

Red Deer Bridge Club

- Keeping You Informed

January

Where Everyone is Welcome

2024

District 18



2023-2024 Bridge Board

Gerene Albrecht
Marg Barr
Glenn Cossey
Jim Horne
Jim Wallace

Dave Bailey
John Collier
Catherine Goodman (CM)
Ellen Van Doesburg (P)

Unit 248



The Unit Executive
2023-2024

Donna Collier
Colleen Milne
Marilyn Vaughan

Doug Girvan (President)
Adam Thiel



MISSION STATEMENT

To host and foster the game of duplicate bridge in a manner that respects all ages, genders, and handicaps while encouraging the enjoyable development of bridge skills for all.

happy new year
2024

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better person."
~ Benjamin Franklin

"Some people swear there's no beauty left in the world, no magic. Then, how do you explain the entire world coming together on one night to celebrate the hope of a new year?"
~ 2011 film "New Year's Eve"

"You know how I always dread the whole year? Well, this time I'm only going to dread one day at a time."
~ Charlie Brown



your

MEMBERSHIP



Don't Delay!
Please renew your membership by
January 31st.

\$25

It is really helpful to the directors if you can arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the game.



This gives the directors time to set up the rotation and the bridgemates **and** allows the game to start on time. Thanks.

BEGINNER

LESSONS

Start Date = Thursday, January 4, 10:00 a.m.

Cost = \$40 for 8 weeks

Instructor = Rick Cookson-Hills

Drop-In = \$5.00 for those who have already taken any lessons.



- ♠ Over/Under Games = 4th & 18th
- ♥ **Junior Fund** - extra masterpoints awarded = Saturday, 13th at 1:00
- ♦ Eight is Enough Team Game = Monday, January 15th
- ♣ Board-A-Match Team Game = Thursday, 25th at 6:30
- ♠ Red Deer Sectional = 26th to 28th
- ♥ No game on Monday, January 29th



eight is enough team game

Monday, January 15

Teams of 4 with a maximum of 8 points total.

3 pts = over 1100 MP 2 pts = 300 to 1100 MP 1 pt = 0 to 300 MP

Sign up on the bulletin board.

See you there!

B-A-M Team Game

WE WANT YOU!

January 25 6:30

Don't have a full team?
Contact Ruth Sidebottom

Red Deer Sectional

Watch for a sign-up sheet for the 299er sessions. Contact person is Donna Collier.

January 26 to 28

\$12 per single session
Partnerships = Ruth Sidebottom



Bridge Conventions:

Negative & Takeout Doubles

It is important to know the difference between a negative double and a takeout double. This chart will hopefully help you understand the subject.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NEGATIVE DOUBLES AND TAKEOUT DOUBLES

NEGATIVE DOUBLES

- Partner opened
- The double is made by the responder
- The overcaller's suit is doubled
- 6+ HCP are needed at the one level; more at higher levels
- Emphasis is on the unbid major(s)
- You need not be short in the opponent's suit
- A negative double followed by a bid in a new suit is weak

TAKEOUT DOUBLES

- An opponent opened
- The double is made by the overcalling side
- Opener's suit is doubled
- 11+ HCP are needed at the one level; more at higher levels
- Coverage in all unbid suits is promised
- You must be short in the opponent's suit
- A takeout double followed by a bid in a new suit is strong (17+ HCP)

Level of Overcall	HCP Needed
One of a suit	6
Two of a minor	8
Two of a major	9
Three of a suit	10
Four or higher of a suit	10

Aggressive action is called for when:

- ✓ You are short in the opponent's suit, &/or
- ✓ You know you have a fit, &/or
- ✓ You have tolerance for opener's suit, &/or
- ✓ You have aces and kings &/or
- ✓ You have ideal distribution in the unbid suit(s).

Discretion is recommended with:

- ✓ Length in the opponent's suit &/or
- ✓ Shortness in partner's suit, &/or
- ✓ Flawed distribution in the unbid suits, &/or
- ✓ A hand that is dominated by minor honors.



2023

Trophy Winners *Congratulations*



Mixed Pairs
Heather Cookson-Hills
Rick Cookson-Hills

Novice Trophy
Ellen Van Doesburg
Marilyn Vaughan

Unmixed Pairs
Cindy Cossey
Laurie Shapka

Over/Under
Dinu Bhadresa
Phil Blackburn

Birthday
Heather Cookson-Hills
Rick Cookson-Hills

Open Pairs
Lorna Deschner
Barney Dolan

Christmas
Bryant Hawthorne
Laurie Shapka

Life Master
Janet Gangl

Most MP
Lorna Deschner

CONGRATULATIONS

To Members of the 60%+ Club

November 21 to December 29 (in no particular order)

Chris B. & Doug G. (2)
Rick & Heather C-H. (7)
Lorna D. & Barney D. (3)
Gerene A. & Bryant H.
Charlie R. & Lorna D. (2)
Colleen M. & Dinu B.
Rita P. & Catherine G.

Judi F. & Dave B,
Doug G. & Marilyn V. (2)
Larry P. & Marlene W. (3)
Phil B. & Ruth S.
Carol B. & Chris R.
Glenn C. & Mary A.
Marg & Rick B. (2)



Dick & Mary P. (2)
Dave R. & Marlene W. (2)
Ellen V. & Marilyn V.
Phil B. & Bonnie R. (3)
Jim & Ethel H.
Gerene A. & Adam T.
Jim & Myra C.

70%

Laurie S. & Lorna D.
Gerene A. & Bryant H. (2)