



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

April 2007

President's Report

On behalf of the RDBC executive, Season's Greetings; may spring bring a breath of enthusiasm to your lives and to you bridge games! Speaking of spring and rejuvenation, the Helen Shields Rookie-Master game (Monday Evening, April 23) is an opportunity for members to introduce a newcomer to our Club. Mark your calendar for this date—a party night.

2008 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of our club. Sandra Southam is chairing the committee and volunteers are more than welcome. We've begun sprucing up the club: the computer has been replaced, the trophies are being refurbished and we are cleaning up the Lifemaster wall.

In closing, thanks to all who continue to do things that make playing bridge at our club enjoyable—"thank you partner," "director please," and "how can I help?" If you have ideas about making the Club a better place think about becoming a member of the executive. The June Annual General Meeting is your opportunity to speak out, get involved and donate your time to Club improvement. As we enter into our second half-century I believe we will need to have the flexibility to change with the times together with the retention of the values that have given us the foundation on which the club was formed.

- Pat Harlton

Tales from the Trail

- Barry Harper

You would think I would have some insight, wisdom or even amusing stories to tell, but somehow when I sit in front of the keyboard my mind seems to go blank.

Anyway, I know I have one goofy observation to make. "Road Kill" varies vastly from state to state. Bambi is everywhere and the bane of all motorists, but in Saskatchewan, you don't see armadillos like you do in Texas, or turtles like in Florida, cattle in open range Montana, racoons in Oregon, prong-horn antelope in North Dakota, opossums in Georgia, tumbleweeds in Kansas (especially near Hayes) or lizards in New Mexico. I can tell you that travel is not all it is cracked up to be and Dorothy was at least partly right, "There is no place like home".



I have a favourite hand from a recent tournament. Playing with Cam Doner against Texan Tobi Sokolow (#1 ranked U.S. women player in the World Bridge Federation) and John Sutherlin, also of Texas, I held S Q64 H 98 D Q53 C Q7643; Grant Baze sat down to kibitz Cam and said "I'm going to sit here till you do something right, no matter how long it takes." Well he left in the middle of this first hand, because he hated Cam's bidding. Baze said "The only reason not to bid 4H yourself is if partner plays better than you do." The auction went:

J.S. me T.S. Cam
1NT – P – P – 2D*
P – 2H – 2S – 4D
P – 4H all pass

* showing a heart suit

Cam had: S 52 H AQJT65 D AKT96 C —

Three rounds of spades were played and I pitched a diamond from dummy. Since LHO might have the heart King I finessed the heart, but it lost and a heart was returned. On the run of the rest of the hearts, John Sutherlin showed up with four spades (expected since LHO had passed 1NT), two hearts and three clubs (he had pitched a low club, the jack and the ace of clubs). He has shown up with 15 HCP he has shown up with so LHO had to have the club King and seemed like 4-3-1-5 shape. It sure seemed like he had started with four diamonds. Why didn't World Champion Tobi Soklow lead her stiff diamond? Well, it was dummy's second suit and such leads most often help declarer. So

after much thought I took a first round finesse by running the diamond ten and made 4H, when Sutherlin held: S AKxx H Kx D Jxxx C AJx.

So where do we Regina hicks fit in, in the grand scheme of things. Well, I do find it interesting when we sit down against a BIG NAME playing with someone we don't know well, they often warn their partner "these guys bid a lot". I have seen some of the biggest names take a team-mate aside and warn them about sitting in Kenny's chair. I always find that funny, because no one knows the Gee-man better than me and I can't predict what he will do! A couple of years ago, someone asked a Chicago pro: "So, how good is Kenny Gee?" --- The answer: "Nobody knows, but you try and beat him!"

I will tell you one important thing. We are not stupid. When we sit down against some of the best teams in the world, we know we are heavy underdogs. Importantly, we also know and so do they, that we don't consider the match won or lost until it is over. The easiest time we ever have is when someone gives up before they start to play us.

My win-loss record against Meckwell might be 10-90, but I always plan on winning and always intend to try and boost that percentage. In general we have nothing to lose when we play a team that is superior on paper. And, I can tell you I have beat everyone in the Bridge world and lost to everyone at sometime or other.

Several years ago in Oklahoma City we were playing the Flight A Swiss, and two septuagenarian ladies sat down against us. I don't count any chickens before I hear them cluck, but my partner was clearly pleased by our draw. Making small talk, he asked, "So, Who are you playing with today?" They replied, "Our mothers". I thought my partner was going to crack his cheeks with his smile. Well, we not only lost, we got blitzed! And, they were playing with their mothers!



Moose Jaw Sectional April 27th – 29th

As always, the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club supports the Moose Jaw Sectional!

There will not be regular games at the Regina Club all day Friday – but hope to see everyone supporting the game in Moose Jaw!



Let's Celebrate! Regina Duplicate Bridge Club's 50th Anniversary

2008 will mark Regina Duplicate Bridge Club's 50th anniversary of existence. At the 2006 Annual General Meeting it was brought forward that the Club should take this opportunity to celebrate our past as we look forward to our future.

The Executive has embraced this suggestion from its membership. In order to make this the momentous occasion it is we will be doing some fundraising throughout the next year. Sandra Southam has volunteered to Chair this committee. Anyone wishing to participate, please feel free to call or email.

While we go forward with the celebration set for next year, your assistance would be greatly appreciated for the following:

We need to get the word out to past members; if you have any past member's new address and/or phone numbers, please pass along to the committee.

We need pictures; any size, any condition. Please put your name on the envelope; put the names of any members of whom the picture is of on the back of the picture; as well as any pertinent information as to "what the occasion was" when the picture was taken.

We need stories; tasteful, hopefully funny, and informative stories about the Club and its past and present members.

Upcoming Events

Helen Shields Canadian Rookie-Master Game Monday, April 23, 2007

- Special Canada Wide game for all players with fewer than 50 masterpoints to play with more experienced players.
- A great game to bring someone new to the club and introduce them to the wonderful world of duplicate bridge.
- Hand records with analysis. Top score in our Zone receive plaques and top score in Canada receive beautiful trophies.
- Please sign up at the club if you need a partner - we will find partners for anyone willing to play.
- Cost: \$6.00 per player



199ers' Regina Sectional May 4th – 6th Why You Should Attend

On May 4, 5 and 6 we are holding a special Sectional Tournament for all those with fewer than 200 master points.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to win those Silver Points at Sectional Rating. Not only can you earn masterpoints but you can have fun!!! You will never have to play against anyone with more than 200 masterpoints all weekend. We hold this special sectional once a year to give you all a chance to experience the fun of a Sectional Tournament in a more relaxed setting.

For those with fewer than 20 masterpoints we will try to have a separate section for you on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening. This all depends on enough of you coming out to make a 3 table section. Please plan to attend now.

Don't miss this opportunity to support both our Unit and Club while you earn Silver points in a FUN TOURNAMENT.

**Annual General Meeting & Trophy Night June 28th
Plan to attend!**

Bring your ideas, your concerns, and your favourite treat.



A Special Thank You!

On behalf of everyone at the club I would like to thank Bill Robertson who so graciously donated a digital camera to the Club.

Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder –Picture This!

At a recent meeting the Club's executive has finally given into the idea of having picture rails for the Wall of LifeMasters. Construction is underway. As such, we request that future pictures be portrait (8 x 10). The Club will supply the picture frame. So don't be shy – I know there are lots of lifemasters who have yet to bring down a picture.

TELEPHONE LIST UPDATE

Marg Hubbard has volunteered to update the Club's telephone list so it will be ready for distribution in June. If your phone number needs to be updated, please let her know.

Thank you Marg for taking this on again for us!

CONGRATULATIONS

New Junior Masters

Fraser Brooks, Dec. 06
Jason Larrivee, March 07
Judy Runge, March 07

New Club Masters

Beverly Steepler, Dec. 06

New Regional Masters

Bob Nell, Feb. 07

New Nabc Masters

Lise Lundlie, Dec. 06
Gaylene Spence, March 07

New Life Masters

Craig Hubbard, Feb. 07
Margaret Hubbard, Feb. 07

2006 ACE of CLUBS AWARDS

These are awards for the player that wins the most master points in club games in South Saskatchewan Unit 573 during 2006 in categories based on master point holding at the start of the year.

0 - 5 Master Point Category

1. Gail Charles	21.72
2. Beverly Steepler	16.18
3. Sharon Rooney	10.01

5 - 20 Master Point Category

1. Ann McNally	11.39
2. Stanley Barber	0.66
3. Linda Van Sickle	10.00

20 - 50 Master Point Category

1. Lorraine Garratt	28.98
2. Marg Stewart	15.72
3. Donna Barber	11.76

50 - 100 Master Point Category

1. Pamela Keim	50.94
2. Sandra Southam	45.82
3. Judy Perras	33.67

100 - 200 Master Point Category

1. Barry Southam	39.48
2. J Craig Hubbard	35.98
3. James Brown	32.42

200 - 300 Master Point Category

1. Mrs. M. R. Hubbard	39.53
2. Lise Lundlie	39.40
3. Rosemary Makelki	29.32

300 - 500 Master Point Category

1. Nelson Sunshine	89.16
2. Kay Delparte	36.42
3. Bud Smallshaw	33.85

500 -1000 Master Point Category

1. Calvin McLeod	98.83
2. R Keith Eichel	48.78
3. Frank Loffler	43.48

1000 to 2500 Master Point

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| 1. June Lind | 95.07 |
| 2. Audrey Sabier | 64.11 |
| 3. Lorna Taylor | 58.98 |

2500 to 5000 Master Point

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| 1. Art D'Entremont | 96.83 |
| 2. Dennis Nelson | 78.61 |
| 3. Doug Rankin | 64.33 |

7500 - 10,000 Master Point

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| 1. Richard Anderson | 94.22 |
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Over 10,000 Master Point

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| 1. Barry Harper | 18.59 |
| 2. Ken Gee | 0.60 |

2006 MINI-MCKINNEY AWARDS

Awarded to the person who wins the most master points in each point category during the year.

0 - 5 Master Point Category

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| 1. Gail Charles | 25.99 |
| 2. Beverly Stepler | 17.90 |
| 3. Sharon Rooney | 10.52 |

50 - 100 Master Point Category

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| 1. Sandra Southam | 153.67 |
| 2. Pamela Keim | 70.66 |
| 3. Bill Kramer | 67.96 |

5 - 20 Master Point Category

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| 1. Stanley Barber | 14.71 |
| 2. Linda Van Sickle | 13.88 |
| 3. Carole Toles | 13.16 |

100 - 200 Master Point Category

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| 1. J Craig Hubbard | 100.36 |
| 2. Barry Southam | 96.64 |
| 3. Dennis Butler | 81.08 |

20 - 50 Master Point Category

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| 1. Lorraine Garratt | 32.34 |
| 2. Donna Barber | 17.40 |
| 3. Marg Stewart | 17.32 |

200 - 300 Master Point Category

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| 1. Mrs. M. R. Hubbard | 103.91 |
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Way To Go Guys! - Update from the Nationals in St. Louis

Peter Warby and Kevin Young came from behind to win third place in the Golden Pairs – North American Pairs – Flight B.