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WHERE ARE OUR BRIDGE CLUBS?

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President's Letter



As you likely know, I have been deeply involved in the effort to form an ACBL unit for the Atlanta area. Many have construed this as an attack on our Unit 114. I have maintained throughout that this is about streamlining how we organize bridge governance. I want to see us eliminate duplication of effort in the belief that smaller is better. Here are some examples of what our unit has done well, and others not so well.

Mentoring Program: The DBAA will once again sponsor a mentoring program in clubs. See [page 2](#). This sort of program requires local effort that only the DBAA can provide. Unit 114 is well known for its financial support of good projects, and we thank the unit for funding the 2015 mentoring program.

District NAP Finals for Flight "C": This is a great opportunity for our NLMs. See [page 12](#). The winner represents District 7 at the Spring NABC in New Orleans, and good attendance in Roswell could assure the 2nd place partnership a trip to the nationals as well, both subsidized by the ACBL and/or the District. The DBAA has heavily promoted this event. Unit 114 has not.

Membership: New members and membership retention are critical to any organization. Our appreciation goes to Elyse Mintz and Patty Tucker for their outstanding job with the Duplicate Game for Social Bridge Players. See [page 6](#). Our unit stood ready to provide financial support, though a grant for the ACBL Educational Foundation eliminated the need. Meanwhile per the latest ACBL reports, our unit's membership trend and our ability to hold on to new members rank in the bottom half of all ACBL units. Our unit has not chosen to address either issue.

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January Mentoring Program

by Roz Howell



Start the year off right! The DBAA is once again presenting the popular mentoring program in all area clubs throughout the month of January. Clubs will arrange mentoring between a Life Master and a non-Life Master. Unit 114 is providing full funding for this year's program.

They will pay the entry fee and fund a free play, to be used at a later date, for every Mentor. Look for signup sheets and details at your favorite club(s) in December. This program is fun and rewarding for all participants; everyone is encouraged to join in and enjoy.

The Program Chair is Roz Howell. Please feel free to contact her if you have any questions: rozrhowell@gmail.com.

New Directory

That blue directory with all your bridge friends' phone numbers will soon go the way of the VCR and floppy disks. Yes, a new directory is coming. Wait, make that two directories. For the first time ever, we will have a print directory AND an online directory. Due to privacy concerns, we won't put you in the either directory unless you give us permission. You'll also have the opportunity to change your online information at any time with a visit to our web site.

Here is how it works. You have to be "invited" to join our database. We'll have a table at the Roswell sectional where you can take care of that. Then you go to our web site and confirm who you are. You can choose to be in the print directory, the online directory or both. You decide what information you want to make available. If you miss us at the sectional, you'll have more opportunities later at clubs. Or you can just ask a friend who already joined; anyone in the database can invite another player. (The idea here is to keep the scammers out.)

We can take care of those few members without computer access manually.

If you don't live in the DBAA area or you don't belong to the ACBL, you are still welcome to participate. We want anyone who plays in our clubs.

We expect this to be just the start of various online features on our website.



Unauthorized Information, Part II

by Dan Plato

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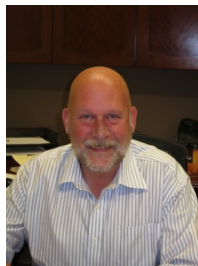
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Last time around we examined a scenario where a player opened 2♦ and partner alerted it as Flannery. Like a good poker player the 2♦ bidder never flinched and never let on that she had made a mistake. In this original scenario the responder has no Unauthorized Information and bids her hand still believing the 2♦ bidder to have five hearts, four spades, and 10-13 HCP. BUT this whole scenario can go another way:

It's the first board of the day with your brand new partner, someone you've been hoping to play with for some time, and you're the dealer. You hold:

♠ J72
♥ 43
♦ KQJ1074
♣ Q5

"Perfect!" you think, "A rock-solid weak 2♦ opening bid." So on the table goes the 2♦ bidding card and you hear your partner say "Alert!" You involuntarily gasp, turn blue, and grab your convention card to double check. Partner has slits for eyes and says "Okay, maybe it isn't meant to be Flannery..."

Now we've got TWO players in possession of UI! You know that your partner thinks you have a Flannery hand. Your partner knows from your histrionics that this is not the hand you hold. Meanwhile the opponents have simultaneously raised their hands to call for the director and you can actually hear their eyeballs rolling in their sockets and see the wisps of steam coming from their ears.

The director examines your two convention cards. It seems this time around the actual agreement is that 2♦ is weak (you were right!). So how should the director advise you to proceed? Your partner must continue to bid as if she believes your 2♦ bid is Flannery. She cannot make adjustments based upon your gasps and contortions. You must continue to bid as if you've opened a 2♦ bid with all the supporting agreements in place (2NT might ask for a feature or require you to describe your hand further, for instance; a new suit bid by your partner, per your agreement, is natural and

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Tournament Schedule

November 2014 – October 2015

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

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nov 12-16 | Atlanta Sectional | Roswell Adult Recreation Center* |
| Dec 15-21 | District 7 ST@C | Your Club |
| Feb 4-8 | Atlanta Sectional | Roswell Adult Recreation Center* |
| May 21-25 | Atlanta Sectional | Crown Plaza Ravinia |
| June 15-21 | District 7 ST@C | Your Club |
| July 24-26 | NLM Sectional | Marietta Ruf 'n Sluff Club |
| August 24-30 | District 7 ST@C | Your Club |
| Sept 1-7 | Atlanta Regional | Crown Plaza Ravinia |



*Remember that parking is always at a premium in Roswell. If you are 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 0-20 (10:00 lesson) | Alpharetta DBC 12:00 0-500 | Atlanta DBC 12:00 0-500 |
| Play Bridge 12:00 NLM <500 | Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 0-500 | Play Bridge 6:00 0-100 | Play Bridge 12:00 NLM <500 | Bridge Club of Atlanta 10:00 0-20 | Bridge Club of Atlanta 12:00 NLM |
| | Ruff'n Sluff 7:30 0-300 (7:00 lesson) | Terry's Bridge Club 10:30 0-99 | | | |

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.

Updating Your Personal Information on the ACBL Website

By Judy Fendrick

With the recent changes in the ACBL website, the links for members to update their contact information and privacy settings have changed. This article provides information on how to make changes to your personal information and settings.

In order to provide membership services, the ACBL maintains a member profile for each of its members, which includes personal information provided by the member for phone number, address and e-mail. It also collects data from the member's ACBL activities. The ACBL provides privacy settings on its website for members to designate whether some or all of their information can be shared with ACBL clubs, Units, Districts or other organizations.



It is therefore important that ACBL members keep their information and settings current in the ACBL database.

The ACBL's Privacy Policy may be found under the Membership link at:

<http://www.acbl.org/about-acbl/administration/privacy-policy/>

Steps to update your personal information and privacy settings on the ACBL website:

Open the ACBL website. <http://www.acbl.org/>

Click the link for **My ACBL Login** at the top of the screen.

At the next screen, input your **ACBL #** and **ACBL password**. Then click the blue **Log In** button.

NOTE: If you forgot your ACBL password, click the **Forgot Password?** link. If you have never registered with the ACBL website, click the **Register for MyACBL** link, which will then allow you to set up an ACBL password that you will use each time you login.

After you log in, you will be at the **MYACBL** screen that shows **Welcome back, (your name)!** You can scroll down to review all of your personal information.

If you want to update your e-mail, mailing address or phone information, click the blue link for **Update My Information**. You can also change your ACBL password from this screen by clicking the link for **Change Password** and then follow the steps.

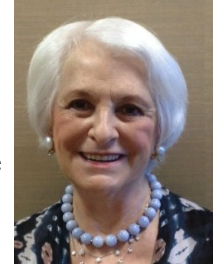


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Duplicate Bridge for Social Players

by Elyse Mintz

The Duplicate Game for Social Bridge Players took place at the Crowne Plaza on August 26, right before the Atlanta Regional began. Sixty-one new players participated in the duplicate game. The teachers in the Atlanta area actively encouraged their students to attend the event. More than 25 volunteers came before the tournament to guide the players. Each table had a volunteer to help with the bidding boxes, game scoring and table movement.



All the winners received master points. Everyone received a goody bag with information about teachers and clubs in the Atlanta metro area. All players received a free play card to play at a local club game. We are hoping that the experience of the fun duplicate game will lead them to a club to participate more fully. Three people knew immediately that duplicate bridge was for them and joined the ACBL on the spot.

The event's director was Priscilla Smith. Patty Tucker taught the group the logistics of the game. A special thank you goes to Carole Budnick, Patty Tucker and Roz Howell for their active participation in making the game successful. And thanks go to everyone who told a friend about the game, and to those who volunteered and helped during the game.

Terry's Bridge Club Opened September 17

Terry Parkerson says, "If you've ever wanted to try playing duplicate bridge in a friendly environment, this is the game for you! If you already play duplicate bridge and have 0 - 99 points, come join the fun!" The game at Recreation Center at Fowler Park, 2110 Carolene Way, Cumming, Georgia begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 1:45 p.m. each Wednesday with a fifteen-minute break for a "bring you own" lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Entry fee is \$10. For an extra \$5, join the "Before Game," thirty-minute bridge class at 9:30 taught by ACBL Certified Instructor/Director Terry Parkerson. For more information call Terry at (678) 324-7097. Terry can be reached by email at terrysbridgeclub@gmail.com.

Call for specific dates and to reserve a spot.

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If you want to go back to a previous screen, click the left arrow key (←) in the top left of the screen.

If you want to modify your **Privacy Settings**, look to the left side of the **MyACBL** screen under **Membership** for the link that shows **Privacy Settings** and click the Privacy Settings link.

The **Privacy Settings** screen will show your e-mail on file and if you have provided a phone number to receive text messages, it will also be displayed. If either is incorrect, you should go back to the **Update My Information** screen and make the changes.

The **Privacy Settings** screen provides options to select privacy preferences, such as whether you want to receive electronic communications, the method of those communications and whether you want your e-mail, address and phone to be kept private. To make one or more changes, click the black drop down (∇) button on the option and make the selection. After all changes are made, click the blue **Update** button.

DBAA Game Schedule

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

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| Nov. 5 | AJB Charity (2X) |
| Nov. 12 | NO GAME Roswell Sectional |
| Nov. 19* | ACBL Membership Game (3X) |
| Nov. 26 | Regular Game |
| Dec. 3 | Regular Game |
| Dec. 10 | ACBL Charity (2X) |
| Dec. 17 | District 7 ST@C |
| Dec. 24 | NO GAME Christmas Eve |
| Dec. 31 | NO GAME New Year's Eve |
| Jan. 7 | ACBL Junior Fund Game (2X) |
| Jan. 14 | ACBL Junior Fund |
| Jan. 21 | ACBL Junior Fund |
| Jan. 28 | ACBL Junior Fund |

*Jack Feagin will discuss Forcing Passes at 6:00PM on November 19 before the DBAA game.

Board Meetings

DBAA 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. The *tentative* schedule for remaining 2014 meetings is November 14 > Roswell Sectional > 5:30-7:15pm

Mike McGowan of Peachtree City named SPOTY

by Roz Howell

Congratulations to Mike McGowan of Peachtree City, who was selected as Unit 114's Sportsman of the Year at the Unit Board Meeting in Conyers on October 11, 2014. Mike's award includes free entries to all Unit 114 Sectionals for the calendar year 2015.



Mike was nominated by Joan Braender, who described Mike as exemplifying all of the qualities sought after for this award. She said that he "brings with him a lighthearted enjoyment of the game and a sincere interest in the well-being of his fellow bridge players." Further, he is supportive of his club; he mentors, and is always gracious while still maintaining his competitive edge. To read the full description, [Click here](#) to visit the [Unit 114 website article](#) or copy the address <http://www.unit114acbl.org> into your browser.

DBAA member Evelyn Gilliard was the runner up.

Next on the Unit calendar are the Goodwill Committee recommendations. Starting now, the Unit is accepting nominations for this honor. See the Unit website for all the particulars. Send nominations to Roz Howell, Unit 114 Secretary (rozrhowell@gmail.com). Goodwill selection will be at the January meeting.

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

Another school year has come around and Atlanta Junior Bridge teachers are hard at work. AJB has started nine classes for youngsters wanting to learn bridge. There is a free AJB sponsored game for our young players the second Saturday of every month at the Bridge Club of Atlanta. Come at noon, meet your friends, play some bridge and (hopefully) win some master points!



Mark your calendars for the Georgia Youth Open Pairs State Championship, which will be held at the Roswell Sectional, Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m.

If you know of anyone interested in joining a class, email Patty at wimsey@mindspring.com.

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Our unit has around \$100,000 in unrestricted funds – no one knows for sure the exact amount-- to fund projects, but that is pretty much the limit of its ability to promote bridge in our area. The DBAA stands ready to do much more.

Marty J. Nathan



ELECTIONS

As the general election season winds down, the election for DBAA officers is right around the corner. President Marty Nathan has appointed a Nominating Committee of Mike Sheldon (chair), Janice Ripley and Ralph Folkerts. If you are interested in running for office – president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer – please contact Mike at mikesheldon@bellsouth.net no later than January 8, 2015.



In addition, Metro Atlanta will have four area representative positions available for the Unit 114 Board. Area reps also serve as directors of the DBAA. Anyone interested in serving should contact Unit Election Chair Donna Parker at donna@ken-parker.com or Unit Secretary Roz Howell at secretary@unit114.org before January 8, 2015.

Voting will occur at the Roswell Sectional Tournament February 4-7 and at clubs the week before, with winners announced on Sunday February 8.

The positions commence at the organizations' respective annual meetings on February 8, 2015 and run for a two-year period.

Active Ethics!

Bridge expert extraordinaire Eddie Kantar likes to tell this story:

Alvin Roth, a very ethical player, is defending 7NT vulnerable in a money rubber bridge game where the declarer reduces to a three card ending. Dummy has the ♠Axx and declarer the ♠KJ10. The lead is in declarer's hand and he leads the ♠J. Second hand has ♠xxx and Roth ♠Qxx. Second hand goes into an act trying to make declarer think he has the queen and finally plays low. Declarer, taken in by the hesitation, also plays low. Roth, holding the queen, also plays low allowing the jack to take the trick and the declarer to make 7NT.

When Roth's partner asks him why he didn't take the ♠Q, Roth says: "Because I thought you had it!"

forcing). You may not take advantage of the fact that you know your partner is on the wrong page. A careful reading of Law 75 will probably help both the director and players here.

Suppose your partner holds:

♠ 5
♥ A9862
♦ 85
♣ AJ543

Your partner, not hearing the guidance of the director, decides to pass! The hand is passed out and you play 2♦ making three. The opponents object and the director comes back. At this point your fate is in the director's hands. A good director will probably find a couple of players who know Flannery that he can poll. They both are given the responder's hand, told that partner opened 2♦, and both say they would bid 4♥ given the excellent fit in hearts, the ruffing values in spades, partner's shortness in the minors, etc. Here we have found a very logical alternative to passing 2♦, and one that will not work out so well for your side.

You argue that you would never pass 4♥, yet a poll of a couple of other players shows that if they were holding your cards and told that you opened a weak 2♦ bid and partner jumped to 4♥ they would trust partner and pass. The opponents object and state that they would double 4♥ (one of the opponents holds ♥KQJ10 and the ♦A). That certainly seems reasonable.

Finally, after careful consideration, the director assigns an adjusted score (Law 12) of 4♥X down three, +800 for the defense. He may also consider a procedural penalty for your partner who clearly took advantage of the UI by passing. While this is not something we would necessarily consider for novice and intermediate players (this concept of UI is very difficult to understand!), for high level players a PP should seriously be considered.

The actual process the director will follow in cases like these boils down to this:

1. Was there unauthorized information available?
Clearly the answer is yes for both opener and responder.
2. Were the opponents damaged? If yes, proceed. - 110 on this board vs. a potential +800 is clear damage.
3. Were there logical alternatives to the call chosen by the partner of the player who provided UI?
(Remember that a logical alternative is a call that, among the class of players involved, would be given serious consideration by a significant number of such players.) If yes, proceed.
Remember—we found two players who would bid 4♥, and we found other players who would pass a jump to 4♥ by responder. We also found plenty of players who would double 4♥.
4. Could the extraneous information demonstrably suggest the call chosen over a likely less successful logical alternative(s). Is it obvious? Is it readily apparent? Is it easily understood? If yes, proceed. Here the responder passed originally, clearly suggested by the opening bidder's providing all kinds of UI.
5. Assign an adjusted score. (See Law 12) +800 for the defenders

Bridge on the Web

A new feature this issue. There is so much great stuff on the Internet and we want to share some of them with you. Here are a couple of pages worth exploring...

Million-Dollar Hobby: Inside the World of Big-Money Bridge – [Click Here](http://observer.com/2013/11/million-dollar-hobby-inside-the-world-of-big-money-bridge/) or copy the address into your browser: **<http://observer.com/2013/11/million-dollar-hobby-inside-the-world-of-big-money-bridge/>**

Interesting article from the *New York Observer* about the lives – and income – of professional players.

For Bridge Players – [Click Here](http://www.rpbridge.net) or copy the address into your browser: **<http://www.rpbridge.net>**
Personal site of top bridge writer/player Richard Pavlicek. Something for everybody. Lessons, quizzes (novice through expert), conventions, statistics, bridge calculators and so much more.

Eddie Kantar Bridge – [Click Here](http://kantarbridge.com) or copy the address into your browser: **<http://kantarbridge.com>**
Not as extensive as Pavlicek's but a wealth of useful and entertaining material.

Humble Correspondent's blog – [Click Here](http://www.wednesdaybridgedeal.com) or copy the address into your browser:
<http://www.wednesdaybridgedeal.com>

A bridge blog with periodic updates of interesting hands. Written by a good local player who happens to be a very good writer.

What's your favorite site? Send your suggestion to Mary Ann Oakley at maryann.oakley@mindspring.com. If it's one of general interest, we'd be happy to share it with your fellow Atlantans.

Upcoming Special Games

The ACBL offers many special games to clubs, usually including expert hand analyses. Here's what is on tap for the upcoming three months.

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| Tuesday, Nov. 4 (day) | Unit Charity Game for Atlanta Junior Bridge | |
| Wednesday, Nov. 5 (afternoon) | ACBL-wide Charity Game* | *Includes expert hand analyses. |
| Friday, Nov. 7 (day) | Unit Championship | Clubs can run Junior Fund games for the entire month of January. |
| Monday, Dec. 8 (day) | Unit Championship | |
| Saturday Dec. 13 (day) | Unit Championship | |
| Saturday, Jan. 31 (afternoon) | ACBL-wide International Fund Game | In addition, clubs can run Grand National |

Team games all the way through April. They are the first step to your winning a trip to the 2015 Summer NABC in Chicago.

New Opportunity

What: NAP Flight C

Now in North Carolina, South Carolina and **Georgia**

Where: Atlanta Sectional

Roswell Adult Recreational Center

When: Saturday, November 15th

Two Session beginning at 9:30AM

Who: Flight C — Non-life master and Less than 500 points

Qualify: By August 31st

At your club by finishing in the top half of your flight

Why: Winner competes for National Championship at the
Spring NABC March 15-16, 2015

Winners get \$900 per person stipend to attend
the Nationals in New Orleans