

Albuquerque Bridge Player

President's Column

This will be my last president's column. I would just like to say that this job is not easy for an affirmed anti-social introvert. My short-comings as president have been well-hidden by an extremely competent and hard-working board of directors. Give a thank-you the next time you see one of them. We have pulled off three successful sectional tournaments and the 2017 regional, coming in January, is shaping-up nicely. Unit finances are in good shape.

There will be a large turn-over in the unit board for 2017. We will have 6 new board members. Thanks to all who agreed to stand for election and serve our community. While we have put together detailed job descriptions that should help new board members decide what jobs they wish to perform and then get up to speed quickly, of necessity there will be a learning curve. The out-going board members have committed to coach new members in their jobs as needed and desired and we hope to minimize any disruptions in unit business.

I have been honored to serve as president of the Unit 374 board. Thank you to all who have offered nice comments, good wishes, great snacks, and especially elbow grease in setting up for tournaments.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in the unit/DCBC mentorship program, both mentors and students. In my view, nothing better demonstrates the exceptional generosity of our community.

-Jerry Wellman

DCBC PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Preparing for New Board and New President

By the time you read this, the Duke City Bridge Club will have elected five new members for the 2017 Board of Directors to replace the five current members (including me) who are stepping down after serving a two-year term. The five newly-elected members of the board will join the five members carrying over to elect a new president and other officers on Jan 24. This new board will be in charge as of Feb 1, 2017.

New Roof

The Board of Directors and Board of Trustees have approved a contract to replace our 26-year-old leaky roof. The contractor for the new roof, Lone Mountain Roofing, was selected from six competitive bids. The new roof will be a state-of-the-art membrane roof and comes with a 20-year material guarantee and a 10-year labor guarantee. The new roof has a pitch to allow water to run off the roof rather than puddle, and the drainage will be improved by adding canals. The cost of the new roof will be \$37,500 including tax. We expect that when the old roof is removed, some damage from leaks will be exposed. This damage

will be repaired. The cost of this repair is expected to be small. The club has sufficient resources to pay for the new roof and any necessary repairs. The roof replacement will begin in the new year; if weather cooperates, it will be done while the club is closed for the Albuquerque Regional Tournament from January 16-22. Thanks to Russ Edwards, our facilities manager who put this contract together with advice and

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assistance from club members Jim Linn and Bob Smith.

Cell Tower

The cell tower located in the southwest corner of the parking lot is owned by AT&T and currently pays the club approximately \$17,000 per year. The cell tower lease includes an escalator clause which increases the lease payment to the club by 3% per year. AT&T recently renewed the lease contract for another 5 years. In addition, AT&T just finished upgrading their equipment which is a sign they plan to be here for the foreseeable future. The income from the cell tower is a major reason why we can keep card fees so low.

State of the Club

The club is in excellent shape. The membership is a very harmonious community. Financially, our monthly income exceeds operating expenses by a good margin and we have no debt. We own the building with no mortgage. The new roof will be paid for with money currently in our bank account. After the roof is paid for we should have more than \$40,000 in reserve and that amount should grow every month.

Having a healthy cash flow (taking in more than we spend on operating expenses) allows us to deal with necessary capital improvements that require more than what we have in reserve. Historically, we do this by borrowing from members and paying them back with interest. A little over ten years ago, we borrowed more than \$250,000 from members to do major renovations to our building. This money was paid back, as scheduled, over a 10-year period with no difficulty. A couple of years ago, the club borrowed \$20,000 from a member so we could replace the rugs. That money was paid back with interest with no difficulty. There are probably other examples I am not aware of. The heating and cooling units are now more than 10 years old. They show no signs of problems but in a few years, they may have to be replaced. Should we have to borrow to accomplish this, it should be looked at as a normal part of club operations and not a serious problem.

No-Show Partners

Sometime when people have a bridge date something happens that keeps them from showing up. It might be that your car wouldn't start, you woke up with a

sore throat or you remembered an important appointment that conflicts. The best thing to do is contact your partner as soon as possible. If you cannot contact your partner, call the bridge club (271-2877) before the game starts and inform the director. What you should not do is just not show up or call after the game has begun. If your partner has signed you in and you either no-show or call after the game has begun, this puts an unnecessary burden on the director to rearrange the movement while the game is being played.

-Jim Munroe

BUILDING/PROPERTY REPORT

We have good news to report. A new membrane type roof will be installed on the club during the week of the regional tournament in January. This will eliminate the water leaks, stained ceiling tiles, and a costly (it was over \$800 last January) repair each year. The old roof is 26 years old. Our contractor, the Lone Mountain Roofing Company, will inspect the roof every two years and make any repairs at their expense for the next 10 years.

Have you ever smelled any suspicious odors inside the club? In the past several years a few individuals have complained about odors, and two of them stated that they didn't feel well after a session of bridge. In September of 2013, new carpeting was installed throughout the club. New carpeting gives off an odor as the carpet fibers and backing stabilize. Eventually that odor ceases. The North Room has a 12" deep basement. As most of you know who grew up in a home with a basement, they come with a musty, dank smell that worsens in the summer, when the humidity increases. In Albuquerque that corresponds to the "Monsoon Season". About three months ago, two individuals were walking through the North Room, to exit the club via the north door, when they encountered a bad odor. The matter was investigated by interviewing the directors who supervise the games in the North Room. They advised that they had not received any complaints about any bad odors. Out of concern for our members health and well-being, an air quality specialty company was retained to evaluate the air in

the club. In the Summer of 2015, the APA Specialty Company gathered air samples throughout the inside of the club and several in the parking lot. The test results revealed no evidence of any contaminants, including mold, in the air.

This pertains to those individuals who park in the Walgreen's parking lot. The shortest and easiest route is to walk on the crushed stone next to the west wall of the club, because of a barrier wall to the south. It is dangerous because of the trees and scrubs that grow there. And one could fall off the top of the retaining wall. The safest way is to walk down to the sidewalk along Wyoming Blvd., where the barrier wall ends. The board of directors has looked at other options, but the land to the south and west of the club is not our property, making it difficult to find any alternatives.

At last week's annual meeting, one of our members asked about the status of the security cameras that are mounted on the edge of roof. They are no longer working. After a vehicle break-in several years ago, the police department told us that our cameras did not provide the necessary resolution to be of any value. Better cameras would cost over \$8,000. And this type of crime has a very low priority with the police department, because of more serious crime that needs to be investigated. The best method of keeping your valuables safe is to put everything in the trunk of your car or out of sight before you exit your vehicle. Don't leave anything that appears to have value in sight. Criminals generally don't break into cars if they don't see anything worth taking.

Be careful when you enter or exit the parking lot with your vehicle. If you should hit another vehicle and you can't locate the owner, leave a note so that your insurance company will pay for the damage, and it won't cost you a penny. If the other person has to use their insurance they will be out the "deductible," which could be as much as \$1,000. Please be fair to your fellow members.

Many thanks to Scott Baker and his wife, who have virtually taken over the task of replacing burned-out lighting tubes and bulbs. Scott also replaces ballasts after they fail, usually within a day or so. Each florescent light fixture in the ceiling has one. If we had to employ an electrician, the lights in the fixture

would be out for an extended period of time and the expense would be about \$100 each time.

We are very fortunate that we have ample parking close to the club and it's all free. The club's lot includes 65 designated spaces and many are reserved for handicapped people. If you use one of them please hang your handicapped placard in plain view. If you need one of these spaces, be sure to arrive soon after 12:00 P. M. There is a fire lane between the designated parking spaces immediately to the east of the club. This 20 ft. -wide lane is reserved for emergency vehicles. Do not park in this lane; it is illegal. The Western Commerce Bank graciously allows us to park in the outside perimeter to the east and south of the bank. Those spaces on the inside are reserved for customers who come to do business. If you park in one of these spaces, you will be notified over the public address system that you must move your vehicle before you are allowed to play bridge. To the south of the club, the Walgreen's Store allows us to park as long as we don't interfere with the flow of vehicles through their drive up prescription window. To the north, the Walmart Super Store allows parking anywhere in their lot. The strip mall stores and Furr's Buffet, adjacent to Walmart, forbid us to park in their lots.

*-Russ Edwards
Property Manager*

PROFILE - PATRICIA MAGEE

On page 49 of the 2017 Members Directory, you will find Pat Magee's smiling face. Born of a German mother and an Irish father in Minneapolis in 1928, Pat moved from California to Albuquerque two years ago. A larger house had become unaffordable in San Luis Obispo. Widowed and retired, Pat claims that she can do whatever she likes whenever she likes. She has purchased five houses since her husband passed away 20 years ago, remains fearless and strongly opinionated. Case in point: a few years ago, Pat decided to have her husband exhumed after being buried for 29 years. She was in an uproar about the state of the Hollister, CA. cemetery and had her husband's remains cremated and interred in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. A mad woman you wonder? Not at all. Her fearlessness might in fact be attributable to the fact that Pat Helen Magee née Farrell has raised ten children, all born within a 13-year period. Her seven daughters and three sons are well educated and successful and a source of great pride: Marion holds a doctorate in Geophysics from Stanford and lives in Perth, Australia; Patrick gave up his career as a programmer to stay at home with his stepson who has Downs Syndrome; Jim now lives with Pat and has ridden his bicycle cross-country. Sheila and Jane both worked in accounting, Sarah and Anna in nursing. Joe obtained a PhD in philosophy, Bridget a master's degree in Fine Arts while Helen retired from the San Luis Obispo police department as a civilian. Pat's mother, Marion, was a work-at-home mom sewing for others. Pat's father, Jim, lost his job in the depression and died of lung cancer. Pat speaks with great affection of him and their walks together. Although a sickly child, Pat graduated from a Catholic elementary school with 1300 students. Despite the lack of encouragement to pursue her studies (her older brother was the focus of attention), Pat enrolled at university opting for political science as her major. A prolonged absence due to illness forced her to quit in her sophomore year and to start work at a Minneapolis newspaper. Undeterred, she later returned to university and finished her degree in 1975. Pat married Linus Magee in 1952 and they moved to California where Pat found a job at the LA Times. She soon had to quit work when her first daughter was born. In 1956, they bought their first house. How did they manage? With each new arrival, they bought a new chair, new table, and kept the two

cribs and bassinets in use. Their house in Anaheim was remodeled three times to accommodate their growing family. When Linus took a job as accountant in Milwaukee, the Magees and their eight children moved in one car — and there were no seatbelts in the 60s. With three little ones at home and five in school, Pat served the obligatory lunch at home from 11:30am until 1pm every day.

To feed all these mouths, they purchased a half of beef and froze it. On weekends, Linus enjoyed cooking, baking bread inspired by Gourmet magazine. At age 19, during WWII, Linus was wounded and lost the use of his leg. As a result, the Magee children benefited from Veteran Affairs assistance. Linus died in 1987 during his second open-heart surgery. He was 62 and at that time, Pat still had four children in college. She describes herself as a "laid-back mom". The family enjoyed summer trips, traveling in their 1971 Dodge 12-passenger van. Religion has always been an important part of Pat's life; her daughter Bridget claims she has a "direct line". Pat believes that you can't worry too much about the future and you can't change the past. You do what you have to do every day. Her continuing interest in politics led her to become active in city politics in Hollister, CA., where she sat on the planning commission for seven years; she also became president of the hospital auxiliary and of the hospital foundation. She enjoys "spontaneous" travel, reading mysteries, and did a lot of sewing, including her daughters' wedding dresses. With 14 grandchildren and three great-grandsons, the entire Magee clan rarely gets together in its entirety; the last time was in 1998. Pat maintains that life is a lot like bridge; you play the hand you are dealt and, what's more, you don't complain. Some hands are better than others and sometimes you play better too. Pat Magee is a master at this!

-Louise Belanger

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW UNIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEMBERS

The unit board election is over and the following nominees were elected:

- Bob Anderson
- Louise Belanger
- Jim Dennis
- Jerry Keeran
- Steve Lockwood
- Craig Tyner

When you see them, pat them on the back and thank them for volunteering.

-Susy Law

"LEARN BRIDGE IN A DAY" IS COMING BACK!

A third session of "Learn Bridge in a Day" is scheduled for February 4th from noon to five. Since the last session, Pam and Jerry Himes have been accredited, so they and Karen Soutar will team-teach. There will be no limit on the number of participants because of this new format and because this will be the third time the class is taught. Again, we are asking for your help as table helpers, refreshment providers, registration people. Please contact any of the three of us by email or phone to let us know you want to help. Don't just tell us at the club because we might forget. You'll really enjoy working with the participants. Also, please contact people you know by sending the "advertisements" to them, and posting flyers anywhere people you don't know might see them. Remember, we had 61 participants in the first two sessions, and there are many, many places we didn't tap. Flyers will be available at the club after Christmas. At the same time, electronic copies can be requested from Pam Jerry and me. Please help us make this "LBIAD" even more successful than the first two.

-Karen Soutar

SOCIAL BRIDGE - THE DUPLICATE WAY

Three sessions of this play for social bridge players have been held on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 - 3:00. 27 different people have participated; 18 played the first time, 19 the second, and 14 the third. They came from John Keck's class. Thanks to John, Carmen, Doug and Willie, Bob, and Rick for helping out by answering the many questions the group had. This class will not meet from mid- December through February since supervised play will be available on Saturday mornings. After the next session of classes begin, this format will resume.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this group, contact Karen Soutar or John Keck.

-Karen Soutar

THANKS!

In this issue, we say goodbye to Bill Isham as layout editor, who has been producing our newsletter since April of 2006. His craftsmanship in the design and configuration of our articles and graphics is unsurpassed, and we will miss his work in the years to come. I can't tell you how much time it takes to construct a newsletter, but I can assure you that Bill has spent countless hours at the task, with very little acknowledgement. Please take the time to thank him profusely for his dedication and splendid workmanship.

-Susy Law

Navajo Trail Regional Schedule of Events Jan. 16-22, 2017

		9:00AM	1:00PM	7:00PM
M o n	Pairs I/N KO	Welcome to Albuquerque - Game Time 7:00PM		Charity Pairs 299er Charity Pairs Navajo KO - 1 st Session
	I/N	Tewa AM 199er Pairs (1 session)	Tewa PM 199er pairs (1 session)	
T u e s d a y	Pairs	Morning Side Game Series 1 of 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 1 of 5	Evening Side Game Series 1 of 5
	Pairs		Taos Open Pairs (1 st /2)	Taos Open Pairs (2 nd /2)
	Pr&Swiss	Tuesday Daylight Pairs (1 st /2)	Tuesday Daylight Pairs (2 nd /2)	Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
	Gold		Gold Rush Pairs (1st/2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2nd/2)
	KO	Navajo KO - 2 nd session	Navajo KO – Semifinals	Navajo KO – Finals
	KO		Apache KO - 1 st session	Apache KO - 2 nd session
W e d n e s d a y	I/N	Nambe AM 199er pairs (1 session)	Nambe PM 199er Pairs (1 session)	
	Pairs	Morning Side Game Series 2 of 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 2 of 5	Evening Side Game Series 2 of 5
	Pairs		Santa Ana Open Pairs (1 st /2)	Santa Ana Open Pairs (2 nd /2)
	Pr&Swiss	Wednesday Daylight Pairs (1 st /2)	Wednesday Daylight Pairs (2 nd /2)	Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
	Gold		Gold Rush Pairs (1st/2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2nd/2)
	KO	Zuni Morning KO - 1 st session	Apache KO – Semifinals	Apache KO – Finals
	KO		Cochiti KO - 1 st session	Cochiti KO - 2 nd session
T h u r s d a y	I/N	Laguna AM 199er pairs (1 session)	Laguna PM 199er Pairs (1 session)	
	Pairs	Morning Side Game Series 3 of 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 3 of 5	Evening Side Game Series 3 of 5
	Pairs	Thursday Daylight Pairs (1 st /2)	Thursday Daylight Pairs (2 nd /2)	
	Pairs		Isleta Open Pairs (1 st /2)	Isleta Open Pairs (2 nd /2)
	Gold		Gold Rush Pairs (1st/2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2nd/2)
	KO	Zuni Morning KO - 2 nd session	Cochiti KO - Semi-finals	Cochiti KO - Finals
	BAM		Acoma Board A Match Team (1 st /2)	Acoma Board A Match Team (2 nd /2)
F r i d a y	I/N	Domingo AM 199er pairs (1 session)	Domingo PM 199er Pairs (1 session)	
	Pairs	Morning Side Game Series 4 of 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 4 of 5	Evening Side Game Series 4 of 5
	Pairs	Friday Daylight Pairs (1 st /2)	Friday Daylight Pairs (2 nd /2)	
	Pairs		San Juan Open Pairs (1 st /2)	San Juan Open Pairs (2 nd /2)
	Gold		Gold Rush Pairs (1st/2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2nd/2)
	Swiss	Zia Stratified Swiss Teams (1 st /2)		Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
	KO	Zuni Morning KO – Semifinals	Sandia KO - 1 st session	Sandia KO - 2 nd session
S a t u r d a y	I/N	Jemez AM 199er Pairs (1 session)	Jemez PM 199er Pairs (1 session)	
	Pairs	Morning Side Game Series 5 of 5	Afternoon Side Game Series 5 of 5	Evening Side Game Series 5 of 5
	Pairs		Tesuque Open Pairs (1 st /2)	Tesuque Open Pairs (2 nd /2)
	Pr&Swiss	Saturday Daylight Pairs (1 st /2)	Saturday Daylight Pairs (2 nd /2)	Stratified Swiss Teams (1 session)
	Gold		Gold Rush Pairs (1st/2)	Gold Rush Pairs (2nd/2)
	Swiss	Zia Stratified Swiss Teams (2 nd /2)		
	KO	Zuni Morning KO – Finals	Sandia KO – Semifinals	Sandia KO – Finals
	CKO		San Ildefonso Compact KO (1 st & 2 nd)	San Ildefonso Compact KO-(Semi- & Finals)
S u n	Swiss	10:00AM –Strati-flighted Swiss A/X/Y - Play through with short lunch break		Have a Safe Trip Home
	Swiss	10:00AM –Bracketed Swiss Play through with short lunch break		
	Swiss	10:00AM – I/N teams participate in Bracketed Swiss		

- Sunday Swiss** A/X/Y: 0-3500/3500-5000/5000+ Sunday Bracketed Swiss: 0-3000, no player over 3000 masterpoints
- Daylight Open Pairs** 0-750/750-3000/3000+ (Stratified by pair average)
- Gold Rush Pairs** 0-100/300/750 Gold Points to top flight section top or overall (no player may have more than 750 MP)
- Open Pairs** 0-1500/1500-3000/3000+ (Stratified by pair average)
- Stratified Swiss & Side Games** 0-750/750-3000/3000+ (Stratified by team or pair average)
- Knockout Teams** Bracketed by average masterpoint holding of all members, Top Bracket may be handicapped
- Compact KO Teams** Teams limited to four members
- Mid-Chart Conventions:** OK in Flight A Sunday Swiss and Top Bracket of KO Events if **ALL** teams in the flight/bracket average 3000+MP



Rules of the Game

There are two topics I want to address: The use of the stop card and the proper use of the alert card. Both of these topics have been addressed before but I think they warrant attention again.

THE STOP CARD

Players should protect their rights and the opponent's by placing the stop card on the table, prior to making any subsequent bid that skips one or more levels of bidding. It should be placed so that LHO sees it (the skip bidder is responsible for gaining LHO's attention). The skip bid is made. The stop card is replaced in the bidding box. NOTE: If a player forgets to replace the stop card there is no penalty. It is each player's responsibility to maintain appropriate tempo including after a skip bid.

Note the stop card should be used (or not) consistently. Also, whether the opponents use a stop card or not, you should pause about 10 seconds (not appreciably more or less) after the skip bid before bidding.

Also, the stop card should not be used solely to draw your partner's attention to the fact that you are making a skip bid. The primary purpose of the stop card is to maintain an appropriate tempo in the bidding.

HOW TO ALERT/ANNOUNCE

There are proper ways to alert and announce the meaning of bids. It seems to me that when alerting or announcing you should assume that one of the opponents is hearing impaired and the other is sight impaired. The ACBL has made it clear in their alert procedures that **"It is the responsibility of the Alerter or Announcer to ensure that the opponents are aware that an Alert has been made."** <http://cdn.acbl.org/documentLibrary/play/AlertProcedures.pdf>

Using bidding boxes, an Alert is made by tapping an Alert card on the table or by tapping the Alert strip on the side of the bid box. In addition, the Alerter must say "Alert." <http://www.acbl.org/play/bidboxes.html>

HOW TO ASK ABOUT AN ALERT/ANNOUNCEMENT

The appropriate way to ask about an alert is to wait until it is your turn to bid and then say, "Please explain the alert." It is not appropriate to ask the meaning of an alert when it is not your turn to bid and it is not appropriate ask the meaning of a bid that is not alerted.

By asking a question before your partner bids, you may affect your partner's bid. For example, by asking out of turn, your opponents might suspect an unethical agreement that this means something special (like don't bid partner, I want to defend or whatever).

If a conventional bid was not alerted and you were damaged, the director will protect you. One reason why it is inappropriate to ask about an un-alerted bid is that the phrasing of such a question could convey unauthorized information. For example, unethical opponents could ask about a weak-two bid "Is that strong?" when they have 15+ HCP, ask "Is that weak/anemic/puny/etc.?" if they have 11-14 HCP, and ask no questions if they hold 0-10 HCP!

Also, you probably should not ask about alerted bids during the auction unless you intend to bid—sometimes the opponents may have some confusion over their conventions and your asking questions may help them. It is usually best to wait until the auction is over to ask about any alerted or conventional bids made by the opponents. Furthermore, you should ask questions then only when it is your turn to lead, after your partner makes a face-down lead and asks if you have any questions, or when it is your turn to play to the first trick.

-Larry Bertholf

Newer Players Page

THINGS TO REMEMBER AT THE REGIONAL:

1. Both you and your partner must have convention cards on the table, and they must be identical. Go over your cards before the game and make sure they're exactly alike.
2. Use the "stop" card before you make a skip bid.
3. Always wait 10 seconds after your right-hand opponent makes a skip bid. Your opponents have every right to call the director if you pass or bid too quickly after they jump the bidding level.
4. Always call the director for any irregularity. When you call the director, put your hand in the air and leave it there until the director finds you. If a caddy is nearby, you may ask him/her to locate a director for you.
5. Try your very best to count your cards, bid and play in a timely manner. You shouldn't take more than 10 seconds to make a call in a normal auction. A slow pass or bid often conveys illegal information to your partner and the director may be called if your opponents feel they've been damaged.
6. Be hospitable to opponents, especially out-of-towners. Remember you are representing the Albuquerque bridge community and we want our visitors to feel welcome and to return years into the future.
7. If you are a 199er and win your section, you will be awarded a ticket for a discount at the bookseller's booth. The tickets will be available at the Hospitality Desk.
8. If you need a partner, visit the Partnership Desk. You will find cards there to fill out indicating when you want to play, the number of masterpoints you have, and your telephone number. If you don't have a cell phone, you should plan to stay by the partnership desk ½ hour before the game begins so you can be located when a partner has been found.
9. Visit the Hospitality Desk if you have any questions about the tournament.
10. During the regional, expert bridge players give short seminars before the evening games. The Daily

Bulletin, copies of which you'll find in the hallway outside the playing room, will let you know who is speaking, and when and where.

11. Remember – do not discuss hands after you've played them. People at nearby tables may hear your comments. Unauthorized information gained by overhearing the next table's hand analysis, e.g., ("6NT is a lock, ""we should have bid 4 spades, ""how much is that, 1430? ") should be reported to the director. It is unethical to take advantage of such remarks and the director will help you recover, as well as caution or perhaps sanction the garrulous blabbermouth.

12. Above all, enjoy yourself. There are delicious snacks served during each game, new people to meet, and inevitably, new things to learn about bridge.

-Susy Law

PROFILE - FELICITY MOORE

Felicity, from the Latin Felicitas, means happiness, while the name Felix from a Roman cognomen, means lucky or successful in Latin. The Felix Felicis is the name of a lucky potion in the Harry Potter books. Her decks are stacked - not to mention the fact that she was born on Christmas Day. With her distinctive British accent, Felix speaks fondly of her years in Jamaica, where she moved in 1973 and remained for 27 years. Trained in London as a radiotherapy technician, she ventured to the Caribbean along with a few of her classmates. It was in Kingston that she married her first husband, a Scotsman and CPA with three teenage children; he died suddenly five years later of a heart attack. Comfortably settled in Kingston, Felix filled a variety of positions over the years, from running a friend's art gallery, to managing a coffee shop, to being the sales rep for a cardboard box manufacturer. Her last 11-year position was with DHL. It was in the early 90s and DHL was one of the first to have e-mail in Jamaica. Unfortunately, Felix could e-mail very few people since this was totally new technology and the university was the only institution with this capability. Although the people of Jamaica were warm, kind and generous to her, and she had numerous friends, love struck in 2000. Felix left the island to join David Moore, a retired military employee from the US Embassy and a native New Mexican. They were married in 2002, partly to counter threats of deportation from the Immigration Service, as Felix only had a six-month tourist visa. This turn of events was provoked by her attempt to re-enter the US after her participation in the Bridge World Championship in Montreal, Canada. She was suspected of not just being a visitor. She now holds a US resident card, as well as both British and Jamaican passports. (The Moores divorced in 2012.) Felix's father was a "gentleman farmer" and raised cattle, hops, fruit and grains on a farm in County Kent, just south of London. Mr. Cronk (hence her former nickname "Cronkie") sold the farm and retired when Felix was 16 to indulge in his passion for local history. Her mother raised three children, Felicity being the eldest and only daughter. Sadly, Felix lost both her parents in 2008 as well as a brother last year. Felix discovered duplicate bridge in Jamaica and many of her accomplishments are in this realm, both as a player and as an administrator. A Sapphire Life

Master, Felicity admits to being competitive and playing to win. Points are a bonus. A member of the Jamaican team, Felix has also played on all continents except Australia. She acted as President of the Central America and Caribbean Bridge Federation for four years. She has organized bridge weekends at DCBC, sat on the unit board for 11 years, produced the regional bulletin and acted as chairperson for three sectionals per year for ten years. She also ran bridge camps for young people and taught bridge as part of an after-school program at Hayes Middle School. She resigned from the unit board early in 2016, but still serves the unit as our representative on the District 17 Board of Directors. Because she feels that it took her almost one year to feel integrated in the DCBC, Felix has taken measures to ensure that prospective or new members have a different experience. For example, she has provided her home phone number rather than that of the club on the ACBL website. A prompt, accurate and friendly response is hence at the end of the phone line. Felix enjoys reading and walks, and has collected art works all of her life. A people person, Felix detests pomposity and values a sense of humor in those she meets and frequents. Her own wit tinged with a touch of British sarcasm and hearty laughter is always at the ready. Even though she acts as club manager and directs at least three games per week, Felix finds time to return to visit her Jamaican friends and stepchildren as often as possible. As they say in Jamaica, don't flass, don't bruck out, be a good cumbulo and bless up. (Don't show off, don't misbehave, be a good friend and have a good day!).

-Louise Belanger

Membership Matters

RANK PROMOTIONS

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Nancy Blaugrund
Dick Goins
Diana Zavitz

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Marjorie Elson
Janet Davis
Jill Halverson
Kaye Hatch
Amy Henkel
Diann Messuri
Gary Van Valin

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

David Baglee
Robert Desjardin
Howard Friedman
Sylvia Koehler
Judith Reed
Bobbi Riemenschneider

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Heather Harwick
Nevin Harwick
Susan Sackinger
Leonie Wellman
Kenneth Wood

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NEW ADVANCED NABC MASTERS

Steve Lockwood

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Ann Cole

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Bill Clithero
Randall Jones

NEW RUBY LIFE MASTERS

Charles Bryan
Christa Cooper

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Linda McDaniel
Kat Tiano

NEW EMERALD LIFE MASTERS

Karin Kelsey
Jerry Shinkle

NEW PLATINUM LIFE MASTERS

Bill Kass

NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Carter
Mary De Lopez
Steven Kessler
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Robert Mals
Claudine McAnelly
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UNIT GAMES SCHEDULE

Sunday games start at 1.30pm. All games are stratified and award enhanced masterpoints.

January

- 1: Pairs Championship
- 8: BAM Teams
- 15: ACBL/Junior Fund Pairs
- 22: Regional Tournament
- 29: GNT Qualifier

February

- 5: Pairs Championship
- 12: Pairs Championship
- 19: GNT Qualifier
- 26: NM STaC Pairs

March

- 5: Pairs Championship
- 12: Mixed Pairs
- 19: Pairs Championship
- 26: GNT Qualifier

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