

# Unit 255 Tournament Co-ordinator Report May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The attendance and associated financial results of U255 Tournaments for the past few years are shown below. Unit 255 has made \$72,610 from the tournaments since its formation in 2018.

<b>Unit 255 Tournaments Summary</b>															
<b>Year</b>	<b>Regional</b>			<b>Sectional</b>											
	<b>November</b>			<b>February</b>			<b>May</b>			<b>August</b>			<b>November</b>		
	Tables	%	\$	Tables	%	\$	Tables	%	\$	Tables	%	\$	Tables	%	\$
2004															
2005															
2017	1,166	6	12,314	355	4	2,345				113	(10)				
2018				252	(29)	(2,391)				97	(14)	1,231	268		5,024
2019	1,129	(3)	20,052	334	33	2,913	198		3,634	125	29	3,936			
2020				261	(22)	1,891			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>
2021			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>			<b>COVID</b>
2022	729	(35)	8,305			<b>COVID</b>	83	(58)	1,728	57	(54)	1,275			
2023	725	(1)	19,071	219	(16)	742	77	(7)	988	65	14	2,021			
2024				221	0	2,190									
2025															
2026															
2027															
2028															
<b>Total</b>			<b>47,428</b>			<b>5,345</b>			<b>6,350</b>			<b>8,463</b>			<b>5,024</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>72,610</b>												

Our financial success over the years have been as a result of having great Tournament Chairs for all our tournaments. These Chairs are/were Kathy Morrison, Wiebe Hoogland, Chandi Jayawardena, Muriel Tremblay and Cathy Williams. Additional savings were as a result of using local directors: Jerry Sme, Muriel Tremblay and Claude Tremblay who were willing to forgo the opportunity to play in these tournaments and saved thousands of dollars should we had use ACBL resources.

Shortly after COVID, we had to review all opportunities to either increase our revenue and/or reduce our expenses. For the revenue, we are fortunate to have Jacklyn Morrison from iA Private Wealth who sponsors our Regional and several Sectionals. In addition, this year we added Greg Sykes from the Remax Sykes Team who is now sponsoring our February tournament. On the expenses side, we reviewed every single expense and brought some more guidelines to assist our tournament chair.

With the purchase of all the equipment needed to run our tournaments, significant savings were also achieved.

## **Unit 255 Tournament Schedule**

In general, U255 will hold a Sectional in February (Open) at the Holiday Inn in St Catharines, June (750), August (750) and November (Open) at NOTL. We hold all our Regional in November and Sectional in February at the Holiday Inn in St Catharines. We have all our tournament sanctions approved up to 2031 inclusive except for our Regional in 2031.

We now have in place a contract with the Holiday Inn that covers all our Regionals until 2028 (incl) and our Sectionals until 2028. We were able to negotiate a much better deal for our Sectionals compared to our previous years and we now have a great room (Brock) to hold our hospitality.

## **Tournament Changes**

We plan to continue the use Local Directors to as many of our tournaments since we know that there are significant cost savings. This year we will request to use local directors for our Open Sectional in November. The May and August tournaments are run by local directors.

## **Claude Tremblay**