/playerscorner/ThirdHandPlayOnDefense.htm>

- Each week I see players making mistakes that could easily be avoided by simply applying the RULE OF ELEVEN.

The Rule of 11 is a mathematical corollary to fourth-best leads. It enables the third hand player to count how many cards declarer holds which are higher than the opening lead. The Rule works as follows:

1. Subtract the opening lead spot card from 11.
2. Next subtract the number of cards in dummy that are higher than the card led.
3. Finally, subtract the number of cards in your hand that are higher than the card led.

The final number equals how many higher cards declarer holds in the suit. Here's an example.

North Deals, None Vul	
3NT by South	
♠ K 5 2	
♥ 9 8 7	
♦ K Q J 5 3	
♣ J 4	
♠ Q J 8 7	♠ A T 9 3
♥ Q 5 4 3	♥ J 2
♦ T 7 6	♦ 4 2
♣ T 7	♣ A 9 8 5 3
● 6 4	
♥ A K T 6	
♦ A 9 8	
♠ K Q 6 2	

East assumes that the ♠ 7 is fourth highest from the longest and strongest suit of his partner. East calculates four cards HIGHER ($11 - 7 = 4$) than the ♠ 7. East can see all of these four cards: the ♠ K in the dummy, Ace-10-9 in his own hand.

If declarer calls for the King, East plays the ♠ A and returns a spade. With this lead, East-West win four spade tricks and the setting trick is the ♣ A.

If declarer play lows on the first trick, East lets the ♠ 7 ride! He knows that there is no HIGHER spade in the declarer's hand. West continues the suit and the ♠ K is trapped. There is no way that declarer will take a spade trick. East-West set the contract by applying the Rule of Eleven.

- Always **memorize** the first trick.

Thanks to Jack Feagin for this important lesson

Atlanta Labor Day Regional

by Judy Fendrick, Co-Chair

The Atlanta Labor Day Regional is one of the largest Regionals in District 7, usually second only to Gatlinburg. This year's tournament will run August 29-September 4 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia. Jack Feagin, Tournament Chair, has lined up some great volunteers who will work in Prizes, Partnership, Hospitality, Information Desk and Intermediate/Novice programs.



Two-session events will be held at 10:00 and 2:30 each day, except for Tuesday which is 1:30 and 7:30, plus night games at 7:30. Our premier event is the Lou Bluhm Knockout, which includes Open (seeded) and Bracketed (0-6000). We will have **Gold Rush** events daily, as well as five days of mid-flight (0-3000) games. Tournament flyer: <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2017/09/1709015.pdf>

Information for those who have never attended the Labor Day Regional:

- The hotel has **free covered parking** or valet. Alternatively, you can park across the street at Perimeter Mall.
- If you need a partner, the **Partnership Desk** will be open one hour before game time.
- **Hospitality** will be provided in the foyer on several days, which will include ice cream.
- The tournament **hospitality suite** is Room 1521. Becky Butler is the Hospitality Chair and does a great job each year. The hospitality suite will be open on Tuesday night after the evening session. Light appetizers, sweets and drinks will be provided. Check the Daily Bulletin each day for the time that the hospitality suite will be open.
- **Prizes** will be given in the Prize Room for players who have a section top and team winners. Free play certificates are given for winners of multiple session events at all levels of play.
- On Wednesday, players with 0-5 masterpoints can **play free all day**.
- There will be a **party for Intermediate/Novice players**. Check for details in the Welcome Bulletin.
- We will give out **souvenir appliqués** that many people like to put on their convention card holder.
- **Free lectures** on a variety of bridge topics will be provided daily by bridge experts from Atlanta and around the country. The schedule will be in the Daily Bulletin and posted in the foyer; the lectures will generally be at 9:15, 1:15 and 6:45.
- Players who have opted in will receive their tournament results and the Daily Bulletin electronically through **Fast Results**.

If you have any questions about the tournament, feel free to contact Jack Feagin or Judy Fendrick. Contact information is on the tournament flyer. We look forward to seeing you at the Ravinia!

Strike Gold!

by Judy Fendrick, Atlanta Regional Co-Chair

Players often ask **“How do I get my Gold?”** The upcoming Atlanta Regional (Aug 29-Sept 4) will have many opportunities for you to earn gold points in pair and team events. To win gold, **you have to play in an event that lasts two sessions or longer and the event must have an upper limit of at least 750 master points.**

Bracketed Knockouts

You will get gold points if you **win your first two matches of a Knockout.** Teams that finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd/4th in their bracket win gold. Team games are generally 4-session events. The amount of gold points awarded will depend on the average MP holding of your team. Teams that **average 750** points or more per player will receive 100% gold. Teams averaging less than 750 points will earn 1/4 to 1/2 gold, depending on their average.



Bracketed KOs are fun and a good way to earn gold because **you only play the teams in your bracket**, and the brackets are based on average points for the whole team. The Atlanta schedule has bracketed team events daily, plus Gold Rush Swiss on Monday:

Tuesday – Lou Bluhm Bracketed KO (0-6000)

Wednesday – Nadine Wood Bracketed KO

Thursday – Barb Borah Bracketed KO

Friday – Bracketed Flight B Teams

Saturday – Dickie Freeman Bracketed KO plus 2-Night Gold Rush Swiss Teams

Sunday – Bracketed Swiss Teams

Monday – Gold Rush Swiss Teams

Open and Mid-Flight Pairs

Open and Mid-Flight Pairs are 2-session events. Gold points are awarded for finishing in the overalls after playing both sessions. Mid-Flight is limited to players with 3000 MPs.

300/750 Gold Rush Pairs or Swiss

Gold Rush events are two sessions. You must finish in the overalls in the top stratum (0-750) to win gold points. No one in Gold Rush events can have over 750 points.

Side Game Series

The Side Game Series consists of single session events. The field has no master point limit. To win gold, you need to finish first in your section (first N/S or E/W) **AND** play a second session in that Series to convert those points to gold. Or, win gold by finishing first in the overalls for the entire series.



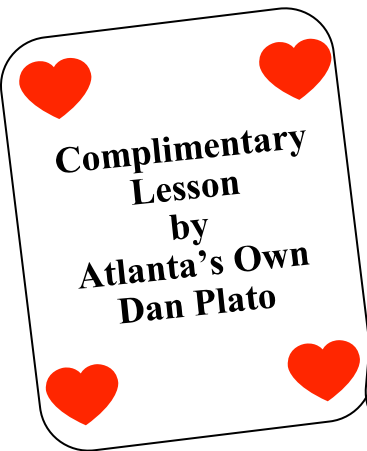
SAVE THE DATE !



Godfrey's Grand Slam Bridge Benefit

Sunday October 8, 2017
12:30 PM Sign-In

Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center
5 Dunwoody Park South #118, Atlanta, GA 30338
Look for Registration Forms in August



Proceeds Go to The Center for Spina Bifida Prevention

Every year 200,000 babies are born with Spina Bifida.

Dr. Godfrey Oakley, bridge player and Director of the Center for Spina Bifida Prevention at Emory University, says this paralyzing birth defect can be largely prevented worldwide in 10 years by adding folic acid to refined grains.



PLAY A HAND IN THE FIGHT AGAINST SPINA BIFIDA

