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GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY:	12:00 (O)	7:00 (0-400MP)
TUESDAY:	12:00 (O)	
WEDNESDAY:	12:00 (0-400MP)	
THURSDAY:	12:00 (O)	
FRIDAY:	12:00 (O)	
SATURDAY:	12:30 (O)	
SUNDAY:	1:00 (O)	

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY EVENING	02	SWISS TEAM GAME
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON	16	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SUNDAY AFTERNOON	27	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

WE WILL BE HOSTING A SWISS TEAM GAME ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2ND. PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE SIGN UP AS PAIRS. THE TEAMS WILL BE CREATED BASED ON A PAIR'S TOTAL MASTERPOINTS. THE FEE FOR THIS GAME WILL BE \$15.00. FREE PARKING.

THE JUNE/JULY OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS STU EDELSTEIN. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY MARTY FLANZBAUM, SHELLY AMIN, JIM FAZZOLARI, SANDY MUCCILLO, CATHY FAZZOLARI, HERMAN ZIEGER, MAUREEN OTERO, JERRY PINSKER, AND ANN BOROWSKI. THE 0-400 MASTERPOINT GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS BETTY KASEGRANDE. SHE WAS FOLLOWED BY JOAN MEYERS AND MAUREEN ROSKO (TIED), MERRI MARRILLO, BERNARD SCHRADER, MYLES GOLDBERG, LUCIA TAYLOR, SANGITA MEHTA, AND BOB STEIN AND LILLIAN PHILLIPS (TIED).

WE HAD TWO PAIRS WHO SCORED A 70% OR BETTER GAME IN JULY. LUCIA TAYLOR AND BERNARD SCHRADER SCORED A 71.38% GAME AND MARTY FLANZBAUM AND STU EDELSTEIN SCORED A 70% GAME.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO IMPLEMENT A RULE THAT NO PLAYING ROUND CAN BEGIN AFTER 3:15 DURING THE WEEKDAY AFTERNOON GAMES. THIS RULE ONLY APPLIES TO HALF-TABLE GAMES WHERE THE MOVEMENT MIGHT REQUIRE PLAYING 27 OR 28 BOARDS. SINCE MANY PEOPLE HAVE DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENTS OR AN ACCESS-A-RIDE PICK UP, IT WAS FELT THAT THIS SYSTEM WOULD BE BETTER THAN HAVING PEOPLE LEAVE BEFORE THE GAME WAS OVER. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO PLAY THE 27 OR 28 BOARDS WITHIN THE ALLOTTED TIME FRAME, THIS WILL BE DONE.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TIME POLICY MENTIONED ABOVE, THE BOARD HAS VOTED TO COMPLY WITH A REQUEST FROM THE ACBL. THE ORGANIZATION HAS ASKED CLUBS WHO USE BRIDGE BUDDY, AS WE DO, TO TURN OFF THE SCORES OF THE FIRST COUPLE OF ROUNDS TO HASTEN THE GAME. THIS WOULD INVOLVE NO MORE THAN THREE ROUNDS. PERCENTAGES WILL STILL APPEAR ON THE DEVICE, BUT NOT THE CONTRACTS OF THE OTHER PAIRS WHO HAVE PLAYED THE BOARDS. TECHNICALLY, THIS AFFECTS ONLY THE SECOND AND THIRD ROUNDS, SINCE THE FIRST ROUND IS ALWAYS A 50% SCORE. WE WILL RUN THIS EXPERIMENT FOR THREE WEEKS, BEGINNING MONDAY, AUGUST 21ST AND TAKE A VOTE AT OUR GENERAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT IT.

IT'S TIME TO REITERATE SOME OF THE PLAYING RULES OF THE CLUB.

1. NORTH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSING THE BOARDS AT THE END OF THE ROUND, UNLESS THE DIRECTOR DOES SO.
2. POST-MORTEMs SHOULD BE HELD TO A MINIMUM AND, IF NECESSARY, CONDUCTED SO THAT OTHER TABLES DO NOT HEAR THE DISCUSSION.
3. TALKING IS FORBIDDEN DURING THE AUCTION OR PLAY OF THE HAND. SUCH TALK MY BE CONSTRUED AS UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION AND THE OFFENDING SIDE WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES STATED IN THE ACBL RULE BOOK.
4. THE DUMMY MUST KEEP HIS OR HER HANDS OFF THE TABLE UNTIL CALLED UPON TO PLAY A CARD BY THE DECLARER.
5. A CARD FROM THE DUMMY IS NOT OFFICIALLY PLAYED UNTIL CALLED FOR BY THE DECLARER. THE DUMMY MUST NOT TAKE IT UPON HIMSELF TO ANTICIPATE WHAT CARD THE DECLARER WILL PLAY.

PLAYERS ARE AGAIN REMINDED THAT THERE IS NO SHAME TO HAVING A LATE PLAY. THIS IS NOT TO ENCOURAGE SLOW PLAY, BUT IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT A SLOW TABLE HAS A "DOMINO EFFECT" ON THE REST OF THE ROOM. WAITING FOR PLAY TO FINISH AT A SLOW TABLE CREATES A LATE START AT THE NEXT TABLE, AND SO ON. PLUS, IT IS UNFAIR TO THE FASTER PLAYERS TO HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE SLOW TABLE TO FINISH.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER: WE WILL BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH AND AN INDIVIDUAL GAME/LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 1ST. PLEASE SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL IF YOU WISH TO PLAY. DETAILS WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE PLAYERS WHO VOLUNTARILY HELP BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE GAME BY MAKING COFFEE, COLLECTING THE BOARDS AND/OR CLEANING UP AFTER THE GAME. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

PAT EPISCOPIA	07	MEL FRUCHT	25
MARTY FLANZBAUM	13	ESTHER MICHAELS	29