

PBC NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Have your party piece ready for the 21st. We're meeting in the Spa Hotel, Lucan at 7.00 p.m. for a four course meal. This will be followed by a short Bridge game (draw for partners) and a hooley! Plenty of prizes.

Price £ 15.00, payable in advance.

LEAGUES KICK OFF

The novice and Intermediate B leagues have started. The novices were beaten by a strong Roadstone contingent. The B's got off to a good start beating Churchtown 23/7 in an away match. Well done Celia, Dave, Marie and Des. The Masters start their campaign in the new year.

MARGE AND ED STRIKE GOLD

Marge and Ed travelled to the Kilkenny congress and won the mixed pairs. This is a great achievement in that this is an open contest and was contested by all categories of player including Masters. Well done.

VISIT FROM THE PRES.

PBC warmly welcomes Mrs. Kathleen Downes, President of Dublin South Region. Kathleen has done huge amounts of work for the Bridge community over the years and we wish her every success in her Presidency.

AN OCCASIONAL TREAT

When the numbers are sufficient, we will run a two section event. From time to time the club will put up a special prize for the best overall pair on such a night. Congratulations to Ann and Peig who won a bottle of whiskey each on the night of the 16th of November.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

DOUBLED AND REDOUBLED

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CLUB COMPETITIONS : RESULTS

26 OCTOBER

N/S 1st David & Peter
2nd Betty & Myles

E/W 1st John & Sheila
2nd Dave & Celia

BEST NOVICE Margaret & Gerry

2 NOVEMBER (SIM. PAIRS)

1st John & Mary
2nd Denis & Vera
3rd Lola & David
4th Nellie & Mary

9 NOVEMBER

N/S 1st Seán & Michael
2nd Betty & Maureen
E/W 1st Catherine & Carmel
2nd Myles & Peg

BEST NOVICE Gerry & Denis

16 NOVEMBER

N/S 1st Betty & Maureen
2nd David & Peter
E/W 1st Seán & Michael
2nd Marge & Ed
N/S 1st Des & Marie
2nd Nellie & Mary
E/W 1st Ann & Peig
2nd Catherine & Carmel

23 NOVEMBER

N/S 1st May & Liam
2nd Peter & David
E/W 1st Betty & Maureen
2nd Michael & Tom

BEST NOVICE Maureen & Mary

THE NEW YEAR
Palmerstown Bridge Club
re-opens on Tuesday the
4th of January.

RULES AND ETIQUETTE - THE REVOKE

Here are a few comments about the procedures (rather than the penalties) for a revoke.

1. In defence you may not ask partner "Having none?", but you may as dummy.
2. You may correct a revoke if neither you nor your partner has played to the next trick.
3. If at the end of a hand you believe that your opponent has revoked by all means ask if this is possible, but be polite and do not act as if you are chief prosecutor. After all, you may be mistaken and if in fact a revoke has taken place you will be more than compensated by the adjusted result.
4. If someone suggests that you have revoked do not get excited. Do not in your initial shock deny the revoke. Naturally you do not think you have revoked, and there is no either explicit or implicit suggestion that you revoked deliberately. There is however a simple procedure to establish the facts. Go through the quitted tricks together from first to last and everything is clear. (Naturally, as a general rule, you should not disturb your quitted cards until everyone has agreed the final score.)
5. In the case of a revoke, as with all irregularities, call the tournament director. **DR**

PLAY TECHNIQUE SUIT MANAGEMENT

1. A 9 3 2 With this combination you can guarantee 5 tricks by starting with one of the top
K Q 10 5 4 honours from your own hand. Then it is just a momentary annoyance if someone shows out. Regardless of who holds the length you can finesse against the Jack and avoid losing a trick.
2. A 9 3 2 This combination is so similar to the last one that it can easily be misplayed. There is
K Q 8 5 4 a risk of losing a trick only if the suit breaks 4-0. If West has the length there is nothing that can be done. If East has the length you can collect five tricks if you start with dummy's Ace. With both honours intact in your hand, East's Jack and 10 can be picked up by finessing.
3. A K 7 4 2 Needing all the tricks you should cash the Ace and King in the hope that the suit
10 8 5 3 breaks 2-2. If you can afford to lose one trick in the suit but not two, you should start with a low spade from hand inserting the 7 from dummy if West plays the 6. This protects against West holding all 4 cards in the suit.
4. Q 8 4 When you can afford to lose a trick you should start with the Queen from dummy
A 10 7 5 3 2 in the hope of finding West with a singleton Jack. If East covers with the King and the Jack falls under the Ace you return to dummy to take a further finesse against East's 9. There is no profit in starting with the Ace. Even if a singleton King falls in some quarter the other defender will have a sure stopper left with the J 9.

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WHICH CARD SHOULD I LEAD AGAINST A NO TRUMP CONTRACT?

1. Top of a sequence is almost always the best lead.
AKQ7 KQJ2 QJ104 J1093 10984
2. Top of a near sequence.
AKJ6 KQ102 QJ94 J1085 10972
3. Top of an internal sequence (an internal sequence is a sequence with a gap after the top card)
KJ109 KJ103 KJ1092 KJ1063 Q1098 Q10963
AQJ10 AQJ3 AQJ104 AQJ65
4. Fourth best of your longest and strongest.
K9764 AQ832 QJ54 10932 KJ83 Q763 A1084
5. (a) Top of nothing. 9752 8743 752 862 653
(b) MUD Middle - Up - Down (Applies when you are leading a three card suit with no honour)
863 752 932 653

When leading from a three card suit with no honour you should decide with partner whether to lead top of nothing or MUD. You cannot do both.

TIP : Generally leading a small card promises an honour; leading a high card (up to the 9) denies an honour. **LG**