

## UNIT GOODWILL AWARD WINNERS

The SABL Board of Directors of Unit 172 nominated two members to be recognized as Goodwill Members for 2013. They are Fran Vanecko and Gary Larson.

Fran has given generously of her time and talents to the SABL community. She has encouraged novice players by participating as a Mentor in the Unit Mentor-Mentee program. She initiated the Unit program to send care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and followed up with mailing these packages every month for 2 years. Fran also initiated and designed the I-35 Cup competition with Austin and has been the contact with Austin in arranging the tournaments for the past 2 years. Besides serving as a member of the SABL Board for 3 years and the Secretary for the last year, Fran has co-hosted many Unit games. Although this is one of the “perks” of being on the Board, Fran goes the extra mile by staying to help clean-up at the games where she is not one of the official hosts. Fran always is friendly and greets everyone with a smile. She is a true ambassador of good will!

Gary Larson has been a superb Mentor to novice players for the past 3 years in the Unit’s Mentor-Mentee program. He is patient and encouraging to new players and continues to play with his Mentees even after the mentoring term has been completed. Gary is dedicated to his mentees, which inspires them to continue to play in the Club games and further their knowledge of duplicate bridge. When a novice player makes a mistake, he has a nice way of correcting without making the person feel inadequate or stupid! The Unit would like to clone Gary for his table presence. Gary is a real gentleman in a competitive game that doesn’t always bring out the best in a person. He is an ambassador of good will!