

Unit 234 News February 2012

Announcing New Unit 234 Website



www.acblunit234.org

The unit board of directors has felt for many months that a usable website would be an effective means of communication with our unit members. Pat Lombardi investigated several possibilities and has created a website that should be helpful to our unit clubs and to all our unit members. The Home page gives interested visitors to the site an idea of what NE KS Unit 234 is and does. There are pages available for the use of unit clubs with the possibility of maps, schedules, calendars and options for photos, game results and announcements. There is a Learning Tools page, a page for unit news and documents and a unit photo gallery. Notice there is a blog option where you can each leave comments and all of us can carry on a conversation. Shortly, there will be a way to opt-in for electronic notification of all unit news and announcements.

We hope you will enjoy many of the features. We're very excited for you to see it. Please let us know what you like and suggestions for improvements and additions by using the Blog page or Contact Us form. We look forward to hearing from you. Send bridge photos to Pat Lombardi nubble48@gmail.com

A great big Thank You to...

LOTS of volunteers – especially to those we may have missed in the list below. Thanks to: Marilyn Martin and her two grandsons, Jean Khatib and Judy Bevan for taking care of the hospitality supplies and room; Becky Mullins for creating the welcome poster and the door prize registration sign; Elle Patton for the map of area restaurants; all those who made homemade treats: Virginia Seaver, Judy Bevan, Lester Dalton, Liz Gilman, Marilyn Martin, Elle Patton, Elizabeth Jankord, Florene Creek, Barbara Haverty, Judy Hildreth, Emily Foster, Linda Schottler, Virginia Hamilton, V'Anne Desch, Pat Lechtenberg and a number of others whose names we didn't get on the list (please let us know if we missed you – we want to say thank you); Carol Ball and Shari Krentzel for finding partners; Grant Sutton, Paul Heitzman, Steve Vossler, Ed Howard and Craig Huneke who helped with transporting tables and setting up the game room; Pat Lombardi who secured tournament sanction and director assignment; all the board members who welcomed, greeted and filled in where needed. And, thanks to all who came to play in the tournament and to Larry Brobst, our DIC.

Jerry Sloan and Shari Krentzel

Tournament Co-Chairs

Unit Board Meeting Summary

The Unit Board met on Wednesday, February 22. Judy Bevan, Liz Gilman, Pat Lechtenberg, Pat Lombardi, Jim Masilamani and Jerry Sloan were present with Shari Krentzel on speaker phone = quorum. Lester Dalton, Judy Hildreth, Lois Jones and Jana Goodman were absent.

The Free State Winter Sectional hosted 203 tables with 823.50 total masterpoints earned by 204 players. Attendees included players from our unit clubs, Wichita, Colby, Emporia and the Kansas City area. Many players commented positively on the tournament mentioning especially the homemade goodies that were served. The unit cleared a bit over \$1700.

The board approved the new website created by Pat Lombardi encourages all unit clubs to use it. Training will be provided for club managers who request it.

There will be a youth bridge camp in Illinois this summer and the unit will pay the camp fee for up to two students.

A Policy and Procedures Manual is being developed for the unit board. Board members are in the process of discussing the various sections via email and the final draft will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

The Nominating Committee Chair, Lester Dalton, reported that Polly Schoning and Jean Khatib will serve on the committee. The deadline for nominations is April 1. Contact a member of the committee to submit nominations. The election of unit board members will be at the annual meeting and election on June 30 in Topeka.

Lester Dalton 913-727-2930
Polly Schoning 785-456-2717
Jean Khatib 785-840-0957

Unit 234 offers two scholarships

Unit 233 is holding **Youth Bridge Camp 2012** at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville, Illinois www.lakewilliamson.org (near St. Louis) June 24 through June 30. Our unit will reimburse children or grandchildren of unit 234 members for the full camper fee of \$293 on completion of the camp. A non-refundable deposit of \$33 is due along with the completed application form, emergency contact, two-page health form and ACBL Consent and Release form as soon as possible. The remainder of the camp fee must be postmarked no later than June 16, 2012. Students need have no bridge experience and must be entering the 6th through 10th grades in the 2012-2013 school year. This offer is on a first come basis. Contact unit secretary, Pat Lechtenberg, for more details and forms plek10berg@aol.com or 785-842-1992. Parents are responsible for transportation and any incidental expenses.

Sunflower Summer Regional Volunteers Needed

- Photographers
- Editor and writers for daily bulletin
- Truck and strong backs to transport supplies
- Willing hands to set up and take down
- Promoters of the event
- Lots of bridge players
- Partners on standby

Sunflower Summer Regional Bridge Tournament



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