

December 4, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Welcome to December and the holiday season.

The Christmas tree is sparkling and the club is decorated. Our Santas Anonymous Christmas party is on Tuesday afternoon December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can join us, we will celebrate the season with championship bridge, treats and fun. As well as the Open and Intermediate games, we will have a special Beginner game. I know that many of you will bring Christmas baking and goodies to share with your fellow members. We will make the sharing as safe as possible but individual wrapping would be wonderful. As well, I hope the membership will continue to show their generosity, by donating to our favorite causes. Toys for Santas Anonymous, food for the Edmonton Food Bank, warm clothing for the Bissell Centre, or money to any of these deserving groups will be accepted and appreciated. Bring them to the party or anytime this week before December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

The bridge club has again been granted a chance to earn funding from a casino. Our dates are January 1 and 2 of the new year. Many have already volunteered, and we thank Michael Harvey for coordinating their shifts and the event. Thank you volunteers for your help and time.

The schedule of online and live games continues in December as it has all fall. A full listing and any future changes are listed on our homepage at [www.edmontonbridge.ca](http://www.edmontonbridge.ca) . The club will be closed on Christmas and New Year's day.

All players entering the club are **required** to be fully vaccinated against COVID. Wearing of masks indoors in public places is still a requirement of the provincial REP program. Thank you for doing your part in wearing a mask and letting everyone be safe and feel safe.

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation in our club. I look forward to seeing you at the club. Join us for live bridge when you can. If you need a partner for a session or a more regular date, we are here to help. Please let us know if you are available for a game or drop in before gametime.

Again, I share sad news of the recent passing of some fellow members. Our condolences to the families and friends of Harold Tom, Rick Kroetsch, Lila Lysne, and Gord Brown. This foursome will be missed. If perhaps they have started a bridge game on the other side, it will be full of fun and laughter.

I wish you all peace, health, and happiness for Christmas and throughout the new year. I hope 2022 will be a year of growth for you and our bridge club.

*Matthew Greenways*

Manager

P.S. Please pass on this letter to others who may not have email or are not on our lists.