

Simplified Operation of the Belton Bridge Center

The Belton Bridge Center (BBC) is a non-profit entity owned and operated by Unit 380 (the Unit) of the American Contract Bridge league (ACBL). Its primary purpose is to encourage contract bridge in the southern New Mexico. It is overseen by the Unit Board of Directors in compliance with Unit bylaws and in conjunction with ACBL rules and regulations. The BBC is financed by several means, primarily renting usage to the various game owners and running special bridge tournaments and special events. The BBC is also rented out upon occasion, primarily to two square dance clubs.

Each duplicate bridge game is overseen by a Director(s) who is responsible for enforcing rules as mandated by the ACBL. At this unit, the Director is usually the Club Owner and Manager, rolled into one. Complaints and questions concerning the conduct of games should be brought to the director's attention as they occur. The Club Manager is free to operate the club as he or she sees fit, as long as the operation of the ACBL sanctioned games fall within the limits prescribed by the ACBL (see "ACBL Club Director's Handbook", pp. 5 at ACBL.org). Technical rulings by the director may be appealed to a committee consisting of an odd number of the offending players' peers for adjudication. More serious complaints against a director should be directed to the ACBL. The only recourse that the Unit Board has against a deficient Game Owners is to cease renting the BBC to them.

Game owners pay rent to the Unit according to the number of players in attendance and have income depending upon attendance. Game owners are responsible for providing partners when requested, table set-up and providing snacks (except for drinks). The Unit supplies soft drinks and coffee as well as all supplies for all games. Tournaments and special events are sponsored by the Unit, which pays for all necessary directors and other expenses for these events. Square dancers and other users pay a fee for each event. All profits are retained by the Unit. These profits should roughly equal to expenses over any several year period. The following is the cash flow from 2017:

Cash on hand	12/31/2016 = \$19,800	12/31/2017 = \$15,257	
	Income	Expenses	Profit
Regular games	9,650	13,219	(3,569)
Sunday games	4,573	1,254	3,319
Saturday games	-	951	(951)
Spring Tournament	5,304	3,782	1,522
Non-bridge building rent	2,420	1,073	1,347
Other revenue	<u>1,388</u>	<u>2,568</u>	<u>(1,180)</u>
Balance for 2017	\$23,335	\$22,847	\$488

Major purchases in 2017; \$5,000 for parking lot sealing and remote scoring machines.