



Saskatoon Bridge Club

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME

Is summer over? I don't believe it! Still crazy warm but enjoy it 'cos we all know what is coming.

TIME FOR PRIZE!

Our tournament a couple of weeks ago was a big success. Thanks so much to Phyllis Minielly and her team for making it happen. Attendance was up and we even made some money (thanks to the 50/50 draws because the ACBL continues to take a bigger bite out of the pie!). — continued next page

TIME FOR PRAISE! -continued

Our tournaments have a well deserved reputation for hospitality and this year we were fortunate to have goodies and support from our friends at the PA Club as well as from our local members.

Can't get away from food! The Sunday meal was again provided by Zhuo Sun who gave up the opportunity to play in the teams and instead supplied a really delicious meal.

Of course, people who come out and play are the lifeblood of the game. We are always open to suggestions for helpful change.

If I have forgotten to mention anyone who is deserving of thanks, I apologise in advance.

BAD JOKE TIME

The flight from Boston to Dublin had just taken off when the Captain's voice came over the intercom.

"Welcome aboard your flight to beautiful Ireland. The weather is fine and we anticipate a smooth trip. Sit back and en – GOOD GOD!"

SILENCE around the stunned passengers until the Captain's voice came back after a few seconds.

"So sorry about that folks. I just dropped my hot coffee in my lap! You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane came the voice of Paddy O'Leary, "Begorrah, you should see the back of my pants!"

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OCTOBER FACE TO FACE GAMES

Tuesday at 1PM IMP games continue.

Open and U1000 IMPs - \$5 entry for October.

Oct 1 Club Championship, Oct 8 & 15 Club Appreciation, October 22 STaC

October 7-11 AND October 14-18

All Face-to-face games are Club Appreciation games. awarding extra black.

October 21 – 25 All Face-to-face games are STaC games.

Monday October 27 the teams game will be a GNT Qualifier.

The Regina Sectional is October 4-6.

The Edmonton Sectional is October 18-20.

OCTOBER ONLINE GAMES

Tuesday October 1 is a silver linings game awarding 150% silver.

Tuesday October 22 is a Club Appreciation game awarding double black.

The Unit AGM and Life Master BBQ in on Saturday Oct 19.

2 games, both Club Appreciation (extra black).

Wednesday Oct 30 is an ACBL-wide Instant Match Point game (some gold, some red, printed hand analysis).

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OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

On Friday October 4 through Sunday Oct 6 the chess club is holding a tournament. This won't impact any of our scheduled games, but board makers please take note.

The **Erin Berry Rookie-Master game** is Wednesday Oct 16 at 7pm.

The **Unit AGM and Life Master BBQ** in on Saturday Oct 19.

2 games, both Club Appreciation (**extra black**).

Wednesday Oct 30 is an **ACBL-wide Instant Match Point** game (**some gold, some red**, printed hand analysis).

DIRECTOR CALL— opening lead out of turn. What are your options?

1. It is to your advantage to understand the Rule 54 but in any case **CALL THE DIRECTOR.**
2. The director will give you a thousand words about what your options are.
3. Basically there are 2 —either you accept the lead out of turn, or you don't.
4. If you accept the lead out of turn—you have 2 options
 - A) the supposed declarer spreads his hand and becomes dummy.
 - B) the supposed declarer becomes the actual declarer and dummy's hand goes on the table. In this scenario the second card of the trick is played from Declarer's hand. Play then continues normally.
5. If you don't accept the lead out of turn, it is a bit more complicated. The incorrect lead becomes a major penalty card and declarer has these options:
 - A) declarer may require or forbid the offender's partner from leading the suit as long as he retains the lead. If declarer chooses either of these options, the penalty card is restored to the offender's hand.
 - B) If declarer elects not to prohibit or require the suit of offender's lead, the card remains on the table and must be played at the first legal opportunity.

So what does it all mean? Declarer and partner are not allowed to discuss the options. However, an incorrect lead does create a legal opportunity that may benefit the declaring team. Remember that people are leading suits that they hope will be of benefit to them. So in general I think it is in the interest of the declaring team to decline the opening lead. I think it is in declarer's interest to forbid the suit lead of offender's illegal lead. Obviously there are times it is in declarer's interest to require the lead. Think about it.

The actual declarer should make the choice. Usually declarer will have the better and the lead coming from the defender on the left is generally advantageous to the declaring team.

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

Words of wisdom from our Webmaster—for those of you who don't know, that is Larry Custead. I would be floundering without his help!

After a recent game several of us were discussing which bids require delayed alerts and when to make them.

I consulted the "ACBL Alert Procedure" and I noticed that it was revised recently with the changes coming into effect on April 15, 2024.

I am sure most of us are not up to date on the latest changes to alerts, so I have put a link to this on the "**Member Information**" page of the Web Site.

A sample:

Announce the minimum length of any Non-Forcing minor suit Opening that could be fewer than 3 cards. Use the form, "Could be X" where X is the minimum length of the suit as the announcement.

I often hear "Could be Short." Is the minimum length 0, 1 or 2 in your system?

This is not a big deal, I am just using it as an example.

Larry is 100% correct. I know I don't always get the Alert/ Announce protocols right!

REMINDERS!

ADF TRAINING

This was originally scheduled for September 18 but our instructor had to cancel. So it is now rescheduled for

Wednesday October 9th after the game.

See Ellen Shatilla for more details.

And Finally...

Don't forget our annual LIFE MASTER BARBECUE on SATURDAY OCTOBER 19th.

There is a game in the afternoon

Cocktails at 5:15

Dinner at 6:00

Following the awards presentation there will be another game in the evening.

COME OUT, RECOGNISE OUR NEW LIFE MASTERS AND HAVE FUN!

Tickets available from Joanne Robertson \$10.