

July 5, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Again, I write to you with hope that we will be able to be together at the club soon. We have always said that we would open our club when the membership feels safe and able to come out. The Board and I are making plans for a probable opening in September, but we need your input. At present, it looks like we can continue to hold some online VACB games while also holding live games. The masterpoint multiplier for online games has been reduced and will be reduced again. There will be ACBL incentives for face-to-face games. At the live club games, we are looking at having hand sanitizer available, some enhanced cleaning, and optional use of masks. We are looking at other clubs and seeing what works for them. The Board has prepared a short survey so that they can consider your feelings about playing live bridge again. Please take a moment and click on this link: <https://forms.gle/t8PnfjdU3ZZttmia8> Thank you for your help.

For those playing in our Virtual club, the week of July 26 – August 1 is ACBL's '**Stardust Week**' event. All games will have upgraded masterpoints with 25% gold. Entry is \$6 to cover the extra sanctions. There seems to be little interest in North American pairs qualifying games or a summer Team League. We will therefore look forward to other special events and games in the fall at the club. Further updates and information about our club is available at our homepage: www.edmontonbridge.ca .

I am sad to report that Bryan Doidge passed away this last month after bravely living with ALS. We will remember his joyful attitude. On a personal note, my own father passed away this month after a battle with Covid. Thank you to all of you for your kindness and condolences.

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation in our club. Be sure to stay in touch with other members through this difficult time. Stay hopeful and joyful. We will be back together soon.

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

Matthew