

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: December 3, 2022 7:52 PM
Subject: December Newsletter

December Newsletter

The first of three special events this month is the Royal STaC tournament which runs from December 5 to December 9. All the regular games during this period will be offering extra points, some of which are gold and silver. We hope that lots of players will take advantage of this opportunity, especially given that the ACBL charges clubs extra for games like this.

The second event is our Christmas party to be held on the evening of Tuesday, December 13. The cash bar will open at 6:45, there will be a regular game and also a 299ers event if we get three tables, and a break in play for dessert. This is a great chance for people to meet our newer members and those who play on different days. Please sign up for this game on the lists on the directors' desk.

The other special game this month is the Art Dahl championship on the afternoon of Monday December 12.

Attendance at the club happily continues to rise with almost 180 tables in November. Hopefully this will continue, but we recognize that people have other commitments particularly as the holidays get closer. For that reason, directors will be asking players if they want games close to Christmas and New Years and cancelling them if it looks like attendance will be low. For this reason, you should take note of any cancellations marked on the calendar or phone the director to confirm what's happening. The Wednesday morning game continues to be suspended, so contact Kevin if you want to play that day.

November's top player was again Barb Miller with 11.88 points. The top percentage in an open game went to Claire Jones and Rick Gaucher with 71.30 and in a restricted game to Marion and Don Evans with 71.57.

As mentioned before in newsletters, the bridge club desperately needs more directors to run games. We currently have only four active directors, one of whom is soon going to head off on a fabulous cruise. This leaves only three people to run seven or eight games a week, more work than any of them want. They would be delighted to help teach and mentor anyone willing to get qualified and eventually take over a game or two. Please think about helping the club in this way.

Best wishes to everyone for a merry Christmas and all the best (including lots of successful slam bids) in 2023.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: November 10, 2022 8:22 PM
Subject: June Lind Obituary

June passed away on October 22, 2022 at the age of 87 in the palliative care ward at Regina's Pasqua Hospital.

Born in Winnipeg, MB, on December 14, 1934, June was the second of four children of Camille and Jack Smith. When she was in grade four, the family moved to Vancouver, where she spent her youth until she married her lifelong love Arnie Lind in 1957 and moved to Sudbury (where John and Howie were born); then Calgary (where Martin and Brita were born); and ultimately to Regina in 1970, where she spent the rest of her life until her passing.

June was predeceased by her husband, Arnie; her sister, Camille; her brother, Howie; her brother-in-law, Ernie; and her sister-in-law Jo-Ann. June is survived by her younger brother, Curt; her sister-in-law Anne; her children John (Karen); Howie (Alicia); Martin (Yvonka); and Brita (TBD); as well as her grandchildren, Sarah (Travis); Sean (Jana); Jacob; Amelia; Rebecca; Simon; Kamilla; and Kate plus a beautiful host of cousins, nieces, and nephews, whom she loved as deeply as her own children and grandchildren.

She was one of the good ones. Our Mom was full of grace, integrity, and immense intelligence. She was classy, a fierce grammarian, a cryptic crossword puzzle wizard, a lover of words, a pie maker/cook extraordinaire, and an exceptional duplicate contract bridge player (she was on the team who beat bridge icon Barry Crane). She had a brilliant mind (although she would never tell anyone that). She worked as a paralegal up until her retirement and was exceptional.

June always said she "wasn't a hugger" but her love, her warmth, and her profound belief in her children and family was always clearly evident and will be deeply missed.

A more complete obituary about June, and a place to post condolences, can be found at Eirene.ca/memorials. A celebration of life will be held in Regina in the spring of 2023 for family and friends to remember her by, to tell stories, (that she would have laughed at just as hard as we will), and to discuss her best bridge moves. No flowers or donations necessary. A genuine thank-you from the family goes out to the hard-working, caring staff and nurses at the SHA palliative care program who treated her with kindness, patience, caring, and respect. Also, the family wishes to thank the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club for all the rides you gave her, all the bids you made, all the 1-no-trumps you talked with her, and all the care and respect you gave her towards the end. Thank you to all who adored her as much as we did. Mom, you are missed and will be missed. Love, from all of us. To plant a tree in memory of June Lind, please visit Tribute Store.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: November 9, 2022 5:15 PM
Subject: In Memoriam Game

In Memoriam Game:

Every November, we pause to remember our fellow bridge players that we have lost during the year. This year, our in memoriam game will be held on the afternoon of Monday November 14th. There will be a short memorial at 1:00, before the regular open game.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: November 6, 2022 2:08 PM
Subject: November Newsletter

November Newsletter

Lots of people played lots of bridge last month, both at the club which had over 150 tables and at the Regina Sectional Tournament. The Tuesday night lesson and 12-board game on October 11 attracted 24 players, with similar results on November 1 and hopefully also in early December. The Wednesday morning game resumed play in mid-October with two tables of keen players, who would be glad to welcome more, but it would be best to contact director Kevin Young if you wish to play.

The club is losing the assistance of long-time volunteer Lorraine Garratt who has resigned as chair of the publicity and promotions committee. She deserves our thanks for all her years of work and expertise arranging advertisements and activities to attract new members. The club needs someone to take over this position, so please consider volunteering if you can help.

The top player for October was Barb Miller. Rick Gaucher and Claire Jones had the high percentage of 73.0 in an open game, and Linda Holowaty and Hugh Brown were best in the restricted games with 68.15%.

This month there will be two weeks of games with extra points provided by the ACBL, beginning on Monday November 7 and continuing until Saturday November 19. There are also two club championship games, the Don Larmour Monday afternoon event on November 7 and the Wednesday evening championship on November 23.

Unfortunately the club lost three more longtime members. Barclay Hart and Jill Wellman played regularly for several decades some years ago, as did June Lind, a gold life master who also competed more recently.

The club is planning a Christmas party this year, so be sure to save the evening of December 13 for this event. There won't be a dinner because of Covid-19, but there will be a game with a 299 section if numbers permit, the bar will be open, and there will be goodies available to help us celebrate the season.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: October 5, 2022 5:18 PM
Subject: October Newsletter

October Newsletter

The big event this month is the Regina Sectional Tournament, which happens at St Mary's Parish Hall at 2020 Winnipeg Street from October 21-23. There will be both pairs and team games, with events for under-299ers numbers permitting. The tournament starts on Friday afternoon, so our regular club game that day will be cancelled. Organizer Gary Johannsson needs volunteers—there is a sign-up sheet at the club—and of course wants all our members to come out and play.

October is the ACBL's Jane Johnson Club Appreciation Month which means lots of games with extra points as long as there are at least three tables. These will include ten team games, our regularly scheduled five and extras on the 6th, 10th, 14th, and both afternoon and evening on the 17th. Be sure to arrange for partners on these days so you can add to your point totals.

Lots of people are taking advantage of lessons being offered at the club. Gaylene Spence had 15 students in her first beginners' session and will also be welcoming newer players from Monday nights to attend as review for them. Joyce Butler had good attendance at her first two lessons on defense and invites everyone to come to "Improving Your Partner's Defense" on October 15 at ten o'clock. Claire Jones is also offering a series of three lessons starting on the evening of October 11, along with a 12-board game if numbers allow, with the others on the first Tuesdays of November and December. 2-for-1 Tuesdays will also continue.

Attendance at the club keeps trending up slowly with 141 tables last month. The Tuesday night game has started again, but unfortunately there weren't enough players for the Wednesday morning games. Director Kevin Young is still willing to direct this game if more come out, so please contact him if you are interested.

Since the theft of our computer meant manager Jim Bingaman could not identify the top players for August in time for the last newsletter, here are double results. Joyce Butler was top point-getter in both August and September. Top percentage game winners in August were Dow Cooney and Kevin Young with 64.29 in an open game and Larry McCormack and Don Norman with 72.92 in a restricted contest. In September Claire Jones and Rick Gaucher had 72.22% , and Linda Holowaty and Hugh Brown had 67.5. Jim, Don Norman, and Greg Hutchinson worked very hard for over two weeks to transfer applications to our new computer and retrieve lost records. Thanks to them and to the membership for being patient while results were sometimes unavailable.

Sadly the club lost another longtime member recently. Lise Lundlie was a life master who played for decades with her husband, Marshall, a director and teacher at the club, and then continued on after his death until the pandemic hit.

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

Sent: September 30, 2022 5:30 PM

Subject: Tuesday evening change October 4th

A message from Claire Jones, regarding Tuesday evening

Lesson planned for this Tuesday, October 4th will be postponed.
Instead the evening game on the 4th will be back to a regular game.
Lesson will be moved to Tuesday, October 11th.

This will be the first of three intermediate bridge lessons that Claire is offering on Play of the Hand.
If you missed the chance to register and are still interested, you can still contact Claire.
Email: clairejclairej@yahoo.ca
Phone: 306-737-0729

Each session begins at 7:00 with a 1 hour 15 minute instructional period followed by a 12 board duplicate game.
First session will now be Tuesday October 11th.
Second and third sessions: Tuesday November 1st, and Tuesday December 6th.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hone your skills!

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: September 5, 2022 12:47 PM
Subject: Tuesday evening intermediate bridge lessons

Intermediate Bridge Lessons
Play of the Hand

This is a 3 lesson set dealing with basic hand evaluation and strategizing for both Trump and No-Trump contracts.

Lesson Dates:

- Tuesday October 4th
- Tuesday November 1st
- Tuesday December 6th

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Regina Duplicate Bridge Club

Format: Each session will begin with a 1 hour 15 minutes instructional period followed by a 12 board duplicate game.

Registration deadline: Sunday September 25

Please contact: Claire Jones to register or for more information.

Email: clairejclairej@yahoo.ca

Phone: 306-737-0729

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: September 4, 2022 12:09 PM

Subject: September Club Newsletter

September Newsletter

Our attendance numbers remained steady for August but the club incurred a major problem when the laptop computer was stolen two weekends ago. Not only was there the expense of replacing it, but all the systems for dealing, scoring, and reporting results to the ACBL had to be re-entered. Our computer gurus, Greg Hutchinson, Don Norman, and Jim Bingaman, have spent many hours getting the systems up and running again, and the dealers and directors had to relearn some procedures. Also, Jim cannot currently get information about the player of the month and highest game percentages.

With the arrival of fall, the club will be restarting the two games suspended for the summer. The Wednesday morning open game will start on September 14 at 10:00 a.m. with a short break for lunch. The open Tuesday night game will start on September 13, and the following week will be the first Two for One Tuesday, to be held on the third Tuesday evening of each month, where the cost to play will be \$7 per team instead of per player. Hopefully this bargain will encourage more people to try out this game.

There will be lots of opportunities for people to improve their games through lessons. Gaylene Spence will be holding an open house for new players on September 18 from 2 to 4 o'clock and then starting eight beginner lessons at 6:30 on Thursday, September 29. Joyce Butler will be offering a series of lessons on defense on September 24, October 1, and October 15, on Saturday mornings starting at 9:30. Also, Claire Jones will be offering an hour-and-a-quarter lesson on the play of the hand on the first Tuesday of October, December, and November, to be followed by a 12 board game, all for the cost of \$10 each session. For more information on any of these lessons, contact the club or the organizer.

Starting September 12, our club will be participating in an on-line pool with other clubs from Saskatchewan and Manitoba. You can find details about this on our website. Our club will continue to get revenue when our members play in this.

September is International fund month for the ACBL which means that some games will offer extra points to support these activities. Those games are on the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 15th, 19th and 23rd. The team game on Saturday, Sept 17, also has extra points. There is a sectional tournament, with many points available, in Saskatoon September 23-25.

Directors and players have noticed that more devices are ringing, singing or whatever during play recently. The club rules clearly state that these devices, whether phones, laptops, or watches, must be silenced and not consulted during play. The directors do not want to have to police these offences and deduct points from offenders, so please be sure to shut yours off or leave them at home.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: August 3, 2022 6:55 PM

Subject: August newsletter

August Newsletter

Slow and steady describes activity at our club this past month. The best-attended games are Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and the others usually attract about four tables. Our revised Covid protocols seem to be working well.

The player of the month in July was Sandy Bingaman with 11.34 points; Alice Huber and Joan Quinlan had the highest percentage of 71.88 in an open game, and Linda Holowaty and Hugh Brown were top in the restricted category with 72.2%.

There are no club championship games in August, but the two Saturday team games, on the 6th and 20th, both offer extra points, as do the open afternoon games on Friday, August 12 and Monday, August 22. The open games on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning remain suspended, but will restart in September if enough players express interest.

There are several upcoming events of interest: community bridge on Saturday August 27 at our club, the Saskatoon Sectional tournament on September 23-25, and the Regina Sectional on October 20-23. Also, Gaylene Spence will be starting both beginner and refresher bridge lessons in September. You can find more information about all of these at the club.

Sadly, we have recently lost two more members: Doreen Grainger and Betty Von Hagen, a long time member who organized the party when the club moved to its Albert Street location in 1998. We send condolences to their families.

Enjoy our wonderful summer days, but remember to come and play bridge when the weather is too hot, windy, or rainy for outdoor activity.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: July 23, 2022 1:22 PM
Subject: Monday evening game August 1

Good Day

Please note that the evening game on August 1 has been cancelled.

With the absence of the regular Director and the fact of it being a holiday, it was felt that it should be cancelled.

It will be back on the 8th.

Thank you.

Jim

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: July 5, 2022 5:16 PM
Subject: Memorial for Rae Hart

A Memorial is planned for Rae Hart (a long time member of the Regina Duplicate Bridge Club):

Sunday, July 10 at 2:00 pm
Location: Hotel Saskatchewan

Please sent an e-mail to her daughter Jackie Lukey at jlukey@accesscomm.ca
This could indicate your plan to attend or your condolences.
Thank you.

*Please note: some messages have been going to SPAM for some members rather than getting delivered, in particular some of those who have Sasktel accounts. If you received this message and want to share it with someone else who you think might be interested in attending, please pass this message along to them.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: July 4, 2022 4:21 PM
Subject: July Newsletter

July Newsletter

The month of June ended with our club's first in-person annual meeting in three years. On June 28th, over forty members came out to hear reports on the condition of the club and to celebrate the best players of the last ten months. President Leslie Mortin started proceedings by thanking all the volunteers who do the work necessary to allow us to play duplicate bridge. She also thanked the unit for their generous financial support and the Saskatoon club for sharing revenue produced when our players compete in their on-line games. Treasurer Lorna Bingaman reviewed the finances of the club's operation, noting that while we had a small operating loss of about \$4600, the club still had a healthy reserve of over \$83,000 which will allow us to continue to operate without raising fees for now. The meeting ended with Gary Johannsson announcing the winners of the championships held during 2021-22, including Joyce Butler as player of the year, Maria Wiegers in the under-100 category and Don and Marion Evans tied as best rookies of the year. The evening ended with a nine-table, two section game, the largest of the past year.

Our attendance was down a little in June, caused mainly by players being on holidays. Our two smallest games, Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, are suspended for the summer but will be back in the fall if there is interest, so be sure to let directors or board members know if you want to play in these.

Based on the reduction of Covid cases and decisions made by other organizations such as the ACBL and the Saskatoon bridge club, we have changed some of the safety protocols. Full vaccination is still required and tables are sanitized before every game, but masks are no longer required unless both players at a table request them. We also now have a Keurig coffee pot along with sweetener and whitener, so people can bring their own pods to make coffee. However we do NOT have room for people to store these at the club.

Co-ordinator Donna Barber has started up community bridge, hosting a four-table game at the end of May and is now planning two more, on July 23 and August 28. There will be individually wrapped snacks to start the session and players can bring their own food if they wish.

Joyce Butler continued her winning ways in June, being the top player with 7.62 master points, she and Alice Huber had the highest open game of 66.67%, and Gladys Boehler and Tina Allen were best in a restricted game at 67.36%.

The only upgraded games in July are an ACBL special week from July 4 to July 8.

Sadly, we have lost former member and life master Rae Hart who died on June 16.

Enjoy summer!

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: July 3, 2022 7:07 PM
Subject: Wednesday morning games

An update on Wednesday morning games:

Due to a lack of participation at this time, we have decided to cancel this game for the summer. We hope to revisit in the fall.

Now that food and drink, when brought for personal consumption only, are to be permitted at the Club, the format of the Wednesday morning games will include a lunch break as it did previously. We look forward to your interest and participation in the fall, and will send out details at that time.

Your Board of Directors

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: June 21, 2022 10:03 PM
Subject: Memo from your Board

June 19, 2022

The Board of Directors has voted unanimously to remove compulsory masking from our facility effective immediately. However, there are still many club members who are still not comfortable going without a mask. If you are at a table where one pair is still masked, you are required to offer to also wear your mask for the entire time you are in their company. This policy will be mandatory until further notice.

Please have a mask available at the club to help follow this directive.

When removing your mask, please remember to fold the used side in with the straps remaining outside and keep it in a small plastic bag in your pocket or purse. Then use the hand sanitizer. This will prevent you from touching and or spreading potential contaminants.

We will continue to sanitize the bridge tables prior to each session but will no longer need to wipe the chairs. The player sitting east will be required to ensure that this directive is followed at their table.

We have also agreed to allow food in the club, but only for your own personal consumption. For the present time there will be no sharing of your food or drink with other players.

We have purchased a Keurig coffee machine. You are welcome to supply a Keurig compatible coffee insert to make your beverage. Sweetener, sugar, creamer, cups and stir sticks will be supplied.

The point limit for Monday evening games has been increased to 150 points from the previous 100 points as requested by the players.

If there are other concerns, please contact a board member.

Leslie Mortin, President

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

Sent: June 18, 2022 7:02 PM

Subject: annual general meeting motions

Hi everyone,

Do you have a motion that you would like to put before the members at the AGM?

If so, please send it in advance so that it can be shared with the members prior to the meeting, and also be placed on the agenda.

Please write your motion, with a seconder, and also provide a rationale for your motion.

Having this in advance of the meeting allows people to give consideration to the motion in advance of the meeting, and helps to speed up the process.

Send to ilsak@sasktel.net

Of course, motions may arise from discussion during the meeting, so can come from the floor as well.

Remember to mark your calendar if you have not yet done so:
Meeting Tuesday June 28th, 6:00 pm
Free game to follow.

Your Board of Directors

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: June 14, 2022 10:52 AM
Subject: AGM and free game

Hi everyone,

After having to forgo the last couple of years, this year we will be back to our in-person Annual General Meeting.

So mark your calendar: Tuesday June 28, 6:00 pm

Free game to follow.

Hope to see you there!

Your Board of Directors

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: June 13, 2022 9:17 PM
Subject: Tuesday Evening games

Please note that Tuesday evening games will be cancelled for the summer, effective immediately. Director Claire Jones has indicated that this decision is due to the lack of participation at the present time. His intent is to recommence games on September 6th.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: June 7, 2022 1:35 PM
Subject: June Newsletter

June Newsletter

The end of May brought the Regina Bridge Club to the completion of its fiscal year, one which has been quite successful in spite of the challenges of Covid-19. You can get all the details of our operations at the club's annual general meeting, set for Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. After the meeting, there will be a free game for all club members, so please plan on attending.

Once again, Joyce Butler was the top player this past month with 8.31 points. Rick Gaucher and Claire Jones had the highest percentage of 74.4% in an open game, and Hugh Brown and Linda

Holowaty were tops in the restricted category with 72.92%. There were no annual championships in May. June also has no annual championships but will include the first part of two weeks of ACBL upgraded championships, which mean extra points for winners. This event starts on Monday, June 27 and will run for two weeks through until July 8.

The club offered a morning open game on Wednesday morning on June 1 but unfortunately did not attract enough players to hold it. In the past few months several people have mentioned wanting this, but we need more participants to keep it going.

The club had some problems posting results at the end of May, with some being late and others having the wrong hands. The Common Game hands we use cannot be posted before everyone in North America has played them, which was one source of the difficulty, and on another occasion hands were in the wrong order in the suitcase. The directors and dealers will be on alert to try and prevent these problems in the future.

Happy Fathers Day.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: May 26, 2022 5:12 PM
Subject: No evening bridge Tues May 31

Director Claire Jones has cancelled the evening game for May 31 because the Riders are scheduled to play football here that night and several regular players will be watching the game instead of playing bridge. Go Riders!

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: May 22, 2022 3:37 PM
Subject: Coming Soon, the Wednesday Morning Bridge Game

The RDBC is delighted to announce that we are restarting our Wednesday morning open game starting June 1.

The game will start at 9:30 and run continuously without a lunch break since we can't have food at the club yet.

Kevin Young has graciously agreed to direct this game.

Please take advantage of this new opportunity to play.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: May 9, 2022 11:46 AM

Subject: May Newsletter

May Newsletter

In spite of having a few club members test positive for Covid-19, attendance remained fairly good in April with about 160 tables. A highlight was the participation of seven teams in the two-session Swiss team open event on Tuesday evenings.

Because of manager Jim Bingaman being in isolation at the beginning of April, the March report on winners was incorrect in one instance and incomplete in others. The March player of the month was actually Joyce Butler, who edged out Barb Miller, Joyce and Kevin Young had the best percentage of 65.28 in an open game, and Rick Rennebohm and Wayne O'Connell won the restricted category with 73.9%. In April Joyce was again the high scorer with 14.49 points, Jason Larrivee and Pam Keim were the open high pair with 65.72% and Don and Marion Evans were best in a restricted game with an impressive 76.25%. Barb Miller and Angela Duczek won the Tuesday afternoon club championship; Barb Miller, Ron Miller, Gary Johannsson and Dan Mathieson were the winners of the Swiss Team Club championship mentioned above.

This month there will be one week of special games with extra points sponsored by the ACBL, from May 16 to May 21, but no club championship games. The participation in our on-line Monday night game was quite low, so it has been suspended for the time being.

Two reminders:

1. memberships at a cost of \$25 for the 2022-23 season are now available from the directors (with electronic payment rather than cash or cheque please)
2. properly fitted masks are required at all times in the club.

Now that spring is finally here, we hope that everyone is enjoying lots of outdoor activities but will still find time for bridge games as well.

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

Sent: April 6, 2022 6:57 PM

Subject: April Newsletter

April Newsletter

There is both good and bad news to report from the bridge club these days. The good is that our attendance in March was a re-opening high of 175 tables, which is almost enough to cover our operating expenses. The bad, which most of you heard about in a memo from Leslie Morton, is that a few of our members have become ill with Covid-19. We hope that these people will recover quickly so we can welcome them back to our games after their isolation periods. In the meantime, sanitation measures have been stepped up and everyone is reminded to wear properly fitting masks and stay home if they are not well.

Several players were very successful in March. Barb Miller was the player of the month with 9.08 points. Two club champions were declared: the Arnie Lind Monday night champs are Linda Holowaty and Hugh Brown, and Lorraine Garratt, Byron Seymour, Maria Wiegers, and Audrey Perra are the Sherry Brooks board-a-match winners.

As well as our ACBL-sponsored week of games with extra points, April 16 to April 22, there will also be three traditional club championships:

April 5: Tuesday afternoon championship

April 22: Pat Fyfe Friday afternoon championship

April 19 & 26: a two-session Tuesday evening Swiss Team championship.

There will be three "8 is Enough" Saturday team games in April, on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th. Also, remember that there are two regular mid-week team games, one on the second Wednesday evening and the other on the fourth Tuesday afternoon. Sometimes, players forget about these games and come without partners, and while the directors try to pair up these people, they cannot always do this, so players go home disappointed.

The club is still running one on-line game but the time and limits have changed: it is now for players with under 500 points on Monday evenings at 7:15. It and those offered by Saskatoon are listed on our club's website.

Just for your information, starting on May 2, the club will begin selling \$25 memberships for the 2022-23 season, with these available half an hour before each game starts.

Happy Easter everyone.

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

Sent: April 4, 2022 11:36 AM

Subject: Game cancellation Tuesday evening

Claire Jones, game director, has advised that the regularly scheduled game for Tuesday evening April 5th, will be cancelled for this week only. The game will resume next week.

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

Sent: April 3, 2022 5:13 PM

Subject: Covid Alert

COVID ALERT

Regrettably, I have to inform all our members that, 8 months after reopening, Covid has finally hit some of our club members. 4 members who played in the March 29, Tuesday afternoon game have notified us that they have tested positive for Covid 19. Many of the people at that game have also

played multiple other games this week, so many of you are still at risk of contracting Covid in the next week. The infected people are self isolating and will not return to bridge, according to Health Canada guidelines, until 10 days after onset of symptoms, no longer have a fever, and have a negative test.

On Sunday the club was deep cleaned and sanitized, and we feel that any possible source of the virus has been wiped clean. That, of course, doesn't include the human factor as anyone can still transmit the virus. We respectfully remind everyone that if you are exhibiting any of the common signs and/or symptoms, you stay away and don't return until you test negative.

We ask that everyone pay special attention to keeping each other safe. Sanitizing must be done every day according to the protocol established. Don't wait for someone else to do it, start wiping down your table and surroundings before sitting down. Remember that surfaces should be left to air dry for best results. Don't dry surfaces with your cloth. North sitting player is the table captain and should ensure that everything is done, because the game will not start until all sanitizing is completed.

Common Covid symptoms include, but are not limited to, low grade fever, shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, loss of taste and smell, aches and pains, headache, sore throat. You can obtain a rapid self test kit, free of charge, from any library, Coop store or other places identified online to test yourself.

Finally, we come to the subject of masks. Cloth masks are not as effective as 3 layer, KN95 or KN93 masks. You do not need a medical grade mask. Your masks should fit tight to your face, with no gaps at the sides or nose. Pinch the nose piece to insure you have a tight fit. Your glasses should not fog. Masks can be worn multiple times but should be removed carefully and set aside to dry before reusing. Always fold the mask with the insides together to prevent germs escaping and use a small baggie to carry it confidently in your pocket or purse. If you have a few masks to rotate, you will always have a fresh one to use. It goes without saying that any sign of stain or wear means that it should be disposed of in the trash, preferably folded to the inside and wrapped with the strings.

Please always wear a proper fitting mask that is in good repair and wash or sanitize you hands frequently. STAY SAFE.

Thanks to those who have advised us of their contact. Please call with complete confidentiality if you have any concerns or develop symptoms.

Leslie Mortin, President

April 3, 2022

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

Sent: March 8, 2022 12:28 PM

Subject: March Newsletter RDBC

March Newsletter

Things have continued to go well at the club in February. We had 145 tables, up more than twenty from last month in spite of cold weather and fewer days. Part of this increase came during our STaC week, which saw eight teams out for the "8 is Enough" game on Saturday. Thanks again to the Unit for sponsoring the extra cost for this. Our Sunday on-line games were also well supported, which provided extra revenue for the club.

Part of the reason for the increased table numbers are our on-going Covid-19 safety protocols. We are continuing to ask players for proof of double vaccination, insisting that everyone wear masks at all times, and sanitizing all the tables before every game. These measures have kept everyone healthy so far and make members feel safe in coming to the club.

Joyce Butler was again the top player in February, winning 13.37 points, and is now well in the lead for player of the year honours. Dow Cooney and Cal McLeod had the best percentage, 66.2, in an open game; Kathy Bryden and Pat Stevenson topped the restricted category with 71%.

There will again be chances for everyone to win extra points in some games this month. March 14 to 19 will be the ACBL sponsored tournament. In addition there will be two traditional club championships, originally sponsored by long-time club members: the Arnie Lind competition for players under 100 points on the evening of March 21 and the Sherry Brooks board-a-match competition on Friday, March 25.

May the luck of the Irish come often to you and your partners this month.

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

Sent: February 25, 2022 1:02 PM

Subject: Covid protocol at RDBC

February 24, 2022

During the February monthly board meeting, your RDBC board unanimously voted to retain all the Covid 19 protective measures we have currently been following. These include but are not limited to

- *Wearing proper fitting face masks at all times
- *Showing proof of full vaccination
- *No food or drink being served or shared
- *Sanitizing of tables and chairs before using

We hope you are still enjoying your time at the club and continue to feel safe, knowing we are doing our best to keep our environment as Covid free as possible. These protective measures will be remaining in place until further notice.

Leslie Mortin
RDBC President

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: February 7, 2022 9:51 AM
Subject: February Newsletter

February Newsletter

The big news from the bridge club in January was the start of our first on-line game on January 23rd. In spite of some minor glitches, this game and one the following Sunday attracted several players from our club and elsewhere. These Sunday afternoon games will now be a regular event, with two sessions, one for players under 300 points starting at 1:15 pm and an open game at 1:30.

Our regular face-to-face games continued to attract players in spite of some very cold weather. We had over 120 tables, but would welcome more in each of our sessions. If we don't have at least eight players, we can't have a game, and everyone goes home disappointed.

Joyce Butler was again the top player in January winning 8.55 points, and she and Alice Huber had the best percentage, 67.26, in an open game; Doug Powley and Byron Seymour topped the restricted category with 67.19%. Recently two of our members reached masterpoint milestones: Joyce Butler in the silver category with over 1000 points and Kevin Young in sapphire with over 3500.

There will be many chances for everyone to win lots of points this month. From Valentines Day until Saturday, February 19, there will be a STaC tournament with SILVER POINTS available, which the Unit is sponsoring so there will be no extra charge to play in these games. Then, the following week, from February 21 – 26, there will be ACBL club tournament games where the top teams get extra points.

We urge everyone to take advantage of these tournaments.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: January 18, 2022 1:27 PM
Subject: Regina Online Bridge Game starting this week

Hi everyone,

To enhance opportunities for bridge games during these challenging times, the Regina Bridge Club has established a virtual ACBL sanctioned game available on the Bridge Base Online (BBO) platform. Our first game will be an Open game on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 1:30. Silver points will be available at this game.

We will add an additional game the following Sunday January 30, 2022. Starting on that day, an under 300 masterpoints (restricted) game will be available at 1:15 p.m. and an open game at 1:30 p.m. We will continue with the two games every Sunday for a few weeks and then evaluate how this

is working out. ACBL members from all clubs in Saskatchewan will be welcome to join us. The fee will be \$5.00 US/person.

This is a joint initiative between Unit 573 and the Regina Bridge Club. A Sunday game was chosen to avoid conflicting with any of the face-to-face games at the Regina Bridge Club as well as the online games already offered by the Saskatoon Bridge Club, which some Regina players participate in. For your reference Saskatoon's on line game schedule can be viewed on their website at saskatoonbridgeclub.ca.

You will need to have an ACBL number and take a few steps in advance to participate. If you haven't already used the BBO platform, it is recommended you try BBO before the day of the game. In the attached document you will find technical instructions, including the names of a couple of volunteers who are available to help if you have problems.

We hope you enjoy the games. If you have any comments on this trial program, please e mail Jan Carter at jcbk@sasktel.net or Leslie Mortin at lmortin@myaccess.ca.

Leslie Mortin
President Regina Bridge Club

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President ACBL Unit 573

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: January 7, 2022 2:03 PM
Subject: January Newsletter

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB January Newsletter

Hopefully everyone had a good holiday season with lots of food and fun with friends and family, but now people are glad to get back to their routines which could include several bridge games each week.

Attendance at the club in December was steady in most games, with 127 tables overall. This is a decrease from November which was partly caused by harsh weather and some regular players travelling out of town. The top December player was Cal McLeod who won 6.41 points. Kevin Young and Joyce Butler had the highest percentage in an open game with 68.23% and Don and Marion Evans were best in the restricted category with 71.26%. There were also two club championships decided that month; Rick Gaucher and Claire Jones won the Art Dahl Championship and Kathy Bryden and Pat Stevenson took the Wednesday evening title.

January 10 to January 15 is an entire week of club championships sponsored by the ACBL. This means there will be extra points awarded to players who do well in these games. Some winners have mentioned that the points they have been getting seem low, but there are reasons for that. Points are

based partly on the number of pairs in each game, and since our games have been smaller than in the pre-pandemic period, this results in fewer points available. Special games like those mentioned above mean extra points but most of them cost the club more to run, so we need more participants for them. If you want more games like this, be sure to participate in the ones we are currently offering to show your interest.

Our Tuesday evening open game continues to have low attendance, so we again urge players to come out then. Newer players are welcome, and participation at this level is a great way to improve your skills.

We are also still looking for people who would be willing to learn how to direct games. We currently don't have enough directors to offer any more face-to-face games and might have problems staffing the current ones if any of our four active directors aren't available. Please talk to any director or club executive member if you are interested'

Planning is ongoing for an online game scheduled for Sunday afternoons, but until it starts we encourage you to consider playing in Saskatoon's online choices. Your participation provides revenue for our club because they generously share fees from our players. You can find a list of their offerings on the club's website and they have an explanation of how to participate at www.saskatoonbridgeclub.ca/bbo.shtml.

Stay healthy, keep warm, and have fun playing bridge!

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club
