



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

December 2006

Presidents Message

First, on behalf of the board of directors, Season's greetings to all; may you enjoy the celebrations you desire. The Christmas party this year is Thursday, December 14. There are games on Tuesday, December 26 and I remind you that the evening game is a team game (CNTC Club Qualifying—see the bulletin board for more information). Thanks to our troop of directors (and those who help out when our regularly-scheduled directors are unavailable) we have games for you during the holiday season. Have fun!

Secondly, thanks to all who helped with the Fall Sectional. We realized a profit (see the minutes posted at the club). It must have been enjoyable as the table counts in the following week were quite decent. I hope you were able to take home some extra points during the rest the October Club Appreciation month. Check out the website (under Game Results) to see how you—and the opponents fared. On my last visit to the website I noticed that June is leading the Player of the Year race (but Art is really close) and Bev Skulmoski leads the Under 100's.

At the most recent board meetings we have had concerns raised by members about inconsistencies in play at the table. In the previous newsletter Dick's submission talked about Standard Discards expected in Duplicate Bridge. Since then we have had members raise concerns about the use of the Stop Card. If you are unsure as to its use please ask any director or your Wednesday night mentorship partner. Another concern raised was that of the role of the dummy. The dummy says nothing, the dummy keeps hands off the table until a card is called for by the declarer and the dummy does not prompt declarer in any way—not even to indicate whether declarer is in hand or on board. Dummy may only try to prevent declarer from leading from the wrong hand if he/she sees that declarer is about to play a card from hand while on the board, or about to call a card from dummy when in hand. Before that happens, dummy can do nothing. This last bit was news to me. It seems that the dummy is exactly that: a dummy. Thank you to members for raising these concerns. If you are an experienced player, please help out by answering questions the newer ones have. If you are a newer player, please feel free to ask questions or call the director (remember: "*director, please*"). If you are an in-between player, hang in there—there's a lot to learn. Above all, keep in mind that the game is meant to be fun and without opponents there is no game.

In closing, I hope those of you who have taken lessons have learned much. I hope those of you who direct have received thanks from players. I hope those who provide food have been thanked. I encourage those who come out on Wednesday night for the club mentorship game to tell others that much can be learned there. Finally, thank you to the group of people who work with me on the board of directors for being involved and concerned with the future of the club.

Pat Harlton (Madame President as Richard Downing puts it)



Long-Time Club Members We Need You

During the past while I've noticed that some of our largest games are those that are special RDBC Club games; for example, the Art Dahl had 16 pairs competing (Doug and Dick won), the Erin Berry with 14 pairs (Betty vH and Bev Stepler), and the Don Larmour with 12 pairs (Art and Gil). Increased numbers, friendly rivalry—this is good. What is not so good is that the plaques and trophies awarded for these distinctions are in poor shape. Some are mislabelled, some are falling apart and, most sadly, some are orphans whose lineage is fuzzy at best. There are funds/donations available to fix these markers of recognition. What is needed is someone (or a group) to take on the job of sorting, fixing and organizing these awards. The historical roots of our club are embedded, indeed buried there. Please help. Although it would be a bit of work and require a donation of time; it is a way to show your appreciation of the RDBC. I am hoping that some of the seasoned players who have RDBC historical knowledge will step up to lead this project.

Ask yourself—have I enjoyed my years at the club...could I get together with a friend and preserve the history...can I give something back to the club?
To get involved with this please speak with me or email me at patricia.harlton@rbe.sk.ca
Thank you in advance for giving this request some serious thought.

If Santa gave you what you wanted...

If you have visited the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club's website, you may have noticed the recent new Life Masters Don Delparte and Kay Delparte picture.

This is an initiative to keep the website updated, as well as acknowledge club members accomplishments.

If Santa has given you a new camera for being good this year maybe you could donate your old camera to the Club.

The camera needs to be digital and able to download pictures to the computer. If this sounds like the one you have in the closet, please consider this Christmas wish to donate.





Meet Us In St. Louis

Kalispell, Montana National Open Pairs Qualifiers

Congratulations to everyone from the Club who won their way to the Nationals in St. Louis in March 2007. Regina Duplicate Bridge Club will be well represented in all flights:

Flight A

Doug Rankin
Dennis Nelson

Flight B

Peter Worby
Kevin Young

Flight C

Bernie Collins
Margaret Hubbard
Craig Hubbard
Sandra Southam



Congratulations!

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Gail Charles, Nov. 06
Linda Van Sickle, Nov. 06

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Maureen Adams, Nov. 06
Pamela Keim, Nov. 06
Judy Perras, Nov. 06
Beverley Spencer, Nov. 06

NEW NABC MASTERS

Lorraine Schaefer, Sept. 06
Paulette Riou, Oct. 06
Sandra Southam, Oct. 06
Kusum Thakre, Nov. 06
Lois Walker, Nov. 06

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Don Delparte, Oct. 06
Kay Delparte, Oct. 06
Clara King, Nov. 06

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Bud Smallshaw, Sept. 06

NEW SILVER LIFE MASTERS

Dave Worby, Oct. 06

ACBL South Sask. Unit #573 Presents Regina's Spring Thaw Sectional

March 22 - 25, 2007

Award presentation for all events.

Teachers in Stitches



Recognize anyone you know? These ladies call themselves “Teachers in Stitches” whom have come together for the second year in a row to participate in Patches of Hope, a fundraiser for the fight against cancer.

Club members Ilsa Krufkoff, Judy Perras and Gaylene Spence joined this group of ladies to create a quilt which was then auctioned off. These ladies raised \$2,900; the highest amount raised for a single quilt! Dr. Vuksic purchased the quilt (3rd from the right).



Thank You!

It is at this time when we reflect on the year. The Executive would like to thank everyone at the club for making this year such as success. There are a lot of people that work hard to keep a non-profit organization running smoothly.

We would like to recognize the following volunteers:

Barb Hogan for ensuring cards are sent out on behalf of everyone at the Club

Dave Sabier for all the time spent and innovative ideas for building maintenance

Pam Kein for taking care of the coffee machine

Dick Anderson for giving lessons that will ensure newcomers to our Club

Jan Anderson for all the time spent on creating the Calendar of Events

Lorraine Garret for organizing the hospitality for all tournaments and special events

There are many more people that do things for the Club whose names may not be listed, but please know that you are appreciated!

REGINA TO HOST CNTC ZONE FINAL

Regina will host the CNTC (Flight A – Open and Flight B – all under 1500 as of Sept. 1, 2006) Zone Final. Teams from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Northern Manitoba are eligible to compete.

The CNTC Zone Final will take place Saturday, March 31 (three sessions) and Sunday, April 1 (two sessions), 2007.

As hosts we want to make sure that lots of Regina teams take part. Remember that as long as you play in South Sask. Sectionals, the Unit will pay your entry fee for this event. Teams must pre-register with a \$100 non-refundable deposit by March 1, 2007.

Please submit the following to Alex Fowlie if you intend on playing in the Zone Final:

- name, ACBL #, mailing address, phone number and email for team captain
- complete list of all team members with ACBL numbers
- \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Alex's contact information is:

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There are two more chances to earn club qualification:

Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 1pm

Tuesday, December 26, 2006 at 7:30pm

Get qualified, put your teams together and register with Alex. This promises to be an exciting two days of bridge. Three teams in each Flight qualify to represent CBF Zone V in the National Finals which will be held in Winnipeg, MB at the end of May.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW!!