



CLUB NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Executive wishes to advise the membership the carpet will be replaced soon. The original plan was to replace it later in the year after the regional but there were concerns of health issues and felt we should not delay a cleaning which would have cost in neighbourhood of \$900.

We will be looking at replacing the carpet with a very durable synthetic material that is commonly installed in airports. A solid floor was considered but would have created too many problems with cleaners in spring weather and of course there would be noise issues.

Our Snow birds will soon be returning; a good sign of spring approaching!

Andy Anderson

Call the Director

By: Jerry Mamer

I write this in the hope of clearing up some murky situations. First let me say any time there is or may have been an infraction please call the director before doing anything else. I will try to address a few of the more contentious issues.

Law 45 deals with when a card is played. There two things about this that sometimes confuses people. First the rules for declarer and defenders are slightly different and have some latitude for a director's interpretation. Each player except dummy plays a card by detaching from their hand and placing it on the table face up in front of themselves. If a **defender** holds their card so that it is possible for their partner to see it, it must be played. A **declarer** must play a card if it is held face up touching or nearly touching the table. As you can see, there is therefore some judgment the director must use when deciding whether the card was played or not. To further confuse the issue, law 45 C. 4. b. (we are in the fine print here) "Until his partner has played a card, a player may change an untended play if he does so without pause for thought. This may be done even if the next opponent has played. If the rules allow a change even after an opponent has played, it certainly becomes a decision by the director if it could be changed without pause for thought. Suffice it to say it is helpful to make a positive decision to play a card before detaching anything from your hand. Also, the rules are there to rectify irregularities and re-establish equity, not to penalize one side or the other.

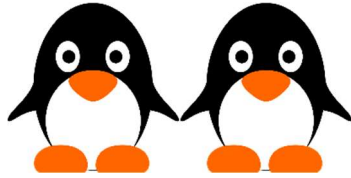
Laws 24 to 39 deal with the auction. Each time there is an irregularity, call the director. Some people think if you correct an insufficient bid with a sufficient bid in the same suit there is no further penalty. This is true in the vast majority of situations, but there is no requirement to make a bid sufficient and in fact LHO has a right to accept the insufficient bid. If either the original bid or the corrected bid would be artificial in your methods just making the bid sufficient does not finish the situation. The permutations of happenings are too many to discuss here, just let me say **call the director**. Further discussion or attempts to make a ruling by the players might compromise your rights.

The most common problem I am called to the table for is opening leads out of turn. To help solve this problem **lead face down** and make sure it is your turn to lead.

Law 42 deals with dummy's rights. Law 42 B. 3. states "Dummy may draw attention to an irregularity, but only after the play is concluded." However, dummy is allowed to try and prevent an irregularity by declarer. IE. The dummy may ask declarer (not a defender) if he has a card in a suit to which he did not follow.

I think also that it is important to remember that we play Bridge for enjoyment. Directors do their best to interpret the rules fairly. However, errors do occur. I recall seeing a pitcher lose a no hitter on an error by an umpire. He apologized later but that no-hitter does not exist. We have all seen Professional umpires and referees make errors. It should not astound us that our directors might make an error from time to time. However, as head of directors I have never seen or encountered a director who does not do their best to fairly interpret the rules. I just have one request of players.

When irregularities occur call the director



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MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR: May 6th Saturday Evening – our popular Penguin Snow Bird Bridge Party. More information to follow from Sharon Stevenson.

March Game Schedule

- March 14: Tuesday Evening – Pairs Club Championship (single session)
March 17: Friday Afternoon – Pairs Club Championship (single session)
St Patrick's Day – Wear some GREEN
March 23: Thursday Evening – IMP Pairs Club Championship
March 27: Monday Morning – ACBL Wide Senior Game - \$8.00
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February Winners

- Feb. 1 & 8 – 2 session Swiss teams Club Championship –
Flight A – Brent Moulding – Mark Churchman – Len Racette – Michael Tyrrell
Flight B – Colleen Kinahan – Mary Belyea – Claire Cook – Terry Cook
Flight C – Elaine Humble – Marlene Chatterson – Rene Roberts – George Slater

CBF Canada Wide STaC Top Saskatoon Players

February 14, Afternoon: 291.5 Tables – 40th in Flight A, & 16th in Flight B - Elaine Panchuk - Shirley McGuire

February 15, Afternoon: 248 Tables – 4th in Flight A Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson
0 – 500, 5.5 Tables Tied for 1st. in Flight A: Pat Eger - Marg Gordon, and Evelyn Poole - Audrey Sadler

February 17, Afternoon: 300.5 Tables – 6th in Flight A Derrick Furber – Linda Connell
0 – 500, 36 Tables 1st in Flight A: Bud Sarich – Dick Strayer
2nd in Flight B: Elie Lambert – Shirley Lambert
5th in Flight C: Phyllis Minielly – Sharon McDonald

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Feb 22 – Master Non-Master Pairs Club Championship

Flight A – John Pulles – Phyllis Minielly

Flight B – Joyce Wilson – Joan Forder

Flight C – Craig Hubbard - Andrew Lyon

Milestones

New Sapphire LIFE MASTER – 3500 Master Points

Jay Anderson

New Regional Master – 100-199 Master Points

Laurie Mantie, Marj McKinnon

New Sectional Master – 50-99 Master Points

Phyllis Minielly, Donna Breker

New Club Master – 20-49 Master Points

Dorothy Manning

New Junior Master – 5-19 Master Points

Barry Davies, Lyle Markowski, Sharon Dixon, Kent Pointon

Congratulations to the winners and milestone achievers!!