

ANNOUNCEMENT

Effective April 1st 2007, Bidwell & Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club will be implementing the following policy with respect to the use of bidding boxes at all of its games. This policy is being introduced in response to the numerous complaints we have received from players who find it very confusing and difficult to keep track of the bidding when not all players are using bidding boxes at the same table. We want all players at our club to feel that they have been treated equitably and fairly and we would appreciate your cooperation in abiding by this policy.

Bidwell and Bridgejoy Duplicate Bridge Club Bidding Box Policy

(Please see below for the definition of underlined terms)

All players at a table will use bidding boxes to make their bids unless one or more players are physically unable¹ to do so.

If one or more players are physically unable to use bidding boxes, then the following procedures will apply based upon the answer to the following question:

- Does any player at the table prefer to use² a bidding box?

If the answer to this question is **NO**, (i.e., if no player at the table prefers to use a bidding box), then all bidding boxes will be removed from the table and all players at that table will make spoken bids. This is the **ONLY procedure allowed** if no player at the table prefers to use a bidding box.

If the answer to this question is **YES**, then **all bids at that table must be made by using bidding boxes**. In this situation, either:

- the **partner** of the player who is physically unable to use a bidding box shall place the spoken bid of his/her partner on the table in front of his/her partner using his/her partner's bidding box, or
- a non-playing assistant shall assume this responsibility.

Definitions:

Physically unable¹ - whenever a player states that he/she is physically unable to use a bidding box, even if the reason why is not obvious (e.g. a movement restriction, a hidden injury, etc).

Prefer(s) to use² - whenever a player states that he/she prefers to use a bidding box, even if the reason why is not obvious (e.g. a hearing impairment, visually-stimulated versus audibly-stimulated memory, etc).