



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

May, 2005

President's Message *Lyle Spencer*

We set out to make 2004-05 "The Year of Involvement" and, as this year draws to a close, I believe we met the challenge. I was truly impressed by the number of valuable suggestions we received from members over the past year. Members are interested in their club and they want to see continuous improvement. And, thanks to our excellent instructors, we attracted several new members. I encourage all newer members to become actively involved in your club – attend regular club games, party nights, tournaments and offer to let your name stand for election to the board of directors. Your participation will help to shape the future direction of our club. On behalf of all members I wish to express our gratitude to all game directors. Your contribution enables the rest of us to play the game we enjoy so much.

Your board of directors and Club Manager also deserve a hearty round of applause for the smooth operation of all aspects of our club over the past twelve months.

As we look ahead to the upcoming year we still have some challenges ahead of us. We must continue to grow and avoid becoming complacent. Let's make 2005-06 "The Year of Recruitment":

- Although we currently have excellent game directors and instructors, we need more. We cannot rely forever on the people who are now performing these functions.
- Our mentoring program needs more life masters to assume the role of mentor.
- The Board of Directors has some vacancies that need to be filled by people who are interested in working to improve the club for all members.
- And, finally, we all share the responsibility for introducing new members to our club. Once we stop growing we begin dying and that must not be allowed to happen!

I look forward to seeing a huge turnout at the Annual General Meeting on June 23rd. Be sure to voice your opinions and suggestions to your incoming Board of Directors.



Board of Directors We Need You!

The 2005-2006 RDBC executive will be elected at the RDBC general meeting on June 23, 2005. This year there are several positions open. We encourage members to consider running for the board, or to nominate those who would have the time, vision and energy to help our club grow.

The nominating committee of Erin Anderson and Cal McLeod are actively seeking nominations for all positions:

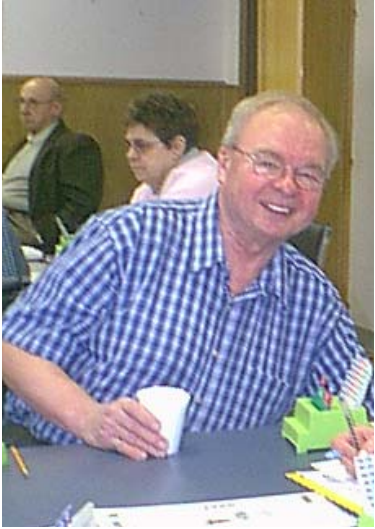
- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 8 Members at Large

Please put forth your name or recommend a club member that you think would be able to help the club. See Erin or Cal or email Cal at Pogginca@yahoo.com to contribute your nomination.

Annual General Meeting and Trophy Night

Thursday, June 23 – 6 pm

Mark your calendars for the AGM. For members in good standing (that means buy your membership now, only \$10.00) there will be a free play for those who attend the meeting.



In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Arnie Lind. Arnie was a dedicated and talented bridge player, a wonderful mentor, but above all a gentle, kind, and giving person. His welcoming approach gave many newcomers to the Club a friendly, comfortable introduction to the world of Duplicate. We respected his knowledge, and enjoyed his mischievous banter and camaraderie. His contributions to the Club over the years were enormous. We cannot begin to express our appreciation, and our sense of loss. He will be sorely missed by us all. Our heartfelt condolences go out to June and the family.

Newcomers—and their accomplishments thus far!

-The following is a note Arnie sent out after the 'graduation night' of his last set of newcomer lessons.

I thought that the full membership would like to see how successful the Club Series Class and the Monday night game is-- we had 13 ½ tables last Monday!

Thanks to all you Monday Night Regulars for making our newest members feel welcome last Monday night :-). You remember yourselves how important your first games were when you started and how excited you were when you received your first Master Points. Did you see where two of our students came in 1st in A, B, and C? -- Doug Klein and Mary Reeves? They received 0.84 Master Points which is mostly due to your friendly treatment and their good play. They didn't even yell "Arnie" once so I can't take any credit. It shows how good the Club Series is. Start telling your friends as we will run another one in September. True, we only played a smaller number of boards that night, but we will slowly start increasing the number of rounds as they get more experienced. You remember how flustered you used to get in the beginning when you had to rush through every hand. The other beginners who did very well were:

| | | | A | B | C | | |
|-------|-------|---|---|---|---|------|--------------------------------|
| 52.65 | 75.81 | C | 5 | 4 | 3 | 0.21 | Kathleen Szeman - Marge Dionne |
| 51.48 | 74.13 | C | 6 | | | 0.14 | Verna Mang - Gary Mang |
| 54.06 | 77.84 | C | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0.30 | Geri Skilnick - Margaret Scott |

Here's more results from the grad night, April 4:

| | | | A | B | C | | |
|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 54.90 | 79.05 | C | 4 | 2 | | 0.29(A) | Bob Arscott - Gesa Arscott |
| 54.44 | 78.40 | A | 5 | | | 0.17(A) | Barry Southam - Clyde Bennett |
| 53.57 | 77.14 | A | 6 | | | 0.14(A) | Faye Wood - Peg Kessler |
| 57.17 | 82.32 | A | 2 | | | 0.59(A) | Susie English - Judy Perras |
| 57.91 | 83.39 | C | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.84(A) | Laurence Vigrass - Glenna Vigrass |
| 55.40 | 79.78 | A | 3 | | | 0.42(A) | Dean Allen - Elaine Allen |
| 50.17 | 72.25 | B | | 3 | | 0.21(B) | Bev Skulmoski - Bob Young |
| Scores after 9 rounds Average: 72.0 Section A East-West | | | | | | | |
| | | | A | B | C | | |
| 57.83 | 83.27 | C | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0.84(A) | Doug Klein - Mary Reeves |
| 56.28 | 81.04 | A | 3 | | | 0.42(A) | Lydia Oremba - Dennis Butler |
| 56.85 | 81.86 | B | 2 | 2 | | 0.59(A) | Audrey Bruch - Renee Whitehead |

Thanks to Irene Huber and Al Shore for making this a success!

Again, thanks to all of you for making Monday nights the best game of the week. *-Arnie*

Tournament Director Pat Beharry

June 24 to 26 Tournament



This year we are lucky enough to be holding an extra Sectional Tournament at our club June 24 to 26. The kick-off is Friday afternoon at 1 pm with a stratified IMP game. At 7 pm there are Board-a-Match Teams (750+, 300 – 750 and 0 – 300) and pairs for the 199er's, which will be our Team Tournament in June. If you are planning to play, please consider volunteering a small amount of your time to help things run smoothly.

Help is needed in the following areas:

- Hospitality
- Set-up (before the tournament)
- Cleaning (during the tournament – emptying garbage cans, mopping bathroom floors etc. between sessions – only takes a few minutes if several people help)
- Taking down tables and chairs after the last session.



If you are able to help please give me a call at 585-1412, or look for the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet at the Club.

Thank-you for volunteering, and let's make the Team Tournament our best yet!!

Regina Tournament Report - Pat Beharry

Regina has held two successful tournaments already this year – the Spring Sectional in March and the 199er Sectional in April. We were very pleased to learn that the table count at the Spring Sectional was up 16 tables over last spring, which means more profit for the Club.

The success of our tournaments at the Club is due in no small part to those members who volunteer to help with hospitality, set-up, clean-up and various other odd jobs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who have helped at our tournaments. And in particular we should all show our appreciation for those who show up at the Club at 7am on Sunday morning to make sure that all the rest of us enjoy a fabulous lunch! At the Spring Sectional that was Michelle Belisle and Lorraine Garrett, and at the 199er Tournament it was Irene Huber and Lois Walker. We have always been fortunate enough to have a wonderful Hospitality Committee, and the Committee in turn is always lucky enough to find others willing to volunteer their time to help.

Holding the Sectional Tournaments at the Club means that the Club can charge rent, as well as profit share with the South Saskatchewan Unit. The other option is to go back to renting hotel space for our Sectional Tournaments, which would mean NO rent and NO profit to cover the Club's cost of lost games over the weekend (and NO free cookies!!)

However, if we are to continue to hold our Sectional Tournaments at the Club it is imperative that each and every one of our members be willing to take a turn at volunteering in some way. We would all like to be able to just show up to play bridge and be fed for the week-end, but a successful tournament does involve some work.

Standby List - June

- 1 Lorraine Schaeffer
- 2 Bob English
- 3 Vic Tetreault
- 6 Irene Huber
- 8 Ilsa Krukoff
- 9 Pat Harlton
- 10 Raj Narang
- 13 John Schofield
- 14 Dave Sabier
- 15 Rosemary Makelki
- 16 Audry Sabier
- 17 Bud Smallshaw
- 21 Dave Marriott
- 22 TBA
- 27 Kusum Thakre
- 29 Brian Shore
- 30 Richard Downing



Club Phone List

Our membership phone list has now been updated thanks to Margaret Hubbard and Jan Anderson. This task was a large, time-consuming one and we appreciate the ongoing donation of paper and printing by Margaret. It is volunteers like you two who help to make our Club a success. Huge bouquets to you both!
-The Board of Directors

Please note that we do not have a standby list for the summer.

Wednesday Night Mentoring Program: Calling All Rookies and Masters

We want to remind everyone of the great learning experience that is offered on Wednesday evenings. This is our newcomer-master game night, in which at least one of the players in the partnership must have less than 100 master points. This game has proven to be very valuable in helping newer players to learn and practice new skills under the tutelage of a more experienced player. Typically, the “master” is willing to meet with the “rookie” prior to game time, as well as after the game, to introduce or review conventions or strategies of game play. You can make a partnership arrangement as to how many games a month you will play together. Some partnerships play every Wednesday evening, but generally they arrange to play at least two Wednesdays a month.

We would like to encourage more experienced players to volunteer their services as the “master” in a partnership. It’s a great opportunity for you, too, to help build the confidence and skills of newer players. Your time is a valuable investment in the future of our Club. There is a sign-up list at the club, both for those who want to learn more and for those who are willing to bring the newer players along. We look forward to a growth in this exciting program.

See *Dan Mathieson* for more details.

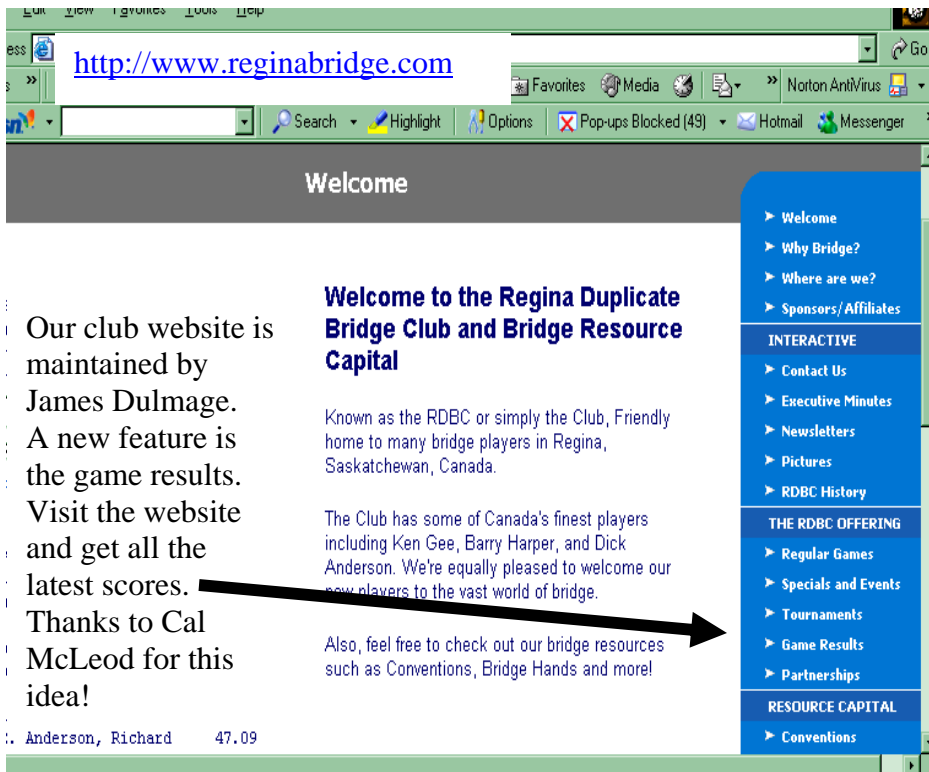
Leading the Fourth Best

East: Why did you lead the nine from K-9-7-5-2?

West: I play fourth best.

East: Then why not the five?

West: Darn! I always forget which end to count from.



In March, 2005, we achieved 674 unique hits. This is the most hits the site has ever received since it opened in 1995.

News from the Game Director -Irene Huber

The year has been eventful. So far we have hosted three tournaments and another on the horizon. I would like to extend a special thank you to Lois and Jack Walker, Michelle Belisle and Lorraine Garratt who worked in the kitchen to provide lunch for the sectionals and to Jill Wellman who helped me at the 199er tournament.

The Club Series lessons brought several players into the club and they continue to play on Monday night. We need more volunteers to mentor these newcomers. Please see Dan Mathieson if you could play with a newcomer on Wednesday night once or twice a month. It is by far the best way to get newcomers involved in the regular games.



Several people have expressed interest in the director's seminar. We are always short of directors so don't be afraid to come out and take the course. (For those who have already taken the course, Claire is willing to give you a quick refresher so that you can write the directors' exam.) I would like to think it would appeal to some of our younger people as well as to our newcomers. The job doesn't pay well, but it is quite satisfying. Please consider helping out—just give me a call and I'll set up some lessons for you!

We plan to run another series of lessons in the fall. They will likely start on the last Monday in September. If you know anyone who might be interested, just let them know. We like a class of about 20 so spread the word.

So.....You're a "Centenarian"..... 100 Masterpoints!

You've reached that 100 mark, and suddenly you find that you can't play on Monday night. What's out there for you now? Well, good news. The RDBC this year has made many more games available in which you can feel comfortable and successful.

***First of all, we have decided to stratify virtually every game** that we offer. What does this mean? It means that your game results are measured only against others in your stratum and you will be awarded masterpoints based upon how well you have done against others in your masterpoint range. (You will also be surprised at how much you can learn by playing in games against players with more masterpoints. They are usually more than willing to give you little tips if you ask them, or you can just learn a lot by watching how they bid and play.)

***Secondly, we now have two games a week which are offered only to Non-Lifemasters** (Generally, with few exceptions, Non-Lifemasters are players who have less than 300 masterpoints). Many players that play during these games are still under 100 MPs, or are in the 199er range. By the way, there is often a mini-lesson offered on Fridays at 7:00, so this is an extra bonus.

We feel that it is important to retain at least one game a week which is more of a learning game, in which new players can feel most comfortable as they get their feet wet. Monday has proven to be a great night for this. We also encourage those with less than 100 MPs to play with a "master" on Wednesdays (our only non-stratified game, but a game in which at least one member of the partnership has less than 100 MPs). Now that you're "over 100", you can still play on Wednesdays, if your partner has under 100 MPs.

Here is how the other games available to you are stratified (Afternoon games begin at 1:00; evening games begin at 7:30).

Non-Lifemasters:

When: Tues afternoon, and Friday evening

Stratifications: C is under 100; B is 100-200; A is over 200 but must be non-lifemaster

Open Pairs:

When: Saturday afternoon

Stratifications: C is under 100; B is 100-300; A is over 300

Open Pairs:

When: Monday afternoon, Tuesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday afternoon

Stratifications: C is under 200; B is 200-500; A is over 500

The friendly people who play during these afternoons and evenings look forward to having you join them. So pick your games and come on out!!

Please check the club wall calendars for summer game times.

Greeting Cards

If you know of anyone the club should be sending a card to—get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc.—please call Barb Hogan at 586-7584.

Thanks, Club Executive

Congratulations to those earned rank changes during the past while:

New Junior Masters

John Bennett, March 05
Pamela Keim, March 05

New Club Masters

Barb Beltramini, January 05

New Sectional Masters

Muriel Drew, March 05
Judy Perras, March 05
Scott Rosom, March 05

New Regional Masters

Audrey Perra, January 05
Craig Hubbard, February 05
Marg Hubbard, February 05
Dean Allen, March 05
Joyce Butler, March 05
Suzanne Reed, March 05

This newsletter has been brought to you with the help of Colleen Campbell. The main purpose of the newsletter is to provide members with information about our club. It is, admittedly, a little sparse this month! Please accept my apologies for any omissions or errors. Thank you to all who continue to support and encourage this effort. In closing out the season, I hope that many of you will take the time to come to the Annual General Meeting and Awards night on Thursday, June 23. Come at 6 pm for the meeting and get a free play for the game that follows. Players are asked to bring a door prize or a snack.

-Pat Harlton

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| <h1>June 2005</h1> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">JUNE 13 - 19 PENTICTON REGIONAL</div> | | | | | | |
| | | | 1 CANADIAN | 2 BRIDGE | 3 WEEK PRINCE ALBERT | 4 MONTREAL SECTIONAL |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Evening: Junior Fund TEAM game | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 NAOP club qualifying game A: unlimited B: <2000 C: <500 nonLM |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Afternoon & Evening: International Fund Pairs | 21 | 22 | 23 Annual General Meeting & Trophy Night | 24 REGINA | 25 TEAM |
| 26 SECTIONAL | 27 | 28 NAOP club qualifying game A: unlimited B: <2000 C: <500 nonLM | 29 | 30 | | |
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| <h1>July 2005</h1> <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; padding: 2px;">JULY 11 - 17 SALT LAKE CITY REGIONAL</div> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 International Fund Pairs Game | 7 | 8 | 9 International Fund Pairs Game |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | SEPT. 26 - OCT. 2 SASKATOON REGIONAL | |



Memberships are now due--
\$10.00 payable to any director. Thanks!

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