



DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



POTTY NEWS

Sorry, sorry, I mean PARTY NEWS, PARTY NEWS. Yikes, I'm starting to write like Marilou's cousin from Boston talks. Anyway, our annual Holiday and Volunteer Appreciation Party will be held Wednesday, December 14th at the Woodside Plantation Country Club. We will have our regular afternoon game starting at 1:30 or so, followed by an hour or so of social chit chat time during which we will honor our amazing cast of selfless volunteers. There will be a cash bar available as well as eggnog. About 6 - 6:15 we will have a buffet dinner featuring Italian cuisine.

We will need head counts for both the bridge game and the dinner so the folks at Woodside can plan for us.

A sign-up sheet is available at the club until December 7th. In addition, since the club is closed December 2nd and 5th, I will send out a "last call" email you may respond to, or you can call Ron to sign up.

If you wish to have your spouse or significant other attend the dinner there will be a \$15 fee for your non member guest.

Stop me if you've heard this one before, but we are planning our Life Master Party for January. Our honorees are Diane Davies, Lynn Smith, Don Scoggin and Reid Bohning.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Best wishes for a happy holiday season. I thank you for your support this year and offer you all this little holiday gift from me to you.

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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2nd --- NO GAME – Border River Sectional in North Augusta

DECEMBER 5th --- NO GAME – Croft House Resident Holiday Party

December is yet another month jammed full of special games. Grand National Teams Qualifying on the 9th awarding half red points (Perfect 10 not in effect), Sectional Tournament @ Clubs on the 12th, 14th, and 16th (last chance for Silver at club in 2016), two Charity Games for Hurricane Matthew relief, three GNT Fund Games, and our usual three regular Charity Games.

Game Schedule - December 2016

Monday 1:30pm	Wednesday 1:30pm	Friday 1:30pm
		2-Dec No Game - Border River Sectional
5-Dec No Game - Croft House Resident Holiday Party	7-Dec Open Pairs!	9-Dec Team Game@ (Perfect 10 not in effect)
12-Dec Open Pairs#	14-Dec Open Pairs# Holiday Party at Woodside CC	16-Dec Open Pairs#
19-Dec Open Pairs\$	21-Dec Open Pairs!	23-Dec Open Pairs\$
26-Dec Open Pairs!	28-Dec Open Pairs\$	30-Dec Open Pairs!
!=Charity Game	#=STaC	\$=GNT Fund Game
@=Grand National Teams Qualifying		

RESULTS ON THE INTERNET

After each of our games I am amazed how many of us request an Individual Summary of our results. While the summary gives your score and matchpoints for each board, that is just a small fraction of the information we make available on the ACBL web site. On that site you can see the hand, the contract and the result for each player in addition to your score and matchpoints. It is a plethora (whatever that means) of information. Below is a sample from the November 16th game of what is available on the site.

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Board 20

West Deals

Both Vul

♠ A J 9	♠ 7 6 5
♥ 3	♥ 8 4 2
♦ 7 6 5 4 2	♦ A K J 9
♣ A J 5 2	♣ Q 10 8

♠	N	♠
♥	W	♥
♦	E	♦
♣	S	♣

♠ 4	♠ K Q 10 8 3 2
♥ A Q J 9 7 6 5	♥ K 10
♦ Q 3	♦ 10 8
♣ 9 7 4	♣ K 6 3

EW 4♥; NS 3♠; NS 1♣; Par -200:
NS 4♠x-1

Contract	Lead	Score		Matchpoints			Pair
		N-S	E-W	N-S	E-W	N-S	
4♠ S	4♥ A	620		8.00	0.00	10-Roach-Mixson	2-Skinner-Fabian
5♥ E	-2♣ A	200		7.00	1.00	4-Davies-Smith	1-Mullins-Sheehan
3♠ S	3♥ A	140		5.00	3.00	1-Johnson-Carney	6-Bowers-Iyer
3♠ S	3♦ Q	140		5.00	3.00	3-Gregorian-Braun	10-Cartright-Brooks
3♠ S	3♣ 9	140		5.00	3.00	6-Gossage-Anderson	5-Pickett-Roach
3♥ W	4♠ A	170	2.50	5.50		2-Knox-Langford	8-Brown Jr-Gangarosa
3♥ W	4♦ 7	170	2.50	5.50		5-Skinner-Rinehart	3-Ingram-Alexander
3♥ W	5♦ 7	200	1.00	7.00		11-Biebel-Wardlow Jr	4-McGhee-McGhee Jr
4♥ W	4♦ 7	620	0.00	8.00		7-Bohning-Hawkins	7-Nidiffer-Hodges

If you would like to try this, and I encourage you to do so, the following link will take you right there. After going to the site, check that the month in the box is what you want, press "GO" and click the date you want to see. The report that opens will show the standings in each direction. Scroll down and you will see a display like the one above for every hand.

<http://clubresults.acbl.org/results.php?id=MTQ2MjMz>

I know some of you don't do internet, others don't really want all this info, and even others DGAS. So, we will, of course, continue to give you your summary at the end of the game. Give it a shot, you may like it.

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

In January we lose two of our more experienced board members. Bonnie Fabian and Jay Jacobs, having served two consecutive elected terms, are leaving the Board due to our term limit rules.

A Nominating Committee of Bonnie Fabian, Jack Cornell and Diane Davies has been established to accept nominations to fill these two vacancies. If you are interested in running for the Board, simply talk to one of them. For additional information on the position, please talk to me or any other Board Member.

What are the requirements to be a Board Member? Only one, a desire to help your club be the best it can be for all of our members. What do the Board Members get? Well, there is no financial remuneration, but that is more than made up for by the complete lack of benefits.

Really, I would be thrilled if some of you who have never thought about doing this would consider giving it a shot.