

## Unit 174 Update – May 2012

As announced at the Annual Meeting on April 15, the Unit has reached the Board's target level of around \$85,000 in liquid assets. In mid-2009, the Board began a plan to reduce liquid assets after the return of surplus funds from the 2009 NABC Committee over a period of 3 years.

The Board held a special planning session on May 14, to look forward for the next 12 months. Between the regular Board meeting of May 7, and this special meeting, policy decisions have been made as are listed below:

- Beginning in 2013, the June Sectionals will be held at the Marriott Westchase. The Lone Star Regional and the April and August Sectional Tournaments will continue at the Marriott. We now have contracts in place through 2018 for the four tournaments each year, holding future costs in check.
- Entry fees for the 2013 Lone Star Regional will be \$13 for all sessions. This is the first price increase since 2007. The plan is to keep Sectional Tournament entry fees constant for now.

The Board has selected a number of emphasis areas for the next 12 months as follows:

- Attract and retain members to increase Unit membership
- Enhance player's experience at tournaments
- Encourage bridge education and seminars
- Support Bridge in Schools
- Continue equipment enhancements
- Emphasize publicity and communications to members
- Maintain the Unit's history

As work is defined in each of these areas, the Board will communicate through the monthly Board minutes and through the Unit website. Feel free to contact any Board member with questions or comments.

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For Unit 174 Board of Directors

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