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P R E F A C E

At the Annual General Meeting of the PORTLAND CLUB, held February 27th, 1873, it was unanimously agreed that the Laws of Piquet stood in need of revision, and the Committee of the Club were requested to obtain the co-operation of five gentlemen who would be willing to serve on a Piquet Laws Committee.

The Committee of the Club accordingly took the necessary steps to nominate a Piquet Laws Committee, and the following gentlemen kindly consented to serve:—

JAMES CLAY, Esq., M.P.
(Chairman).

JOHN SAMUEL, Esq.,		JOHN WAGG, Esq.,
SAMUEL SMITH, Esq.,		ROBERT WHEBLE, Esq.

Mr. HENRY JONES was also invited to attend the

meetings of the Piquet Laws Committee, to edit the Laws agreed to, and to see them through the press.

The Committee met several times during the months of March and April, and, after due discussion and deliberation, sanctioned the publication of the Laws which follow.

PORTLAND CLUB,

May, 1873.

THE LAWS OF PIQUET

SHUFFLING.

1. Each player has a right to shuffle. The dealer has the right of shuffling last.

2. The pack must not be shuffled below the table, nor in such manner as to expose the faces of any of the cards.

CUTTING.

3. A cut must consist of at least two cards, and at least two must be left in the lower packet.

4. In cutting, the ace is highest. The player who cuts the lower card has to deal, and has the choice of cards for the first partie.

5. If, in cutting for deal, a player expose more than one card, his adversary may treat the lowest of the exposed cards as the one cut.

6. The cut for the deal holds good, even if the pack be incorrect.

7. If, in cutting to the dealer, or in re-uniting the separated packets, a card be exposed, or if there be any confusion of the cards, there must be a fresh cut.

8. When a player in cutting has once separated the pack he must abide by the cut.

DEALING.

9. The dealer must deal the cards by two at a time, giving the top two cards to his adversary, the next two to himself, and so on, until each player has twelve cards. The eight undealt cards (called the stock) are to be placed face downward on the table between the players.

10. If the dealer deal the cards wrongly, he may, with the permission of his adversary, rectify the error prior to either player having taken up his hand.

11. If the elder hand find that he has a card too many, or a card too few, he has the option of a fresh deal after looking at his hand, but before touching the stock. If the elder hand, having twelve cards dealt him, find, in drawing the stock toward him after discarding, that it contains but seven cards, he has the option of a fresh deal, or of altering his discard, notwithstanding that he has touched the stock. If in these cases the elder hand elect to stand the deal, Laws 40 to 44 come into operation.

12. If more than one card be dealt wrongly, or if there be nine cards in the stock, there must be a fresh deal.

13. If the dealer expose a card belonging to his adversary or to the stock, the elder hand has the option of a fresh deal. If the dealer expose any of his own cards, the deal stands good.

14. If a faced card be found in the pack when dealing, or in the stock when taking in, there must be a fresh deal.