

THE BRIDGE HUB

Unit 214 Hattiesburg Duplicate Bridge Clubs

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President's Message

I am proud to report turnout at both clubs is looking good. As a unit through March 11th we have had 189 tables. This equates to 7.3 tables per game. As a reminder for all of 2022 we had 4.7 tables per game and for 2023 we had 5.8 tables per game (23% increase in tables per game from 2022 to 2023) . Now let's

compare the first three months of 2024 to the previous years. 2023 to 2024 there is a 25% increase thus far and 2022 to 2024 has a 54 % increase thus far! This makes me proud. We are growing . People are feeling better about coming to play face to face bridge again. My goal is to continue these trends through growth of our clubs and new members coming to play.

It will soon be time to have our annual meeting for the unit and to elect new officers. The nominating committee has met and made recommendations. In early April the board of directors will meet to review the recommendations and finalize the new slate of officers. The new slate will then be presented at the annual

A One Liner...

If there was a twelve step program to help bridge addicts, the first step would involve counting to 13. -



MOVING UP:

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

As we play club games and go to tournaments, our successes are cataloged and we get the distinction of different ranks. This is the year in review of what our players have managed to accomplish.



Sandra Bagget : Ruby Life Master in January of 2023

Martin Booda: Sectional Master in June of 2023

Peggy Brian: NABC Master in August of 2023

Diane Cameron: Sectional Master in May of 2023
Beth Davis: Regional Master in June of 2023.

Melissa Dews: Club Master in March of 2023

Pat Faler: Junior Master in October of 2023

Bill Finnicum: Club Master in October of 2023

Mary Gunn: Regional Master in June of 2023

Patsy Fagan: NABC Master in August of 2023

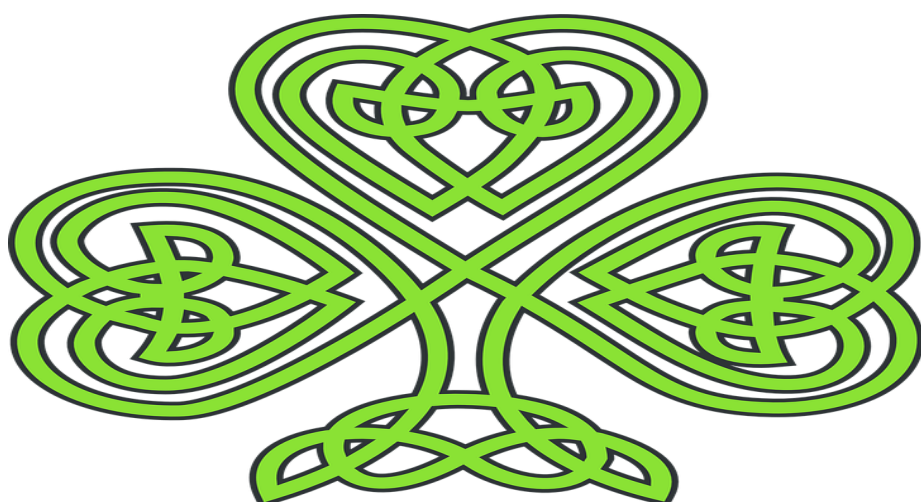
John Johnson : Junior Master in September of 2023

Sherry Kinkopf: NABC Master in May of 2023 and Advanced NABC in October of 2023

Val Ramsey: Sectional Master in October of 2023

Trish McCrory: Regional Master in October 2023

Deanna Stewart: Life Master in March of 2023 and Bronze Life Master in in September of 2023



DIRECTOR

By Deanna Stewart

We are learning about the Big Five Boo Boos that occur at the bridge table and the laws that govern these errors. In January's newsletter, we discussed leads out of turn. In February's newsletter, we learned about the revoke. Now it is time to address the exposed card or the PENALTY CARD.

Exposed cards can happen in several ways. The laws that deal with these occurrences depend on the circumstances in which a card was exposed.

The laws that cover this topic include: 24,46,48-53.

1. A card is dropped for all to see either during removal of cards from the board initially or accidentally during the bidding phase
- 2.
3. A card is led out of turn and the declarer chooses the option of deeming it a penalty card
- 4.
5. A card is dropped during the play of the hand by the defender
- 6.
7. A card is played inadvertently during the play of the hand. (A revoke that is immediately recognized by the offending player or a player accidentally pulls out two cards at one time)
- 8.
9. A card is inadvertently exposed where partner can possibly see it during play of hand (this relates to how you hold the cards)
- 10.

Penalty Cards: Laws 50-52

1. A card that is exposed during the auction is either a major or a minor penalty card. Anything that is a 10 or higher is considered a major penalty card. This differentiation is also made if during the play of the hand two cards are inadvertently pulled out at once.





EDUCATION NEWS

LEARN BRIDGE, ANYONE?

We have now completed our second beginner class. We are offering a beginner two class again. This is supervised play. Anyone who needs a refresher is welcome to join us. Dates: April first through May 6th from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Our intermediate group is examining the convention card. This is the ACBL link which explains the card and defines all abbreviations. The ACBL requires a complete, legible, identical convention card to be completed by each partnership during a game.

[https://www.bridgewebs.com/nwt/How%20to%](https://www.bridgewebs.com/nwt/How%20to%20)

Featuring

By Sherry Kinkopf



Vivien Carver

Some people are born into a family of bridge players, others find bridge in unexpected ways. For Vivien Carver, bridge wasn't in her family's DNA, but she learned about the game from her dear friend, and ours, Lillian Range. Lil and Vivien were academics at Southern Miss and neighbors, so a natural friendship developed and part of their time together was a daily walk. With every step they took, Lil explained her recent bridge experiences—at first, Vivien listened to Lil's excitement about hands and conventions, and doubles, and down 1 stories. All of this to the untrained ear must have seemed like a foreign language, but Viv's academic instincts and natural curiosity turned into a quest to learn the game Lil spoke of so passionately.

In 2016, Vivien found herself learning bridge from Ellen Davies White at Ollie. Vivien played some party bridge while she learned, but her competitive side kicked in and she and Lil started playing duplicate through BBO. Many times Vivien almost quite—we've all been there—but her drive for becoming better won out in the end. She's worked with other beginning players in small groups, teaching them what her teachers have taught her. She continues to learn more about bridge by studying what experts say about this convention or that—knowing it is sometimes frustrating that there is no one answer and that bridge players will never “know it all”.

Vivien is a treasure for all of us, and I thank her for sharing her bridge story with me and with you.



Did you know? by Deanna Stewart

The laws of a duplicate bridge game were first published in 1928. The initial laws were influenced by Harold Vanderbilt when in 1925 he changed bridge altogether with the current concept of scoring. The board was used and the idea of a director was introduced. Initially the laws were promulgated by the Portland bridge club in London and the Whist club in NYC. As the game of bridge grew world wide, The World Bridge Federation was formed and the duplicate bridge laws are now commissioned and interpreted through this organization. The ACBL commissions its version with American spelling, but incorporates all changes by the WBF. The latest version was updated in late September of 2017.