

Regional Director's Report – March 2025

ACBL Community Club

It is vitally important to the future of our game that we support our local face-to-face clubs. They are the source of new ACBL members and without the support of local players and the ACBL, they often struggle to survive.

The only bridge clubs awarding gold, silver and red points are face-to-face club games and online games played in the ACBL Community Club. Even more important is the fact that all club games played in the Community Club return a portion of the entry fee to the face-to-face club where a player has been recruited or plays.

Last month \$42,000 of the collected \$48,000 was returned to face-to-face clubs around the ACBL, so when you play in the Community Club you are not only getting terrific masterpoint awards and glitter points, but you are also supporting your face-to-face club.

Check out the ACBL Community Club at this link:

<https://www.acbl.org/portfolio/community-club/>

Ditch-a-Saurus

Bronia Jenkins at the ACBL is launching “Ditch-a-Saurus” at the upcoming Memphis NABC this month.

Long overdue, the Board has approved an investment of about \$70,000 this year with another \$70,000 next year to fund “Ditch-a-Saurus”. The program will bring our NABCs into the 21st century. Instead of paper things hanging on the wall there will be screens that will tell swiss teams their next assignment, pair games their recaps and new laser printers instead of the old dot matrix printers.

If you want a personal score sheet after the games, there will be a kiosk where you can enter your ACBL number and get a printout of all the boards and your results.

This exciting new technology will only be available at NABCs this year, but in the works is a list of items that our districts may purchase to provide the same experience to our players at regional tournaments in the future.