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Sent: December 8, 2021 1:20 PM
Subject: DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Although a seasonal blizzard caused two of our recent games to be cancelled, attendance at the club continues to rise. Lots of people played in the STaC games which Unit 573 sponsored for us in early November, with nine teams out for the "8 is Enough" Saturday game. The table count for the entire month was a post-Covid high of 153.

We are delighted to welcome some new players, six of whom are graduates of Gaylene Spence's fall lessons. Please make these people welcome. Gaylene will be starting a new session of instruction on January 13, so please tell any of your friends who might be interested in taking up bridge about this opportunity.

The top player in October was Joyce Butler with 13.0 points; in November she was edged out of that spot by Barb Miller who was .58 of a point ahead of her with 12.96 points. The best games in October were Cal McLeod and Dow Cooney with 73.81% in an open game and Joyce Butler and Edie Laidlaw with 65.28% in a restricted game. In November Cal and Dow were tops again with a wonderful 76.19% and Pat Harlton and Kathy Bryden had 66.07% in the restricted category.

There is also sad news to report. Long time member Bob Stewart died suddenly in early November. We will miss hearing his delightful Scottish accent at the table.

We currently have four hard-working directors at the club and three who are on leave at the moment, but we need more so we can consider offering more games or providing substitutes if people are away or ill. If you think you would like to learn to direct, we would love to hear from you. Please talk to any director or member of the club executive if you are interested in helping the club in this way.

We also need more players to come out for our Tuesday evening open game. This is the only chance for working players with over 100 points to play with their regular partners. We need at least eight players to hold a game, and more make for better competition.

The club in partnership with Unit 573 is planning to offer an online game hopefully starting in January 2022. This will have two sections, open and under 300 points, and will be on Sunday afternoons. Players from other Saskatchewan clubs will be able to participate in this, so there will be more competition. We will send out more details in January.

The schedule for December includes the Art Dahl championship in the afternoon on December 13. There will be no game on December 24.

Although the current Covid-19 public health restrictions have prevented us from hosting a Christmas gathering and game this year, the club executive certainly wants to wish all of you merry Christmas and all the best of health and happiness for 2022.

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>

Sent: October 26, 2021 8:27 AM

Subject: November Newsletter

EARLY NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Games at the club are continuing to go well with slightly higher attendance as the weather cools and people are spending more time indoors. We also are adding another game and have two weeks when there will be extra points available.

On Saturday afternoon, November 6, we will restart our "8 is Enough" team games (new players should ask a director about the make-up of the teams) and will have a second of these on November 20.

The entire first week in November is a STaC tournament, the initials standing for sectional tournament at the club. This competition offers silver points for winners in all the games except Monday night. It is a great opportunity for those of you needing silver points to advance to the next master's level.

There will also be extra points available in all games the week of November 22-26. This is a Welcome Back provided by the ACBL to encourage players to attend face-to-face games.

Following the tradition of the club, we will have a brief remembrance of members who have passed away in the past two years at the beginning of our afternoon game on November 11.

Recently there have been a few problems with incorrect scores input on the Bridgemates. North should enter the contracts and East or West should look closely to make sure that both the numbers and the direction of play are correct. When a contract is marked East-West instead of North-South, it leads to incorrect results and extra work for the director to fix the mistake.

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>

Sent: October 5, 2021 10:06 AM

Subject: RDBC October Newsletter

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

If you've been at the club recently, you will know that things are going very well. In September we had nearly 20 more tables than in August, and our Tuesday evening open game is giving working people a chance to play. Other good news is that 28 people have started Gaylene Spence's lessons, and we hope that some of them, especially those in the refresher class, will soon join our games as well.

Our existing sanitizing program has been working well and we have added new rules to comply with Sask Health's directives. Masks are now required for everyone at all times and we are checking to make sure everyone is double vaccinated. The first time you come to the club you will have to show proof of vaccination, but after that your name will be on a list so you won't have to reshow your documents. Hopefully this will increase people's comfort level at the club.

Congratulations are in order for Barb Miller, the player of the month for September with 6.78 points, and for Kevin Young and Cal McLeod who had the highest percentage (66.46) in an open game and Vivian Krakowski and Pat Stevenson (68.23) in the restricted game category.

These people and the rest of us will have a chance to win even more points in October thanks to the ACBL's Club Appreciation program which offers extra points for players at no extra cost to the club. You should mark these special games on your calendar:

- Oct. 5 afternoon
- Oct. 7 afternoon
- Oct. 8 afternoon
- Oct 11 (Thanksgiving) afternoon
- Oct. 12 evening
- Oct. 13 evening
- Oct. 18 afternoon & evening
- Oct. 19 evening
- Oct. 22 afternoon
- Oct. 25 evening
- Oct. 26 afternoon team game.
- Oct. 28 afternoon.

Happy Thanksgiving and Halloween.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: September 28, 2021 11:13 PM
Subject: Covid Protocols

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

These premises are classified as a public, non-essential business. Therefore, in keeping with the Saskatchewan Provincial Government mandate, everyone is required to wear a close-fitting mask that covers their mouth and nose.

Beginning October 1, 2021, you will also be required to provide proof that you have received two Covid 19 vaccinations.

Required proof will either be a printed or scanned (to your phone or computer) copy of your Saskatchewan Health Authority documentation, or the wallet card you received with your second shot which must show your name and date.

For those who do not have a printed proof of vaccination, you must present proof of a negative Covid 19 test that has been done within the previous 72 hours.

We are counting on your co-operation and hope all players will feel more comfortable at the club knowing that we are following all Covid 19 guidelines.

Leslie Mortin, President

September 28, 2021

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: September 11, 2021 1:25 PM
Subject: News Letter

BRIDGE CLUB SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

After one month back in operation the RBC can report lots of successes. We have held 24 games with over 90 tables in total, and have 75 signed-up members. Our new cashless system is working well. We continue to sanitize before every game, so everyone is staying safe. We have sent out a survey asking for your input on ways we could improve things even more: when you respond to this, be sure to open the document completely and answer all the questions.

On Tuesday, September 14, we are again starting the open game in the evening at 7:00 which will give our working members a chance to play, and hoping that lots will take advantage of this opportunity because we currently have no director to run the Thursday evening game. Our current games will continue:

- Monday: afternoon open game and evening under 100
- Tuesday: afternoon under 1000
- Wednesday: evening master/rookie (under 200)
- Thursday: afternoon under 1500
- Friday: afternoon open.

Successful players in August were Sandy Bingaman with the most points earned (4.28), Kevin Young and Alice Huber with the highest percentage (70.83) in an open game, and Ken Baker and Bob Stewart with 69.05% in a restricted game. Congratulations.

Starting in mid-September, Gaylene Spence will be offering both beginner and refresher lessons. There will be an open house on Sunday September 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 so why not bring your interested friends to show them our facility. The beginner lessons will start on September 21 at 6:30 and the refresher sessions September 23 also at 6:30. Please phone Gaylene at 306-586-7044 to register for either of these.

We are sad to report that we have lost long-time member Bob Loewen who died in early September. We send condolences to his wife Audrey Perra and his family.

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: August 5, 2021 11:54 AM
Subject: Tuesday and Wednesday evening games information

Hi everyone,

RE Tuesday and Wednesday evening games.

So far our post Covid19 pandemic opening has been successful. Our membership seems to be anxious to get back to the bridge table and we've had some good games this week. Next week we will add our most popular game which is the Rookie (under 200points) Master (any number of points) pairs game.

We always have a great turnout for this game, so get your partner and come out to the club next Wednesday, August 11 for the 7pm game.

Just a reminder to those Tuesday evening players. We need a commitment of at least 8 players, and preferably 12, to initiate that game. So far we have only had 3 people indicating they want this game back on the schedule. Please notify the directors if you wish to play.

For this week only, we are offering free play with the purchase of your club membership. Come out and enjoy the bridge and friendship.

See you at the table.

Leslie

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: July 27, 2021 2:00 PM
Subject: Reopening

RDBC Re-opening, August 2, 2021

Exciting news! The club will open for the first post pandemic game on Family Day, August 2, 2021 for an open game. The format for all games will be according to our regular schedule unless otherwise noted. We welcome all fully vaccinated players of all levels of expertise. Masks will be optional, but because of the close proximity at the tables, you may choose to wear one. There should be no judging of people's individual choices.

At this time there will be no coffee available but each player is welcome to bring one water bottle or beverage container for their own personal use. No food products will be allowed in the beginning. We have set the tables at the recommended distance and have made provisions for shared sanitizing before each game. If anyone wishes to sanitize their chairs and/or table more often they are welcome to do so. The boards and bidding boxes will also be sanitized before the game. We will have extra bidding boxes available. If anyone feels more comfortable having their own, they can label the box and leave it at the club for their exclusive use.

Hand sanitizer will be available the directors' desk to use when you arrive and also at the tables. We encourage everyone to use it frequently but caution you to make sure your hands are dry before handling the cards, because the residue tends to gum up the dealing machine.

The major change you will notice is that we are going CASHLESS. There will be no exchange of money. We have acquired a Point of Sale machine which you will recognize as a debit or credit machine that you use most everywhere. It will accept all common credit, debit, and bank cards. On your first day back, you will be required to pay your \$25 registration fee for 2021-2022. (You will remember we waved the fee for 2020-2021.) This will allow you to play any or all games the first week free of charge.

We will be selling game punch cards at 10 games for \$70. You can also pay for individual games, but we encourage you to purchase multiple game cards on a debit card because each transaction is at a cost to the club. A debit transaction costs 10 cents and a credit transaction costs 2.6 % plus 10 cents. Thus, a multiple punch card of \$70 on a debit card is only a 10 cent cost while the same transaction on a credit card is \$1.92. Everyone has a bank card and those usually double as a debit card. For sanitary reasons and ease of use we will encourage you to use a touchless method. If you have questions or concerns please approach any member of the Board Of Directors.

Please join us as we get back in the groove. To begin August 2 week we will offer

Monday 1 pm – open game

Monday 7 pm – under 100 points

Tuesday 1 pm – under 1000 points

Thursday 1 pm – under 1500 points

Friday 1 pm – open game

Note that the second week we will have an open Tuesday evening game if players indicate to the directors that they have interest in playing. We will try to add an additional game each week, if the members show interest, until we are back to our full complement of games.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to the Saskatoon Bridge Club for inviting our members to join their online BBO games during the Covid19 shutdown. We are grateful to have been included and appreciate their generosity in returning a portion of the fees to us. We also appreciate the RealBridge initiated and co-sponsored by the Unit, and most capably directed by Joyce and Claire on Monday evenings.

HOPE TO SEE TO AT THE BRIDGE TABLE. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE GAMES.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: June 29, 2021 10:20 PM
Subject: AGM 2021

`REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 29, 2021

Good evening fellow bridge enthusiasts. As you will recall, every member of the RDBC at our Covid closure in March 2020, has been granted complimentary continuation of their membership until the club reopens. In order to comply with government guidelines we must have yearly membership approval of our financial report and Board of Directors.

To this end, all board members have agreed to let their names stand for re-election. One small change is that Ilsa is stepping down as secretary and Sandy has agreed to take that position. We extend our thanks and gratitude to Ilsa for her dedication and outstanding work over the years.

President-Leslie Mortin

Vice President-Angela Duczak

Secretary-Sandy Bingaman

Treasurer-Lorna Bingaman

Members at Large-Donna Barber

Lance Connell

Greg Hutchinson

Ilsa Krukoff

Larry Lazurko

Paul Omilon

Gaylene Spence

Nancy Welta

The Financial statement is attached and is self explanatory. You will note that the rent for the first 5 months is 25% due to tenant grants, and then reverts to the full amount as we did not qualify for business grants. The grants received explain the significant difference year over year for rent. Considering the seriousness and duration of the pandemic, we are very grateful to have had a substantial saving and other than spending some of that money, we have escaped unscathed. Note that the miscellaneous income indicated under Receipts is a return from Saskatoon Bridge Club for fees our members paid to play in their online games, and that the directors' fees under Game Management were in support of RealBridge.

THE VOTING PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

If you agree with the Nominated Board of Directors and find the Financial Report acceptable, DO NOTHING. This action will register your positive vote.

If you disagree, differ or have questions please contact me directly by email lmartin@myaccess.ca, or by phone at 306-586-2153.

Here's the good news. The board met this weekend and we have designated Monday, August 2, 2021 as our reopening date, provided that we can abide by SHA and government guidelines and regulations. We will open on a gradual scale starting with 5 games the first week and gradually adding games as attendance increases. Protocol details will be established and published as opening day nears.

You will be required to purchase a new membership, and by doing so in the first week, you will be entitled to play free bridge for the opening week. We are attempting to have a game for everyone. So it's good news! We look forward to seeing you back at the club. Until then, stay healthy and safe. See you August 2.

Leslie Mortin
President
