Welcome to the 2015 Christmas Party. If we use our traditional Howell movement, we must play 13 boards or 26 boards. Some have suggested that we do a 6.5 table Mitchell movement. This means that an EW player only competes against the 5 other EW teams an there will be a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place EW winner for the night. 7 pairs will stay stationary at their starting tables and only compete against the other NS teams. The score keeper will sit at table 6 and be labeled NS6. All teams will start round 1 as shown. NS1 and EW1 sit at table 1 playing boards 1-3. At the end of round 1, all EW teams move to the next higher numbered table and all boards are moved in the opposite direction. The EW teams will not have a sit-out round.

Table 1 Table 2 Table 3 Table 4 Table 5 Table 6 Table 7

Stationary NS1 NS2 NS3 NS4 NS5 NS6 NS7

Rnd 1 Boards 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-18 19-21 ==> EW1 EW2 EW3 EW4 EW5 EW6 Sit-out

Rnd 2 Boards 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-18 19-21 1-3 Sit-out EW1 EW2 EW3 EW4 EW5 EW6

Rnd 3 Boards 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-18 19-21 1-3 4-6 EW6 Sit-out EW1 EW2 EW3 EW4 EW5

Rnd 4 Boards 10-12 13-15 16-18 19-21 1-3 4-6 7-9 EW5 EW6 Sit-out EW1 EW2 EW3 EW4

Rnd 5 Boards 13-15 16-18 19-21 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 EW4 EW5 EW6 Sit-out EW1 EW2 EW3

Rnd 6 Boards 16-18 19-21 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 EW3 EW4 EW5 EW6 Sit-out EW1 EW2 Rnd 7 Boards 19-21 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-18 EW2 EW3 EW4 EW5 EW6 Sit-out EW1

I propose that we award 3 winning teams, each direction, at $3, $2, and $1. That leaves an extra buck. I propose that we qive it to the over all winner as determined by the ACBL computer program that we use each night. I have never set up a Mitchell movement, but I think it will be real easy because of the odd number of tables. All of the participants are of course also odd.