

JULY/ AUGUST 2010

Edmonton Bridge Centre
Highlights



Congratulations to Steve Bates! In the June 2010 edition of the Bridge Bulletin the American Contract Bridge Association announced his appointment to the rank of National Tournament Director. Steve has held the rank of Associate National Director since 1992.

Thanks to all members for the donations to the **Edmonton Food Bank**. \$554 was raised along with some much-needed food.

NEEDED: Club Librarian

Do you have some time to donate to organize our lending library? We sure could use your help. Contact Matthew.

Summer Savings:

July or August **Duplicate Passes** are available now and only \$60 per month.

In July and August there are 6 chances to qualify for the **North American Pairs**. (July 14th, 20th, and 26th; August 4th, 24th and 30th). Pairs are stratified: A – Open, B <2000 and C <500.

The EBC **Semi-annual General Meeting** will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday, July 17th. A FREE BBQ will be held for members after the meeting. There will be 2 sessions of Pairs Championship Bridge – one at 2:00 pm

and the other at 7:00 pm (registering for a single session is fine).

Birthday Bashes are July 13th and August 17th. You don't have to have a birthday in July or August to help those who do to celebrate. Everyone is welcome. Both start at 7:30 pm.

GOOD LUCK to those playing at the **Alberta Regional** in Red Deer August 9 – 15th.

New in the Library:

Klinger, Ron. (1984). Improve your bridge memory. Master Bridge Series, Orion House, London: UK.

Stewart, Frank. (2003). Frank Stewart's Bridge Club. Master Point Press, Toronto: ON.

Interesting books found at the Penticton Regional:

Simon, S.J. (1946). Why you lose at bridge. Devyn Press. Louisville, KY. Introduction by Charles Goren.

Darvas, Robert & de V. Hart, Norman., (1947). Right through the pack: Devyn Press, Louisville, KY. Introduction by Ely Culbertson.

Root, William S., (1990). How to play a bridge hand: Three Rivers Press, New York, NY. Introduction by Omar Sharif.

Interesting hand from May 13, 2010, hand records, courtesy of **Lloyd Sullivan**:

North	
♠ JT643	
♥ K7	
♦ Q53	
♣ QJ5	
West	East
♠ Q2	♠ K985
♥ JT96	♥ 85432
♦ KT82	♦ 76
♣ K84	♣ 96
South	
♠ A7	
♥ AQ	
♦ AJ94	
♣ AT732	
<p>Even though East has no points to speak of this hand puts down 3 NT.....</p> <p>NEVER give up!!!!!!</p>	

ONE WISH

A bridge duffer was polishing a lamp and ... poof! Out popped a genie who said, "I will grant you *one* wish."

The duffer unfolded a map of the world and said, "Let all of these countries live in peace and harmony."

"You've got to be kidding! I'm only a genie."

The duffer thought for a while and then suggested, "OK, then make me a winning bridge player."

"Hmm..." the genie pondered. "Let me see that map again."

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The Ravin'

By Edgar Allan Pavlicek

Once upon a midnight, Drury

Drove my partner to a fury.

All I did was bid two clubs;

Don't know why he got so sore.

While I nodded, nearly napping,

I received a verbal flapping.

Partner asked me o'er and o'er,

"Have you *ever* played before?"

As for Drury...

Nevermore!

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Looking ahead:

The **Fall Open House** will be held on Saturday, September 11th from noon to 5:00 pm. (This is a chance to show off our club to friends and family.

The **Edmonton Bridge Centre** will be celebrating its **25th Anniversary** on Saturday, September 25th. Mark your calendars – this will be a very special celebration!