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GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY: 12:00 (O) 7:00 (0-299MP)
TUESDAY: 12:00 (O)
WEDNESDAY: 12:00 (0-299MP)
THURSDAY: 12:00 (O)
FRIDAY: 12:00 (O)
SATURDAY: 12:30 (O)
SUNDAY: 1:00 (O)

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY AFTERNOON	12	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
MONDAY AFTERNOON	15	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY AFTERNOON	27	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

THE FEES FOR NORMAL GAMES HAS BEEN RAISED TO \$10 FOR MEMBERS AND \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st.

PAT MAHNKEN IS RUNNING A WORKSHOP ON CONVENTIONS STARTING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH 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 THREE PAIRS THAT SCORED A 70% OR BETTER GAME DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. MYLES GOLDBERG AND PHIL BLITZ HAD A 75.78% GAME, PANKAJ MEHTA AND COLETTE GRILLO HAD A 70% GAME AND MARTY FLANZBAUM AND STU EDELSTEIN HAD A 70.23% GAME.

BEGINNING APRIL 1ST, 70% GAMES MUST BE EARNED IN A GAME OF FIVE TABLES OR MORE IN ORDER TO WIN A FREE PLAY.

THE FEBRUARY/MARCH OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS MARTY FLANZBAUM. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY STU EDELSTEIN, JERRY PINSKER. SHELLY AMIN, DIANE LEPRO, NORMA SHAMOSH, JIM FAZZOLARI, JANE KNISLEY, NICK OCHLAN, AND BARBARA SHEEHAN. THE 0-299 MASTERPONTS GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS HODA KASSOUF. SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY SANGITA MEHTA, BETTY KASEGRANDE, MYLES GOLDBERG, BERYLE KESTENBAUM AND TARYN MANDEL(TIED), OLIVIA BRENNAN, MEL SCHWARTZ, PANKAJ MEHTA, AND PAULA GOLDBERG.

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