

# GOOD DEALS

Newsletter of the Dutchess County Bridge Association Volume 20 Number 1 Winter 2018

## DCBA Awards Brunch, Election, Annual Meeting and Game March 24

The DCBA Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m. at Coppola's Hyde Park.

### Election of Officers

#### Nominees are:

VP: William Maine

Treasurer: Tim Collopy

#### Elections of Board Members (for 3 year terms). Nominees are:

Kay Coogan (I)  
Marie Wildman  
Alan Gamble

(I) Incumbent

Additional nominations may be made by petition on the official form supplied by Ceil Collopy DCBA Secretary, or on any similar form. A properly executed petition should include the names, signatures, ACBL player numbers and addresses of fifteen DCBA members in good standing. The petition should be submitted to the Secretary with a copy to the President by March 13th.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Winners of the Unit Mini-McKenney and Unit Ace of Clubs will also be presented at the meeting. Members who attained ACBL Life Master status during the past year will be recognized.

**Following the meeting, there will be a bridge game at the Hellenic Center, 54 Park Ave. Poughkeepsie.**



**Be sure to make your reservation with Betsy Kopstein-Stuts (845) 416-4757 by March 18th.**

## Spring Sectional May 4-8, 2018

### 299er Sessions

Friday 1pm  
Saturday 10am  
Saturday 3pm  
Sunday 11am \*  
(\*Single session Swiss)

### Open Sessions

Friday 1pm and 6:30pm  
Saturday 10am and 3pm  
Sunday Swiss teams 11:00am (2 sessions.)  
Light lunch provided

**At the Hellenic Center  
24 Park Avenue,  
Poughkeepsie**

Pick up a flyer at your club.

**Tournament Chairs –  
Ceil Collopy 677-6018  
Bill Maine 473-1492**

## Mentor Program

DCBA's Mentor Program has been very successful. If you are an experienced player and would like to volunteer to play a few games with a less experienced player, or if you would like to play with a more experienced player, call Donna Reichner at 298-7732. Try it; it's fun.

The mentee pays half the card fee for the experienced player and the DCBA pays the other half. The experienced player plays for free.

## Upcoming District 3 Regionals

June 6-10 ..... Albany, NY  
July 9-15 ..... Fairfield, NJ  
Oct 8-14..... Danbury, CT

## STaC's (Sectional Tournament at Clubs)

March 20-26    June 25-July 1    Oct 15-21

## Your Money at Work

During 2017 the DCBA purchased a Dealing Machine. We also subsidized the costs of the Annual Meeting .

Charitable contributions were made in memory of DCBA members who passed away last year. The Grace Smith House was the recipient of the proceeds of the 2017 DCBA Charity Game. In addition money was donated to The Corner Pantry, the SPCA, the Lunch Box, the Food Bank, Millerton Library, Alzheimer's, Junior Fund and ACBL charities.

### DCBA 20178 Dates

**March 24;** Awards Luncheon, Annual Meeting, Elections and Bridge Game.

**May 4-6:** DCBA Sectional

**Sept. 8:** Back-to-Bridge

**Feb. 21:** ACBL Charity Game

**Dec. 7:** DCBA Charity Game

### Get Current News

This is an abbreviated version of DCBA news. You'll always find current news at our website <http://www.dcbridge.com>

If you don't have a computer, visit your local library for internet access. SeniorNet, local adult education and DCC offer computer classes.

## 2017 Milestones

### Sapphire Life Master

John Kinn

### Advanced NABC Master

Roberto Azank  
Betsy Kopstein-Stuts

### Regional Master

Joanna Augugliaro  
Denise Bolte  
Ilene Goldman  
Pat Hoffstatter  
Walter Kurkela

### Club Master

Elizabeth Phillips  
Martin Silverstein  
Mary Werner  
Pat Whelan

### Silver Life Master

Bob Blase  
Peggy Casey Fitzpatrick

### NABC Master

James Baker  
Katerine Coogan

Joanne MacDonald

### Junior Master

Diane Martini

Dick Collins

Joyce Pendell

Sheldon Werner

Gail Gamble

Alan Gamble

Lois Lang

Alice Platt

Charles Shanes

Ellen Silverstein

### Sectional Master

Mary Eddy

Roger Eddy

Susan Lynch

Ron Von Allmen

Veronica Cavalla

Kara McKenna

Harry Norman

Herb Stoller

Karen Strubsole

Suzanne Vromen

Marie Wildman

### Bronze Life Master

Evelyn Hill

Matthew Salvia

David Weaving

### Life Master

Majorie Andrews

Cecilia Collopy

Betsy Vivas

***Congratulations to all!***

## 2017 Awards

### Ace of Clubs

|           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| 0-5       | Martin Silverstein |
| 5-20      | Pat Whelan         |
| 20-50     | Richard Sumner     |
| 50-100    | Ilene Goldman      |
| 100-200   | James Baker        |
| 200-300   | Tim Collopy        |
| 300-500   | Matt Salvia        |
| 500-1000  | Dave Gray          |
| 1000-1500 | Roger Price        |
| 1500-2500 | Martin Steinberg   |
| 2500-3500 | John Gropp         |
| 3500-5000 | Dennis Kaye        |

### Mini-McKenney

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 0-5       | Martin Silverstein   |
| 5-20      | Pat Whelan           |
| 20-50     | Richard Sumner       |
| 50-100    | Ilene Goldman        |
| 100-200   | James Baker          |
| 200-300   | Lois Lang            |
| 300-500   | Matt Salvia          |
| 500-1000  | P. Casey Fitzpatrick |
| 1000-1500 | Lynn Baker           |
| 1500-2500 | Bill Maine           |
| 2500-3500 | John Kinn            |
| 3500-5000 | Dennis Kaye          |

# This and That-Carlos Muñoz, District Director

The San Diego NABC was a most enjoyable tournament with a delightful climate and a spacious venue - the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego harbor across from Coronado Island, surrounded by many restaurants and souvenir shops. As a result of 32 bridge resolutions, amendments to the By-Laws and Code of Disciplinary Regulations, and the many new ideas generated by our new CEO, your Board spent a full five days in all day meetings (only until 3PM on Thanksgiving Day!), concluding only after the second day of the tournament. After numerous failures in the past, a momentous change was approved - to adopt term limits! This constitutes a By-Law change requiring a 2/3 vote (barely achieved 16-8 with one absent) and will not be effective until ratified in Philadelphia by a second 2/3 majority of the Board and a 2/3 majority of the Board of Governors. The proposed limit is four three-year terms beginning in 2019. I favored a limit of three terms, but considering that the Board never before has been willing to establish any limits at all, this is real progress and a reflection of recent Board turnover.

Jay Whipple, Director from District 9 (Florida) was elected ACBL President for 2018. Approved motions included: defeat of a move to reinstate a higher level of payments to the World Bridge Federation (WBF) which had been reduced in Toronto; codification of the requirement for two convention cards; withdrawal of an experiment increasing master points for some knockout events; and more emphasis on awards based on strength of field rather than tables in play. A new national event was approved, the Soloway knockout, to start with a two-day Swiss qualification, which will give lower ranking teams an opportunity to qualify into the knockout phase without playing head to head against the top seeds (this format may be experimented with in other major KO events). Attendance at non-life master regionals is increasing, and they will pay 25% gold. "Big ideas" approved were those focused on advertising, promotion and membership growth, while those dealing with expert guilds and money bridge were approved for research but not expenditure. Future Board meetings are to end by the first Friday morning of the NABC and about half the Board members agreed to experiment with paperless meetings, beginning in Philadelphia.

On the financial side, a preliminary budget was approved with a \$178,000 deficit for 2018, which represents reinvesting some of the 2017 surplus in membership growth, plus an expected reduction in 2018 NABC and regional table count and a \$100,000 required contribution to the WBF championships in Orlando next fall. The goal is to increase membership by a net 10,000 members next year by new marketing efforts, such as allowing temporary one-month memberships for \$7.99 (\$5 of which would be rebated to teachers signing up such memberships). Final budget approval in Philadelphia will depend on metrics demonstrating progress toward the membership goal as well as installation of a Customer Relationship Model (CRM) by January. The CRM will allow much more accurate tracking of attendance and play, including possible determination of the effect of experimental events on tournament attendance.

On the home front, after increased table counts in our last two tournaments, we are pleased to report that we have reached an agreement with The New England District to continue our fall regional in Danbury Connecticut past 2018. We also are looking forward to our Tarrytown tournament beginning January 22, where we need an increase of at least 100 tables if we are to stay at that great location. We continue to seek additional volunteers so that we can staff our District events adequately, and possibly stage a non-life master regional. Please contact District President Deborah Wasik ([dwasik@metrographusa.com](mailto:dwasik@metrographusa.com)) if you would like to help.

| <u>Officers</u> (thru Mar 2017) |                   | <u>Position</u>     |                                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| President                       | Barbara Lemberger | Membership          | Jack Parry                      |
| Vice-President                  | Jack Parry        | Annual Meeting      | B. Kopstein Stuts/P Hoffstatter |
| Secretary                       | Ceil Collopy      | Disciplinary Chair  | Bill Maine                      |
| Treasurer                       | Tim Collopy       | Recorder            | Ceil Collopy                    |
|                                 |                   | Business Manager    | Tim Collopy                     |
|                                 |                   | Mentor Program      | Donna Reichner                  |
|                                 |                   | Novices             | Diane Martini                   |
|                                 |                   | Charity             | Ann Mercer                      |
|                                 |                   | Education Liaison   | Ceil Collopy                    |
|                                 |                   | Publicity           | Ilene Goldman                   |
|                                 |                   | Hospitality         | Kay Coogan                      |
|                                 |                   | STaC, NAP           | Ann Mercer                      |
|                                 |                   | Back to Bridge      | Joanna Augugliaro/Lynn Baker    |
|                                 |                   | Sunshine            | Donna Reichner                  |
|                                 |                   | District 3 Liaisons | Barbara Lemberger/Bill Maine    |
|                                 |                   | Web Master          | John Kinn                       |
|                                 |                   | Tournament Chair    | Ceil Collopy/Bill Maine         |
| <u>Board of Directors</u>       |                   | <u>Term Expires</u> |                                 |
| Joanna Augugliaro               | 2018              |                     |                                 |
| Bill Maine                      | 2020              |                     |                                 |
| Ann Mercer                      | 2020              |                     |                                 |
| Betsy Kopstein-Stuts            | 2018              |                     |                                 |
| Donna Reichner                  | 2019              |                     |                                 |
| Ilene Goldman                   | 2019              |                     |                                 |
| Diane Martini                   | 2019              |                     |                                 |
| Pat Hoffstatter                 | 2020              |                     |                                 |
| Kay Coogan                      | 2018              |                     |                                 |
| Lynn Baker                      | 2020              |                     |                                 |