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# APRIL 2017

## 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	07	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
MONDAY AFTERNOON	17	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	22	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
WEDNESDAY EVENING	26	TEAM GAME/PIZZA PARTY

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED TO RUN A TEAM GAME ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 26TH. A TEAM GAME CONSISTS OF FOUR-MAN TEAMS WHO COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER. THE FORMAT OF THE GAME IS YET TO BE DECIDED (SWISS TEAM, BOARD-A-MATCH, ETC). PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP AS PAIRS OR AS INDIVIDUALS. WHEN ALL THE PAIRS ARE ASSEMBLED, TEAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR BASED UPON THE PAIR'S TOTAL MASTERPOINTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOP SEEDED PAIR WILL BE ON THE SAME TEAM AS THE LOWEST SEEDED PAIR. THE SECOND SEEDED PAIR WILL BE TEAMED WITH THE NEXT TO LAST SEEDED PAIR AND SO ON. THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE PIZZA AND SODA FOR THIS GAME. THE PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:00. THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN PLAYING FEES FOR THIS GAME. MEMBERS WILL PAY \$10.00 AND NON-MEMBERS WILL PAY \$15.00

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.

THE FEBRUARY/MARCH OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS MARTY FLANZBAUM. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY STU EDELSTEIN, HERMAN ZIEGER, JIM FAZZOLARI, SANDY MUCCILLO, NICK OCHLAN, JERRY PINSKER, SHELLY AMIN, FREDLYN EDELSTEIN, AND ANN BOROWSKI.

THE INVITATIONAL GAMES PLAYERS-OF-THE-MONTH WERE COLETTE GRILLO AND PANKAJ MEHTA. THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY SHELLY AMIN AND DIANE LEPRO (TIED) BOB STEIN, LILLIAN PHILLIPS, ALICE DIAMOND AND PAUALA GOLDBERG (TIED), AND BERNIE SCHRADER, TERRI MARRILLO AND SERINA DAY (TIED).

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHELLY AMIN FOR PLACING 21<sup>ST</sup> IN THE 2015 HELEN SHANBROM ACE OF CLUBS CONTEST.

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 . . . .

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