

Anniston Bridge Association News

May/June 2002

June Filled With Special Events

If you are looking to add points to your masterpoint totals, make sure to keep your calendar clear in June. We have nine games scheduled in June which are sectionally rated and will offer an abundance of Black, Red, and Silver points. We will have the **Worldwide Bridge Contest on Friday night, June 7th and Saturday afternoon June 8th**. This is the annual game where results are submitted to the world bridge organization and your results can be compared on the internet with the rest of the world.

On **June 18th, 19th, and 22nd** we will have **STAC games** which pay Silver points and where a high percentage game can result in 20 or more points for a lucky (or skilled) pair. On **Sunday, June 23rd we will have a STAC Team Game**. We seldom have a team game but they are lots of fun and this one will offer Silver points. Start working on finding your teammates early to make sure you have a good team. All of these games will be stratified.

On June 15th we will have a **Club Championship Game**, sectionally rated. There will be a **pizza lunch** provided by the club. If you would like to bring a dessert I'm sure everyone will be appreciative.

On **June 25th and 29th** our annual round of North American Pairs games will return. These games pay Red points and qualify you to play in the Unit NAP game if you wish. Anyone who has a 50% or higher game in any one of the NAP games is qualified to continue at the Unit level.

Junior Fund Games

We will have Junior Fund Games on **May 7th and 18th**. These games are Sectionally rated, black points. Funds from Junior Fund games help support ACBL programs for players under 26 years of age. The cost is \$3.00 per person.

International Fund Game #2

This game will be on **Wednesday, May 9th** at 1:00 and will include pre-made boards with hand records and analyses available after the game. Cost is \$3.00 per person and helps support ACBL teams sent to international events.

Planning Meeting

Club president **Bert Smith has appointed Gail Cotlin, Yvonne Hamby, Jack Hadder, Don Kemp, Jan King, and Herb Stappenbeck** to a committee to consider plans for changes in the our club management structure, goals and procedures.

If you have any suggestions for improvements or changes you would like to see made, please let one of the committee members know. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in participating in the management and running of the club, participating on various committees, running for office or the board, calling committees, hospitality, becoming a director, teacher, etc. If you want to volunteer, we can use your help.

Alert Chart

Among the many changes on the alert chart, one which will come up quite often is announcing your opening 1NT range. When your partner opens 1NT, you must announce the point range (15-17, 16-18, 10-12, etc.). The changes on the Alert Chart were made with the intention of keeping things simpler, and while all of us seem to resist change, just remember that learning these changes will probably improve your mind and health, just as bridge does! The new alert chart is posted on the wall at the clubhouse.