



Charged Party	Richard Golmon			ACBL #	R619577		
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Disciplinary Body	Unit 221 Disciplinary Committee			Date of Hearing	April 25, 2019		
Location of Hearing	Lake Charles Duplicate Bridge Club			Effective date of the CDR consulted	January 1, 2019		
Charging Party	Annette Harlow	ACBL #	L757609	Complainant	Adrienne Hunt	ACBL #	2209993

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HEARD THE CHARGES

Name	ACBL #	Name	ACBL #
Leslie M. Patout	5886880	Carleen Sandoz	1644599
Jean Kiesel	L652106	Keith Cayton	6624200
Wayne Colvin	5341329		

ALSO PRESENT (include via web-conference (WC), in person (P), telephonic (TP) etc. and include their capacity as witness, expert, etc.)

Name	ACBL #	Via	Capacity	Name	ACBL#	Via	Capacity
Richard Golmon	R619577	P	Charged Party	Annette Harlow	L757609	P	Charging Party
Earline Piazza	4034600	P	Witness	Cheryl Brunson	K057050	P	Witness
Adrienne Hunt	220993	P	Witness				

EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENTS PRESENTED (summary of evidence and arguments presented by Charging Party and Charged Party, including testimony)

(Note: provide new documentary evidence to the Office of National Recorder)

The Committee reviewed the Charge Letter, the Complaint with attached investigative report submitted by Adrienne Hunt and the Notice of Hearing, all previously submitted. A witness statement was submitted by Judy McDonald. (See Attached) A written opening statement was submitted by the Charging Party. (See Attached) The Charged Party spoke briefly admitting that he changed the dealt hands of two boards and exchanged two cards from one position to another on these boards. He apologetically stated that this was the only time he has ever done this. He has not played since the date of the incident. Earline Piazza (EP) testified that Richard Golmon (RG) is a dear friend. On 2/27/19, EP observed RG possibly stacking hands. She regrets not acting immediately. EP challenged RG during a break, and he admitted doing it. EP reported the incident to Cheryl Brunson (CP), the director. CB admitted not taking any action that day waiting to discuss with the club owner, Susan Menache. RG called CB that evening to confess. He stated that he would suspend himself from play until Susan Menache returned from her trip. On Thursday, 2/28/19, CB received a call from EP stating that further research suggested RG may have done this before. There appeared to be a pattern of slams on hands he dealt. CB hoped that this was a coincidence. On 2/29/19, the next game day, RG confessed to the room that he had fixed the hands on 2/27/19 and was sorry. The final witness, Adrienne Hunt, the Unit 221 Recorder, confirmed her investigation as outlined in her written report.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS OF FACT (based on the evidence, state the committee’s conclusion as to what happened)

After the Committee deliberated a finding of guilt was determined. We reviewed the contents of the white envelope provided by Office of National Recorder showing no history of prior discipline or player memos directed to the Charged Party.

The Committee finds that Richard Golmon was guilty of stacking the cards, rearranging cards, and then playing the hands. He admitted to these allegations. His behavior is considered a violation of CDR 3.20, Appendix B Chart 2, E14- pre-arrange or re-arrange a deal(or party thereof) or a hand, including one card.

CDR GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE (Select from the drop-down menu the section(s) and description(s) found in CDR 3 which led to the discipline).

CHOOSE A SECTION.

3.20 Cheating and other Ethical Violations.

CHOOSE A SECTION.

DECISION (click on the box next to Not Guilty or Guilty of violating the CDR to add a checkmark.)

Not guilty (check here and skip the remainder of this page) Guilty (continue by selecting the type of Discipline listed below)

Type of Discipline	Beginning Date	Ending Date	Additional Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Reprimand	N/A	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Probation			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension	May 8, 2019	May 7, 2021	
<input type="checkbox"/> Expulsion		N/A	

Suspended Sentence (only used in conjunction with an imposed Suspension from above that you have converted to Probation). CDR 4.1.3

State the conditions of any Suspended Sentence below:

Exclusion from Events and Programs (list the exclusions and the dates of the events or activities). CDR 4.1.6

OPTIONAL ONLY IF INCIDENT OCCURRED AT A TOURNAMENT: Disciplined Party committed an offense at a tournament warranting one or more of the following:

Name of Tournament	Name of Event	Date of Tournament
<input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture of a specified number or all the Masterpoints® (MPs) earned in a particular event or in the tournament in which the offense(s) occurred. CDR 4.1.7	Choose one of the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove MPs earned for the event only	Total number of MPs to be removed
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove MPs for the entire tournament		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of rank <u>in the event</u> listed above. CDR 4.1.7	Comment:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Disqualification in the event or in the tournament in which the incident occurred listed above. CDR 4.1.7	Choose one of the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disqualification <u>in the event</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Disqualification <u>in the tournament</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Disqualification from yearly races or awards. CDR 4.1.7	Comment:	
<input type="checkbox"/> REQUIRED: Any of the above MPs and/or title reductions or forfeitures <u>must</u> be applied to the teammates and partner of the Disciplined Party. CDR 4.1.8 (c)		

USE ONLY IF ETHICAL VIOLATION: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/CONSIDERATIONS (Ethical Violations can be found in CDR, Appendix B, Chart 2)

REQUIRED: If Disciplined Party has been convicted of premeditated or collusive cheating (or has admitted to such action). CDR 4.1.8 (a)

Forfeiture of all MPs, titles and ACBL status ranks or other ACBL related awards theretofore earned.

Partners and teammates of Disciplined Party forfeit all MPs, titles and ACBL status ranks or other ACBL related awards theretofore earned while playing with said Disciplined Party during the seven (7) years preceding the date the Charges were brought through and including the date of the final decision of the Disciplinary Body.

REQUIRED: If Suspension is for an Ethical Violation (EXCLUDING premeditated or collusive cheating) CDR 4.1.8 (b)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture of MPs and titles won <u>in the event</u> in which the offense(s) occurred. CDR 4.1.8 (b)	Event Location and Name:	Ace Bridge Club/Alexandria, Louisiana	Date of Event:	2-27-2019
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any of the above MPs and/or title reductions or forfeitures must be applied to the teammates and partner of the Disciplined Party. CDR 4.1.8 (c)				

CONSIDER: If Suspension of less than one (1) year for an Ethical Violation (EXCLUDING premeditated or collusive cheating):

<input type="checkbox"/> OPTIONAL: Removal of MPs, titles, or other ACBL related awards theretofore earned within the twelve (12) calendar months preceding the date of the offense(s). CDR 4.1.8 (b)	Choose one or more of the following:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Masterpoints	List total number of MPs and/or the awards that should be removed:
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Titles		
<input type="checkbox"/> REQUIRED: Any of the above MPs and/or title reductions or forfeitures must be applied to the teammates and partner of the Disciplined Party. CDR 4.1.8 (c)		

REQUIRED: If Suspension is one (1) year or longer for an Ethical Violation (EXCLUDING premeditated or collusive cheating).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REQUIRED: Remove all MPs, titles or other ACBL related awards theretofore earned within twelve (12) calendar months preceding the date of the offense. CDR 4.1.8 (b)			
<input type="checkbox"/> OPTIONAL: Remove additional MPs, titles and/or ACBL status ranks or other ACBL related awards previously earned by Disciplined Party. CDR 4.1.8 (b)	Choose one or more of the following:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Masterpoints	List total number of MPs and/or status ranks or other awards that should be removed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove Titles/Status Ranks/Other Awards			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REQUIRED: Any of the above MPs and/or title reductions or forfeitures must be applied to the teammates and partner of the Disciplined Party. CDR 4.1.8 (c)			

APPENDIX B, CHART 1 and/or CHART 2 OF THE CDR (The committee consulted the following offenses listed in Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2 of the CDR. (CDR 5.1.16)

OFFENSE (i.e. C4, E7)	EXPLAIN HOW THE STATED OFFENSE IS RELEVANT TO THE CHARGED PARTY'S ACTIONS
E-14	The Charged Party was seen removing cards from boards he shuffled,
	rearranging the hands to his benefit on two boards, and also exchanging two cards from one position to another on these boards.
	He admitted to this account of his actions during the Hearing.

The discipline imposed above is **within** the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2.

The discipline imposed above is **outside** the recommended guidelines of Appendix B, Chart 1 and/or Chart 2. List reason below:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED (CHAIRMAN)

/s/ Leslie Mahfouz Patout		Date:	May 1, 2019
Electronic Signature (type name above)	Wet Signature (sign above)		