

MANAGEMENT REPORT
MAY 2008

To: ACBL Board of Directors

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1. **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership in May continued the upward trend and 2008 promises to be very strong. We are 1,844 ahead of May 2007. Year-to-date we have gained 1,238 members. Additionally we have 5,419 new members in the first five months. That puts us on a track to be well over 12,000 new members for the year.

<http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/May08Membership.pdf>

2. **TOURNAMENT DIVISION:**

Tournament tables have one common thread thus far this year. All have a small decrease in tables per tournament. The upside is that those averages are very strong when compared to years other than 2007. While the price of gas will have some affect, we believe 2008 will be a strong year, slightly under or equal to 2007.

http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/May2007_2008TC.pdf

3. **CLUB MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER:**

The 2008 spring edition of the Club Manager's Newsletter has been posted on the club page of our web site and attached below.

<http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Club Managers spring 08.pdf>

4. **EDUCATION:**

New Member Newsletter: The second issue of the New Member Newsletter is ready to be printed. It will be mailed the first week in July to the people who joined ACBL from January 1 through March 31, 2008. At that time, new members who joined from April 1 through June 30 will receive their first issue of the newsletter.

The ACBL Bridge Series: We are continuing the update of the ACBL teaching products and support material. Prior to the start of the Summer NABC, the fourth teacher manual, *More Commonly Used Conventions in the 21st Century*, will be available online for free download along with the manuals for *Bidding in the 21st Century*, *Play of the Hand in the 21st Century* and *Defense in the 21st Century*. The teacher manual for *Commonly Used Conventions in the 21st Century* will be posted before the end of the year. The Editorial Department has prepared a review of the updated materials for the July Bridge Bulletin.

5. **ELECTION UPDATE:**

[http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Election chart.pdf](http://web2.acbl.org/bb/BOD/Election%20chart.pdf)

6. **LEGAL:**

There has been no activity regarding any litigation.

7. **JOURNAL DEADLINE:**

June 13th is the deadline for the Las Vegas journal.

8. **HEALTH ISSUES:**

Some key personnel are out of the office due to health issues that has caused us to adjust some normal dates for reporting financial data. We will make every effort to get that up to date in June.