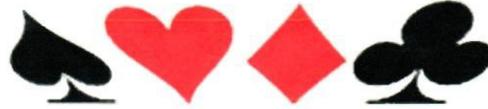


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With this edition of the Newsletter, I have completed my term as Editor as well as my term as DBAA Vice-President. Diane Strickland will take over the Editor's position and will do a great job. I hope everyone will be as cooperative with her as you have been with me. Please send Diane (stricklanddiane@gmail.com) all of your email address changes, ideas, complaints, and lots of support and praise.

I'll see you at the bridge table!

President's Letter

You did it! Well, at least enough of you did, that is, signed the petition to form an Atlanta ACBL Unit. More than 1100 signatures were sent to ACBL Headquarters. Of those members who actually play (defined as having earned at least .01 master points when the roster was prepared in July), more than 2/3 said they want an Atlanta unit – or at least had faith in those of us who believe it will be better for bridge here and throughout the state.



ACBL management will verify the signatures and gather opinions from the Unit 114 President, the District 7 President and the District 7 Director and make their recommendation to the ACBL Board of Directors. The ACBL hopes to have all this done in time for the Board of Directors meeting in March. They did, however, issue a caveat that they do not get petitions this large very often. We hope to have an answer by mid-March.

There are around 4000 ACBL members in the State of Georgia. No matter whether you supported the new unit or not, we all want what is best for duplicate bridge in our state. While the final outcome is not yet known, it is important that we all work toward that goal.

Martin J. Nathan

Last Word from the Editor

by Mary Ann Oakley

Are YOU Missing in Action?

Editor's Request: If you change your email address, or know of someone who is not getting this Newsletter, please send any names and correct email addresses to stricklanddiane@gmail.com. We are missing a lot of people, and there are far too many whose Newsletters bounce because all we have is an outdated email address.

Congratulations to Change of Rank Honorees!

by Judy Fendrick



Each year the DBAA hosts Change of Rank parties at participating clubs to recognize those individuals who had a change in their ACBL rank in the preceding calendar year. The honorees are entitled to one free play at one of the club parties. Players should let the director know at the time they buy their entry that they are a Change of Rank honoree.

The parties will be held on different dates in March. This is a reminder to look for the announcement at each club for the date of their party and a posted listing of the players who changed rank. This information will also be posted on the DBAA website in late February. www.dbaa.us

Atlantans Win Trips to New Orleans

Each November brings the North American Pairs District Finals. As usual there was good news for Atlanta players. The top three or four spots in each flight won a subsidized trip to play in the NAP finals at the Spring Nationals.

Olin Hubert teamed with Hugh Brown of South Carolina to take first place in the Open flight. **Bob Fendrick** placed fifth and **Jenni and Tom Carmichael** finished sixth, not quite high enough to win the trip to New Orleans.

Flight B was even better. **Linda Bush** played with Varghese George of Martinez, Georgia to win this event. They squeaked out a win by .08% over **Richard and Andrew Jeng**, the runners up in this flight. **Peter Martin** finished fifth.

For the first time Flight C (NLM <500 points) Finals were held at multiple locations, with the winner in at each site winning the trip. Congratulations to **Libba Wight** and **Carolyn Luesing** for their victory here in Atlanta. Due to our District's sensational participation in the event, the best 2nd place finisher also won a trip and that went to **Candace and Richard Brown**.

The Flight C event in Atlanta was well-attended. We hope District 7 will bring it back next year.

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(Opening in March)

A player who can't defend accurately should try to be declarer... Alfred Sheinwold

I favor light opening bids. When you're my age, you're never sure they're going to get back to you in time.... Oswald Jacoby at 77

Atlanta Nationals Co-Chairs Named

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District 7 at its November board meeting approved co-chairs for the North American Bridge Championship to be held here in August 2018. We are thrilled to see this event in the capable hands of Judy Fendrick and Joe Sherwood. The ACBL promptly confirmed the District's nominees. Both are long-time volunteers and have extensive experience with prior NABC's. Judy and Joe are already at work planning for this major Atlanta tournament.

Experience tells us the most successful nationals need at least 200 volunteers; it's not too early to tell Judy or Joe of your interest.

Election for Metro Atlanta Unit Reps

by Joan Sheldon

The DBAA will hold Elections for Metro Atlanta Area Reps between Jan 26 and Feb 7.

There are 7 candidates with 4 positions available. Bio's for the candidates can be found on our web sites:

DBAA - www.dbaa.us/

Unit 114 -

www.unit114acbl.org/700UnitOfficers/705_Elections.htm

The candidates are:

Joan Braender Jack Feagin Bob Jones

Joan Duffy Roz Howell Larry Rich

Janice Ripley

You know you're in trouble when the first thing the opponents decide to do is draw trumps, and you're the declarer.

The sum of all technical knowledge cannot make a master contract player... Ely Culbertson

We had a partnership misunderstanding. My partner assumed I knew what I was doing.

Club Voting: Check the [DBAA website](#) for your club's date.

Tournament Voting: You can vote at the Roswell Sectional next month – Wednesday through Saturday between the morning and afternoon sessions and Saturday evening from 6:30-7:25.

Absentee Ballot: Anyone who has an absentee ballot must return it to Joan Sheldon by US mail or in person by Feb 6, 2015.

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DBAA Game Schedule

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

Feb. 4	NO GAME Roswell Sectional
Feb. 11	ACBL Charity (2X)
Feb. 18	Regular Game & Optional GNT
Feb. 25	Regular Game
March 4	Regular Game
March 11	Local Charity (2X)
March 18	Regular Game
March 25	GNT Qualifier (Teams Only)
April 1	ACBL Charity (2X)
April 8	Local Charity (2X)
April 15	ACBL Charity (2X)
April 22	Local Charity (2X)
April 29	ACBL Charity (2x) and Last-Chance Optional GNT

Upcoming Special Games

The ACBL and Unit 114 offer many special games to clubs, giving you the opportunity to maximize your master points. The ACBL events often include expert hand analyses. Here is what is on tap for the upcoming three months.

Saturday, January 31 (afternoon)	* ACBL-wide International Fund Game
Monday, February 16 (day)	Unit championship
Saturday, February 21 (day)	Unit championship
Sunday, February 22 (day)	Unit championship – Swiss teams
Tuesday, February 24 (day)	Unit championship
Wednesday, February 25 (day)	Unit championship
Monday, March 2 (afternoon)	* ACBL-wide Senior Game
Wednesday, March 25 (day)	Unit championship
Thursday, March 26 (day)	Unit championship
Friday, March 27 (day)	Unit championship
Saturday, March 28 (day)	Unit championship
Sunday, March 29 (day)	Unit championship
Monday, March 30 (day)	Unit championship
All of April	Charity Club Championship Games
Thursday, April 2 (morning)	* ACBL-wide Charity Game

*Includes hand records and expert analyses.

In addition, clubs can run Grand National Team games all the way through the end of April. They are the first step to your winning a trip to the 2015 Summer NABC in Chicago.

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.



Tournament Schedule

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.

*Feb 4-8	Atlanta Sectional	Roswell Adult Recreation Center
May 21-25	Atlanta Sectional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
June 15-21	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
July 24-26	Non-Life Master Sectional	Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club
Aug. 24-30	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
Sept. 1-7	Atlanta Regional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
*Nov. 11-15	Atlanta Sectional	Roswell Adult Recreation Center
Dec. 14-20	District 7 ST@C	Your Club

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

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

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 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Bridge Club of Atlanta 10:00 0-20	Atlanta DBC 12:00 0-20 12:00 0-500
	Ruff'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)			Alpharetta DBC 12:00 0-500	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-20

Play Bridge Atlanta will reopen in March with a number of limited games. The days and times will be announced.

You can find the web pages for each club – including phone numbers, addresses and directions – on our web page at www.dbaa.us or on [page 2](#) of this newsletter. 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 experienced but not expert players. (NLM generally means up to 500 points.)

Don't Sweat the Little Stuff

(Or "Are we having fun yet?")

by Dan Plato



Day after day and week after week players consult ACBL concerning new conventions they've invented, the alert system, conditions of contest and, of course, interpretations of Law. Like legal assistants buried in the law library we hunt for the most relevant citations to help players better understand the various reasons a "horrible" director ruled against them.

Not a day goes by that we don't get questions ranging from the absurd to the ridiculous. One of the most common goes this way:

Player: I'm North and East keeps touching the boards and flipping them before I'm done scoring. Shouldn't the director punish him?

Director: A thorough hunt through the Laws, Policies, and Regulations actually finds only one reference to who 'controls' the boards. Law 8.A.2 reads: 'Unless the Director instructs otherwise, the North player at each table is responsible for moving the boards just completed at his table to the proper table for the following round.' No mention of who can touch or turn or flip. What is interesting is that the one responsibility that IS assigned is usually abdicated by North. All too often they ask another pair to do this for them or call the director to move the boards as they are firmly ensconced in their chair.

As a club and tournament director I've seen this little spat happen way too many times:

Player: This guy keeps putting his convention card on MY corner of the table. Tell him to stop it!

Director: There are no "MY" corners on any table. Play nice, share the space and focus on the important stuff like finishing this round on time.

Then there's this lovely one:

Player: He's crunching on his ice. I can't concentrate.

Director: I feel your pain. That one is hard for me too. All I can quote to you is Law 74 relative to a player's conduct: A player should carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player or might interfere with the enjoyment of the game.

One final example of times where directors want to roll their eyes, meanwhile wondering if the market is friendly enough for them to return to their old job:

Director: Two minutes on the clock, folks. Please finish up quickly, score it up and move for the next round. Do not start a new board at this time!

Player: (ripping his hand from the next board while the director approaches the table) Please let us play this! We're fast! They're still playing at the next table!

Director: The fact that you used 13 minutes to play the first board is not good evidence that you're fast players. The next table has 3 cards to play and will undoubtedly finish within the allocated time. Let's

Opponent of the Month

by Janet Edwards



The DBAA includes many accomplished people representing a wide variety of professions and industries. This month we focus on two people whose careers have been closely tied to the development of our city. Partners

at the bridge table and partners in life, attorney Clay Long and Judge Elizabeth Long have contributed, together and separately, to the betterment of our city through their professional and civic involvement.

Both Clay and Elizabeth learned bridge as kids, Elizabeth from her parents and Clay from a friend's parents, and both played some in college. Their story would be perfect for this article if it had been bridge that had brought them together, but that is not how their story goes. Their life together began when California girl Elizabeth met Alabama boy Clay in London. She was studying at the London School of Economics, having graduated from University of California at Berkeley. He, having graduated from Birmingham Southern College, was studying at King's College. Upon their return to the U.S. they married and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where Clay attended Harvard Law School. After graduating *magna cum laude* Clay was accepted as Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, a move that took them to Washington, D.C. A subsequent job offer in Atlanta landed them here.

In 1974 Clay became a founding member of the Atlanta firm Long, Aldridge & Norman LLP, now known as McKenna, Long & Aldridge. He is known throughout the Atlanta business community for his outstanding legal expertise and knowledge. Clay's primary areas of practice were business and corporate matters, as well as real estate development and finance. He has been involved in many important legal matters.

While Clay was busy building his law career, Elizabeth was home raising their family. When their two daughters were in school all day, she found herself

looking for something to do. Claiming no talent as a musician or a painter, and having little interest in luncheons and shopping, she decided to attend law school at Emory University. Her decision eventually led to her appointment to fill a vacancy on the Fulton County Superior Court, which she held through re-election for 12 years. She ended her full time career on the bench as Chief Judge, but continues today to work part-time as a judge in the Business Court Division of the Fulton Superior Court.

Both Elizabeth and Clay are humble about their many civic contributions and recognitions, literally too numerous to mention in this space. Clay's interests are primarily centered on environmental issues. Elizabeth's passions run toward social issues. Neither will speak of their own accomplishments, but each will sing the praises of the other. Elizabeth believes Clay should be noted for having served as Chairman of the Board of MARTA as well as for having written two state conservation plans, one for Democratic Gov. Roy Barnes and one for Republican Gov. Sonny Perdue. Clay is most proud that Elizabeth had been the President of the Council of Battered Women and Chairperson of the Georgia Board of Bar Examiners. Elizabeth has also received the YWCA Women of Achievement Award, given to women who have made outstanding contributions in business and philanthropy in their community. Both Clay and Elizabeth have been recognized in *Georgia Trend Magazine's* "100 Most Influential Georgians."

The intensity of their respective careers left little time for leisure activities, so it was not until a few years ago that they returned to bridge. They have enjoyed learning the new conventions, especially 2/1 and DONT, and honing their skills as declarers and defenders. They are both Life Masters, not far from becoming Bronze Life Masters. They have combined their love of the game with their love of

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A Nifty End Play

<p>♠ 9 5 4 2 ♥ Q 7 ♦ Q J 8 3 ♣ J 9 2</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ 9 4 2 ♦ 7 5 ♣ A 8 6 3</p>	<p>♠ K J 6 ♥ 6 3 ♦ A K 10 9 4 2 ♣ Q 7</p>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ A K J 10 8 5 ♦ 6 ♣ K 10 5 4</p>
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	2♥	3♦	1♥
All pass			4♥
Lead: ♦ Q			

I like North's bid of 2♥ rather than 1♠. His hand is worth one bid; partner wants to know about the heart fit.

West leads the ♦Q. You ruff the diamond continuation and thank the card gods that you did not get a spade lead or a spade switch. You have no reason to postpone playing trumps and no reason to buck the odds. You play the ♥A and ♥K and suppress a smile as the queen drops.

The key is playing the club suit right. If they are breaking 4-1, it's less likely East holds the four. She has played two hearts and probably has six diamonds. Otherwise West might hold enough spades to have bid at the one level. So you start with the ♣K, West playing the two (standard signals, evidently showing three cards) and East the 7. Your guess has been that East might be short in clubs and their signals, if true,

suggest that may be the case. Now you realize that if East has a doubleton honor, you can lead towards dummy and duck the club to the bare queen. That brings us to this position:

<p>♠ 9 5 4 2 ♥ — ♦ 8 3 ♣ J</p>	<p>♠ Q 8 7 3 ♥ 9 ♦ — ♣ A 8</p>	<p>♠ K J 6 ♥ — ♦ A K 9 2 ♣ —</p>	<p>♠ A 10 ♥ J 10 8 ♦ — ♣ 10 5</p>
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East is end played. She must lead away from the ♠K or give you a ruff and sluff.

Making 5 ties for a top for a hand well played.

Editor's Note: Yes, East might have seen the end play coming and dropped the ♣Q under the king. Such brilliance could however easily be wrong on a different layout of the hand.

Thanks to Jack Feagin for contributing this hand from last Friday's game at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club.

set this up as a late play. Finish the rest of your rounds on time and we'll come back to it at the end of the game.

Player: mutter mutter mutter mutter and mutter

(And as a chorus, the four players will claim "IT'S NOT MY FAULT!")

Slow play is without a doubt one of the causes of more strife and angst during a game than almost any other behavior. Consider that for most games players receive approximately 7½ minutes to complete each board. An extra minute or two might be added for newcomer games. If players don't talk, don't teach, and don't post-mortem the board to death they usually have more than enough time to chat a bit at the end of the round. Part of finishing the round on time has to do with creating a level playing field. Other players had 7 ½ minutes to play a particular board. What makes you believe you deserve 10 minutes?

Receiving a late play is not a penalty. It is a gift! You've had the time pressure temporarily suspended. You get to start the next round right on time, AND you get to play the missed board with a full 7½ minutes at the end of the game if the director permits it. Meanwhile you've made the rest of the pairs following you a bit happier as they are no longer held up nor forced to start a round late.

Duplicate Decisions gives some great advice to club directors in handling late plays. Note that a club may decide to not allow late plays at all:

1. Only one late play should be assigned to any one pair per session.
2. If a pair is unable, through fault of their own, to complete another board after the Director has assigned them a late play, the Director will award the offending pair an average minus and their opponents an average plus.
3. The Director should not allow a late play

if any of the players at the table have already seen their cards on the deal. He should either allow the hand to be bid and played to its conclusion, or cancel the board for both sides if playing it will

4. unduly inconvenience the other contestants or unduly delay the progress of the game.
5. If the Director can determine that only one side was responsible for slow play, he awards the offenders an average minus and their opponents an average plus for the unplayed board. Both sides receive average if the Director is not able to determine blame.
6. If a pair has been assigned a late play and is unable to complete the last round and the late play in reasonable time, the Director may award an artificial adjusted score. This is an average plus for pairs that were in no way at fault for the late play and an average minus for pairs that were responsible.
7. It is proper to bar late plays if the sponsor so desires or if time does not permit. The Director assigns artificial adjusted scores (Law 12) on any board that cannot be played in the time limit established for the round.

Moral of today's lessons: Play nice, play well, and if you can't play well, play fast. When you make a mistake because you're playing fast at least you'll

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travel, enjoying Larry Cohen's cruise to Alaska and his seminars in upstate New York and Highlands, North Carolina.

Look for Elizabeth and Clay at the tables. Great partners in life and in bridge, they are formidable opponents and loyal friends. They have helped shape Atlanta into the great city it is today. We are privileged to have them as part of our bridge community.

Ace of Clubs / Mini-McKenney Results

Each year the ACBL has Ace of Clubs races in each of 13 master point categories, recognizing those who have accumulated the most points playing in clubs. There is Unit and District competition as well as overall ACBL awards. Atlantans did so well that there is not room to mention all those who placed in the top ten in their respective brackets. You can find all the results by logging into the MyACBL at www.acbl.org and scrolling down to District/Unit Races. We do want to acknowledge those who won their brackets.

5-20 MP's	Jerry Gerard	First in District; 7 th nationally
20-50	Richard Brown	First in District; 7 th nationally
50-100	Duke Bhatia	First in District; 2 nd nationally
100-200	Bijan Kasraie	First in District; First nationally
200-300	Beth Stephens	First in District; First nationally
300-500	Kay O'Conner	8 th in District
500-1000	Rick Scott	4 th in District
2500-5000	Bob Jones	6 th in District
5000-7500	Bill Kulbersh	First in District; First nationally
7500-10000	Arnold Hawkins	First in District
10000+	Richard Taube	2 nd in District

Special recognition goes to Bill Kulbersh, who won the third most masterpoints in clubs, regardless of category, in the ACBL.

Given the great clubs in Atlanta, our players regularly rank high in Unit, District and ACBL-Wide competition. The Mini-McKenney races are stiffer competition, as they are based on all points earned in the year. We had very good results here as well. Here are the Unit 114 winners.

5-20 MP's	Shari Naman	2 nd in District
20-50	Richard Brown	First in District, 6 th nationally
50-100	Duke Bhatia	2 nd in District, 10 th nationally
100-200	Bijan Kasraie	3 rd in District, 5 th nationally
200-300	Jan Noll	First in District, 8 th nationally
1000-2000	Nancy Motes	3 rd in District
2500-5000	Bob Jones	First in District
5000-7500	Bill Kulbersh	2 nd in District
7500-10000	Robert Fendrick	First in District

Congratulations to all of the above as well as all the others who placed in the various races.

Atlanta Junior Bridge

by Patty Tucker

The Bridge Club of Atlanta (BCA) on Roswell Road has started a 0-20 master point game on Saturdays. The game will run from roughly noon to 3:15 or so. *Any Atlanta Junior Bridge students with 0-20 master points are welcome to play for **free** in this game.* There may or may not be an AJB representative present at the game. Patty Tucker hopes that many new students will take advantage of this free opportunity to play. The second Saturday of every month is free; the AJB only game at the Bridge Club of Atlanta has been discontinued.

The **Georgia Youth Swiss Team Championship** is scheduled for February 7. It will be held at the Roswell Sectional at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. As always, there will be a newcomer game (attendance permitting) for those students who prefer not to play in the team championship. Please encourage your students to attend. If you need help finding a team or partner, please contact your AJB teacher or email Patty Tucker at wimsey@mindspring.com. See you there!

Here is the link to the Roswell Tournament flyer: <http://www.unit114acbl.org/900UpcomingTourn.htm>

We hope to see you there!



2015 Goodwill Nominees

by Roz Howell



At the January 17 meeting, the Unit 114 Board of Directors selected their three nominees to the District 7 Goodwill

Committee. This year's nominees are Becky Butler, Evelyn Gilliard and Shirley Urso. They exemplify the combination of excellent table attitude and volunteerism that is the hallmark of Goodwill.

Becky Butler is well known in the Metro area for her volunteer activities on behalf of bridge players throughout our area. She clearly loves the game and the people she meets, and it shows in her every deed. She has made hospitality at tournaments and at Unit meetings into her area of expertise. She also mentors and promotes and supports Change of Rank, Social Bridge Duplicate and all the Unit 114 and DBAA programming. She currently serves the Unit as a Metro area representative. Becky sets the standard for excellent table presence and pleasant demeanor. She is a genuinely nice person who exemplifies the spirit of Goodwill.

Evelyn Gilliard is active in our sister organization the American Bridge Association. She is an ABA certified teacher and teaches novices and intermediates in her East Point home area. She also has attended and volunteered at many summer Nationals, local sectionals and summer regional tournaments. She was recently named the runner-up for the Unit 114 Sportsperson of the Year.

Shirley Urso has been described as the mortar that keeps the Conyers Bridge Club together. Over the past ten years, she has served her club in many capacities: a great partner, always willing to cook and cleanup at club events, and generous in her willingness to drive other players to events. Her quiet, but friendly demeanor has been a steady influence on her fellow players in Conyers and beyond.