



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



RANK CHANGES

Following is the quarterly list of members who have achieved new ACBL Ranks. It encompasses the last five months.

- Silver Life Master: Phillip Mixon
- Bronze Life Master: Doug Bell, Reid Bohning, Jack Cornell, and Genie Johannsen
- NABC Master: Yancy Paschall
- Regional Master: Nancy Mulchay and Phoebe Walters
- Sectional Master: Jim Gossage
- Club Master: Denise Winston
- Junior Master: Anita Ronfro

Congratulations to all of you.

MINI SURVEY

On February 13th we began distributing our Mini Survey seeking your opinions about what your Board and I can do to enhance your enjoyment of our club. There needs to be a cut-off date for your responses. Since a month seems like plenty of time to respond, **the cut-off date will be Wednesday, March 14th.** Your opinions are invaluable for our future planning efforts.

Thanks to those who have already responded. If you haven't responded and wish to, please get with it. If you are on my email list, you have already received the Mini Survey. If you deleted it and want another, let me know. Printed survey forms are also available during each of our games and a collection box is at the club.

MARCH SCHEDULE

It's the second month of baseball spring training and the second month of slow season in ACBL Land. Very few special games are available, but we got them all. In addition to our three allowed Charity Games we will have three Quarterly Club Championships and the following special games:

ACBL – Wide Senior Game – Monday, March 19th – Pairs Matchpoint Game scored across all participating clubs in the ACBL. There will be hand records with written analysis of all the deals. There is a catch, however. You must have been born, or otherwise created, prior to January 1, 1959. I know this will exclude almost all of you, and I'm sorry, but please think of it as a service to our senior citizens.

Grand National Teams Qualification Game – Friday, March 30th -- The **Perfect Ten Format will not apply** since the strats are set by the ACBL. Masterpoint awards are **half red/ half black**. This will be our last GNT Qualifier until next October or November. Red point awards at the club level are not all that usual, so, good chance to earn some.

Game Schedule - March 2018

Monday 1:30pm	Wednesday 1:30pm	Friday 1:30pm
		2-Mar Open Pairs&
5-Mar Open Pairs	7-Mar Open Pairs&	9-Mar Perfect 10 Teams Handicapped
12-Mar Open Pairs&	14-Mar Open Pairs	16-Mar Open Pairs%
19-Mar Senior Pairs#	21-Mar Open Pairs%	23-Mar Open Pairs
26-Mar Open Pairs%	28-Mar Open Pairs	30-Mar GNT Qualifier

Charity Game = & Club Champ = % ACBL Wide Senior Pairs = #

**"BE YOURSELF.
EVERYONE ELSE
IS TAKEN."**
- OSCAR WILDE



BOARD MEETING REPORT

The latest meeting of your Board was held on February 28th. Following is a brief summary of the meeting.

We welcomed our two newly elected members, Phoebe and Sedley.

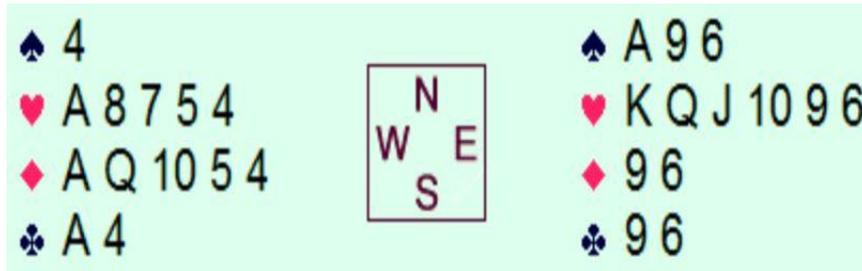
Steve reported that the popcorn machine we are gifting to the Croft House will be arriving anon. The cost is about \$361 which we will pay for from our Distributable to Local Charities Fund.

We approved five year renewals of all contracts related to our web site. The total cost over the five year period is about \$455.

We finalized our new check in and prepaid card procedure. Please see the next article for an excruciatingly detailed explanation.

Since Kay decided not to continue being our Party Chairperson, Phoebe and Phyllis P have agreed to take on that responsibility. They are our new Party Girls. Many thanks to Kay for her long and distinguished service to our club in that role.

We also decided to extend the Monday Guaranteed Partner Program for another month. It has been successful thus far, so, if that continues, we will make it permanent and consider expanding it to other days.



Glad to see you are playing E/W for a change. You are East.

Contract: 6♥ Opening lead: K♠, N following suit. Your job is to make it against any distribution.

by Frank Perkins

CHECK IN TWEAK REDUX

On the first Monday in February we tweaked our check in process by eliminating it. This has worked pretty well as everybody seems to be getting in the playing area earlier than before. However, requesting members to be in their seats a few minutes before game time (so the Director can figure out how many tables we have) was not a rousing success (no surprise here). However, it has improved dramatically. We are down to 6-10 non conforming players from 15-20 when we started. My thanks to all of you for your cooperation.

Oh, a note to those who have chosen not to get with the program.

You may say that I'm a dreamer

But I'm not the only one

I hope someday you'll join us

And the game will start at one thirty

The next tweak involves the purple prepaid seven play cards. Starting on Monday, March 5th we will start to issue seven business card sized one play thingies for \$25. These cards will be your entry fee in lieu of cash. So, when you pay at the table, there will be cash (the collector will be able to make change) or the card. We think this will streamline the process further by eliminating the need for North to initial the purple card, and eliminate the need for the envelope.

The one play thingies will be available for sale in the Croft House conference room before all our games. Mike (Monday and Wednesday) or Sedley (Friday) are the folks to see. They will also exchange your existing purple card for the appropriate number of one play thingies.