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## **More About Revokes**

**By Jack Self**

If you realized you have revoked, it is unethical to take any action to try to hide the fact that you revoked. Revoking again to hide the fact that you revoked the first time or closing up your hand and not giving the opponent an opportunity to see what is left in your hand are examples of unethical behavior.

There is no such thing as a revoke penalty. There is no penalty for revoking. The proper term is “trick adjustment,” usually a one or two trick transfer to the other side depending on whether or not the revoking person won the revoke trick.

Contrary to popular belief, dummy can revoke (sometimes because on card is hidden behind another or one card from dummy has fallen unseen on the floor). However, if dummy does revoke, there is no trick adjustment.

If you realize you have revoked before you or your partner has played to the next trick, the revoke can be corrected. In such a case call the director BEFORE you take any action. Let him supervise the correction of the revoke.

The term “established revoke” means that the person who revoked or her partner has already played to the next trick. If a revoke is established, it cannot be corrected.

A revoke that occurs on the next to the last trick (trick 12) has to be corrected regardless of whether or not you have already played to the last trick. Call the director when a revoke happens on the next to the last trick. He is the one who knows the exact procedure in correcting the revoke.

It does not matter what would have happened had you not revoked. Recently, at the Club, declarer revoked when she trumped the opening lead. She had the Ace of the suit led and, if she had not revoked, she would have won the trick anyway, but that does not make any difference. There is still going to be a two-trick transfer at the end of play.

The term “rectification” is used to describe the transfer of tricks due to a

revoke. Only the director can authorize a rectification.

Sometimes a revoke will mean that the opponents gain a trick because you revoked. Sometimes the trick transfer will result in the opponents getting back a trick that they would have won anyway.

Do not EVER turn over cards that have already been played to check on a revoke until the director arrives and tells you to turn them over. That can lead to getting the cards out of sequence and it makes it harder and more time consuming for the director to reconstruct what happened and authorize a possible rectification.

Do not get angry with an opponent when she catches you in a revoke or with the director for enforcing the proper bridge laws. Revokes are a part of the game. So is owning up to them and accepting the consequences.

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In case I haven't told y'all—I HATE COLD WEATHER!!! This is the time of year when I grow weary of winter...longing for the inevitable warmth of Spring!

Well, the heat is on at the Columbia Bridge Club...perfect weather for playing bridge indoors! CBC kicked off 2024 with some new game opportunities. Please pull up the calendars on our website and see when these games are scheduled: Four is Enough on a Tuesday early in the month; every Saturday at 10:00 Open Pairs; Daytime Swiss Team game later in the month. Please check them out; find a partner and register!

## FUTURE



For those of us who have fewer than 500 mps, don't forget that CBC is hosting the Future Life Master Tournament on January 26 and 27. Please register...Shelby and Lee have made plans for a great event—don't miss it!

Additionally, on January 25 CBC will host a single session GNT Qualifier game. Put a team together and register to play.

I suspect that we have several more weeks of cold weather. Likely, you will see me playing

at the Club, avoiding being out in the cold. I hope I will see many of you soon and often at CBC!

Judy



Dear Friends and Bridge Family,

Happy New Year!

As we close out the holiday season and start the new year fresh, I am again asking everyone to consider donating to PALSS - Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services. Although I'm later than the usual December donation drive, we can still help PALSS start off the new year on a good note.

The Columbia Bridge Club members and Unit 160 have been supporting this organization for the past seven years and I would like to continue the tradition.

PALSS serves all of South Carolina and provides services and support to individuals, families, children, and caregivers affected by HIV and AIDS. With December not only being the time for giving but also HIV/AIDS Awareness and Prevention month, it is the perfect time to donate to this wonderful cause.

Services that PALSS provides includes:

- Affordable medical treatment for individuals (free up to \$15)
- HIV and STI testing, treatment, prevention, and education
- Transportation for individuals in need
- Rent and Housing assistance
- Support groups for individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS
- A men's clinic
- A women's clinic
- A Food Pantry for individuals in need
- Community outreach - homeless shelters, colleges and university, community events, etc.
- Mental Health and Counseling Services for the Community
- And so much more! See [www.palss.org](http://www.palss.org) for more info.

I have been volunteering with them for several years, and I cannot tell you the positive impact they have on the community. I've personally worked with sexual assault victims from Charleston, Orangeburg, and Florence who drove here for free testing and treatment (subsidized by our previous donations) because everything in their area would cost \$500+ dollars. PALSS has helped people from other states that have moved here find housing and treatment options that they can afford. They've worked with veterans, enlisted members, community

members, and so many others. I cannot express how much good they do.

Additionally, since COVID, two other organizations in Columbia that provided some similar services have closed. This makes their work even more important.

Unit 160 has pledged a matching donation of up to \$500. I know that we can reach that and hopefully so much more.

As for the details, you can donate however you want. I am collecting the donations through JANUARY 31. You can drop your donation off to the Columbia Bridge Club and give it to the director, mail a check to me, or send a donation electronically. Please let me know if you need a receipt for tax purposes, and I will get that to you early in ASAP (As long as checks are dated for December, you will get a tax receipt for 2023). Checks can be made out to me or to PALSS directly - whatever works best for you. I will give them the donation at the beginning of February and all tax receipts will be dated for December 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me either via email, text, or phone.

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