

LAGUNA WOODS BRIDGE CLUB



TABLE TALK



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THE MONTH AHEAD

There are 16 days this month with

Special Games

- There are 8 NAP qualifying games
- There are 7 Go Local Silver Quest games
- There is an Instant Matchpoint game

See the Schedule on the following pages

----- LWBC Comes Through for the Alzheimer's Association



Vice President Bud Wilson presents donations from our members to Monique Schmidt Weymans, Fundraising Manager for the Alzheimer's Association of Orange County. Our generous members contributed over \$5,000 in donations!

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Special Announcement



The Club will be **CLOSED**
Saturday, July 4th



Looking Ahead

Sectional Tournament at Clubs
August 17th - 22nd

Play at our Club but compete
against the entire District!
Win Silver Points!

This Month's Special Games

FRIDAY JULY 3RD

4th of July Celebration game - extra points, extra fee

WEDNESDAY JULY 8TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

SATURDAY JULY 11TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

SATURDAY JULY 11TH - SATURDAY JULY 18TH

Go Local! Silver quest - no extra fee
25% Silver points, 75% Black points

MONDAY JULY 13TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

THURSDAY JULY 16TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

SATURDAY JULY 22ND

Instant Matchpoint game - extra points - extra fee

TUESDAY JULY 28TH

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

FRIDAY JULY 31ST

NAP Qualifying game - extra fee

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Bridgemate Etiquette Reminder

Our Club Primer describes N/S and E/W responsibilities.

North is in charge of the Bridgemate.

After a hand is played, North enters the results and then hands the Bridgemate to either East or West for approval so that correct information is transmitted to the Bridgemate server.

The person approving the result must press the **Accept** button if he/she agrees, **without pressing any other keys**. It is imperative that the Acceptor returns the Bridgemate to North immediately after accepting the result.

Only North may press the “OK” button to check other results on the same board. The East/West acceptor may NOT press any button other than “Accept”.

Once the results are displayed, North asks if anyone is interested in viewing them. In the affirmative, North hands the Bridgemate to the player(s) interested, before entering a new board.

Players should NOT discuss the results of other teams out loud. Announcing results both holds up the game and may give other tables information about how the board was played.

Congratulations are in order for:



70% Games

John Kayiran - Maureen Lenihan - 72.22

Mei Gao - Tarek Jabbar - 71.03

Richard Oom - Sharon Oom - 71.67%

Rose Gong - Beverly Chilers - 71.29%

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JULY RANK ACHIEVEMENTS

Silver Life Master

Bob Stoldt

Bronze Life Master

Gary Empfield

Club Master

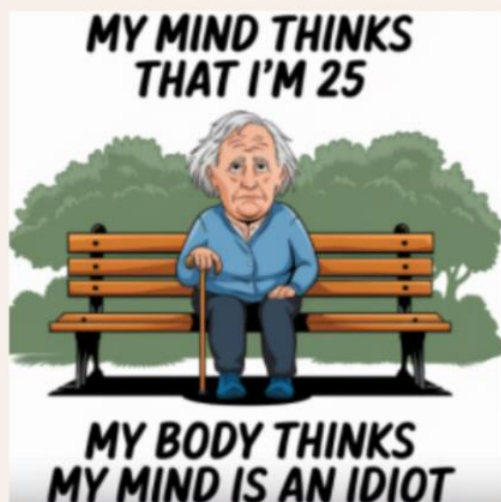
Tim Larson

Just for Laughs



The inventor of Autocorrect died.
The funnel will be held tomato.

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A threesome were looking for a fourth when a 12 year old walked into the bridge room. They asked him if he knew how to play bridge. "Sure!" he said. "Just bid what you have the most of." That was good enough for them.

They had the youngster deal. He looked at his cards. He looked at the table. He looked at the ceiling and walls. Finally he said: "Four sevens!"

Being a Good Loser

by Adam Parrish, excerpted from the May ACBL Bulletin

In case you missed reading this article, here are some words of wisdom we should all embrace.

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Bridge is hard. We make mistakes every session we play. Everyone, even the top experts, lose more than they win.

Even when we play great, results can be out of control; your opponents bid a slam no one else gets to or find the perfect opening lead and you get a bottom. It happens. Learning to accept that is an essential part of being a bridge player. If you can't abide losing, you're going to be miserable most of the time.

Some people cannot accept losing, especially to players they consider inferior. But one of the great things about bridge is that anyone can win on any given day. Bridge is a game of skill, but there is just the right amount of luck thrown in - the better pair will win most of the time, but on a good day, even an inexperienced pair can come out on top.

Embrace this. It's part of the game, and it's what keeps a lot of people coming back week after week, year after year. And it cuts both ways; sometimes you're the underdog and need a good day and some friendly breaks to topple a Goliath. You can't celebrate your victories over experts and also bemoan your losses to less accomplished players.

You're going to have bad days at the bridge table. That's how it goes; results in bridge ebb and flow.

Being a good loser is a skill. And it's an important one to work on, because you're going to lose a lot. Remember that winning is rare. Really savor it. Adopting this attitude will make playing bridge more enjoyable, both when you lose and when you win.