

**RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB**  
**JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

## *Sectional scheduled Jan. 20-22*

Unit 248 Winter Sectional is about to take off from Friday to Sunday, Jan. 20-22 at the Club. Pairs sessions start Friday at 1 and 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Team games start Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and again after an optional \$5 lunch. All events are stratified.

Adam Thiel is in charge of the tournament for the Unit. Liz Warren will help with partnerships at 403-346-6324 or warren24@telus.net.

Last year there were 55.5 tables in four pairs events and 17 teams in two sessions. Players attended from around Alberta and even Saskatchewan.

## *Big games in December*

Four pairs led high scorers in December, each with two games over 60%. Cindy and Glenn reached 63.89 and 61.8; Glenn and Ed 62.18 and 61.81; Gerene and Lorna 63.89 and 60.71; Heather and Rick 63.7 and 62.5.

In 0-500 MP competition, Doreen, Myrna, Dan and Bob won all four games against two other teams on Dec. 11, earning 0.98 MP. Jane, Chris R., Joan and Sincere had four wins on Dec. 29 to earn 0.28.

Liz and Sincere	63.02	Laurie and Nazir	60.94
Pat Y. and Pat M.	61.98	Lorna and John M.	62.22
Bonnie and David	65.28	Evelyn and Ruth	61.11
Lorna and Ed	73.84	Laurie and Liz	60.19
Ed and Robert	61.99	Carolyn and Wayne	60.11
Gerene and Adam	68.74	Joan and Sincere	75.0
Marlene and Gail	62.08	Gerda and Nazir	62.96
Brenda P. and Phil P.	63.92	Robert and Nazir	63.69
Carol and Jerry	67.0	Mike and Ed	62.8
Dean and Chris B.	61.61	Lorna and Robert	66.02
Ruth and Brenda B.	62.5		

## *Roving reporter*

I like what Mentor Monday seems to be doing for attendance. In the last two months, several players from the Wednesday list have played with non-listed members on Mondays. The main idea is for more-experienced members to invite advancing newcomers to play and learn in open competitions. That's always a good thing.

It's not Mentor Monday, of course, but I have been gaining the same benefit for more than two years. I started playing Thursdays in open sessions with Bonnie Renwick in July of 2014.

Bonnie is a good open player. She has introduced me to ideas and been patient when I err. She is an ideal partner for a recent 199er. Our average last year was increasing but still below our goal of 50%. Maybe this year! We both like to compete. And we have fun!

Meanwhile, the ACBL Bulletin for November also encourages mentoring.

“If your club doesn't have a mentor program, help to get one started,” Lynn Berg urges on Page 47. “The ACBL has great information on club mentor programs, free for the asking.”

And Frank Stewart on Page 57 says, “our opponents are intermediates who have ventured into an open game. I wish I saw more 99er players doing that. Facing stronger opposition is a route to improvement.”

What can you do to help?