



## The Bridge Hub February 2024 Deanna Stewart and Sherry Kinkopf

We are back again. Here is what is happening in our unit.

### President's Report: Sherry Kinkopf

**We are off to a great start.** We have just had our sectional tournament. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was so uplifting to see everyone pull together and show off our Hattiesburg hospitality.

We also recently participated in STAC week through District 10. Monday at the RKDC we had 5 tables. Three pairs made the overalls out of 76 tables: Peggy Brian/Louann Knight; Skip Dews/Patsy Fagan; and Sherry Kinkopf/ Martin Booda. Wednesday's game at the HDBC had 8 ½ tables. Five pairs made the overalls out of 60 ½ tables: Deanna Stewart/ Sherry Kinkopf (2nd); Tommie Wright/Sandra Baggett; Jane Shurden/Cathy Gersh; Skip Dews/Patsy Fagan; and Cathy Garner/Lynn Stuart. Friday's game at the HDBC had five tables. Three pairs made the overall out of 65 tables: Janice Kirkpatrick/ Sandra Baggett (5th); Sue Hegwood /Linda Valentine; and Sue Cunningham/ Lynn Stuart. First through fifth place district wide gets a multiplier on the number of points won for the day!

### Director's section: Deanna Stewart

In the last newsletter we reviewed leads out of turn. In this newsletter we will continue our journey through the Big Five "Boo Boos" that occur at the bridge table. This time we will look at the **REVOKE**.

*Featuring: by Sherry Kinkopf*



**Diane Cameron**

Like many bridge players, Diane Cameron's journey is long and fragmented by time and place. Diane recalls that her mother-in-law, Yvonne Lewis (her late husband's mother) was the first person she encountered who played bridge. Yvonne was a "master player", according to Dianne, and she traveled to tournaments regularly. "She was very clever with her play and dedicated to the game—none of her children played and I was the first family member to take an interest" Diane remembers. As a young mother, Dianne decided she wanted to learn the craft and took lessons in downtown Hattiesburg at what is now the cultural center. Joined by friends Martha Johnson, Gail Moore, and Rosi Johnson, her journey began some 52 years ago.

Because Diane was a teacher by day, she was only able to play party bridge in the evenings. Try as she might to enjoy both bridge and family, she soon discovered that she didn't have the time to play bridge, teach school, and have a toddler. Life and family took Diane away from bridge and Hattiesburg for some years. She moved back in 2004. It was at this time that her interest in bridge resurfaced. Diane laughs and says that "I took lessons from just about anyone in Hattiesburg that would teach me: Janet Slay, Ellen White, Bobo Shearer, Linda Valentine, and Tommie Wright. Diane says it has been good for her to have had so many talented teachers. With a renewed interest, she found her home again in party bridge from 2004 to 2014 with a group of 8 ladies who gathered regularly for the cards, socialization and the friendships that bridge offers. After her retirement in 2008, Diane played with friends regularly. But, all good things come to an end and a duplicate bridge came calling to this tight group of friends.

In 2014, her friend , Betty Archer and several other ladies from her Timberton group, discovered a duplicate bridge game. The group disbanded to go on and try their "hand" at this new version of bridge. Diane recalls that bridge gave her something to do with her time in her retirement years. Diane remembers how fascinating the scoring was in duplicate compared to party bridge—she enjoyed learning how she fared in each game compared to the other players in the club. "It's so different to compare yourself to others", she says. She may not consider herself as much of a student of bridge as she should be for the sake of my partners, but Diane's love of the game and her friends keeps her coming back each week. Diane says that "I compare it

(bridge) to golf—I understand what “making a great shot in golf” is like, because if I have a decent score in a bridge game it makes me want to go back for more. “I still enjoy the challenge of bridge”.

A photograph of a tall, white water tower with a cylindrical top section. The word "Hattiesburg" is written in a light blue font on the top section. The tower is set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the background, there are trees and a building.

### **Did you know? By Deanna Stewart**

### **ACBL MASTERPOINT PLAN: <https://www.acbl.org/masterpoints/>**

The ACBL masterpoint plan is the way of ranking yourself against other members of the organization. It is designed to promote achievement in steps of accomplishment. To achieve higher and higher ranks, one must broaden the level of competition beyond the local club. That is why there are different colors of points. We just hosted a sectional tournament which awards silver points. These tournaments are designed to draw players from about a 100 to 200 mile radius of your club to increase competition. Each level of accomplishment requires one to play in larger and larger tournaments. For our new players, we hoped you enjoyed the experience of meeting people outside of our club who also love this game and who traveled to play. Enjoy the ride through the colored points as you experience different levels of play and travel to chase the “silver and gold”!

**Congratulations to Lynn Stuart who moved up to NABC Master and Jane Shurden who achieved Silver Life Master status in January! Please congratulate these ladies when you see them.**



**“The only thing that will stop you from fulfilling your dreams is you.”**

**– Tom Bradley**

