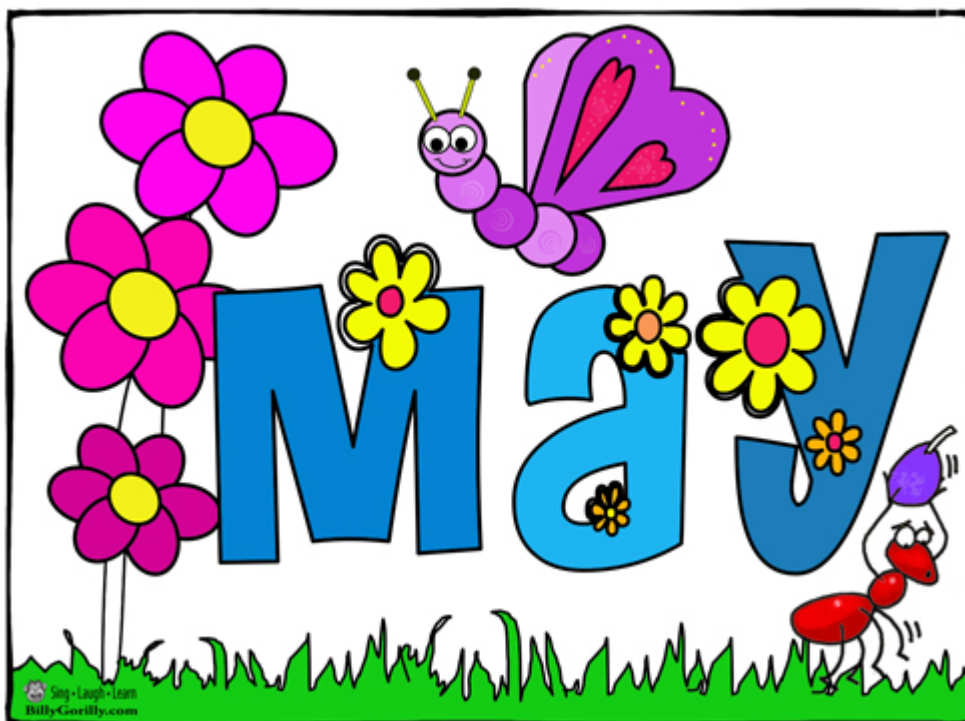




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HBC NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2023

Once the pandemic set in, you heard from past presidents, Trevor Reeves and Felix Springer, and me that basic monthly operational results often run with a \$1,000-\$2,000 loss. Although that is not to be trivialized, there is some good news!! Because of generous contributions from members and the Town of West Hartford grant, which since 2/29/20 together total about \$48,000, our cash on hand as of 3/31/23 is \$8,000-\$9,000 higher than as of 2/29/20, the last full month before we, like so many other businesses and organizations, temporarily closed due to the pandemic. Not bad for the oldest continuously operating bridge club in this nation!! In fact, pretty darn good!! A credit to all of us!!

Because future contributions/donations are an unknown and our table count is still appreciably below pre-pandemic levels, the water before us still is not calm and will require dedicated navigation. For example, our lease for 19A Andover Drive is up for renewal as of the end of November, and we will need to negotiate with a new landlord entity. The Board has been and will continue to investigate our options, as necessary.

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1. About six weeks ago John Pelegano and I achieved an 86% result in the Wednesday afternoon online 0-750 game. We still hardly believe it. That set a "personal best" for each of us. So, what's the point? We each can strive for and/or achieve new "personal bests," and the best way to do that is to play frequently in club face-to-face and online games. And, when you achieve a new "personal best" we will applaud you (even if for one round it is at our expense).
2. Beginner lessons commence on Wednesday June 21, and you can help! Please refer to our website, our flyer and/or our recent HBC News e-mail for details.
3. We reintroduced the mentor/mentee program last fall and have recently announced a continuation. If interested, please refer to the web site (or contact John Calderbank or Mary Sullivan) for further information.
4. New games have been introduced for May—more opportunities to improve your bidding and play prowess!! Wednesday afternoon will feature a new 0-20 online game beginning at 2:15 p. m. And yes, indeed, we are introducing an afternoon in-house open game!! This will take place each Friday afternoon at 12:45 p. m., and it is a combined game so that open game players are awarded extra master points based on the participation level in the Friday afternoon 0-750 game that starts at 12:30 p. m.
5. All existing (pre-May 1) games remain intact, but to pique your interest, some limit games now have a higher master point ceiling: Now 1,500 for the Monday afternoon in-house game, 750 for the Monday night online game, and 1,000 for the Tuesday night online game.
6. Arrangements for CPR and AED training via the West Hartford Fire Department have been finalized. Fifteen HBC members will gather on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 23rd for the training session. This is not a CPR certification process but, rather, a thorough "hands on" lesson introducing the steps to be taken in the event of a cardiac emergency followed by the use of our AED machine. We are fortunate to have so many of our colleagues volunteer to learn these life saving techniques as it is estimated that more than 75% of those experiencing cardiac arrest will not survive the wait for emergency medical teams. Although we hope we never have to use such measures, it is best to be prepared!
7. The Club continues to follow the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Town of West Hartford.
8. Finally, the week of May 8-14 offers extra masterpoints for all in-house and online games, other than supervised novice. There is an extra charge of \$1.00 per person.

Salvo of the month: If we believe and persist long and hard enough, we will arrive in a comfortable harbor.

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