

## **AIDBC PRESIDENT'S 2021 END OF YEAR MESSAGE**

We have had quite year. The long pandemic created many difficulties for our wonderful club. The good news is our membership is healthy and our club is still financially solvent and is beginning to grow again. Thanks to all of you who have supported our bridge club through these difficult times!

### **FINANCIAL STATUS**

We are healthy. John Eza has produced monthly spreadsheets to the board. He will produce an end of the year spreadsheet and an explanatory message. That Treasurer's report will be posted on the club's website in late January after we receive the BBO numbers and will be available to all dues paying members. Please review it and share any insights, concerns, or ideas with the new board.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Our annual Holiday Party will follow immediately after the first Wednesday game on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Spouses are welcome to attend. This promises to be a special day!

**Please try to park in the rear as that will be the way we will leave the building after the party.**

We also ask that you **please register your partnership by January 6th** to assist in the planning and management of this event. Register even as a single as we can help you with securing a game partner. Also, please let us know if your spouse will attend the post-game party.

**MENU:** Heavy hors d' oeuvres and desserts - all home made by Deb Mitchell and her team of Becky McRae, Joyce Tonti, Diane Nelson, Lijana Colen, Kathy Montgomery and Penney Burnett. If you know these ladies, you know it will be great food. Wine will be flowing.

**Roast Tenderloin with a horseradish sauce**

**Shrimp Cocktail**

**Baked mini crabcakes**

**Vegetable tray**

**Cheese and fruit tray**

**Antipasto**

**Artichoke dip**

**Desserts**

If you are wanting to help, please note that Deb and her team will only need help with post party clean up. The club will accept contributions to help with the cost, but they are not required.

Just enjoy the camaraderie!

### **GAME & SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS**

We have gotten approval from NCCOA for all in person games to play at 1PM beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Players are asked to wait until 12:30 before entering the Grand Hall. The first Wednesday in person game will be held January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM thus returning us to 3 in person games per week. Also, we hope to revive team games early in 2022 - likely to be on-line Grand National Teams qualifiers. Team games are great fun, and make a great competition for all levels of player.

### **MORE POINTS**

Ben Dickens is researching “special games” that give master point bonuses. The catch is that ACBL charges a \$5 surcharge per table to hold these games. We would raise game fees to \$8 per player. Ben is also working on other on-line options and hoping to be back LIVE sometime soon.

### **INPUT REQUEST**

Pleased email your thoughts to [mwaskew@me.com](mailto:mwaskew@me.com) with a Yay or Nay, and hopefully a comment, on:

1. Online Team game; 2. Online Pairs game; 3. More master points for a \$1 game fee increase

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The required annual meeting will be held on Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1PM with the regular Monday game to follow. The major agenda item at the meeting will be the election of the 2022 Board of Directors.

The nominating committee of Betty Nielsen, Anne Kohlman, Bob Stormoen, Ellen Flenniken and Trish Booton has submitted the following nominations for the AIDBC Board of Directors for the 2022 year.

<b>President</b>	<b>Michael Waskew</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Susan Krassy</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Deb Mitchell</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>John Eza</b>
<b>At Large Director</b>	<b>Lou Tonti (who will also serve as the Assistant Treasurer)</b>
<b>At Large Director</b>	<b>Anne Kohlman</b>
<b>At Large Director</b>	<b>Becky McRae</b>

PER Article 5.1.3 of our constitution “**Any person who wishes to be added to the slate must, in writing, submit his/her name to the Secretary before noon the day prior to the annual meeting.**”

Additional agenda items may be submitted by the same deadline to the current Secretary. (Lee Wiener)

Voting is limited to AIDBC members who have paid their 2022 dues by the date of the annual meeting, but you may still attend and, of course, play bridge.

A merry and safe holiday season to all.