

President's Update for 2016-2018

Aloha KBC Members!

I want to summarize the activities of the KBC for the period during my term as President from September 2016 to September 2018. I have had the privilege to serve with a wonderful group of people who are comprised of the KBC Board of Directors, Co-Managers, game Directors, as well as supportive club members. I will list some of the highlights that have been accomplished to improve the KBC in terms of programs, policies, purchases, and education.

- Initiated a 199er Section once a week to encourage new players.
- Continued to conduct beginning bridge classes.
- Initiated Intermediate bridge classes.
- Supported the ongoing adherence to ACBL's Zero Tolerance policy.
- Addressed the shortage of directors through changes to compensation of directors.
- Initiated compensation to members and directors who prepare duplicate boards.
- Refined the Financial Spread Sheet to account for all income and expenses.
- Continued to hold annual AED training for the membership.
- Supported the Sectionals, Holiday Games, and Unit games at Mauna Kea.
- Continued with special event functions for holidays prior to club games.
- Promoted charity games at the KBC and brought in outside speakers.
- Replaced Bridge Pads with Bridge Mates to improve the bridge game experience.
- Purchased playing cards and bidding cards on a regular basis.
- Continued to provide cards and flowers for KBC members who were ill.
- Continued to provide birthday coupons and celebrations each month.
- Upgraded the dealing machine to improve efficiency of preparing duplicate boards.
- Enhanced the interior of the Bridge Building with painting, repairs, and pest control.
- Initiated a Face Book page for KBC.
- Continued to submit bridge results each month to the local newspaper for publication.
- Revised partnership policy to have members deal directly with each other for play dates.
- Developed policies for Directors to deal with cell phone usage and slow play.
- Approved purchase of an enhanced software program for the KBC web page.
- Initiated a Finance Committee to review income/expenditures and make recommendations to the KBC Board of Directors.

Beverly Jefferson, President of Kona Bridge Club
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