
ST LOUIS REPORT

Spring 2013 NABC

St. Louis was a nice location for a National Tournament. The playing area and the lighting were excellent; the local committee did a good job with the evening food. The only drawback was the weather (it was cold) particular the last weekend when a snow storm dumped 8-10 inches of snow on the area. This caused the table numbers to be down a little from the expected number. I was happy to see many District 16 players at the tournament.

SOMETHING BIG FOR PLAYERS UNDER 26

For the first time (at the Atlanta NABC in August) there will be both an ACBL Youth NABC and a WBF Youth Open World Championship. This is very special and some units are offering a \$300 to \$500 sponsorship to youth ACBL members in there unit to encourage them to participate. I hope all in District 16 will consider doing this.

THE LONGEST DAY

On June 21, 2013, the longest day of the year, bridge clubs will hold games all day to raise funds for the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. I encourage you to play bridge on that day to show the world there is a fun game that may help slow the onset of this terrible disease.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to

- **Eddie Wold** on being appointed to the Hall of Fame Committee,
- **Bob Hamman** for being appointed to the Competitions and Conventions Committee,
- **Chris Compton** for being appointed to the ACBL's Laws Committee, and
- **Janise Saul** for being appointed Co-Chair of the ACBL's Goodwill Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

As of March 1st ACBL Membership stands at 166,881, the highest total in many years.

GRASS ROOT FUND MONTH

This month will be moved to January and the next one will be Jan 2014.

STACS

Playing directors are not allowed to get overall master points in STaCs, however upon application, the District has the option to now allow this.

PUBLICITY

Many clubs have found the best way to get publicity for there club is through charitable giving.

In 2012 District 16 used the cooperative Advertising Program 15 times and received \$5,962.97, I am sure this helped in recruiting our new members.

ELECTRONIC GAME REPORTING

There are still about 150 Clubs that do not use electronic reporting. Doing this benefits our members and streamlines our efforts. If your club does not use ACBL score please ask for assistance in converting.

SENIOR AGE

The minimum age for ACBL Senior events shall be 60 years of age. Those eligible under present rules on December 31 2013 will remain eligible.

10K SWISS

The 10K Swiss held the first Friday and Saturday had 81 teams and will be held in Dallas next spring. This event was successful and we will be discussing adding more of these 10K events in Atlanta...

Anybody having any questions can e-mail me at danmorse@sbcglobal.net or call at 713-599-0047.

See you at the tables

Dan