

January 1, 2022

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Happy New Year!

We hope your Christmas was full of joy and peace. Our Santas Anonymous Christmas party on Tuesday December 7th was a great success. Thank you to all who brought baking and goodies. Thank you for all your donations: a tree full of toys for Santas Anonymous, 57 Kg of food for the Edmonton Food Bank, 3 big sacks of warm clothing for the Bissell Centre, and over \$2200 for these deserving groups. Thank you for sharing.

The bridge club fundraising casino is happening January 1 and 2. Thank you to Michael Harvey for coordinating and all the volunteers who gave their time and efforts.

The schedule of online and live games is changing slightly. We realize, by your attendance, that it is tough to drive to the club on those cold winter evenings. **Starting in January**, and continuing until the weather and Covid restrictions change, **Monday and Wednesday evenings will be played On-line only**. These open stratified games will start as usual at 7:00pm. Stay warm and join in the fun. A full listing of our schedule and any future changes are listed on our homepage at www.edmontonbridge.ca .

Also starting in January, EBC will again host an On-line Winter Team League. We hope to start the week of January 17th, generally playing on Tuesday evenings. If there are enough teams, we will have 3 flights and play for about 8 weeks and playoffs. To register a team or individual interest, contact Don at: ddg4bridge@gmail.com . Full conditions of contest can be found on our homepage. Entry is \$120 per team and registration closes Sunday Jan 16 at 5 pm. Join in the fun.

Club membership remains at \$40 each for 2022. We hope that you see the value in being a member and supporting our club. You can use Interac e-transfer from your bank account to ours at club@edmontonbridge.ca (direct deposit, no passwords). Or, if you wish, you can pay at the club or send a cheque by mail to:

Edmonton Bridge Centre
11810 Kingsway Ave NW
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With wage and rent subsidies, and BBO income we have been able to continue our operations, but if you wish to add a donation to our club it would be received with gratitude.

The Board has set the date for the Society's Annual General Meeting as **Saturday February 12, 2022**. The time and further details about the meeting and reports will be sent to you in February. In the meantime, save the date on your busy calendars.

The Covid situation seems to be changing slightly as the omicron variant seems to be less severe. We are hopeful that we will soon be freer to be together at the bridge tables. Still, 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.

I wish you all peace, health, and happiness in 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.