

Dear members and friends of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Thank you to all who came to our Members meeting on Oct 15th. The Board shared information about our financial position and lease situation. Many members shared their concerns and ideas about increasing revenues. The Board subsequently met and decided that our game fees would remain at \$8 for members. Non members will pay an additional \$4. Membership for 2023 will be increased to \$75 each. Lifetime memberships remain at \$1000. Memberships for 2023 are now available. When you renew, please confirm that we have your current phone numbers and information. As always, any extra donations to support our club are gratefully appreciated.

Many intermediate players have quickly gone over 500 mps. Some are still not comfortable playing in an open game. To offer more games for these players, we have increased masterpoint limits for some intermediate games. Monday and Friday afternoon and Wednesday evening intermediate games will now be increased to 1000 mps. All games are stratified so that every pair has a chance to win masterpoints in their strat or in higher strats. (For example, if strat C is set at 200 and both players are under 200 mps, they can win strat C and strat B or A as well).

For those in our bridge classes, we will have a graduation party on Wednesday afternoon November 30 at 12:30. We welcome you to our tables. Continue to play, laugh, and learn our great game of bridge. The next Unit Rookie Master game is being planned for a Saturday in January.

The club will have regular club championships Nov 21 - 25. Then on Saturday December 3rd we will hold our Christmas Santas Anonymous party game. Open and intermediate duplicate games at 12:30 pm as well as Beginner and Rubber bridge. As well as toys for Santas Anonymous, we will pass on donations of food for the Edmonton Food Bank and warm clothing for the Bissell Centre. Monetary donations for these worthy causes will also be gratefully received.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and your participation in our club. You are great members, and we will continue to create a great club for you.

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