

## **2010 Goodwill Committee and Charity Committee Appointments**

It gives me great pleasure to announce the following lifetime appointments to the 2010 ACBL National Goodwill Committee and the National Charity Committee.

### **2010 Goodwill Committee appointees:**

- Walter Dedio, Morden, MB
- Mary Henderson, Thunder Bay, ON
- Jennifer O'Hara, Sudbury, ON
- Jan Stewart, Toronto, ON

### **2010 ACBL Charity Committee appointees:**

- Libby Brawn, London, ON
- Linda Gottlieb, Thornhill, ON

They are all very deserving of this recognition. Their exemplary behaviour at the bridge table and contributions to our District make them great ambassadors for the game that we all love. Please visit our District website <http://www.acbldistrict2.org/committees.htm> to learn a more about them and their accomplishments.

## **San Diego 2009 NABC**

The fall NABC was held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in the picturesque San Diego. The attendance was 12,927 tables, which was slightly above pre-tournament estimates, but well above Boston's 10,636 in the fall of 2009. This might not be a significant comparison because San Diego started the day after Thanksgiving, while Boston had the traditional schedule of starting a week later and running through US Thanksgiving.

It proved to be an excellent venue, the hotel being one of the best NABC sites ever. The playing conditions were outstanding with good lighting, carpeting and plenty of quality playing space, the view of the bay was stunning and there were lots of restaurants and hotels in the vicinity. Naturally the temperature in low 20s was a delight to all.

The event was well attended by District 2 members, with 120 players (out of a total of around 5500) competing in San Diego, compared to 117 in Washington in the summer and just 60 in Houston in the spring.

For more San Diego highlights please visit <http://www.acbl.org/nabc/highlights/>

You can also view Jonathan Steinberg's excellent players' photo gallery from San Diego at <http://imageevent.com/jon911/2009sandiegonabc> and more ACBL VIPs and TDs at <http://imageevent.com/jon911/2009sandiegovipstds>

## District 2 Stars at the Bridge Table

### NABC+ EVENTS (top 30 finishers)

#### Nail Life Master Pairs

27<sup>th</sup> - Daniel Korbel (Waterloo, Ont) and Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto, Ont)

#### Sternberg Women's B-A-M

7<sup>th</sup> – Joan Eaton (North York, Ont)

#### Open B-A-M Teams

7<sup>th</sup> – David Grainger (Etobicoke, Ont)

25<sup>th</sup> – Robert Lebi (Toronto, Ont)

#### Senior KO Teams

2<sup>nd</sup> – George Mittelman (Toronto, Ont)

#### Blue Ribbon Pairs

16<sup>th</sup> – Jordan Cohen (Thornhill, Ont)

22<sup>nd</sup> – Doug Baxter and David Lindop (Toronto, Ont)

#### National Swiss

19<sup>th</sup> - Daniel Korbel (Waterloo) and Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto)

### EVENT WINNERS

Robert Lebi (Toronto, Ont) and Nader Hanna (Willowdale, Ont) – Thursday Compact KO-1

Claude and Muriel Tremblay (Niagara-on-the Lake, Ont) – Chargers Golden KO, Bracket 2  
**and** Fri-Sat KO-2

Andrew Tylman (Toronto, Ont) and Paul Janicki (Markham, Ont) - Tuesday Open Pairs

Jim Howie, Deborah Thomas-Howie (Toronto, Ont) and Fred Lerner (Markham, Ont) -  
Thursday Compact KO-3

Chris Cowan, Andy Firko (Oakville, Ont), Stephen Young (Mississauga, Ont) and Danny  
Ioannidis (Stoney Creek, Ont) - Thursday Compact KO-5

Patricia Penty (Aurora, Ont) and Frances Ash (Thornhill, Ont) – Morning KO-4

Morrie Kleinplatz (Windsor, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Daylight Pairs **and** Friday Eve Side Game

Hindupuram Sriharsha (Orillia, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Evening Swiss

Jonathan Buss, Deaun Moulton, Joan & Tony Viidik (Waterloo, Ont) – One Month To Go KO-3

Harry and Lorraine Eaglesham (Unionville, Ont); Eleanor and Ron Walenius (Toronto, Ont) – Sun-Tue Morning KO-7

Allan Thomas (Wallaceburg, Ont) and Barbara Tuck (Chatham, Ont) – 1<sup>st</sup> Fri Morn 20/50 Pairs

Keith and Joanne Dawson (Chatham, Ont) – Sun Eve 299er Pairs **and** Wed Morn 299er Pairs

David Denomy and Allan Thomas (Chatham, Ont) – Tue Morn 5/20/50 Pairs

Ken Collins (Richmond Hill, Ont) and Yuan Chen (Toronto, Ont) – Thu-Sat AM KO-5

K. Stanbury and Deanne Dennison (Woodbridge, Ont) – Saturday Morning Side Swiss

### **HONOURABLE MENTION**

Tony and Joan Viidik (Waterloo, Ont) – 1<sup>st</sup> in ‘B’ in Friday Daylight Open Pairs

Leigh Ives (Barrie, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wedding Bells BCD Pairs

Suzanne Siklos (Toronto, Ont) and Allan Quaile (Cedar Valley, Ont) – 1<sup>st</sup> in ‘C’ in 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Eve Side Swiss

Raymond Jung (Hamilton, Ont) and Ranjan Bhaduri (Dundas, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Daylight Swiss

Ken Collins (Richmond Hill, Ont) and Joo-Hee Janicki – 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday BCD Swiss

Daniel Korbel (Waterloo) and Jonathan Steinberg (Toronto) – 3/4<sup>th</sup> in Sun-Mon KO-1

Jim Howie, Deborah Thomas-Howie and Fred Lerner (Markham, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sun-Mon KO-2

Peter Petruzzellis (Toronto, Ont) – 3/4<sup>th</sup> in One Month To Go KO-1 and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tue Eve Swiss

Don Piafsky (Toronto, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sat-Sun KO-2

Walter Dedio (Morden, MB) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Saturday Compact KO-3

Claude and Muriel Tremblay (Niagara-on-the Lake, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bakersfield U555 BCD Pairs

Marlene Pontifex and Sharon Dudeck (Winnipeg, MB) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Thu-Fri KO-4

Dixie Lee Birnie, Julia Price and Mary Lou Kerr (Toronto, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in One Month To Go KO-2

Ann Shaw, Joanne Gilmore, Dee Nevett (Mississauga, Ont) and Sherrill Bain (Oakville, Ont) – 2<sup>nd</sup> in Morning KO-5

## Board and ACBL Business

### CEO Report

Jay Baum has reported that as of the end of October 2009 we have gained net 3,039 members, which gives us the membership of over 162,000. This steady growth allows us some optimism for the future.

Tournament tables and attendance are also on the rise. STaC games have grown by 16%, Sectionals have maintained their status quo, while Regionals are averaging 1,454 per tournament compared to 1,416 in 2008.

The move to new headquarters in Horn Lake, Mississippi, is targeted for early March, with the Hall of Fame and the Library to be ready about a month later. Management is very pleased with the building and invites you to visit if you are in the area.

### Financials

A loss of \$81,000 is currently projected for 2009. This result compares favourably with the budgeted loss of \$195,000.

For 2010, the board approved the following increase in fees:

- Tournament Director fees will increase by 8% starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. This is the first such increase in four years and it is an attempt to address the deficit caused by actual cost vs amount charged. In practical terms, it adds about \$675 in fees to a 1,200 table Regional.
- Effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. membership renewals will rise from \$35 to \$37 and Life Members service charges will increase to \$34; first such increase in five years.
- Starting in 2011, new member dues will increase from \$26 to \$28.
- Short game (less than 18 boards) table fees are increased from 40¢ to 46¢ per table, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

In spite of the above increases, the 2010 budget shows a loss of close to \$70,000. However, the financial strength of the last few years leaves us in an excellent position to conform to ACBL's financial guidelines.

### Board Motions

- **Warren Buffet** and **Bill Gates** have been jointly named as the 2010 ACBL Honorary Members of the Year; indeed a great choice because of all the publicity that they have generated for bridge over the years.
- Mini-Blue Ribbon Pairs has been increased from four to six sessions.
- The minimum number of boards required for a newcomer game has been reduced from 10 to 6. A newcomer game is defined as a game with an upper limit of 20 masterpoints.
- Defeated a motion to add a Flight A to the North American Pairs with a masterpoint range of 0-5000 and to change the name of the flight for players over 5000 masterpoints to Championship Flight.

- A motion was made to change the Nap Flight B limit to 0-2500 masterpoints (from 0-2000); this motion failed.
- The Electronic Device Policy has been amended to include events at NABC other than NABC+ events. Furthermore, Districts and Units are encouraged to adopt the same policy.
- Defeated a motion that would make the Mini Spingold events into 'Bracketed KOs' of 32 teams playing full day matches.
- Election of the ACBL President will be moved to the fall meeting
- A motion to allow, at local option, up to five strats in a stratified event was defeated.
- A motion to allow all online points won to count for advances in rank level, instead of the 1/3 allowed at present, was also defeated, by a close 13-12 vote.
- Appendix B of the ACBL Code of Disciplinary Regulations and Sanction Guidelines has been revised. I encourage all Unit Recorders and Disciplinary Chairs to review these new guidelines.
- Another failed motion (by a 13-12 vote!) was that "The restriction 'No more than 1/3 of the masterpoints that are needed to establish ACBL status level can be from online play' is removed".
- Al Levy and George Retek have been elected as ACBL representatives to the WBF for a three-year term starting in 2010

### **Special Games at Clubs**

Two motions affecting special games at clubs were considered by the board, and both were deferred to the Spring meeting in Reno. The first would simply have reduced the awards for special club games like charity and junior fund games to 90% of sectional rating. The other would severely restrict the number of special games a club could hold outside the "special" months.

Various clubs and players have been complaining about these games on account of a competitive imbalance among clubs, masterpoint inflation, inequity in the mini-McKenney races, etc. On the positive side, however, because of these games we have a healthy Charity Foundation that has provided needed funds for charities. The junior fund is standalone, and doesn't, for the first time in memory, need to tap the ACBL treasury for funding. The international fund and the Education Foundation are also beneficiaries. This issue will be dealt with at our next meeting in Reno.

**Please share your thoughts on this subject with me.**

### **Online Bridge**

Fred Gitelman made a presentation to the Board regarding BBO's plans and activities. He specifically devoted a fair amount of time on the issue of cheating and Robot tournaments.

## Top 30 District 2 Masterpoint Winners at the San Diego NABC

1	109.95	George Mittelman,	Toronto ON
2	97.34	Claude Tremblay,	Niagara On Lake ON
3	95.44	Muriel Tremblay,	Niagara On Lake ON
4	85.88	David Grainger,	Etobicoke ON
5	83.98	Jonathan Steinberg,	Toronto ON
6	83.98	Daniel Korbel,	Waterloo ON
7	63.55	Robert Lebi,	Toronto ON
8	57.21	Ranjan Bhaduri,	Dundas ON
9	56.31	Jordan Cohen,	Thornhill ON
10	45.87	Raymond Jung,	Hamilton ON
11	45.60	Morrie Kleinplatz,	Windsor ON
12	45.42	Peter Petruzzellis,	Toronto ON
13	45.12	Don Piafsky,	Toronto ON
14	44.47	Deborah Thomas-Howie,	Toronto ON
15	44.03	Doug Baxter,	Toronto ON
16	44.03	David Lindop,	Toronto ON
17	43.70	Joan Eaton,	North York ON
18	43.63	Tony Viidik,	Waterloo ON
19	43.63	Joan Viidik,	Waterloo ON
20	40.49	Jim Howie,	Toronto ON
21	40.49	Fred Lerner,	Markham ON
22	39.47	Paul Janicki,	Markham ON
23	39.15	Christopher Cowan,	Oakville ON
24	37.73	Danny Ioannidis,	Stoney Creek ON
25	37.73	Stephen Young,	Mississauga ON
26	37.47	Andrew Tylman,	Toronto ON
27	35.13	Nader Hanna,	Willowdale ON
28	30.67	Ken Collins,	Richmond Hill ON
29	28.51	Jonathan Buss,	Waterloo ON
30	28.51	C. Deaun Moulton,	Waterloo ON

### Briefly

- This was the last meeting for Bruce Reeve (District 7), Harriette Buckman (District 13) and Richard Anderson (District 18). They will be replaced by Bob Heller from Atlanta, Suzi Subeck from Chicago, and Claire Jones from Regina Saskatchewan, respectively.
- Districts which use the **Cooperative Advertising Program** the most are the ones with the largest increase in membership. The ACBL is creating Branded Radio “spot” templates, which will be offered to clubs, teachers and units for personalization so they can place them at their local radio stations. A portion of the radio ad fees would qualify for the Cooperative Advertising reimbursements.
- By popular demand, the **Learn to Play Bridge software** has been reproduced in CD format. The CDs are now available for clubs and teachers to use as a handout tool to help encourage and promote learning how to play the game of bridge.

## **District 2 News**

- ❖ The next Regional in District 2 is Toronto Easter Regional, March 30 – April 4, 2010. Details can be found at <http://web2.acbl.org/tournaments/Ads/2010/04/1004077.pdf>
- ❖ Congratulations to Flo Belford (Toronto, u166) who was elected as the 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate District Director for a three year term starting in 2010.
- ❖ Please visit our District website at <http://www.acbldistrict2.org/> for District news.

## **Canadian Bridge Federation News**

- A heartfelt ‘thank you!’ to **Suzanne Kosky** and **Joel Shapiro**, the proprietors of Partners Bridge Club in Toronto, who raised about \$1,500 for the CBF by organizing a special auction of Toronto’s experts for the International Fund Game on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. A big thank you also goes to all the experts who graciously donated their time for this great cause.
- 2010 Canadian Bridge Championships will take place in Markham from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. For details please visit <http://www.cbf.ca/BWeek/index.html>. Please note that Flight B will be open to players with less than 2500 masterpoints.
- Did you know that only just over 40% of Canadian ACBL members are also members of the CBF? Please support Canadian Bridge and join the CBF! Information on how to join is on the CBF website - <http://www.cbf.ca/> - or you can join when paying your ACBL dues.