

## Club Manager Report June 17, 2014

1. My poll of board members produced the following answers to the following questions:

\* I am reinstated as the beginning bridge teacher.

\* We need more time to plan and promote The Longest Day. We can register for it in January, 2015 with ACBL. There are promotional materials that come with it. I propose making it a men vs. women event with each side soliciting their group for contributions. ACBL recommends 16 hours of playing time on June 21 with a goal of \$100/hour. They are happy to take whatever we are able to raise. I recommend no entry fee for participants, 2 hour games of 12 boards each, and that the side that raises the most money ahead of time gets some sort of handicap in the competition. People could stop in throughout the day to cheer on their team. A celebration party should be held afterwards with awards given to the participants. We should have special refreshments throughout the day. If we can attract players for all time slots, ACBL recommends it be a 16 hour competition. There are special point awards, and ACBL sanction fees are waived so that all proceeds go to the Alzheimer's Association.

\*Opinion on changing the Monday and Wednesday 299er games to 599er is very divided and requires more discussion.

\*Opinion on the Piltch gift certificate is 5 in favor, 1 no, and 1 not sure. We need to work out the details on this promotion.

2. I met with Marian David and Maureen Trubac on May 24, and we revised the June calendar and created the July and August calendars. Board members were given draft copies, and no one submitted any changes so all 3 calendars have been posted on the website and given to the membership.

3. I met with Maureen Trubac on June 2 and showed her how to do an ACBL monthly report.

4. Joan Tobler recommends that the next Pro-Am be in September and that it replace the Fall Championship event we have usually held on a Saturday in October.

5. Jo Ann Steigmeyer's letter to the Board to reinstate the Instant Match Point Game (scheduled for Thursday afternoon on October 16) needs to be considered. The Board was notified that Unit 154 reimburses us for the sanction fee and that the game is held in the afternoon.

6. Elaine DeLaney plans to run the Friday afternoon Play and Practice group through June and July, and I will run it in August while she is on vacation.

7. The website, the ACBL database, and the files have been updated. Unit 154 reimbursement for July-December 2013 special games has been filed and reimbursement received. The May ACBL monthly report was submitted and the SBBC database updated.

8. Joan Tobler deserves special thanks for another excellent Pro-Am and for planning Fred Binder's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Could we give her some free plays?

9. Bill Searcy also deserves special thanks for the Pro Am. He'd probably like a liquid reward more than free plays.

10. Bill and I met with Raj Kohli, and the August 1-2-3 Sectional will be held in the University Grill at IUSB starting with the Friday evening session. Raj gave us IUSB's requirements for the tournament: no outside food or drink can be brought in by the club. The regular club game at 10 am Friday morning will be held on August 1. A flyer is being prepared, and plans are being made for the tournament. Other sites considered included The Inn at S. Mary's, FOP Hall in Mishawaka, Riverside Terrace, Battell Center, Varsity Club, Knights of Columbus, VFW in Mishawaka, the Masonic Temple in South Bend. Most were eliminated because they already had booked events or were too expensive.

11. We will need to alert the membership to the fact that the Friday, July 11 game will be at 1 pm, instead of 10 am. The game will be the ACBL-Wide International Fund Game #3.

12. We sent Paul Silberman a birthday card on June 6.

13. I am providing the Board with the ACBL Policy on accommodating handicapped players.

14. I am submitting to the Board a draft for the "About Our Club" link on the website.

15. I encourage the Board to look into The Common Game for our club. They use it at the St. Joe Club, and it's also used in Charlotte and Charlottesville. It provides a lot of useful information for the players as well as an e-mail to participants with their individual score in comparison to players at the club and players in other clubs. It's free, and Bud Hinckley would like to see our club implement it.

## Club Manager's Report – July 15, 2014

1. I am distributing a checklist of 15 suggestions by Howard Piltch to promote attendance at the club.
2. I am distributing draft calendars for September and October for the Board's consideration.
3. Thanks to Jo Ann Steigmeyer and Cappy Gagnon, there is a revised version of “About Our Club” for our website. I am distributing it to the Board for review.
4. The results of the opinion poll on changing Monday and Wednesday 299er games are as follows: 20 in favor of staying the same, 15 in favor of raising the limit to 399, 3 in favor of raising the limit to 499, 0 in favor of raising the limit to 599, 2 in favor of raising Monday to 399 and keeping the Wednesday game limit at 299
5. I have registered the club for the ICCG games. A majority of the board approved this.
6. The 70% games for June were reported to Barbara Walczak, the June ACBL monthly report was done, the bulletin boards have been updated.
7. The Summer, 2014 issue of the ACBL Club Manager Newsletter suggests that we start routine backups of game files and our database to a flash drive or a memory stick. Are we doing this?
8. There are new ACBL guidelines for the Cooperative Advertising Program to be followed when we apply for funds.
9. Monday, July 21 is Goodwill Day where ACBL asks us to encourage our players to be friendly, caring, and ethical as well as competitive.
10. John Scheibelhut asks the Board to reconsider its previous decision not to have a defibrillator on site.
11. Bud Hinckley would like a change on the website. He suggests replacing the “Game Results” link with “Useful Webpages” and the addition of 3 links at the bottom of the screen: 1. ACBL Club Results 2. SBBC Game Results 3. The Common Game.
12. We have been invited to participate in District 11's StaC week which runs from August 4-10. Do we want to?
13. The winners of the gift certificate to Kowloon Bay donated by Howard Piltch were Dick Willson and David Gardner.
14. Elaine DeLaney and I continue to work to get the Tuesday '99er game going again. The Friday afternoon Play and Practice has been drawing 1-3 tables each week.