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# APRIL 2018

## GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY:	12:00 (O)	7:00 (0-399MP)
TUESDAY:	12:00 (O)	
WEDNESDAY:	12:00 (0-399MP)	
THURSDAY:	12:00 (O)	
FRIDAY:	12:00 (O)	
SATURDAY:	12:30 (O)	
SUNDAY:	1:00 (O)	

## APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY AFTERNOON	13	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
MONDAY AFTERNOON	23	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	28	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>.

PAT MAHNKEN IS RUNNING A TWO OVER ONE WORKSHOP STARTING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM. THE LESSONS WILL LAST FOR SIX WEEKS. THE PRICE FOR THIS COURSE WILL BE \$50.00 IN ADVANCE FOR THE SIX LESSONS OR \$10.00 PER INDIVIDUAL LESSON. PLEASE NOTIFY PAT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WITH PLAYERS MAKING CLAIMS. THE ACBL RULES STATE THAT ONCE A CLAIM IS MADE, ALL PLAY STOPS AND THE DECLARER'S HAND IS EXPOSED. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS CLAIM, THE DECLARER MUST TELL THE OPPONENTS HOW HE PLANS TO PLAY THE REST OF THE CARDS. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, THE DEFENDERS ARE ENTITLED TO A TRICK OR TRICKS ON A REASONABLE LINE OF PLAY. THE RULES ARE MORE STRINGENT WHEN THE DEFENDERS HAVE AN OUTSTANDING TRUMP. THESE RULES ARE MORE LIKELY TO FAVOR THE DEFENDERS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE ASKING PLAYERS TO BE CAREFUL WHEN CLAIMING, WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING DECLARERS TO MAKE CLAIMS WHEN IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE REMAINING TRICKS. FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU HAVE ALL THE REMAINING TRUMP THERE IS NO POINT IN PLAYING EVERY SINGLE CARD.

WE HAD ONE PAIR THAT SCORED A 70% OR BETTER GAME DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. MYLES GOLDBERG AND PHIL BLITZ HAD A 72.78% GAME.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO SPILL FOOD OR LIQUIDS ON OUR NEW RUG.

THE FEBRUARY/MARCH OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS STU EDELSTEIN. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY JERRY PINSKER. SHELLY AMIN, DIANE LEPRO, MARTY FLANZBAUM, HERMAN ZIEGER, JIM FAZZOLARI, DIANE GIALLOMBARDO, FREDLYN EDELSTEIN AND JUDITH SCHWARTZ. THE 0-299 MASTERPONTS GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS LUCIA TAYLOR. SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY PANKAJ MEHTA, OLIVIA BRENNAN, BETTY KASEGRANDE, MEL SCHWARTZ, BERNIE SCHRADER, JOAN MEYERS, MYLES GOLDBERG, COLETTE GRILLO, AND SANGITA MEHTA AND HODA KASSOUF (TIED).

WITH THE APPROACH OF SPRING WEATHER, PLAYERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED THAT THE CLUB IS NOT UNIFORMLY TEMPERATE. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PLAYERS WEAR LAYERED CLOTHING TO DEAL WITH THE TEMPERATURE CHANGES AROUND THE ROOM.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISHES TO THANK ALL THE PLAYERS WHO SUSTAINED THE CLUB THROUGH THE BLEAK WINTER MONTHS. WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE RUNNING MOST OF OUR NINE GAMES. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A MODEST INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE RETURN OF OUR FRIENDS FROM THE SOUTH.

PLEASE COME TO THE DESK AND PAY YOUR ENTRY FEE AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE AT THE GAME, SO THE DIRECTOR CAN CALCULATE THE SIZE OF THE GAME AND SET UP THE BOARDS ACCORDINGLY.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY RULINGS AT THE TABLE. IN THE EVENT OF A LEAD OUT OF TURN, EXPOSED CARD, INSUFFICIENT BID, OR ANY OTHER INFRACTION, THE DIRECTOR MUST BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF BOTH THE OFFENDING AND NON-OFFENDING SIDES.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO . . . .