



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2006

President's Report

In my report at the last Annual General Meeting I suggested that we set a goal for the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club to make 2005-06 "The Year of Recruitment". In looking back over the past year I believe we have had some success.

Thanks to our excellent instructors we have attracted several new members. I encourage all newer members to become actively involved in your club. Its ongoing success is dependent upon volunteers who are prepared to dedicate their time, talents and energy to the continuous improvement of our Club.

Several members participated in the training required to become a Game Director and are now continuing their development by assisting some of our more experienced Directors. While we have a number of well-qualified Directors we can always use more. The ongoing viability of our Club is dependent upon an energetic cadre of competent Directors.

We still face some challenges with respect to expanding our pool of instructors and directors as well as finding more life masters to act as mentors to coach our newer members. However these initiatives will be pursued again next year.

As this year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all members, to express our gratitude to all game directors. Without you we would not be able to participate in the game that we all enjoy so much. Thank you!

Your Board of Directors and Club Manager also deserve a hearty round of applause for their contribution to the smooth operation of all aspects of our Club over the past year.

For those of you who have not yet had the privilege of serving on the Club's Board of Directors, I encourage you to become involved with Board activities by agreeing to run for election as a Board Member at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. I am confident that you will find serving as a Board Member to be an extremely rewarding experience. It feels good to be an active contributor to our Club.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual General Meeting. Be sure to voice your opinions and suggestions so that the incoming Board of Directors will have the benefit of your direction as they head into the New Year.

Lyle Spencer

“The New Phone Books are Here”



RDBC proudly presents a new phone list:

- best of all they are laminated
- **yellow background**
- \$2 each
- will be on sale shortly
- watch for further details!

Attention: 199ers



Clip and Save the 3 coupons below:

*Free Play - valid for the evening of:
Tuesday, April 11, 2006*

Name: _____
199er

*Free Play – valid for the evening of:
Tuesday, May 9, 2006*

Name: _____
199er

*Free Play - valid for the evening of:
Tuesday, June 13, 2006*

Name: _____
199er



In Memory

I am sure everybody has noticed our fancy computer - It was Roger Lumsden's wish that his computer (and the beautiful desk) come to our club when he passed away. His family complied with his wishes. Thank you for this lovely momentum and may you Rest in Peace Roger!

Membership Fees

Memberships are now due--\$10.00 to any Game Director.

Thanks

Board of Director's Meeting

Irene Huber reported at the March meeting that Gladys Foster and Rosemary Makelki have been coming out to help direct some Monday and Friday games. We discussed the need to encourage directors to take on various games. Way to go Gladys and Rosemary!

Partnerships

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

Bouquet of Thanks - to all Game Directors

Thanks to all those wonderful people who come out time after time to direct games. We'd be lost without all that you do to keep our club viable---from finding partners at the last minute, to tidying up the kitchen, to baking cookies, to handling those awkward "director" calls, to finding a new partner for a struggling newcomer, to figuring out the computer, to adjusting the heat, through to helping to make our club a place where all levels of players can find a game every day of the week but Sunday. Thank you all!



Rank Changes

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Linda Van Sickle, Dec. 05

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Bill Kramer, Nov. 05

Donna Barber, Dec. 05

Lorraine Garratt, Dec. 05

Betty Koltun, Dec. 05

Bob Nell, Feb. 06

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Tonia Hauck, Nov. 05

Pamela Keim, Dec. 05

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Allan Shore, Nov. 05

Rick Smith, Dec. 05

NEW NABC MASTERS

Ilsa Krukoff, Nov. 05

Craig Hubbard, Feb. 06

Marg Hubbard, Feb. 06

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Darcy Louttit, Nov. 05

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Cal McLeod, Feb. 06

NEW GOLD LIFE MASTERS

Doug Rankin, Nov. 05

RDBC Web-site

We have changed our e-mail address for contacting us (for SPAM reasons). Please take note of the new e-mail address by going to the Contact Us section. NOTE: All URL links that had our e-mail address in it were removed, so you can no longer click on the e-mail address to bring up your e-mail client. Sorry, but this is the only way around the spam issues. **The old e-mail address has been shut off completely, so don't e-mail there.**

E-mail Addresses:

General Inquiries/Questions/Comments:

info@reginabridge.com

Web site design:

jdulmage@accesscomm.ca

Web site hosting:

Quantum Net Solutions

We have switched from Metric Hosting to Quantum Net Solutions.

STANDBYS

Sometimes you just want to come down to the Club and play, even though you don't have a partner available for the game. Remember that there are many games for which a player is "standing by" for just such a situation.

When are standbys provided?

- Generally there is a Standby for regular games throughout the week, September through June. However, there is no Standby player for restricted point games (that is, no Standby on Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon, or Friday evening)
- There is also no Standby player for "special" games which come up from time to time. That is, no Standby for special qualifiers, for Club championships, or for ACBL or Canada-wide charity games

Who acts as a Standby?

- All regular players are encouraged to take a turn. A Standby list will be drawn up for the calendar year, with players slotted into a time most suited to their schedule.

What is expected of you if you are a Standby?

- A Standby is to show up ahead of game time on the day they are scheduled. They should identify themselves to the director as the Standby for the game.
- All players coming without partners are matched first and the Standby is only used if someone is left over with no partner.
- If a person can't be Standby on their assigned day, they are asked to arrange for a substitute.
- If used the Standby plays for free; if not used they are given a free play for another time.

We make every effort to ensure that there will be a Standby at the Club for regular unrestricted games. However, if you have come to play and are unable to be accommodated because a Standby did not show up, the director will give you a free play for another time. Please look at the monthly calendars to see when you are on standby – the calendars are posted on the north and south walls of the club.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

The Regina Spring Sectional was held at the Club March 2- 5, 2006. While the table counts were somewhat disappointing, both the Club and the South Saskatchewan Unit saw a modest profit. I would like to encourage all Club members to turn out for the Fall Sectional in October, and our newer players have their own 199er Tournament coming up in April.

I would like to thank all of the people who helped out over the Tournament weekend – holding tournaments as the Club saves on expenses, which translates into lower table fees

as compared to some other districts – however it does mean we must rely heavily on volunteers. In particular I must thank:

Sandra Southam – Hospitality Chair
Rosemary Makelki & Gerald Bocking – Cleaning Crew
Craig Hubbard – 50/50 tickets
Irene Huber – Caddies
Cal McLeod – Partnerships.

There are many other members besides those mentioned who helped out in various ways.

If you have not volunteered in the past, please consider taking a turn at one of the upcoming tournaments. In particular we need volunteers to take over the Partnership Desk and a Coordinator of Caddies. If you can help with either of these positions please contact Pat Beharry at 585-1412 or phoenixprint@accesscomm.ca.

Last but not least, congratulations to all of our tournament winners, including Rick Gaucher, most recent winner of the Dick Anderson Trophy for most Masterpoints earned at the Regina Club Sectionals.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Pat Beharry, Tournament Chairperson.*

Moose Jaw Regional

"Starting on Monday, April 17 starting at 7:00 PM until Sunday, April 23 will be the Moose Jaw Regional. ***There will be no regular club games during this time.*** So come on out and support the unit."

Our website features a list of conventions; as well as results and more!

<http://www.reginabridge.com>

The screenshot shows the website for the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club & Bridge Resource Capital. The header includes the club name and the date Saturday, March 25, 2006. The main content area is titled "Newsletters" and contains a sign-up form with a "Submit" button. To the right of the form is a navigation menu with links: "Return to Main Page", "THE CLUB", "Where Are We?", "Contact Us", "Executive Minutes", "Newsletters", "Pictures", "RDBC History", and "THE RDBC OFFERING".

Wow! There are many events to enjoy this month! It's Charity Month and more!

Tune Up for Moose Jaw

Saturday, April 15 Dick Anderson will be presenting a Workshop on opening leads and more team strategies to get you ready for Swisses and KO's in Moose Jaw. Starting time is 9:00 am.

Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 - ACBL Wide Charity Pairs. Bonus points (usual Wednesday game)

Friday, April 7 at 1:00 and 7:30 PM - Charity Pairs. Bonus points.

Monday, April 10 at 7:30 PM - is the "Club Championship" named in memory of Arnie Lind, mentor, teacher and advocate for duplicate bridge who died last year. Come on out and enjoy the game that Arnie helped many of us learn through his willingness to partner with and teach newcomers about learning to play duplicate bridge. Players of all master point stratifications welcome."

Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 PM - Charity Pairs. Bonus points.

Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 PM - Charity Pairs. Bonus points.

Monday, April 17 starting at 7:00 PM until Sunday, April 23 - Moose Jaw Regional. There will be no regular club games during this time. So come on out and support the unit.

Tuesday, April 25 at 1:00 PM and 7:30 PM - Charity Pairs. Bonus points.

Thursday, April 27 at 7:30 PM - Helen Shields Rookie-Master Game. At least one player under 20 master points. This is a chance to introduce new people to the game of duplicate.

There's a lot to choose from. Come out and support the club!

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

Club Executive

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