



## **SPECIAL 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:**

As we all get ready to have a wonderful weekend on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the club's fundraising efforts. All proceeds will contribute to make it memorable!

Dan Mathieson has graciously agreed to be Master of Ceremonies for the Dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding the Dinner at the Austrian Club on 320 Maxwell Crescent. We will be feasting on roast beef, followed by a short Program, so that we can dance the night away and re-ignite with old friends.

Then, on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> everyone is invited down to the club for Brunch and Bridge. The cost for the bridge will be the same as it was 50 years ago - \$1.00!

In preparing this Special Edition of the Newsletter, Dave Worby has provided several binders full of memories. As I went through all of them, I am assured that the more things change – the more they stay the same! In this edition of the Newsletter, as well as upcoming ones for the year, I will select articles from the past. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I did. If you have a favourite article you would like me to include in the next Newsletter, please feel free to bring it to my attention. This is the time to celebrate our past members, our previous residences, as well look to our future.

So now I need a little more assistance from all club members. I have 200 postcards of the poster hanging by the door of the club; if you know any past members – please invite them to our festivities! Please feel free to invite them personally over the phone or in person with a postcard. However, as I need to know the final numbers everyone will need to purchase their tickets a week before the event.

- Sandra Southam

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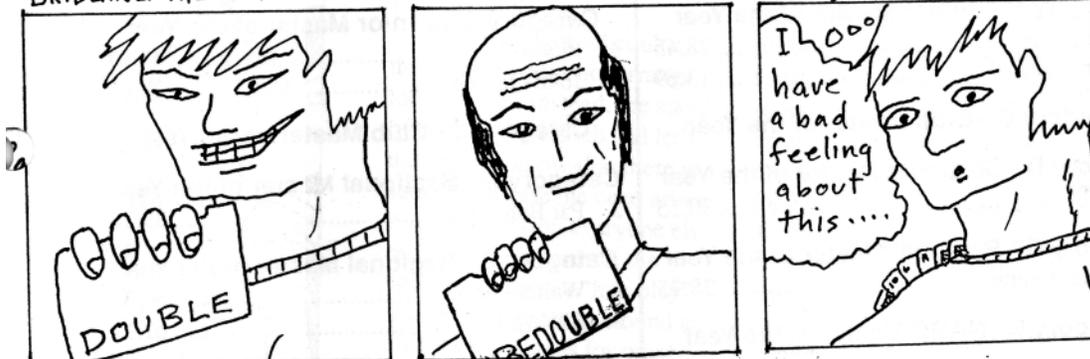
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is once more upon us and it is time to reflect on another year of bridge activity. Most of our clubs appear to be maintaining table counts but dwindling attendance is an on going problem we all have to face. Our seasoned "vets" must continue to strive to be congenial opponents, particularly when playing against new-comers. We can not afford to drive people away by being over zealous or too critical of opponents or partners. I know I've said this before, but I can't emphasize it enough. When is the last time you brought a bridge playing friend down to the club? When is the last time you asked a new-comer for a game? The intense competition of today's entertainment market requires that we work hard to maintain our game. Our Unit presently has 575 members. It could be 675 if we all do our part. We need growth to ensure healthy clubs and well attended tournaments.

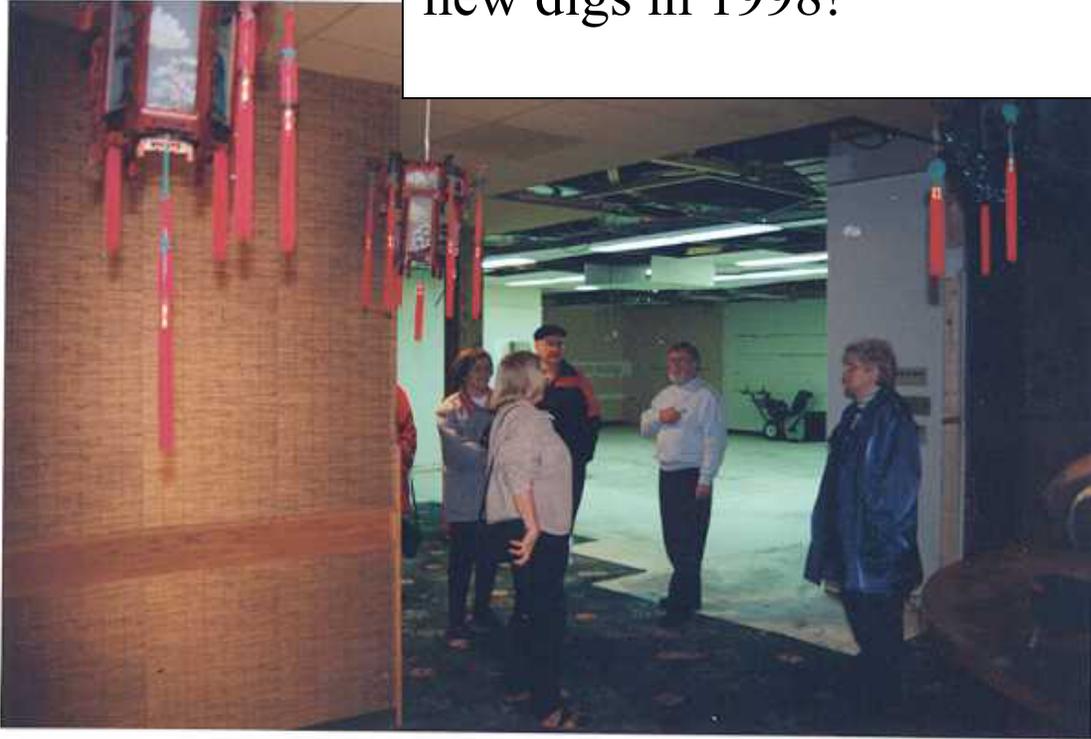
Let me again say thank you for all your support. Our Unit is in good financial shape, our tournaments are being well attended and profitable, and our clubs continue to show Saskatchewan ingenuity for survival when others would throw in the towel.

Dick Anderson

## BRIDGING THE GAP



Club members checking out the new digs in 1998!



## Grand Opening - September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1998



Regina Sun photo by Terry Chevalier  
Charter and 25-year members of the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club were honored at the club's grand opening on Sept. 10. The club recently moved from River Heights Shopping Mall to 349 Albert St. The club's first game was held in Orange Hall before moving to Regina's industrial area, the YMCA and then to the River Heights location. The club's 40th anniversary was celebrated by its 200-plus members.

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### BAKERS NEEDED:

In order to keep the costs down for the brunch, as well as make it as scrumptious as possible – if any member would care to make a loaf of sorts I would greatly appreciate it. Please just let me know so I can cross it off my list!

Thank you for your assistance!

- Sandra Southam



## THE RETRO CORNER

- by Dan Mathieson

To give present

members some perspective on our Club's history, we are presently awaiting a written account from Pat Boyle, an original founding member. To get the ball rolling, I will attempt to fill in some of the 1960 to 1975 period. Regina's first Life-Masters were Art D'Entremont and Sherril Brooks who both went over in 1966. Art got his gold card in Winnipeg, while Sherril got hers here in Regina. In these earlier times, Winnipeg-Regina-Saskatoon shared regionals, so Regina got one approximately every five years. As this was also before stratified or flighted events, gold points could only be won by finishing with a section top or in the overalls. Saskatchewan's first Life-Masters were Doug Scott (1960) of Saskatoon and the tandem of Ches Teal (1963) and Bill Robertson (1964) who, from their Radville base, were arguably the top Saskatchewan pair for several decades. Ches had gone over while wintering in California, while Bill used his car business as an excuse to attend a Toronto regional and go over there. It does appear that traveling was required as 1968 saw the then Luther Math teacher, Blake Carson, go over in Denver while on summer holidays and lawyer, Bob Barr, follow his lead. Mr. Bi-Rite Drugs, Gary Mitchell, joined the group in 1969 and was able to help his mother, Tobi Mitchell, get her card in 1971. The years of 1972 and 1973 brought two trios of accomplished players to the Gold Card Club. Optometrist, Stan Abrams, "The Bird" Gil Lafreniere and the incomparable, most feared, Art Dahl joined in 1972. In the following year Marg Carsons, lawyer Barry Stewart, and a young schoolteacher by the name of Dick Anderson joined them.

### BRIDGING THE GAP



by A. Kent Bruce

# It's Your Opportunity

by Ken Gee

During a Monday afternoon game, Nancy Crossman picked up this hand as dealer:

♠AK652  
♥A10  
♦AK6  
♣A32

It is a nice hand: 22 high card points, but is this a 2C opener? One may also consider 2NT which is not unreasonable. If partner were a passed hand, I would agree with a 2C or 2NT opener to show this hand. Nancy opened 1S. I like this bid since it keeps the bidding at a lower level.

Nancy's partner responded with 3C (mini splinter) which is alerted. Nancy explains that 3C tends to show a singleton or void in clubs with 7 - 9 HCP and at least 4 card trump support.

Nancy now looking at all the keycards decided to check partner's memory by bidding 4NT (14-30 Roman Keycard Blackwood). Partner's response of 5C showing 0 or 3 keycards was no surprise.

A 5D response would have shown 1 or 4 keycards. Nancy now finishes the bidding by jumping to 6S.

The complete bidding was:

1S	P	3C*	P
4NT	P	5C	P
6S	P	P	P

Nancy's LHO (left hand opponent) held:

♠xx  
♥9xx  
♦Jxxxx  
♣KJx

Nancy's Partner held:

♠QJxx  
♥KJxxx  
♦10xx  
♣x

and Nancy's RHO held:

♠xx  
♥Qxx  
♦Qx  
♣Q10xxxx

As you can see, 6S is a lay down and there is a chance of making 7S. Once partner showed a singleton with at least 4 card trump support and 7 - 9 HCP, Nancy knew that 6S was easy. Nice opening bid, Nancy. Easy game isn't it?

A doctor was very concerned about the physical condition of one of his bridge-playing patients. During a regular check-up, he asked, "Do you get much exercise?"

"Only when I sit East-West, Doc," was the reply.

*Teacher:* Bridge is a logical game.

*Student:* Exactly my problem.

### 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.

## The Kehela Convention

- by Arnie Lind

Have you ever played a sport with teammates? I think some bridge players haven't.



I play a lot of doubles tennis, both mixed and unmixd, and the worst thing a partner can do to me during a match is to say, "Why did you make that shot?" or "Why did you hit the ball out?" This ruins the rest of the match and makes it difficult for me to play well. How much better it would have been to have said, "Tough shot," or "Good try" or give me a high-five. I know when I've made a mistake and I try not to repeat it or bring down my partner's game and cause more mistakes.

Unfortunately many bridge players never seem to have played on a team before. Have you ever curled or played baseball and had a teammate criticize your every shot or play? Does such a person find that they aren't asked to play on many teams? I try and bite my tongue when I see a mistake and when I make one I try not to beat myself up. I don't always succeed, but I keep trying. I wish I could always use the Kehela Convention.

Probably the greatest partnership in Canadian bridge has been Eric Murray and Sammy Kehela. June and I watched them at the Canadian Team Championships when they were in Regina. Not once did either one of them comment on a mistake or a bad bid. They never discussed the hand after the play but went on to the next one. Their only comments were positive: "Thank you partner," when the dummy came down, and "Well played" to partner or the opponents. This is the Kehela Convention. I'm sure they discussed each mistake after the session to see how they could improve. Too bad it is not used too often any more.

We should always act positive when dummy comes down. How often have you been playing and an opponent apologizes for a crappy dummy? When it happens I say to myself, "Oh, I think we can defeat this contract," but when Kenny Gee positively thanks dummy I say, "I guess he'll make it" and I give up.

Another thing I have to stop doing is giving unasked for advice to dummy, or worse, to my partner, "Why didn't you open 1 No Trump?" or "You don't play limit raises?" Also when the dummy comes down I have to refrain from saying, "Thank you partner," and adding, "but where is the hand you had when you were bidding."

**Bridge is a sport and we should all remember that.**



**Message from  
the Game  
Management Chair**  
- by Irene Huber

Things are looking up at the club as we now have directors in training. This should make it possible to relieve some of us who direct most of the games. Let's make the new directors feel comfortable in their new role.

Please continue to come to the club on a regular basis and make the game as enjoyable as possible for all.

**Annual General Meeting  
June 26th.**



Please consider running for the Board

Please plan to attend.

## President's Report

I hope that you are enjoying this newsletter—what an undertaking for Sandra Southam on top of organizing the Fiftieth Anniversary celebrations. Thank you Sandra for all that you do. Indeed, thank you to all the members of this executive for bringing your various talents to the table. When I think about the number of hours that the long-standing executive members; Jan Anderson, Pat BeHarry and Dave Sabier, have put into this club I am humbled and awestruck. Jan—we are in good standing with the ACBL and the CBF; Pat—our tournaments are second to none and the books/table counts must take hours to compile; Dave—carpet installation, ongoing maintenance and the sharp looking plaque area. I'd say these folks have gone above and beyond what might be expected—for years and years! Thank you on behalf of the entire membership.

The minutes of the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors are posted at the club and on the website. Our website is phenomenal—thanks to Sandra and James Dulmage for maintaining this site, <http://www.reginabridge.com>. On a sad note, two board members have resigned: Nelson Sunshine and Colleen Campbell. Thank you to both for the work you did while sitting on the executive. I, too, will be moving along after the AGM. I encourage each club member to think about sitting on the executive. While I know that many of you have done so in the past, I hope you will reconsider letting your name stand again—we need the expertise and flexibility of time that many of you are now experiencing.

The executive has been busy with the day-to-day workings of the club: member concerns, broken window, scheduling, et cetera—in general, trying to ensure that our club is a welcoming place. This brings me to my most important concern for the next 50 years in our club: Directors. We won't have games if we don't have directors. Looking over the archived newsletters, it seems this is a perennial issue. Nope, the directors will never get rich from the duty; nope it won't always be an easy call; nope, these folks are not seeking fame. So, why do they direct? Seriously, why do they direct? I'd suggest it is out of a sense of commitment—to the challenging game of duplicate.

**Director, please.** Two words—several meanings:

First, on behalf of the executive, thank you to each person who has answered these two words with, “yes, I will direct.” You are the backbone of this club, providing us with a priceless donation of time, energy, expertise, patience and commitment. You must have skins thick as rhinoceroses.

Secondly, **Director, please**, can we offer more games at the club? Yes, but we need directors. The call for directors goes out to all members—both those who have already taken the training course and to those who could give back to the club by becoming directors. Think on this invitation; contact Dean Allen—the board member who tries to ensure that all games have directors. We do need help—we're at the point that we are going to have to buy a bed and stock the fridge so as to provide Dick with the comforts of home as he must be living here because he is directing so many games. Ask yourself, “Isn't it about time I stepped forward and helped out?—can I direct one game on a regular basis—can I find another member who would share a game? (i.e. me one week and another the next)—can I fill in over the summer?—can I see that the present directors could use a break? **Director, please**; and thank you to the current game directors, **THANK YOU.**

Thirdly, **director, please**. We use these words to ensure that the level of comfort at our club is favourable. It *is* all players' duty to call the director immediately, before hard feelings have a chance to spoil the atmosphere. Do not ignore the etiquette of the game. I was reading the April, 2008 *ACBL Bridge* magazine and came across The Hat Lady article. What caught my attention (after that hat) was the bold, red 'Zero Tolerance' subtitle. I thought, "We've had issues with that at the club", then I thought, "How is it that an international magazine would give space to something this basic?" I read the article; the Hat Lady seemed to be speaking to our membership:

*Zero Tolerance encourages being friendly, greeting and complimenting the opponents, having your convention cards filled out...It prohibits the behaviour most of us find obnoxious, such as yelling, badgering, rudeness, threats, gratuitous analyses and lessons. Like cell phones, which everyone in the free world knows you should silence in public venues, **Zero Tolerance isn't hard to figure out. Watch your p's and q's while you play.*** (p. 45)

What her words said to me is this: The game of duplicate bridge relies on people being nice. We are no different from other Clubs in that we need to be reminded to practise common courtesy at the table, with respect to opponents, to partners and to our directors. That Hat Lady—basic issue, yes; relevant issue, yes; age-old issue, yes. Think on this; people come out to enjoy the experience.

**Director, please; Directors, many thanks.**

Pat Harlton, President.