

President's Column

by David Campbell



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. —Helen Keller

Last week I had the pleasure of helping run three tournaments in North Conway NH, the home of 2019's Grand National. During this time, I had the joy of watching what makes our organization so successful. Anyone who directs a tournament deserves praise from attendees. They do so not for an opportunity to make money (the ACC has a strict policy forbidding any director to profit from running a tournament). They run tournaments for the love of our great game and for the wonderful people they have met.

As any director knows, to have a successful tournament you need help. You need people to help set up, assist with seating, pass out cards, judge, cross-check cards, run satellite events, help clean up. Basically, you need help everywhere to be successful. We were lucky to have all of this and more at our recent tournaments, and I want to thank everyone who took the time to help in any way.

All of you reading this can also help in some way, whether you are at a sanctioned tourney or your weekly Grass Roots. Ask your club director if they need any help. At the end of the night help put cards and

boards away. This little task gets directors out of the building a few minutes earlier not having to do everything themselves.

For the ACC to be successful we all must also help. Last October in my first column I told you the things I envisioned happening over the next year or two. **New and improved website**—still in process, and we are hoping for an August 1 launch. **Automated reports**—a writable pdf of the tourney report is on the website. **Fully rewritten software**—hopefully complete in August. **28/29-pins**—now available, and many have received them. **Marketing**—still a top priority where we need everyone's help. **Full-color *Cribbage World***—accomplished and from all indications loved by all. **Directors Handbook**—nearing completion after the definition of random seating was decided on in the BOD meeting in March.

All these items will help the ACC run much more smoothly and are great starts to getting us current, but we still need each and everyone of you. At the start of Grass Roots season in September, invite a friend to check us out; after four weeks hopefully they decide to join us. This step alone, if done by many of you, will change our membership numbers more than anything else we can do. **CW**