

DMBC Newsletter 21 October 2007  
From June C. Byrne, Club Manager

***Extra Points, No Extra Fee***

There are still a couple of games left in the October Club Appreciation Games. Come out and get those extra black points.

Monday 9:00 Oct 22

Monday 1:30 Oct 22

Thursday 1:30 Oct 25

***More Extra Point Games, No Extra Fee***

Membership Games pay extra points to ACBL members and their partners.

Wed Oct 31 1:30

Mon Nov 12 1:30 This is also Election Day so come and vote.

Thur Nov 15 1:30

Tues Nov 27 1:30

Fri Nov 30 1:30

***Need Red Points?***

We have an exciting event next Saturday, October 27. We will have a 2 Session GNT Team game starting at 10:00. This pays 1/2 red and 1/2 black points. The entry fee is \$12 per person which will include lunch. This is a great opportunity to practice your team game strategy for the November Regional. Please sign up ahead so we will know how much food to prepare.

***Message to the Party People***

Halloween Parties

The witches and vampires will be out in force. We will have two Halloween Parties. Costumes are fun, but not required for either party. Food, fun and door prizes at both games.

9:00 AM Lesson and Game for 0-149

1:30 PM Open Membership Game This means that ACBL Members will earn lots of extra points with no extra fee. If you would like to share a dessert with the rest of the party goers, it would be welcome, but it is not required. Come party with us.

***Election***

It is time for the election of three new board members. The election will be held on Monday, November 12. Please come out and vote. If you are not able to do so, absentee ballots will be available at the club as of Monday Oct 22. Please ask the director for assistance with this.

The following slate of candidates has been proposed by the Nominating/Election Committee:

Lynn Brown  
Bob Hamilton  
Chet Masztak  
Chris Murray  
Ed Pantalone  
Sally Romkey

Additional nominees may be made by any two club members in good standing and presented to Linda Miller at least two weeks prior to the election.

### ***November Regional***

The club will be closed from November 5 through November 10 because of the November Regional.

### ***Dues***

2008 Dues of \$10 per person are due as of November 1.

### ***ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY***

The DMBC Board and Directors are committed to improving acceptable player behavior at all times. To that end, the Board of Directors of the ACBL instituted the Zero Tolerance Policy several years ago. Every club has an obligation to enforce this policy. It is time to remind everyone that the DMBC is a Zero Tolerance Club.

The following list has some examples of behavior which will not be tolerated:

- Badgering, rudeness, insinuations, intimidation, profanity, threats, or violence.
- Negative comments concerning opponents' or partner's play or bidding.
- Constant and gratuitous lessons and analyses at the table.
- Loud and disruptive arguing with a director's ruling.

If a player at the table behaves in an unacceptable manner, the director should be called **immediately**. Annoying behavior, embarrassing remarks, or any other conduct which might interfere with the enjoyment of the game is specifically prohibited by Law 74A. Law 91A gives the director the authority to assess disciplinary penalties. Allowing a person to slide because you do not want to make a fuss is not fair to the other members of the club and does no favor to anyone.

The director, when called, shall make an assessment of the situation. If it is established that there was unacceptable behavior, an immediate ¼ board disciplinary penalty (3 IMP in team games) shall be assigned to all offenders. This may involve any one or all four players at the table irrespective of who initiated the unacceptable behavior. If both

members of a partnership are guilty, the penalties are additive ( $\frac{1}{4}$  board EACH =  $\frac{1}{2}$  board!). The Board of Directors of ACBL strongly believes that assignment of disciplinary penalties will improve the overall behavior in all ACBL events.

Warnings are strongly discouraged and will be given only when there is no clear violation or in cases where the facts cannot be determined. Offenders are to receive immediate penalties. Regardless of who may have initiated unacceptable behavior, ALL offenses are punishable. Retaliatory behavior is a punishable offense. Frivolous accusations will also be considered as offenses under this policy.

If it is determined that the same offender is responsible for a second offense in the same event, then the offender(s) shall be ejected from future competition in that event. An offender removed from an event shall be deemed to have not played in the event, no masterpoints will be awarded and no refunds will be made. All previously-obtained results shall, however, remain valid as to their effect upon other competitors. In the case of a serious offense and in the case of multiple offenses, a disciplinary committee may be convened to determine whether additional sanctions may be appropriate.

For further information, see the ACBL website; Zero Tolerance Policy  
<http://www.acbl.org/play/zeroTolerance.html>

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