

REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- by Jan Gray

Spring is almost here and another year at the Regina Bridge Club is drawing to a close. It is hard for me to believe that my year as President is almost over. Thanks to all Club members for giving me the opportunity to take on this challenge and to learn more about the wide world of bridge!

The Board has been working hard and spending many hours to make our Club a place that is fun, energetic, and respectful of all members – one conducive to maximizing members' enjoyment of the great game to which many of us are addicted – in the very best sense of the word!!

One of the major initiatives the Board has been working on is the review and revision of the Club By-laws. This review has focused on updating and clarifying the language used in the document; updating the lists of communication techniques (e.g., deleting telex and adding email, etc.); and adding some new clauses which are reflective of the by-laws of the Canadian Bridge Federation. A document indicating the revisions will be available to Club members in late May and will be on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting in June – we're looking forward to your comments and suggestions.

NEW SATURDAY GAME

- Begins Saturday, April 17

1:00pm

Stratified Open Game

Strat A: >300

Strat B: 100 - 299

Strat C: 0 - 99

Saturday Evening Game is permanently cancelled.



BOUQUET

- by Irene Huber

We have just completed a successful tournament and many people deserve a thank you. First of all the members of the club were very generous with the donation of food. This was greatly appreciated by all. Several people helped with the work of providing hospitality. We couldn't have done it without them. Michelle Belisle deserves a special thanks, as she spend the whole of Sunday in the kitchen. Thanks also to those who helped her.

Thanks to the caddies who were new and learning the job. They certainly did a fine job. A final thank you to the directors who always make the tournament enjoyable for all.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2004

REGINA 199ER TOURNAMENT

May 21 - 23, 2004

Regina DBC

Schedule

Friday, May 21 1:00pm

Stratified Pairs

Friday, May 21 7:00pm

Stratified Pairs

Saturday, May 22 1 & 7 pm

Stratified Pairs

Sunday, May 23 10am & TBA

Stratified Swiss Teams

Separate 0-20 games each sessions when enough tables entered
Pick up a program at the club

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Saturday Game Survey Report

- Dow Cooney



Thanks to the 40 members who filled out the Saturday Game Survey. There was an equal split between afternoon and evening game preference. Just under half of the respondents preferred a stratified game structure, 22.5% voted for a 199er game, 3% preferred the over-100/under 100 format. At the March board meeting the executive voted to re-instate the Saturday game as a stratified afternoon session, 0 – 99, 100 – 299 and 300+. Another factor that led to the decision to re-instate a Saturday game was that Cal McLeod has agreed to direct on Saturday afternoons. Thanks, Cal, and thank you to all directors for your work at our club. Kick off for the revived Saturday game will be on April 17, 1 pm (of course, snacks are always a welcome donation!).

Some of those who filled out the survey offered other comments. It is always nice to learn what members would like to see implemented in the club. Thank you. The suggestions included:

1. Sunday Swiss team event as frequently as appropriate, ie, once a month or once every two months.
2. Sunday afternoon game during the winter.
3. Party style game: players bring snacks & drinks provided by club.
4. Decrease entry fees.
5. Start weeknight games at 7 pm.
6. Set up the game so that on one night it rotates 0-50 MPS, 0-100 MPS, 0-199 MPS

If other members have comments on these suggestions, please let us know your opinions. All feedback is welcome.

The Kehela Convention

- by Arnie Lind

Have you ever played a sport with teammates? I think some bridge players haven't.



I play a lot of doubles tennis, both mixed and unmixd, and the worst thing a partner can do to me during a match is to say, "Why did you make that shot?" or "Why did you hit the ball out?" This ruins the rest of the match and makes it difficult for me to play well. How much better it would have been to have said, "Tough shot," or "Good try" or give me a high-five. I know when I've made a mistake and I try not to repeat it or bring down my partner's game and cause more mistakes.

Unfortunately many bridge players never seem to have played on a team before. Have you ever curled or played baseball and had a teammate criticize your every shot or play? Does such a person find that they aren't asked to play on many teams? I try and bite my tongue when I see a mistake and when I make one I try not to beat myself up. I don't always succeed, but I keep trying. I wish I could always use the Kehela Convention.

Probably the greatest partnership in Canadian bridge has been Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela. June and I watched them at the Canadian Team Championships when they were in Regina. Not once did either one of them comment on a mistake or a bad bid. They never discussed the hand after the play but went on to the next one. Their only comments were positive: "Thank you partner," when the dummy came down, and "Well played" to partner or the opponents. This is the Kehela Convention. I'm sure they discussed each mistake after the session to see how they could improve. Too bad it is not used too often any more.

We should always act positive when dummy comes down. How often have you been playing and an opponent apologizes for a crappy dummy? When it happens I say to myself, "Oh, I think we can defeat this contract," but when Kenny Gee positively thanks dummy I say, "I guess he'll make it" and I give up.

Another thing I have to stop doing is giving unasked for advice to dummy, or worse, to my partner, "Why didn't you open 1 No Trump?" or "You don't play limit raises?" Also when the dummy comes down I have to refrain from saying, "Thank you partner," and adding, "but where is the hand you had when you were bidding."

Bridge is a sport and we should all remember that.



**Message from
the Game
Management Chair**
- by Irene Huber

Things are looking up at the club as we now have directors in training. This should make it possible to relieve some of us who direct most of the games. Let's make the new directors feel comfortable in their new role.

Please continue to come to the club on a regular basis and make the game as enjoyable as possible for all.

COTTAGE FOR SALE

This rustic cottage on Pasqua Lake is for sale at a bargain price. Constructed entirely of lovely yellow Venus HB pencils. It is a handyman's special and spare parts are available for free at the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club. 584-3443. Possession is immediate.

See page 8 for photo of cottage.



- by *Janice Anderson*

We recently received an email that asked about the various Special Games held at our club. I thought perhaps this might be the best place to answer that email.

NAOP (North American Open Pairs) This is an ACBL Wide Pairs event. Club qualifying games are held throughout June, July and August each year. The club games are stratified: A: >2000; B: <2000; C: nonLM with fewer than 500. Players in the top 50% qualify as individuals for the next level of play. If a Unit Level is required, the Unit game is held at the beginning of September and partnerships are set when a pair fills in their entry at the Unit Final. (In 2004 there will not be a Unit Final - players advance right to the District Final) The next step is the District Final which is always held on the Saturday of the District 18 Fall Regional. (In 2004 this will be in Billings, MT the week of September 13 - 19). At the District Final the three Flights are separate events and our District qualifies three pairs in each Flight for the NA Final which is held at the Spring NABC. The pair finishing first in each flight receives airfare and hotel for the NA Final. The pair finishing second in each flight receives airfare for the NA Final. The third place pair in each flight is eligible to play in the NA final at their own expense.

49er Pairs: ACBL Wide Pairs event for those with <50 masterpoints. Club games held in September. The top % score in each District wins a prize. There is only the club level of play in this event.

GNT (Grand National Teams) This is also an ACBL wide team event. Club qualifying games are

held in January, February and March. The club games are stratified: A: open; B: <2000; C: nonLM under 500. 50% of the field qualify at the club level as individuals. Team lineups are set when the entry for the District Final is filled in. There is no Unit Level of play in this event. The District Final is held in May. (May 14 - 16 in Calgary this year) At the District Final the Flights are all played separately. Also at the District Final, Strat A is separated into a Championship Flight for those over 5000 and Flight A for teams between 2000 and 5000. The top team in each Flight advances to the NA Final which is held at the summer NABC. The District gives each winning team some financial help.

<100 GN TEAMS - club qualifying team game usually held in February or March. Teams advance to the District Final but that is the end of the event.

COPC (Canadian Open Pairs Championship) This is a Canada Wide Pairs game. Club qualifying games are held in September, October, November and December. These games are stratified with our regular evening strats. Players qualify to play in the National Final which is held at Canadian Bridge Week. (June 25 & 26 in St. Catharines, ON this year). The National Final is an open unstratified event.

CNTC (Canadian National Team Championship) This is a Canada Wide Team game. Club qualifying games are held throughout September - January each year. Players earn individual qualification and teams are formed at the Zone Final level. These games are stratified into: A: Open and B: <1000. The Zone Final is usually held in March or April. (April 3-4 in Saskatoon this year). At the Zone Final Flights A and B play separately. The top three teams in A and the top two teams in B advance to the National Final. The first-place team

in each flight receive some travel subsidy help. The National Final is usually in late May or in June at Canadian Bridge Week. (June 19 - 26 in St. Catharines, ON this year).



Where Do We



Fit In?

All people that are paid up members of the ACBL are members of the **South Saskatchewan Unit 573**. Our territory covers the Southern part of populated Saskatchewan. The South Sask. Unit has clubs in Regina, Moose Jaw, Swift Current, Weyburn and Shaunavon. All Sectional Tournaments are run by the Unit. South Sask. Unit 573 is part of **ACBL District 18** which includes northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. Regional Tournaments are run by the District. District 18 is one of 25 Districts in North America which make up the **ACBL**.

Players that have paid the CBF membership fee are members of the CBF. We are part of the **CBF Zone V** (Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba). There are six Zones in Canada.

Who are our representatives on the these various organizations?

The **South Sask. Unit 573** executive is made up of Dick Anderson - President; Dan Mathieson - Vice-President; Janice Anderson - Secretary Treasurer; and members at large Clara King, Jim King and Erin Anderson. Claire Jones and Doug Rankin are non-voting members. Saskatchewan's representative on the **District 18** Board is Ron Hemeon of Saskatoon.

Dick Anderson represents District 18 on the **ACBL** Board of Directors. Claire Jones represents **CBF Zone V** on the CBF National Board of Directors.



DICK'S DELPHI

Hi everyone.

I am still looking for the first submission for my column. It has become apparent that no one has any problem hands anymore!! I seem to have several each session, but I am looking for better material.

Just a few quick observations. Usually when people ask me about a hand, they have two goals in mind. Firstly, they want me to compliment them on the fine way they handled the hand. Secondly, they want me to find fault with pretty much everything their partner did. I notice I am a big disappointment to them if I let them down on either count.

Another oddity comes to mind. Folks like to quote "The Law of Total Tricks" which, used correctly, is a good devise to improve all of our bidding. I am suspicious, however, that very few got past the first chapter. Certainly 10 trumps makes the four level "safe" sometimes. The later chapters dealing with half and quarter trick adjustments, and dealing with two suit fits, don't seem to be part of the general bridge lore out there.

A quick hand to illustrate. (You are vul and they are not vul)

♠	♥	♦	♣
J	K	x	Q
x	x	x	x
x			x
x			
x			
x			

The bidding proceeds peacefully at first:

OPP	PARD	OPP	YOU
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♠
Double	4♠	5♦	??

One thought comes to mind:
- 10 trumps - only safe at 4 level so Pass

More bidding. Partner says double and next OPP says Pass. Now what are your options?

- a) you say Pass - you score -550
- b) you mull it over a bit longer and conclude - not much defence (too many spades) and a likely two suit fit in each direction. - you bid 5♠.

Unless the opponents bid again you will be +650 or +850 if they double you.

If you passed, your team lost 14 - 16 imps!!

Sometimes you have to pull partner's doubles!!

Make sure to submit your questions to DICK'S DELPHI - the oracle will do his best.
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Surfing the Net

- by Allan Shore



My choice of internet use, for this issue, is found at the Audrey Grant Web Site.

To get to the correct location you need to go through some hoops. Using your search engine type in audreygrant.com

Click on Better Bridge. Now click on the word HOME found in the blue bar under the caption Bridge Quiz. On the left side of this page are listed Cruises, Festivals etc. go down to Articles. Click on Articles. Click on What's Standard. Set your bookmark, so you don't have to go through all the hoops again.

You will find a series of interesting articles referring to "Standard" in reference to modern bidding methods.



WHY I HATE 2 OVER 1

- by Arnie Lind

June and I learned bridge in an apartment complex in Toronto. The fellow upstairs was an avid duplicate player. He was newly married and they had a young child and he couldn't go out and play every night. He put up a notice about bridge lessons and started a group of us playing. His first made-up hands were all No Trump bidding without any conventions. The only convention he taught us was Stayman, and that was after quite a few lessons. I had heard that when Jeff Meckstroth was teaching his son to play he didn't even teach him that much at the beginning. Dick and Jan Anderson taught Erin the same way and she has done alright.

When more conventions became fashionable, a very good player told us that if a convention takes away a more valuable bid then it is probably not a good convention.

Our first real convention was Jacoby Transfer. The old style 2 D and 2 H bids are not that valuable. Then came Negative Doubles: the 1 C - 1 S overcall followed by a penalty double was not that effective but showing a four-card Heart suit was valuable. The same goes for splinter bids: 1 S -- 4 C to show spade support and a void or singleton Club does not take away a valuable bid.

So we look at each convention and judge it by the same criteria. 2 over 1 fails the test. One No Trump is a very good bid but in 2/1 you seldom play in a 1 NT response. The 2 NT Jacoby is even worse: 1 S - 2 N is a very good bid in Standard American.

Before you 2 over 1 bigots get all hot under the collar and start to tell us all the great things about it, let me finish by saying, "The above is not the main reason I hate 2 over 1."

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Why I Hate 2 over 1 - continued

I have worked with a lot of beginners, almost as many as our Bridge Teacher, Irene Huber has, and I teach and coach them in Standard American. Sooner or later some of them come to me and say they can't understand it and they will take a course in 2 over 1. They feel it will solve all their bidding problems. These are the kind of players who know there are some 650 billion hand combinations and they want to learn at least 600 billion rules to cover most of them. They think 2 over 1 will do it. Now I play 2/1 with a few good partners and I can't remember too many games where it comes up more than a few times. The majority of hands have to be bid using Standard. This is when the beginners, who are told they should learn 2/1, get hopelessly lost.

So my advice to beginners is: learn Standard and when you can play it really well, then you will appreciate some of the fine qualities of 2 over 1.

A History of our Website

-James Dulmage



Since the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club website was opened in 1995 by John Quesnel, it has stood the test of time. Being the longest running bridge club website in Canada, it began featuring information about the club, as well as bridge related articles and discussion.

Ownership moved in the future, as Arnie Lind took over the website and revamped the website, including the addition of club events and small biographies. The website was under the domain of <http://www.advanceplus.com/bridge>.

In 2002, ownership moved to the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club and put under the webmaster, James Dulmage. The entire website was re-launched

with a new look and feel, including the addition of club events, games, tournaments, pictures from the club, and other related information. The renovations were completed with a new domain:

<http://www.reginabridge.com>. The site has progressed to world-renowned status; people from as close as Regina, Saskatchewan, to as far away as Taiwan, Australia, and India view the website looking for information on bridge and bridge events.

In 2003, the website's mailing list reached over 200 users and the website reached 2697 unique hits, with the most hits recorded in December (324) and September (319). In 2004, we hope to reach over 3000 hits, making the website the most visited bridge club website in Saskatchewan. We are well on our way to meet this aim, having recorded 735 hits to date. Our mailing list is at 221 users.

We have already reached our goal of being the only 3-Star Rated bridge club in Saskatchewan. Our latest addition to the site is a weekly column about bridge hands—ones that made history or make for interesting moments in bridge. Help us continue to have a popular website by visiting <http://www.reginabridge.com>. While you're there, if you haven't already done so, register for the web announcements—better yet, tell a friend and help us promote our club!

**HELEN SHIELDS
CANADIAN ROOKIE
MASTER GAME
THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2004**

- At least one person in each pair must have fewer than 20 masterpoints

Bring a friend to the club or ask a newcomer to play.



Editorial

- by Pat Harlton

Spring is a time of new growth and renewal. So, too, can spring be a time of rejuvenation for our club. I see energy in the snowbirds who are now rejoining us, and in members' anticipation of the new Saturday game. We've also seen some growth as those who took lessons begin to come to the club. Our website is expanding and we're trying hard to update members on club events and member accomplishments.

One indicator of a growing culture is the involvement and energy that 'new' people can bring to an organization. As in any societal group, the seasoned members offer wisdom and support—the youngsters play and bring enthusiasm. A blend of these two factions—old and new—helps a club to grow. I encourage each member to bring their talent to our club and to become involved in helping us revitalize our club. Our AGM is June 24, and we will be looking for new ideas, noting achievements and thinking about plans for the next year. So, please assess your time commitments, energy and strengths and bring your talent to our club—wisdom, energy, enthusiasm and congeniality are a few talents that seem to encourage growth. Spring into action; help make our bridge club continue to grow.

REMINDER

All memberships expire on May 31. Renew your club membership with any game director. Only paid up members can vote at the annual meeting in June.





**2003 - 2004
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP
WINNERS**

- games held so far

Men's Pairs:

Rick Gaucher & Claire Jones

Ladies Pairs:

Irene Huber & Pat Beharry

Art Dahl Open Pairs:

Duddow Cooney & Cal Mcleod

Individual Club Championship

Jude Sunde

Stratified Club Championship:

Strat A: Guy Jensen

Dan Mathieson & Barry Harper

Strat B: Guy Jensen

Dave Marriott & Shane Walter

Strat C: Bi-Rite

Norma Barber & Jean Larmour

Saturday Evening:

Dan Mathieson & Kathy Bryden

Don Larmour Monday Aft.:

June Lind & Joan Schneider

Tony Braun Mixed Pairs:

Gil Lafreniere & Rae Hart

Friday Evening:

Larry Kipper & Bernie Collins

Pat Fyfe Friday Afternoon:

John Schofield & Mike Osmaston

REMAINING CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Board-a-Match: *Tuesday, April 13*

Wednesday Evening: *April 21*

Monday Evening: *May 10*

Tuesday Afternoon: *May 25*

Swiss Teams: *May 27 & June 3*

OTHER SPECIAL WINNERS

Canada Wide Olympiad Fund

Gary Johannsson & Dan Mathieson

Erin Berry Canadian Rookie-Master Game

Arnie Lind & Jeff Stuart

ACBL Wide Charity Game

Moira Yang & Tonia Hauck

ACBL Seniors Game

Joan Schneider & June Lind

Canadian Olympiad Fund Game

Dick Anderson & Doug Rankin

ACBL Wide Charity Game

Dave Sabier & Richard Moser



RANK CHANGES

Dec. 1, 2003 - April 1, 2004

New Club Masters

Bob Nell - Dec. 03

Frank Roberts - Dec. 03

Lydia Oremba - Jan. 04

Barry Southam - Feb. 04

New Sectional Masters

J. Allan Shore - Dec. 03

Joyce Butler - Feb. 04

Gloria McHugh - Feb. 04

Linda Willis - Mar. 04

New Regional Masters

Gerald McLellan - Dec. 03

Ilsa Krukoff - Feb. 04

Bernie Collins - Mar. 04

Ashok Shah - Mar. 04

New NABC Masters

Dave Sabier - Feb. 04

Clara King - Mar. 04

New Bronze Life Masters

Eli Fluter - Dec. 03

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- most masterpoints won in club games throughout the club year

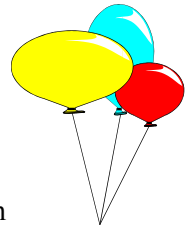
- standings as of April 1, 2004

1. June Lind	63.23
2. Joan Schneider	62.07
3. Roger Lumsden	45.78
4. Lorna Taylor	39.92
5. Audrey Sabier	36.64
6. Alice Huber	30.83
7. Irene Huber	27.55
8. Dow Cooney	26.96
9. Dan Mathieson	25.53
10. Dick Anderson	25.46

ATTENTION STANDBYS

If you cannot be standby when scheduled **PLEASE** trade with someone else or find a replacement. Your cooperation is needed to make the system work.

Thanks - Jill Wellman



**Worby - Young
Place 3rd**

Peter Worby and Kevin

Young represented our District (18) in the North American Final of the North American Open Pairs - Flight B in Reno on March 27 and 28. The first day of the event saw 54 pairs in play. The top 28 pairs qualified for Day 2. Kevin and Peter were fourth after Day 1. Peter and Kevin finished the event in 3rd place with a score of 391.44.

Congratulations Peter and Kevin!!

NEW CLUB DIRECTORS



Congratulations to Richard Downing and Duddow Cooney for passing the Club Directors Exam. Richard will be helping out with directing on Friday and Duddow will help out with the new Saturday game.

Best of luck to you both!

Regular Club Schedule

Monday - 1:00pm	Open Game
Monday - 7:00pm	Mini Lesson
- 7:30pm	Stratified <100
Tuesday - 1:00pm	Non-LM game
Tuesday - 7:30pm	Stratified Open
A: unlimited	B: <500
Wednesday - 7:30pm	Invitational
- at least one <100mpts	
Thursday - 7:30pm	Stratified Open
A: unlimited	B: <500
C: <300	
Friday - 1:00pm	Open Game
Friday - 7:00pm	Mini Lesson
- 7:30pm	Stratified <100
Saturday - 1:00pm	Stratified Open
A: unlimited	B: <300
C: <100	



THE TOURNAMENT TRAIL

How our Regina players did



REGINA SPRING SECTIONAL *March 4 - 7, 2004*

Compact KO Teams (10 Teams)

- 1 Len Racette - Mark Churchman, Saskatoon SK; Gary Johannsson, Regina SK; Derrick Furber, Prince Albert SK
- 2 Richard Downing - Mike Osmaston - John Schofield, Regina, James King, Govan SK
- 3 Pat Beharry - June Lind - Arnie Lind - Irene Huber, Regina

Thursday Evening 199ers Stratum D (15 Pairs)

- 1 Gladys Foster - Jo Ann Coulter, Regina SK
- 2 Jude Sunde, Regina SK; Bernie Collins, Estevan SK
- 3 M Hubbard - J Craig Hubbard, Regina SK

Thursday Evening 199ers Stratum E (11 Pairs)

- 1 Jude Sunde, Regina SK; Bernie Collins, Estevan SK
- 2 M Hubbard - J Craig Hubbard, Regina SK
- 3 Barry Southam, Regina SK; Sandra Envik, Regina

Thursday Evening 199ers Stratum F (6 Pairs)

- 1 Barry Southam, Regina SK; Sandra Envik, Regina
- 2 Jean Murray - Morley Murray, Tompkins SK

Friday Afternoon Open Prs Stratum A (35 Pairs)

- 1 Dennis Nelson, Moose Jaw SK; Claire Jones, Regina SK
- 2 John Zerr - Geraldine Zerr, Saskatoon SK
- 3 Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Zanne Ness, Bismarck ND

Friday Afternoon Open Prs Stratum B (19 Pairs)

- 1 John Zerr - Geraldine Zerr, Saskatoon SK
- 2 Betty Vorrieter - Laura Saal, Regina Saskatchewan
- 3 Gerald McLellan - Findlay Wahl, Regina SK

Friday Evening IMP Pairs Stratum A (24 Pairs)

- 1 Don Delparte - Kay Delparte, Regina SK
- 2 Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Zanne Ness, Bismarck ND
- 3 Dennis Nelson - Peter Basarsky, Moose Jaw SK

Friday Evening IMP Pairs Stratum B (13 Pairs)

- 1 Don Delparte - Kay Delparte, Regina SK
- 2 Norma Barber, Fort Qu'appelle SK; Ingrid Riffel, Regina SK
- 3 James Dulmage - Dave Sabier, Regina SK

Friday Evening 99er Prs Stratum D (16 Pairs)

- 1 Dennis Butler - Joyce Butler, Regina SK
- 2 Gaylene Spence - Ilsa Krukoff, Regina SK
- 3 Brian Shore - J Allan Shore, Regina SK

Friday Evening 99er Prs Stratum E (8 Pairs)

- 1 Morley Murray - Jean Murray, Tompkins SK
- 2 Barb Beltramini - Pat Hall, Regina SK
- 3/4 Ken Ritter, Kindersley SK; Shelly Gloeden, Saskatoon SK
- 3/4 Bill Van Sickle - Sandra Benson, Regina SK

Saturday Aft 99er Pairs Stratum D (14 Pairs)

- 1 Joyce Butler - Dennis Butler, Regina SK
- 2 Glenna Vigrass - Laurence Vigrass, Regina
- 3 Gaylene Spence - Ilsa Krukoff, Regina SK

Saturday Aft 99er Pairs Stratum E (6 Pairs)

- 1 Glenna Vigrass - Laurence Vigrass, Regina
- 2 Bill Van Sickle - Sandra Benson, Regina SK

Open Pairs Stratum A (37 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Gee, Regina SK; Billy Zerebesky, Saskatoon SK
- 2 Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton
- 3 Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK

Open Pairs Stratum B (18 Pairs)

- 1 Ken Barnett - Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK
- 2 James Dulmage - Dave Sabier, Regina SK
- 3 Jerry Thiessen - Gordon Bell, Weyburn SK

Open Pairs Stratum C (8 Pairs)

- 1 Lois Mumeey - Glen Mumeey, Cowley AB
- 2 Clara King, Govan SK; Mavis Orpen, Regina SK
- 3 Rae Trites - Nancy Findlay, Moose Jaw SK

Saturday Eve 99er Prs Stratum D (11 Pairs)

- 1 Dennis Butler - Joyce Butler, Regina SK
- 2 Gloria McHugh - Linda Willis, Regina SK
- 3 Audrey Perra - Robert Loewen, Regina SK

Swiss Teams Stratum A (23 Teams)

- 1 Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Kasmer Andreychuk, Yorkton SK; Terry Ness - Zanne Ness, Bismarck ND
- 2 Carolyn Jackson; Billy Zerebesky - Verla Zerebesky, Saskatoon SK; Barry Harper - Bernice Gee - Ken Gee, Regina
- 3 Calvin McLeod - Larry McCormick - Duddow Cooney - Roger Lumsden, Regina SK

Swiss Teams Stratum B (12 Teams)

- 1 Gordon Neill - Gerald McLellan - Eli Fluter - Peter Lysak, Regina SK
- 2 Norma Barber, Fort Qu'appelle SK; Ingrid Riffel - Elsie Schaefer - Betty Von Hagen, Regina SK
- 3 Gene Froc, Lumsden SK; Ashok Shah - Ken Barnett - Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK

Swiss Teams Stratum C (6 Teams)

- 1 Robert Loewen - Audrey Perra - Loraine Lysak, Regina SK; Bernie Collins, Estevan SK
- 2 Rosemary Makelki - Jo Ann Coulter, Regina SK; John Zerr - Geraldine Zerr, Saskatoon SK

Sunday AM 99er Swiss Tms (4 Teams)

- 1/2 Jerry Butler - Gaylene Spence - Gerald Bocking - Dale Clark, Regina SK
- 1/2 Morley Murray - Jean Murray, Tompkins SK; Ken Ritter, Kindersley SK; Shelly Gloeden, Saskatoon SK

Sunday PM 99er Swiss Tms (4 Teams)

- 1/2 Joyce Butler - Barry Southam - Dennis Butler, Regina SK; Sandra Envik, Regina
- 1/2 Dean Allen - Craig Hubbard - Elaine Allen - Margaret Hubbard, Regina SK

Saskatoon Spring Sectional *Feb. 13 - 15, 2004*

Saturday Aft Open Prs Stratum C

- 3 Esther Robbins - Harry Robbins

Saturday Eve 99er Prs Stratum D

- 3 Gaylene Spence - Ilsa Krukoff

Flight A Swiss Teams

- 1/2 Ron Pegg - John Pulles, Richard Anderson - Janice Anderson

Minot ND *Jan 30-Feb 1, 2004*

Charity Pairs Stratum A

- 1 Wayne Natrass - Doug Rankin, Regina SK

Charity Pairs Stratum C

- 3 Paulette Riou - Suzanne Reed, Regina SK

Individual

- 2 Paulette Riou, Regina SK

**REGINA SPRING
SECTIONAL
MASTERPOINT RACE**

- 1 22.92 Lorna Nordlinder
- 2 20.81 Ken Gee
- 3 20.18 Kasmer Andreychuk
- 4 19.40 Zanne Ness
- 5 18.84 Billy Zerebesky
- 6 16.76 Terry Ness
- 7 14.92 Gary Johannsson
- 8 14.92 Derrick Furber
- 9 11.34 Andy Anderson
- 10 10.46 Len Racette
- 11 10.46 Mark Churchman
- 12 9.21 Carolyn Jackson
- 13 8.94 Dennis Nelson
- 14 8.16 Peter Lysak
- 15 8.04 Betty Lou Heeg
- 16 7.96 Curley Anderson
- 17 7.06 Eli Fluter
- 18 6.89 Geraldine Zerr
- 19 6.89 John Zerr
- 20 6.87 Ken Barnett

**REGINA SPRING
SECTIONAL UNDER 100
MASTERPOINT**

- 1 6.64 Dennis Butler
- 2 6.64 Joyce Butler
- 3 4.53 Bernie Collins
- 4 4.24 Robert Loewen
- 5 4.04 Morley Murray
- 6 4.04 Jean Murray
- 7 3.99 Gene Froc
- 8 3.99 Ashok Shah
- 9 3.49 Audrey Perra
- 10 3.41 Gaylene Spence
- 11 2.97 Shelly Gloeden
- 12 2.97 Ken Ritter
- 13 2.74 Bill Van Sickle
- 14 2.74 Sandra Benson
- 15 2.25 Jerry Butler
- 16 2.25 Dale Clark
- 17 2.21 M Hubbard
- 18 2.21 J Craig Hubbard
- 19 2.17 Barry Southam
- 20 1.96 Jude Sunde

*We had a partnership
 misunderstanding. My partner assumed
 I knew what I was doing.*

**SASKATCHEWAN
SECTIONAL MASTERPOINT
RACE**

- standings as of March*
- 1 36.14 Zanne Ness
 - 2 32.67 Terry Ness
 - 3 29.41 Billy Zerebesky
 - 4 27.51 Len Racette
 - 5 26.96 Curley Anderson
 - 6 25.33 Joe Kerger
 - 7 24.81 Andy Anderson
 - 8 22.92 Lorna Nordlinder
 - 9 22.62 Mark Churchman
 - 10 21.21 Sandi Kerger
 - 11 20.81 Ken Gee
 - 12 20.18 Kasmer Andreychuk
 - 13 19.53 Derrick Furber
 - 14 17.56 Perry Khakhar
 - 15 16.95 Brent Moulding
 - 16 15.46 John Pulles
 - 17 15.12 Richard Anderson
 - 18 14.92 Gary Johannsson
 - 19 14.08 Lil Hemeon
 - 20 14.08 Ronald Hemeon
 - 21 12.64 Janice Anderson
 - 22 12.41 Ursula Jugnauth
 - 23 12.41 Lynne Holderness
 - 24 11.85 Ron Pegg
 - 25 11.47 James Wandler

**SASKATOON
MASTERPOINT RACE**

- 26 10.07 Janice Anderson
- 27 10.07 Richard Anderson

**SASKATOON UNDER 100
MASTERPOINT RACE**

- 19 1.62 Esther Robbins



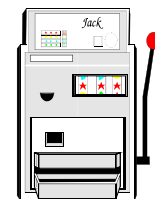
Rustic Cottage on Pasqua Lake.

**SASKATCHEWAN
SECTIONAL UNDER 100
MASTERPOINT RACE -**

- standing as of March*
- 1 11.28 Peter Graham
 - 2 8.48 Jean Murray
 - 3 8.48 Morley Murray
 - 4 6.64 Dennis Butler
 - 5 6.64 Joyce Butler
 - 6 6.41 Shelly Gloeden
 - 7 6.41 Ken Ritter
 - 8 4.70 Gaylene Spence
 - 9 4.53 Bernie Collins
 - 10 4.24 Robert Loewen
 - 11 3.99 Gene Froc
 - 12 3.99 Ashok Shah
 - 13 3.84 Daniel Poirier
 - 14 3.84 Darryn Roy
 - 15 3.80 Bjorg Birt
 - 16 3.49 Audrey Perra
 - 17 3.24 Patricia Buglass
 - 18 3.00 Wendy Maguire
 - 19 2.74 Bill Van Sickle
 - 20 2.74 Sandra Benson
 - 21 2.25 Jerry Butler
 - 22 2.25 Dale Clark
 - 23 2.23 Richard Smith
 - 24 2.23 Chris Sarich
 - 25 2.21 M Hubbard
 - 26 2.21 J Craig Hubbard

**RENO
NATIONALS**

117. 104.46 Ken Gee
376. 56.83 Barry Harper
538. 44.69 Richard Anderson
756. 35.82 Janice Anderson
760. 35.80 Kevin Young
761. 35.80 Peter Worby
3525. 5.87 Dan Mathieson



*A fellow had made a bad bid and gone
 down for 1400. "I'm sorry," he said to
 his partner, "I had a card misplaced."
 Asked his partner innocently, "Only
 one card?"... Charles Goren*

2003 Mini-McKenney Race

- Unit 573 final standings

Total points won in calendar year.

Rookie of the Year

1 Duncan Bramham, Regina	40.79
2 Morley Murray, Tompkins	29.47
3 Jean Murray, Tompkins	29.32

Junior Master of the Year

1 Bernie Collins, Estevan	83.64
2 Kathy Bryden, Regina Beach	49.11
3 Joyce Butler, Regina	32.75

Club Master of the Year

1 Barry Mactaggart, Weyburn	52.16
2 Gerald Bocking, Regina	48.95
3 Pat Harlton, Regina	44.69

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Nancy Findlay, Moose Jaw	61.33
2 Rosemary Makelki, Regina	50.85
3 Lorraine Schaeffer, Regina	42.96

Regional Master of the Year

1 Shane Walter, Craven	114.83
2 Dave Sabier, Regina	88.58
3 Gordon Bell, Weyburn	70.01

NABC Master of the Year

1 David Marriott, Regina	109.36
2 James Dulmage, Regina	88.82
3 Duddow Cooney, Regina	78.71

Life Master of the Year

1 Frank Loffler, Regina	68.38
2 Eli Fluter, Regina	66.20
3 James King, Govan	62.44

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 Glen Benedict, Regina	128.83
2 Rick Grieman, Regina	104.92
3 Calvin McLeod, Regina	80.40

Silver Life Master of the Year

1 Janice Anderson, Regina	166.68
2 Doug Rankin, Regina	150.90
3 Claire Jones, Regina	144.95

Gold Life Master of the Year

1 Dan Mathieson, Regina	228.57
2 Joan Schneider, Regina	144.91
3 Art D'Entremont, Regina Beach	144.30

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Ken Gee, Regina	1568.24
2 Barry Harper, Regina	875.46
3 Richard Anderson, Regina	523.95

2003 Ace of Clubs Race

- Unit 573 final standings

Total points won in club games during the calendar year.

Rookie of the Year

1 Duncan Bramham, Regina	15.99
2 Barry Southam, Regina	13.45
3 Wally Kaminski, Regina	12.13

Junior Master of the Year

1 Bernie Collins, Estevan	45.10
2 Kathy Bryden, Regina Beach	24.79
3 Joyce Butler, Regina	18.27

Club Master of the Year

1 Barry Mactaggart, Weyburn	28.71
2 Gerald Bocking, Regina	25.57
3 James Brown, Weyburn	22.46

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Nancy Findlay, Moose Jaw	40.50
2 Lorraine Schaeffer, Regina	26.49
3 Rosemary Makelki, Regina	25.76

Regional Master of the Year

1 Diane Bell, Weyburn	54.29
2 Dave Sabier, Regina	42.14
3 Gordon Bell, Weyburn	34.85

NABC Master of the Year

1 Duddow Cooney, Regina	37.13
2 James Dulmage, Regina	36.44
3 David Marriott, Regina	32.18

Life Master of the Year

1 Frank Loffler, Regina	39.75
2 Eli Fluter, Regina	26.65
3 S. Chris Neil, Regina	24.21

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 Ken Newton, Moose Jaw	41.51
2 R Keith Eichel, Weyburn	38.36
3 Glen Benedict, Regina	35.63

Silver Life Master of the Year

1 June Lind, Regina	84.73
2 Dennis Nelson, Moose Jaw	84.03
3 Don Macdonald, Moose Jaw	80.70

Gold Life Master of the Year

1 Joan Schneider, Regina	95.44
2 Art D'Entremont, Regina Beach	62.19
3 Jill Wellman, Regina	56.47

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Richard Anderson, Regina	67.68
2 Barry Harper, Regina	9.35
3 Ken Gee, Regina	1.30

OTHER 2003 FINAL

STANDINGS

Barry Crane Top 500

- total masterpoints in ACBL

12. Ken Gee, Regina	1568
73. Barry Harper, Regina	875
282. Richard Anderson	524

Richmond Trophy

- 2003 Final Standings

- total masterpoints this year - Canada

1. Ken Gee, Regina	1568
4. Barry Harper, Regina	875
12. Richard Anderson	524

Diamond Life Master of the Year - all ACBL members

3. Ken Gee, Regina	1568
25. Barry Harper, Regina	875

Youth Contenders

- ACBL members 19 or younger

19. James Dulmage, Regina	89
37. Erin Anderson, Regina	57

2004 STANDINGS - to April 1

Barry Crane Top 500

- total masterpoints in ACBL

40. Ken Gee, Regina	190
326. Richard Anderson, Regina	85
497. Janice Anderson, Regina	72

Richmond Trophy

- total masterpoints this year - Canada

2. Ken Gee, Regina	190
17. Richard Anderson	85
29. Janice Anderson	72

Diamond Life Master of the Year - all ACBL members

12. Ken Gee, Regina	190
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Youth Contenders

- ACBL members 19 or younger

26. James Dulmage, Regina	8
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Most bridge players prefer consistency in their partners rather than brilliance...Matthew Granovetter



Bouquet

To all those people who act as standbys for the club and to Jill Wellman for organizing and setting up the standby schedule. Thanks.

CARDS

If you know of anyone that the club should be sending a card to - get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc. PLEASE call Barb Hogan at 586-7584. Thanks - Club Executive

2004 Mini-McKenney Race

- Unit 573 standings as of March 6
Total points won in calendar year.

Junior Master of the Year

1 Lydia Oremba, Regina	3
2 Ester Robbins, Regina	2
3. James McLaren, Gull Lake	1

Club Master of the Year

1 Moira Yang, Regina	6
2 Joanne Gilbert, Moose Jaw	6
3 Barry Southam, Regina	5

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Gerald Bocking, Regina	12
2 Pat Harlton, Regina	8
3 Lorraine Schaeffer, Regina	7

Regional Master of the Year

1 Mavis Orpen, Regina	12
2 Dave Sabier, Regina	12
3 Rosemary Makelki, Regina	10

NABC Master of the Year

1 Duddow Cooney, Regina	16
2 Shane Walter, Regina	8
3 J. Lubiniecki, Canora	8

Life Master of the Year

1 Del Lubiniecki, Canora	10
2 Dave Marriott, Regina	9
3 Robert Chase, Regina	8

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 Glen Benedict, Regina	16
2 Richard Downing, Regina	10
3 Rick Grieman, Regina	9

Silver Life Master of the Year

1 Janice Anderson, Regina	72
2 June Lind, Regina	31
3 Audrey Sabier, Regina	15

Gold Life Master of the Year

1 Art D'Entremont, Regina Beach	37
2 Joan Schneider, Regina	30
3 Dan Mathieson, Regina	19

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Ken Gee, Regina	190
2 Richard Anderson, Regina	85
3 Barry Harper, Regina	18

2004 Ace of Clubs Race

- Unit 573 standings as of March 6
Total points won in club games.

Junior Master of the Year

1 Barb Beltramini, Regina	1
2 Marg Stewart, Weyburn	1
3. Lydia Oremba, Regina	1

Club Master of the Year

1 Moira Yang, Regina	6
2 Joanne Gilbert, Moose Jaw	5
3 Barry Southam, Regina	4

Sectional Master of the Year

1 Pat Harlton, Regina	8
2 Lorraine Schaeffer, Regina	6
3 Gerald Bocking, Regina	6

Regional Master of the Year

1 Mavis Orpen, Regina	9
2 Kay Delparte, Regina	8
3 Gerald McLellan, Regina	7

NABC Master of the Year

1 Duddow Cooney, Regina	10
2 Bud Smallshaw, Regina	6
3 Helen Konopaki, Moose Jaw	4

Life Master of the Year

1 Robert Chase, Regina	5
2 Rose Shaw, Moose Jaw	5
3 Del Lubiniecki, Canora	5

Bronze Life Master of the Year

1 S. Chris Neil, Regina	5
2 Ken Newton, Moose Jaw	5
3 Glen Benedict, Regina	5

Silver Life Master of the Year

1 June Lind, Regina	24
2 Audrey Sabier, Regina	11
3 Lorna Taylor, Regina	10

Gold Life Master of the Year

1 Art D'Entremont, Regina Beach	26
2 Joan Schneider, Regina	23
3 Dan Mathieson, Regina	8

Diamond Life Master of the Year

1 Richard Anderson, Regina	8
2 Ken Gee, Regina SK	5
3 Barry Harper, Regina	4

Podunc Blackwood

- by Andy Anderson

Some years back I was playing with a friend, Shirley Walstad, against Lorna Nordlander and Glenn Roberts. This was at a time when they were first learning Roman Key Card Blackwood (0314). Glenn had one ace. Lorna bid 4nt and Glen responded 5C after much thought (0 or 3)!!

Lorna then signed off at the 5-level and made 6. Glenn was depressed due to fouling up the response. Shirley and I meandered over to the bar for a discussion and then returned to our seat, moving to the next table.

Conversation was as follows... plenty loud enough for Glenn and Lorna to overhear.

Shirley "That Roman Key Card sure is complicated!"

Andy "you ain't kidding!! You never know how many aces a person has."

Shirley "Lets take it off our convention card and just play Podunc blackwood - it is so much easier"

Andy "good idea before we have a disaster like they did"

Shirley "just review the responses to Podunc again"

Andy

" 5C is 0 or 3 OR 1

5D is 2 with another one

5H says I don=t remember the responses

5S says how many do you have?"

Now that you know Podunc - anytime you mess up RCKY just say you were playing Podunc Blackwood. Glen and Lorna will understand.

It is not the handling of difficult hands that makes the winning player. There aren't enough of them. It is the ability to avoid messing up the easy ones....Alan Sontag

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

April 16 - 18	Saskatoon 199er Sectional
April 23 - 25	Moose Jaw Sectional
May 3 - 9	Sun Valley Regional
May 14 - 16	Regina 199er Sectional
June 4 - 6	Prince Albert Sectional
June 19 - 16	Canadian Bridge Week
June 25 - 27	Weyburn Sectional
July 8 - 18	Summer NABC - New York, NY
August 9 - 15	Red Deer Regional
August 20 - 22	Meota Sectional
September 13 - 19	Billings, MT Regional

APRIL 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 AFT. - PAT FYFE CLUB CH.	3
4	5	6 TORONTO	7 &	8 LETHBRIDGE	9	10 REG.
11 EASTER	12	13 BOARD-A- MATCH CLUB CHAMP.	14	15	16 SASKATOON 199er TOURN.	17 SASKATOON 199er TOURN.
18 SASKATOON 199er TOURN.	19	20	21 WED. EVE. CLUB CHAMP.	22	23 MOOSE JAW SECTIONAL	24 MOOSE JAW SECTIONAL
25 MOOSE JAW SECTIONAL	26	27	28	29 HELEN SHIELDS ROOKIE- MASTER	30	

MAY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 SUN	5 VALLEY	6 REGIONAL	7	8
9	10 MON. EVE. CLUB CHAMP.	11	12	13	14 GN TEAMS DISTRICT FINAL - CALGARY	15 GN TEAMS DISTRICT FINAL - CALGARY
16 GN TEAMS DISTRICT FINAL - CALGARY	17	18 EVE.- JUNIOR FUND TEAM GAME	19	20	21 REGINA 199er SECTIONAL	22 REGINA 199er SECTIONAL
23 REGINA 199er SECTIONAL	24 VICTORIA DAY	25 TUES. AFT. CLUB CHAMP.	26	27 SWISS TEAMS CLUB CHAMP. - 1 ST . SESSION	28	29
30	31					

JUNE 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 SWISS TEAMS CC- 2 ND SESSION	4	5 P.A. SECTIONAL
6 P.A. SECTIONAL	7	8 NAOP CLUB QUAL.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 PENTICTON	16 REG.	17	18	19
20	21 CANADIAN	22 BRIDGE	23 WEEK	24 ANNUAL MEETING & TROPHY NIGHT	25 ST. CATHARINES	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 NABC	15 NEW	16 YORK	17
18	19	20	21	22 NAOP CLUB QUAL.	23	24
25	26	27 EVE. JUNIOR FUND TEAM GAME	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 RED	12 DEER	13 REG.	14
15	16	17 NAOP CLUB QUAL.	18	19	20 MEOTA	21 SECTIONAL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 EVE. JUNIOR FUND TEAM GAME				

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