



November 2023 NEWSLETTER

Schedule Changes December 2023

L P Center Closed Monday, December 25

L P Center Closed Monday, January 1

Swiss Team Games

Fourth Monday, November 27th

Preregistration is Required

NO Team Game in December

Please notify Sherry Buck
aikenbridgeclub@gmail.com
if you have changed your
email address , address or
phone number since last
January 2023.

The L P Center has requested that the ABC, on our game days, vacate the center by 4:30. We have been lax about using the clock and penalizing slow play. To keep play moving we are now going to start taking boards away for slow play. Because we are under time constraints, you all can help clean-up by pushing in your chairs and taking care of your personal trash

- **Christmas Party will be held at Woodside on Wednesday, December 13th See Flyer**
- **The Aiken Bridge Club will no longer offer first time attendees' free games.**
- **See the ,monthly calendar on the ABC Website**
- **Thank you all for continuing your support of the ABC.**

Members of the ABC
meet for lunch at 1:00
PM on the 2nd Thursday
of each month at **OLIVE
GARDEN**. Contact
Dorothy Johnson (803-
443-5500) for details

Note Change of Location

Our annual election is fast approaching. In January, we will elect one Board Member to a three year term. If you would like to be a candidate or nominate someone, see a board member and let them know your interest. For additional information on the positions, please talk to present or past Board Members I would hope that some of you who have never thought about doing this would consider giving it a go. To ensure your name is on the ballot, the board must be aware of your desire to run by Friday, January 3rd, 2024. Eligible voting members will be sent an email ballot on January 8th and they will need to hit reply and indicate their voting choice. If one is not able to access email, they can call Sherry Buck at 803-641-0245. The voting period will end at the conclusion of the Annual Membership Meeting on January 31st, 2024.

The current incumbent, Phoebe Walters is eligible to run for reelection, but has indicated she will not be seeking reelection. I would like to thank Phoebe for her service to our club as a Board Member.

Our By-Laws define voting members as those who have paid their 2024 Membership Dues prior to the end of the Annual Membership Meeting and have played at the Lessie Price Center six times since the previous annual meeting.

NOTE: Our Treasurer, Marc, will begin collecting 2024 Membership Dues at the club on Monday, December 4th. Your current membership and its attendant benefits expire on the last day of the year. The Annual Dues remain at \$10 dollars.

The ABC Board is looking into ways to increase our table count. While our present table count does not present an immediate issue, we are looking to future and trying to increase table count and members so that the Aiken Bridge Club can offer our bridge players a game every Monday and Wednesday for at least the next 5 years.

- Use our Partnership Chair, Joanne Sheehan, if you need a partner. If two players thought about playing bridge on a Monday but did not contact Joanne, that would be a half of table. Those half tables can add up.
- Introduce someone you know that plays bridge, but who has not played with the ABC, to play a game at the Lessie Price Center.
- If you have any suggestions on how to increase our table count, please share it with anyone on the board.