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New ACBL Emerald Life Master

Ray attributes his success to concentrating on the two things.

Partnership and having a philosophy of "Pass is Bad".

Declarer play is the only thing that you can improve yourself. Read the books.

Don't play to trick 1 unless you know what you are doing on the next 12 tricks.

Think about the hand before you play. What is the distribution?

For new players Ray tells them to enjoy them self.

Partner is doing their best.

Never let the opponents know that they got a good board.

When they gloat say to partner, "Don't worry they can make 6 Diamonds"

The opponent that knows they were off 2 aces will complain about the analysis.

You smile and say "Of course YOU can't make 6 Diamonds but a good payer could."

If you play in a club game or tournament you play 24-26 hands for \$12.00 or \$6.00 or \$25.00 in NYC.

6 on lead, 6 receiving partner's lead, 6 as dummy, and 6 as declarer.

That is 2000 games or \$20000.00.

Ray suggests going the cheap way to new players. Try to play 24 of the hands. Play all of the hands not 6. Now it's only \$5000.00 to get to 10,000 hands. This improves your declarer play. This thrills the opponents and also annoys them. They know that you over bid and the get good results. They know that you always bid. Over time you will reach contracts that have no play and make them.