

Spring 2014

Newsletter



***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION OVERLEAF *****

The winter storms have now passed (hopefully!!) and Spring heralds the start of what I hope will be a good Summer for us all! Bridge competitions become more abundant with something for every standard of player to enter – why not enter some? I am sure you will enjoy them more than you might think!! Domestically, there are several events coming up shortly so mark your diaries now with these dates as "not to be missed".

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Championship Pairs Ladder starts - 2ndrd April
Spring Sim Pairs - 9th April
Weir Trophy (teams) - 9th July
Ladies & Mens Pairs - 20th August

WCBA

Our County Association strives hard to offer a wide variety of matches & meetings to appeal to players of all standards. Why not go along one Monday at 7pm and join them?

See the WCBA web site, via our own web site Links page.

Lots to look forward to in addition to our normal pairs evenings!

VILLAGE HALL / CAR PARKING

Can I take the opportunity of reminding you that car parking in the road should be restricted to those of limited mobility and persons unloading equipment for the Club. The storage room is without doubt an improvement but great care is needed in getting out and (particularly putting away) the tables and chairs. Please ensure that only one person at a time enters the storage room. If you do have cause to comment about any aspect of the Hall, or notice any defect, please contact Martin.

CONGRATULATIONS

Michael Farey Trophy: Lesley & Robert
Swiss Pairs: Dorrie & Alf

HOSTING

Please check REGULARLY the web site host roster and note when you are expected to host. If you can't make a particular date then please re-arrange with another on the roster and THEN tell Tim. Everyone benefits from the host system and it has proven to be a major factor in attracting visitors.



MEMBERSHIP

The club has a dedicated and loyal membership but we could really do with about a dozen or so more! If you have friends, or know anyone who might be interested, please bring them along. Sadly bridge clubs have a reputation of being rather stuffy and serious, often unwelcoming - this is not the case at PDBC and we always endeavour to make the evening enjoyable for everyone, so please do your best to advertise us at every opportunity. And, if you are an infrequent member, please do come along more often if you possibly can!

(PTO or SCROLL DOWN)

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DO YOU KNOW?

REVOKES

It is sad that directors are still being called in relation to revokes. The Laws were changed a couple of years ago so that if you think your partner may have revoked you should immediately ask "Having none, partner?" If you realise that you could follow suit you can immediately withdraw the incorrectly played card and substitute it with a legal card. The incorrect card becomes a major penalty card if you are a DEFENDER to be played at the first legal opportunity. Declarer can simply put the misplayed card back in his hand. (note: if you are defending and you have won a trick whilst your partner has a penalty card then Declarer has a number of options which may limit what you can lead. If you won the trick then you must lead the penalty card).

OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN

Again – this crops up too often and principally because the person making the lead does not place the card face down and ask "Any Questions?" If players did this and waited a second or so before turning over the lead card possibly one of the other three players MIGHT just notice – and as a friendly club I sincerely hope that opponents would say something as well as your partner! May I remind you all that you should NOT put away the bidding cards until the opening lead has been turned over (faced).

ABOUT HOWELL, BOWMAN and HESITATION MOVEMENTS

These movements are played as they ensure fairness whether you sit EW or NS. A Full Howell is the fairest of all movements. Because the number of tables can vary, and even include a half table, it is not always possible to have a fair and an "easy" movement like a Standard Mitchell. One of the complaints against Howell movements is that they are slow but considerable time would be saved if all players at the start of the evening find out who they will be following and note where they sit each round. When it is time to move you will then know which table to go to quickly!! It is also sometimes preferable to have a Howell movement to avoid pairs sitting out for 3 or more boards.

♠ void (N)	
♥ void	
♦ Q8765432	
♣ AQT84	
♠ AKQJ	♠ 65432
♥ AKQJ	♥ T9872
♦ AK	♦ JT9
♣ KJ9	♣ void
♠ T987	
♥ 6543	
♦ void	
♣ 76532	

The 'MOONRAKER' 007 HAND

This hand is truly world famous. North is in 7♣ doubled **and redoubled** but I am sure none of you playing West would dream of doubling 7♣ - - - would you? Really?? You only have 31 points.

If you were North can you make it? (ps : where did you get the idea that you needed lots of hcp's to make a grand slam? Eight is quite sufficient!)

DOUBLE OF OPPONENTS 1NT OPENINGS

Some players still seem unaware of this! If you double your opponent's 1NT opening it is expected to be for penalty and show 15+ points. If your double is for take-out **it must be alerted**. [It would be wise to agree with partner what you do if your opponents are playing a mini 1NT opening (eg 10-12) as the same rules apply – if the double is for penalty there is no alert; if it is for take-out it still has to be alerted.]

Happy Easter!

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