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" Work" is a four-letter word.

Bridge is not.

Let's play bridge!



WELCOME to the first Newsletter of the Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta!

We hope you enjoy your DBAA newsletter. Send suggestions, address corrections, and e-mail addresses of anyone who has been inadvertently omitted to our editor, Mary Ann Oakley (maryann.oakley@mindspring.com). We know we lack e-mail addresses for a lot of our bridge players and want to reach EVERYONE, including players outside the DBAA region who want to read about us.

We strongly urge the club directors to submit challenging and interesting hands to share with our readers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The local planning committee is working hard to make the Atlanta Nationals special. One plan is for a hospitality room for the players to

WHAT IS THE DBAA?

The DBAA is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes duplicate bridge in the Metro Atlanta area. The DBAA sponsors a weekly game on Wednesday nights at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center, and hosts three sectional tournaments each year in the Atlanta area.

If you need a partner or are interested in taking up bridge for the first time or getting back to the game after a number of years, the DBAA can assist you. Contact: Jack Feagin - (404) 966-8469 or Jfeagin2@bellsouth.net. Additional information about DBAA may be found on the web page www.whidco.com/DBAA

DBAA games are available each Wednesday evening at 7 pm at 6761 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta (the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center). Scheduled games (subject to change -- check the web site) are:

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| May 1 | Unit 114 Championship | 2½ X Points |
| May 8 | Regular Game | |
| May 15 | ACBL Charity Game | Double Points |
| May 22 | Regular Game | |
| May 29 | NO GAME - Atlanta Sectional | |
| June 5 | NAP Qualifier | Triple Points |
| June 12 | Regular Game | |
| June 19 | Local Charity | Double points |
| June 26 | Club Championship | Double |
| points July 3 | Regular Game | |

Upcoming Tournaments

relax in between sessions as well as in the evening.. The committee has planned lots of fun and different entertainment. Please contact beckybutler35@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the entertainment hospitality suite. Nancy Motes needs volunteers for this and other areas if you are able to help. PLEASE VOLUNTEER! The tournament is being held at the downtown Hyatt Regency August 1- 11th. Opportunities are varied as to time, place and duties (no food preparation involved). There is something for YOU to do!

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Atlanta Sectional - May 23-
27 GA NABC - AUG 1-11

Roswell (Atlanta) GA Sectional - November 13-17

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Why a newsletter? I've been asked that many times in the past few months. We can look at this from two perspectives.

First the DBAA's. We are a unique organization. No one actually joins the DBAA. No one pays dues. Many don't even know they are members. (For the record, you are automatically a member if you pay your ACBL dues and live in the seven-county metro area.) The DBAA does lots of good things but we haven't had a good way to tell our members about them. While we do have a web site -- <http://whidco.com/DBAA> -- we've lacked the means to tell our members about it. Check it out; there's a lot of useful information there. In short, the DBAA needs a newsletter so it can toot its own horn with its membership.

More importantly, you. At our February board meeting there was some discussion about the direction of the DBAA. I firmly believe we should be all about our members. And that too is why we need a newsletter. We need a way to get you the information you need. We want to make your bridge experience even better.

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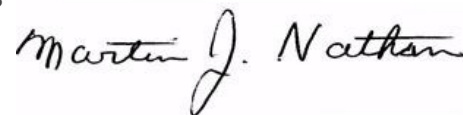
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Here's an example. As a test of our newly developed mailing list, last month we sent out a notice about the road closing in the Smokies on the way to Gatlinburg. More than 25 members expressed their thanks. When we learned that US 441 unexpectedly opened on the first day of the tournament, we got that news out within hours. And members appreciated that as well.

I want to thank Mary Ann Oakley for her efforts in making this newsletter more than just a figment of my imagination. Editing, page layout, scheduling, mailing list -- she's done it all. If you've enjoyed the newsletter, let her know next time you see her at the club. In addition, Glenda Beerman put together all the club and I/N game information.

Lastly, an appeal. No, not an NPR-like fundraiser. Rather we need your help in making this a better publication. Let us know how we can improve it. Send us articles. Send us suggestions. Send us corrections (but hopefully not too many). It is after all your newsletter.



Sweet Georgia Bridge, August 1-11, 2013

Atlanta Bridge Players of all levels have an opportunity this summer that should not be missed. Atlanta is hosting the North American Bridge Championships, NABC, fondly known as the "Nationals." Local organizers and ACBL officials have taken great pains to ensure this event will be fun and exciting for players at every strata.

There are pair and team games every day, in every time slot, for players at every

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level. Newer players can choose from 0-5, 0-20, 49ers, 99ers, 199ers, 299ers. There are Gold Rush pairs every day. Look for Happy Bridge or Bridge Plus that include a free lesson and then 14 deals with no fee. All team games, Swiss and KO, are stratified or bracketed; new and advancing players can compete at their same level. Gold points are awarded at almost every event that has at least two sessions.

No pre-registration is required and partners are readily available. There are registration gifts, table prizes, free parties and receptions, celebrity speakers, entertainment and a hospitality room with food and drink.

This is an exciting opportunity for local players that comes only once in a decade. Bridge players from all over the world will be here. It's a thrill you will never forget. Vendors will display every kind of bridge equipment, books, and accessories that you can imagine.

Most events are scheduled for 10 am and 3 pm for the convenience of commuters. There are some 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm Regional events; every night there will be the delightfully fun 11:30 pm games. The schedule has been specifically timed so that local players will not be travelling during high traffic times and can play a full schedule and still be home well before dark. Atlantans are encouraged to carpool and to take advantage of nearby parking costing only \$5 per day. MARTA runs every 10 minutes to the adjacent Peachtree Center Station for \$2.50 per trip. The Peachtree Center Mall, which is between the hotel and the MARTA train, houses 6 full-scale restaurants and 14 Food Court vendors. It's convenient for an inexpensive meal.

Here is a link to an ACBL publication that explains everything you want to know: <http://web2.acbl.org/documentlibrary/nabc/nabcwelcome.pdf>. Please devote at least one day to this event. Even if you don't play, it will be well worth your while to be there

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the 2005 Nationals in the under 20 pairs. We got 4 red points and I thought we had hung the moon. I didn't know Michaels from Jacoby transfers, but I was hooked!



CONGRATULATIONS, LOCAL LEADER

You've probably noticed the "It's Your Call" feature in your monthly Bridge Bulletin. A bidding problem is posed and various experts take a crack at finding the best call. It's a great way to practice your bidding and compare your choices to the pros.

The Bridge World has its own "Master Solver's Club," a competition with much the same format. Readers can submit their own answers and be recognized for top scores. Aficionados of this column know that our own **Sam Marks** frequently makes that list. The current issue of The Bridge World has ranked Sam second for all twelve contests of 2012. His "prize"? Sam will be a guest commentator for the next twelve months, giving his views on difficult bidding problems alongside Zia, Augie Boehm, Bobby Wolfe and so many other top players.

Congratulations to Sam on a job well done. And we are, of course, expecting near perfect answers from Atlanta's contribution to the panel!

Limited Games - NLM up to 500 MPs

Monday

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| Roswell Duplicate Bridge Club | |
| 11:00 | 0-500 |
| Play Bridge | |
| 12:00 | NLM |

Tuesday

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| Alpharetta DBC | |
| 12:00 | 0-500 |
| Atlanta DBC | |
| 7:30 | 0-500 |
| Bridge Club of Atlanta | |
| 12:00 | 0-500 |
| Ruff 'n Sluff | |
| 7:30 (7:00 lesson) | 0-300 |

Wednesday

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|------------------------|------|
| Bridge Club of Atlanta | |
| 12:00 | 0-20 |

Thursday

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| Ruff 'n Sluff | |
| 10:30 (10:00 lesson) | 0-20 |
| Play Bridge | |
| 12:00 | 0-300 |

Friday

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| Alpharetta DBC | |
| 12:00 | 0-500 |

MORE LOCALS: The St. Louis Not-So-Blues

Many DBAA players enjoyed the Spring NABC in St. Louis, and quite a few did very well in the feature events.

- **Charlie Lipman** finished 40th in the Silver pairs, a national event restricted to seniors.
- **Patty Tucker** and **Kevin Collins** placed 26th against the toughest completion in the Platinum Pairs, an event restricted to those with sufficient Platinum points. (Those make gold points look easy!)
- **Micki Chambers** was 10th in the 10K Swiss, a new event limited to those with less than 10,000 points.
- Another 10th place went to **Jenni** and **Tom Carmichael**, who represented our district in the North American Open Pairs. This feature event required qualifying both at the club level and in the District 7 finals.
- **Tom** also made the Sweet Sixteen in bridge's version of March Madness, better known as the Spingold Pairs.
- **Jenni** might actually have been singing the blues after coming oh so close in the National Mixed Pair competition, finishing 3rd overall.

Congratulations to all of those and apologies to anyone who was inadvertently left out of the list.

Saturday

Atlanta DBC
12:00 0-500
Bridge Club of Atlanta
12:00 NLM

Learn Bridge in A Day?™

Learn Bridge in A Day?™ is being held in Atlanta during the NABC at the Hyatt Regency on Tuesday, July 30 from 5:30 to 9 pm. A second session will be offered Sunday, August 4 from 1 to 6. The cost is \$20. Free parking, refreshments and class materials are included in the price.

Plans are to reach out to 25 to 35 year-olders, colleges and school teachers as well as the general public. We need volunteers to help compile a list of e-mail addresses for our area school teachers, contacts within colleges to help advertise to the students, our membership to talk to their friends, children and grandchildren and helpers at the tables. Door prizes and give-a-

TRY THIS HAND...

Second Hand High!

South Deals ♠ 5 3
Both Vul ♥ A J 10 5 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ 8 7 6

♠ 10 7 4 ♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ Q 8 7 ♥ K 9 3
♦ Q J 10 7 ♦ 9 8 5
♣ K 4 2 ♣ Q 5 3

♠ A K J 2
♥ 6 4
♦ A K 4
♣ A J 10 9



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| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 2N |
| Pass | 3N | All pass | 3♥ |

Lead: ♦ Q

This auction should be repeated at most every table.

Declarer wins the opening lead, tables the ♥ 4 and finesses the jack, losing to the ♥ Q. She holds up on the diamond return and wins the diamond continuation. Another

heart finesse yields at least nine tricks -- two spades, four hearts, two diamonds and a club.

Do you see how the contract can be beat? West has to be thinking at trick two. The bidding tells him that Declarer has exactly two hearts. Surely partner has the ♥ K, or Declarer would have led it. West must play his queen to block the heart suit. (Doubters, be my guest; try to make more than one heart trick if West plays the ♥ Q.) Second hand high limits Declarer to eight tricks at best. West might even steal a trick if Declarer plays him for the ♥ KQx but that would just be a bonus.

Warning! This is not a license to jump up with your honors in second seat. "Second hand low" is a good guideline, most of the time. You only want to play second hand high when you have a good reason. Here you have a good reason!

Please don't write to tell me that North/South can make 4♥, maybe even five. Would you and your partner be there?

ATLANTA JUNIOR BRIDGE

always are always nice. If you would like to help, please contact Patty Tucker at wimsey@mindspring.com or 04-735-4779.

Whirlwind Bridge, the ACBL Educational Foundation, the American Bridge Teacher Association (ABTA) and ACBL have joined together to offer this opportunity to promote bridge in Atlanta. Information for all clubs and teachers in Atlanta will be provided to the students, so be thinking about your fall class schedule and be prepared.

MINI-ACERS

Members of the DBAA are slightly over 1 per cent of ACBL membership, but they fared better than that in the 2012 Ace of Clubs Competition. This ACBL-wide contest ranks players based solely on points won in clubs in 13 categories. Some of "our" players don't live in the DBAA area but play in local clubs.

0-5 Sara Swint (19), John Thompson II (34), Elizabeth Grace (44), Ralph Johnston (90)

Atlanta Junior Bridge has taught more than 4,000 children how to play bridge since its inception in January, 2006. We are very proud of our accomplishments and are looking forward to continuing our work with your help. Here are just a few of our upcoming activities.

Georgia Youth Swiss Team Championship - Friday, May 24 at 2 p.m. the Swiss championship will be held during the Memorial Day Sectional at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road. Entry is \$5.00 per player. A second game (attendance permitting) will be held for new, less experienced players. Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to play! Contact patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org or talk to your AJB teacher for help finding a partner. If the entry fee creates a financial hardship, please e-mail patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org or speak to your AJB teacher. AJB has some scholarship money available to assist where needed.

Summer Camps - Free week long summer camps are available throughout the greater Atlanta area. Camps for those just learning bridge and for advancing players are both available. A complete listing is on the Atlanta Junior Bridge website under **2013 Summer Bridge Camps**. Other camps are being added. Please e-mail patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org if you want a camp in your area.

This summer Atlanta has unique opportunities for young players to play and to continue learning. Children from all over North America and the world will be in Atlanta this year playing bridge and making friends. The experience of

5-20 Crystal Schwindt (55), Laura Jackson (64)

20-50 Thomas Slaughter (12), Glenda Beerman (36), Tom Stuetzer (47), Elyse Mintz (83)

50-100 Joan Duffy (6), Arthur Burgess (39), Mary Duval (87)

100-200 Susan Campbell (22), Rick Scott (27), Chris Trower (32), Jeff Wood (40)

200-300 Gail Westburg (23), Donna Schmid (47), Carolyn Potts (58), Meriel Gregory (61), Veronica Stoessel (64)

300-500 Rebecca Lee (3), Janice Brown (54), Stuart Galishoff (74), Tiffany Greene (92)

500-1000 Arleen Golden (82), Claire Lavery (95)

1000-2500 Arlene Conway (77), Jill Riddle (99)

2500-5000 Sanjeev Pathak (45), Bob Jones (52), Robert Duval (64)

5000-7500 Mike Sheldon (30), William Kulbersh (40), Gloria Kilpatrick (45), Joan Braender (89)

7500-10,000 Harold Task (32), Arnold

meeting other kids who enjoy bridge, who share interest in the game, and the competition will be invaluable. Thousands of bridge players will be attending the North American Bridge Championships (NABC) and hundreds of children from around the globe will be in Atlanta. For some of our young players this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

BE A STAR FOR ATLANTA JUNIOR BRIDGE

Support our Atlanta Junior Bridge players by making a tax deductible donation toward their entry fees and travel to the World Pairs Championship Tournament occurring during the August Nationals here in Atlanta. To "BE A STAR" make any donation and we will put your name on a STAR at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club or the Duplicate Bridge Club of Atlanta.

ACBL is donating half the entry fees for our AJB players. We are fundraising for the other half and MARTA travel, at \$75.00 per player. We would love to subsidize at least 100 of our AJB players. You may see Vicki Bell or Terry Parkerson to make a donation. For others who will be accepting donations or for more information, contact Vicki at vicki.b.bell@gmail.com (770)335-2629 or Terry at terryparkerson@gmail.com (678) 324-7097.

Hawkins

10,000+ Richard Taube (85)

Many DBAA players ranked high in the 2012 Mini-McKenney competition, which ranks players by total points for the year.

0-5 John Thompson II (28), Elizabeth Grace (45), Sara Swint (67)

5-20 Crystal Schwindt (65), Laura Jackson (86), Candy Cox (97)

20-50 Thomas Slaughter (45), Elyse Mintz (64)

50-100 Joan Duffy (10)

100-200 Susan Campbell (34), Jeff Wood (43), Chris Trower (70)

200-300 Donna Schmid (53), Carolyn Potts (80)

300-500 Rebecca Lee (7), Janice Brown (60), Bruce Byrne (78)

500-1000 Sean Gannon (47), Becky Butler (55)

1000-2500 Janet Maachi (6), James Fordham (10), Linda Bush (86)

2500-5000 Bob Jones (19)



TIME FOR FUN WHILE

CONTRIBUTING TO A GREAT CAUSE!

Some of the area bridge clubs are turning June 21 into The Longest Day games to join the fight against Alzheimer's, the memory-destroying disease which has attacked so many older people.

The Bridge with Patty team will play from 5:30 am until 8:30 pm at the Family Life Center (at 2nd Ponce Baptist Church), 2715 Peachtree Road, Atlanta GA 30305. Ruff 'N Sluff will honor the occasion from 6:30 am until 6:30 pm at 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30062.

Check the web page (see above) for your favorite club for other available playing sites, not available at this date.

The suggested donation is \$20, all proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association. Of course, additional contributions from generous players will

5000-7500 Robert Fendrick (40)

7500-10,000 Thomas Carmichael (11)

10,000+ Michael Kovacich (95)

CONGRATULATIONS!

HERE'S A TIP...

Are you aware that it is contrary to the Rules of Duplicate Bridge to discuss with another pair a board you both have already played? For instance, "What did you do on Board 14?" is a no no. It could result in a procedural penalty. Be careful.

(Thanks to Bill Marks for this tip, which seems to be little known.)

help even more. Come with friends or by yourself, there'll be plenty of people to play with or just chat.

Patty Tucker is seeking help finding prizes for the games, food and drinks and just helping make sure things run smoothly. If you are interested in being involved please let her know: patty@bridgewithpatty.com, 404-735-4779. Contact Priscilla Smith to help out at Ruff 'N Sluff: rufnsluf@mindspring.com, 770-793-7717.

CLASSIFIED ADS

A major Atlanta bridge organization is looking for reporters for its new newsletter. No previous journalistic experience required. You must however demonstrate concern for your fellow bridge players and favorite clubs, with a willingness to boast of their accomplishments. You can learn more about this exciting opportunity by e-mailing DBAA newsletter editor Mary Ann Oakley: maryann.oakley@mindspring.com.

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Wanted: names and email addresses of DBAA members who did NOT get this newsletter. Hard as we try, we have not been able get all of them. If you know of someone who wants to be on our mailing list, please have them email Mary Ann Oakley: maryann.oakley@mindspring.com. We don't discriminate; the newsletter is available even to those who do not live in the DBAA area.

