

For the Record

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What is a “recorder”?

re·cord·er
rĭ kôr dər
noun

1. an apparatus for recording sound, pictures, or data, especially a tape recorder.
synonyms: tape recorder, cassette recorder
2. a woodwind musical instrument in the group known as internal duct flutes — flutes with a whistle mouthpiece.
3. a person who keeps records.
synonyms: record keeper, archivist, annalist, diarist, chronicler, historian

Definition No. 3 comes closest to my role as the new ACBL National Recorder. I have several administrative duties, but the most important of my responsibilities are the following:

- I work to ensure that the integrity of the game is preserved. In cooperation with the ACBL Disciplinary Committee, the Ethical Oversight Committee, local recorders, the Anti-Cheating Commission and other bodies, we make sure that serious violations of ethics, including cheating, are not part of the playing environment.
- I work in a positive way to help players understand how to make the game more enjoyable with active ethics and pleasant behavior at the table, showing respect for partner, opponents, directors and other support people.
- I provide support to, and training for, recorders and disciplinary committees at all levels to help make the game better and more pleasant for all involved.

In upcoming issues, I will write occasionally to describe various ways in which this will be accomplished and how you can be part of the effort to make our game more rewarding for all who play. I encourage you to check out my short introductory video at acbl.org/recorderintro.