

**RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB  
JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER**

## ***Board looks to boost membership***

Our club's board spent much of its May meeting looking for ways to increase membership. This followed Manager Evelyn's report that the table count was 148 for games in April—down from 171 a year ago and from the five-year average of 162.

President Gerene will look at a trial run for Pianola Software. Its list of players available could help members find partners on short notice. Rick suggested inviting players at social clubs in and around Red Deer to try duplicate too. Members should be encouraged to add their ideas.

“We need a lot more people to know about us,” said Gerene. “We've got to recruit younger people.”

The board also heard that Evelyn has reached her Gold Life Master status. Watch for a Prairie Party to celebrate.

## ***Sectionals attract players***

Our Unit 248 Spring Sectional attracted 123 pairs to four open sessions and 17 teams to the two other sessions in early May.

Top performances by local players, in terms of masterpoints earned, were: Ian and Perry second overall on Saturday afternoon with 7.72; Cindy, Glenn, Robert and Ed second in Sunday's Swiss teams with 5.57; Gerene and Phil B. first in Friday evening pairs with 5.04.

Other high MP earners included: Cindy and Glenn 4.06 plus 3.95; Evelyn and Liz 3.78; Annabelle and Phil B. 3.4; Lorna and Lloyd 3.32.

Several local players earned points at the Edmonton Sectional last weekend.

Cindy and Glenn, with an Edmonton pair, placed third of 12 Swiss teams to earn 4.8. They also won 0.92 in a pairs event. Ian won 5.08 and 1.38 with big city partners. Phil B. also scored twice for 2.87 and 1.49. Laurie and Adam earned 1.27 in a team game.

A list of total MPs earned was not available from ACBL for either Red Deer or Edmonton Sectional.

Several local players also earned MPs at the Cranbrook Sectional in late April: Adam 18.24, Gerene 12.67, Robert and Laurie 10.87, Ruth and Mary A. 4.42, Darlene and Annabelle 4.26.

## *Extravaganza coming*

You know it was a good party when the hosts had fun. A short talk with John on Tuesday confirmed the MacNaughton Tulloch Bridge Extravaganza is special.

Club members have received an email announcing the event on Saturday, July 22. It will be the 19<sup>th</sup> annual hosted by John and Carolyn at their home near Innisfail. They ask players to sign up at the club and add potluck items to the beef and pork roasts they will provide.

## *High scores in May*

Four pairs topped 70% in games last month. Myra and Jim C. led the way with 75.0. Lorna and Robert reached 74.07, Sheila and Murray 72.02, and Pat Y. and Doreen 70.64.

Three pairs beat 60% twice. Gerda and Phil B. scored 65.19 and 60.65; Gerene and Ian 64.58 and 60.74, Cindy and Glenn 61.57 and 61.46.

Other high scores:

Laurie and Lorna	69.44	Darlene and Brenda B.	62.85
Lorna and John M.	61.61	Annabelle and Wayne	64.03
Marlene and Glenn	60.42	Larry P. and Rick	61.98
Glenn and Adam	69.05	Gerda and Ian	60.42
Sincere and Joan	66.96	Marlene and David	60.42
Jane and Chris R.	66.15	Darlene and John C.	60.12
Carolyn and Wayne	64.58	Laurie and Ruth	61.31
Rick and Tom O.	62.5	Ruth and Cindy	62.22
Pat Y. and Pat M.	61.91	Murray and Charlie L.	64.81
Doug C. and Dean	60.74	Heather and Rick	65.19
Ian and Robert	62.0	Franco and Gary	65.48
Laurie and Adam	60.0	Evelyn and Ruth	64.58