

Dear Members of Unit 159.

We had a very successful Board Meeting Friday, April 10th where we discussed many ways to try and enhance the game for your enjoyment.

March participation.

I would like to recognize Bill Hickman for participating in all 18 sessions during the month! Bob, Chuck, Gustavo with 13,12,11 respectively, followed by CJ, Nancy W, Peggy, Edgar, Renee, Russel with 10 participations. Thank you very much for your support.

Membership meeting.

We will be having a Special Membership Meeting on Saturday **May 30th at 11:30**. We are recommending changes to the Bylaws and must have five full tables for a quorum. We will have our lesson on Saturday at 10:30 and the game will follow after a brief meeting. The Saturday 499er game will still occur and we need to have our normal signup as well as for additional tables in the "open" game. Both games will still start at 12:00. Agenda is attached. Please join us.

Hi-Lo games going forward.

We are seeing a steady decline in participation to these Sunday games and would like to ask you for comments in regards to your feelings about the game. Are in interested? Too many games? Different partners? Prefer my regular partner? Renee, Lorraine and Scott are forming a committee looking for ways to incentivize attendance. Let us know.

Donations.

Once again thank you for your donations. We received \$2000, which, in part, will help allay the cost of the new carpet. Thank you Billie, Helen, Anonymous.

Carpet.

After reviewing the quotes, a decision was made to replace the carpet. Our intent is to have it done on May 2nd-4th coinciding with the LC tournament. We should be ready to continue play on Tuesday May 5th.

Health & Hygiene

A reminder to please avoid wetting fingers before handling cards. We understand this may be a habit for some of us, but it is not sanitary. Thank you for your cooperation.

Financials.

We recently posted the bank statement and year-to-date financials for your review. For the first three months of the year, excluding donations, we averaged \$2,844 in revenue and \$2,859 in expenses. This includes the February tournament, which generated a net of \$816 and does not include the water heater expense of \$1,275.

Sectional Tournament

The Board recommended to suspend the September Sectional. We need greater member participation in key roles such as Chair, Hospitality, and Partnership. In February Table income was \$2,384, with expenses totaling approximately 65% of revenue. As an alternative, we are exploring hosting a Club Championship Sunday fundraising game. Topic will be presented at Membership meeting.

Cleaning Up

Our cleaning service is only onsite twice a week, so we all share responsibility for keeping the space tidy. Please take a moment at the end of each game to dispose of glasses, napkins, plates, and other items. Thank you for your cooperation.

Snacks

Snacks are always appreciated during games, but currently the same few members are providing them. The club does not supply snacks, so we encourage everyone to contribute occasionally. Thank you for helping share the load.

As always, feel free to suggest topics you'd like included in future updates. There is a suggestion box at the end of the front room.

We look forward to seeing you at the tables!

Gustavo