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President's Letter

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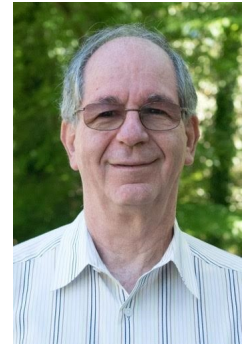
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As my final term as your president nears its conclusion, I want to thank all of you for allowing me this honor. It has been a great experience. I've met so many more of you than I ever would have otherwise. You are a great group.



Here's where I get into trouble, singling out some for special appreciation. My apologies to those I miss. Many work for the DBAA right out front: Jack Feagin and Ron Torre running our tournaments; first Mary Ann Oakley and now Diane Strickland putting out the newsletter each quarter; Sue Williams and Rob Epstein with the thankless task of maintaining our web site and on-line directory; Joan Duffy and Janice Ripley caring for our Education Department in general and more specifically the mentor program; Becky Butler arranging each year for Change of Rank Parties; Joan Sheldon making sure our elections run smoothly.

Many others aren't working in visible programs but their efforts are just as critical. Few jobs require as much time as Treasurer, and we have been most fortunate to have George Powell and then Pete Martin; the job grows each year but they kept up with it. Almost as time consuming is the position of Secretary but first Judy Fendrick and currently Jan Noll have been phenomenal. The DBAA could not provide clubs (and players) with 28 extra-point Unit Games were it not for the diligence of Vicki Bell. Ed Hales contributed his time and that of an associate for the legal work to create our Unit 253. Sam Marks has allowed us the use of his club for our meetings. Roz Howell has seen to our Sportsperson of the Year and more recently (with a major assist from Sue Williams) had our DBAA print directory published. Mike Sheldon followed by Garry Williams (and their committees) found sensational officers as Nominating Committee Chair. Bev Wilkinson has sent out new member packers each month.

And again my apologies to those I have overlooked. Bridge does help improve the mind but it can only do so much.

Thank you all.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Marty J. Nathan".

Marty Nathan
mjajnathan@gmail.com

Bridge Clubs

Midtown Bridge Club

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

Ansley Golf Club (Friday)

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Elections

Every two years we elect four officers and eight at-large directors for the DBAA. These members provide the leadership that brings you all our programs and manages the affairs of our Unit 253. To ensure an orderly transition and continuity, our bylaws call on our Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers. Once done, any member can self-nominate for an officer position or any of the eight at-large directors. You've probably seen that notice on your club's bulletin board. The slate provided by the Nominating Committee is:

President - Roz Howell

Vice-President - Sue Williams

Secretary - Melissa Taylor

Treasurer - Pete Martin

No others self-nominated so these will be your officers for 2018-2020.

Eight members nominated themselves for the at-large director seats:

Vicki Bell

Karen Bragman

Becky Butler

Tom Drinkard

Jack Feagin

Jan Noll

Ram Sankaran

Ron Torre

As there are no self-nominations for officers and there is one for each of the eight at-large seats, there is no need for an election at the sectional this month.

Thanks to our Nominating Committee of Garry Williams (chair), Bill Kulbersh and Mike Sheldon for providing such an outstanding officer slate. Thanks also to Mason Barge, who agreed to take on the important task of Elections Chair. Mason had already begun the necessary preparations had we needed to hold an election.

Limited Games – Up to 500 MPs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Roswell DBC 11:00 0-500	Ruff 'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson)	Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Ruff 'n Sluff 10:30 0-20 (10:00 lesson)	Bridge Club of Atlanta 10:00 **0-50	Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 **0-100
Atlanta DBC 11:00 **0-100		Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300 6:00 0-100	Atlanta DBC 11:00 **0-299	Alpharetta DBC 10:00 **0-20	
Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-300					

** The director will stay after the game to go over hands and answer your questions.

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.

DBAA Game Schedule

February 7	Regular Game
February 17	District 7 ST@C
February 21	Regular Game
February 28	ACBL Charity (Double Points)
March 7	AJB Charity (Double Points)
March 14	GNT Qualifier (Teams Only)
March 21	Regular Game
March 28	Club Championship (Double Points) - Change Of Rank Party
April 4	ACBL Charity (Double Points)
April 11	AJB Charity (Double Points)
April 18	ACBL Charity (Double Points)
April 25	AJB Charity (Double Points)

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

Upcoming Special Games

February March April

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.

Saturday, February 3 (afternoon)	*ACBL-wide International Fund Game
Wednesday, February 21 (afternoon)	*ACBL-wide Charity Game
Monday, March 5 (day)	Unit Championship
Monday, March 19 (afternoon)	*ACBL-wide Senior Game
Tuesday, March 27 (day)	Unit Championship
Wednesday, April 25 (morning)	*ACBL-wide Charity Game

* Includes hand records with expert analyses

Clubs can run charity games throughout the month of April. These games help support the ACBL Charity Foundation as well as local charities selected by your club manager. Check your club's calendar for these games.

Atlanta Junior Bridge



Alumni Success – Arjun Dhir and Richard Jeng, two of our AJB alumni, will be off to China! In the USBF Junior Team Trials held in Atlanta in December, their respective teams qualified to compete in the world championships in Suzhou, China in August.

Arjun Dhir's team will represent the U.S. in the Under 26 teams.

Richard Jeng's team will represent the U.S. in the Under 21 teams.

Congratulations to both of you and good luck in China! We'll be on the lookout to see your names again on the top of the leader board!

Youth NABC – The Youth North American Bridge Championship (YNABC) is back in Atlanta this summer from August 2 through 4. There are games for experienced players **AND** for those just beginning to learn bridge

Classes – We have classes Saturdays from 4 to 6 PM at the Bridge Club of Atlanta and all are welcome. If you have kids from 8 to 19 who are interested in learning bridge, come on in! We'd love to have them!

Contact Patty Tucker at 404-735-4779 for more information or email Patty at wimsey@mindspring.com.

DBAA Directory

by Roz Howell

The 2018 edition of the DBAA member directory is in clubs and available for players.

This year we faced the additional challenge of requiring you to “opt in” to be in our print and/or the online directory. This is a requirement of the revised ACBL privacy policy.

Almost 800 of our members chose to submit their names and contact info for the print directory. Sue Williams completed the huge task of entering the info from every form into the Pianola database and that info was used to print the directory. I was responsible for the cover design and the extraneous information pages.

To make a correction or addition for the next edition, email: Directory@dbaa.us and clearly indicate what info you want to include,

OR

Access the online directory and make your own corrections and additions. If you haven't already registered for access to the online directory, visit the DBAA website, www.dbaa.us and at the Pianola link in the upper right corner, request a user name and password for the online directory. The information you provide will be used for the next printing. If you register, you will also be able to see the contact information for other players.



Beginning Bridge Information

Patty Tucker held a *Learn Bridge in A Day?*® class last month at the Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club and one of players dealt her husband a 27 HCP hand! FIX, you think? Not so, he wasn't her partner. The five tables of players had a great time and are planning to continue their bridge journey Some through Patty's beginning course and a few in weekend workshops designed for them to continue to learn and play. This is a great way to get a new core of beginning players in your club. If you are interested visit the Whirlwind Bridge website for more information or contact Patty at wimsey@mindspring.com.

Editor's note 1: Those students hadn't yet learned the 2♣ opening bid What a shame!

Editor's note 2: The DBAA Newsletter is always pleased to publicize any beginning bridge opportunities within our unit's area.

Disrupting the Opponents' Communications

South Deals	♠ A 6 4						
Both Vul	♥ 7 5 2						
	♦ K 6						
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 N	All pass	1 N
Lead: ♠ K			

- Is there any danger in trying to develop clubs? If spades are divided 4-3, then the opponents will never get more than two spades and two clubs. However, if they are divided 5-2 (as in the actual layout), then East may be able to win the first club and return a spade, allowing West to clear spades while still retaining a high club honor. Three spades and two clubs lead to defeat.
- Can I prevent this danger? I can duck the first spade and later finesse West for the marked ♠ Q. If West continues the suit, I'll prevail against almost all layouts as East will no longer have a spade to return. (Or if he does, they'll break 4-3.) Defeat would be very rare, only when West has made a highly unusual lead with ♠ Kx, or when West has five spades and both the ♣ A and ♣ K.

In a finals of a team match in the Animal Kingdom regional, the tortoises are facing the hares.

At Table 1, the hare calls the ♠ A before 13 cards hit the table. After all, that does guarantee a second spade trick. Going after his long suit, he leads a club from dummy. East rises with the ♣ A and returns partner's spade suit. West takes his king and clears the suit. When the hare leads a second club, West takes the ♣ K and two more spades. Down 1.

At the other table, the tortoise declarer receives the same opening lead but she stops to think when dummy comes down.

- How many tricks do I need? At least nine to make the contract.
- How many do I have? Only six, but with the ♠ K lead, I'm virtually assured of seven. I need to develop two more tricks, and clubs look like the only suit to provide that.

The tortoise makes 4 for a 12 IMP swing, enough to win the championship.

Should South always make this ducking play? Suppose she had the ♦ 8 instead of the ♦ J. Now if she ducked the ♠ K lead, West could shift to a diamond instead of continuing, and almost always beat the contract with one spade, two clubs, and at least two diamonds. This greater danger forces South to take the ♠ K with the ♠ A and hope for spades to break 4-3 or 6-1 or West to win the first club.

When you declare, are you a tortoise or a hare?

This hand is taken from a theme in Mike Lawrence's book, "How to Play Card Combinations" (1988). Thanks to Mike Sheldon for sharing it.

Tournament Schedule February 2018 - January 2019

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! Tournament schedules are always subject to change.

Sectionals, including the Non-Life Master and the Sectional Tournaments at clubs (ST@C's), award silver points. The Regional Event at the Club House (REACH) is an experimental ACBL program that provides red and gold points. You have another eleven days this year for red and gold at the 2018 Summer NABC.

February 3 & February 7-9	REACH	Your Club
February 12-18	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
February 22-25	DBAA Sectional	DoubleTree Perimeter Hotel
May 30 - June 3	DBAA Sectional	Crowne Plaza Ravinia
June 15-17	Non-Life Master Sectional	Ruff 'n Sluff Bridge Club
July 26 – August 5	2018 Atlanta Summer NABC	Marriott Marquis
August 20-26	District 7 ST@C	Your Club
October 10-14	DBAA Sectional	TBA
December 10-16	District 7 ST@C	Your Club

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

Note that the February sectional starts on Thursday. (Hotels prefer to keep weekdays available for their business customers.)

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Bridge on the Web

Want a peek into the world of the professional bridge player? Check out this article:

<http://observer.com/2013/11/million-dollar-hobby-inside-the-world-of-big-money-bridge>

2018 Summer NABC – Make Your Plans Now!

by Judy Fendrick, Atlanta NABC Co-Chair



The Atlanta NABC Planning Committee is excited about the plans for the upcoming North American Bridge Championships (NABC) that will run July 26-August 5. If you've never been to an NABC, we want to provide some highlights of what you can expect and why we think you will enjoy the Atlanta NABC.

Of all the NABCs held each year, the Summer NABC schedule provides the most opportunities for NABC events for players at all levels, particularly those with 0-2,500, 0-6,000 and 0-10,000. Past NABC tournament data from ACBL reflects that the players entering these events have average masterpoints far below the masterpoint ceiling for the event. Players with around 3,000 masterpoints will have a lot of peers in the 0-6,000 competition. Even in the 0-10,000 games, a large portion of the field will have fewer than 5,000 masterpoints.

There will be 11 straight days of opportunities for non-Life Masters to win Gold with many Regionally-rated and Gold Rush events! We've also added more bracketed team events.



Starting with the first Friday, there will be 3 Intermediate/Newcomer single session pair or team games each day. In addition to having a separate Partnership desk, I/N players can attend free bridge lessons on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 10:00-noon. The 24-hand game afterward is for players with 20 masterpoints or less. Bridge lectures will be presented by celebrity speakers daily at 9:15 and 6:45.

As always, you can expect great Southern hospitality nightly at 10:30.

Attending an NABC is like no other tournament. It's an opportunity to play against players from all over the world, enjoy wonderful playing conditions and have the chance to meet new people and make new friends.

For more information about the Atlanta NABC, including the schedule, go to: http://www.acbl.org/tournaments_page/nabcs/upcoming-nabcs/atlanta-ga-summer-nabc-2018-july-26-aug-5/

If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the co-chairs: Joe Sherwood, 404-259-5326, Atlantanabccochair2@gmail.com or Judy Fendrick, 678-358-2488, bofendh@bellsouth.net.

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.

The schedule for 2018 will be set by the new board installed after the February Atlanta Sectional. The next meeting will be at Atlanta Duplicate Bridge Club at 4:30pm on March 28, right before the Wednesday Night Game change of rank party.

ANNOUNCEMENT

**The Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta
(DBAA)**

will hold its

Annual Membership Meeting

on

Sunday, February 25th

(during the lunch break)

at the Doubletree Hotel

4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road

Atlanta, GA 30341

The purpose of the meeting will be to provide an update of the status of DBAA's activities and financial position.