

CAPE MAY COUNTY DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

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Club News

RECAP from 2022

Bob Sylvia won Player of the Year

David Hoffner won Monday Player of the Year; 2nd Karen Hoffner

Bob Sylvia won Thursday Player of the Year

David Jungblut was the Slam winner

Marianne Goff and Harry Hoff won best dressed at the Christmas Party

The Bold and The Beautiful

High Scorers from 2022:

1st Quarter

Mon. David and Karen Hoffner, 78.00%
Thurs. David and Karen Hoffner, 72.69%

2nd Quarter

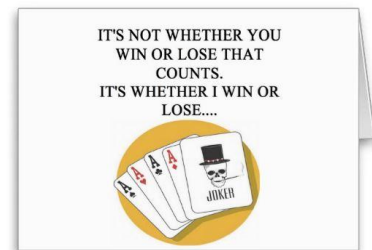
Mon. David and Karen Hoffner, 75.00%
Thurs. David and Karen Hoffner, 73.38%

3rd Quarter

Mon. David and Karen Hoffner 71.77%
Thurs. Bob Sylvia/Karen Sylvester 74.95%

4th Quarter

Mon. Marianne Goff/Bob Sylvia 69.55%
Thurs. Bruce Gorman/Karen Sylvester 73.13%



Top 10 Slam Bidders

Karen Sylvester	22
David Jungblut	20
David Hoffner	18
Karen Hoffner	18
Bob Sylvia	17
Anthony Kutschera	15
Peggy Coe (tie)	13
Maria Crompton (tie)	13
Kathy Kutschera (tie)	13
Marianne Goff	12

SLOW PLAY

Failure to finish on time can do a great deal to chase players away from the game and is extremely distressing to waiting players. Bridge is a timed event. If a pair takes more than their share of the allotted time for each round, they are inconveniencing their fellow competitors as well as gaining an unfair advantage over them. When a pair has fallen behind it is incumbent on them to make up the time lost as quickly as possible whether at fault or not.

The actively ethical player makes a concerted effort to catch up when they have fallen behind, regardless of the reason for their lateness. All players are expected to develop this good habit.

Avoid hesitations by being consistently deliberate in your bidding and play. An acquired habit of playing smoothly and evenly (even on very bad hands) will always give you more time to think. Remember that a hesitation followed by a pass places an extra burden on partner as any bids by him or her must be very clear cut. Do not be upset if an opponent calls the director to monitor the auction in this situation as it is the proper thing to do.

Remember: Slow play is subject to penalty, and the penalties are well earned when slow pairs disrupt the normal progression of the game.

Additionally, players should be available to start each subsequent round promptly, avoiding wherever possible, being late to a table for non-bridge reasons.

If you are still playing when the next round is called, finish playing the trick then stop. You must pass the played boards to the next table before you restart play.

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Cape May County Duplicate
Bridge Club



From the Editor

I came across this article and wanted to share it, with you, my friends....

- (1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2) When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3) Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarm to wake up. That is hope.
- (4) We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5) We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 and 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stores. Remember – Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

Karen

BRIDGE ETIQUETTE and PROTOCOL

Above all, avoid any behavior that would make anyone (especially beginners) feel uncomfortable.

TABLE MANNERS

General

Cards should not be taken out of the board before all players are at the table.

Before you look at your cards count your hand and ensure that you have exactly thirteen cards.

Do greet your opponents at the table and treat them with respect and courtesy.

Do not indulge in post-mortems with your partner directly after a hand is finished. (Save it for after the game.) Not only could a post-mortem undermine partnership confidence, but it may communicate information to players who have not played the hand at other tables.

Do not criticize partner. (Keep it to yourself until after the game. You will have cooled down by then.) And you may also have figured out that you share some of the blame.

Do compliment your opponents for fine bidding or play. (Especially beginners)

Do not gloat! (It is ugly) Be modest.

Do say 'Director Please' in a pleasant tone. Keep your hand up so that the Director can quickly determine who called.

Do support your partner at all times. She/he is the only player in the room that is on your side!

Problem

Dealer East, both vul.

NORTH

♠ K4
♥ KJ74
♦ J86543
♣ 2

WEST

♠ AJ8652
♥ QT
♦ AKQ
♣ 75

EAST

♠ QT973
♥ A532
♦ T72
♣ 9

SOUTH

♠ –
♥ 986
♦ 9
♣ AKQJT8643

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With nine solid clubs, South is likely to open 5C. If allowed to play there, perhaps doubled, the contract may make by finessing to the HJ and finding the Q-10 of hearts fall.

If East-West play in 5S, it seems there must be a club loser, a trump loser and a heart loser. In practice, over 200 declarers made 11 tricks.

Imagine West is declarer. North will lead a club, won by South. Now if South leads a diamond, declarer wins, cashes the SA, then strips (plays out) all the minor suit cards. After that, a second round of spades is played to throw North on lead. If North leads a heart, that allows declarer's queen to make. If North leads a diamond, this will be ruffed in dummy while the heart loser is discarded from hand. Either way, 11 tricks eventuate.

To shoot 5S, South needs to switch to a heart at trick two, or lead a second club and have North ruff with the SK (!) to avoid being thrown in later.

12 Commandments for Seniors

1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it.
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. I would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. You still haven't learned to act your age and hope you never will.
12. Aging has slowed you down but it hasn't shut you up.

And one more....."One for the road" means peeing before you leave your house.

Some Bridge Statistics

Being dealt 7-12pts accounts for over half of all hands. Nearly half the hands are balanced
It is unlikely any hand in a 26 board session has over 24HCP
In a 26 board session there may be 4 x 7cd suits
A partner who bids 1NT (12-14) probably has 12 or a poor 13HCP
2/3 of hands probably contain a 5 card or longer suit
A partner who bids 2NT (20-22) probably has only 20 HCP
1/3 of all hands probably have a singleton or void
Bear in mind that these are the mathematically determined values, and do not take into account the fact that hands which are imperfectly 'shuffled and dealt' often are more balanced than those randomly generated on a computer.

Play of the Hand

Do say 'Thank you' to your partner when he/she puts the Dummy on the table. (Even though you are thinking to yourself 'where the heck is the hand my partner was bidding?')

Do, when you are on opening lead, lead first and then write the contract on your score sheet. When you are on opening lead, detach a card from your hand and lay it face down on the table. This prevents irregularities, such as leading when it is not your turn to do so and allows questions about the auction and any alerts to be answered. All players, except dummy, may now request a review of the auction and an explanation of any alerted calls. You, as the opening leader, may ask for any review of the bidding

before you make your first lead. Other players may also ask for a review of the auction at their first opportunity to play.

Do not SNAP your cards down on the table.

Do not detach a card from the hand before it is your turn to play. Do not pull up a card, push it back into your hand, and then pull up another card. Nor should you detach a card and then replace it to play another card. Also do not detach your card before it is your turn to play and never rearrange your hand when you are out of a suit. All of these maneuvers provide additional valuable information to the declarer.

You have the right to inspect the cards that have been played on the current trick as long as *your* card remains face up. Once all cards have been turned over (face down) no one can ask to see the cards that were played.

At the end of a hand ensure that you do not mix up your cards until the result is agreed with the opponents.

North, when scoring the traveler, must present it to East West for their acceptance *prior* to folding and returning it to the board. The same applies when entering the result into Bridgemates..

Do not look at your opponent's or partner's cards after the hand has been played without their permission.

The Auction

Bidding boxes are designed to reduce the possibility of information being communicated between partners by voice intonation or other mannerisms such as eye contact. When using a bidding box, decide what your bid is going to be *before* reaching for or touching cards in the bidding box. An extreme example of this impropriety is when you touch a 2H card and then pull out a pass card.

Do not ask for information from your opponents unless it is your turn to bid.

Do not ask what a bid means unless you are intending to bid. Asking for explanation without bidding could in certain circumstances be construed as passing unauthorized information to one's partner. If one doesn't intend to bid, questions of the opponents, should be made after the auction has concluded.

Congratulations to our players making
Unit 141's Ace of Clubs and
Mini McKenney Race's top 10 for 2019.

ACE OF CLUBS RACE:

0-5mps	# 6 Linda Harmon
5-20 mps	# 2 Karen White
50-100 mps	#10 DeeDee McMahon
1000-1500 mps	# 5 Kathy Kutschera
2500-3500 mps	# 6 Karen Sylvester
3500-5000 mps	# 3 Harold Weiner
	# 9 David Cohan
5000-7500 mps	# 5 Marianne Goff
7500-10,000 mps	# 4 Peggy Coe
10,000+ mps	# 3 David Hoffner

MINI-McKENNEY RACE:

0-5 mps	# 9 Linda Harmon
5-20 mps	# 3 Karen White
500-1000 mps	# 6 Kathy Kutschera
2500-3500 mps	# 2 Karen Hoffner
	#10 Karen Sylvester
3500-5000 mps	# 5 Harold Weiner
5000-7500 mps	# 6 Marianne Goff
7500-10,000 mps	# 5 Margaret Coe
10,000 + mps	# 1 David Hoffner

A man and woman who have never played bridge before get involved in a heart-spade war, each trying to outbid the other. Finally, the woman who has a terrific hand, bids 7H. Not enough, her partner bids 7S. When the dummy comes down, he sees that 7H is cold and 7S doesn't have a prayer. He knows there is going to be trouble after the hand, so he begins his apologies early by saying, "sorry, I should have withdrawn." "You should have withdrawn?" says the lady. "Your father should have withdrawn!".

A lady is playing in her first duplicate and hears an opponent say "Alert". The lady says, "I am alert". Know the difference between a serial killer and a bridge partner:
Answer: You can reason with the serial killer.

Congratulations to our players making
District 4's Ace of Clubs and Mini
McKenney Race's top 25 for 2022.

ACE OF CLUBS RACE:

0-5 mps	#19 Linda Harmon
5-20 mps	# 9 Karen White
50-100 mps	#19 DeeDee McMahon
1000-1500 mps	#15 Kathy Kutschera
2500-3500 mps	# 7 Karen Sylvester
	#13 Karen Hoffner
3500-5000 mps	# 5 Harold Weiner
	#16 David Cohan
5000-7500 mps	# 6 Marianne Goff
7500-10,000 mps	# 8 Peggy Coe
10,000+ mps	# 7 David Hoffner

MINI - McKENNEY RACE:

5-20 mps	#10 Karen White
20-50 mps	#22 Harry Hoff
50-100 mps	#24 DeeDee McMahon
1000-1500 mps	#16 Kathy Kutschera
1500-2500 mps	#22 Frank Morgan
2500-3500 mps	# 2 Karen Hoffner
	#13 Karen Sylvester
3500-5000 mps	#11 Harold Weiner
	#21 David Cohan
5000-7500 mps	# 8 Marianne Goff
7500-10,000 mps	#10 Peggy Coe
10,000 + mps	# 1 David Hoffner

2022 Attendance Race

Anthony Kutschera	92
Karen Sylvester	90
Baby Vistenzo	90
Kathy Kutschera	87
David Jungblut	78
Harriet Walcott	77
DeeDee McMahon	72
Barbara Panzarella	69
Bob Sylvia	69
Akbar Samii	68
Joan Watters	64
Bernadette Snyder	63
Tom Panzarella	62

