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President's Letter

Welcome to Unit 253

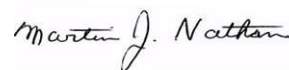
You are now a member of ACBL Unit 253! The ACBL Board of Directors approved this new unit for the DBAA area in March, and as of April 1 the new unit became a reality. Unit 253 will retain the name Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta. The officers and board members will remain the same.



What does this mean for our members? Quite frankly, not much for most of you. You'll play in the same clubs, we'll still run the same sectionals and the DBAA will keep the existing programs such as mentoring and change of rank parties. Being our own unit will make it much easier for our volunteers to work for you in delivering these services.

Speaking of volunteers, one of the advantages of a new unit is many more opportunities in both Unit 253 and Unit 114. Many of you had declined participating in bridge governance due to travel requirements. Now that we don't have to travel to meetings, that should no longer be an issue. Here's your chance to give something back to the game of bridge. Perhaps the Membership Committee is right for you, perfect for people with ideas on how to bring in and better serve new players. The Elections Committee offers opportunities for members who are very organized with great attention to detail and fairness. There are many good projects that need a few hours of your time: NAP, GNT, Special Unit Games, Web Site and Directory, just to name a few. Please email me at mjaynathan@gmail.com and let me know you want to help.

Your Board of Directors is dedicated to enhancing your enjoyment of the game of bridge. Let us know if there is something more we can do.



Marty Nathan

WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

Alpharetta Duplicate Bridge Club

6250 Shiloh Rd. #30
Back of Building Lower Level
Alpharetta, GA 30005
Larry Rich: 770-272-2429
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Website: alpharettadbc.org

Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center

6761 Peachtree Industrial, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30360
Dan Papineau: 770-248-0306
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Website: atlantaduplicatebridgeclub.com

Bridge Club of Atlanta

4920 Roswell Road., Suite 33
Atlanta, GA 30342
Sam Marks: 678-812-4324
E-mail: sam@sammarksbridge.com
Website: bridgeclubatlanta.com

Dan's Duplicate Atlanta North

1715 Millside Terrace
Dacula, GA 30019
Dan Osburn: 678-827-1776
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Website: <https://www.facebook.com/DansDuplicateAtlantaNorth>

Better Tournament Experience

WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta

6761 Peachtree Industrial, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30360
George Powell: 770-594-1874
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Website: <http://www.dbaa.us/>

KSU Bridge Club

KSU Center
3333 Busbee Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30144
Janice Ripley: 770-726-9881
E-mail: bridge4jr@gmail.com

Marietta Country Club Players

1400 Marietta Country Club Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30152
Priscilla Smith: 770-973-7717
E-mail: cook201@bellsouth.net

Midtown Bridge Club

Ansley Golf Club
196 Montgomery Ferry Drive
Atlanta, GA 30309
Alvin Daigle Jr.: 770-313-5124
E-mail: midtownbridge30309@gmail.com

Remember that sectional when you wanted to check your scores but your partner was starved and dragged you to dinner instead? Or perhaps you want to show your new partner that hand you played so well at Callaway Gardens. Here's a solution for both of these problems and so many more.

Just sign up for FastResults. This free service will send an email to your computer or smart phone after every session at a participating tournament. You'll see your results for each pair and team game. The pair results include all your scores and hand records. The results are accessible for around six months. All Atlanta Sectionals, all MABC Regionals and all NABC's provide this service.

Just send an email to FastResultsHelpDesk@gmail.com with your ACBL number in the subject line. That's it. You're signed up.

We know it will enhance your enjoyment of all of our bridge tournaments!

ACBL CEO Visits Atlanta

by Sam Marks

ACBL CEO Robert Hartman will be visiting Atlanta on **Sunday, May 3rd**.

Robert is here to help kick off the Longest Day Events where clubs raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. Last year the Bridge Club of Atlanta raised over \$28,000 and this year's goal is \$50,000.



Change of Rank Celebrations

by Judy Fendrick



We are pleased to announce that six clubs in the DBAA area held DBAA Change of Rank parties in March. 150 honorees were recognized at these events. There were 428 players who had a change in their ACBL rank in 2014, including Tom Carmichael who became a Grand Life Master. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of the 2014 honorees. Congratulations to everyone!

Please join us at the Bridge Club of Atlanta for the **1:30 Swiss game** and a town hall meeting immediately afterwards where Robert will answer your questions.

Atlantans Shine in NAP

Atlanta was well represented in the North American Pairs finals at the Spring NABC last month in New Orleans. Olin Hubert competed in the Open flight. Flight B included Linda Bush and Peter Martin, with that latter placing 18th overall. Libba Wight and Carolyn Luesing participated in Flight C, as did Candace and Richard Brown who finished tenth.

The top Atlanta performance went to two of our talented youth players, Richard and Andrew Jeng. The brothers won Flight B with an incredible finish, jumping from 13th place after the third round to win the event with a 61.5% final round. Their 794.99 matchpoints over four rounds of play provided a mere .06 margin of victory. This is the second national title for the Jengs; they previously won the 0-1500 Life Master Pairs in 2011.



Andrew (left) and Richard Jeng

Your chance is coming up soon. Club qualification for the 2016 NAP starts in June.

WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

Play Bridge

NW Presbyterian Church
4300 Northside Drive
Atlanta, GA 30327
Ina Parry: 770-713-1445
E-mail: playbridgeusa@gmail.com
Website: bridgewebs.com/playbridgeusa

Roswell Duplicate Bridge Club

St. David's Episcopal Church
1015 Old Roswell Rd.
Roswell, GA 30076
Bill Marks: 770-855-6952
E-mail: billmarks13@gmail.com
Website: billsbridge.com

Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club

1809 Roswell Rd.
Marietta, GA 30062
Priscilla Smith: 770-973-7717
E-mail: rufnsluff@mindspring.com
Website: <http://www.mindspring.com/~rufnsluff/>

Silver Belles and Beaus

5285 Lakeside Drive
Union City, GA 30291
Bettie Harden: 770-306-3461
E-mail: travell33@gmail.com

Board Meetings

DBAA/Unit 253 Board meetings are open to all members. Come see how hard we 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. The *tentative* schedule for remaining 2015 meetings is:

May 2	October 3
June 20	December 5
August 15	

Tournament Schedule

May 2015 – April 2016

We are fortunate in Atlanta to have so many opportunities to play in tournaments and earn those coveted pigmented points. Here's what's on tap for the upcoming year.

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

May 21-25	Atlanta Sectional	Crown Plaza Ravinia
June 15-21	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
July 24-26	NLM Sectional	Marietta Ruff 'n Sluff Club
Aug 24-30	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Sept 1-7	Atlanta Regional	Crown Plaza Ravinia
Nov 11-15	Atlanta Sectional	*Roswell Adult Recreation Center
Dec 14-20	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Feb 24-28	Atlanta Sectional	*Roswell Adult Recreation Center

*** Remember that parking is always at a premium in Roswell. If you are physically able to walk, please park in the upper lot.**

Limited Games - up to 500 MPs

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

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.

Grand Life Master

by Sam Marks



In September of last year, Tom Carmichael accomplished something that very few ACBL members will ever do. He has won over 10,000 master points. In addition, since winning the National IMP Pairs in 1997, he has attained the rank of Grand Life

Master. There are over 168,000 ACBL members, only 319 have attained the rank of Grand Life Master.

Tom is a frequent volunteer in the bridge world. He chairs the National Competition and Conventions Committee. He has coached many of the junior teams and was the Captain of the USA 2 Team at the World Championships in China last summer. Tom also teaches bridge classes at the Bridge Club of Atlanta.

Tom and his wife, Director Jenni Carmichael, have represented District 7 in both the GNT and NAP Competitions.

Memorial Day SuperSectional

by Jack Feagin

Hotlanta's Memorial Day SuperSectional

May 21-25

Crowne Plaza Atlanta Perimeter at Ravinia
4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30346

Support the Tournament by staying on-site for \$96

Call **(770) 395-7700** and ask for the \$96 bridge rate

Plan a fun weekend of bridge!



2015 Mentor Program

by Roz Howell, Program Chair

In January, 2015, the DBAA sponsored a Mentor Program with the generous underwriting support of Unit 114.



In seven Atlanta bridge clubs there are a total of 148 unique mentor events with 70 Mentors and 70 Non Life Masters (NLM) participating. Of the

148 free plays that were awarded to Mentors, 131 were redeemed before the March 31st deadline. In comparison, six clubs participated in 2014 with 165 unique events, 100 Mentors and 74 NLMs. The reduced count might be attributed to the short lead-time provided to the clubs because of the January time frame.

We'll likely move the program later in the year for 2016, perhaps as late as May. Another possibility would be to sponsor a Friendship Game at each club in 2016. Typically a Friendship Game would have every pair, playing in that event, consist of one Life Master/Mentor and one NLM. Club Owners, Managers and Directors will be surveyed for their opinions and preferences for future events. Likewise, participants are always invited to provide feedback. If you wanted to participate but didn't for any reason, it is especially important that we hear from you.

Many thanks to those that gave generously of their time to provide a meaningful playing and learning experience for a NLM to improve.

DBAA Game Schedule

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

May 6 Grass Roots (2X)

May 13 Grass Roots (2X)

May 20 Grass Roots (2X)

May 27 Grass Roots (2X)

June 3 Regular Game

June 10 AJB Charity (2X)

June 17 District 7 ST@C

June 24 Unit Championship

July 1 Regular Game

July 8 Regular Game

July 15 ACBL-Wide
International Fund
Game #2

July 22 Regular Game

July 29 ACBL Charity (2X)

Aug 5 Regular Game

Aug 12 AJB Charity (2X)

Aug 19 Regular Game

Aug 26 District 7 ST@C

Sept 2 **NO GAME**

The Longest Day

by Arlene Tauber & Helen Browdy

We love the longest day of the year! We get lots of sunlight and are able to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. Your Club can do the same and have fun doing it.

Last year we were named "Rookie Team of the Year" by the Alzheimer's Association. Our efforts were honored at their annual meeting this past January in Orlando.

Please join us as we begin our Annual Longest Day Events on **Saturday, June 20th** for Twilight Dinner and Swiss Teams starting at 7:00 PM at the Bridge Club of Atlanta.

Join the BCA Team for an additional 12 hours of fun filled bridge and auction as well as lots of food and prizes on **Monday, June 22nd** to "Trump" Alzheimer's.

Hours of Play

7:00 - 9:00 AM	Early Bird Special
9:30 - 11:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
12:00 PM	Lunch
2:30 - 4:30 PM	High Tea
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Snacks

In order to accomplish our goal, we need YOU!! There are many opportunities to help "Ace" Alzheimer's. We hope we can count on all of you.

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 in bringing 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.



Atlanta Junior Bridge

by Patty Tucker

**Shop at AmazonSmile to
Benefit Atlanta Junior
Bridge!**



Amazon has a new option on their website. You can pick a charity and **AmazonSmile** will donate to them.. Atlanta Junior Bridge is a 501(c)(3) organization and is listed as one of Amazon's options. We teach bridge to children for free in the Atlanta area and are very active in supporting youth bridge efforts throughout the country. Many of the tools we created are being used nationwide. Please pick Atlanta Junior Bridge as your charity of choice and help us continue our work to bring bridge to a new generation! The program details can be found at <https://smile.amazon.com/about>

Congratulations to Atlanta Junior Bridge Players!

Georgia Youth Swiss Team State Championship:

Alec Zhan, Sidhesh Desai, Heejan Kwon
and Jeff Zhan

North American Open Pair Flight B at the NABC in

New Orleans: Richard Jeng and Andrew Jeng

Atlanta Memorial Day Super Sectional

Crowne Plaza at Ravinia

4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30346

AJB Students Game

Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m.

(finishing at approximately 1:00 p.m.)

This is our regularly scheduled pair event.

The cost is **\$5.00 per player**.

Please join us!

If you need help finding a partner please speak to your AJB Teacher or contact Patty at patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org

This is the correct tournament information.

The information in the printed tournament schedule is incorrect.

Summer is Coming AJB Summer Camps are Being Scheduled....

Here's your chance to give your children, grandchildren, neighbors kids, any kids the opportunity to learn how to play bridge.

See [page 9](#)
To Find a Camp Near You!

Check the AJB Website
www.atlantajuniorbridge.org for more listings as we finalize our locations.

**The YOUTH NABC will be in Chicago
August 6-8**

<http://www.nextgenbridge.com/content/youth-nabc-home-page>

Registration is open

<http://www.nextgenbridge.com/ynabc-registration>

For more information about sites to see, transportation and the host hotel please visit the Summer NABC website

http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/chicago-summer-2015-nabc-august-6-16/

2015 AJB Summer Camps

Location	Time	Dates	Instructor	Level
Bridge Club of Atlanta 4920 Roswell Road #33 Atlanta, GA 30342	9:30 - 11:30	June 1 - 5	Patty Tucker 404-735-4779 patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org	Beginner
Draper Boys and Girls Club 1462 Walker Avenue College Park, GA 30337	10:00 - Noon	June 8 - 12	Evelyn Lewis 404-455-7909 elewis2019@gmail.com	Beginner
First Baptist Church of Decatur 308 Clairmont Avenue Decatur, GA 30030	10:30 - 12:30	June 15 - 19	Sim Turner 770-912-0846 turnersim@yahoo.com	Beginner
Andrew and Walter Young YMCA 2220 Campbellton Road Atlanta, GA 30311	10:00 - Noon	June 22 - 26	Evelyn Gilliard 404-344-7394	Intermediate
Andrew and Walter Young YMCA 2220 Campbellton Road Atlanta, GA 30311	10:00 - Noon	June 22 - 26	Barbara Soza 404-786-5915 bsoza@bellsouth.net	Beginner
Draper Boys and Girls Club 1462 Walker Avenue College Park, GA 30337	10:00 - Noon	June 22 - 26	Evelyn Lewis 404-455-7909 elewis2019@gmail.com	Intermediate
Roswell Branch Atlanta-Fulton County Library 115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075	3:00 - 5:00	July 6 - 10	Joanne Urvan 770-641-1137 jfurvan@charter.net	Beginner
East Roswell Branch Atlanta-Fulton County Library 2301 Holcomb Bridge Rd Roswell, GA 30076	2:00 - 4:00	July 13 - 17	Joanne Urvan 770-641-1137 jfurvan@charter.net	Beginner
Robert E. Fulton Regional Library (Ocee Library) 5090 Abbotts Bridge Rd Johns Creek, GA 30005.	3:00 - 5:00	July 20 - 24	Karen Christian 770-998-9723 kschrist2@yahoo.com	Beginner

Newsletter Editor



The DBAA newsletter is our primary vehicle for communicating with our members. It is also one of those thankless tasks that fall to so many of our volunteers. So allow me to remedy that “thankless” part and mention our appreciation for the wonderful job Mary Ann Oakley has done from first edition two years ago through the last one in January. Mary Ann has set the bar very high for her successors.

Be sure to thank and congratulate Diane Strickland who has just finished editing her first newsletter. Diane is dedicated to bringing you the features you want each quarter. Let her know of any suggestions for improving our service to you. stricklanddiane@gmail.com

Upcoming Special Games

The ACBL and Unit 253 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. Check your club’s calendar to be sure they are holding the game.

All of May	Grass Roots FUNd games
All of June, July and August	North American Pairs Games
Monday, June 1 (day)	Unit Championship
Friday, June 5 (night)	* Worldwide Bridge Contest
Saturday, June 6 (day)	* Worldwide Bridge Contest
Sunday, June 7 (night)	Unit Championship
Tuesday, June 23 (day)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, June 24 (night)	Unit Championship
Monday, June 29 (night)	Unit Fund Game (ACBL Charity Foundation)
Tuesday, July 7 (night)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, July 15 (night)	* ACBL-wide International Game
Thursday, July 23 (day)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, July 31 (day)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, July 29 (day)	Unit Fund Game (Atlanta Junior Bridge)

Safety Play

East Deals ♠ A Q 10 7
 Both Vul ♥ K Q J
 ♦ A 10 4 3
 ♣ K 8

N
W E
S

♠ 9 8 6 5 2
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q 9 7

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 N
Pass	5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
All pass			

Lead: ♣ 4

North shows a big hand – 19-21 points – and South has extras, enough to check on key cards. She bids slam after partner shows two key cards and the ♠Q. If you didn't pursue slam with such fine shape and ten points including two aces, your bidding is too conservative.

Declarer has no losers in hearts or spades and can trump the fourth club. Her only problem is how to play the spade suit. Should she finesse the queen? Or the ten? What would you advise her to do?

You shouldn't answer my questions until you ask, "What is the form of scoring?" I'd tell you that this is a team event so this is IMPs.

If Declarer finesses, she goes down. The key is to take the ♠A first – a safety play – planning to lead later towards the ♠Q. The opening lead should make you wary of a ruff. In addition, playing teams, you only need to take 12 tricks. If the ♠K is on side, it will

still be there the second time you lead the suit. And if it is offside, ...

Let's say you finesse and lose to the card above it. When you lead spades the second time, you'll have to guess whether to finesse again or play for the drop. Playing the ace first eliminates any need to guess.

Yes, South was unlucky to find an offside ♠K and a 6-1 club break. But proper technique often can overcome bad luck.

You'd have a tougher call in matchpoints. If the ♠K is doubleton on your left, you can make 13 tricks. I'd still take the safety play, assuming that many pairs won't get to the 29-point slam. But I might be wrong. In IMPs, however, the playing the ace first is clear-cut.

Here's the full hand.

East Deals ♠ A Q 10 7
 Both Vul ♥ K Q J
 ♦ A 10 4 3
 ♣ K 8

♠ J 4 3
 ♥ 10 9 6 3 2
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ 4

N
W E
S

♠ K
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ Q 9 8 5
 ♣ J 10 6 5 3 2

♠ 9 8 6 5 2
 ♥ A 7 4
 ♦ 7
 ♣ A Q 9 7

Note: I played this hand in a Regional Swiss Teams event. I took the finesse and went down 1 on the club ruff. The opponents bid and made 5. That's a 26 IMP swing for my failure to take the safety play.

I haven't made that mistake since.

Thanks to Marty Nathan for contributing this hand.