

Club Manager Report – September, 2017

1. We now are the proud owners of 5,000 convention cards and 144 card decks. They were bought at a good price although the shipping charge, I believe, was exorbitant. Am looking for an alternative.
2. The Pro-AM game happens next week, 9/26. Sign-ups seem to be going well. We currently need more Pros.
3. The STOP card is gone! At the Summer NABC in Toronto the ACBL BOD voted to eliminate the STOP card from sanctioned tournaments starting January 1, 2018. Although ACBL clubs are not required to remove them, they are encouraged to do so. Ours are gone as of this month. The over-riding factors were; players were using the STOP card to pass unauthorized information and newer players do not fully understand its use.
4. The new gift cards are being printed. They will go into use October 1.
5. Our games are taking longer to complete and we need to reduce that time. Guidelines indicate a maximum game time of 3^{1/2}hrs for a pairs game and we are pushing that boundary now. Taking boards away from the slower players doesn't seem to do the job since they often elect to take a late play, lengthening the game. It would seem a viable solution is to disable the BridgeMate traveler option.
6. The digital director's log implemented by Judy Lathrop is a marvelous piece of work and we need transition to it immediately, if not sooner. However, there are reservations about using Google Sheets as its medium. Google Sheets is a cloud-based office support system which means we require non-stop internet support for it to work. Apache Open Office is now being tested. If it proves viable, our log will be maintained off-line in a more secure environment.

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