



The New Deal



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Unit has a nine-member Board of Directors; each director serves a two-year term. The Bridge Center members (defined as ACBL members who selected Santa Cruz Bridge Center as their club) vote to elect about half of the Board each year. The Board is responsible for the activities of the Center in cooperation with a group of independent game directors. It is time again to vote for new Board members, so please complete your ballot and place it in the box at the Center. Be sure to communicate to Board members both the good and bad of the Bridge Center. Also, consider serving on the Board in the future.

The Board at its most recent meeting approved the following slow play policy: When, due to the consistent slow play of one pair, the director of a game must remove an unplayed board from a table in order to get the game movement back on schedule, the pair causing the action shall be assessed up to a half-board penalty (one point minimum). This penalty shall be assessed against their score for the session, not against any specific board or round, and shall be taken regardless of whether the board removed is played later. No adjustment will be made to the score of any other pair. If the removed board has been bid, but removed by the director prior to play, it will still be considered an unplayed board and subject to this penalty.

The Board asks members to request game directors to implement this policy if he or she is impacted by a slow player. The Board also asks slow players to take into consideration the impact of slow play on other members and guests.

From time to time members have made donations in memory of or to honor of another member. While the Unit is a tax-exempt not for profit corporation, direct donations are not tax deductible for federal or state taxes. However, any gift is greatly appreciated and needed to support and develop bridge in Santa Cruz.

Again, we need people to help with the business and activities of the unit. It seems that the same few people do most of the work; with more people helping the workload for all would be lighter. If you are able to do a little or a lot to help the unit please say "YES" when asked. Thanks.

—Wayne Boss

MARY BEATTY MEMORIAL GAME—Most of you know that Mary Beatty's daughter, Ashely Halderman, and granddaughter, Christie Tall, sponsored a Memorial game at the bridge club on September 6. They provided a delicious cake and lovely flowers, as well as paying all entry fees. Ashely read a moving tribute to her mother, and many of our members recalled favorite memories of Mary.

UNIT 550 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wayne Boss - President
Joyce Martin - 1st Vice President
Barbara Shepardson - 2nd Vice President
Sam Badawi - Treasurer
Virginia LeRoy - Secretary
Jerry Goodell, Elena Laborde-Bishop, Ken Llacera,
and Diana Schilling - At Large

There were eight tables and we collected more than \$350 dollars for Friends of the Library in Mary's name.

GOLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME—In October, there will be 8 opportunities to win gold points at the club level. The first game will be the Unit NAP finals on October 7. Game times are 11AM and TBA. This event awards 5/10/20% gold points to the overall winners. The other chances for gold are the club appreciation Swiss teams. This event pays 5% gold points even for a match win. Consult the calendar for game times. There will be 9 other club appreciation games in October with sectional rated awards. All club appreciation games are no extra charge.

ACHOO—It's nearly flu season so please save our directors and players from colds and flu by cleaning up after yourself at the end of the game. Snotty Kleenex, empty water bottles, soda cans, scorecards and other waste all contribute to the passing of germs and add to the work for the director. Remember, he/she is not your mother or the maid so please help out and take your cups to the sink, cans and bottles to the recycling bin, and paper waste to the trash can. Thanks!!

BRIDGE BOOKS VANISHED—About 8 years ago, a player donated 50+ high-quality bridge books to the Ronnie Allen Memorial library. Currently only ONE of those books remains on the shelf. These were not discarded books for players to take home and keep. They were to be BORROWED, read and returned so others could also benefit from reading them. Please check your shelves at home. Each book had a sticker on it saying "donated in memory of Ronnie". If you have any, please return them ASAP. No questions asked. If you have books you'd like to donate, new contributions are always welcome in our lending (not keeping) library.

BI-MONTHLY MENTOR GAME ON TUESDAY NIGHT—On the first Tuesday of every other month, beginning in November, the evening game invites Bronze Life Masters or higher to play as mentors with Non Life Masters. Those willing to play will sign up on a list and will be contacted directly by an NLM to arrange to play that evening. Mentors will play FREE of charge. This is designed to promote play and camaraderie between the "big kids" and "little kids" and help educate NLMs on their way to becoming Life Masters.

GAMES AND DIRECTORS

Bernie Bertonis	(831) 247-3343 (bernie@cruzio.com)	Monday and Wednesday evening open
Robin Evenden	462-5367 (robinde@juno.com)	Second Saturday monthly unit games
Sherry Gilbreath	438-7222	Monday/Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning open
Mark Hasey	427-2112 (markhaze@juno.com)	Thursday evening open and Sunday afternoon NLM
Bill McIntosh	(408) 842-4886 (wcmcc@earthlink.net)	Tuesday morning open and Saturday special games
Nancy Wainer	465-1234 (n_wainer@yahoo.com)	Tuesday evening NLM