

## **AUGUST BRIDGE DECK CLUB NEWS**

The summer STaC game week starts on July 31, so silver points will be available at our club on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of that week. STaC fees are \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members of the Bridge Deck Club.

Extra points, but with no extra costs can be earned during the North American Qualifier games on August 7, 9, 11 and then again on August 21, 23, and 25.

The calendar also includes 3 club charity games on August 14, 16, and 18 so there will be numerous chances to earn extra points with no extra fees. The club is paying the extra ACBL fees as a thank-you to our devoted members.

### **New Room at the ELKS**

Our new location is a nice improvement over our previous space. We are able to leave the guide cards and Bridge Mates on the tables. Richard Price has reinstalled his off the table holders for coffee cups and bidding boxes. The computers and printer can be left on the director's table. The convention cards and pencils are on a separate table. The coffee maker can be left on the galley countertop along with sugars and creamers. The cabinet that holds the Bridge boards is conveniently near the director's table. We now have a large TV that displays the time remaining in the rounds and displays the results at the end of the game.

We had an unusual visitor on our first two days in our new location, a black bear came by looking not for masterpoints, but more likely for some of Pat Johnson's marvelous cake. The bear seemed quite friendly, but no one opened the door for him. And yet we call ourselves a friendly club!

### **Director Beth Stephens**

Beth Stephens has returned from her summer vacation. She visited family members and also various Bridge friends including a stop with Ram and Gomi Ramachandran at their home in Canada. Then she took a 2-day train trip to Churchill, Manitoba in the far north of Canada to see the Northern lights in the sky and Beluga whales in the Hudson Bay. Beth will resume her directing duties on Fridays.





