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The *KDBC*

Board Update

Regional Tournament Chair!

We are accepting proposals for the position of Regional Tournament Chair. Tournament will be held May 12th-18th 2020. Applications are due Dec 7th, please include expectations for remuneration

Partnerships:

When looking for partnerships please do not phone or text our partnership coordinator directly. Phone the club and leave a message on the machine, you will be contacted when a partner has been arranged for you.

SLOW PLAY

Slow play continues to be an evergreen issue within our club and has generated a number of complaints to the Board. The Board recognizes the need to maintain a balance between providing a relatively relaxed social atmosphere for those players for whom that is a priority, and preserving a healthy pace for players more interested in fair competition. Games with frequent delays or that extend too long, may pose concerns for some players whose concentration, energy or physical comfort may wane. Lengthy waits can reduce enjoyment and may lead to annoying late plays or in some cases, boards not being played at all. Moreover, simple fairness dictates that none of us are entitled to more time than anyone else.

At its November meeting, the Board voted *unanimously* in favour of requiring all Directors to more actively monitor the pace of the game, identifying slow tables early, issuing calls to catch up and generally taking action early before problems get out of hand. **Please treat the Director's intervention with respect and compliance remembering that he/she is only following club policy.**

The current time allotted per round appears to facilitate friendly exchanges and is comfortable for the vast majority of our membership. However, there are some practices and tendencies that can unduly slow things down and thus occasionally the Directors will be making a pre-game announcement designed to discourage them.

Ultimately, the resolution of slow play concerns will rely on our collective good will and cooperation and there is surely an abundance of both among our membership.

Sale of Bottled Water to be Discontinued

The results of the vote are in and 67% voted to stop selling bottled water.

The jugs in the fridge are filled from the filtered water tap, please feel free to fill your glass from either the jugs or the filtered water tap.

\$80 Pre-Paid Pass

Please remember to bring your Pre-Paid pass with you when you come to play and present it at the Collection desk as you enter.

Mentor Night!

Any member with less than 500 MP's who would like to play with a more experienced player is welcome to our Mentor Night, first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

2019 Memberships

When renewing your membership for 2019 we ask that you fill out a membership form with your name and information and check off your preferences for being on the partnership list and/or receiving newsletters.

Please make sure you hand in the form when submitting your membership fees.

Thank you.

Upcoming Kingston Tournaments:

Kingston Sectional Tournament

Jan 25th-27th, 2019

Portuguese Cultural Centre

959 Division Street

Kingston Regional Tournament

May 12th -18th, 2020

TBD

Reminder about the Newcomer Pass and the disappearance of the I/N Pass

The Newcomer Pass is coming into effect January 1, 2019 (sales will start in December 2018). New members to the club who join with fewer than 50 MP's will be able to buy the Newcomer Pass for \$65 per month for their first 12 months of membership in the club. The Pass may be used for any I/N games and the 1st and 2nd Thursday night mentor games. When the Club advertises an I/N game, but offers an Open game only, the Newcomer Pass may be used by the passholder.

As with the Regular Pass, extra fees for STaC and other special games will apply.

- The existing \$65 I/N Pass will not be available after January 1, 2019
- The existing \$128 Regular Pass will continue to be offered
- New Club members who joined in 2018 who would have been eligible to buy the Newcomer Pass, will be allowed to buy and use the pass for 12 months starting January 1, 2019.
- You can continue to pay-as-you-play, either by cash at the door or with a pre-paid pass (10 regular games for \$80)