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President's Message December 2020

Hope everyone could enjoy their Thanksgiving. Holidays are upon us and we need to take care of ourselves. There are only about five more weeks to the New Year. Hopefully, we will be back together in 2021.

I would like to thank everyone participating in Virtual Bridge. A lot of players are enjoying bridge online and earning points. STAY HEALTHY AND BE GRATEFUL!

Carolyn Dubois

Coming Events

Nov 29-Dec 5 North American Online
Bridge Championships

Dec 8 @ 7:15 pm Pro Am
Mentoring Game

Dec 17 - 20 Winter Wonderland
Regional Events

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Shirley Mirambell

Anne Nelson

Gary Klussman

SHERRIE'S REPORT—WHAT'S HAPPENING ONLINE

I cannot express how much I miss seeing all of you. It's been wonderful to see most of you in the virtual club. Let's continue to be vigilant with our safety protocols until the vaccines are distributed because I want to see all of you in 2021! Meanwhile let's stay safe and enjoy each other virtually .

Speaking of virtually, a lot is happening. ACBL continues to be generous with their special events for us, and BBO is adding tools for us to make playing online more social and hopefully more enjoyable. We now have the ability to hear what people are saying to us. No fear, partners will not be chatting to each other! But what you say in the chat or to an opponent will now be audible. It won't be your actual voice, so don't worry about your dog barking in the background. It will be a canned voice. You will be able to ask the opponents a question and they will hear you. You can also speak to the director and the director can speak to you. Very soon you will be able to see your opponents and partner at the table, but you will be more than socially distanced! The next time you log in to BBO, click on your account tab in the right margin, then click on settings. Scroll down to Chat and toggle on the switch for Screen Chat. You will be all set.

The directors will not be making a lot of announcements during the game. They will be making them before the game and at the end of the game. We don't want to disturb your concentration.

ACBL has several special events for 2021 with more to follow. Tentatively, these dates are on the calendar:

January 18-24 Silver Linings Week 2X club points...All Silver!
February 13 & 14- Double points no extra fee (1/2 Red / 1/2 Black)

February 18-21 Mid Winter Regional -Gold and Red points

February 22-28 Education Foundation Week Double points all Black

March 11-21 NAOBC: NAP plus team and pair events open at all levels

March 22-28 Stardust Week - Double Points 1/2 Gold /1/2 Black

DIREKTORS KORNER

HELP! The Game is Over and I can't Get it Back Up!

There may come a time in your online escapades where you look over your game when it is finished and find a discrepancy or have a question for the director about some irregularity that you discovered, or just need a hand to hold – virtual and belonging to a director of course. Computers may believe that they are infallible, but they are most certainly not. Something may have happened that needs fixing. After the game, you will not be able to contact the director using the blue box with 3 white lines that is present when the game is running. What is to be done? Directors send players a number of messages before the BBO game starts and even during or at the end of the game. One of these will usually tell you that you have a certain number of minutes following the game – 20 minutes for all ACBL games – to report any issues or present any appeals. Pay close attention to the online handle (user name for those in Rio Linda) the director messages are coming from. You will still be able to see these messages in chat when the game is over or you may have mentally noted or written down the user name. The user name for all directors for all of the online club games sponsored by the LBA/LBC/BRBC/ADB consortium is vacb221739. Put it in your little black book now if you like...

B.B. Svengali

Welcome to our newest contributor to the Direktors' column – a self-proclaimed expert in all things BBO! And we procured these services at a rock bottom bargain price. The Editor

For the I/N Crowd By Sue Himel

Forcing Bids #2

Are you having trouble keeping track of which jump bids are forcing and which are invitational? Here is a simple rule that will help you remember.

Rule # 2: In non-two over one auctions jumps in suits that have already been bid are invitational; jumps in new, natural suits are forcing.*

Examples:	You Pd 1D 1H 3D	You Pd 1C 1H 3H	You Pd 1H 1S 3C
	A jump in an already bid suit is invitational.	A jump in an already bid suit is invitational.	A jump in a new suit is forcing.

Exceptions:	You Pd 1D 2S	You Pd 1H `3H
	A jump in a new suit is forcing unless you play these jumps as preemptive.	Using traditional methods this jump is invitational. Some partnerships play this jump as preemptive.

In two over one auctions, the above rule is not applicable.

You Pd 1D 2C 3D	Playing Standard American, the responder shows at least 10 points and the opener shows 16+, the hand belongs in game. In this case, a jump in an already bid suit is forcing.
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(Author's note: There are some systems you may learn in the future that would invalidate this rule. But, for most systems the rule is correct.)

PAUL'S DEAL OF THE MONTH

The "Responsive Double" convention should be a part of every regular partnership's defensive bidding arsenal. This convention applies when you are in fourth seat, holding a hand with two unbid five card suits and sufficient values to justify competing, when your

N	
♠AK10xx	
♥xxxx	
♦x	
♣KJx	
W	E
♠x	♠xxx
♥AQJ10x	♥x
♦QJxxx	♦AKxx
♣xx	♣AQ109x
S	
♠QJxx	
♥Kxx	
♦xxx	
♣xxx	

LHO has opened one of a suit, partner has overcalled at the one or two level and RHO has bid 1NT or raised opener's suit to the two or three level. An excellent example of the reason for playing the "Responsive Double" occurred in a recent local weekly club game when the computer generated this deal, all not vulnerable. At our table dealer was North, who opened a slightly light 1S. East aggressively overcalled 2C, rejecting a questionable 2NT "unusual NT" bid. South competed with four decent trumps and an almost trickless 2S. And there sat West, holding his nice red two suiter, wondering how everyone else could have their bids and what to bid himself

in the face of such aggressive bidding preceding his possible entry into the auction. He finally selected 3H. Thus, our table's auction was 1S-2C-2S-3H-P-P-P. Even though 3H was made on the favorable lie of the cards, it was a poor contract when it became apparent that 5D would make on a finesse or even 6D could be made double dummy. After the play of the hand at 3H the table discussion quickly became "How can we reach the sound 5D contract in the face of so much bidding?" The obvious answer was "Use the two suited 'Responsive Double' to compete instead of 3H." If the auction had gone 1S-2C-2S-X-P-(?) it is clear that East held quite enough to jump in diamonds over the "Responsive Double," either all the way to 5D or at least to 4D, which West would surely raise to 5D.

Editor's note: We are so grateful for the years of service to this club by *John Liukkonen*, who has produced this fine newsletter for many years. John has retired from this service to the club. We have many wonderful years of archives with a great deal of history of the club as well as many guest articles. We will miss you, John.

BRIDGE ACHIEVEMENTS PAGE

70 percent games by Unit 134 Members in our virtual club in November

Nov 6 Open Craig Cordes & John Onstott 71.24%
Nov 6 299er Lynn Jambon & Carol Jambon, Jr 70.37%
Nov 7 Open James Krekorian & John Onstott 72.22s%
Nov 10 499er Diana Powell & George Wilson 72.98%
Nov 13 Open Iype Koshy & Richard Oshlag 71.99%
James Krekorian & John Onstott 70.60%
NOV 15 Open Jean Talbot & Joan Van Geffen 70.63%
Nov 16 299er Cecile Ruiz & Quin Bates 70.83%
Nov 25 Open John Onstott & Jacob Morgan 74.36%
Nov 26 Open Tipping Ellis & Jim Lopushinsky 76.25%
Nov 27 99er Charlie Carson & Nancy Jane Carson 72.5%

NEW MEMBER

Karin Levesque

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

NEW CLUB MASTER

Laurie Hart, Penelope Randolph, Carol West, and Mariann Wilson

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Clare Brown, Lynn Jambon, Carol Jambon, Jr., and Leslie Lanusse

NEW NABC MASTERS

Myra Menville

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS Beryl Trawick and Elaine Wilczynski

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTER Ana Urrutia

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS Lawayne Eberhart, Marilyn Methvin, Pat Roberts

Top 30 Unit 134 MP Winners in Stardust Week

	Gold	Black
Jacob Morgan	6.68	20.05
John Onstott	5.52	16.51
Jacob Karno	5.17	15.52
Joan Van Geffen	4.61	13.82
Paul Freese	3.8	11.38
Jean Talbot	3.78	11.36
Sherrie Goodman	3.68	11.04
Richard Logan	2.78	8.33
Steve Plotkin	2.77	9.27
Erin O'Sullivan	2.38	6.66
Newton Jackson	2.35	3.9
Linda Green-Whitten	2.23	6.71
James Hailey	2.08	6.26
Michael Mooney	2.06	5.82
Sue Himel	2.05	6.16
Janet Koppel	2.04	6.08
Kathy Plauche	2.03	6.1
Sam Whitten	1.91	5.75
Nelson Daigle	1.9	5.7
Chuck Pitard	1.88	5.63
Ronald Omond	1.81	5.43
Juanita Heidingsfelder	1.77	5.33
Ronald Berenger	1.68	5.01
Linda Freese	1.64	2.89
David Woods	1.6	4.8
Henry Bodenheimer	1.58	5.17
Debbie Reily	1.56	4.69
Gary Bergeron	1.54	4.62
Tipping Ellis	1.53	4.62
Bennye Randall	1.52	4.57

To all of you who have been stricken with Covid 19 or the effects of these hard times with other health or life issues, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.