

## WOKING BRIDGE CLUB GOLDEN RULES



**Please ask yourself, “am I getting it right?” when reading this note**

It will make other members a lot happier if you are (believe me, I know as they have told me) and it will really help us run the sessions at WBC as smoothly as possible.

- 1 Greet people in a friendly manner as you/they arrive at a table rather than talking over them about the last hand or anything else.
- 2 Persistent slow play spoils the game, not only for your opponents but also for those it keeps waiting or at adjacent tables (ten other people!). If you are running late, no post-mortems please and, as soon as the move has been called, dummy should pass any played boards down to the next table.
- 3 Between boards and at the end of the round (or if you are at a sit-out table), please be considerate to those still playing and keep the noise levels down.
- 4 Make your opening lead before you write the contract on your scorecard and, if sitting North, only enter the details into Bridgемate when dummy is being tabled and declarer is planning the play.
- 5 All players must be seated (not wandering about) 10 minutes before the scheduled start of play. It is not enough to have one half of a pair present holding a space for the other. This is very important so as to give directors and scorers a chance to get the movement right (the start will inevitably be delayed if they don't) so latecomers may well be turned away. If you are hosting (for which thank you), please sit at the front and not at a playing table until you know you are definitely playing in the session.
- 6 Please help the director at the start by stopping your conversations and listening as soon as the bell rings and, at the end of each round, by only moving when he/she calls the change (not when the countdown clock's buzzer sounds).
- 7 Make sure you are up to date with EBU rules (on matters such as ethical issues like hesitations, how to use the Stop and Alert cards, announcing and how to claim) as they do change. Why not check by looking at the two-page summary note on Etiquette now on the club web site.
- 8 Don't criticise partner (or opponents) at the table (especially if they are hosting!) and save any animated discussions for later. Don't offer any advice unless it is requested.
- 9 Please don't open any windows or fiddle with the aircon settings. If you are uncomfortable with the temperature, speak to the director at the end of a round.
- 10 At the end of each session, return the Bridgемates to their suitcase but please leave the table numbers and boards on the table (with the lowest board number on top and without facing the cards). On Tuesdays, leave the bidding boxes and the tablecloth on the table but, on Wednesdays, close up the bidding boxes, fold up the tablecloth and return them to the front.

Thanks and enjoy the game.

