

October 31, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Happy Hallowe'en and welcome to November.

The Edmonton Bridge Centre reopened for live play in September with a modified schedule of games. Thank you to all who have made our reopening such a success. Over 150 members are coming out and competing face to face or really masked face to masked face. All scheduled games have proceeded with some sessions having over 8 tables. For those who are not quite ready to come to the club, the online schedule continues to provide many chances to play and compete. Come and try a live game when you are able.

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.

The club will continue to be open for regular games Monday through Thursday for duplicate and Saturday afternoon for rubber bridge. We will continue online VACB games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. As well, we will have an online Open game on Monday afternoon and an online Intermediate (1500mp) game on Wednesday afternoon, as these were not on our regular club schedule before Covid. Beginner supervised play sessions will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings as attendance warrants.

The only change we have made to the schedule is the Thursday evening expert IMP pairs game is back online as many of the attendees are away for the winter. Any further changes would be announced on our homepage: www.edmontonbridge.ca .

As the weather gets colder, we start thinking about Christmas and Santas Anonymous parties. We plan on celebrating on Tuesday afternoon December 7th. I hope the membership will continue to show their generosity, by again donating to our 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 appreciated. Bring them to the party or anytime to the club before December 10th. 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. If you are able and available to volunteer a little time, please sign up and fill out a form at the club.

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.

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.

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

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Manager