



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

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President's Message

Season's Greetings! On behalf of your Board of Directors, I sincerely hope that you have an enjoyable festive season with good friends and family.

Our "bridge year" is well underway and is progressing very nicely. Financially, our results are slightly better than last year. As always, the guidance and coaching of our skilled life masters helps to make a visit to the Club an enjoyable learning experience. The contribution of our newcomers as well as the addition of the Tuesday night 199'ers game have assisted greatly with the improved table counts. In keeping with our Year of Recruitment theme let's keep looking for opportunities to encourage new members, as well as members we haven't seen for awhile, to come down to the Club.

In response to members concerns over the pace of play, the measures which were introduced recently appear to be helping to make sure that games move along in a timely manner. Many members, particularly those playing in the evening, have expressed their appreciation that the games are concluding somewhat earlier.

Many thanks to our game directors who make our bridge games possible and to the instructors who help members navigate through the mysteries of the game we are all trying to master.

While our party nights have always been well received (and which will continue throughout the balance of this year) your board is constantly looking for ways to enhance the overall social environment at our Club. So, just to add a little variety, our December 15th Christmas Party will be a Potluck Christmas Dinner. It'll be a smashing success unless everyone shows up with a bowl of turnips! See you there!

Best wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Lyle Spencer



Tribute

Hear ye! Hear ye! Lend me your ear; this is a story for someone so dear!

His name is Dick Anderson, past president of CBF. He is one of the most knowledgeable and generous patrons of our Regina Bridge Club. As well as being a mentor to many of us, he also notices our personal bridge needs. This past Regional held in Saskatoon, SK., I personally needed gold points for my Life Master. Did I have to go to a pro and hire one of them? No! Dick came to me and asked if I would like to play with him in Saskatoon. He would put a team together to hopefully help me to get the points I needed. Was I thrilled? I was overwhelmed!

Needless to say this wonderful gentleman and his team aided me in getting my Life Master, my bridge goal. I am so thankful that I can call this kind, generous person a friend. My greatest wish is that every club in North America has a "Dick Anderson." Dick, as well as being my "King Midas", you are a giant of a person!

Forever grateful - Mavis Orpen



Bouquets

Once again, we had a very enjoyable tournament, thanks in no small part to the exceptional work that Irene Huber and Pat Beharry did in organizing the Fall Sectional. Putting together an event such as this is a huge project, and our Club is very fortunate to have Irene and Pat volunteering to take it on, remarkably with smiles on their faces. A great big bouquet goes out to these two ladies!

Congratulations to our newest directors, who passed their Club Director's Test: Rose Mary Makelki, Gladys Foster and Rick Smith!! Way to go people -- thanks for getting involved!

Christmas Party



Thursday, December 15th

5:30 p.m. Wine



6:00 p.m. Pot Luck



7:30 p.m. Let's play bridge – free entry

The boards of executives have decided:

- We will have a 50/50 draw
- We will **not** have a gift exchange, so please no gifts
- We will be collecting donations for the *Leader Post Cheer Fund*
 - Last year we collected \$411, so let's try and beat that record!

So mark your calendars for Thursday, December 15th -- bring your appetite and your favorite dish to share with your fellow bridge mates!!

Kibitzers

Kibitzers are welcome at all tables. Please refrain from talking – it may be disturbing to some players.

Board of Directors Meeting

In October there was a poll conducted on our game start time and this issue was concluded that the start time wasn't as big an issue as the end time. Therefore, the following resolution was made at our board of directors meeting:

Executive policy moves:

- That the director assign an average score to those pairs that have not yet started to bid a hand when the round is called and further;
- That the director is asked to enforce the standard of seven minutes per board;
- That the director would have the latitude to provide additional time for beginners and rookies.



U.S.A. Thoughts on: COWS

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that our government can track a cow born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she sleeps in the state of Washington, and they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give them all a cow!

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments in a Courthouse!

You cannot post "Thou Shalt Not Steal," "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" and "Thou Shall Not Lie" in a building full of lawyers, judges and politicians! It creates a hostile work environment!



And Last but not least... George Carlin said it best about Martha Stewart ...

"Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and haul her butt off to jail."



Convention Card Requirements/Reminder

- Each player must have an ACBL convention card filled out and on the table. Please note that other types of convention cards, such as the WBF convention card or homemade cards that do not sufficiently resemble the ACBL convention card, are not acceptable substitutes.
- Each player is required to have a convention card filled out legibly and on the table throughout a session. Both cards of a partnership must be identical and include the first and last names of each member of the partnership.
- If a director determines that neither player has a substantially completed card, the partnership may play only the Standard American Yellow Card and may use only standard carding. This restriction may be lifted only at the beginning of a subsequent round after convention cards have been properly prepared and approved by the director.
- Further, the partnership will receive a 1/6 board match point penalty for each board played, commencing with the next round and continuing until the restriction is lifted. In IMP team games, penalties shall be at the discretion of the director.

- If the director determines the partnership has at least one substantially completed convention card but has not fully complied with ACBL regulations, the director may give warnings or assign such penalties as he deems to be appropriate under the circumstances.



Stand-bys

Please remember the day you are to be the stand-by person. If your name is not on the following list – and you want to be a stand-by (anytime) insert your name on the calendars that are posted on two bulletin boards (on the north and south walls of the club).

December Stand-by List

1 st .	Barry Southam
2 nd .	Olga
5 th .	June Lind
8 th .	Peter Lysak
9 th .	Chris Neil
12 th .	Gerry McLelland
14 th .	Fiona Bishop
16 th .	Raj Narang
19 th .	Louis Jule
21 st .	Pam Keim
22 nd .	Paulette Riou
27 th .	Larry McCormick
28 th .	James Dulmage
29 th .	Gordon Neill
30 th .	Betty Lou Hegg

February Stand-by List

8 th .	Jerry Butler
28 th .	Ken Adie

March Stand-by List

1 st .	Monica Schubert
2 nd .	Ashor Shah
3 rd .	Kusum Thakre
6 th .	Betty Vonhagen
8 th .	Fin Wahl
9 th .	Leo Morgan
14 th .	Frank Loffler

January Stand-by List

2 nd .	Pat Ford
3 rd .	Sandra Southam
4 th .	Kathy Bryden
6 th .	Craig Hubbard
9 th .	Lorraine Schaefer
11 th .	Marilyn McClugham
12 th .	Dean Allen
13 th .	Ken Baker
17 th .	Eli Fluter
18 th .	Alice Huber
20 th .	Gerald Bocking
23 rd .	Fred Findlay
25 th .	Wayne Natrass
26 th .	Ken Barnett
27 th .	Gary Priestman
30 th .	Elsie Schaefer

March Stand-by List continued...

20 th .	Jean Findlay
22 nd .	Rose Mary Makelki
23 rd .	Bud Smallshaw
24 th .	Joseph Schubert
27 th .	Norman Barber
28 th .	Doug Rankin
29 th .	Ken Roland
30 th .	Claire Jones

Hot Tips

Slow passes, fast doubles, loud overcalls, etc. are not part of duplicate bridge. Try to bid and play “in tempo”.

Ruling the Game – Played Cards

By Mike Flader

Associate National Tournament Director

Over the years, specific cases have arisen that have caused the ACBL to consider how Laws 45 and 46 are supposed to be applied. There was a famous case in 2000 in Vancouver dealing with the issue of when declarer may change a call of a card from the dummy. Since this is a family publication, I can't refer to this case by its popular name, but most players are familiar with it. Here are some of the guidelines that we as directors have been given to sort out the facts as given us by the players and make our rulings.

1. The opening lead is considered to have been played when the card is face down on the table. This is per law. Such a card may be withdrawn only with permission of the director and, generally speaking, this will not be allowed unless the opening leader has been given misinformation during the auction by the declaring side.
2. Declarer must play any card detached from his hand and held face up touching or nearly touching the table or maintained in a position to indicate that it has been played. In making the determination as to whether or not the declarer's card is played, the director shall be guided by a directive from the ACBL Laws Commission. If

- declarer's card is either (1) on or nearly on the table or (2) maintained in a position as to indicate that it has been played, the director should rule that it is played. In cases of doubt, the director should rule that declarer's card is played. The fact that one or both of the defenders could see the card is not germane in making this determination.
3. A defender must play a card that his partner could have seen had he been looking. It does not matter whether his partner actually saw the card. In determining whether a defender's card was in such a position, the director may have to determine how the card was held. Opinions at the table may differ, but if both the declarer and the dummy saw the card, it is likely that the defender's partner could have seen it too. Once again, in cases of doubt, the director should rule against the player who may have played the card.
 4. Finally, a player must play a card he names or otherwise designates as one he intends to play.

Rank Changes

New Junior Masters

Bill Kramer, Oct. 05

New Club Masters

Len Koltun, Oct. 05

New Sectional Masters

Sandra Southam, Sept. 05

New Silver Life Masters

Glen Benedict, Oct. 05

New NABC Masters

Terry Jule, August 05

Scott Rosom, Oct. 05

New Life Masters

Mavis Orpen, Oct. 05

New Bronze Life Masters

Dave Marriott, Oct. 05



Partnerships

If anyone is looking for a partner for the bridge games, there is a lovely "Partnership" bulletin board at the club near the coffee machine to put your name up if you are interested in matching up with someone to play bridge.



Our club website is newly hosted by James Dulmage. We are happy to have a club member who is responsible for maintaining this web-site, as this is very important to our club! Welcome James!

A recent feature is the game results. Visit the website and get all the latest scores. Thanks to Cal McLeod for this idea!

Our website features a list of conventions; as well as results and more! Click on this link to access www.reginabridge.com



1100 unique hits to our website in the month of October and continue to grow!

Condolence Cards

If you know of anyone that the club should be sending cards to – get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc. PLEASE call Barb Hogan at 586-7584.

Thanks – Club Executive

*There was a little girl who had a little curl --- right in the middle of her forehead.
When she was good, she was very, very good. But when she was bad.....*



She got a fur coat, jewels, a waterfront condo, and a sports car.