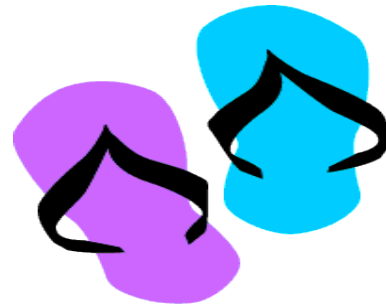


Awesome August Happenings



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August continues to be an NAP month. This is your opportunity to qualify for the North American Open Pairs championships taking place in Kansas City at the Spring Championships. Many qualifying games will be available here at Hazel's. Games will issue Red points and will cost \$1 extra. This month's games will be Thursday, Aug. 4th, Sat. Aug. 6th, Sat. Aug. 13th and Fri. Aug. 26th.

Time to start planning your team for our annual Fall/Winter Team League for 2016/2017. The league begins in September with the starting date to be announced very soon. Matches will take place on alternate Wednesdays. The 2015 Prize night and IMP Pairs game will take place Aug. 10th (Wed.) Pizza and Wine will be served @ 6:45 and game time is @ 7:45.

Please plan to attend the Phil Rizzuto Memorial game on Aug. 21st (Sun.), the final day of the Club Championship. Lunch will be "pot luck" style at noon.

August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 NAP game \$1 extra	5 Bagels & Bridge	6 NAP game \$1 extra
7	8	9	10 Team League awards (eve.) + IMP Pairs game for league players + others.	11	12 Bagels & Bridge	13 NAP game \$1 extra
14	15 Club. Champ. Week thru Sun.	16 C.C. game	17 C.C. game	18 C.C. game	19 C.C. game	20 C.C. game
21 C.C. game + Phil Rizzuto memorial game. Lunch @ 12.	22	23	24	25	26 NAP game \$1 extra	27
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Some Wisdom from the Pros

Having just returned from the summer NABC in Washington, I had occasion to meet and speak with many of the players from North America and Europe who are considered "the best in the game". Invariably, they are the ones who always welcome opponents to their table and wish them luck upon their departure. They are dedicated to making sure our great game continues and remains appealing to young players and those taking up the game once youth is in the rear view mirror.

Much was said this past week about players who did not display proper ethics or deportment at the bridge table and the ACBL took a strong hand to make sure these players were no longer welcome in our ACBL ranks at tournaments or at club games. Here at Hazel's, we are so fortunate that we have people who are ethical and welcoming to all levels of players.

Convention cards were mandatory in all events and are important documents for both partners and opponents. Without at least one convention card completed and displayed, players were not allowed to use their "gadgets" and were asked to fill out their card between rounds to have them available during the game.

No "rulings" should ever be made by the players at the table. When an irregularity occurs, the Director must always be called. Players' rights and responsibilities are only protected when the Director is at the table to discuss options and laws.

BREAKING NEWS from the ACBL. The Board of Directors has approved an addition to its "General Convention" chart regarding openings and overcalls of 1NT. Here is the new definition of 1NT effective August 1st. "A 1 notrump opening or overcall is natural if it contains no void, at most one singleton which **must be** either the A, K, or Q and no more than 2 doubletons. **If the hand contains a singleton, it may have no doubleton.**" This includes hand patterns such as 5-4-3-1, 6-3-3-1, and 4-4-4-1 in addition to those which were previously included.

Lessons with Hazel

In August, Hazel will begin a series called "Practice makes Perfect" where she will address important conventions with their uses and follow-ups. There will be hands along with the lessons to reinforce the new skills. Lessons begin at 9:30 and cost \$10 per class. Come for one or come every week! Topics change monthly. Check the website for current information.

Other lessons are offered at Hazel's and can be found in the "Lessons" tab on the website. Call the club (416) 221-0069 for details and information.