

*The Association of Old Crows
Billy Mitchell Chapter*

El Grito Del Cuervo
The Cry of The Crow



**PRESIDENT'S
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It is that time of the year when we all get the ballots in the mail from both AOC and BMC. At our last meeting the BoD endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Ron Poland for Regional Director. We encourage all Crows to support his candidacy to return to his current position and ask that everyone exercise their right to vote. In July, you will also see your BMC-AOC ballot and although the slate is not complete as I write this article, we already have to enough candidates to know that their will be lots of excellent choices as usual. It appears that two of the current BoD members will not be returning to the board so it will be an excellent opportunity to get some new blood on the BoD to help the new President lead the BMC into the future. I hope that we can get a record return of those ballots so please vote!

In your ballot this year there will also be our annual fundraiser for the Educational Foundation, Birdies for Charity. All of the monies will go to the Scholarships or Enlisted Tuition Grants that the foundation supports and is fully tax deductible. You might even win prizes if you are the lucky guesser of the number of birdies. I hope that everyone will mail it back with your ballot to support our Educational Foundation. Many thanks to Nancy Roberts for helping run that program.

We all need to congratulate Mr. Ron Poland on the excellent showing of the Billy Mitchell Chapter on the AOC awards this year. We also need to recognize the supervisors and excellent crows who took the time to nominate all of the deserving candidates. The BMC is now getting a large percentage of the nominees and therefore a large percentage of the winners. Thanks to all of you who nominated and congratulations to all the winners.

BMC – AOC President
Mark Ashton

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GAMES NIGHT STATUS REPORT FOR 11 JUNE 2005

We again had a great turnout of games night players for the optional social hour on **Saturday, 11 June 2005**, completely filling the Maverick Lounge at the Lackland Gateway Club. An even larger group joined us for optional dinner that featured, for the first time, a Mexican food buffet, as well as the usual soup and salad bar and iced tea and coffee.

This evening we welcomed back **Joe London** (recovering from a broken hand/wrist), as well as new players **Jan Cummins, Richard "Rich" Curtin** and **Eileen Self**.

The after-dinner desserts of chocolate-covered strawberries, brownies, cakes, candies, cookies and other goodies were provided this night by: **Ruby Aldrich, Shirley Price, Mary Ann Proctor, Helen Rauch, Liz Robbins** and **Teresa Rodriguez**.

BRIDGE (by **Fred Aldrich**). Another fun night of bridge, with 10 tables of competitive play. The play was a little slow this evening, and some of the players suggested that we may want to consider a timed limit for play. That idea would move play along, but would also take away the relaxing environment of play. We'll look into and evaluate the idea. Despite the delay in play, we all had a good time eating all the goodies and playing at our best level.

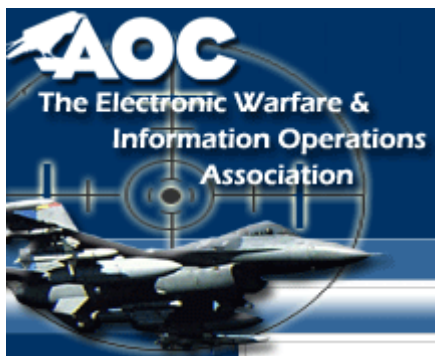
The winners for the evening were: **Emma Wright** (6090), **Jose Rodriguez** (5980), **Rich Curtin**, first night of play (5650), and **Alixé Wilson** (5630). The award for lowest score of the evening went to **Naida Kisinger** (2020). I'm hoping that more of those low scores get reported, since you at least get your dollar back, if you should be so unlucky. Heck, it's fun getting your name in print, for whatever reason, isn't it?

DOMINOES (by **Trish Ashton**). **Trish Ashton** (88) won the first game, with **Karen Cosgrove** coming in second. In game two, **Mary Ann Proctor** (77) easily beat the competition, in spite of often having the double blank in her hand. **Trish** was leading in a third, incomplete, game, when the evening's play was called because of time.

PINOCHLE (by **Bob Price** and **Anon Y Mous**). At one table of pinochle, **Audrey Trautman** (who usually plays bridge) graciously agreed to partner with **"Dak" Proctor** against a team of **Jim Daugherty & Mike Cosgrove**. **Jim & Mike** took the first game 583-354, while **Audrey & "Dak"** won the second game and were ahead in a third incomplete game. The "highlight" of the evening was **Audrey's** good hands and play. The "heartbreak" of the evening was **"Dak"** having the bid dropped on him while holding double Aces in each suit, but not having a marriage to make trumps; ergo, 100-plus points lost.

Pinochle at table two saw team **Bob & Shirley** taking on team **Mark Ashton & Joe London**. Three games were played. **Bob & Shirley** won two of the three games. The games won by **Bob & Shirley** were helped by 100 Aces and hands with lots of meld, such as 80 Kings in **Bob's** hand and 60 Queens in **Shirley's**. The one game won by **Mark & Joe** was hotly contested to the last hand played.

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AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The AOC has announced the individual award winners for 2005. The AOC recognized the outstanding work being accomplished by the Joint Information Operations Center, the Air Force Information Warfare Center and the 563rd Flying Training Squadron. We especially want to thank these organizations for their efforts to recognize those personnel supporting the advancement of all aspects of Information Operations. The Billy Mitchell Chapter can boast of eight award winners. This is the most awards the BMC has ever received. The award categories and their winners were:

Information Operations – Lt Tony Rodgers, USN

Communications – TSgt Kevin Hysell, USAF

Joint Service (USMC) – Maj Joel Sauer

Joint Service (Army) – Maj George McDonald

Joint Service (USN) – LCDR Michael Biddle

Operations – Maj William Dayton, USAF

Technical Analyst – SRA John Brady, USAF

Training – Capt David Eisenstein, USAF

In addition to the individual award categories, the AOC also recognized the long-standing support provided by BMC member and current President, Mark Ashton, by awarding him the Life Achievement Award. Mark has served on the National AOC board, been a member of the BMC board, served as Chairman of FIESTACROW and been a member of planning committee. His support is very much appreciated and the Life Achievement Award reflects that.

A special thanks to all the people submitted for awards. Keep up the great work and get ready to resubmit next year. The competition is always keen! Sincere congratulations to all the winners!

Ron Poland

BMC Award Chairman

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