

FORT LAUDERDALE BRIDGE CLUB

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Newsletter

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Afternoon	1:00pm Brunch Noon	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30	12:30pm Lunch 11:30
Evening	6:00pm Dinner 5:00	No Game	7:00pm Dinner 6:00	No Game	7:00pm	7:00pm	7:00pm Dinner 6:00

DUPLICATE GAMES: All games are ACBL sanctioned. Card Fee: \$4 Member/\$6 Guest (eff. 1/1/06)

NON-LIFE MASTERS' GAMES: 12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SOCIAL BRIDGE (Bridge Connection): 12:30 on Mondays and Thursdays.

SCRABBLE: Thursdays at 6:15; \$5 dinner (5:30). Call Claire Ullman by noon at 954-537-2755.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: 7/4: 12:30 & 6pm ♦ 7/19: 1230 ♦ 7/24: 1230 ♦ 8/31: 12:30 & 7pm
UNIT-WIDE CHAMPTIONSHIP: Friday afternoon 7/28

LESSONS AND LECTURES

Lois Redlick: Beginner and Intermediate lessons ongoing. Call Lois Redlick for details: 954-565-3127

Rich Waugh: Free Lecture: Tuesday mornings 11:45-12:15. Visit his website at: www.bridgeace.com

Jim Lackey: Free Lecture, Saturdays 11:45-12:15

Rhoda's Corner By Rhoda Schreider

There have been some schedule changes for the summer months.

Monday evenings we will no longer be open. Sunday night at 6pm has been changed to a triple matchpoint game. Alan Minton has taken over the Friday night game and will start on Friday, July 14 at 7 o'clock. A complimentary supper will be served at 6:15 pm for the inaugural event! Dinner will no longer be served on Thursday nights.

On Tuesday, July 4 at 4:45 pm we will celebrate the holiday with a bar-be-que: chicken, hot dogs, bacon and beans, corn soufflé, cole slaw and dessert. \$6.00 per person. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Game time will be 6pm.

During the Fourth of July tournament in Deerfield Beach (July 3-9), the club will be closed weekday evenings, except Tuesday evening for the Fourth of July. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings will be the regular schedule.

On August 14 through August 20 there will be silver points offered at the club. It's an easy way to get those *silver points*, so please join us. There will be evening games at 7 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There will be a one session Swiss team game on Sunday at 1 pm to be followed by a regular non-silver point game at 6 pm.

The Labor Day Tourney will start on Thursday, August 31 and run through Monday, September 4. There will be a team game on Monday, September 4—one session. There will be an afternoon and evening session *each day*, except *Monday*. All games are club championships.

Have a happy and healthy summer and play more bridge here!

Upcoming Events

July 3-9 July 4th Tournament in Deerfield Beach
July 4 4:45pm: Fourth of July bar-b-que and game
July 14 7pm: Friday night game starts (free dinner)
Aug 14-20 Silver points at the club (STAC)
Aug 31-Sep 4 .. Rhoda's Labor Day Tournament

"The Friendly Club For All Levels of Play"

The Director's Corner

Responsibilities

A primary function of the Director is to restore equity when there is a problem on a board.

The Laws of Contract Bridge spell out most of the corrections to these problems. The responsibility of the Director is to ascertain the facts—who was responsible for the error and/or who was at fault!

A common occurrence in which this happens is in the area of MISTAKEN BIDS and MISINFORMATION. First of all, when explaining the significance of partner's call or play, in reply to an opponent's inquiry, a player is obligated to disclose all information as to their partnership agreement. If a player subsequently realizes that his explanation was incorrect, he should immediately summon the Director. A player *whose partner* has given a mistake explanation must wait until the final pass to correct the error, nor may he indicate in any manner that a mistake has been made—no shaking your head or other facial expressions. A *defender* may not correct an error until *play ends*—then the Director is summoned.

The Laws give us some examples: North opens 1NT and South holding a weak hand bids 2D, intending to sign off (admittedly not a common agreement these days.) North explains, however, that they are playing two-way Stayman—a game forcing inquiry asking about major suits. If the partnership agreement is that 2D is a sign off, the explanation was incorrect. This is an infraction of the Law since E-W are entitled to an accurate description of their agreements. If E-W are damaged, an adjusted score is in order.

On the other hand, if North's explanation was correct and the mistake was in South's bid—there is NO infraction of Law and regardless of any damage, the result is allowed to stand since E-W received an accurate description of their agreement. South must not notify the Director and has no obligation to do subsequently. Further, since South now knows that his 2D bid has been misinterpreted, he has UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION and must be careful not to base subsequent actions on this knowledge. A good way to look at this is to imagine that you and your partner are playing on the internet and you did not hear any inquiries or explanations—just keep bidding according to your own understanding!

In the next issue, we'll talk about Alerts and your questions are welcome.