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President's Letter

To our Intermediate/Novice Players:

(The rest of you are free to listen in.)



We have lots of goodies for you in the November sectional. And well we should, as more than half our membership has less than 500 points. We still have that great centrally located site at the Marriott Perimeter.

In addition to our usual assortment of 0-50 and Non-Life Master games awarding silver points, the Sunday Swiss is a DBAA Championship. This is the first time within memory (read: ever?) that your unit has run such a limited championship event. Here's your chance to get your name on the wall!

On Saturday you can compete in the finals of the District 7 North American Pairs (NAP). You had to first qualify in your club; if you're not sure, check with your club manager. Of the three NAP flights, only "C" is held at three locations, and we are fortunate that Atlanta is one of them. The winner here, and perhaps the runner-up, wins the right to represent the District in the ACBL finals at the Kansas City Nationals in March. The ACBL and/or District 7 will even subsidize your trip. Here's your chance to win a national bridge event!

In our efforts to make our sectionals feel more like regional events, we are adding two lectures to our schedule. (We'll do more at future sectionals if these are well attended.) Do you know how to read those game results posted on your club's wall and web site? Do you understand how matchpoint scoring works? I will explain it all on Friday morning at 9:15. Tournament Co-chair Ron Torre will speak before the Saturday morning session on a topic to be determined.

New members are the lifeblood of duplicate bridge and we have a free 0-20 game Thursday morning to introduce them (non-members welcome too) to tournament bridge.

See you at the Marriott Perimeter. And good luck.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Nathan".

Marty Nathan

Bridge Clubs

KSU Bridge Club

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Midtown Bridge Club

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Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club

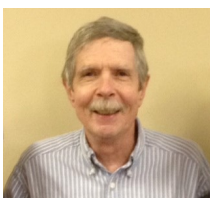
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LET'S PLAY NICE!

by Janice Ripley



Those are words we probably all heard from our parents, teachers, and other adults as we were growing up. They are words that apply to many aspects of life, not just the game of bridge! The

DBAA/Unit 253 annually selects a 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, as well as for their outstandingly pleasant and gracious comportment at the table.

The DBAA is pleased to announce BERT WARD is the player on whom this prestigious title is bestowed for 2017.

Bert was nominated by several players from our Unit. Across the board, the comments used to describe him were such as these....a true gentleman at the table, as well as away from the table; considerate, ethical, non-judgmental; never critical of partner's play or opponent's play; never providing "lessons" at the table; easy going demeanor, courteous, warm and kind. Those are just a few of the ways Bert was described. He obviously meets all the requirements to be called Unit 253 SPOTY.

Congratulations Bert! He will receive free plays for all DBAA Sectional Tournaments in 2017 as a way of our saying "great job" and thanks for making bridge enjoyable for all.

Bridge Teachers

When Starbucks wants to sell more coffee, they open more stores. When the bridge community wants more players, we turn to our teachers. Bridge teachers are the lifeblood of the game. While they do help each of us to learn to play better, their vital role is to bring in new players. New customers are the key to any enterprise; given an average age around 70 for ACBL members, they are especially critical to the future of duplicate bridge.

We've added even more teachers to our already exceptional list of talent in the Atlanta area. Whether you are looking to raise your game to the next level or know someone who wants to join our ranks, check out the list of Atlanta teachers at www.DBAA.us.

Help Wanted

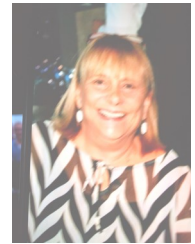
Want to help others improve their bridge game? Saint Anne's Terrace Retirement Community is looking for someone to help out with their bridge group that meets on Fridays. They are located near the corner of Northside Parkway and Moores Mill Road in Northwest Atlanta. You can contact David Brooks, Director of Resident Services at dbrooks@saintannesterrace.org for more information as to their needs and your compensation.

While this position does not require teaching per se, you may find you want to do so. The DBAA can find a teacher to work with you.

Duplicate Bridge Game for Social Bridge Players Was a Huge Success!

by Sue Williams

Thanks to a great group of volunteers, **Patty Tucker, Patti Ross, Ina Parry, DiAnne Smith, Jan Noll, Bev Wilkinson, Helen Browdy, Arlene Tauber, Sue Jackson, Tom Stuetzer and Roz Howell**. The DBAA had a very successful Duplicate Bridge Game for Social Bridge Players the morning of August 30 at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia.



Eighteen tables of social bridge players were provided with basic duplicate instructions from Patty Tucker and, with the help of volunteers, played a sanctioned game with the winners earning master points! All attending were enthusiastic about the game. Several pairs stayed to play that afternoon in the 0-50 Pairs at our Regional.

The participants received a 'goodie bag' with information about local duplicate bridge clubs and local teachers, as well as information supplied by ACBL about duplicate bridge and the services they provide. Baron Barclay also supplied a convention card cover and information about their products. Thanks to the DBAA and Jack Feagin, each participant received a free play at the regional tournament and a free play at a local participating club.

The comments from participants when the event was completed were very positive, with many sending emails asking when the next event was being held! Based on our history with this event, you'll be seeing a lot of them at your club.

Tournament Schedule November 2016 – October 2017

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!

November 9-13	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
December 12-18	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
January 30-February 5, 2017	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
March 1-5	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
May 25-29	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
June 16-18	NLM<500	Ruff n Sluff Bridge Club
August 21-27	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
August 29-September 4	Atlanta Regional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia

We've had almost all positive feedback on the Marriott Perimeter Center. It's a great playing space and a central location. (Yes, it is Atlanta and there is traffic, but that's true for any location.) We're hoping to be there for most of our future sectionals.

Thinking Bridge

South Deals	♠ A 9 7 2		
None Vul	♥ 4 2		
	♦ K Q 10 5		
	♣ A J 7		
♠ 10 5 4 3		♠ Q	
♥ 8 5 3		♥ Q 10 9 7 6	
♦ A 7		♦ 9 8 6 4	
♣ 10 8 6 2		♣ Q 9 5	
	♠ K J 8 6		
	♥ A K J		
	♦ J 3 2		
	♣ K 4 3		

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT ¹
Pass	4 ♣ ²	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	4 ♠ ³

- 15-17
- Key Card Gerber for spades
- Two key cards (of the four aces and the ♠ K) but not the ♠ Q

Lead: ♦ A

South opens a standard 1 NT. North bids Stayman and finds out partner has four spades but not four hearts. North has two issues to think about. First, the partnership has 29-31 high cards between them, so might there be a slam in the hand? North might reason as follows, "There aren't enough high card points for 6 NT. Both hands are likely to be flat, and we are unlikely to take 12 tricks on power. We only have five hearts between us, and Partner might not have enough strength in hearts to hold off the opponents until 12 tricks are established. Finally, my spade spots are terrible. So 6 NT is out."

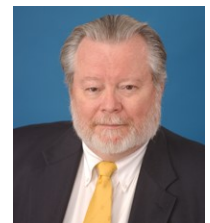
Second issue: A spade slam is still possible. This partnership plays that a jump to 4 ♣ here is Key Card Gerber for spades. North finds out they are missing a key card and the trump queen. North settles for 4 ♠, figuring it should be a decent score at matchpoints and South's heart holding won't be threatened with West on lead. (Note: the real matchpoint winner would be 3 NT but only on this lie of the cards.)

When played a few weeks ago at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club, West led the ♦ A and a

small diamond. (Not my choice of leads. Perhaps a small club would be better.) How should Declarer play the trump suit? From the lead, Declarer suspected West was trying to set up a diamond ruff and therefore likely to have some trump length. Missing both the queen and ten of trumps and with suspected trump length with West, Declarer chose to win the ♦ K in dummy at trick two and lead a low spade towards his king, intending to lead the jack on the way back. This would guard against QTxx in West's hand. This would hold the defense to at most one trump trick, and if East should happen to have ten and small, Declarer could pick up the suit without a loss. Declarer's line of play would fail if East started with ♠ Qx and West held ten third along with the doubleton ♦ A. In that case, West would get her diamond ruff, but Declarer would still make ten tricks for his contract.

On the actual layout, when a small spade was led from dummy at trick three, the ♠ Q popped up. Declarer won the King, played a small spade to the nine, and cashed the ♠ A. He then played the ♥ AK and ruffed the jack with Dummy's last trump. He returned to his hand with the ♣ K and drew West's last trump with the ♠ J, pitching the ♣ J from dummy. The ♣ A and high diamonds took the rest of the tricks. Making six, for 9 of 11 matchpoints.

Thanks to John Hassett for contributing this interesting hand with tips on bidding and play.



Limited Games – Up to 500 MPs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Roswell DBC 11:00 0-500	Alpharetta DBC 12:00 0-500	Atlanta DBC 1:00 0-199 (12:30 lesson)	Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Alpharetta DBC 12:00 0-500	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-50
Atlanta DBC 11:00 0-50	Ruff 'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300		Atlanta DBC 11:00 0-299	
		Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)		Bridge Club of Atlanta 10:00 0-50	

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 numbers next to the times reflect masterpoint limits. A 0-20 game would be mostly those new to duplicate while 0-500 would have more experienced but not expert players.

Warning about Old Free Play Coupons

When the DBAA became Unit 253 in April 2015, our members were still holding coupons for club free plays issued by our old Unit 114. The DBAA as Unit 253 has honored those free plays. We will continue to do so until December 31, 2016. Drag them out of that “miscellaneous” drawer in your kitchen or your jewelry box and use them in these last two months. To be clear, this expiration date does NOT apply to any free plays issued by the DBAA (Unit 253). They either will have no expiration date or one will be noted on the certificate.



Upcoming Special Games

DBAA Game Schedule

The DBAA game is held on Wednesday nights at 7PM at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center at its new Dunwoody location.

<p>Nov 2 ACBL Membership Game</p> <p>Nov 9 NO GAME (Atlanta Fall Sectional)</p> <p>Nov 16 AJB Charity (Double Points)</p> <p>Nov 23 NO GAME (Day Before Thanksgiving)</p> <p>Nov 30 District 7 Fund/ Foundation Game</p> <p>Dec 7 Club Championship (Double Points)</p> <p>Dec 14 District 7 ST@C (Silver Points)</p> <p>Dec 21 ACBL-Wide International Fund #3</p> <p>Dec 28 ACBL Charity (Double Points)</p> <p>Jan 4 Junior Fund (Double Points)</p> <p>Jan 11 Junior Fund (Double Points)</p> <p>Jan 18 GNT Qualifer (Teams Only)</p> <p>Jan 25 Junior Fund (Double Points)</p>	<p>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's on tap for the upcoming three months</p> <p>Monday, November 7, (night) Unit Championship</p> <p>Monday, November 14, (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Tuesday, November 1 (day) Unit Charity Championship for Atlanta Junior Bridge</p> <p>Wednesday, November 16, (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Tuesday, November 22 (night) * ACBL-wide Charity Game</p> <p>Thursday, December 1 (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Tuesday, December 6 (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Saturday, December 10 (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Friday, December 16 (day) Unit Championship</p> <p>Wednesday, December 21 (night) * ACBL-wide International Fund Game</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Includes hand record with expert analysis of all boards</p> <p>Through all of January clubs can run Junior Fund Games – check your club's calendar for any it is holding. A portion of each entry fee goes to support our top young players.</p>
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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. We have one left this year on December 10; here is the tentative schedule for 2017.

January 14	March 4	April 15
June 3	July 15	August 26
October 14	December 9	

SuperSectional Coming Right Up

by Ron Torre



The Autumn SuperSectional begins on November 9th. We're back at the Marriott Perimeter. **FREE** parking for local players. The gate should be open when you arrive. If not, take a parking ticket and we will provide you with an exit pass.

Need a partner? Just call Nancy Motes at 678-522-9020 and she'll do her best to find someone at your level. Nancy does a great job and found a partner for all at our summer sectional.

We encourage you to stay at this class hotel. Rolling out of bed at 9:30 AM and walking downstairs to the playing area beats Atlanta traffic any day. Just use this link.

[Book your group rate for Winter Sectional Bridge Tournament](#)

For intermediate and novice players, see [Marty Nathan's President's Letter](#) for events just for you.

For all players, you can find the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see you there.



Atlanta, GA Autumn SuperSectional November 9-13, 2016

Presented by

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta

Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center

246 Perimeter Center Parkway NE

Atlanta, GA 30346, (770) 394-6500, (800) 228-9290

Room rate: \$124 Wednesday / \$99 Thursday-Sunday

- ⇒ Bring the family and enjoy the great city of Atlanta. Play bridge in a sectional like no other. All silver points at a tournament that looks, feels and acts like a regional.
 - ⇒ 3 three-session knockout events plus two compact knockouts. Play in groups with your peers, random draw every round.
 - ⇒ Lots of strati-flighted events including 0-50 and 0-500 MP games, catering to players with varying masterpoint totals.
 - ⇒ One of three sites for the Flight C North American Pairs
District 7 final on Saturday.
 - ⇒ Newcomers and intermediates will enjoy unprecedented opportunities at a sectional... free lessons, trophies, and more.
 - ⇒ Free 30-minute lesson at 9:15am Friday and Saturday.
 - ⇒ Friday and Saturday night games use the regional masterpoint scale, that award about 30% more MP than normal.
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Atlanta Autumn Super Sectional

November 9-13, 2016

Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center, Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Leaf Pile Knockouts 10
Continue at 2 Wed & 10 Thur

Open Pairs 10

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 10

Hot Cocoa Compact Knockouts 2
Continue at 10 Thur

StratiFlight A Pairs (0-3000, 3000+) 2

StratiFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500) 2
0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 2

Open Swiss Teams 7:30

Open Pairs 7:30

Non-LM Pairs 7:30

Thursday, Nov. 10

StratiFlight A Pairs (0-5000, 5000+) 10
StratiFlight B Pairs

(0-750, 750-1500, 1500-3000) 10

FREE 0-20 Newcomer Pairs 10
Mini-lesson, slow-paced silver point game

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 10

Maple Leaf Knockouts 2
Continue at 10 & 2 Friday

StratiFlight A Pairs (0-3000, 3000+) 2

StratiFlight B Pairs (0-750, 750-1500) 2

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 2

Swiss Teams 7:30

Open Pairs 7:30

Non-LM Pairs 7:30

Friday, Nov. 11

Frozen Breath Compact Knockouts 10
Continue at 2

Open Pairs 10

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 10

StratiFlight A Pairs (0-5000, 5000+) 2

StratiFlight B Pairs
(0-750, 750-1500, 1500-3000) 2

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 2

*Open Swiss Teams 7:30

*Open Pairs 7:30

Saturday, Nov. 12

Youth Pairs

Georgia State Championship 10

Open Pairs 10

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 10

Migration Knockouts 10
Continue at 2 & 7:30

North American Pairs District Final

Flight C (NLM <500) 2 & 7:30

Prequalification required

StratiFlight A Pairs (0-5000, 5000+) 2
StratiFlight B Pairs

(0-750, 750-1500, 1500-3000) 2

0-50 & Non-LM Pairs 2

*Open Swiss Teams 7:30

*Open Pairs 7:30

*Non-LM Pairs 7:30

Sunday, Nov. 13 Events end by 5 PM

Open and Non-LM Swiss Teams Championship

StratiFlight A Swiss Teams

(0-5000, 5000+) 10 & TBA

StratiFlight B Swiss Teams (0-750,
750-1500, 1500-3000) 10 & TBA

Non-Life Master

Swiss Teams 10 & TBA Open
One session NLM teams accommodated

Open & Non-LM Pairs 10 / 2

- ◆ Knockouts are bracketed, random draw but no playbacks
- ◆ Knockouts, including compacts, with 1 or 2 brackets may be handicapped
- ◆ *games; regional rating for MP awards

Stratification

Unless otherwise noted, Open Pairs
and Open Swiss Teams: 0-750, 7
50-3000, 3000+

Non-LM: 0-100, 100-200, 200-500
0-50 games: 0-5, 5-20, 20-50

Stratification based on pair/team avg