

Games Director Representative Report

2021 AGM

1. At its February 26, 2020 meeting, the 2020 executive passed a motion to conduct two games on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, that being, an open game in which everyone is welcome to play, regardless of ACBL masterpoint level, and an IN game, restricted to those players with 0 – 299 ACBL masterpoints. The club will offer only one game on the remaining Wednesdays in the month. This decision was to be carried out until August 2020. We only played two Wednesdays after this decision was made, before the pandemic caused us to suspend in person club play.
2. At this executive meeting, the games director was also asked to make a general announcement to refresh bridge etiquette during play at the table, and to approach individuals if improper speech was noted or reported. This was not carried out, once again, due to the onset of COVID-19.
3. It has been wonderful to see so many of our club members engage in Bridge 21 games, for this has allowed a different form of personal contact, while also at the same time playing the game of duplicate bridge with the potential of earning ACBL masterpoints.
4. Members are reminded that when alerting their bids in Bridge 21, they should, if asked, describe what their bid means, and not just state the name of the convention being used.

Example: Partner

1 ♠

You

3 ♦

Alert: Type, "Promises 4 ♠ S and 10-12 HCP

Do not type "Bergen"

5. Members should also be aware that a few new alert procedures have come into play in ACBL.

For example, when you wish to announce a transfer after your partner's 1NT opener, you simply type in the suit that your bid represents. An example of this change is given below.

Partner	You
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1NT	2 
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Alert: You type "Hearts"

Do not type, "Transfer"

Do not worry if you forget this when playing. Bridge 21 organizers are understanding of the newness of the changes, and don't expect everyone to be utilizing them.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Sulpher