



GRAND SLAM

Fall, 2016

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Fall Highlights

ACA Championships Various dates October

Canada Rookie Master Game

Tuesday Afternoon October 18

COPC Pair qualifiers October thru December

CNTC Team qualifiers October thru December

Edmonton Fall Sectional October 14 – 16

GN Team qualifiers

Tues Oct 18 and Jan – Mar 2017

Edmonton Green and Gold 2 Day Sectional

November 19 – 20

Manager's Message

Welcome back for a new season of bridge. Lots of events for all have been planned so keep the calendar handy and join in the fun.

A new season is good time to remind everyone about some rules, ethics and etiquette that make the game enjoyable for all.

1. Our cell phone policy remains in effect. Please turn them off and never answer calls at the table.
2. Call the Director for all irregularities. Keep the game fair for all.
3. Use the Smiley card and promote good behavior at the table.
4. Save your rare 'psychic' bids for experienced opponents.
5. Be especially sensitive to new and less experienced players.
6. Keep the game moving. Catch up if you fall behind and save the analysis for after the game.

Bridge is a game! Keep laughing. Keep learning. Have fun!

Bridge is our game. Share your enjoyment with others. Help and play with less experienced players. Be a Mentor or model of good behavior. Bridge is the best game. Meet new friends, compete for honors and keep your mind active. Have a great autumn season of bridge.

Matthew

Fall Party Games

Potluck Friday October 28 - 7:00 pm

CNTC Team Qualifier

Start the evening by joining our Potluck Dinner at 5 pm, then play with a foursome some fun team bridge. Register your team and dinner contribution.

Grey Cup Sunday November 27 – 1:00 pm

CNTC Team Qualifier

Play a one session team game, then party and cheer for your favorite CFL team.

Christmas Parties

EBC Xmas Lunch and Potluck desserts Thursday Afternoon December 8

Santas Anonymous Friday Evening December 9

Fall Lesson Series

Our program of lessons continues through November. Thanks to **Sandra Hlus, Lloyd Jones, Don Greenwood** and **Allan Terplawy**, for teaching and inspiring 5 classes of students of our game. Lesson Graduation Parties are scheduled for Nov 21 Afternoon and Nov 23 Evening.

Beginner Bridge

The fall season is upon us, time to get back to bridge.

Beginner games continue at the following times: Wednesday & Saturday Afternoons 12:30 pm & Thursday Evenings 7:00 pm

Intermediate Bridge Lectures

Matthew has offered these lectures in the past. He will continue to offer these sessions on FRIDAY mornings. Various topics such as conventions, tactics, defense, and partnership understandings will be discussed. A short lecture followed by the play of a few hands will start at 11:00 am and wrap up before noon. The sessions are free.

Unit Rookie Master

Saturday November 12th , 1 – 4 pm

Same fun format as last time - 3 rookies and 1 master at each table. Play, laugh, learn and drink wine. Sign up at the club or tell **Paula Nowlan** you want to participate.

Mentorship

Any mentoring program depends on both willing mentors and mentees. **Kathy** will restart the program in October by assigning mentors to mentees who were not given mentors last winter, if they are still keen to participate. Mentorship can be either individual or paired. Talk to **Kathy Turnbull**, in person or by email at: lendrum4@gmail.com.

School Bridge Lessons

Our EBC is again promoting bridge to grade 9's and 10's at a couple of schools. Be sure to check out the article about last year's successful program in the September issue of the ACBL Bulletin. If you are interested in helping with this noble venture; by teaching, mentoring, or on the steering committee, contact **Bill Dryden**.

Membership Outreach

Our club, like any other, needs a healthy flow of new members. The program of lessons coupled with existing members spreading the word has been successful in bringing many new faces. We cannot be complacent though and need to keep working at it. That is why we are working on

reaching out into the community to spread the word.

Our message is simple and familiar to all of you: bridge is good for the mind, brings social interaction and gives you a sense of purpose while being accessible and inexpensive.

We want to get this message out to people who have retired or are about to retire. This can be done by talking to condo associations, recreational administrators at senior residences and HR people in large organizations working with retiring employees, to name just some options.

If you would like to help in this endeavour, even just by providing the names of contacts, please let **Bill Gibson** know and he will talk to you about how you can help. He can be reached at bjgibson@shaw.ca or 587 341 0512.

Facebook Users

Look up the Facebook Group 'Edmontonbridge' and link up with your fellow bridge enthusiasts keeping up with what's happening in the Edmonton bridge world. If you cannot find it, let **Kathy Turnbull** or **Bill Gibson** know and they will help.

Fundraising Casino

We are fortunate to be able to use casino fundraising to cover some expenses. Our next casino is scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2017. This may seem a long time away, but mark it on your calendar, so that you too can have a chance to volunteer and contribute. **Michael Harvey** and your Edmonton Bridge Society thank you.

2017 Memberships

Club memberships and renewals will be available after November 1. Still only \$40. Be a member and support our great club.

Name Badges

Many members have ordered name badges to help others to get to know them. The tricky part is remembering to put them on. If you too would

like a badge for only \$10, fill in a form as we will be making another order soon.

Parking

During the daytime **Do NOT Park in stalls marked "KBC"**. This stands for "Kingsway Business Centre" and the stalls are for the folks upstairs. Parkers in alley have been ticketed so that's not a good plan either. The Ramada Inn tolerates parking in non-reserved stalls. Please use this option judiciously. The rows near the hotel are used by their employees, so try and park further north. During the evening, the spots marked KBC that are not 24 Hour reserved are also available for you.

Grand National Teams (GNTs)

This is the ACBL grassroots team event. Club qualifiers can participate at the District level for subsidy to the GNT Finals at the Summer ACBL Nationals. But even if you don't plan on going further, a club qualifier is a fun team game. There are four flights: Open Championship, **A**: 6000mp, **B**: 2500mp, and **C**: Non LM under 500mp. We want the flights to play separate, so come out and participate at your level. Next club qualifier is **Tuesday October 18, 7 pm**. Other sessions are planned though March 2017.

2017 Canadian National Team Championship (CNTC)

CNTC is the national team event. Teams can have 4, 5, or 6 members. Club qualifying games with only 1 session require that teams have only 4 members. Qualification at the club level is the top half of the field. There is also a flight B for those with less than 2500 mp as of Sept 1, 2015.

Again this year there is a Flight C for those under 1000 mps. This is a competitive but enjoyable event. Everyone should try for a qualifying game! We will keep flight C separate rather than stratifying them with flight A and B, if numbers warrant.

Games will be held during a variety of sessions this year. All of these games are one session events, so teams can only have 4 members. The sanction is reduced so entry is regular card fees

plus \$4/team. There will be no zone final. Club qualifiers can make a team and register by April, 2016 for the National Final April 29 - May 7, 2017 in **Winnipeg**.

Scheduled Upcoming CNTC Dates

(All single session A/B and C Separate)

Tuesday October 11, 7:00p

Friday October 28, 7:00p After Potluck Dinner

Tuesday November 15, 7:00p

Sunday November 27, 1:00p With Grey Cup Party

Last Chance Tuesday Eve December 20, 7:00p

Canadian Open Pairs Championship (COPC)

This is our national pairs championship. Qualifications are achieved by being in the top half of the field in any club qualifying game. You qualify as an individual directly to the National Final to be held late during Bridge Week May 2017 in **Winnipeg**. Again this year, entry at the club level is \$1.00 extra.

COPC Dates

Wednesday Eve October 19, 7:00 pm

Monday Eve November 7, 7:00 pm

Wednesday Eve November 16, 7:00 pm

Tuesday Aft November 29, 12:30pm

Monday Eve December 12, 7:00pm (Last Chance)

The logo for "Play-Learn-Learn" is written in a stylized, blue, 3D font with a white outline. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

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