

Alpharetta DBC Newsletter

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*Preferred Member
fees in Alpharetta
are still only \$5.*

**Special
Games and
Extra Points
as often as
possible**

Hand of the Month

Save The Problem Until The End

NORTH

♠ 6 5 4
♥ Q 3 2
♦ Q 10 3 2
♣ A K J

WEST

♠ 10 9 8 7 2
♥ 7 6
♦ J 9 8 7
♣ 7 6

EAST

♠ A J
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 5 4
♣ 8 5 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ K Q J
♥ A K 5 4
♦ A K 6
♣ Q 10 9

BIDDING:

SOUTH
2 Clubs
2 NT

WEST
Pass
Pass

NORTH
2 Diamonds
6 NT

EAST
Pass
All Pass

OPENING LEAD: Spade "10"

East wins the Ace of Spades, and returns the suit. South has 11 top tricks, and must develop a twelfth in either red suit.

First South cashes his black suit winners to get a count, which may help him determine how to play Diamonds.

South discovers that West started with five (5) Spades, two (2) Clubs, and two (2) Hearts, thus leaving him with four (4) Diamonds. Cash the Ace and King of Diamonds, then finesse the Diamond Ten, and claim. Well done.

NOTE: Always try to get a count on the opponents hands before making a play in the key suit. This will often tell you how play the key suit. Bob Duval

Change of Rank

Junior Master

Robert Baird
Michael Wisniewski

Club Master

Barbara Washington

Sectional Master

Patricia Callahan
Betty Kurtz

Jerolyn Woody

Regional Master

William Dang

NABC Master

Sheila Biales

Judy Bracker

Ricoh Das

Murphy Green

Life Master

Jean Greenberg

Hedy Edmondson

Bronze Life Master

Hedy Edmondson

Silver Life Master

Mike Ray

June 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Noon 499er Pairs | 2 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 3 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 4 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 5 Noon Strat Pairs |
| 6 1 PM Strat Pairs | 7 11 AM Strat Pair Noon 499er Pairs | 8 noon 499er Pairs | 9 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 10 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 11 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 12 Noon Strat Pairs 6:30 PM Swiss Teams |
| 13 1 PM Strat Pairs | 14 11 AM STaC Open Game Noon 499er STaC | 15 noon 499er STaC | 16 Noon STaC Open Game & 499er STaC | 17 noon STaC Open Game 7 PM STaC Open Game | 18 11: AM STaC Open Game Noon 499er STaC | 19 Noon STaC Open Game |
| 20 1 PM STaC Swiss Teams | 21 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 22 noon 499er Pairs | 23 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 24 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 25 11: AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 26 Noon Strat Pairs |
| 27 1 PM Swiss Teams | 28 11 AM Strat Pair Noon 499er Pairs | 29 noon 499er Pairs | 30 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | | | |

CLUB NOTES FROM LARRY

POINTS As many of you know the ACBL Board of Directors last year raised the requirements for making Life Master, one of their stated reasons was the proliferation of extra point games. This year to prove that they are really in touch with the club players they have now changed the rules pertaining to those extra point games. During the past five years, these special games have been unlimited. Starting July 1st instead of every special game offering 100% sectional rating for every session, special games will only be 70% of sectional rating, additionally limited games (99er, 299er, etc.) will have their points reduced even more. In January, March, May, June, July, August, October, November and December we will only be able to hold a special game once a month per session (essentially one week a month). June, July, August we will be able to run NAP games the other sessions, but they do not get credit for a parallel limited game. October we can run one additional week of Appreciation games. And there is the occasional STaC. As always we remain committed to running as many special games as we are allowed, to provide you with the opportunity to earn as many points as possible.

FEES In other news, we find that to continue to provide you with an excellent playing environment we must raise the entry fee by \$1 for non-preferred players. Effective July 1st, cost will be \$7 per person, Juniors will be \$6 and preferred players will be unchanged at \$5.

-Larry Rich

July 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|--|------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | 1 CLOSED | 2 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 3 Noon Strat Pairs |
| 4 CLOSED | 5 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 6 noon 499er Pairs | 7 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 8 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 9 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 10 Noon Strat Pairs 6:30 PM Swiss Teams |
| 11 1 PM Friendship Game | 12 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 13 noon 499er Pairs | 14 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 15 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 16 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 17 Noon Strat Pairs |
| 18 1 PM Swiss Teams | 19 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 20 noon 499er Pairs | 21 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 22 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 23 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 24 Noon Strat Pairs |
| 25 1 PM Swiss Teams | 26 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 27 noon 499er Pairs | 28 Noon Strat Pairs & 499er Pairs | 29 noon Strat Pairs 7 PM Strat Pairs | 30 11 AM Strat Pairs Noon 499er Pairs | 31 Noon Strat Pairs |

MUTT AND JEFF

Bettye McLaurin submitted this memo, noting that the names were changed "to protect the guilty."

Life Masters Mutt and Jeff were playing together in a pairs game. Jeff's left-hand opponent opened a strong 2 clubs, Mutt passed, and the right-hand opponent bid 2 diamonds. Jeff, void in diamonds, doubled in the hope that Mutt would be on lead and start with that suit. Jeff's left-hand opponent became declarer at 4 spades, and Mutt obediently lead the ace of diamonds. When Jeff discarded, Mutt went the tank, thought a long time, and switched to a heart. The contract made.

After the round, Jeff asked why he didn't get a diamond ruff. Said Mutt, "You revoked the first time, and I wasn't going to give them another chance to

Wednesday Night 499er Game

We had a very relaxed and friendly Wednesday Night Game until recently. We would like to start it up again. If you are interested in playing in the limited game, please call Dianna Norris.

FRIENDSHIP GAME

June 11 at 1 PM (Sunday)

Non-Life Masters pair up with Life Masters for a fun game and a chance to benefit from the Life Master's skill and experience. If you need help finding a partner or have questions, call or email Dianna Norris at 404-245-4032 or diannan1@gmail.com



Thursday night game!

You may not be aware that we have a friendly Thursday night game each week at 7 PM. It is a fun game with a relaxed atmosphere. Join us one Thursday night and see for yourself.



Call or email Dianna Norris at 404-245-4032 or diannan1@gmail.com for a partner or for questions.

Play bridge and have fun!