

Unit 476 Newsletter

May 2021

District News

I attended a Zoom meeting of the district board on Saturday as your area representative. Much of the meeting was a discussion of the protocols that will need to be in place to hold the Seaside Regional Tournament from September 27 through October 3. Of course, vaccinations and face masks will be required, as will be having 11 feet from table center to table center, but they are looking into making exceptions. Taking bidding boxes with you as you move, having hand sanitizer at each table, and having no pencils on the tables is also probably going to happen. In addition, they may have on-line pre-registration available for the tournament so that players can prove that they are vaccinated and so that they can anticipate what the attendance may be. At this point, they expect attendance to be way down mainly because no Canadians will be able to attend. But they are looking forward to actually having the tournament.

Vancouver is looking into hosting a tournament in August, and Portland is looking into hosting a sectional September 10 through 12. We have our High Desert Regional scheduled for May 2022.

Unit News

Our annual meeting is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club's annual meeting and dinner on Saturday, May 22. At last I heard, 41 people had signed up for the dinner, which is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bend Country Club. Contact Berta Cleveland if you are interested in attending in order to choose your plated entrée. Be prepared to prove that you have been vaccinated either by sending the information beforehand to Connie Baker, or showing proof at the door.

Our annual picnic is scheduled to be held on Friday, August 20, at Chip and Berta Cleveland's new home. It is next to the golf course, so it is flat and has plenty of space for tables outside. Once again, the unit will provide the meat and attendees are expected to bring a salad or dessert to

share. More information will be sent to unit members as we get closer to the date scheduled.

Congratulations go out to Cindy Larsen, who is our latest Ruby Life Master, and to Mark Hickman, who is our latest Bronze Life Master. Well done! Both these players have been playing on-line and this just confirms that doing so is both rewarding as well as fun.

Club News

CDBC's on-line game on May 28 is a Swiss Teams event, and it's May 31 game is a ProAm. So plan accordingly.

As you know, CDBC, in conjunction with the unit, conducted an on-line survey of local players about their interest in going back to face-to-face games at the club level. The main takeaway is that about two-thirds of those responding would like to have the option of having a combination of face-to-face and on-line games. ACBL will not allow a club to hold an on-line game at the same time it holds a face-to-face game, so there is no danger of that. Now, all we need to do is to find a venue that would be large enough to have a large club game on a weekly basis starting in August.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at our annual meeting. Until I can see more of you again face-to-face, I hope to "see" you on-line.

Lorraine Rodich, Unit Board President