

Mar 8, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

This week marks 1 year since we have been able to be together at the club. We are thankful that the vaccine rollout is underway and hope that we can open our club when the membership feels safe and able to come out.

Our Board and I would like to thank you for joining us at our Society's Annual General Meeting on Saturday February 13. Over 50 members joined us online with Zoom. Thank you to the Board for their leadership. Thanks to Vicky Grabb who has volunteered to join the Board. Thanks also to my wife Pat for making the Zoom session run efficiently. We would have all disappeared in a gallery view without her talents. Reports are still available if you did not get them through the members' email in February.

As I write this letter, 206 members have joined or renewed their club membership. We hope that you see the value in being a member and supporting our club. You can of course wait until we are able to be together, but it would be great if we could receive your membership dues. It remains at \$40 each for 2021. 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 send a cheque by mail to:

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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. I can report happily that we have received donations totaling over \$10,000. We have the most wonderful membership. **Thank you to all who have made small and large donations to our club.**

The **Spring Team League** is now underway. 27 teams are playing in three flights and having lots of fun. A full listing of the schedule and current standings is linked to our homepage.

We continue a Friday morning **Coffee and Chat** on Zoom on Friday mornings at 11:30am to about 12:15pm. Drop in anytime and talk with

some of your fellow members before the afternoon game. The link to join is on our homepage.

Don also leads a '**Hands in Review**' session, also on Zoom, but Thursdays from 11:15 to 12:15. Join Don as he steps through a few interesting hands from the week past. Again, the link is on the homepage.

For those playing in our Virtual club, the week March 22 – 28 is **ACBL Stardust** week. All games will have extra masterpoints 25% gold. Entry is \$6 to cover the extra sanctions. Information about our online club, links to calendars, game results and hand records are available at our homepage: www.edmontonbridge.ca .

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation in our club. Be sure to stay in touch with other members through this difficult time.

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

Matthew