

THE VILLAGE CARD CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2005

CONGRATULATIONS VCC ON YOUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 2005

1st-3rd - HSV Sectional

20th - Board-A-Match

MAY 2005

18th - Junior/Senior Prom

27th-30th - LR Sectional (VCC closed)

JUNE 2005

6th - North American Open Pairs

9th - Semi-Annual Meeting

15th - "Special" Pairs Game

20th - 26th District 10 STaC

The Club Manager's 2004 Iron Person award for the most games played at VCC is awarded to GINA DOSS who played an amazing 292 games in 2004.

BRIDGE TIPS: TEAM GAMES

All movements require four players—N-S pair and E-W pair. A series of boards are played team vs. team.

Types of Team Games with different scoring methods:

Board-A Match—Same as pairs match points with a top score of one. Team receives 1 (win), ½ (tie) or 0 (loss) for each board. Q004846 Winner is team with highest match point total.

Knockouts—One team plays entire session (24 boards) vs. another team. International Match Points (IMP's) based on difference of scores are used for scoring. Tables are on the convention card. Winners advance in their bracket.

Swiss Teams—Random pairing for first match. Short matches (7-9 boards). Winners play winners, losers play losers. The game is scored using IMP's which are then converted to Victory Points (tables are on convention card).

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

LIFE MASTERS

Don Coonfer

Liz Coonfer

Jim Bicknell

Patsy Bicknell

BRONZE LIFE MASTER

Marilyn Biegler

SILVER LIFE MASTER

Martha Blaine

GOLD LIFE MASTER

Betty Schultz

Bridge Tips (continued)

STRATEGY

Swiss Team & Knock-Outs

- Don't double part scores without a trump stack.
- On close decisions, bid your game or slam, especially vulnerable.
- Don't sacrifice, unless you are only going down one.
- In competitive auctions, the five level belongs to the opponents.
- In competitive auctions, use the principle of minimum regret to decide whether to compete. Ex. Two -50's are better than two -420's.
- Be bold on defense: risk an overtrick to beat a contract.
- When declaring, make your contract. Don't risk it to make overtricks. It's OK to go down three to try to make a contract, rather than taking the safe play to go down only one.
- Make sound preempts (AK seventh, KQJT seventh)N793610.
- Make frisky raises to the two-level. The opponents are not going to double them.

Team play is very enjoyable. If you have never played, our Sectional tournament April 1, 2 & 3 is the perfect time. Get another pair and come join the fun.

WIN A FREE PLAY!! Your ACBL number may be hidden within the text of this Newsletter. If you find it and call the Game Manager at 915-9827 before April 6th, you'll win a Free Play at Casa de Carta.

Buying a new compute? Consider donating your old one to VCC.

Attention Teachers --

Anyone contemplating teaching a class utilizing the Village Card Club for advertising, teaching facilities, equipment and space must contact VP/Director of Education via letter stating dates, times and content of class. Contact Dick Condon at 501-915-0781 or rtcondon1@cox-internet.com if you have any questions.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK...

How does a flighted game differ from other games?

Players in a flighted game are able to enjoy a more relaxed atmosphere, playing against and being scored against others at the same skill level. The Thursday afternoon open and stratified games are now flighted and consist of four flights: A (0 to unlimited), B (0-999), C (0-299) and D (0-99).

Fight B, C and D players can choose to play in their own flight or they can elect to "play up". If they choose to play in their own flight, they give up the chance to win the master points of a higher flight. All flights will play the same hands.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Thank you for wearing your name tags. VCC is a friendly group and the name tags help us to know each other. If you can, on the Friday lunch break, please stay with your table group. Even though we see each other often, it is another opportunity to make new friends.

It is Sectional time, April 1, 2 and 3, so please support your club by playing, signing up to help on committees and bringing the delicious goodies we all enjoy. See you at the Star Spangled Sectional.