

June 2, 2023

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather of late. With life starting to return back to normal, the WBL board of directors has decided to resume running weekly face-to-face unit games starting Thursday, August 10, 2023. The WBL bi-weekly online game will be discontinued after that date.

The board of directors' decision to discontinue the online game was mainly driven by the substantial decline in profits, net revenue and table counts from the high levels achieved early in the pandemic, together with a belief that a weekly face-to-face game might encourage players to attend more regularly.

The board has also decided to suspend the practice of guaranteeing a partner for players who show up at the unit game without one. There will no longer be a partnership desk at the unit game. Players in need of a partner should notify Barbara Doran by email, no later than 5:00 pm the day of the game. Barbara's email address is [WBLpartnerships@gmail.com](mailto:WBLpartnerships@gmail.com).

Our current COVID policy is to follow the ACBL and Montgomery County guidelines. If you reach a table where both opponents are masked, you and your partner must wear a mask, if requested. Masks will be provided to you if you have not brought your own.

We are preparing for our 2023 Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, at the Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center. The election of a new board of directors will be held at that meeting. We need more of you to volunteer as several of us have been on the board with different responsibilities for many years, so I encourage interested members to seriously consider expressing interest in running for a director position and look forward to seeing you around the bridge tables.

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