

Mountain View Duplicate Bridge Club
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We had seven sessions in January. Pairs with better than 60% games include: Jeffrey & Sheila Lesser; Ed Anderson & Bob Stotts; Dean Frost & Vicki Hanson; Ron Morris & Eric Vonderheid; Jo Ann & Roy Aiken; Nona Dale & Barbara Feeley; John Wolfe & Amiel Goodman; Robert Brussel & Carl Kallina; Roberta Goldstein & Jane Pendley; Marian Solari & Anne Roberts; Rosemary Wade & Henry Williams; Ron Morris & Dean Frost; Robert Brussel & Jim Huble; Sara Doonan & Leo Pigaty; Bob & Mary Stotts. Well done by all.

The top master point winners in January for A and B are shown below.

A	Bob Stotts	6.65	B	Betty Meyer	3.81
	Barb Feeley	4.30		Bob Murray	3.81
	Bob Brussel	4.03		Ann Kuperberg	2.90
	Carl Kallina	3.48		Amiel Goodman	2.67

We will hold eight sessions in February. There will be a Club Championship on Tuesday the 12th. Note: the game on Friday the 19th will be held in the Sonoran Room in the MountainView Clubhouse. Our club will be open on Friday the 26th even though there is a Non Life Master Regional in Tucson that weekend.

More About "Zero Tolerance"

The Mountainview Bridge Club supports the efforts by ACBL toward Zero Tolerance by practicing good behavior and avoiding bad behavior. A friendly attitude and positive comments make for a comfortable atmosphere and an enjoyable bridge experience.

Bad behavior is more subjective. We can certainly recognize profanity and rudeness. But what's wrong with "lessons and analysis"? Here are a few thoughts.

- It slows down play. Once the next board is put in play and your opponents draw their cards, they deserve the courtesy of concentrating on that hand. Regardless of whose bid it is, comments about the prior hand are distracting and discourteous.
- Your opponents may not be interested in your lessons and analysis and shouldn't have to listen to it.
- Lessons and analysis can lead to criticism and arguments, both of which are Zero Tolerance violations because they can cause discomfort for your opponents (not to mention the partner).
- An analytical discussion between you and your partner, while educational, still slows things down and is discourteous to your opponents. If you have ideas for better results, they should be discussed away from the playing area.
- Any discussion of a particular hand may be heard at nearby tables, thereby giving them an unfair advantage.

The time for discussion, lessons and analysis is between rounds (if there's time) or, ideally, after the game. We can take a lesson for chat between hands from on-line bridge. It's usually limited to a cryptic WDP (well done partner), GTP (good try partner), or TYP (thank you partner).

Remember, Zero Tolerance is not just a Mountainview Bridge Club policy, it's an ACBL policy. If we take it to heart, our bridge club will stand out as a friendly place where bridge players want to come and play.