

Dear Members,

Our fiscal year closed on September 30 and I am pleased to report that it was a very good year.

*Our financial position remains strong with over a full year's operating costs on hand. We hope to never have to face another pandemic-type crisis but if something does occur, we are well-prepared to deal with it.

*The number of face-to-face tables increased 5% over last year. While this is a good result in itself, it isn't the full story. The tables played at local private clubs where we direct games decreased by 100 but, more importantly, the tables played at VBBC increased by 400 (or 8%) to 5,450 tables.

*Membership grew from 694 last year to its present level of 739.

*Major projects to renovate and upgrade both the exterior and interior were completed. We hope you like the changes and fresh look.

Our success as one of the finest bridge clubs in the country stems from the efforts of many people. Thanks go to Jan and George for their initiatives to increase membership and play while also keeping our costs under control. In addition, thanks to the rest of the staff, to the many volunteers for their efforts and to our generous donors for their continued financial support. This commitment is what makes the Vero Beach Bridge Club a great place to visit, learn and play. Thanks.

The upcoming "season" will be a busy one. Barbara Seagram will be returning on January 13 and 20. Robert Todd will be presenting on February 24 and Andy Avery will be here on March 4 and 11. Sectional tournaments are scheduled for December 5-7, January 30 - February 1, and April 10-12. In addition, we are going to have a Non-Life Master Regional tournament at which gold points will be awarded on March 17-19. An exciting schedule - mark your calendars!

Your playing support is crucial to the continued success of the Vero Beach Bridge Club - play more bridge, have more fun!

Play well,
Denis