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GAME SCHEDULE

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

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

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| MONDAY EVENING | 04 | CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP |
| SUNDAY AFTERNOON | 17 | ST. PATRICKS DAY PARTY/GAME |
| MONDAY-SUNDAY | 11-17 | SILVER POINT GAMES |
| TUESDAY AFTERNOON | 19 | CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP |
| FRIDAY AFTERNOON | 22 | BIRTHDAY PARTY/GAME |
| THURSDAY AFTERNOON | 28 | CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP |

THE CLUB IS HAVING A ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 17TH. THIS GAME WILL BE A STAC GAME AND EXTRA POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP. CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE AND ANYTHING THAT IS GREEN WILL BE OFFERED PRIOR TO THE GAME. THE FORMAT OF THE GAME WILL BE AN PAIRS GAME. INTERESTED PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN UP AS PAIRS AND SINGLES. THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO DONATE DESSERTS AND SALADS. ALSO, THE COMMITTEE IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COOK CORNED BEEFS BOUGHT BY THE CLUB. FEES FOR THIS GAME WILL BE \$13.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$17.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ONE EATS OR NOT. THE MEAL WILL BEGIN AT 12:30 AND THE GAME WILL BEGIN AT 1:00. IF YOU SIGN UP PLEASE SHOW UP.

THE CLUB WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE STAC (SILVER POINT) GAMES BEGINNING ON MONDAY. MARCH 11TH THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH. THE FEES FOR THESE GAMES WILL BE \$10.00 FOR MEMBERS AND \$15.00 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

THE CLUB WILL CELEBRATE THE 98TH BIRTHDAYS OF JEAN SMITH AND MARION COOLEN ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND. THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE LUNCH AND A BIRTHDAY CAKE. IF YOU NORMALLY DO NOT PLAY ON FRIDAY AND WISH TO JOIN THE CELEBRATION, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE PROVIDED SHEET SO THE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE CAN JUDGE THE AMOUNT OF FOOD TO BUY.

THE BOARD HAS REINSTATED THE FREE PLAYS FOR PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH, 70% OR BETTER GAMES, AND BIRTHDAY FREE PLAYS. THE BIRTHDAY FREE PLAY MAY ONLY BE USED AT A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY GAME. IF YOU ARE NOT HERE DURING YOUR PARTICULAR BIRTHDAY MONTH YOU MAY USE THE FREE PLAY WHENEVER YOU ARE BACK IN NEW YORK.

THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY OPEN GAMES PLAYER-OF-THE-MONTH WAS JERRY PINSKER. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY STU EDELSTEIN, MARTY FLANZBAUM, SHELLY AMIN, JIM FAZZOLARI, NICK OCHLAN, HERMAN ZIEGER, PAT MAHNKEN, MICHAEL GECHT, AND SANDI MUCCILLO. THE 0-299 PLAYERS-OF-THE-MONTH WAS PHIL BLITZ. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY BETTY KASEGRANDE, LUCIA TAYLOR, MYLES GOLDBERG, EILEEN LOSTETTER, OLIVIA BRENNAN, BERNIE SCHRADER, AND COLETTE GRILLO AND PANKAJ MEHTA (TIED).

WE HAD FOUR PAIRS WHO ACHIEVED 70% OR BETTER GAMES: JUDY SCHWARTZ AND ELAINE BORRUSO (70.31%); STU EDELSTEIN AND MARTY FLANZBAUM (75%); SHELLY AMIN AND YOLANDA RUDICH (73.42%); AND JERRY PINSKER AND STU EDELSTEIN (70.83%).

ON DAYS WITH INCLEMENT WEATHER, PLEASE CHECK THE CLUB'S WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE CLOSINGS OR CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF THAT DAY'S GAME.

FOR ETHICAL REASONS, IT IS NOT PROPER TO ASK ABOUT A PARTICULAR BID DURING THE AUCTION UNLESS YOU OR YOUR PARTNER IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE BIDDING. ASKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR BID MAY INDICATE AN INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR SUIT. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL THE LEAD IS MADE BEFORE ASKING. YOU MAY ASK ABOUT ANY BID DURING THE PLAY OF THE HAND BUT YOU CAN ONLY GET A REVIEW OF THE BIDDING AT YOUR FIRST TURN TO PLAY. ALSO, ALWAYS MAKE YOUR OPENING LEAD FACE DOWN SO YOUR PARTNER (AND OPPONENTS) MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT A LEAD OUT OF TURN AND/OR ASK A QUESTION.

AS DUMMY IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO PLAY THE CARDS INDICATED BY THE DECLARER. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD IN NO WAY APPEAR TO INDICATE OR ANTICIPATE WHAT THE DECLARER SHOULD PLAY. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS STRESSED THAT THE DUMMY SHOULD KEEP HIS OR HER HANDS OFF THE TABLE UNTIL A CARD IS CALLED FOR.

NEWER PLAYERS (AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS) ARE AGAIN REMINDED TO ALWAYS CALL THE DIRECTOR WHEN THERE IS AN IRREGULARITY AT THE TABLE (LEAD OUT OF TURN, REVOKE, HESITATION, INSUFFICIENT BID, ETC.). ALTHOUGH YOUR OPPONENTS MAY APPEAR TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE RULING, THIS IS THE JOB OF THE DIRECTOR.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

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| TARYN MANDEL | 02 | JEAN SMITH | 16 |
| LEANNE SHULMAN | 05 | STEVE SOBEL | 18 |
| MARRION COOLEN | 11 | JOAN MEYERS | 20 |