

**RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB**  
**MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER**

## *AGMs: meetings, bridge and pizza*

Annual General Meetings for both Unit 248 and our club will be Saturday, April 8.

Bridge will start at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5 p.m. and the meetings start at 5:30.

Elections will be key agenda items. Five members of the club's board will have their two-year terms expire. Of these, Wayne and Phil B. have said they will not return.

Nominations will be accepted at the AGM, said President Gerene. "Anyone who would let their name stand for election ... could contact one of the members of either board and advise them in advance of the meeting."

Gerene and Treasurer Ellen will send email reports to members before the meeting. Members' questions and comments will be heard.

Gerene's draft report includes an interesting note that Myrna has been "grandfathered" in the achievement of her Bronze Life Master status. The old ACBL system required 300 masterpoints for Life Master. Myrna has asked that no party be held until she earns 500 MPs.

## *Beginner lessons coming*

Beginner bridge lessons will be offered in the fall.

Wayne told the board he plans to use the Better Bridge Accreditation System for 10 evening sessions on Tuesdays starting in September.

The board agreed to give four coupons for free sessions for lesson players and partners. "Hopefully this will help inspire new players to come out with a more experienced partner ... to get the rookies feeling more comfortable at the bridge table," President Gerene wrote later.

In other business last month, the board heard that player numbers are up for Mondays but down on Thursday evenings.

The board also heard of a problem with players not confirming their partnerships, leading to phone calls for late comers or the players going home.

Now that hand records are available, board members wondered if any of the experienced players in the club would contribute analyses of hands they find interesting. Articles could be included in this newsletter.

## *Farewell Nazir*

Members are invited to give Nazir a “royal” send off at a farewell party on Saturday, March 11.

“Sadly, Nazir, one of our most prolific bridge players, will be leaving us to move back to Ottawa the middle of March,” said President Gerene.

She is asking for listing of food donations on the bulletin board at the club. Potluck lunch will be at noon and bridge at 1 p.m.

Meanwhile, Nazir won the progressive pot on Monday, Feb. 20 when his Ace of Spades was drawn. He won almost \$200. The pot then started accumulating again.

## *Big games in February*

Heather and Rick led pairs in February with three games over 60%. They reached 65.74, 63.1 and 62.59.

Three pairs did it twice: Gerda and Phil B. 71.3 and 64.44, Nazir and Robert 65.28 and 60.49, Lorna and Robert 64.58 and 63.7.

Highest score in the month was recorded by Liz and Sincere at 77.08. Cindy and Glenn had 72.92.

In addition to his double, Nazir had high scores with Gerda 64.35, Lorna 63.89 and Ruth 60.65.

Other high scores:

Ellen and Marilyn	61.05	Chris R. and Tom O.	62.5
Jane and Evelyn	60.42	Carol and Chris R.	64.58
Liz and Evelyn	65.1	Brenda P and Phil P.	65.38
Romeo and Larry M.	61.92	Darlene and Mary A.	67.26
Evelyn and Sincere	62.59	Doreen and Nancy R.	66.07
Barb and Phil B.	61.61	Chris B. and Jim W.	61.9
Maureen and Don	62.5	Liz and Marlene	60.71
Annabelle and Sincere	60.42	Ruth and Marlene	64.07