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Sent: April 1, 2024 3:10 PM

Subject: April Newsletter

## REGINA BRIDGE CLUB

### April Newsletter

Attendance at the club was very good in the last month reaching another post-Covid high with almost 190 tables. One reason for this is the success of the new "4 is Enuf" game which averaged at least one table higher than previous Thursday afternoon turnouts. Since it is popular this new format will continue.

Some of you may find that your masterpoint totals for games in February and March are a little less than expected because of miscommunication between the ACBL and clubs. In 2023, the ACBL gave clubs one week of games with extra points every month, and since they did not clearly indicate the end of this program our club continued to offer these. In mid-March they contacted our manager with a threat to refuse to post our games since we owed them unpaid amounts of about \$6 per table for these weeks. After negotiation they agreed to cancel this debt but reduced the number of points players had won in these games to the regular level. In future months there will be some extra point games, but not quite as many as recently because they are so expensive.

April will start with a special game, the Canada-wide Helen Shields Rookie-Master event on the evening of April 2. Claire Jones is running this game for us and will try to include last-minute entries if you contact him. Other special games this month will be the "8 is Enough" Charity game on the 6th, the Tuesday afternoon club championship on the 16th, and the Pat Fyfe Friday afternoon championship on the 20th.

On Saturday April 27, Unit 573 will be holding its AGM at the club starting at 11: a.m., followed by a free lunch and game for attendees which will include an under-500 session if there are enough players for it.

The Coke machine has been removed from the club because we were not buying enough from it to make it worth the company's trouble to keep it stocked. This seems to be a trend since we lost our former coffee machine for the same reason. As with coffee currently, players will just have to bring their own cold drinks from home.

Player of the month in March was Larry McCormick with probably 9.71 points. Kevin Young and Dow Cooney were high percentage winners in an open game with 70.31%. Lynn Tompkins and Thelfa Yee-Toi were best in a restricted one with 66.67%.

Former member of the club Marlene Connell passed away on March 1.

Finally, if you feel you need to review certain aspects of bidding or defence, Gaylene Spence invites you to join her beginners lessons on Thursday evenings; the topics to be discussed each week are outlined in a wall poster at the club and you can come to any or all of them.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>  
Sent: March 17, 2024 2:11 PM  
Subject: bridge lessons from Gaylene

Our lessons are once again going strong. Gaylene Spence is offering lessons beginning this Thursday March 21 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested and have not yet spoken with Gaylene, or have any questions, give Gaylene a call at 306-586-7044. You are also welcome to drop in.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>  
Sent: March 17, 2024 1:59 PM  
Subject: Special game opportunity on April 7th

Here is a great opportunity for you! You are invited to take part in a Duplicate Bridge game to be held at the Club on Sunday April 7th. Here are the details that you need to know.

Regina Sport District of the Saskatchewan Senior Fitness Association (SSFA) is having its duplicate game activity at the club, Sunday April 7 at 1 p.m.  
Masterpoints are available. Your usual club game fee will be covered by SSFA. Winners are eligible to represent Saskatchewan at the Canada 55+ Games August 27-30 in Quebec City. There is an annual fee of \$10 to become a member of the SSFA to be able to play in about 22 different intellectual and physical games. Most of the games will be held in April. However, some are seasonal.

Participants should be 55+ years of age and complete a registration form with the \$10 fee. You can register at one of the upcoming registration sites by March 27 (see attachment) or arrange to register with Lorraine Garratt (306-545-6693) at the club before Thursday, March 28. You can register for as many activities as you like (see attachment). There is no extra cost for most activities. Exceptions include golf and bowling.

So all you need to do is to complete a registration form for SSFA (\$10 fee) and then you will be eligible to play in this game (no further charge), as well as to take part in any of the other exciting activities offered through SSFA if you wish. If you have difficulty opening the attachments and want further information, give Lorraine a call. She'll be happy to assist you.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>  
Sent: March 8, 2024 4:07 PM  
Subject: March Newsletter

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB  
March Newsletter

Although many of our members have been away to tropical destinations, attendance at the club was still good with over 170 tables in February.

March is starting off with an experimental pairs game format on Thursday afternoons beginning on the 7th. "4 is Enuf" ranks players in three groups, with those over 2000 master points being threes, those between 750 and 1999 twos, and those below 749 being ones. Each pair must have no more than 4 points. This format will make all players eligible for this game and will have more master points available for winners.

This month's week of special games with extra points is March 16-22. There are also two special games in that period: the Arnie Lind under 150 club championship on Monday evening and the Sherry Brooks board-a-match championship on Friday afternoon.

Player of the month in December was Larry McCormick with 13.29 points. He and Don Norman were high percentage winners in an open game with 70.14%. Rose Dunitz and Mo Adams were best in a restricted one with 69.58%.

The club now has a facebook page which has been created by the Unit for the purpose of publicizing lessons and providing a link to the club's website, where all other information will continue to be posted. If you have a facebook account, please follow Regina Bridge Club. You will notice a post about the upcoming lessons starting March 21. We ask you to share this post with your friends and invite them to join us.

May the luck of the Irish be with you at the tables.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>  
Sent: February 5, 2024 12:16 PM  
Subject: February newsletter

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB  
February Newsletter

Attendance at the club was very good in January with 181 tables. Hopefully everyone will keep coming out regularly.

This month's week of special games with extra points is February 12 – 17.

Next month, beginning on March 7, the club will be trying out a new game called "4 is Enuf." Don Norman has sent out details about the rules for this pairs game, and there are also notices at the club about it. It will be an opportunity for more people to play on Thursday afternoon and for players to win more master points.

Player of the month in December was Don Norman with 8.95 points. Claire Jones and Rick Gaucher were high percentage winners in an open game with 67.36%. Judy Ferguson and Juliet Ashman were best in a restricted one with 68.55%.

There have been some errors and omissions on the Leader Board lists recently. Calculating these totals requires using a very cumbersome spreadsheet and manually entering about 100 numbers each month. Club manager Jim Bingaman is working to correct the problems so the February list will be correct, but please contact him if there are still issues.

Happy Valentines day.

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

Sent: January 26, 2024 10:46 AM

Subject: 4 is Enough Pair game trial for Thursday afternoons

The Board of Directors has approved a trial period for a new pairs game format introduced by the ACBL called Four is Enough as an alternative to the Thursday afternoon game. The trial will start on Thursday March 7 and will be evaluated on a game by game basis.

Some advantages are:

- Creates another open game that all our members can enjoy while evening out the experience factor among pairs and therefore makes for a more competitive event.
- Creates an opportunity for our top players to mentor players with under 750 MP.
- Has the potential to increase our table count and generates more revenue for the club.

The game is similar to the popular Eight is Enough team games but adjusted for pair games. Players are classed as either a 3, 2 or 1 based on their number of masterpoints. A pairs total can't be more than a 4.

All players that are currently playing Thursday afternoons are not affected as they would all be either a 2 or a 1. Players over 1500 would also be able to play. There are approximately 5 players currently in the 1500-2000 range and would be classed as 2's and those over 2000 would be classed as 3's. Players classed as a 3 would have to play with a player classed as a 1 (under 750 MP). All players with under 2000 MP could play with any other player under 2000.

Because this game is open to all players it is rated as an Open Game with more masterpoints available (restricted games pay 80% of open games).

The game will be stratified by the average of pair's MP. We need at least 5 pairs in a 'C strat' to award masterpoints so we really encourage more players with less than 750 MP to participate.

"Strat C players are ranked against other Strat C pairs giving them the experience of playing against more skilled players without diminishing their chances of winning. Also Strat C players have the advantage of possibly winning points in the two higher strats, which yields more masterpoints."

Mark your calendars for the first trial game on Thursday afternoon March 7th .

See the attached for more details.

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

Sent: January 3, 2024 5:53 PM

Subject: January Newsletter

## REGINA BRIDGE CLUB

### January Newsletter

The club celebrated the Christmas season in fine style on the evening of December 12 with about thirty members at a game that included a wonderful selection of both savory and sweet treats provided by the players.

Unfortunately, the Tuesday evenings games don't usually attract enough players, often only two or fewer tables, so director Claire Jones has cancelled them indefinitely, until there is more interest.

We have been lucky enough to have three directors stepping in to take over games while Kevin and Joyce are away. Many thanks to Don Norman and Cal McLeod who have come out of retirement and Wayne Petrychyn who is newly qualified and now running Wednesday night. This month's week of special games with extra points is January 15-20.

Player of the month in December was Larry McCormick with 8.69 points. Eli Fluter and Wayne Natrass were high percentage winners in an open game with 68.06%. New players Nikolay Kovev and Gergana Koveva were best in a restricted one with 73.18%.

Former Regina player Pam (Braun) Koshinsky passed away in Brandon on December 26. She was top player of the year in 1979 and in 1985 became the 12th player in club history to reach 1000 points. Pam was the widow of Tony Braun and of Art Dahl, both very good players who have club championships named after them. She moved to Brandon in 1996 and married player Mo Koshinsky there.

Hopefully some of you made New Year's resolutions to play more and better bridge so we will be seeing you at the club more often.

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