

Workshop tomorrow deals with defense against 1NT openings

Special speakers have been scheduled for short seminars on a variety of bridge topics between the 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. sessions most days this week.

The programs will begin at 2:15 p.m. and last for about a half hour.

There is no seminar today, but they resume tomorrow.

FRIDAY

Mark McKechnie presents “Defense to 1NT Openings.”

McKechnie is the principal architect with Oregon Architecture, Inc. He is a Bronze Life Master and an advocate of the Precision/Big Club system.

His passion for bridge has parlayed into the Dan Voorhies Duplicate Bridge Center, which he co-owns with his wife Leah, who is a director.

SATURDAY

Dr. Phil Thurston presents “Limit Bids for Fun and Profit.”

Thurston is a retired physician who took up bridge again after a hiatus of 20 years.

A Silver Life Master, he is a past officer and director of Unit 484.

Have you tried the Red Lion breakfast buffet?

The Red Lion extended its breakfast hours during the tournament until 9:30 a.m. to accommodate players at the regional

break. District 20 invites you to support the Red Lion’s efforts to accommodate the bridge group.

“A big thanks to the Red Lion for providing complimentary coffee for us all week long,” said D20 tournament manager Marilyn Vilhauer. “That’s their way of saying thank you for coming to Medford.”

Bid box alerts, announcements

When using bid boxes, the ACBL requires that players tap the alert strip and say “alert” at the same time.

When making an announcement, use the announcement word (such as “transfer”) and tap the alert strip at the same time.

A player who alerts or announces a bid must make sure her opponents are aware that an alert or announcement has been made.



Pat Newton of Ashland checks section results in the stratified open pairs.

Who’s eligible for flighted and stratified events?

Wondering about your eligibility for flighted and stratified events? Here’s how it works:

Eligibility for flighted events is based on the top player’s masterpoints.

Eligibility for stratified events is determined by the average of a pair or team. If your average is 1,500 or more, you’re in Strat A; 750-1500, Strat B; and 0-750, Strat C.

For 299er events, the breakdown is 0-50, 50-100, and 100-300.

ZERO TOLERANCE



Zero tolerance means just that

ACBL’s zero tolerance policy is designed to prevent rudeness and improper behavior at the bridge table.

If a player is being overtly rude to a partner or to an opponent, anyone at the table has the right to call the director to note the behavior. Usually a warning is given and the behavior stops.

It’s just a game. And as our departed former editor Bruce Cook used to say, “Can’t we all just get along?”

Amen, Bruce.

Regional results available daily

In your Daily Bulletin you’ll find section and overall results from the previous day.

However, late night game results often won’t be available in the following day’s Bulletin. They’ll be published a day later in those cases.

All results are preliminary and subject to correction, as are the masterpoint awards reports.

Results are also available at links on the District 20 official website: <http://acbl20.org/>