

Highlights of CBF Board Meetings - May 23 - 25, 2007

- CBF Memberships continue to decrease. In 2006 only 48% of ACBL members, paid CBF membership fees. The CBF Board of Directors is investigating "Affinity Programs" for paid up CBF members.
- Our websites will be upgraded to a CMS (content management system). We also hope to get links set up on our website to Canadian tournament results and to "Find a Club". We will be setting up a section where we interview a player from the Canada Top 100 list each month. The person interviewed will be asked to submit an interesting hand.
- No changes were made to the CBF STAC or the CBF Rookie-Master Games. The CBF is always looking for volunteers to do the hand analysis for the Rookie-Master games. If you are willing to help out, please contact Janice Anderson.
- CBF International Fund Regionals: 2008 Victoria, BC March 24 - 30 In 2009 we are exploring sites in Zone III and for 2010 we are investigating sites in Zone V.
- CBF had 60 new screens made. These screens were very well received in Winnipeg. Shipping costs will be considerably higher with the new screens.
- Nader Hanna was appointed CBF Junior Manager. Nader will be working over the next few months to identify potential players and formalize team selection for 2008.
- Future Bridge Weeks planned are:
 - 2008 - Montreal, QC May 24 - 31, 2008 Hilton Airport Hotel
 - 2009 - Penticton, BC June 6 - 13, 2009 Penticton Lakeside Resort
 - 2010 - Tentatively planned for Moncton, NB May 29 - June 5, 2010
 - 2011 - looking for a location in Zone V
 - 2012 - looking for a location in Zone III
- No changes were made to either the Canadian Imp Pairs or the Canadian Senior Team Championship. It is noted that in 2008, the cut off age for Seniors will be 59.
- International Subsidies will now be based on the formula:
 - Base Amount + Actual Entry Fee + remaining subsidy funds allocated on share of NF surtaxes
 - Example: \$7000 + \$3500 US +
 - Open would get 47% remaining funds (22 teams - \$5800 surtax)
 - Women would get 28% remaining funds (14 teams - \$3400 surtax)
 - Senior would get 25% remaining funds (16 teams - \$3100 surtax)
- All NPCs (including the Junior NPCs) will be asked, where practical, to provide frequent updates and reports from the site of the International competition to our CBF website.
- When Canada is invited to send teams to other world tournaments, we will offer the spot to the current champion as long as three original members will attend. If this does not come up with a team then the 2nd place team will be asked - again requires three original. If this fails to come up with a team we will decline the invitation. There will be no CBF financial support for these extra tournaments.
- Any team representing or playing under the name of Canada, must be approved by the CBF.
- Mike Hartop was re-elected as CBF President for 2007-2008. Francis Gaudino was re-elected as CBF Vice President for 2007-2008.