

# President's Column

by David Campbell



*It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.*

—Harry S Truman

**D**uring my first year as president, I have learned that the ACC has three types of members. The first type is full of ideas. I heard probably ten ideas each week for the last fifty-two weeks. Of these five hundred ideas, some were great, and some quite frankly were crazy. It is okay to have an idea, but please think out the process with questions like: Can this currently be done? How much money will it cost? Does it benefit the ACC by (a) generating more revenue or (b) attracting new players? More important: be prepared to be the person who does the work needed for your idea to become reality.

What the ACC needs is *doers*. The second type of member is a doer but needs to be praised for everything they do. The third type is also a doer, and we have many people who do tons of work volunteering in positions for the ACC. You have no clue how important of a role they play in keeping monthly activities running. I have no problem with either set of doers. Having been in this position for a year I now have a much better understanding of what personalities I am dealing with. I personally like the quiet ones who do not need to be patted on the back for everything they do,

but we need all of the doers.

It is my responsibility to make sure that the ACC does not lose money, finds ways to attract new people, and—quite possibly most important—keeps new people after we get them in the door. I also need to find ways to put people in the best possible situation to succeed. A few years ago we raised dues because our membership was decreased and we were losing \$10K per year. We are neither losing money now nor increasing our funds, but we are in a much better place than a couple of years ago financially.

Finally, here is something that everyone can do to help the ACC. The Grass Roots season is about to restart all over the country. I have invented a new national holiday: September is now **BRING A FRIEND TO CRIBBAGE MONTH!** Here is what I want all of you to do: bring a friend to Grass Roots club during the month of September. Afterward, talk with this friend and see what they liked and did not like about Grass Roots. I want to know what they had to say about their evening, so please email me ([acccribbage@aol.com](mailto:acccribbage@aol.com)) or share the info on the ACC's Facebook page.

I hope to see many of you in Milwaukee at Grand National. Please introduce yourself or just say hello if you happen to see me throughout the week. **CW**