Are you using the On-line Partnership Desk?

Need a partner for any tournament events? Have you checked out the on-line Partnership Desk at the Unit 430 home page? If you aren't already using this, please take a look. It's the best way of getting in touch with others who are looking for a game, and finding a good partner.

Here's how to use it:

- Go to the home page (www.vancouverbridge.com). Near the top there will be a listing for upcoming tournaments. The Partnership Desk is opened up usually about 30 days before the event takes place.

- click on the link and open up a new page. At the top you can click on the flyer to figure out the events you want to play in.

- click on "Add my name to the partnership desk." You will be asked for your name and a password (the password is so you can revise your listing. Pick an easy number to remember--a lot of people use their ACBL number).

- add a note listing the events you want to play, contact information (people usually include an e-mail address or telephone number, or both), and something about yourself (masterpoints and preferred system are often listed) and maybe the kind of partner you're looking for (someone patient with newbies, maybe, or who likes to experiment with new gadgets or who likes pina coladas--okay maybe not that last bit). There's lots of space that you can use.

This is important: once you find a partner, then please go back and revise your listing. If you've found a partner for all of the games you wanted to play, delete the listing. Otherwise, revise it to target the events where you are still looking. (You'll need to remember your password to do this--if you've forgotten your password, then use the contact info on the website to get the webmaster to make the changes).

If you haven't done so yet, please give the Partnership Desk a try. (Feedback is always welcome. We want to get these resources working the best they possibly can for our members!)