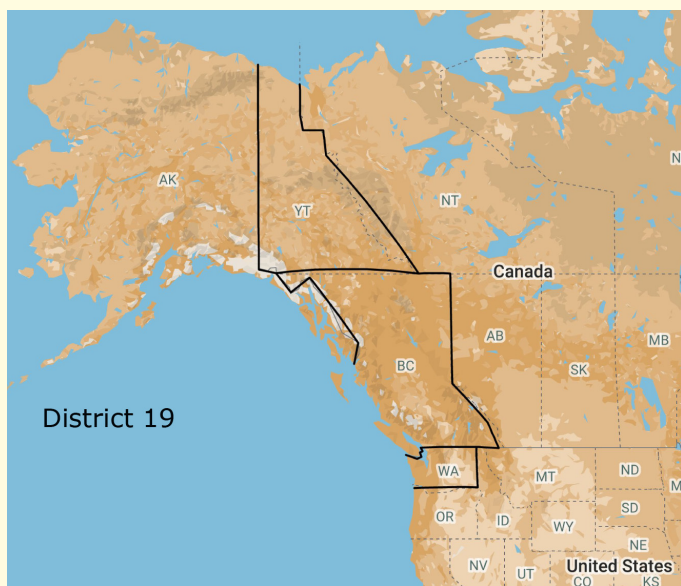


# Bridge North West



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Welcome to the second issue of Bridge North West, a newsletter published by and for the ACBL members of District 19. Representing some 6000+ bridge players this newsletter is entirely volunteer driven and we expect to publish twice a year in April and October. To keep costs to a bare minimum, and do our part to be environmentally friendly, this newsletter will be published online only. When a new issue is available you'll receive an email notification and a link to view, save or print the newsletter. Links to past issues will also be available through our website, [d19.org](http://d19.org)

This means we can only reach the players who have given a valid email address to the ACBL. If you have a partner or bridge playing friend who doesn't have access to the internet or is not online with the League, please consider sharing this newsletter with them. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and we welcome your feedback at [bridgenorthwest@d19.org](mailto:bridgenorthwest@d19.org)

In future issues, as face-to-face club, sectional and regional tournament attendance ramps up (we hope), we will highlight top finishers in our district at our regionals and nationals in addition to the varied list of leaders in the district Ace of Clubs and Mini-Mckenny races. (With pictures if we can get them!)

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# From the President

*by Chris Cookson*



It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as District 19 President for the past two years. These have been challenging times for all of us and while we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, there remains a great deal unknown about how the future of bridge will play out. There is no doubt that online play will remain a part of League play post pandemic but how it will integrate with face to face play remains to be seen.

In the past year we joined with other West Coast districts to operate a west Coast 99er online club. Aimed at new and advancing players with under 100 MPs this club meets Monday through Thursday at 6:30 pm for small matches with a review and post mortem afterwards. Click [here](#) for more info.

Although we were unable to hold any Regionals in my tenure, we escaped relatively unscathed financially. Many Districts faced onerous venue contracts.

I am happy to report that we had no venue cancellation costs. Our expenses were minimal, including storage of the tables and supplies, an expense we shared with our neighbours to the south, District 20. We had minor costs with associated with Whistler but the District still maintains healthy cash reserves.

This year, all the District Presidents joined forces and formed an informal group that meets monthly. This has been a valuable resource in these difficult times. We have shared our experiences and have learned from each other. At a time when the future of face to face Regional tournaments is evolving, we have presented a united front to the management of the League.

A much needed update of our District teachers list is underway, but we need volunteers to help see it through to completion.

My role as President has been made much easier by a cohesive and hard working Board. I would like to acknowledge Ryley Breiddal who ran a very successful GNT online event, stepping in at the last minute and doing a great job. JP Weber also deserves a shout out for doing a great job of keeping our website up to date.

Although my term as President ends December 31, I look forward to continuing serving on the Board as the Liaison for Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands and the Sunshine Coast. I know there are a lot of folks out there who would like to give back to the game, but like me, would rather play than direct! I encourage you to consider serving as a volunteer for your club your Unit or your District. If you are as lucky as me, you'll work with a great group of people all rowing in the same direction-to make our game a better experience for all!

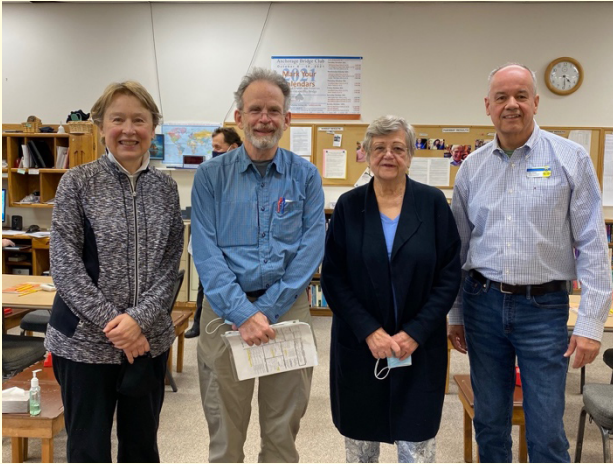
Cheers

Chris

# From the ACBL Board

by Tim White

COVID-19 continues to challenge all of us in the bridge community. A limited number of face-to-face tournaments have returned. Renae and I played our first sectional in 20 months when we ventured to Alaska for the Anchorage Unit's Termination Dust Sectional in October. Termination dust is the term used to describe the first snowfall of the season in the Chugach Mountains near Anchorage that signals the



Left to right: Renae White, Anchorage Unit President Mark Desinger, Alaska rep to District 19 Board Kathie Hoehne, and D19 Director Tim White at the Anchorage Bridge Center

"termination" of summer. District members in Alaska are welcoming and hospitable folks. The Unit plays its club games and tournaments in its comfortable and well-lit Anchorage Bridge Center facility. We did not rent a car as nearby hotels offered airport shuttle service.

The sectional included a welcome potluck dinner Monday evening, and the play and the fellowship were delightful. We wholeheartedly recommend Alaska as a bridge destination and will return for a Midnight Sun Regional. Thank you, Unit 425, and all who help plan and run the Termination Dust Sectional!

**ACBL Board Transition.** In the transition of the ACBL board from twenty-five district directors to thirteen region directors, eight regional director elections were held this summer. Districts 19 and 18 will be represented by the Region 13 Director;

the District 18, 19 Director positions will no longer exist. Each district retains its individual geographic boundaries, board of directors, officials, operations and finances. Next summer, elections will be held for directors for the five other regions. (In accordance with New York State corporate law, district directors who do not run or win election for regional director may serve out any remaining portion of their existing three-year terms.)

A smaller board will reduce costs and be more agile. Some functions and responsibilities will be transferred elsewhere. For example, the Appeals and Charges (A&C) Committee is currently comprised of seven directors; this would represent more than half a thirteen-director board. So there is an initiative underway to create an Institute of Bridge Arbitration which, in conjunction with the American Arbitration Association, would hear cases of alleged first degree ethical violations.

Because regional directors who represent more than one district will not be as familiar with members and activities not in their home districts, certain authorities will be transferred to district presidents – for example the appointment of members to become lifetime members of the Goodwill Committee.

**Code of Disciplinary Regulations.** As its introduction states, "The purpose of the Code of Disciplinary Regulations (CDR) is to set forth a comprehensive disciplinary process and structure that provides a fair hearing to every ACBL member (or non-member of the ACBL participating in ACBL sanctioned events) charged with a disciplinary infraction." The CDR is periodically updated and improved. This year, AJ Stephani (District 11 Director and Chair of the Appeals and Charges Committee), Sabrina Goley (National Recorder Office's Compliance Coordinator) and I developed a proposed substantial



revision to the CDR. This revision includes clarifications, simplifications, and improvements in provisions that will strengthen the CDR as a tool in combating cheating in online play. Article IV, Procedures for Imposition of Discipline, has been re-structured and re-worded to clarify the meaning of its provisions and to facilitate its use. Disciplinary options were greatly simplified, improving the process for their application. A new section was added to provide guidelines for disciplinary bodies in determining appropriate disciplines to be imposed. Certain provisions in other locations of the CDR were moved to Article IV. Article IX and Appendix A were deleted and their provisions moved elsewhere within the CDR.

The proposed CDR revision was reviewed and approved in committee (Appeals and Charges Committee), forwarded to the full board which approved it during its July meeting, and has been implemented with effectivity of 1 August 2021, link here: <https://web2.acbl.org/discipline/CDR0821.pdf>

**Return to face-to-face play.** As COVID-19 remains among us, many eagerly anticipate opportunities to return to face-to-face play. We appreciate the efforts of clubs, units, districts and ACBL Management in closely monitoring developments and local regulations and making determinations about plans for face-to-face play while considering the safety of players and employees.

Please feel free to touch base. Questions, concerns and suggestions are always welcome. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you soon at the tables!

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## Dear Larry



Larry Lang  
Unit 442

From the Tri-City Signal May 2021

**Dear Larry,**

Dear Larry, I don't play reverses, but my partner says I have no choice. Who is right?  
Signed Z

Dear Z,

This reminds me of an incident while playing online.

Opp	Pard	Opp	Me
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	Pass	???

I clicked on the 2♥ bid, secretly asking my left hand opponent to explain. The answer I received was: "Reverse".

I thought, "I know it is a reverse, you moron." However, I recovered my composure and sent back a message: "How many points are you showing?"

He replied; "I only have to tell you what we're playing, not how many points I have."

I typed back, "You don't have to tell me what your hand is. But you are obligated to describe any relevant history and agreements you and your partner have."

"Okay. Our agreement is that we don't play reverses."

Believe it or not, I have been down this road before. Several times.

"You mean you might bid 2♥ with only 12 points, even though your partner might only have 6 points? Thus, possibly hurtling yourselves towards 3NT on a misfit, with only 18 points total between you? And you might be bidding 2♥ with a balanced hand, and less than 5 diamonds? I cannot imagine what that hand would look like! Is this possible?"

The chat box went dead. When this kind of thing happens, it is tempting just to pass. The opponents are obviously on a rocket sled to Mars, and you might get a good result. But that has never worked in the past for me. Usually, 2♥ is a satisfactory spot for the opponents and I get a bottom board.

I had some clubs and some points, so I doubled. A big box popped up on the screen, showing my double, with the word,

"Explain". I answered back; "It's a double."

A reverse is not a convention. It is a type of sequence that will occur whether you like it or not. There are universal nuances about reverses that can be deduced from logic.

1. By bidding the 2nd suit, Opener implies that his hand is unbalanced. The diamond suit will normally be longer than the heart suit, because Opener chose to bid diamonds first.

2. The 2♥ bid is dangerous without a good hand because it forces to the 3 level when responder has a preference for your first suit, diamonds. Different bidding systems prescribe different minimums, but 16 points is typical.

If you trust your partner to be logical, then you play reverses.

Signed, Larry

## Some Anecdotes

by Hugh Hendrickson



I was a beginner, just learning to actually pay attention to defender's discards. My opponents were LOLs - before the internet this meant Little Old Ladies! I am in 3NT, and they knocked out my only Spade stopper. If I lost the lead, they'd cash Spades to set me.

I had 8 tops. It all hinged on finding the club Queen, and with clubs 4-3 on our side I could finesse either way. So I ran my winners and watched carefully. My LHO discarded a club, then another. That's all



the evidence I needed. I led to dummy's club honor, then finessed on the way back. Horrors! It lost to LHO's Queen! She had blanked it. I give her a pained look. "What was I to do?" this grizzled player shrugged.

Back in Portland in a club game, our opps were a longtime director and his wife. We were bidding the minors, and they the majors. They went into Blackwood, but we interfered. Well, apparently they had a miscommunication and bid 6NT. We doubled, and against all odds, they redoubled! My partner proceeded to take the first 6 club tricks, then led a diamond so I could take 6 of those. I can't remember if they were vulnerable or not, but down 11 redoubled is the biggest score I ever saw!

Longtime Tacoma players will remember Ruth and Virginia, both petite LOLs. On my right, Virginia opened a strong 2 clubs. After my pass, Ruth responded 2 hearts. Virginia alerted. My partner asked its meaning.

"She's flat-busted." responded Virginia.

"I am not!" Ruth protested, as she sat up straight and pushed out.

## Test Your Play

IMPs, none vul, dealer North  
Contract: 4♥

♠ K 10 4 2  
♥ A K Q 4  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ 8 3

♠ A Q 8 7  
♥ 9 8 6 5 2  
♦ A 7 6  
♣ J

The opponents are silent in the auction:

1♦ 1♥  
2♥ 2♠  
3♠ 4♥

Opening lead: ♥3, ♥A, ♥7, ♥2.  
**Plan the play.**

Matchpoints, All vul  
Contract: 6NT

♠ A K 10 4  
♥ J 8  
♦ ----  
♣ A K Q 10 9 8 7

♠ 8 6 3  
♥ A Q 6 2  
♦ A Q 8 5 3  
♣ 4

T1: ♥9 ♥J ♥K ♥A  
T2: ♣4 ♦10\* ♣10 ♣J \*encouraging  
T3: ♦J ?

Never mind that a heart return would have beaten you, **Plan the Play.**

(See answers below)

# Play Problem? Or Is It?

by Ray Miller

You are sitting in the West position holding:

♠ 6 4  
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2  
♦ 3  
♣ J 6 4 2

The auction, uncontested goes:

1♣ 2nt\* 3♣\*\* 4♠

\* Limit raise or better with 4 trump

\*\* no any significant extra values

You lead the singleton diamond and the dummy appears

♠ 6 4	♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ Q J 9 7 4 2	♥ K 5
♦ 3	♦ A 10 8 6 2
♣ J 6 4 2	♣ K 5

Declarer rises with the ace of diamonds, partner following small and declarer drops the nine.

Declarer plays a low trump from the dummy, partner flies with ace of trump with declarer and you following small. Partner now returns the queen of diamonds and declarer follows with the 4. What do you make of that and how do you defend? (See answer below)

## Youth Bridge Report

by Ann Romeo

Lots of news, here is a brief update of the highlights--

**Camp.** Our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Summer Camp is over! We (virtually) hosted 52 kids from all over the country (most from WA state), who participated in a variety of programs, including Intro to Bridge (instructor: David Dailey), Bridge BootCamp (Instructor:

Al Bender); Intermediate Workshop (Instructors: Scott Chupack and Bruce Pynnonen), and Advanced Workshop (Instructor: Tom Carmichael). I think everyone had a blast, and I have to say, if you get a chance to attend any of the classes taught by these gentlemen, you will find them entertaining and informative.

**BridgeWhiz.** If you have been reading your ACBL Bulletin, you know that the ACBL Educational Foundation has launched a program to teach kids bridge. Our instructors at Bridge for Youth have had a LOT to do with this program, called BridgeWhiz, by providing curriculum and training for teachers all over North America, and even Europe, for beginning students. To date, **there are over 2000 (!) kids** who have signed up to learn bridge through BridgeWhiz this fall, and over 200 are from D19!

B4Y Board Member Al Bender is a driving force behind this program, with support from David Dailey and David Taylor for systems and approaches towards teaching kids the game using a variety of tools: Shark Bridge, Zoom, post-class quizzes, etc. Al has done a lot of heavy lifting for this, and deserves a huge pat on the back. David D and David T have also been amazing with their vision and approach. D19, we are truly blessed to have this team active in our midst—we have birthed something pretty amazing!

**We can always use your help—we are in need of assistants who work with teachers on the West Coast as they teach their classes. If you have 90 minutes to spare, please consider helping us!**

**Improver, Intermediate and Advanced classes for graduates of our beginning series.** B4Y is offering a series of virtual afterschool classes for kids who have had the basics and need more seasoning. Ann Romeo and Sylvia Bailey are working with



the Improver kids—they have had the basics, and need a bit more refinement to move up. David Taylor is working with our Intermediate kids, who are ready for some of the advanced techniques, and Kim Eng and Eric Sieg are working with our Advanced kids, who are playing in clubs and tournaments and ready to take on the world.

I can't tell you how exciting it is to see grads from our program improve, and become more and more enthusiastic about the game of bridge.

**Bridge for Youth.** B4Y is going strong, and has accomplished a lot in our first post-merger year. From working with BridgeWhiz, running a successful Summer Camp, developing our afterschool curriculum, offering Fun Bridge on Sundays, holding holiday tournaments for kids all over the country (and the world—our May tourney had kids from Hungary, Mexico, eastern Canada and Mexico!), partnering with other youth bridge organizations to put on events...we have really accomplished a lot.

And, of course, we have a lot more we want to do. High on our list include locating and opening neighborhood clubs for F2F bridge with kids on the Eastside, the Sammamish Plateau, Seattle South end, and North End, and starting up collegiate clubs at major schools in the area. We can use your help to get these things underway. We need your ideas, your time, your donations, and your help to make all these things possible.

Here are some ways you can help us: If you have the hankering to help with administration, we need your help on our Board. If interested, contact Barbara Nist ([Barbara.Nist@b4youth.org](mailto:Barbara.Nist@b4youth.org))

If you have a couple hours on a Sunday every now and then, come help monitor at Fun Bridge. If interested, contact [Ann.](mailto:Ann.Romeo@b4youth.org)

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If you want to make a tax-deductible donation to B4Y, contact Al Bender at [Albert.Bender@b4youth.org](mailto:Albert.Bender@b4youth.org)

If you want to help with F2F bridge at youth bridge club for a couple hours a month, contact [Ann.Romeo@b4youth.org](mailto:Ann.Romeo@b4youth.org)

If you are interested in teaching kids bridge, boy, we can use your help! Contact Al Bender at [Albert.Bender@b4youth.org](mailto:Albert.Bender@b4youth.org)

If you have publicity talents, from flyer design to Facebook content, and want to volunteer some of your talents, contact Aaron Mohrman at [Aaron.Mohrman@b4youth.org](mailto:Aaron.Mohrman@b4youth.org)

See, we can use your energy and help in so many ways! Just ask—there is a place for you in our organization. We're looking forward to even better things in the years ahead, and with your help, we know we'll be successful.

Finally, a thank-you to all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make B4Y successful. From our hard-working Board (David Dailey, Al Bender, Greg Herman, Barb Nist, Hugh Hendrickson, Aaron Mohrman, David Taylor, Sylvia Bailey, Kim Eng, Ann Romeo), our class volunteers (Rob Leitman, Ann and Sylvia), our table monitors at Fun Bridge and various events (Aidan Klein, Hugh, Sylvia, Anne Farmer, Gary Haldane, Allyson Welch, Galen Hesson, Sharon Erwin, Steven Lewis, Elaine deShaw, Mary and Marty McCune, Gene Gousie, Ray Miller, JC and Scott Chupack—and I apologize to anyone I'm missing), and the folks who have helped in other ways—Nick Tipton, Jeff Ford, Alan Teslar, Larry Li, and others—all of you have been awesome, and only prove that it takes a village to raise a bridge player. Thank you all!

Ann Romeo ([Ann.Romeo@b4youth.org](mailto:Ann.Romeo@b4youth.org))



# Answers to Test Your Play

♠ K 10 4 2  
 ♥ A K Q 4  
 ♦ J 9 5  
 ♣ 8 3

♠ A Q 8 7  
 ♥ 9 8 6 5 2  
 ♦ A 7 6  
 ♣ J

Opening lead: ♥3, ♥A, ♥7, ♥2

Goal: guard against J 9 x x of spades. For LHO cash ♠A and Q first. For RHO, double hook the Jack 9.

But there is a near 100% play: Eliminate clubs then throw the opponents in with a diamond to lead spades for you.

At Trick 2 cash a second high heart. When they don't break, lead a club from dummy. If RHO wins this and leads a diamond, win the Ace in hand, lead a trump to dummy's last high heart honor, ruff a club to hand and, **key play**, cash one high spade in hand. Finally lead a diamond in this position:

♠ K 10 4  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ ----

♠ Q 8 7  
 ♥ 9  
 ♦ 7 6  
 ♣ ----

Whoever wins the diamond can cash another high diamond but then has to give a ruff and a sluff or lead a spade. This guarantees 10 tricks unless spades are 5-0 or diamonds 7-0.

♠ A K 10 4  
 ♥ J 8  
 ♦ ----  
 ♣ A K Q 10 9 8 7

♠ 8 6 3  
 ♥ A Q 6 2  
 ♦ A Q 8 5 3  
 ♣ 4

T1: ♥9 ♥J ♥K ♥A  
 T2: ♣4 ♦10\* ♣10 ♣J \* encouraging  
 T3: ♦J ?

You have 11 top tricks. It appears that LHO has the ♦K and RHO the heart suit, so it must be best to play for a double squeeze with spades as the shared threat. Looking at the entry situation, it seems that you can cash all 6 club winners after entering dummy with a high spade. Then retain a spade in hand for communication with dummy's spade threat.

	♠ K 10	
	♥ 8	
	♦ ----	
	♣ 7 lead	
♠ ? ? ?		♠ ? ?
♥ ----		♥ 10 x
♦ K		♦ ----
♣ ----		♣ ----
	♠ 8	
	♥ Q 6	
	♦ Q	
	♣ ----	

On the last club, RHO will be forced to keep two hearts, so can keep only 1 spade. You pitch the ♥6. LHO will have to keep the ♦K, so can keep two spades. But when you lead the ♥8 to your ♥Q in hand, LHO will have to throw one of those cards. If the ♦K, you cash the ♦Q and lead a spade to dummy. If a spade, then both opponents have only one spade left. Your 10 will be good in dummy. *(This second hand comes from an article by Dick Yarrington in the Seattle unit Sun Aug/Sep 2010)*

# Answer to Play Problem? Or Is It?

by Ray Miller

Contract: 4♠

♠ Q 9 8 2  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A 10 8 6 2  
 ♣ K 5  
 ♠ 6 4  
 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 2  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ J 6 4 2  
 T1: ♦3   ♦A   ♦7   ♦9  
 T2: ♠2   ♠A   ♠3   ♠4  
 T3: ♦Q   ♦4   ?

Unless your partner is being exceptionally tricky (or perhaps we should say unhelpful) declarer has just ducked the king of diamonds.

Why would declarer do that? Won't partner just continue with a 3rd diamond and give you a ruff anyway?

Well actually, No, he won't. Because the only way that it makes any sense for declarer to duck that diamond is if he has an undisclosed 5 card diamond suit!

So even if he has that isn't it kind of weird for declarer to duck?

Not at all. Because declarer must be thinking that allowing the queen of diamonds to hold the trick will guarantee his contract. Pretty nifty play by declarer if that's so.

But what is happening to make it so? Well suppose declarer has the singleton ace of hearts or the singleton ace of clubs.

Then your opening diamond lead has made it so that declarer has no quick dummy entry to obtain a pitch on the king of the

singleton Ace suit. If the Q of diamonds holds partner will be left on lead and will have to allow declarer to unblock and enter the dummy to pitch.

So you counter declarer's play by ruffing your partner's "good" queen of diamonds and putting a ? well what ? through dummy.

Admittedly this is not 100%. Declarer could have either singleton ace. But you can see 2 more hearts than clubs, so declarer is more likely to have heart shortness. So you switch to a club. And the full hand is:

♠ Q 9 8 2  
 ♥ K 5  
 ♦ A 10 8 6 2  
 ♣ K 5  
 ♠ 6 4  
 ♥ Q J 9 7 4 2  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ J 6 4 2  
 ♠ A 7  
 ♥ 10 8 6 3  
 ♦ Q 7  
 ♣ A Q 9 7 3  
 ♠ K J 10 5 3  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K J 9 5 4  
 ♣ 10 8

Down 1, well earned.

# Ask Matt



Matt Koltnow

*(Matt Koltnow is the ACBL Area Manager for the Northwest)*

Dear Matt:

Our club's director retired during the pandemic, and the duties have fallen to me. Everyone has been very supportive and helpful. They pitch in making coffee, duplicating boards, calling for partners, sharpening pencils, and even cleaning bathrooms. But they don't help me with rulings.

About once a month, I have a call where I think I've made the right ruling from the book, and someone (usually a more-experienced player) says, "That doesn't seem quite right."

Last month, there was an opening lead out of turn. Declarer elected to prohibit the lead of a club, so that defender picked the club Queen up and put it back in his hand. The other defender led a small diamond. Declarer won, and played a trump (spade), which was won by opening leader. Opening leader now promptly underled the King-Jack of clubs to partner's Queen, knocking out declarer's Ace. This allowed the defense to establish their tricks before declarer could get rid of her losers. Declarer said it seemed unfair that the defender could shift to a small

club, catching partner's known Queen-doubleton. The opening leader only knew about the club Queen because she had seen it.

For their part, the opening leader said that she thought the Law said that once you paid the penalty you were free to do what you wanted, even if it looked like you profited from your irregularity.

I notice that many of the Laws include "but see Law ...."

I just want to make a ruling and get them playing again, especially when I'm filling in! What was I supposed to rule this time, and how can I get better at making rulings without taking several minutes following every "see also"?

Dear Cross About References:

Congratulations (or is it condolences?) on becoming your club's director. Your club sounds like a nice group who are trying to help you succeed. You cover many topics in your letter, and I hope I can get to all of them.

Getting good at making rulings takes time. Tournament directors carry a copy of the Laws with them every time they work. Good ones know to open it when they need it. More importantly, they know where to open it to.

As boring as it might sound, reading the Law book from cover to cover twice a year is a great way to find little nuggets you did not notice before, reinforce things you already knew, and help settle in your mind what part of the Law book a particular Law is in, so you can find it when you need it. In time, several of the common cross references will begin to stick, and maybe even make sense.

Let's address the defender's comment that once declarer prohibited a club lead, the

defense had paid the price and was free to do what they wanted.

Law 10C4 says, *"Subject to Law 16C2, after rectification of an infraction it is appropriate for the offenders to make any call or play advantageous to their side, even though they thereby appear to profit through their own infraction (but see Laws 27 and 72C)."*

Our framers managed to squeeze three cross references in one sentence. The reference to Law 16C2 is the relevant detail here. Law 16 covers information, and how to deal with unauthorized information. It is the Law which leads to the bulk of contentious rulings, such as those regarding hesitations. 16C2 is specifically about information available to the offenders after a call or play is withdrawn.

**For the offending side (in your case, the defense, because of the lead out of turn), both its own withdrawn actions and any withdrawn actions of the non-offending side are unauthorized information.**

That means that **a player of an offending side may not choose a call or play that is demonstrably suggested over another, if the other call or play is a logical alternative.**

In plain English, **if our defender had another reasonable choice than to shift to a small club at trick three, then the Law says they must choose that instead.**

It was the unauthorized information from the picked-up club Queen which made the underlead of the King-Jack of clubs attractive. This is addressed in the Law, but it's tough to follow the trail to the end. The lead out of turn is addressed in Law 54, 54D sends you to 50D when declarer refuses the lead and gets choices on the resulting penalty card. But 50D does not

specifically remind you to read 50E. **50E2 specifies that information derived from a penalty card that has been returned to hand is unauthorized for the partner of the player who had the penalty card but authorized for declarer.**

That's a lot to digest. Let's finish this up by saying that the common cross reference you will encounter is to Law 16. Most of the time, it will be there to remind you that something that happened is authorized to the non-offenders but unauthorized to the non-offenders.

If you have questions about the rules or ruling the game please send to:

askmatt@d19.org



# District Leaders

as of October 06, 2021

## 2021 Leaders Mini-Mckenny

Pts at start	Leaders	Location	Pts Earned
0 - 5	Marilyn Desmarais	Chilliwack BC	50.24
5 - 20	Alan Broome	Kelowna BC	71.67
20 - 50	Marianne Kersten	Bellevue WA	163.04
50 - 100	Janette Magne	Victoria BC	86.97
100 - 200	Judy Burnstin	Seattle WA	241.23
200 - 300	Lana Chow	Vancouver BC	202.35
300 - 500	Terry Schreder	Windermere BC	157.23
500 - 1000	Mark Desinger	Anchorage AK	233.54
1000-1500	Marion Kosior	Penticton BC	540.11
1500-2500	Gordon Hepperle	Summerland BC	486.98
2500-3500	Ted Rich	Penticton BC	330.13
3500-5000	Ann-Marie Crabbe	Nanaimo BC	444.16
5000-7500	Chris Penner	Nanaimo BC	519.89
7500-10000	Leo Glaser	Lake Country BC	239.96
Over 10000	Ray Miller	Seattle WA	280.21

## 2021 Leaders Ace of Clubs

Pts at start	Leaders	Location	Pts Earned
0 - 5	Marilyn Desmarais	Chilliwack BC	49.98
5 - 20	Alan Broome	Kelowna BC	71.67
20 - 50	Marianne Kersten	Bellevue WA	155.65
50 - 100	Kathy Molnar	North Vancouver BC	83.79
100 - 200	Judy Burnstin	Seattle WA	205.89
200 - 300	Lana Chow	Vancouver BC	179.46
300 - 500	Catherine Buchanan	Kelowna BC	156.37
500 - 1000	Mark Desinger	Anchorage AK	233.54
1000-1500	Marion Kosior	Penticton BC	540.11
1500-2500	Gordon Hepperle	Summerland BC	486.98
2500-3500	Ted Rich	Penticton BC	330.13
3500-5000	Ann-Marie Crabbe	Nanaimo BC	444.16
5000-7500	Chris Penner	Nanaimo BC	519.89
7500-10000	Leo Glaser	Lake Country BC	239.96
Over 10000	Ray Miller	Seattle WA	244.21

\*We expect these near identical lists to diverge when F2F tournament play resumes.

# District 19

## Board Members

### Voting Members

### D19 Officials

Who	Units Represented	Function
Chris A. Cookson	429, 431	President
Karen Rise	436, 442, 448, 450, 453, 454, 455	Vice President
Kathie Hoehne	425, 426, 427	
Karen Madison	436, 442, 448, 450, 453, 454, 455	
Marv Norden	456, 571m 574	
Marla Patterson	433, 437, 439, 441, 443, 451	
Bryan Maksymetz	430	NAP Chair
Eric Sieg	446	
Nick Stock	430	Newsletter Editor
Ann Romeo	446	Youth
Ralph Wilhelmi	446	
Tim White		District 19 rep in ACBL Board of Directors until Dec 31, 2021

Who	Function
Dudley Brown	Secretary, Tournament Administrator
David Schmidt	Treasurer
Matt Koltnow	Tournament Coordinator, Northwest Area Manager
Stephen Hosch	Appeals Chair
John Weinberg	Disciplinary Chair
David Binney	District Recorder
David Taylor	TournTable, District Supplier
Bruce McIntyre	Online Regional Bulletin Editor
J. P. Weber	Webmaster
Tim White	Region 13 (districts 18 and 19) on ACBL Board of Directors, effective Jan 1, 2022

# 2021/2022 Calendar

Dates	Name	Location
November 1 - 7, 2021	Whistler Regional	Fairmont Chateau Whistler CANCELED
November 25 - December 5, 2021	Fall NABC	Austin Texas
February 4 - 6, 2022	Peace Arch Sectional	Fox Hall 3985 Bennett Drive, Bellingham
March 4 - 6, 2022	Everett Fun Sectional	Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church Building 12810 35th Ave SE, Everett WA
March 18 -20, 2022	Victoria Spring Sectional	Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney BC
March 11 - 21, 2022	Spring NABC	Reno Nevada
April 4 - 10, 2022	Vancouver Regional	Delta Hotel Burnaby CANCELED
April 4 - 10, 2022	Leavenworth Spring Regional	Leavenworth Festhalle 1001 Front St., Leavenworth, WA
April 28 - May 1, 2022	Tri-Cities Sectional	TBA Richland WA
April 29 - May 1, 2022	Kootenay Spring Sectional	Heritage Inn 803 Cranbrook St N, Cranbrook, BC
May 20 - 23, 2022	Vancouver Spring Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre 920 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster, BC
June 13 - 19, 2022	Penticton Regional	Penticton Trade/Convention Center 273 Power St., Penticton, BC
June 21 - 26, 2022	Midnight Sun Regional	Anchorage Bridge Center 639 W International Airport Rd, Anchorage, AK
Summer 2022	Summer NABC	Providence Rhode Island
August 22-28 2022	Puget Sound Regional	Lynnwood Convention Center 3711 196th St. SW, Lynnwood , WA
September 3 - 5, 2022	Vancouver Evergreen Sectional	Queensborough Community Centre 920 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster, BC
September 16 - 18, 2022	Victoria Fall Sectional	Mary Winspear Centre 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC
October 24 - 30, 2022	BC Regional	TBA
November 11 - 13, 2022	Vancouver Roundup Sectional	TBA