



President's Corner

SECTIONAL AND GNT RESULTS

Tournament Recap
5/13/2023

Columbia held a sectional April 29-31, 2023. We hosted Flights: Championship, A & B GNTs finals (Total of 16 teams entered). This was quite an honor to host District 7 Grand National Team Finals at our sectional. We welcomed those from our District and the compliments on our hospitality were many. We had 119 tables in the sectional in play. The table counts were down but to put it in to perspective, our attendance was hovering over 25%, increase from last year. Overall, 129 players got 629.94 earned master points with a total of 119 tables.

So many people made this happen, and Shelby and I are grateful for the team work by the entire club. It takes a village and our village was impressive. Judy Rockwell, Kathy

A FEW WORDS FROM THE
PRESIDENT:

I don't think any of you will doubt that I never meet a stranger—I will talk to anyone! What you might not know is that I'm almost always up for a new adventure!

During lockdown (like many of you) BBO became a "lifeline" for me. Through a bit of happy coincidences, I joined a group that host two free tournaments each week (no game fee/no mps); they also offer a free lesson on Mondays. People from all over the world—zero tolerance—all levels of play. As of this writing, 230+ members; this group was established in 2019.

I have just returned from the inaugural "Meet and Greet" that the group put together! Four days in St. Louis, Missouri; twenty brave souls came from all over: California, Mississippi, British Columbia, Kansas, Virginia, Texas, North and South Carolina, Indiana, Ontario, Iowa, Arizona, Illinois, Missouri. What a great gathering of totally delightful people...friendly, relaxed, enthusiastic, helpful and ready (finally) to play some f2f bridge! The fellowship hall at a church near our hotel had been reserved—we played two sessions there: bidding boxes, boards, etc provided by our director. At the hotel, when four or more gathered in the common area, we were playing!

We had a welcome reception



Our annual meeting is this coming Friday at 11:00 when we will count votes and then play. Please join us for FOOD and GAMES.

Each player is asked to bring a brunch or munch dish. If you have not cast your vote, please email to Kathy Belknap or mail and be sure you identify yourself but do not put your name on the ballot. You may vote at the meeting if you get there prior to 11:15 when we start the count.



Many of us enjoy the snacks our members bring to our games.

We are fortunate to have some members who are constant donors of food. We would appreciate all our members bringing in an occasional snack when you play. CBC does not pay for these, the members kindly bring cheese, nuts, cookies and other goodie's. Won't you consider bringing in a snack to add to the array? A special thank you to Linda, Kathy B, Judy R., Shelby, Randy, Bernetha, Brent, Lee, Ellis and Laura (the birthday cake) and all of you that do contribute as you can.

**THIS SAID, PLEASE
REMOVE YOUR TRASH
BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!**

Please check the cubbies for left items!



Belnap, and Melissa Meadows were on point with the registration desk and lunch sales. Scott Dunn, and Chris Webb handled the vaccine desk. Susan McFadden chaired the coffee detail, great work there, Susan! Lee Webb handled the administrative aspects of sanctions, fliers, communication with ACBL, etc. Shelby King handled overseeing hospitality, food, and hotel accommodation.

Bernetha Henry handled partnerships. Shelby King and Chris Webb hosted the breakfast. Many members contributed fruit, deviled eggs and numerous goodies which were delightful. Donna Hunter was an incredible force handling the lunches on Friday and Saturday with Judy Shillinglaw and Sue Hopke. Clean up by Bernetha Henry, Lee Webb, Patty Suggs, Melissa Meadows, Bob McCardle, Ellis Tesh, Donna Hunter, and Sue Hopke. We received donations for hospitality, which was a big help. If we have forgotten someone, please know your work and contributions were

in a private room at the hotel; fabulous excursions arranged for us by our St. Louis attendees; and a farewell dinner at a local restaurant! I wish you all could have been there with me...it was a terrific experience! Isn't it so great that this game that we all enjoy offers us the opportunity to bond with others! Which reminds me – I want to thank you all – joining the Columbia Bridge Club and forming so many wonderful relationships has enhanced my life more than I could have imagined – THANK YOU! I hope I will see many of you soon and often at the CBC!
Judy



RUBY Life: Francis Robinson

Life and Bronze Master: Myra James.

very appreciated.

Joel Haywood served as our tournament director running the ACBL side for us. Chris Webb handled reporting to the ACBL our financial responsibilities. Mike Bitonti made the boards and hand records which was a tremendous help. Kathy Kimmerling promoted the tournament on the website, and the extra mile, sent an email blast to our entire unit as well as transporting the bidding boxes and supplies.

We thank each of you who helped set up tables, hospitality, clean up, and breaking down the tables and putting back upstairs at the CBC (Randy, Ellis, Mike, David, Bob, Eddie Cathy, Doug).

SO many people made this a success!!! Even with the low attendance, we made a profit of \$318.00! Lee Webb and Shelby King, co-chairs.



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