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Good News and Sad News

It is difficult to find good news in these trying COVID-19 times, but there is some below. Alas, sad news as well.

The Good: Larry Cohen Enters The ACBL Hall Of Fame

The first reaction we always hear is "why now--why wasn't he in before?" You have to be 60 or dead to be eligible. Fortunately, Larry made it by virtue of the former. ACBL posted the news [here](#). Larry is still gathering his thoughts about this great honor, so we asked his longtime partner, David Berkowitz for help:

"In his first year of eligibility, one of the world's premiere players has been elected to the ACBL Fall of Fame. Although retired from active tournament play, Larry's record first with Ron Gerard, then Marty Bergen and finally me is one of the best around.

Sadly for me, but luckily for his students, he has focused his efforts on teaching, where he is one of the best. His students should be aware that many of his stories are mine, but why complain. We, in Florida, hope that he cuts back on his teaching, as we need him playing more golf (his true passion)." -David Berkowitz

The Sad: The Coronavirus effect -- by Larry Cohen

Of course the worst is for those (and those around them) effected with the virus. I wouldn't want to minimize it with bridge news. That said, here is some fallout effecting Bridge with Larry Cohen:

1) I cancelled my March & April events, and don't know (the situation changes daily, it seems) about events down the road. You can check [here](#) to see if anything changes. I have quite a busy schedule planned starting in June--only time will tell if the world will start to return to normal by then.

2) I was so excited about our first-ever Regional on the Danube River which was to sail **today** from Vienna! What bad timing. We had a full boat, and a wonderful nine days planned--all down the drain. All of our supplies, gifts, trophies, masterpoints and plans are in a warehouse in Europe. We are trying to get a new date for 2021 and hope to have an announcement in late April or early May.

3) Enthusiasm for future bridge cruises is quite low now, so I've had all the ads/mentions/dates/details removed from this newsletter--it just doesn't seem like the right time.

On a brighter note, with people spending time at home, there is no better time to work on your bridge! In the third eLesson this month, we have a big exercise for those who wish to improve their game.

Stay healthy and safe, and we'll be back in 2 weeks with more news.

eLesson #1 (of 3)

NEW Larry's Quizzes--Balancing

Letting your opponents play in a major-suit fit on the two-level is losing bridge. When the auction passes around to you, know that your opponents are limited so your partner is going to have some points. Combined with the knowledge that your opponents have a fit, this means that your side should also have a fit somewhere.

See if you know when it's right to balance.

QUIZ

eLesson #2 (of 3)

Disappointing David

David's introduction above led me to reflect on our career. Here is one of the times I was a disappointment to him.

ARTICLE

eLesson #3 (of 3)

Honing Your Game

We figure you have lots of extra time at home. Now might be a great time to improve your game. Our staff has selected the following five "staples." These quizzes cover the most basic aspects of the game. If you can master the answers to all five of these quizzes, you will have spent your Coronavirus downtime sharpening your bridge game:

- 1) [DEFENSE -- Second Hand Play](#)
- 2) [DEFENSE -- Third Hand Play](#)
- 3) [DECLARER -- Suit Contracts](#)
- 4) [DECLARER -- Notrump Contracts](#)
- 5) [BIDDING -- After Partner's Takeout Double](#)

All of these subjects are available on Larry's Videos and you can find them by [clicking here!](#)

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