

RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB
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10 taking lessons

Ten people had registered by the end of August for the introductory lessons. Wayne will start on Sept. 12th. Wayne said some have played bridge but all will be new to the club.

The series will run for eight Tuesdays at the Club and classes will last about two hours. The \$35 fee includes purchase of a book.

Questions are welcomed by Wayne at 403-318-1197 or enyaw6677@gmail.com. Registrations are invited until the lessons start.

A second series on competitive bidding could start in early 2018.

Congrats on GLM, Evelyn

“Come Hungry!!” urged the invitation to Evelyn's Gold Life Master Prairie Party.

Many did come hungry, and they were well rewarded. All of the 49 other players came to congratulate Evelyn and even wish her well in her move to Calgary. Some wore green but Annabelle dominated the costume competition with her scarecrow attire.

The official farewell, though, will be at another party on Saturday, Sept. 2, with snacks and bridge at 1 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet at the Club for food contributions.

The club's birthday party will be Saturday, Sept. 23 with bridge at 6:30 p.m.

17 earn points at Regional

Cindy and Glenn led 17 members from our club who earned masterpoints at the Edmonton Regional in August. Indeed, by placing sixth overall, they led most of the 369 players earning points there. The biggest chunk of their 55.0 MP for Cindy and Glenn came early when their team placed second of eight in the Kickoff KO. They also scored in two other team events.

Mike and Charlie L. reached as high as 68.75% in pairs to earn 18.22 MP each. Laurie and Adam won all their 14.96 MP in a team game, placing second of 21 teams. Annabelle and Phil B. were repeat earners with pairs scores as high as 62.0% and 7.66 total MP. Others with MPs: Ed 9.91; John C. 5.1; Ian 2.47; Myrna, Deanna, Doreen and Barb 1.76 each; Marilyn and Ellen 0.59 each.

Roving reporter

The club's board and members have expressed concern over the low table count at some games.

The recent 8 is Enough event was a good way to encourage lower MP players to get in with the big ones. Watch for more in the future. Over-and-under games happen on Thursdays and a member suggested that adding Fridays could bring newer players into open games. This could work if seniors invited 499ers from the Wednesday list that was produced recently.

A great idea appears on Page 9 of the August ACBL Bulletin. New CEO Bahar Gidwani studied reports of the last 10 years. He found the average age of members is 72.

“The most consistent concern was that our membership numbers are not growing,” he wrote. “A simple solution to our growth problem would be for each of our 168,000 members to bring one new member into our game.”

One!

Big scores in August

Two teams dominated the 8 in Enough event by winning five games each against the seven others. The special event featured teams with mixed high and low masterpoint players.

Earning 0.56 MP each were: Pat Y., Murray, Nancy C. and Dean on one team and Ruth, Mary A., Wilma and Brenda P. on the other.

Mike and Charlie L. led pairs with four games over 60%. They reached 69.63, 64.88, 63.19 and 62.08. Heather and Rick had three big games: 69.44, 65.1 and 65.0. Two wins each were scored by Gerene and Robert 72.22 and 67.26; Doreen and Pat M. 67.19 and 60.94; Lorna and Adam 63.43 and 61.31.

Other high scores:

Rick and John C.	64.29	Annabelle and Andrea	60.16
Sheila and Murray	61.11	Ian and Ed	63.7
Liz and Marlene	67.57	Joanne and Andrea	62.02
Barbara and Phil B.	68.23	Donna and John C.	60.94
Sincere and Joan	61.91	Lorna and Gerene	62.5
Gerene and Adam	63.99	Cindy and Glenn	60.66
Carolyn and Wayne	62.5	Jerry and Wilf	61.11
Evelyn and Liz	64.35	Adam and Robert	67.71
Shelley and Ralph	65.48	Jane and Brenda W.	66.15
Laurie and Liz	60.19	Lorna and Robert	60.42
Marlene and David	65.42	Pat Y. and Doug G.	68.75