

The Association of Old Crows
Billy Mitchell Chapter



El Grito Del Cuervo
The Cry of The Crow



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It is time to pass the baton again and you are currently making the choice to see who will accept that challenge. I hope that all of you will vote. There are a lot of people I have to thank and that I owe a lot to for these last two years. DAK and Mary Anne Proctor—you will always be the heart of and soul of BMC and I appreciate your guidance, friendship, and inspiration. Don Macaulay—your dedication to FC'05 and the wonderful team that you led so well has set the bar really high for FC'07 and I'm sure that Gary will do well with the excellent legacy you have left him. Bill and Marsha Ocain—You are a dynamic duo that have made this last two years easy and have made the management of this mission so much easier for me in so many ways. Sam and Nancy Roberts—Speaking of dynamic duos, I can't imagine trying to keep this Chapter on top without your dedication. Ron Poland—your leadership of the Region and representation on the AOC BoD as well as the best awards program any chapter could ever have make you one of the Chapters most valuable leaders. To each and every BoD member—thanks for the efforts you have put into our profession with only the accomplishment of our goals as your reward. Pat Gallogly—thanks for getting the Educational Foundation in such great shape during such trying personal times. We all miss Rose along with you, and I hope that you will be able to rejoin the leadership team at some point. The FC'05 Committee members and volunteers—you can be so proud that your FC will go down as one of the most successful ever, and I hope that all of you will come back. Milt Driggers and Bill Swart—your roles have changed but your influence on the BMC continues and we all hope that you will keep in touch. The commanders of the units who have taken the time to recognize their people with award nominations and made sure that BMC-AOC is always standing proud at the annual award ceremonies at the International Convention every year. To all the members of the BMC-AOC—I am confident that we have one of the finest chapters in the Association and that we are dedicated to the goals of the AOC and accomplish them better than most. It is my privilege to serve as your President and I am twice blessed since this is my second two-year term. Thanks for all of the support I have received and I hope that each of you will remain active in the goals of the AOC that I believe to be important to the defense of our freedoms around the world.

BMC – AOC President
Mark Ashton

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GAMES NIGHT STATUS REPORT FOR 13 AUGUST 2005

The turnout at both optional social hour and optional dinner continues to grow and we thank those that come early for their support. This evening we enjoyed a great Italian buffet that included soup and salad bar, coffee and iced tea and other trimmings. We welcomed back **Kay** and **Ron Weaver**, who have been traveling the last several months after **Ron's** retirement. Those who celebrated birthdays in August included **Bob** and **Shirley Price** and **Karen Cosgrove**. **Robert "Mike" Conley**, who really enjoys bridge, had to miss play because of illness; we wish him well in his recovery.

We appreciate the following for bringing the after-dinner desserts (brownies, cakes, candies, cookies and other goodies) we enjoyed during games play: **John Kelly, Mary Ann Proctor, Sherry Scheurich, Audrey Trautman and Kay Weaver**.

BRIDGE (by **Fred Aldrich**). Another week of fun bridge, with 10 tables competing for the honor of winning, and the prize money that goes along with it. It was an unusual night in that there were many big hands, and several small slam contracts bid and made. No grand slams were bid, but a few were made. **Gil Hintz** had one hand that contained 29 high card points, which means he had all of the Aces and three of the kings, along with other honor points. He and his partner went to a six bid, and made seven. It was a tough hand to bid seven, unless the partnership cue bid Aces and/or features of their hand. Oh well, the grand slam pot was quite small, so **Gil** and partner decided to hold off for a larger payoff in the future.

At the end of the evening's play, the winners were: **Freddie Edwards** (7430), **Billie Painter** (6950), **Audrey Trautman** (6590), **Sherry Scheurich** (6560), and **Sandy Templer** (6350). There were several other scores in the low 6000 or high 5000, which would have normally placed. The low score for the evening, which earned a return of her \$1 entry fee, was **Mary Hall**, with a score of 1740. We'll be back next month for some more competitive, yet fun bridge.

DOMINOES (by **Anon Y Mous**). The chickenfoot tile shufflers tonight were **Karen Cosgrove, Mary Ann Proctor, George Robbins, Kay Weaver** and **Alix Wilson**. The score sheets show **George** taking the first game with a low of 54 points (all others were in the triple digits). The second game was really close with **Kay** (96), **Karen** (98) and **George** (101) vying for the first place when evening's play ended.

PINOCHLE (by **Steve Bepko and Ron Weaver**). Well, games night on 13 August got off to its usual great start with a fine Italian dinner and great company. After the palate was satisfied, the games began and at table one of the pinochle games, "**Dak**" **Proctor & Mike Cosgrove** (team # 1) took on **Joe London & Ron Weaver** (team # 2). The first game started off pretty even with team 2 having a small lead of 153 to 127. But then, disaster hit "**Dak**" and **Mike** like a herd of turtles. First off, the bidding was dropped on them and they went set 51. Then **Joe** and **Ron** came back with a strong 45 meld and they increased their lead to 246 to 98. Not wanting to take the loss sitting down, team 1 proceeded to challenge team 2 with a 70 bid, but they came up short 2 points for another set. They followed this let down with a dropped bid and they went set an additional 50. The score now stood at 246 to 28. Team 2 continued to save meld of 55, 26 and 38 and the score jumped to 436 to 135 -- all they had to do was "coast out". However, the God of cards saw fit to not allow "**Dak**" and **Mike** to die on the vine. They immediately came back with three straight hands of 79, 93 and 90 but, unfortunately, **Joe** and **Ron** hung on with a save of 22 and then 53 to win the first game 511 to 397. As "**Dak**" stated, "Its difficult to win when you have three sets". With a winning streak started, **Joe** and **Ron** started game two with hands of 59 and 132, while "**Dak**" and **Mike** could only muster up 59 and 27. That is when **Ron** opened his mouth with a bid of 51 and was immediately set as he and **Joe** could not get on the board. The tide had changed and **Mike** and "**Dak**" jumped on this opportunity with hands totaling 79 and 74. The score then stood at **Mike** and "**Dak**" leading 354 to 290. That is when **Joe** and **Ron** lowered the boom. **Joe** had a double run in hearts and their meld totaled 168. The following hand, team 2 had a total of 80 points for a final game score of 569 to 402. With two games won under their belt, **Ron** and **Joe** decided that they would win all three games. However, "**Dak**" and **Mike** had other ideas and jumped to a 197 to 163 lead. Team 2 took a set of 50 and team 1 continued to add points as **Joe** and **Ron** struggled to find half decent cards. With "**Dak**" and **Mike** leading 365 to 286, the game ended due to the fact that the bridge folks had called it an evening. Thusly, the fearsome foursome closed down their table mumbling all the way out the door.

Pinochle at table two saw team **Bob & Shirley Price** taking on team **Jane & Steve Bepko**. The play was the most one-sided in many moons. No matter how **Jane & Steve** played during their two games with **Shirley & Bob**, everything came up ACES. For example, **Steve** started out with a double-run, then followed that up by having a hundred Aces (plus more meld) throughout the evening in every hand but two. Moreover, on three occasions, when **Jane** or **Steve** took the bid, the other partner had a run in the bid suit. It follows, that the **Bepko's** won both games and **Shirley & Bob** deserve a medal for being so graceful throughout the evening.

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2006 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the USAF Outstanding Airman Award. AFA would like to have someone from each "class year" attend the 2006 Outstanding Airmen banquet to represent their group and we are looking for contact information. If you are a former national Outstanding Airman Award recipient or have contact information for one of the Outstanding Airmen, please e-mail Susan Rubel @ srubel@afa.org or call 703-247-5842. Thank you!

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- Dec – BMC Christmas Party
- March – St. Patty’s day party
- April 2006 – Fiesta Infomacion (AFCEA)
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