

RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB
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Better bridge

Two chances for better bridge were started last month at the club.

Wayne welcomed 20 registered students to introductory lessons which he said “were going well.” So well, indeed, that he had to order more books.

“I am getting lots of positive feedback about the 'cards on the table' method of teaching,” Wayne told the board in an email. “People seem to enjoy it and to have fun learning. Annabelle and Carolyn have been sitting in for those who have been absent so I always have full tables.”

“We hope these people are going to end up coming to the bridge club,” he added.

And Rick started a drop-in question period on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This information was provided for the newsletter:

“Feel welcome for all or any part of that time. Not lessons so much as discussions of the kinds of behaviours of good bridge players. Typically, club members will want to know what went wrong on a hand, or two, from one of their bridge games.”

Board looks ahead

The club's board has some matters continuing to its meeting on Oct. 10.

The board seeks member comments about team games. Do we want more or less? Do we like the 8 is Enough format?

High tech ideas are being developed. Manager Annabelle is working to introduce a Pianola web site that could be used to help members find partners. “Pianola is in the test stage. Invite emails have been sent out to the club members. If anyone is having trouble, please do not hesitate to contact her with questions,” she said. A new club Facebook page has been set up by Secretary Darlene. She hopes more members will put messages on the page and extend it to their friends.

The board encourages members to become directors. Annabelle is covering some games and will take the exam soon. Marlene, Liz and Wayne are doing other sessions.

Two notes in the suggestion box indicated the room is too hot. As a result, deflectors will be placed on the ceiling vents above the windows to prevent air from blowing directly on players.

President Gerene asks members to let the board know if they want a New Year's Eve party/game.

Big points at tournaments

Club members earned some colourful masterpoints this summer at major tournaments.

Glenn and Charlie R. led the way with 52.91—including 35.71 platinum—at the Summer NABC in Toronto. They finished ninth among 320 in an open pairs elimination event and 30th of 156 in Life Master pairs. They were 497th on the list of 5,572 players with points at the NABC.

Eight locals were among 344 earning points at the Regional in Saskatoon. Winners: Ian 28.29, Ed. 25.76, Mike 18.8, Liz 10.31, Ruth and Annabelle 7.23, Charlie L. 4.23, Mary M. 1.7.

Celebrate Evelyn, birthday

An honorary life membership and 15.5 tables in play were the ways we said farewell to Evelyn. The club on Sept. 2 thanked Evelyn “for her years of dedication as Club Manager, Bridge Mentor, and Friend to many.”

Gerda and Ian led players with 67.42%. Other high pairs were: Doug. C. and Jim H. 64.31, Sincere and Joan 61.7, and Gerene and Robert 61.45.

Another 18 pairs celebrated the club's birthday on Sept. 23. High scores were recorded by Laurie and Lorna 69.44%, Cindy and Glenn 66.9, Heather and Rick 62.5, and Gerene and Ian 61.34.

High scores in September

Evelyn, Liz, Bonnie and David won three games against four other teams in a Grand National event on Sept. 1. They earned 2.25 masterpoints, half red. Each of the teams had at least 1.5 wins. On Sept. 7, Sheila, Darlene, John C. and Ahmed won against all three other teams to pick up 2.1 red points.

Five pairs scored over 60% twice in other games: Mike and Ed 72.22 and 61.11, Laurie and Lorna 64.59 and 63.89, Heather and Rick 63.69 and 61.81, Brenda P. and Phil P. 62.69 and 60.42, Ian and Robert 61.81 and 60.42.

Other high scorers:

Pat Y. and Doreen	67.08	Doreen and Andrea	60.32
Larry and David	79.0	Mike and Charlie L.	65.28
Chris B. and Jim W.	62.0	Jane and Chris R.	60.95
Gerda and Phil B.	65.28	Liz and Sincere	60.83
Gerene and Adam	67.0	Myra and Jim C.	64.58
Liz and Marlene	60.22	Lorna and Robert	61.57
John C. and Ahmed	65.48	Gerene and Robert	65.97
Pat Y. and Grant	60.55	Darlene and John C.	62.5
Gerene and Jim W.	70.14	Donna and John C.	65.88