FYI   "Better Sessions"

We all want duplicate bridge sessions to run well in a quiet environment, offering opportunity for social interaction, and taking only as much time as necessary. The standard length of time for a board to be played is 7 1/2 minutes. That means that a bridge session with 25, 26, or 27 boards should be played in a little more than 3 hours.

There are a number of things we can do to keep sessions running smoothly and well:

• Make it easier and faster for played boards to move to the next table by placing played boards on your side table so that the next table has ready access to them, without disturbing anyone;

• Make it easier and faster for players to advance to the next round by not moving to the next table until the round is called by the Director;

• If you're on lead, save time by leading **before** recording the contract information on your scorecard;

• Although it's normally North who enters hand records, it's best for the most experienced player at a table to do this in order to save time.

• Adopt a policy that eliminates late plays and assigns "No play" entry for players who still have boards to play when a round has been called.

• Players should help clean up at the end of the session by returning items like cups to the kitchen and depositing garbage in their appropriate containers.
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