

POST MORTEM

Operation successful, but...

Post Mortem

- Between matches
 - You don't have much time
 - You don't want to start the next match feeling low
 - You don't actually want to start it feeling high either
 - You don't want to waste your energy
 - So you'd be better off not having a post mortem at all
 - But you're bridge players, so you will ignore all of the above

Post Mortem

- Between matches
 - Apologise for poor results
 - Congratulate one another on good results
 - Don't analyse too deeply
 - Don't believe GIB
 - Don't allow non-team-members to interfere
 - Leave time to prepare for the next match
 - Don't change the system
 - Have a banana

Post Mortem

- At the end of the day
 - Analysis is for learning, not blaming
 - Be honest, although...
 - ...you are allowed one Joker per match
 - Be constructive
 - Categorize each problem
 - System failure – the methods didn't work
 - Memory failure – we forgot the methods
 - Judgement failure – we bid too much or too little
 - Not prepared against opposition methods
 - Card play error – failed to draw inferences, follow percentage line
 - Card play guess (not often accepted as a reason for loss)
 - Defensive signals inadequate or ignored
 - A cow flew by

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- System failure – the methods didn't work
 - Do we need to fix this right now?
- Memory failure – we forgot the methods
 - Revise them before the next match
- Judgement failure – we bid too much or too little
 - Don't over-compensate
- Not prepared against opposition methods
 - Sack the coach

Post Mortem

- Card play error – failed to draw inferences, follow percentage line
 - Don't beat yourself up – some hands are too tough.
- Card play guess (not often accepted as a reason for loss)
 - Make sure it really was a guess, then forget about it.
- Defensive signals inadequate or ignored
 - Apologies better than blame – if partner erred, it may have been your fault.
- A cow flew by
 - They do, sometimes. But they are – or should be – rare.