

## Salem Bridge Club – March 2015 Club Manager’s Report

### Recruiting new players and maintaining current ones

All of us (SBC Board and employees) need to ensure that the club is a place people want to come and enjoy coming. If there are any concerns by players, please take the time to speak with them and/or encourage them to contact me. I also encourage everyone to do some outreach and try to attract additional players to our games.

This should be top-of-mind with every bridge-related action under consideration – how does the action under consideration help to retain current members and/or attract new ones?

### Dealing machine and pre-made hands

I spoke with Gayle and Allen regarding pre-made hands. Both would like to ensure that pre-made hands are made as often as possible for Wed AM and Thurs PM games – the teaching games that we currently offer. Assuming that it can be accommodated without undue hassle, I believe this is a perfectly reasonable request, since utilizing the hand records for the teaching games was (I believe) one of the initial reasons the machine was acquired in the first place.

Also, as noted earlier this month, I have asked Loren Meyer to be “Chief Dealer” for Salem Bridge Club. He will coordinate all dealing activities for the club.

I ask the Board to work with Loren and other interested parties to come up with an approved strategy for managing pre-made hands.

### Self-Evaluation policy

As noted last week, self-evaluations should have been turned in by the game directors last month. I expect the Board to contact me to review my own evaluation and partner with me to review those of the game directors.

### Capital Manor “learn to play bridge”/refreshers

With Wednesday and Friday night games now held at Capital Manor, we have an excellent opportunity to introduce or re-introduce residents to the game. Andy Ono and Shirley Scofield are willing to sponsor us at the Manor.

The Manor is willing to allow this, though they have imposed some restrictions:

- Lessons may only be provided to residents, friends/family of residents, or Capital Manor staff and their families/friends
- Lessons may only be advertised internally at Capital Manor
- A Capital Manor resident (host) must be present at all lessons
  - o Shirley and Andy are willing to fill this role

I gave the first lesson during the week of March 9 to twelve residents of the Manor. The series will continue through April 20. Hopefully we will be able to welcome a few new residents to our games as a result of this series.

## ACBL materials - Reminder

ACBL has begun to make various materials available to club and unit officials. These materials cover a wide variety of topics, many aimed at increasing the number of bridge players. I will pass along things that look interesting to the Board. The website is <http://acbl.mybigcommerce.com/>

The most recent entries include materials for clubs, teachers, and units/districts.

## Other items

- On free plays for the card dealers:
  - o I saw that the Board approved my proposal of 1 free play every 6 months for the card dealers. Have these been given out yet or a schedule determined for when they will be provided?

## Game Director comments

There are no particular comments from game directors to pass along, other than the request for hand records at the Wed AM and Thurs PM games as described above.

## Communicating with Kevin

As the Board should be aware, I have a full-time job in Corvallis and am typically in Salem only during the first Sunday Unit game. I can be reached through e-mail at [2dragons@peak.org](mailto:2dragons@peak.org) or at home (evenings/weekends only!) at 503-838-1102. I will attend board meetings as I can, but it will typically be the exception rather than the rule.

This concludes the March 2015 Club Manager's report for the Salem Bridge Club.

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