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A NEWSLETTER FOR

CLUB MANAGERS

Dear Club Manager,

I hope this finds you doing well. We are looking forward to a great year to come. Your 2011 club game(s) sanction renewal forms and information has been mailed to each club manager recently. Please return the signed form with the appropriate fees at your earliest convenience.

Be sure to check out the following programs the ACBL's Marketing Department has recently made available for Clubs:

- A new feature to the ACBL Club Game Results Online Program: a free service that allows clubs with sanctioned ACBL games the ability to upload their club game results from ACBLscore on the ACBL web site. This new feature allows clubs who have duplicating machines and/or electronic scoring devices the ability to post hand records and/or contract information along with their club game results.
- Pre-recorded radio ads targeting the "recently retired" and "empty nester" audiences. You can personalize the ads by including a five-second "tag" with your club contact information at the end of the ad. A portion of the money spent to place these radio ads on a radio station will qualify for reimbursement through the ACBL's Cooperative Advertising Program.

Additionally, don't forget to take advantage of the ACBL's discount with FedEx Office. You can get a 35% discount on color or black/white copies (copies on plain white paper only). Use ACBL's discount number 011961236.

Visit the ACBL website or send an email to marketing@acbl.org for more information about any of the above marketing programs.

The 2009 list of Top 50 clubs (by table count) is on the club page of our web site, and on page 3 of this newsletter for your convenience.

We are settled in our new office building in Horn Lake MS. The Bridge Museum is ready and waiting for you! Kudos to ACBL Archivist, Tracey Yarbrow, for her hard work and dedication to this project. We are conveniently located right outside of Memphis TN (just a few miles from our previous office location). Our address is: ACBL, 6575 Windchase Blvd., Horn Lake MS 38637-1523.

Be sure to check our website for information on the The World Bridge Series Championships, Oct. 1 to 16, in Philadelphia PA. We hope to see you at the Fall North American Bridge Championships in Orlando FL Nov. 25 to Dec. 5. There will be reception for club managers and teachers on Fri., Nov. 26, at 4:30 p.m.

Thank you and feel free to contact ACBL if we can be of assistance to you.

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Special Events

Special Event Sanctioning: The 2011 club renewal packet includes the Special Events sanction form. This form lists the dates of the 2011 special games as well as the deadline for submission. We encourage clubs to sanction games online by visiting the Special Events page for Club Directors and Managers at <https://web.acbl.org/SpecialEvents/index.do>

Extra Masterpoints: Is your club looking for games that award extra masterpoints? [Click here](#) for the Special Games at Clubs Chart. The chart provides detailed information on masterpoint rating, frequency, sanction fees and reflect the new regulations that went into effect July 1, 2010.

Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month - October

Clubs may hold one Club Appreciation Pair game and one Club Appreciation Team game per sanctioned session during the month of October. Masterpoints awarded for the Club Appreciation Pair game are 100% sectional-rated black. The Club Appreciation Team game awards 5% gold to a maximum of 0.25 per player. The remaining points are sectional-rated black. There are no additional fees for these games. [Click here](#) for the Conditions of Contest.

Canada Olympiad Fund Game

Thursday evening, Oct. 21, 2010. Cost is \$8.35 per table (Canadian funds), plus game and table fees and masterpoint awards are 100% sectional-rated black points. Call Margaret Bloodworth at 662-253-3129 or sign up today online at <https://web.acbl.org/SpecialEvents/index.do>

ACBL-wide Charity Game

Monday evening, Nov. 29, 2010. Cost is \$6.35 per table, plus game and table fees. Files will be e-mailed early in November. Masterpoint awards are 100% sectional-rated black points. Call Margaret Bloodworth at 662-253-3129 or sign up online at <https://web.acbl.org/SpecialEvents/index.do>

Educational Foundation Games

The ACBL Educational Foundation supports the continuing education and promotion of bridge. Clubs are allowed to hold one game per month per sanctioned session except during the months of February, April and September. The masterpoint awards are 70% sectional-rated masterpoints.

Inter-Club Championship Games

Players at your club play face-to-face with the perk of across-the-field scoring through the Internet to determine overall rankings at all clubs that participate on the same date. Hand records are sent by e-mail a few days before the game is held. The club director sends the game file by e-mail to ACBL the next day to be included in the overall scoring. Your players earn regular club masterpoints at the club in addition to club championship masterpoints if they place in the overalls. The fees are \$1 extra per person. Two Inter-Club Championship games are scheduled for each month. Please register online at <http://www.acbl.org/play/icc-registration.php>. To view the dates for 2011, [click here](#). In order to participate you must sign up in advance and use the current version of ACBLscore. For more information you may e-mail iccg@acbl.org.

If you want to see if you've sanctioned a game or would like to see other participating clubs in your area, please go to www.acbl.org/play/Participating-Clubs.php. Contact the Special Events Department at SpecialEvents@acbl.org or 662-253-3139 for more information.



Top 50 Clubs – 2009

*The top 50 clubs reporting the most tables for 2009 are listed below.
Congratulations to all!*

Club Name, State/Province	#Tables	Club Name, State/Province	#Tables
1. Bridge Base Online	439,467.0	26. Glen Rock Bridge Center, New Jersey.....	7,603.0
2. OKbridge Inc.	134,359.0	27. Houston Bridge Studio, Texas	7,576.5
3. Essex Bridge Center, New Jersey.....	16,461.0	28. Hartford Bridge Club, Connecticut.....	7,500.5
4. Swan Games Online BC.....	15,694.0	29. Indianapolis Bridge Center Inc., Indiana.....	7,490.4
5. The In-Between DBC, Florida	15,324.0	30. Duke City Bridge Club, New Mexico	7,468.0
6. Ft Lauderdale Bridge Club, Florida	15,030.0	31. Franklin Bridge Center, New York ...	7,061.5
7. Laguna Woods DBC, California.....	14,701.5	32. Mississauga-Oakville DBC, Ontario.....	7,001.5
8. Manhattan Bridge Club, New York	14,265.5	33. The Bridge Place, Florida.....	6,936.0
9. The Hartes' Club, New York.....	13,293.0	34. AZ Bridgeworks, Arizona.....	6,866.5
10. Jourdans Bridge Club, Florida.....	13,196.0	35. Beverly Hills Bridge Club, California.....	6,823.0
11. Adventures In Bridge, California ...	12,522.5	36. Bridge Centre of Niagara, Ontario.....	6,645.1
12. Honors, New York.....	12,364.0	37. Bridge Club of Baltimore, Maryland	6,601.0
13. Vero Beach Bridge Center, Florida	11,141.0	38. Omaha Bridge Studio, Nebraska	6,500.0
14. Temple Sinai DBC, Florida	10,787.0	39. Bridge Center, California	6,482.0
15. Shakespeare's Elbow BC, Quebec.....	10,750.5	40. Twin City Bridge Center Inc., Minnesota	6,464.0
16. The Bridge Deck, New York.....	10,447.0	41. Atlanta DBC Inc., Georgia	6,288.5
17. Le Mirage Club de Bridge, Quebec.....	9,980.5	42. Vanderbilt BC Ltd., New York.....	6,227.0
18. McGregor Point BC, Florida	9,627.5	43. Bridge Quebec, Quebec.....	6,090.5
19. Long Beach Bridge Center, California.....	9,511.5	44. Bridge Studio of Delaware, Delaware.....	6,047.5
20. Dana Harbor Bridge Center, California.....	8,649.0	45. Boca Raton DBC, Florida	6,031.0
21. Hazel's Bridge Club, Ontario	8,326.0	46. Toronto Bridge Club, Ontario.....	6,026.0
22. Sagamore Bridge Club, New York	8,284.5	47. Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club, Alabama.....	5,966.5
23. The Village Card Club Inc., Arkansas	7,828.6	48. The New Barrington Bridge Club, California.....	5,949.0
24. Naples Bridge Center Inc., Florida	7,708.5	49. Westwood DBC, Massachusetts	5,863.0
25. Win Inc. "The Bridge Club", Florida	7,689.0	50. Hilton Head Island BC, South Carolina.....	5,850.5

Passed by the Board of Directors in New Orleans



National Goodwill Committee

The name of the “ACBL Goodwill Committee” shall be changed to the “Aileen Osofsky ACBL Goodwill Committee”.

Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs

The ACBL Board of Directors has approved a sanction for a one-session Canadian Bridge Federation Simultaneous Pairs. The event will run annually beginning in 2011 and award sectional rated masterpoints. In addition to overall Canada-Wide awards there will be overall awards in each of the six CBF Zones.

Special Games at Clubs Adjustments Amendment

The month of February is reserved for Junior Fund Games, the month of April is reserved for charity games and the month of September is reserved for International Fund games; in those months, any and all ACBL sanctioned club sessions may be special games for the named funds. In the remaining nine months of the year, one game per month per sanctioned session may be a special game for any of the following: Junior Fund, International Fund, Educational Foundation or charity. A regularly scheduled club game held at a frequency other than weekly may hold one special “fund” game every fourth game. The masterpoint rating for all of these special games will be 70% of Sectional Rating maintaining the current cap of 6.00 masterpoints.

General Conditions of Contest

The ACBL General Conditions of Contest for all events be amended as follows: Unless instructed otherwise by a tournament director, a member of each side must be present and seated before cards are removed from a board.

Amendment to Club Conditions of Contest

In order to be eligible for overall awards in a STA/C, or any event that is scored across more than one club, the minimum number of boards played is set at 20.

Two-Session Swiss Team

ACBL recommends the following conditions of contest for all two-session Swiss Team events with four to nine tables in any particular flight or groupings of strata:

Each team entering shall play every other team in their group. The following chart is recommended:

Four Teams: Three Matches of 18 to 20 Boards
Five Teams: Four Matches of 13 to 15 Boards
Six Teams: Five Matches of 10 to 12 Boards
Seven Teams: Six Matches of 9 Boards
Eight Teams: Seven Matches of 7 to 8 Boards
Nine Teams: Eight Matches of 6 to 7 Boards

New Memberships Dues Increase Jan. 1, 2011

Note: Effective January 1, 2011, new member dues are increased to \$28 (U.S. dollars). If a previous member of the ACBL reinstates by paying \$28, it will be applied to reinstate the old membership for nine months only.

ACBL Handbook of Rules and Regulations

The Handbook of Rules and Regulations has been updated and is available on our web site at: www.acbl.org/about/handbook.html . Chapter 4 addresses sanctioned club games.

