

JANUARY 2020 BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO ALL OUR 2020 SHARKS & MINNOWS

Friday, January 24, 2020 is the big day. A great chance to play with a new partner. Only partnerships made up of one Shark (over 500 masterpoints) and one Minnow (under 500 masterpoints) can win in this game. Others may play in the game, but they can't win any masterpoints.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Whether you are a Shark or a Minnow you will have two chances to win extra black points in January. Just play your cards well on either Thursday, Jan. 16 or Tuesday, Jan. 28.

LIMITED MASTERPOINT GAMES

0 to 49 points Tuesdays at 1:00 starting on Jan. 7, 2020

0 to 99 points Thursday at 1:00 starting on Jan. 9, 2020

CHAT GAMES

Gary Thomas and Donna Lyons will continue to hold Chat Games on Thursday mornings at 9 AM. The games are limited to people with fewer than 20 masterpoints. The game fee is \$10, but Gary offers a free lesson to the early birds at 8 AM.

BRIDGE EDUCATION

Please help us get the word out.

Tuesdays, starting Jan.7, 2020 **Brush Up Course** designed for people who haven't played for a few years and want to refresh their skills and memories.

Call Marcia Reff at 239-775-8460 for further information.

Wednesdays, starting Jan. 8 **Bridge Basics 1** is designed for the brand new people.

Fridays, starting Jan.10 **Bridge Basics 2** is the second course in the series.

Call Gary Thomas at 317-507-3545 for further information.

All lessons start at 9:30AM and end between 11:30 and noon. Lessons are \$15.00

HOSPITALITY

Joe Truitt has stepped forward and agreed to handle the hospitality chores on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays whenever he is in town. Joan & Marvin Marion will cover Tuesdays. Marsha Girouard & Chuck Young will cover Thursdays. Fay & Elliott Myers will continue as supervisors and back up people

60% GAMES in DECEMBER

		%	MP's
12/06/19	Peg Connors & Tom Erickson	63.52	1.50 B
	Mary Fehrenbach & Carol Cushing	61.57	1.05 B
	Don Sommerfield & Ron Talbot	63.70	1.50 B
	Fay Myers & Elliott Myers	60.55	1.05 B
Sectional Games			
12/09/19	Joyce Ling & Peg Connors	61.40	2.34 S
	Sharon Orr & June Brown	61.18	2.34 S
12/10/19	Gary Thomas & Joyce Ling	65.33	1.50 S
	George Bernstein & Christy Coupland	61.25	1.05 S
12/11/19	Tricia Bernstein & Ellie Goodrich	64.85	2.06 S
	Fay Myers & Valerie Johnson	61.55	2.06 S
	Lise Bailey & Katie Ekker	61.03	1.44 S
12/12/19	George Bernstein & Bob Sobol	61.11	1.78 S
12/13/19	Fay Myers & Elliott Myers	68.91	2.34 S
	Elliott Nueman & Henry Stern, Jr.	62.18	1.64 S
Regular Club Games			
12/16/19	Henry Stern & Bob Sobol	60.26	1.30 B
	Marcia Reff & Abe Brown	66.51	1.30 B
12/17/19	Henry Sten & Elliott Nueman	62.37	1.20 B
	Tricia Bernstein & Ron Talbot	60.77	0.84 B
12/19/19	Nancy Trice & Sue Kluger	62.30	1.00 B
12/23/19	Henry Stern & Bob Sobol	62.50	1.20 B
	George Bernstein & Christy Coupland	61.81	0.84 B
	Ron Talbot & Don Sommerfield	60.65	0.60 B
12/26/19	George Bernstein & Bob Sobol	67.56	0.70 B
	Tony Zeiger & Valerie Johnson	63.10	0.70 B
12/27/19	George Bernstein & Claire Buete	68.98	1.20 B
12/30/19	Henry Stern & Bob Sobol	64.25	1.30 B
	Ron Talbot & Don Sommerfield	60.80	0.91B
	Marcia Reff & Abe Brown	67.24	1.30 B
	JoAnn Kriger & Kathleen Kenny	62.79	0.91 B

BUTTERFINGERS

Once in a while we all have butterfingers. We attempt to pull out one card, but suddenly two cards drop face up on the table. The accidentally exposed card then becomes a PC, but it may be only a Minor Penalty Card.

A Minor PC is any card from 2 to 9 that has been exposed during the auction period or during the play in three certain ways.

1. A single card that has been dropped faced up or
2. held in such a way that his **partner** could see it.
3. a spot card exposed by playing 2 cards to a trick accidentally.

Unfortunately if you have 2 such spot cards they both become Major Penalty Cards.

The rules for both leading and playing Minor Penalty Cards are not the same as those for Major Penalty Cards. When you have a Minor Penalty Card, you are not required to play it at your first opportunity. You may lead or discard a card in a different suit.

If you have a 3 of hearts Minor PC and you are on lead, **you may choose to lead a heart honor instead of the 3.** Or if the declarer led a heart **you may choose to play a heart honor instead of the 3. In neither case can you play a different heart spot card.**

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