

May 2023 Bridge Deck Club Newsletter

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Summer Schedule

We have changed to our summer game schedule. Games start at 12:30 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Please try to arrive by 12:15 so the director can decide on the best movement and set up the computer.

Mini-McKenney and Ace of Club Winner

In April the ACBL Bridge Bulletin publishes the names of those players who have earned the most total points during the previous calendar year. The winners are grouped in categories determined by how many masterpoints they had at the start of the year. Our own **Cindy Mazzaferro is listed as 11th highest scorer in the 300 to 500 point category.** She won 289 masterpoints during the 2022 calendar year! Cindy is also listed as the 17th highest score in the Ace of Clubs contest. Of her 289 total points 154 were black points that were won in regular club games. Cindy achieved the rank of Life Master during 2022.

Rank Changes

Congratulations to **Cathy Mayer** for recently achieving the rank of both Life Master and Bronze Life Master. Attending tournaments and winning all those red, silver and gold points takes time, effort, and skill.

Amazing Score

Valerie Johnson and Ed Alcott had an amazing 74% game on April 25. There were 5 other North/South pairs in this club championship game.

Director, Please

Misinformation: If your opponent turns to you and asks you the meaning of your partner's bid, try to give full and correct information. Experienced players know that when your opponent bids your partner's suit it is a Michaels bid, showing 5-5 or better in 2 other suits, but newer duplicate players need that information spelled out. But what if you give the wrong information? The opponent asks you to "Please Explain" but you get it wrong! Your partner can't say anything right then, but she should correct the information later. **When** you correct the misinformation depends on if your side becomes the Declaring side or if you end up playing

Defense. **If you are playing Defense neither partner can say anything until after the hand is played**, because if either did he would be giving his partner information about his hand. **But if your side is the Declaring side, your partner must correct the misinformation before the opening lead. In either case, the director should be present when you correct the information.**

A Failure to Alert a Conventional Bid is also Misinformation so remember to alert all alertable bids that are in red ink on the white convention card and announce all bids that are in blue ink. If you don't you have given misinformation to your opponents.