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WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

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President's Letter

A bridge subject little discussed – at least publicly – is now making headlines. There was sensational coverage in *Newsweek** in September about cheating at the highest levels of the game. It is probably easier to cheat in bridge than any other game or sport (Coach Belichick notwithstanding), and this conversation is long overdue. For the pros there is big money involved in terms of sponsors hiring teams, and for some there may be lecture fees and books as well. The ACBL is a risk-averse organization to its core, so I was both surprised and very pleased to see our CEO take some strong and immediate preventative action** toward the goal of making bridge 100% cheating-free in high level competition.



Let's not be naïve; cheating occurs at lower levels as well, in our tournaments and even in our clubs. I don't think it occurs a lot but any occurrence tarnishes this wonderful game. Too many players think there is nothing they can do about it. They are wrong. If you suspect someone may be cheating at a tournament, first tell a director. Then ask for a Player Memo Form***, fill it out and turn it into a Director. It will eventually reach the organization's Recorder (Patty Tucker for the DBAA), who will take appropriate action. That may include referring it to the Disciplinary Chair (ours is Kevin Collins) who will hold disciplinary hearings if warranted. The Player Memo Form can be used to report bad conduct as well as ethical concerns.

If a problem occurs at the club, tell your club manager. They can't do anything about it if they don't know. They can, and hopefully will, take action. If the problem at the club involves serious ethical issues (as opposed to bad conduct), you can complete that same Player Memo Form and send it to Unit Recorder Patty Tucker.

*[Click here](#) for the article, you can find the entire link in Bridge on the Web on [page 3](#).

**[Click here](#) for Robert Hartman's message or our membership, or see the entire link on [page 3](#).

***Or you can use the [interactive version](#) at <http://web2.acbl.org/recorder/pmemo.pdf>.

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WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

KSU Bridge Club

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Bridge on the Web

If you are not an avid reader of bridgewinners.com, you likely missed the various stories about cheating at the highest levels of the game. Check out this *Newsweek* feature story at <http://www.newsweek.com/big-rich-cheaters-bridge-world-rocked-top-players-busted-375414>. ACBL President Robert Hartman posted a response on the organization web site, which you can read at <http://www.acbl.org/a-word-from-the-ceo>. I'm generally critical of the ACBL handling of difficult issues but this time they got it right.

Do you think bridge is a sport? Or know the Olympics view on this issue? Or if that even matters? It certainly does to some. This story from *The Wall Street Journal* explains why. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/so-is-bridge-a-sport-fans-say-yes-1442883142>

Note: You may have to copy the link rather than clicking on it to avoid the publishers' limits on articles per month. Don't ask me why. I don't understand it. I just know that I had to do so.

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 one remaining meeting this year is December 5. The preliminary schedule for 2016 meetings is as follows:

January 9	July 9
February 20	August 27
April 9	October 15
May 21	December 10

Certificate of Recognition Awarded to

Sam Marks

by Jenny Magid

In August Sam Marks received a Certificate of Recognition from the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) for recruiting more than 100 new members. Sam, a highly respected bridge player, began teaching bridge in 2010 at the Dunwoody United Methodist Church. He saw his new members skyrocket when in 2012 he opened the Bridge Club of Atlanta with the objective of providing a comfortable and encouraging place for people to learn and play.



Sam found that providing lessons in the same facility where ACBL sanctioned bridge games are actively occurring makes attracting new members much easier. Students see players enjoying the game in what might be an otherwise intimidating environment. Sam feels fortunate to see something that “started as a business turn into a community” and is honored to be recognized for his efforts with this award from the ACBL.

Election Year is Coming

by Elyse Mintz, Election Chair

As members of Unit 253, we will be voting for all positions for two-year terms on the Board of Directors. Your board has approved the following Nominating Committee: Joan Sheldon (Chair), Ronnie Stoessel and Susan Wolfe. If you are interested in running for one of the four officer positions, please contact Joan at joanshel@bellsouth.net. The Nominating Committee will publish its slate of candidates approximately two months prior to the voting, around mid-December. After that anyone can self-nominate for any of the positions, again by contacting Joan, no later than January 15, 2016.



If you are interested in becoming one of the at-large directors, you can self-nominate by contacting Joan at the above email address no later than January 15, 2016. Shortly thereafter, the list of candidates for all positions will be posted at the local clubs and on the DBAA web site. This notice will include the procedure for absentee voting.

To run for any of these positions, you must be a member in good standing of Unit 253. (Read: your ACBL dues must be paid.)

You have three ways to vote – but only once! – all supervised by Elyse Mintz and her Election Committee. Here’s the tentative schedule.

As noted above, absentee voting is available to all members.

Voting at the local clubs will run from February 15 to February 20.

Voting will resume Wednesday February 24 through February 27 at the Roswell Sectional Tournament..

The winners of the election will be announced at the 4 tournament on Sunday, February 28th.

Grand Slam Bridge Benefit

by Janet Edwards

Godfrey's 2nd Grand Slam Bridge Benefit Is Coming!

Rollins School of Public Health

Emory University

Many of you have asked if there will be another Godfrey's Grand Slam Bridge Benefit with more opportunities to learn and play bridge with our local and national experts and help the cause of eliminating Spina Bifida throughout the world. We are very excited to announce that plans are underway!



Much work has been accomplished at the Center for Spina Bifida with the help of the funds raised at the 2014 Godfrey's Grand Slam Bridge Benefit, but much remains to be done. We hope you all will come out to enjoy an afternoon of bridge learning and playing and support this important cause at the same time. Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 15, 2016. Stay tuned for more information and news about the exciting plans for Godfrey's 2nd Grand Slam Bridge Benefit!

If you are interested in helping with the planning and organizing of this event please contact Janet Edwards and Brenda Shavin at trumpspinabifida@gmail.com.

Nominations for District 7 Goodwill Committee

by Judy Fendrick

The District 7 Goodwill Committee was created in 2005 to promote goodwill and recognize members in good standing who demonstrate high standards of sportsmanship and volunteerism.

The ideal nominee for the committee is one who exhibits good manners, ethical behavior and strives to make the game nicer for everyone.



Nominations for the 2016 Goodwill Committee Awards are now being accepted from all members of District 7. Unit 253 is allowed to nominate two individuals.

We are asking Unit 253 members to submit their nominations to the Unit Goodwill Coordinator, Judy Fendrick at bobfendh@bellsouth.net by **January 15**. The nomination should include the nominee's name, ACBL number and a brief write-up of their qualifications as a candidate for the District 7 Goodwill Committee. After a review and vote by the Unit Board in February, we will submit our two nominations to District 7. If you have any questions about the nominations, please contact Judy by e-mail or phone at 678-358-2488.

The Goodwill Committee members and new honorees are invited to attend a Goodwill dinner celebration each year at one of the District 7 Regional Tournaments. To learn more about the District 7 Goodwill Committee, go to: <http://district7bridge.org/> and click on the Goodwill link.

Tournament Schedule

November 2015 – October 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!

Nov 11-15	Atlanta Sectional	*Roswell Adult Recreation Center
Dec 14-20	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Feb 1-7	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Feb 24-28	Atlanta Sectional	*Roswell Adult Recreation Center
±May 13-15	NLM Sectional	Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club
±June 15-19	DBAA Sectional	**Marriott Perimeter Center
Aug 22-28	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Aug 30-Sept 5	Atlanta Regional	Crown Plaza Ravinia

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

±Revised date

**New Location

Limited Games - up to 500 MPs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Roswell DBC	Alpharetta DBC	Bridge Club of Atlanta	Ruff'n Sluff	Alpharetta DBC	Atlanta DBC
11:00 0-500	12:00 0-500 7:30 0-500	12:00 0-100	10:30 0-100 (10:00 lesson)	12:00 0-20 12:00 0-500	12:00 0-20 12:00 0-500
Play Bridge	Ruff'n Sluff	Ruff'n Sluff	Play Bridge	Bridge Club of Atlanta	Bridge Club of Atlanta
12:00 0-299	7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)	10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	12:00 0-299	10:00 0-50	12:00 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 experience but not expert players. (NLM generally means up to 500 points.)

Roswell SuperSectional

by Ron Torre



Fall is in the air which means it's time for another SuperSectional in Roswell. For those who live close by, what's not to

like? Great competition, convenient location and a chance to meet and compete with friends you haven't seen for a while.

The tournament runs from Wednesday, November 11 through Sunday, November 15. The games all start at 10:00AM with your choice of Pairs or Knock Outs at all levels of play. This will be the second SuperSectional this year for your newly formed Unit 253/DBAA. Come play and make it a success. There are lots of opportunities for our newer players, including a free game Thursday morning for those with less than 20 masterpoints. In addition, there will be a Georgia Youth Pairs Trophy Championship on Saturday. You can view the entire schedule by [clicking here](#) or visiting the DBAA web site.

Be considerate of your fellow players with disabilities. Since there are not enough parking spots available for all handicapped players, please park on the upper level.

Sean Gannon Wins 0-5000 Mini-Spingold

by Becky Butler



Congratulations to Sean Gannon for winning the Mini-Spingold (0-5,000) at the ACBL Summer Nationals in Chicago. His victory landed him 80 masterpoints. His teammates, mostly fellow junior players, Steve Zololow, Anam

Tebha , Oren Kriegel and Christian Jolly. They won each of their early rounds by at least 50 IMPs. Their closest match came in the semi-finals, but they still won handily, 126-92. Their final victory was convincing, leading all the way and wiping out the Fleischman team, 147-68.

After Chicago Sean competed in the International Junior Tournament in Croatia. He along with partner Julie Arbit brought home the Bronze Award. Sean is a recent graduate of Wake Forest and is currently playing and teaching full time in Atlanta.

Sean, we are proud of your accomplishments. Keep it up!!!



DBAA Game Schedule

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

Nov 11	NO GAME (ROSWELL SECTIONAL)
Nov 18	AJB Charity (2X)
Nov 25	NO GAME (THANKSGIVING)
Dec 2	Club Championship (2X)
Dec 9	AL Charity (2X)
Dec 16	District 7 ST@C
Dec 23	ACBL Membership Game
Dec 30	Regular Game
Jan 6	Junior Fund (2X)
Jan 13	Junior Fund (2X)
Jan 20	GNT Qualifier (Teams Only)
Jan 27	Junior Fund (2X)

The DBAA Game is moving!
Starting Wednesday, Nov. 18,
we'll be playing at :

5 Dunwoody Park South
Suite 118
Atlanta, GA 30338

It's just outside the perimeter near
the Chamblee Dunwoody exit.

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 analysis. Here is what is on tap for the upcoming three months.

Monday, Nov. 9 (evening)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, Nov. 18 (day)	Unit Championship
Monday, Nov. 23 (day)	Unit Championship
Monday, Nov. 30 (evening)	ACBL-wide Charity game*
Tuesday, Dec. 8 (day)	Unit Championship
Thursday, Dec. 10 (day)	Unit Championship
Friday, Dec. 11 (day)	Unit Championship
Saturday, Dec. 12 (day)	Unit Championship
Monday, Dec. 21 (morning)	ACBL-wide International Fund Game*
All of January	Junior Fund Games

* Includes hand records and expert analysis

Clubs can run qualifying games for the 2016 Grand National Teams Competition anytime during the quarter (other than during the Roswell Sectional).

Rules

Did You Just Call Me Unethical?

by Dan Plato



The word “unethical” sends shivers down the spine of a Director. In a strict definition it means: lacking moral principles; unwilling to adhere to proper rules of conduct”; but loosely defined when one player calls another “unethical” it sounds very much like an accusation of cheating. (Take care that you never make such an accusation in public. If you have genuine concerns that a player has made use of unethical means, talk privately with the Director.)

Our Laws are designed to protect all players but it is very important to note the difference between legal and illegal deception:

Inappropriate Deception (Law 73.D.2):

A player may not attempt to mislead an opponent by means of a remark or a gesture, by the haste or hesitancy of a call or play (as in hesitating before playing a singleton), the manner in which a call or play is made or by any purposeful deviation from correct procedure.

Legal Deception (Law 73.E):

A player may appropriately attempt to deceive an opponent through a call or play (so long as the deception is not protected by concealed partnership understanding or experience).

So what happens after the wrong kind of deception?

Remedies for Inappropriate Deception (Law 73.F):

When a violation of the Proprieties described in this Law results in damage to an innocent opponent, if the director determines that an innocent player has drawn a false inference from a remark, manner, tempo or the like of an opponent who has no demonstrable bridge reason for the action, and who could have known, at the time of the action, that the action could work to his benefit, the director shall award an adjusted score (see Law 12.C).

It is not, for instance, illegal for a player to false card whether as declarer or defender. No defender or declarer has an obligation to draw a map for the opponents as to where the high cards might be found. When the opponents have made their way to slam and you hold the missing seven points there can be no reason to share their location with partner much less declarer.

It is, however, illegal to squirm in one’s chair, pull a card, replace it, squirm some more, and then play your singleton in that suit. This would fall into the category of “no demonstrable bridge reason for the action.” A first time use of these shenanigans merits significant education from the Director. A second time use of these shenanigans may earn you a call from the Club Manager or even from the Unit Recorder.

Taking a slightly different path, it is not uncommon for a player to feel like the director is making his rulings against him personally, that the director is calling him a liar. Two examples show how the laws have been worded to prevent this.

When a defender pulls a card from hand and it is placed about halfway to the table, but not fully “played”, it

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Atlanta Junior Bridge

by Patty Tucker

Mark your Calendars!

Georgia Youth Open Pair Championship

Roswell Sectional

Saturday, November 14

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 / person

If you need help finding a partner, call Patty at [404-735-4779](tel:404-735-4779) or speak with your AJB teacher! AJB's Karen Christian will be the on-site contact for the game.

Your Kids (or Grandkids or Any kids) Can Learn to Play!

There is a free open youth bridge class every Saturday from 4:00 to 6:00 at the Bridge Club of Atlanta on Roswell Road. All students are welcome. Classes for Beginner and Intermediate students. Need more information? Email Patty at patty@atlantajuniorbridge.org

Labor Day Regional Success!

Congratulations to our young players! At the AJB Saturday morning game, every team won a match....result....*a three-way tie for 1st Place!* Special thanks to our AJB teachers and friends who helped make the game possible.

Later in the regional one of our young teams played in the 65 table Gold Rush Team Event and won! *Congratulations to Alec Zhan, Kunal Vohra, Caleb Colburn and Vincent Zhu for their 1st Place finish.*



Unit 253 (DBAA) Hall of Fame

by Mike Sheldon

The DBAA has created a Hall of Fame (HOF) to recognize outstanding performance at the bridge table. Your board has created a HOF Committee – Mike Sheldon (Chair), Sara Medlin, and Jim Stogner – both to create policies for the HOF and to screen and recommend new members. Membership in the HOF is the Unit's highest award for achievement in playing the game of duplicate bridge. We also give consideration in making the award to the member's ethics and conduct as well as contributions to the game of bridge and to the DBAA.

We have grandfathered into the HOF those members from our area who had been inducted in our former Unit 114's Hall of Fame. These outstanding players are:

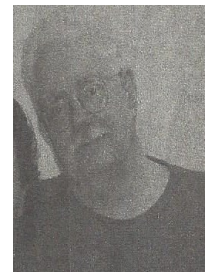
Margaret Wagar (1983)
Edgar Gay (1984)
Lou Bluhm (1989)
Richard Freeman (1991)
Jack Feagin (1996)
Randy Pettit (2003)
Mike Kovacich (2009)
Patty Tucker (2001)
Bob Heller (2011)
Kevin Collins (2012)

We'll soon be posting bios of these great Atlanta area players on our web site at www.dbaa.us.

A special presentation will be held at 1:15_{PM} on Wednesday, November 11 at the main playing area of the Roswell Sectional. Most of the grandfathered members will be at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center playing site and will

be presented to the full DBAA membership and our guests from other units.

An exciting finale at the presentation will be the induction of the Hall of Fame's eleventh member, RICHARD BURTON, of Dacula, Georgia. Richard was recently elected to the Hall by the DBAA Board, which requires approval of at least 75% of its members. Visit our web site to read of Richard's accomplishments at the table. Be a part of the large turnout who will see Richard inducted into the DBAA Hall of Fame.



We'll let you know in the April 2016 newsletter how any member of the DBAA may periodically recommend a candidate for Hall of Fame consideration.

The Last Step

The road to our new Unit 253 now requires only one more step. Your board has determined that making the existing DBAA corporate entity the new unit is better than creating another organization. We therefore need to amend the by-laws of the DBAA to reflect its new status. The membership will vote on these amended by-laws on Sunday, November 15 just before the start of the Swiss Teams Event at the Roswell sectional.

[Click here](http://dbaa.us/pdfs/Proposed_Unit_253_Bylaws_Nov_15_15.pdf) to find the proposed by-laws (http://dbaa.us/pdfs/Proposed_Unit_253_Bylaws_Nov_15_15.pdf).

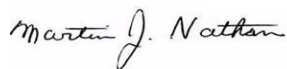
[Click here](http://dbaa.us/750_ByLaws.htm) for the current by-laws (http://dbaa.us/750_ByLaws.htm).

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There's one more avenue available to all players. If your partner isn't meeting his ethical obligations, find another partner. The Puritans taught us that shunning is a powerful social force. If no one will partner with such a player, he'll shape up or he won't play. Either way we all win.

ALERT! Every odd occurrence at the table isn't a sign of cheating. Bridge players do strange things, and some of them actually work out quite well. That doesn't mean someone cheated. That notwithstanding, early in my bridge career I did have a partnership cheat against me in a tournament. I completed the Player Memo Form and was pleased that decisive action was taken. But I was warned by a Tournament Director to NEVER make any public accusations of cheating. Strange as it may seem, the bridge world frowns just as much on that as it does on the actual cheating.

Filing a Player Memo Form is a serious action that does its job when warranted. We don't however want to inundate Patty Tucker with frivolous charges. Use it wisely.



Marty Nathan

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is not uncommon that the director is called to the table. Declarer will say "but I saw the card!" (Even worse is when they tell you which card it was.) The Laws have been written in such a way that removes the "I'm ruling against *you*" factor. The actual wording of this Law is:

A defender's card held so that it is possible for its partner to see its face must be played to the current trick.

We don't ask if his partner actually saw the card. They all say "I didn't see it!" and now we're placed in an awkward position of making it look like we're calling you a liar if we have to rule in a way

that makes you unhappy. We instead ask "was the card in a position that his partner *could have seen* the face." Usually a demonstration from each player will help determine at what angle the card was held and whether or not the partner was in a position that he might have seen the face.

A much more common situation arises with the auctions that have a hesitation at some point. As with the faced card the Law does not ask "what *you* would always do in this situation." This simply doesn't factor into our decision. Ask any player who bid after partner hesitates and they'll invariably tell you, "I was always going to bid again."

Law 16.B.1 takes this burden off both the player and the Director by stating the determination in these cases is based upon looking at whether or not a logical alternative existed:

A logical alternative action is one that, among the class of players in question and using the methods of the partnership, would be given serious consideration by a significant proportion of such players, of whom it is judged some might select it.

While you may have judged that you would always bid 4♠ after partner took 30 seconds to pass, the Director will poll a few other players of your level. He may find that everyone else also bid 4♠ and the ruling will be "the result stands." But he may also find that some of your peers will elect to pass, in which case the ruling is not "You're a liar and a cheat and a scoundrel for bidding 4♠!" but is actually based upon "a poll of your peers showed that some would choose to pass in this situation, in which case I need to adjust the score to 3♠ making 4, rather than 4♠ making 4."

At least now you can go home muttering about those stupid peers rather than feeling like the director was calling you a liar.

Bridge Hand

Hand Evaluation

Richard Burton will be inducted into the DBAA Hall of Fame at the Roswell Sectional later this month. See the article on [page 11](#). Here is a hand Richard played against the top partnership in the country, Jeff Meckstroth and Eric Rodwell. Or Meckwell, as they are universally known. It is one of the best cases for listening to the bidding I have ever seen. Of course it helps if you have Richard's wealth of experience when you are listening.

♠ 9 4
♥ J 8 6 3
♦ Q 9 8
♣ Q J 7 5

Richard will show you that even a hand as motley as this one can "grow". Here is the bidding he heard.

West <i>Meckstroth</i>	North	East <i>Rodwell</i>	South <i>Burton</i>
		1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	???

As might be expected with such esteemed opposition, the bidding needs some explanation. Meckwell plays a strong 1♣ system, so 1NT is 13-15 HCP. 2♦ is Game Forcing Stayman. 4♣ asks for "key cards" in diamonds, but ignoring the ♣A. (This convention, Exclusion Blackwood, is NOT recommended for casual partnerships.) "Key cards" are the four aces and the king of trumps. 4NT shows 2 key cards with the ♦Q.

Any ideas?

Here are Richard's. Rodwell has shown the ♦Q, but Richard is looking at it. Therefore Rodwell must have extra length, or 5 diamonds. Since he has 4 hearts as well, and he has no singletons or voids, Rodwell must be 2-2 in the black suits. And for Meckstroth to bid exclusion for clubs, he must be void. That gives partner 7 clubs -- and no diamonds! Figuring the opponents look good for at least 6♦, Richard takes the advance sacrifice of 7♣!

This puts Meckstroth to two guesses. First he has to guess whether to bid 7♦. Once he chooses to do so, he now must figure out how to play the diamonds. Since Richard preempted, Meckstroth understandably plays him as more likely to be void. He cashes the high honor in his hand, planning on finessing Richard's partner for the ♦Q if they break 3-0. Down 1.

Thanks to Marty Nathan for contributing this hand.