

**District 11 Round Table Discussion
Fairborn, OH Regional**

8 SEP 2017

Attendees: Steve Moese (124), Angie Smith and Kit Overpeck (117), John Nichols, Liz Brown, Maribeth Ransel (130), Terrell and Sondra Holt (164), Lorrie Herner (136), Joyce Penn (Meeting Chair – 122), Cheryl Schneider and Joe Ornett (122).

Next Steps –

- 1) Everyone to get their teacher contact information to Steve Moese before 9/22/2017
- 2) The District will discuss the feasibility of subsidizing (by Unit) the cost of a TAP Course at an upcoming Regional.
- 3) Maribeth will contact the Pianola representative to arrange a seminar for Unit and District leaders at the Louisville Regional (the next roundtable). Robert Heller, President, ACBL BoD will attend the Louisville Regional in November.
- 4) The Indianapolis Regional will host a roundtable for tournament chairs/coordinators to work on Current Best Approach.

Notes:

Joyce shared her experience with her first teacher and how she brought new players into the game we discussed that importance of propriety and politeness – and how sarcasm, condescension and ridicule drives potential new players from our game. The role of the first teacher is critical to bring new players into our game

We discussed how learning rubber bridge and playing Homestyle Games are a great way to get new players playing right away. We also discussed how supervised games are a very popular way for new and early learners can hone their skills with active coaching in a constructive/supportive environment.

John Nichols shared his experience running rubber bridge tournaments for social organizations. ACBLScore can convert point differences into Victory Points so players can compete for Master Points. Are we tuned into rubber bridge play in our areas? Do we know who are playing social bridge?

We discussed the pros and cons of the TAP Course and other certification sources. We discussed looking into having Units and the District subsidize Tap Costs. The TAP Course costs \$1700 flat fee for all in attendance. Unit approved teachers could take the course funded in part by their unit. The District Board will consider this idea to gauge demand and feasibility. The benefit is to have a cadre of well-trained people handling first touches of new recruits/players.

We discussed the need to get contact information for all teachers, not just accredited teachers, so that the first contact/point people have access to the resources provided by the ACBL.

Terrell mentioned that the ACBL has done a webinar on Pianola so they will not be sending reps to us. Maribeth mentioned that she is in contact with Pianola and they would be happy to present to us. Need to understand pricing and when we all have to pay.

Maribeth requested we create a tournament chair forum for D11 so we can talk CBAs and issues together. Shared learning. Regional and Sectional Chairs. Propose Indianapolis.

Cheryl talked about newbies play a barometer teaching game. 3 hands then discussion. People enjoy it. Master Points.

Templates from the ACBL can be given to people who want to recruit their friends. Nice to give ACBL Bridge Bulletins to prospects.

Best Practices book – put it on the website! Teachers “Apple Basket” of ideas that worked with students.

Ollie Osher – Lifelong learning service from Universities – Overwhelming demand in Cincinnati first time (wait list past the 24 class limit). Class run at bridge club. Lexington has run 2 Ollie Osher classes. Need to work on retention.

Submitted Respectfully for the Attendees,
Steve Moese