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President's Page

George Santayana originally wrote: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Well, that's the way the adage goes and there is a semblance of justification to its meaning. It only makes sense that one learns something in this life, and when he or she does, one would think they would make appropriate adjustments. Another way of saying it is, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." [Sorry, I digress] Not as George W. once said. "Fool ne once, shame on – shame on you. Fool me – you can't get fooled again.")

I have always called it, "Filling holes". During my career and even now when I come upon a situation that I am unfamiliar, I may think, "Gosh, how come I didn't know that?". Hopefully, I then or soon after try to find a source on enlightenment. If I wait too long, the moment is past.

When I was young, my Dad used to handle it differently. When something was said unfamiliar to him, he would jump up and proclaim, "Okay! Time to consult the World Book!". Nowadays we have search engines that far exceed that old encyclopedia. However, World Book was pretty good in its day!

One of the stumbling blocks to this process is human nature and that thing called ego. The easy first reaction to the unfamiliar is to assume "Their crazy" or "Their obviously wrong and I'm right". That's not out of the realm of possibility, but it's more realistic to think, "Here is something I'm not familiar with, could I learn from it?" Nobody likes being wrong, but it's possibility should not be a deterrent to the furtherance of our base of knowledge.

How does this relate to our fine game of bridge? Well, bridge is like life. We come upon many holes and when they occur, it seems reasonable that we should fill them. We also should act fairly soon, for if we wait, the moment will pass and we will again be destined to hear our partner lament, "I thought we had an agreement on that!", or "I thought we had that convention down!"

On a more somber note, it seems we only again begin to enjoy the competition and social interaction of your game when that "Dark Cloud" taps us on the shoulder and says "It's time for one more to go."

We are old enough to understand reality, but this month has been especially painful with the loss of several of our dear friends. We mourn their loss as individuals who were vibrant and active in many ways. We are grateful that they took the time to share with us a few brief moments before their departure.

We have recently updated our Club's website so take a look at what is new and coming up this Spring!

We are all pleased to see that Amy Goldberg has taken the ACBL teachers' class and is anxious to begin her new role as bridge teacher much to your benefit. Don, Kathy, Otis, and myself will also be continuing in various capacities along that line so check the schedule and spend a few of these chilly spring days in education.

We have been working on a virtual partnership desk for some time. The ACBL has a good program, but this, in the past, has been underutilized, at least on our local level for various reasons. You may have noticed that a new page has appeared on the website called "Partnership". Right now, it only has a reference to the ACBL "my ACBL" page. This is a work in progress. We are attempting to develop a more local, user friendly, program in order to allow one to find a partner that is compatible and acceptable for any of our games. Please be patient, but if you have any suggestions, just get in touch with me or one of our board members.

We are still having a few growing pains involving the transition to the new results page on our web site. If any of you have dabbled in web design, you know that this modern era of PCs, Macs, Androids, I-pads, I-phones, etc. is a nightmare for the CSS component of getting everything right for all devices. I don't mean to make excuses for our Web Master or others for they need to get it right. I am just saying, again, be patient and they should work it out with a little more time. Meanwhile, if you can't access the results one way, try another, or reload your page. These computers have a way of complaining, then relenting and letting you in.

Burton E Moore, MD

Changing Scenes

Club Master

John Carbaugh
Mary Ann Wham

NABC

Doug Giloy
Dorothy Johnson

Sectional Master

Bruce Jasper
Mary Young

Silver Life Master

Tara Mufich

Cindy's Corner

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that 2020 is here already. Time flies when you're having fun at the bridge table! Here's hoping that you all had a great holiday season, and that you have good health and good times at the bridge club in 2020!

We are all ready for 2020 here at the Club. We have approved our budget for 2020, and we have renewed our club sanction with the ACBL for our regular club games. A schedule of special games for 2020 will be posted on the bulletin board at the club as a reference.

As I was preparing the message for this newsletter, I was reviewing topics from last year and see that we addressed punctuality. I think that this is a good time and place for a friendly reminder about that very topic. So here it goes: Please be on time when you are coming for a bridge game. Punctuality not only helps the game start and end in a timely manner, but more importantly it helps the game director. The game director needs to determine the game movement for the game (and this will vary depending upon the number of tables). If pairs are arriving late, it is a great disruption for the director, especially if table cards and boards have already been distributed. Please be mindful and be punctual. Ideally, you will be at the bridge table and ready to play at game time, not just coming in the door. Thank you for your cooperation. Your fellow bridge players will appreciate you, and the directors will be most thankful as well!

Club Stats

Our October table count was 291, and our November table count was 225.5. Our budget is for 275 tables per month. Year to date, we are at an average of 249.8 tables per month. Let's all get out to the tables!

Thanks to all of you, our club members. You make our club what it is. I look forward to working with all of you in 2020.

Cindy

Special Games

Birthday Bashes

January 18th

February 15th

March 21st

Swiss Team Games

Monday, January 27th
Regular Swiss Team

Thursday, February 27th
Regular Swiss Team

Friday, March 27th
Regular Swiss Team

Extra Masterpoint Games

Saturday, January 25, 2020
12:30 pm

Saturday, March 7, 2020
12:30 pm

Junior Fund Games

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| Jan 6 th | Mon | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm | Jan 9 th | Thu | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm |
| Jan 12 th | Sun | 1:00 pm | Jan 15 th | Wed | 9:00 am & 12:30 pm |
| Jan 21 st | Tue | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm | Jan 24 th | Fri | 12:30 pm |

Club Tournaments

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|----------------------|-----|--------------------|----------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Mar 1 st | Sun | 1:00 pm | Mar 4 th | Wed | 9:30 am & 12:30 pm |
| Mar 9 th | Mon | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm | Mar 12 th | Thu | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm |
| Mar 17 th | Tue | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm | Mar 20 th | Fri | 12:30 pm |

Tournaments

Friday, January 3rd – Sunday, January 5th – Huntley (Sectional)

Friday, March 13th – Sunday, March 15th – Huntley/Elgin (Sectional)

Bridge Club – Officers, Committee Chairs and Staff

| Officers & Board | | Committee Chairs | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| President | Burt Moore | Communications | Kris Lauer |
| VP | Kyle Larson | House | Bill Carpenter |
| Secretary | Amy Goldberg | Social | Burt Moore |
| Treasurer | Renee Shambeau | | Lu Jenkins |
| Board | Rich Pleniewicz | Publicity | Lu & Dave Jenkins |
| | Bill Carpenter | | |
| | Lu Jenkins | | |
| | Will Engel | | |
| | Kris Lauer | | |

Special Volunteers

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| Library | Bob & Cathy Fashingbauer |
| Sunshine | Carolyn Bohlin |
| Shopper | Barb Ellingson |
| Newsletter | Terry Gehrke |
| Recycling | Kathy Owens |
| Bridge Supplies | Kathy Owens |
| Decorating | Linda Murphy |

Staff

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| Manager | Cindy Thompson |
| Education Coord. | Lu & Dave Jenkins |
| Housekeeping | Sharon Rose |
| Treasurer | Renee Shambeau |

Schedule of Games & Directors

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|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----|---------------|--------------|
| Sunday | 1:00 pm | Open | S | Burt Moore | 815-871-4518 |
| Monday | 12:30 pm | Open | S | Doug St. John | 815-877-8460 |
| Monday | 6:30 pm | 0-100 | SN | Will Engel | 779-770-0228 |
| Tuesday | 12:30 pm | 0-500 | S | Don Malone | 608-479-0418 |
| Tuesday | 6:30 pm | Open | S | Doug St. John | 815-877-8460 |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am | 0-50 | SN | Kathy Owens | 815-979-0888 |
| Wednesday | 12:30 pm | Open – Partner Guaranteed | S | Kathy Owens | 815-979-0888 |
| Thursday | 12:30 pm | 0-100 & Open | S | Kathy Owens | 815-979-0888 |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Open | S | Will Engel | 779-770-0228 |
| Friday | 12:30 pm | Open | S | Will Engel | 779-770-0228 |
| 3 rd Saturday | 12:30 pm | Open | S | Various | |

S = Stratified N = Novice Game, includes mini-lesson

Cost: \$6.00 per player per regular game
Extra Masterpoint Games are \$7.00 per player

BRIDGE EDUCATION

Lu and Dave Jenkins

CURRENT CLASSES

Don Malone - Thursday mornings- topics vary.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Learn Bridge in a Day - Amy Goldberg and Kathy Owens on Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 - from noon until 4:00 P.M

Amy Goldberg - Bridge Basics I on Thursday starting March 5th from 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M. Advertised thru CLR.

Kathy Owens - Will teach Conventions You should Know starting March 3rd, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. After that will teach Bridge Basics II

Bridge Basics III- Odis Thomas - Register at the Club. On Mondays from 1:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. starting in January, 2020.

Burt Moore- has supervised play on Friday mornings starting in February, 2020 and Sundays before his game.