

WASHINGTON DC REPORT

7/21/2016 TO 7/31/2016

As usual DC was a great place for a National tournament. There were so many things to do and see. The Capital Steps (musical political satire group) were amazing so many current jokes. The tournament was great with 12,835 tables a few less than anticipated but a good number. A few negatives, the heat index which went to 100 on some days and the hill leading to the many restaurant (6 years ago I ran up and down this hill; this time because of the heat and my age it wore me out coming back up the hill).

Membership of the ACBL is now 168,742 an increase of 986 from this time last year. Club games face to face were up 1.23% which is a good trend. Regional and Sectional numbers were down slightly down to the fact there were fewer tournament in the first half of the year.

CONGRALUTATIONS TO EDDIE WOLD for being elected to the ACBL Hall of Fame. A group of about 40 supporters came from Houston to attend. They were not disappointed as it was quite a show.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE PASSELL AND CHRIS COMPTON! It seemed like they won everything including the most points for the tournament.

Items of interest

- The Club and Membership service department have been able to provide additional technical support to our members and clubs using a tool called TeamViewer. This software allows us to have control of the member's computer and to fix problems.
- The monthly printing and mailing of rank advancement cards has been discontinued. Rolling out online rank cards where members can now print their own rank cards directly from MYACBL.
- ACBL score 8.15 was released to fix known bugs in the monthly financial process. Our goal is not to release and future versions of ACBL Score and focus our efforts on future scoring software.
- PETER RANK has retired as the ACBL lawyer; we wish him well. He will be showing dogs in his new life instead of playing bridge.
- LINDA DUNN has been hired as our new Counsel.
- SUE DOE (long time District 16 tournament director) has retired. I wish her well and look forward to seeing her as a player in our tournaments.
- All ACBL employees will be required to sign off on the receipt and understanding of our Youth Protection and Abuse Policy as well as complete an online training on anti-harassment. This should be completed by the end of 2016.
- We are working with BBO on a Mini-Bridge style solitaire game to be added to the website.
- The Bridge Life magazine is being mailed to known non-members playing at clubs. The publication is being refreshed with a new cover, updated articles, and true beginner content. Let the ACBL know if you know someone who should receive this magazine.
- The ACBL is working on a project to begin emailing renewal notices to all members with known email address. Please check your email for accuracy and update and add if necessary.

- The Longest Day promotion benefiting Alzheimer's was a big success raising over \$500,000.
- Follow the ACBL on Facebook and Twitter, the number of followers continues to grow.
- NOTRTUMP OPENING - A notrump opening or overcall is natural if, by partnership agreement it contains no void, at most one singleton which must be an A, K or Q, and no more than two doubletons. If the hand has a singleton it must not have a doubleton as well.
- WOMEN'S SWISS -The conditions of contest for the Machlin Women's Swiss is amended to allow the DIC. to chose a movement for the second day appropriate to the number of teams qualified. this was at the request of the Women's Committee.
- SUMMER NABC SCHEDULING - The masterpoint limits of the Bruce LM pairs and the 0-5000 Spingold KO Teams shall be 6,000MP. The limits of the Young Pairs and the 0-1500 Spingold KO teams shall be 0-2500

A complete copy of the minutes is available on the ACBL.org website.

Looking forward to seeing you at the tables!

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