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Shilling Proposes Euchre as Official State Card Game

MADISON – In an effort to restore bipartisanship in the Capitol, Senate Democratic Leader Jennifer Shilling (D-La Crosse) is drafting legislation to designate Euchre as the official state card game.

“Euchre makes you think, it makes you take chances, and more importantly, it brings people together,” said Sen. Shilling. “I think it’s safe to say that there is nothing more timeless and iconic in Wisconsin than enjoying a game of euchre with friends and family around the table. The only way you can make the game more Wisconsin is to rename it after the legendary and beloved Hall of Famer, Bob Uecker!”

Euchre was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants and quickly became a part of Wisconsin culture. It is also one of Governor Evers’ favorite games to play with friends and family. Euchre would join the other iconic Wisconsin staples such as cheese, polka, and kringles on the list of official state symbols.

The Basics of Euchre as explained in Card Games for Dummies, 2nd Edition

- **Four players:** Two teams, two players to a team.
- **A standard deck of 52 cards:** Take out the ace through the 9 in each suit, making a deck of 24 cards for the game.

Each player receives five cards, and you play one card at a time; the player who lays the highest card in the suit of the first card played — unless someone contributes a trump, in which case it is whoever lays the highest trump card — collects all four cards together and stacks them in front of him, thus taking the *trick*.

In Euchre, you win a hand and score points for taking the majority of the tricks in a hand, which means winning three or more of the five tricks available. You get more points if you take all five tricks. The first to a specified total of points, generally 10, wins the match.

You play the game with partners, but under special circumstances, one member of a partnership can elect to go solo, if he thinks that going alone is worthwhile.

Determining the trump suit

After the deal is complete, the dealer turns over the top card of the four remaining cards. This is called the upcard, and it determines what the *trump suit* is for the current hand. The remaining three cards play no part in the current hand.

Happy April Fool’s Day

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