

June 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 are thankful that the vaccine rollout is well underway. Many of our members have been jabbed twice. Alberta is moving forward with stages of opening, but we are held back by a frustrating third wave and slow vaccinations. We will open our club when the membership feels safe and able to come out. At this time, that seems to be September, but we will prepare and survey the membership before announcing any date.

The **Spring Team League** is now complete. 27 teams played in three flights and had lots of fun. A full listing of the results is linked to our homepage. Congratulations to the winning teams:

Flight A: Undoubles (Ian, Paul, Gerry, Rhonda)

Flight B: Baffled Ones (Gerry B, Ross, Lloyd, Curtis)

Flight C: 4 Campers (Nancy, Roman, Elsie, Elgin)

A further Team League is planned for later in the summer. We will let you know. Look for information and registration on the homepage. Thanks to Don Greenwood for running these team leagues.

Don also led the '**Hands in Review**' sessions, Thursdays on Zoom. These seminars are now over for the summer. Many players had dropped in to learn or re-learn bridge topics, from slam bidding to reverses and everything in between. Thanks to Don for his insights and efforts.

Friday morning '**Coffee and Chat**' on Zoom is also on a recess. Thanks to Bonnie Halliday for leading these virtual get togethers. Stay in touch with your fellow members. We hope to meet in a non-virtual session soon.

For those playing in our Virtual club, the weekend of June 19 – 20 is ACBL's '**The Longest Day**' event, a fundraiser for Alzheimer's Associations (for us, in Canada). All games will have upgraded masterpoints. Entry is \$6 with extra sanctions being donated. Alzheimer's has been a favorite cause for our club and members for many years. Bridge Week in June was always used to collect funds for the local society. If you want more information about the Alzheimer's Society of AB & NWT or to donate directly to them, use this link: www.alzheimer.ca/ab/en .

North American Pairs is a grassroots event starting in the summer months at the club level. As more information becomes available about further levels of competition, and as interest by the membership is shown, we will schedule these games.

Further updates and information about our club is available at our homepage: www.edmontonbridge.ca .

In recent months, some friends and members have passed on. Please remember Kathleen McLeod, Helen Mitchell, Ted Blezard, Anne Willans, Joe Walter, Joan Pitfield, Edna Downs, and Karen McFarlane. Support their families and partners as you can.

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.

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

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