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Subject: February Newsletter

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB February Newsletter

Our club has begun 2025 on a high note with 210 tables in January, 20 more than the same month last year. Part of this is due to a new game for players with under 20 points, which will continue through February.

As Don already announced in an e-mail, there are only three games with extra points this month: the annual "8 is Enough" Club Championship on February 1, the POP-up game in "4 is Enuf" format with 50% red points on Sunday February 9, and the annual "4 is Enuf" club championship on Thursday February 20.

The Unit is anxious to remind players of some upcoming events and promotions. If you refer a friend to the next set of beginner lessons starting on March 6, you will get a free play. Also, they are hosting a 299ers tournament at the club on April 12 and 13, with a stratification for under-20 MP players, and on May 2-4 is the Regina Spring Sectional.

Player of the month in January was again Doug Charleson with 14.85 points. Larry McCormick and Avinash Bhende were high percentage winners in an open game with 70.55%, and Avinash and Kalpana Bhenda were best in a restricted one with 73.33%.

There has been a lot of discussion on how to increase player participation in the Monday and Friday open games. As a trial starting this month, Monday afternoon games will use the "4 is Enuf" format, although our best players are not happy about this because they cannot play together. The other option being considered is rolling back the Tuesday afternoon game to an upper limit of 750. Hopefully this would increase attendance at the open games and at the same time encourage more of our newer players to try Tuesday afternoon.

At one time when the club had many more members, all games were open which meant more points for winners. The size of the games allowed for stratification, often with five or more pairs in the C strat where competitors could win points for beating others in that group and even more for placing in the A or B strat. If we could again attract enough players, there would be more points available for more participants.

We are very pleased to have a lot of new players learning and improving their skills in this great game we love. The club welcomes your feedback on what we can do to help. We would be glad to have feedback from all our members, so feel free to email the club manager at ReginaDBC@gmail.com and he will compile comments anonymously for board discussion.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: January 28, 2025 10:02 AM
Subject: February Game Changes

At the board meeting on Saturday January 18th the board made changes to 2 regular games.

The Master Rookie game on Wednesdays will now allow the rookie to have up to 300 MP, up from 200 MP. The rationale being rookies can still benefit from mentoring once they reach the 200 MP level.

Due to the low table counts, the Monday afternoon game will be 4 is ENUF format on a trial basis. It will use the same criteria as the Thursday '4 is ENUF' game (players with over 2000 MP must play with someone with less than 500 MP). This will be reevaluated over the next 2 or 3 months.

Special Games in February

Saturday Feb 1 will be the Annual 8 is Enough Club Championship.

Sunday Feb 9 will be another POP UP game at 1:00 PM. 4 is ENUF format. 50% Red points.

Thursday Feb 20 will be the Annual 4 is Enough Club Championship.

Thursday Evening U20 Newcomer games will continue through February prior to lessons starting in March.

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From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: January 17, 2025 1:00 PM
Subject: Reminder POP UP Game this Sunday at 1:00 PM

This game will be in the 4 is ENUF format. Players with 2000+MP must play with a player with under 500 MP. Players with less than 2000 MP can play with any other player with less than 2000 MP. 50% of the points awarded will be RED .

We hope to see you on Sunday.

From: Regina Bridge Club <reginaduplicate.bridgeclub@gmail.com>
Sent: January 5, 2025 3:11 PM
Subject: January Newsletter

REGINA BRIDGE CLUB
January Newsletter

Our club has ended 2024 on a high note, with good attendance leading to an operating surplus. The Tuesday and Thursday afternoon games had some of the highest table courts we have seen since before Covid, and the December table count was up 21 tables over last December. In total 2024 was up 241 tables over 2023.

Our potluck Christmas party early in December was also successful with nine and a half tables, including three for under-299ers. Players brought more appetizers and desserts than we could eat that night, so people enjoyed the leftovers for the rest of the week.

As manager Don Norman outlined in an earlier e-mail, there are two new games starting this month. On Thursday nights in January and February, there will be games for players with fewer than 20 master points, providing them a chance for experience against other new players. Also on Sunday, January 19 at 1:00 p.m., there will be a POP-UP game using the "4 is Enuf" format, which offers 50% red points.

Games with extra points in January will be from the 13th until the 18th, which includes the Guy Jensen championship on Friday.

One game which is not continuing is the learning game Claire Jones has been running on most Tuesday evenings, although the open team held on the second Tuesday of each month will carry on. Also, the categories for the Thursday afternoon "4 is Enuf" game have been changed, with the number 1 players restricted to under 500 points, down from 750.

Do you have an alumni association, community group, or retiree group that would enjoy an afternoon of bridge with a beginner lesson? The Unit would provide a teacher, use of the club and coffee. If you host before the end of February, your attendees will receive a coupon for a free lesson in the series starting in March. A minimum of 12 people is required. One group will be chosen. Contact Gaylene at 306-586-7044 to discuss. Also, if you refer a friend to the March lessons, you will get a free game.

Player of the month in December was Doug Charleson with 11.26 points. Rick Gaucher and Claire Jones were high percentage winners in an open game with 82.84%. New players Susan Hugli and John Shore were best in a restricted one with 70.00%.

Hopefully, one of your New Year's resolutions is to play more and better bridge so the club will continue to have bigger and better games.

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