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President's Letter

WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

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Alpharetta, GA 30005
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Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center

5 Dunwoody Park South
Atlanta, GA 30338
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E-mail: atlantaduplicate@bellsouth.net
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

Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta

5 Dunwoody Park South
Atlanta, GA 30360
Pete Martin: 770-420-9593
E-mail: martinpeter@att.net
Website: <http://www.dbaa.us/>

KSU Bridge Club

KSU Center
3333 Busbee Drive
Kennesaw, GA 30144
Janice Ripley: 770-726-9881
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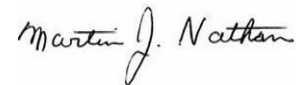
I just finished the last of the three *Freakonomics* books. If you can spare a moment or two from bridge, all are fascinating reads, once described as “melding pop culture with economics.” In the latest volume, the authors write about the importance of failure and quitting, two topics that don’t normally reap mounds of praise. The idea here is that you need to try different things and be willing to throw out the ones that don’t work.

I now feel much better about the DBAA web site. We’d tried and failed and quit several times before we got it right. There are plenty of web site providers out there. Finding one that could also deliver an online directory and meet the provisions of the ever-changing ACBL privacy policy was the real challenge. Fortunately there was one out there – Pianola – already working with the ACBL that could satisfy our needs.

Now the job was half-done. Web sites don’t create themselves. We wouldn’t have our new one without the tireless efforts of Sue Williams and Rob Epstein. They fought through the mechanics of building the web site. (Well, still fighting through might be a bit more accurate.) They imported pages from our old web site and added much more. The best way we can all show our appreciation is to visit www.dbaa.us and then let them know what you liked about the site.

I’ll start it off with “Thank you, Sue. Thanks, Rob”. Now it’s your turn.

PS. You can learn more about the new site – and how you can join the online directory – on [page 8](#).



Marty Nathan

DBAA Championships

The DBAA runs various Championship Events as part of our Atlanta sectionals. The feature events of the Spring Sectional are the Pairs Championships. The winners this March were:

Bridge Clubs

Midtown Bridge Club

First Presbyterian Church (Wednesday)
1328 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, GA 30309

Ansley Golf Club (Friday)

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

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: priscilla@ruffnsluffbridgeclub.com
Website: ruffnsluffbridgeclub.com

Silver Belles and Beaus

5285 Lakeside Drive
Union City, GA 30291
Bettie Harden: 770-306-3461
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NLM	Colleen Martin of Eatonton - Janis Cummiskey of Palmetto
Flight B	Gloria Stone - Richard Lash, both from St John's, Newfoundland
Open	Gary Williams of Roswell - Marty Nathan of Atlanta

All will have their names engraved on plaques presently hanging at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Center.

We offer more opportunities to “get your name on the wall” with the Memorial Day Sectional.

Our Knockout Championship will be a three-session event on Sunday, May 28.

New this year is the **Friendship Pair Game** ([page 5](#)), with two sessions – morning and afternoon – on Friday, May 26. Each pair must include a Life Master matched with a Non-Life Master. We’re not aware of any other unit running such a game as part of a sectional. Let’s get a great turnout and show the ACBL how it’s done.

We’ll let you know about the remaining championships, held at the fall sectional, in our August issue.

Notice of Disciplinary Action

Upon recommendation of a Unit 253 Disciplinary Committee, Jeff Cathrall has been suspended from the ACBL for four months through June 29, 2017 and placed on probation through June 30, 2019, for engaging in unethical behavior as defined in the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations section 3.20.





**Atlanta SuperSectional
May 25 – 29, 2017
Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center
246 Perimeter Center Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30346**

Location map: <http://www.yelp.com/map/atlanta-marriott-perimeter-center-atlanta>. There are many wonderful restaurants all around Perimeter center.

Tournament Schedule <http://web2.acbl.org/Tournaments/Ads/2017/05/1705059.pdf>

This is our **fourth** return to the Marriott Perimeter Hotel – We start Thursday morning and end Monday at 5:30.

YOU will enjoy attending this SuperSectional. Here's why:

- Unit 253/DBAA inaugural Friendship Championship Pairs (Life Master plays with an NLM). Friday, 10am and 2pm. Open to all regardless of Unit affiliation.
- Unit 253/DBAA Championship KO, open to all regardless of Unit affiliation, Sunday 3 sessions.
- A Sectional that awards all silver points at a site that looks, feels and acts like a regional
- **Free Parking**
- Easy \$89.00 hotel reservations for players by going to:
[Book your group rate for Spring Sectional Bridge Tournament 2017](#)
- Lessons **EVERY** morning game at 9:15 AM, except Monday.
- Evening Swiss team events **every** evening and pairs games as well
- Three 3-session knockout events plus two compact knockouts

All of the above and pleasant surprises – Do Not Miss These Games !!!

Try Wednesday Night Bridge in June

(and earn some free bridge!)

The DBAA Wednesday Night Game is a longtime fixture in Atlanta. We run this game as a great opportunity for players to hone their skills. You can play against – and learn from – some of our unit's best players. The great success of DBAA Game players in limited point events at NABC's demonstrates how well the game is living up to this goal. The game is stratified so everyone has a chance to do well.

- Who: Any player with less than 3000 points
- What: For qualifying players, play any Wednesday night and then **play for free** the following Wednesday night
- When: All of June – game time is 7PM each Wednesday
- Where: Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club
5 Dunwoody Park S
Atlanta, GA 30338

To encourage our advancing players to participate in this game, we are offering this special promotion:

The Club is conveniently located near I-285 and parking is safe and plentiful.

For the DBAA game schedule, see [page 6](#) or check us out at DBAA.us (click on DBAA Game).



FRIENDSHIP GAME

A DBAA
Championship
Event



The DBAA has added to its Championship Event schedule a Friendship Game, a new two-session event to be held at its second sectional each year. We'll hold our first ever at the Memorial Day SuperSectional (Marriott Perimeter Center) on Friday May 26 (10 & 2). This serves as the perfect culmination of our Mentor Program throughout this month. We'd love to see pairs who have played in this program team up again in the Friendship Game. We do, however, welcome any Life Master/ Non-Life Master partnership, even if they did not participate in the mentoring program or even if they are not members of Unit 253.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and experience tournament excitement. Come join the fun!

May Mentoring Month

by Joan Duffy & Janice Ripley

The time is here! The DBAA is sponsoring a fun program for a Life Master to play with a Non-Life Master, preferably several times. As a token of our appreciation for LM's giving back to the game, the DBAA pays for his/her entry fee. It's a terrific way to mingle and share knowledge of the game we love. Look for the sign-up sheets in all clubs or arrange your partnerships independently. You may play at any or all venues anytime during the month of May. The club owners and directors are familiar with the program and are very willing to assist. For further info, contact:

Joan Duffy at chapman.duffy44@gmail.com, or

Janice Ripley at bridge4jr@gmail.com

Tournament Schedule May 2017—April 2018

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!

May 25-29	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
June 16-18	NLM<500	Ruff n Sluff Bridge Club
June 26-July 2	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
August 21-27	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
August 29-September 4	Atlanta Regional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
November 8-12	DBAA Sectional	Marriott Perimeter Center
December 11-17	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
February 12-18	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
February 21-25	DBAA Sectional	TBA

Tournament schedules are always subject to change.

DBAA Game Schedule

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

May 03	Grass Roots Fund (Double points)
May 10	Grass Roots Fund (Double points)
May 17	Grass Roots Fund (Double points)
May 24	Grass Roots Fund (Double points)
May 31	Grass Roots Fund (Double points)
June 07	ACBL Charity (Double points)
June 14	Unit Championship (Double points)
June 21	NAP Qualifier (Triple points)
June 28	Club Championship (Double points)
July 05	Regular Game
July 12	NAP Qualifier (Triple points)
July 19	Regular Game
July 26	ACBL Charity (Double points)

May June July

Upcoming Special Games

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 is on tap for the upcoming three months.

Friday, June 2 (night)	* Worldwide Bridge Contest
Saturday, June 3 (day)	* Worldwide Bridge Contest
Sunday, June 4 (night)	Unit Championship
Monday, June 12 (day)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, June 14 (night)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, June 21 (all day)	Longest Day games for the Alzheimer's Association
Monday, June 26 (night)	Unit Charity Championship
Tuesday, June 27 (day)	Unit Championship
Tuesday, July 11 (morning)	* ACBL-wide Internationals Fund Game
Tuesday, July 11 (night)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, July 12 (day)	Unit Charity Championship
Thursday, July 13 (day)	Unit Championship
Friday, July 28 (day)	Unit Championship

* Includes hand records with expert analyses

Throughout May clubs can run Grass Roots FUNd games – check your club's calendar for any it is holding. A portion of each entry fee goes to support players representing District 7 at the finals of the North American Pairs (NAP) Championships and the Grand National Teams (GNT) Championships. These are the only two ACBL events that start in clubs. They are flighted from Non-Life Master <500 points through Open.

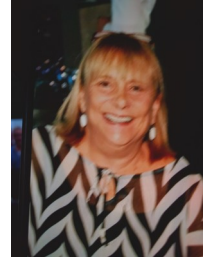
Speaking of NAP, those games start up again in June. They provide maximum masterpoints, both red and black. In the club games you can qualify for the District Championship to be held in November. Finish in the top three of four there and win a stipend to play in the Spring NABC.



THE NEW DBAA WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING

by Sue Williams

As promised, the new DBAA website (www.dbaa.us) is alive and well. We've brought over the content from the old site but we're adding new features all the time. While it is still "a work in progress", it has great information about the DBAA Unit, upcoming tournaments, awards and tournament results. You'll find those honored as part of our Hall of Fame or Sportsperson of the Year. Want to know the lifetime masterpoint leaders in the DBAA; that's there too.



Is there something missing? Got an idea to improve our site? Send your suggestions to our webmaster Sue Williams at szw2584@gmail.com and she'll see what we can do. For reasons not understood by mere mortals, you can longer be forwarded to the site by using our old "whidco" url. Be sure you change your favorites link to dbaa.us.

GETTING INTO THE DBAA DIRECTORY



The new website provides an online **directory** of member's contact information (both email and telephone). Each member decides what personal information to make available. While anyone can go to the web site, you must enroll to be part of the directory. And the only way to do that is to be invited.

Rob Epstein and Sue Williams are available to assist you in this process. How can they help?

If you have not previously created a username and password on the web site, email or call Rob (rpbstn@bellsouth.net - 404-202-5681) or Sue (szw2584@gmail.com - 678-642-6189).

If you have previously enrolled but have forgotten your user name and/or password, Rob or Sue can help you retrieve the information.

Please feel free to contact them for help in getting you signed up.

ALERT – Print Directory Warning! Later this year we plan on printing a directory. In the past we just included everyone in the DBAA but ACBL privacy rules now forbid that. The only way you can be in that directory is by enrolling as described above. Not only can you decide what information you want disclosed but you can also choose to be in the online directory, the print directory, neither or both.

Without this process, you will not be a part of either the on-line OR print directory.

There is no cost to use or be a part of this site.

2017 Honorees – Goodwill and Charity Committees

by Judy Fendrick

On March 11, the Unit 253 Board voted to select Jan Noll and Arlene Tauber as its newest members of the District 7 Goodwill Committee. They are both outstanding candidates for this award.



During the relatively short time Jan has played duplicate bridge, she has given selflessly of her time and energy to support programs to promote bridge within Unit 253, as well as serving as Unit Secretary and as a District 7 Unit Representative. Everyone enjoys having Jan at the bridge table, either as a partner or competitor.

Arlene's efforts for the ACBL's Longest Day fundraiser over the past three years are nothing short of phenomenal. As co-chair of the Longest Day her relentless efforts gave the Bridge Club of Atlanta the second highest fundraising total in the ACBL. Arlene epitomizes the spirit of goodwill at bridge through her gracious demeanor and willingness to help with whatever task is needed.

Jan and Arlene will be inducted to the District 7 Goodwill Committee on June 9 at the Greenville Regional.



Arlene and Helen

Helen Browdy and Arlene Tauber were both appointed to the ACBL Charity Committee this year by District 7 Director Bob Heller. Helen and Arlene worked tirelessly the past three years in making the Longest Day a huge success at the Bridge Club of Atlanta. Judy Fendrick was selected by Bob Heller to become a member of the ACBL Goodwill Committee for her dedication and volunteer work at the Unit, District and National levels.

Congratulations to all of this year's Goodwill and Charity award recipients. Well deserved!



Jan Noll

Thoughts on Bridge

"I wouldn't mind going to prison for the rest of my life, as long as my cell mates knew how to play bridge".

--The Oracle of Omaha, Warren Buffet.

"If you have the slightest touch of masochism, you'll love this game."

— Anonymous

Bridge Hand

Obvious on Second Look

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

4 ♠ by South
Lead: ♥ K

The bidding is intentionally not given; it would be far too embarrassing for all involved. Suffice it to say it's a team event and the IMP devil made you do it.

Your first step as always is to count your losers, three in hearts and two slow ones in clubs. What to do?

The opponents start with three rounds of hearts and it seems obvious to ruff the third heart but you need to think about all your losers, not just one. The only source of tricks is the diamond suit, hoping for a 3-3 split. That's about a 35% shot but some chance is better than none. You can at some point play the ♦ K, then small to the ♦ A, and a ruff will set up the suit.

But how will you then get to your good diamonds? If you make the "obvious" play of ruffing the third heart, you are not getting back to dummy. You must instead discard a club from dummy on the third heart trick. You win the club return and now play off the top diamonds and ruff a diamond. Draw three rounds of trumps, *ending in dummy*. Voila! Your two little diamonds are established and you are in dummy to cash them. Your two club losers disappear and you claim ten tricks – five spades, four diamonds and the ♣ A.

Lesson 1: Actually a reminder more than a lesson. Didn't you bridge teacher tell you to always make a plan?

Lesson 2: IMP vs. Matchpoint scoring. At IMPs, the key is to make your contract. You would have gone down two if the diamonds didn't break evenly. That's a risk worth taking. You can turn a -50 into +400 for a 10 IMP swing, at the risk of going down an additional 50 (2 IMPs). If you thought everyone in a pairs event would bid 4 ♠, you might not want to take such a risk. The chance of the diamonds breaking are much less than 50%; -100 vs. -50 could turn an average score into a bottom. Here, however, you don't think many will bid as poorly as you did and end up in game. Any minus score will be a bad result. So you probably should play as above in pairs too.

Thanks to Beatrice Kemp for this great hand of planning your play.

Open Season For Hall of Fame Recommendations

by Mike Sheldon

The Hall of Fame (“HOF”) Committee has begun soliciting recommendations for membership in the DBAA Hall of Fame. **The period for submission of recommendations to the HOF Committee ends on June 30.** If you want to recommend someone for consideration, please submit a summary of your reasons to HOF Committee Chairman Mike Sheldon at mikesheldon@bellsouth.net or to one of the HOF Committee members (Mike Sheldon, Sara Medlin, Jim Stogner) in person. Any approved inductions will be announced at the Atlanta Labor Day Regional, or similar venue, later this year.

The award of HOF induction is primarily intended to be recognition of achievements by the candidate in playing in ACBL sanctioned bridge events. This recognition should include accomplishments in Sectional, Regional, National, and International events. Accomplishments in club and online play may also be considered, including Sectional Tournaments at Clubs results (“STAC”), ACBL Instant Matchpoint results, McKenney and Mini-McKenney award recognition, and Ace of Clubs recognition. These achievements are intended as examples and are by no means exclusive. Activities in and relating to the DBAA should be given particular emphasis. Significant achievement playing in ACBL bridge events shall be considered integral to this award. On the other hand, induction into the HOF is NOT to be considered a “lifetime achievement” award and may occur at any time during or after a player’s career.

Award consideration should also include recognition of a level of service or contribution to the game of bridge within the DBAA. Other awards, such as the ACBL and Unit Goodwill Committee selection have been developed to recognize outstanding service to the game of bridge, so this factor, although given considerable importance, shall be considered a criteria secondary to bridge accomplishment for purposes of this award.

The candidate’s ethics and conduct (including both sportsmanship and general behavior) should also be given some weight.

A detailed explanation of this award, including its criteria and the procedures for selection, may be found in the Hall of Fame Policies and Procedures document on the DBAA website in the Hall of Fame area.

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 0-100
Atlanta DBC 11:00 0-50	Ruff 'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300 6:00 0-20		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.

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.

Here is the *tentative* schedule for the rest of 2017.

June 3

July 15

October 14

August 26

December 9