



# Maryland Bridge Association

## ACBL UNIT 135 NEWSLETTER

VOL 2018 SUMMER

President's Message  
by Lynn Jones



Summer is here. In Maryland, that means hot and humid. Lucky for us the weather does not affect our bridge events. In the last six months, Unit 135 has sponsored many successful bridge outings. In February, we held our Superbowl Sectional (see enclosed article). This tournament is a great way for our members to earn their silver points. April brought our Mentor-Mentee game held both at Severna Park Bridge Club and Bridge Club of Baltimore (see enclosed article). These games are a chance for some of our newer members to get

some tips from "experts" as well as play with them. In May we held our annual **Bridge Bash and Brunch** at the Woodholme Country Club. This is a partially subsidized affair that includes a delicious brunch, an awards ceremony for Ace of Clubs winners, McKenney winners and Change of Rank awardees followed by a bridge game (see enclosed article). Also in May our **Blue Crab Sectional** was held in Trappe, MD (see article). This sectional gives our members on the eastern shore a chance to play in a tournament close to home. Last, but not least, in June we held our **Baltimore Summer Sectional**. This was a very successful event. Again, a great way for our members to earn silver points (see results, page 5).

One of my goals as President was to host a Non-Life Master Regional and we now have one on the calendar for June of next year. It will be held in conjunction with the MBA summer sectional.

I WANT TO THANK MY BOARD AND ALL OTHER VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN MAKING THE MARYLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL. ♠

## ON ETHICS

More hurt feelings and disenchantment occur from infractions and bad behavior, and their impact at the Bridge Table. Many players have a poor grasp of ethics as it applies to bridge. Some understand the basics but have a weak understanding of how their own personal sense of ethics and the rules and regulations of Bridge intersect.

This column will take a look at several mini scenarios over the next three issues. See if you can check your beliefs and feelings against ethics if the game of Bridge.

First Scenario:

**You and your opponent are engaged in a very complex competitive auction. After many rounds of bidding, you are at the five level and significantly pause to take stock. When you pass, partner finds the winning bid. The opponents call the director claiming there was unauthorized information from the long hesitation and they have been damaged. What do you do here?**

Answer:

It is important to understand what information is authorized and what is not. If a break in tempo occurs, the first step is for the non-offending side to call the director and state that there has been a break. If both sides agree, bidding goes on. Key here is that a tempo break by itself is not a violation. The violation occurs only if the tempo changer's partner chooses an action indicated by the change in tempo. There is an ethical challenge for the tempo breaker's partner to not take advantage of the hesitation break. Should that person make a bid that would not be warranted without the information given by the break, the Director will back the auction to exclude the bid made. ♣

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# TROUBLES WITH DOUBLES

By Paul Benedict

**H**ow many types of doubles are used in bridge? There are many common doubles that everyone uses such as take-out doubles, negative doubles, and penalty doubles. There are dozens of other doubles that can be used. Some are very effective, easy to remember, and come up frequently. Other doubles are esoteric and used only by advanced partnerships. How many types of doubles can you think of? Make a list of the doubles you have heard of before looking at the list on page 5. Let me know how many you were able to name! Also, let me know if you came up with additional doubles to add to my list.

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The next question is: How many doubles can you describe and explain? Here are several sources you can use to get definitions of doubles:

- 1) Ask your mentor.
- 2) Read about doubles in a reference such as "The Official Encyclopedia of Bridge".
- 3) Read a book specifically about doubles such as "Double" by Mike Lawrence.
- 4) Research doubles on line. Some web sites to visit are:
  - a. [www.bridgewinners.com](http://www.bridgewinners.com)
  - b. [www.bridgeguys.com](http://www.bridgeguys.com)

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACBL

### Districts and Units

**I**n order to govern more efficiently the American Contract Bridge League divided the USA, Canada and Mexico into twenty-five Districts. Maryland Bridge Association is in District 6. The area that District 6 encompasses is Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Included in this District are seven other Units. A list of all of the Units and their numbers are as follows:

Unit 109	Richmond Bridge Association
Unit 110	Virginia Peninsula Association
Unit 135	Maryland Bridge Association
Unit 139	Piedmont Virginia Association
Unit 146	Virginia State Association
Unit 147	Washington Bridge Association
Unit 218	Northern Virginia Bridge Association
Unit 231	Southwest Virginia Bridge Association

Geographically the Maryland Bridge Association is the largest Unit in District 6. It covers almost all of the state of Maryland. Only a small portion of Western Maryland is not included in the Unit. Our Unit also has one of the largest memberships with over 1,500 bridge playing members. ♣



### **New Life Masters 2017-18 Unit 135**

Congratulations to the following:

David Arbutnot  
Irvin Yanus  
Ruth Shilkret  
John Blodgett  
Joni Bialzak  
Sue Erdman  
Joseph Evans  
Delray Green  
Martha Riviere  
James Wolf



# News from the Shore

## Dolores Daringer

Finally! The American Legion in Cambridge is reopening its doors after the devastating fire of October, 2015. Our local **Choptank DBC** will be moving our Monday morning game back there in late July. Everyone who has been inside the Legion, agrees that it is beautiful. It would be the perfect accommodations for a **Blue Crab Sectional**.

However... and this hurts to ask, but is a shore sectional worth the work and effort anymore? We have certainly been pondering this question. On May 17 and 18, 2018 a 2 day **Blue Crab Sectional** was held in Trappe MD (midway between Easton and

Cambridge). **Willie and John DeLaura** chaired the event and, if you know John and Willie, then you know they do nothing half way. Homemade breakfast muffins, hot lunches (spaghetti and salad one day and homemade soup and sandwich the other) and homemade eastern shore cookies all day. What's not to like? Sad to say, the turnout was not good. 70 tables.

Several years ago, I remember hearing **Pat Wilson** say that STAC games would eventually kill sectional attendance and unfortunately, it seems she was right. I certainly do not want to do away with the STAC game. I enjoy sectionals too much to see them

wither and dry up. Since we've watered down silver points with STACs why not go one step further. To increase sectional participation, why not offer the top scoring team of non-LMs the chance to win a "fractional" gold point and call it "gold dust". It wouldn't have to be much. It's a liberal policy, I grant you, but no more so than the gold awards at KOs.

I know some bridge players who think bridge is a matter of life or death. I assure you it is far more serious than that.

Other ideas anyone?

The **Daringers** (410-228-0258) and the **Kvalneses** (410-228-7061) are ready to listen. ♦

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### News

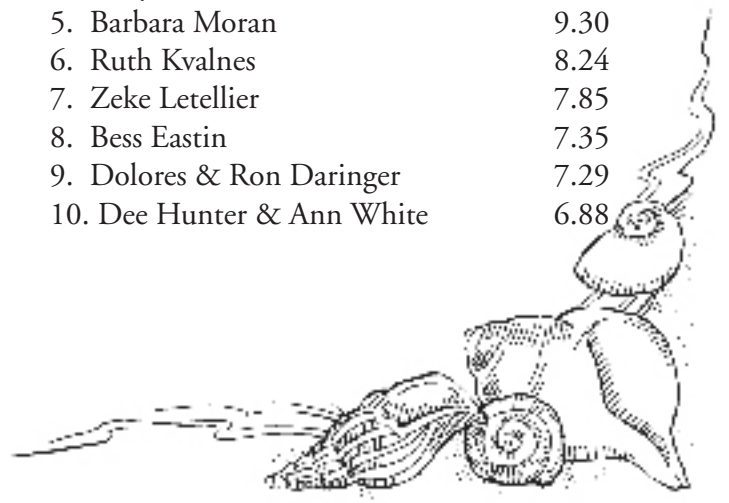
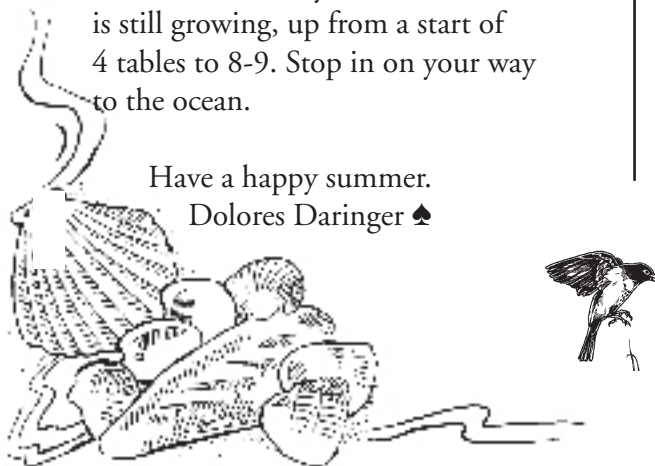
Congrats to **Rebecca Gaffney** of Oxford MD who is our newest Life Master.

**Dee Hunter's** game on Friday, 11:00 am at the Salisbury MAC Center is still growing, up from a start of 4 tables to 8-9. Stop in on your way to the ocean.

Have a happy summer.  
Dolores Daringer ♠

### Blue Crab Sectional Results

1. Rebecca Gaffney & Lorraine Claggett 13.17
2. Terry Patton & Eli Solomon 12.37
3. Dawn Travis 11.33
4. Terry Dutton & Don Wand 10.39
5. Barbara Moran 9.30
6. Ruth Kvalnes 8.24
7. Zeke Letellier 7.85
8. Bess Eastin 7.35
9. Dolores & Ron Daringer 7.29
10. Dee Hunter & Ann White 6.88



## Maryland Bridge Association Annual Bridge Bash and Brunch

On Sunday, May 20th the MBA hosted their annual Bridge Bash and Brunch at the Woodholme Country Club. Chairpersons for this event were **Eileen Levine** and **Adrianne Weinblatt**. Kudos to both for an excellent affair. First up at the event was a delicious brunch. This was followed by the awards ceremony. The conclusion of the event was a 20 table, 2 section bridge game.

The Unit 135 Board of Directors wishes to extend their congratulations to the following members who were recognized at the Awards ceremony.

Bracket	Ace of Clubs	Mini McKenney
0-5	Stephany East	Susan Dipaula
5-20	Richard Lefaive	Mark Valvanis
20-50	Adelle Tubbs	Adelle Tubbs
50-100	Jill Kolody	Jill Kolody
100-200	Karol McIntosh	Jim Dickson
200-300	Monica Kelly	James Cartlidge
300-500	Stephan Salitrik	Phyllis Morgan
500-1000	John Blodgett	Jack Smuck
1000-1500	Henry Wilson	Ed Rothenheber
1500-2500	Ann Lebherz	Andris Strauss
2500-3500	Stuart Diener	Stuart Diener
3500-5000	Wes Goldberg	Greg Bright
5000-7500	Arlene Gordon	Arlene Gordon
7500-10,000	Lynn Jones	Lynn Jones
Over 10,000	Zeke Letellier	Lyle Poe

The top five pairs in the game that followed were

1. Lynn Jones + Paul Benedict	64.58%
2. Mitch Edelman + Sharon Caplan	63.39%
3. Tobey Roland + Ilene Blum	61.31%
4. Larry Brafman + John Christensen	60.78%
5. Lyle Poe + Greg Bright	60.57%



## Volunteers

Again, I would like to thank **Roland Gray** for editing this newsletter. He is still resisting the title of Editor but he is an extraordinarily good one. Contributors to this issue include:

**Paul Benedict, Sharon Caplan, Larry Nimmo, Doug Golden, Dolores Derringer,** and of course: **Roland Gray**. ♠

## Top Twenty-Unit 135 June 2018

1. Ed Lazarus	13,865
2. Zeke Letellier	13,095
3. Marty Nelson	11,551
4. Lyle Poe	10,754
5. Lynn Jones	10,381
6. R. Jay Becker	10,305
7. Jennifer Koonce	9,580
8. Warren Kaufman	8,580
9. Diane Lazarus	7,648
10. Margaret Williams	7,623
11. Tom Cogan	7,314
12. Ellen Mendelson	6,639
13. Harvey Charkatz	6,384
14. Charlotte Hahn	6,259
15. Morty Levin	6,146
16. Rhona Tabor	5,678
17. Suellen Poland	5,547
18. Arlene Gordon	5,440
19. Greg Bright	5,423
20. Joseph Trapani	5,303

## Superbowl Sectional Chairman: Ed Rothenheber Partnerships: Pat Murty

The Maryland Bridge Association hosted its annual Superbowl Sectional on February 02-04, 2018 at the American Legion Hall in Halethorpe. This successful tournament had 135 total tables. Following are the top five masterpoint winners at the competition:

1. Stuart Diener	23.56
2. Joseph Trapani	21.00
3. John Christensen	19.91
4. Leo LaSota	15.79
5. Larry Brafman	14.51

## Types of Doubles

Continued from page 2

- 1 1C Pass 1D 1S DBL shows Hearts
- 2 1C (big club) DBL
- 3 4S DBL = penalty (and 4S 4N = Take out)
- 4 4S DBL = take out (and 4S 4N = two suits)
- 5 Action DBL
- 6 After 2C opener, interference, DBL shows no values
- 7 Balancing
- 8 Boomerang Double
- 9 Card Showing
- 10 Cooperative/Competitive
- 11 Dobi "really out there!"
- 12 DOPI (DEPO, ROPI, Etc.)
- 13 Doubles as part 1NT Defense (Cappelletti, DON'T, Meckwell, etc.)
- 14 Double of Bergen Limit Raise
- 15 Double of Bergen Weak Raise
- 16 Double of Flannery 2D
- 17 Doubles of artificial bids
- 18 Double of Michaels cue bid
- 19 Double of a splinter to ask for specific lead
- 20 Equal Level Conversion
- 21 Fishbein
- 22 Fisher (NT auctions)
- 23 I have a partial control RDBL
- 24 I have two losers in high level competition
- 25 Doubles of 3NT:
  - 26 Lead a Spade vs non-revealing 3NT auctions
  - 27 Lead a Club vs non-revealing 3NT auctions
  - 28 Lead shorter major vs non-revealing 3NT auctions
  - 29 Lead dummy's first bid suit vs 3NT
  - 30 Lead my suit vs 3NT
  - 31 Lead your suit vs 3NT
- 32 Lead directing
- 33 Lightner double: Lead dummy's first bid suit vs slam
- 34 Mathe
- 35 Maximal double/redouble
- 36 Moscow Escape Redouble
- 37 Negative double
- 38 Negative free bid double
- 39 Off Shape Take out double
- 40 Optional double
- 41 Panther "really out there!"
- 42 Penalty
- 43 Psychic RDBL
- 44 Reopening
- 45 Responsive
- 46 Rosenkranz DBL and RDBL
- 47 Snap Dragon - 5 card 4th suit
- 48 SOS RDBL
- 49 Stolen bids
- 50 Stripe Tailed Ape
- 51 Support DBL and RDBL
- 52 Take out
- 53 Texas is doubled: RDBL
- 54 Thrump (Marty Bergen)
- 55 Un-penalty slam double
- 56 Vendetta double

## Mentor Games

### Bridge Club of Baltimore Sharon Caplan- Chair

A successful Mentor/Mentee game was held on Sunday, April 29. Twenty two tables were divided into two eleven table sections. A lunch was served consisting of sandwiches, salads, chips and dessert. Winners were as follows:

#### Section 1:

N/S **Monica Leid** and **Zeke Letellier**  
E/W **Irv Caplan** and **Greg Bright**

#### Section 2:

N/S **Myra Serpick** and **Alma Bergman**  
E/W **Start Diener** and **Charmian Muller**

A note of special recognition to the memory of **Stephen Hawker** who offered his assistance in getting Towson bridge players to the game. ♠

### Severna Park Bridge Club Doug Golden- Chair

On April 29th, Severna Park held a Mentor/Mentee Game with 6 tables. Overall winners were **Elaine Jacobson** and **Elizabeth Lomas** tied with **Andrew Birznieks** and **Richard Miles**. Other winners were **Bill Peters** and **Peter Burrows**, **Diane Jaworiwsky** and **Janet Ambrose**, **Robert Edwards** and **Miriam Rheinstein**, also **Edgar Rounds** and **Ruth Shilkret**. A great time was had by all. ♦

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### Summer Sectional Chairman: **Ed Rothenheber** Partnerships: **Pat Murty**

The Maryland Bridge Association hosted its annual Summer Sectional on June 1-3, 2018 at the American Legion Hall in Halethorpe. This tournament had 80 total tables. Following are the top six masterpoint winners at the competition:

1. Lyle Poe	15.73
2. Joseph Trapani	13.67
3. Martin Graf	11.19
4. Mark Shaw	11.19
5. John Moser	11.12
6. Ed Rothenheber	11.12

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## MARYLAND BRIDGE ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1, 2018 through Dec 31, 2018

July 2-8	Reston Regional		Reston, VA
July 9	Unit Game	BCofB, SP, Tow, Cho	
August 13-19	Hunt Valley Regional		Hunt Valley, MD
September 10	Unit Game	BCofB, SP, Tow, Cho	
August 20-26	STAC	D4 + Unit 135	
September 15-16	NLM/750 Sectional		Pikesville, MD
October 8	Unit Game	BCofB, Sp, Tow, Cho	
October 11-14	Silver Spring Sectional		Silver Spring, MD.
October 19 -21	Hagerstown Sectional		Hagerstown, MD
November 12	STAC (No unit game)	D6 + Unit 190	
December 9	Holiday Party Unit 135	BCofB	
December 12-18	STAC	D6	
	BCof B	Bridge Club of Baltimore, Pikesville	
	SP	Severna Park Bridge Club, Severna Park	
	Tow	Bridge Club of Greater Towson, Towson	
	Cho	Choptank Bridge Club, Cambridge	

♣ Pikesville, MD, NLM ♦ SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2018 ♥



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## **Non Life Master Sectional**

**BRIDGE CLUB OF BALTIMORE**

1319 Bedford Ave., Pikesville, MD 21208

### **Hospitality**

*Lunch & refreshments included!*

### **Play for Silver!**

*NLMs with fewer than **750** MPs*

### **Saturday, September 15**

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (750/200/100 & separate 50/20/10) ....10:30 am

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (750/200/100 & separate 50/20/10) .....3:00 pm

### **Sunday, September 16**

NLM StrataFlighted Pairs (750/200/100 & separate 50/20/10) ....12:30 pm

*—All events are stratified by average masterpoints. Strata may be adjusted according to attendance.—*

#### **TOURNAMENT CHAIR:**

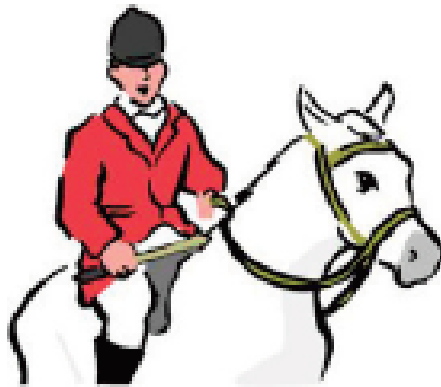
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**District 6 Mid-Atlantic Regional**



# HUNT VALLEY REGIONAL

August 13-19, 2018

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