

President's Column

by David Campbell



Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain!" (*Wizard of Oz*, 1939)

Since January 1991 the American Cribbage Congress has had one person verify and certify new judges: **Al Miller** (Nashua NH). Al has certified 1,019 new judges to date. So if while playing cribbage at a tournament or your local club you need to call on a judge for a ruling, the odds are very good that the judges were certified by Al.

Most people outside of New England may not have had the pleasure of meeting Al, but he has held a major role for our organization for the last twenty-seven years. I am positive that I, and all former presidents, are thankful for the wonderful job Al has done for us all over the years.

Throughout the twenty-seven years of Al's service, the ACC incurred no cost, and no payment was ever paid to Al. The program paid for itself with a \$3 charge per test. The program ran flawlessly throughout his time as the judge tester.

Earlier this year Al asked if we could find him a replacement for this position. He said there was no rush but if you find

someone qualified definitely use them. As luck would have it, at the same time we were approached by **Sally Henderson** (Grand Rapids MI), offering to take over the program. The timing was perfect.

Starting January 1 Sally will become the chair of the judge testing program. She has created a test that you can take via the internet. The exact details are being finalized now, but I am positive it will run as flawless as it has for the last twenty-seven years under Al's watch. If you happen to see Al along the Tournament Trail, please take the time to thank him for his many years of service to our great organization.

Happy New Year! **CW**

ACC JUDGE TEST

Effective January 1, **Sally Henderson** (Grand Rapids MI) will be the new judge examiner, and we have set up a new online process for obtaining judge certification. If you would like to take the judge test, send email to **accjudgetest@gmail.com**, and Sally will send you an online link to the test. After you take the test, Sally will score the test and let you know the results. The cost for the test is \$3 (send to **paypal.me/acccribbage**).