



Alberta Summer Regional

Going Green, Getting Gold

Saturday, August 13, 2011

Issue 5

A Glitch in Time

One of the difficulties with writing this newsletter in Mountain Daylight Time and formatting it in Atlantic Daylight Time is that the writer does not get one more chance to correct the mistakes that often get made between the faltering brain and the fingers on the keyboard. This happened on Friday morning. When talking about the Black Tie Event of last September, I wrote about Mavis Bergquist's operation of the Silent Auction. To try and place Mavis' continuing involvement in the event I wanted you all to know that this was a follow-on from Mavis chairing the whole show in 2008. Instead, we ended up saying that Mavis was the Chair of THIS edition of the Edmonton Summer Regional. Of course, neither Mavis nor I would want to imply that she is the current Chair and everybody should know that the Chair working tirelessly for the past three years (no grass grows under this group's feet) is Patty Metcalfe.

Each and every edition of this event comes together so well I wonder who they are going to find to bring it off again and chair 2014. And yet the Sisterhood seems to work well into the future to groom folks that can carry the torch.

I remember back just a very few years ago when Patty and Jim Metcalfe were novices who didn't have the first clue what this game was all about. They

Bridge Schedule through Sunday

Saturday August 13

8:45 am

Morning Compact Knockout Teams
(second of 2 sessions)
Morning Knockout Teams (fourth of four sessions)
Morning Side Game Series (fifth of five sessions)
Swiss Teams (one session)

1:00 pm

Prime Time Knockout Teams (third of four sessions)
Saturday Open Pairs (first of two sessions)
199er Pairs (one session)
Weekend Side Game Series (fourth of five sessions)

7:00 pm NOTE TIME CHANGE TO 7:00 PM TODAY

Prime Time Knockout Teams (fourth of 4 sessions)
Saturday Open Pairs (second of two sessions)
199er Pairs (one session)
Weekend Side Game Series (fifth of five sessions)
Swiss Teams (one session)

Sunday August 14

10:00 am

Flight A Swiss Teams (first session)
Stratified Flight B/C Swiss Teams (first session)
199er Swiss Teams (one session)

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Flight A Swiss Teams (second session)
Stratified Flight B/C Swiss Teams
(second session)
199er Swiss Teams (one session)

However you are heading home - be careful. We want to see you next April 2012 in Lethbridge, next August 2012 in Calgary, in Red Deer in 2013 and back here for another fantastic time in 2014.

Social Events through Sunday

Saturday August 13

Last chance to visit the Bridge Club with refreshments for all comers

were, of course, able learners and they learned. My God how they learned. And now they are part of the bright lights in bridge in this community... and

they now share their knowledge with novices just as they were counselled only a few short years ago. In the meantime, I continue to struggle to get my cards sorted.

Sorry for the unintended slight, Patty.

2 Alberta Regionals in 2012

Once every four years Alberta has two regionals. 2012 is one of those years as we boast a regional in Lethbridge, my new home and the centre of the sunny side of Alberta. For those of you for whom Lethbridge is a place to go through on your way to the US, come down and see what Southwestern Alberta has to offer. There is a virtual cornucopia of things to do in addition to bridge. The golf courses should, all things being equal, be green and open by April. There are the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens, the Bird of Prey Centre, the University of Lethbridge, the Lethbridge College, all this in a city that immediately strikes visitors as an incredibly clean city with wide welcoming streets. Not far away are the Crowsnest Pass, the Remington Alberta Carriage Centre, Waterton Lakes National Park, and a scant hour away, the United States. We can fill your week and give your non-playing significant other lots to do.

For this regional, the organizers have moved from the old El Rancho, even though it has been recently face lifted, to the Lethbridge Lodge, likely still the class venue in the city. You will NOT be disappointed with the venue whether it comes to rooms, to playing spaces, or to food service. When the Cabinet comes to meet the people of Southwestern Alberta, the Lodge is where they gather.

For Albertans, come to Lethbridge in April of 2012 and discover part of the

province you have taken for granted all these years. For those from outside of the province, come to Lethbridge and find true Alberta hospitality. We are number three and so we try a LOT harder ☺.

Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens



Bird of Prey Centre



Remington Alberta Carriage Centre



Waterton Lakes National Park



Of course, the usual August regional that rotates from Edmonton to Calgary, to Red Deer and back to Edmonton will happen in Calgary next August. I know the organizers there do not want you to choose between Lethbridge and Calgary. They want you coming to both... and so do I.

I Am Incensed!

I DID tell everybody not to put an entry into the draw for yesterday since the prize was mine! And yet, you didn't listen. Yesterday evening, Paula Nowlan found me in the playing site and handed me a list of the winners for Thursday and Friday... and my name wasn't on that list. I was robbed! Ah well, such is my lot in life, toiling until all hours of the morning and you can't even grant me a most reasonable request that I be allowed to win a prize.



Don't make a miscue in my presence or even in the presence of one of my many spies or I will get you in print for dissing me so! Ask Lorna McDonald about the famous Lorna McDonald Memorial Slander Edition of the bridge club newsletter all those many years ago. Anyway, the traitors who refused to let me win by winning themselves are, I am sworn to name, Irene McDonald and Linda Thierman on Thursday with Diana Knowles and Hazel Skelton winners on Friday.

The prize drawing continues so now, I beseech all of you to enter several times both Saturday and Sunday... but rather than putting your own name on the slip - name me instead. That way I will have an overwhelming chance of winning for once. If you insist on writing your own name on the slip of paper, may your pencil lead break... 5 times 😊.

John Davison

Whether Flight A players know it or not, there is a pretty important trophy to the winner. Most Flight A players from Western Canada know who John Davison was. Those from some distance away and recent converts to the game

of bridge who aspire to, someday, compete for the John Davison trophy should know who John was.

John was a tournament director... and a good one. He was able to deliver unhappy news to offending sides in a manner that upset very few. He loved bridge. He, by in large, loved bridge players and, something not always combined with directorial skills, played a pretty darn good game as well. Get back to the hotel room in the evening and a party breaks out - odds are pretty good that John, if he didn't start the party, was at least there keeping it going. He could take a ribbing in good humour. He could play a pretty darn good joke, but was never vicious.

And when John, feeling poorly, visited a doctor, the diagnosis was heartbreaking: thyroid cancer! The cancer was fast moving and devastating. It wasn't very many months later when I saw John shortly before his untimely death. I was unable to recognize him, but I recognized the voice and his joy in being among his friends in bridge. Many of us remember John fondly and this trophy in his honour reminds us all of the fragility of life - the fact that something can take us suddenly and before our time.

So, dear friends, when you are over at the Bridge Club this evening, on the eve of competing for the John Davison trophy, raise a glass in John's memory, and, if the spirit moves, tell a story or two about John and his ugly purple Neon.

Personal Thanks

As this labour of love winds rapidly to a conclusion, I need to spare a little time and space to thank all those people who make me look good. First among those many folks is, of course, my good wife,

Carolla, who always cheerfully responds to my most ridiculous requests. In 44 years of marriage to this woman, I can honestly say I am always amazed and grateful in the way I regularly get more than I give. She will argue the point, but old hands at the Bridge Club will remember the many evenings when I would wait quietly in the warm of the club while my wife came to fetch me in a warm car. Did she need the car? No! The reason - she thought it unpleasant to have to get into a cold car.

By the end of this month I will be sitting in front of my brand new 65 inch 3D, LCD, LED flat screen. I said it was too expensive, but my wife said get it, you want it and we can afford it... get it. I guess that is why I never win door prizes... I already won the grand prize 😊.

Of course, Carolla and I cannot do it alone. Without Claire Jones at Wasumi and Bob Crosby at Edmontonbridge.ca, we could never have got the bulletins up on the internet. Without Staples we could never have managed to get the bulletins printed and onto the tables in the lobby by mid-morning. (We used to try for 8:45, but it just is too tight a timeline with the stores not even opening until 8:00 am.) We could not have the things to write about without the Organizing Committee and you, the players, who tell me things that make decent copy.

So - thanks to all of you. Once Sunday's edition is on the tables, we will crawl back into our home cave only to reawaken from our hibernation next April in Lethbridge and next August in Calgary.



Winners

New Life Master Donnie MacIntosh



Winners of the Friday Primetime KO Teams Bracket 3 – Don Stirling, John Isbister, Roxanne Truth and Lyall McCurdy



New Life Master Lyall McCurdy



Winners of the Wednesday Afternoon 199er Pairs - Hugh Lavender and David Williams. Hugh became a Regional Master



Table Count

So far, the table count through Friday is 746.5 tables. Director Steve Bates estimates that the final total will be around 1,000. Your editor figures we can go over that. Why not play an extra session and see if we can get over that 1000 mark? If we don't, your editor may have to buy Steve a beer!

199er Events Leaders Through Friday

1	9.97	Mano Senaratne, Edmonton AB
2	4.78	Adrian Bentlage, Edmonton AB
3	4.40	Bob Alkin, Calgary AB
4	4.40	Tim Stevenson, Calgary AB
5	4.39	David Williams, Sherwood Park AB
6	4.39	Hugh Lavender, Sherwood Park AB
7	3.99	Tom Butler, Edmonton AB
8	3.34	Tony Silva, Edmonton AB
9	3.28	Sylvia Samaroden, St. Albert AB
10	3.28	Orest Holowach, Coldstream BC
11	2.54	Bryan Doidge, St. Albert AB
12	2.54	Doug Striker, Edmonton AB
13	2.43	Sunil Ranasinghe, Edmonton AB
14	2.39	Hilliard MacBeth, Edmonton AB
15	2.39	Nancy Macbeth, Edmonton AB
16	2.28	Gerry Goyeau, Edmonton AB
17	2.28	Joan Pitfield, Edmonton AB
18	2.26	Linda Heidemann, Calgary AB
19	2.26	Robert Heidemann, Calgary AB
20	2.13	Laurie Butler, Edmonton AB

Masterpoint Leaders Through Friday

1	45.16	Steven Lawrence, Calgary AB
2	44.36	Gerry McCully, Victoria BC
3	44.36	Rhonda Foster, Victoria BC
4	42.12	Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB
5	41.51	Judith Gartaganis, Calgary AB
6	41.51	Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB
7	40.54	Roger Clough, Culver City CA
8	40.54	Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA
9	40.54	Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB
10	39.71	Maurice De La Salle, Edmonton AB
11	37.77	Susan Culham, Edmonton AB
12	31.72	Gordon Campbell, Calgary AB
13	30.58	Dora Lee, Edmonton AB
14	28.83	Chris Buchanan, Edmonton AB
15	28.71	Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB
16	28.71	Bernie Lambert, Acme AB
17	28.11	Peter Jones, Edmonton AB
18	27.22	Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC
19	26.69	Jerry Mamer, Saskatoon SK
20	26.04	Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB
21	26.04	Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC
22	25.32	Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK
23	25.22	Joan Marshall, Edmonton AB
24	25.10	Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC
25	25.03	David Willmott, Folsom CA
26	23.80	Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK

27	23.09	Pat Lang, Edmonton AB
28	22.91	Nancy Cook, Edmonton AB
29	21.05	John Pulles, Saskatoon SK
30	20.50	Michael Harvey, Edmonton AB
31	20.43	Lyll McCurdy, Edmonton AB
32	20.43	Roxann Truth, Edmonton AB
33	20.43	John Isbister, Edmonton AB
34	20.43	Don Stirling, Sherwood Park AB
35	20.35	David Cooper, Edmonton AB
36	20.11	Doug Hawrelak, Edmonton AB
37	19.73	Robert Short, Red Deer AB
38	19.73	Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB
39	19.39	Robert Toffan, Edmonton AB
40	19.38	Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB
41	19.30	Richard Williams, San Carlos CA
42	19.30	Jody Williams, San Carlos CA
43	19.09	Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA
44	19.02	Ed Lam, Edmonton AB
45	18.16	Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB
46	18.12	Anita Lambert, Edmonton AB
47	17.45	Robert Crosby, Edmonton AB
48	17.19	Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC
49	16.69	Carol Ross, Lincoln CA
50	16.69	Tom Ross, Lincoln CA
51	16.62	Lloyda Jones, Edmonton AB
52	16.52	Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK
53	16.48	Charles Hitschfeld, Edmonton AB
54	16.03	Leslie Pettie, Edmonton AB
55	16.01	Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK
56	15.67	Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA
57	15.63	Diane Campbell, Calgary AB
58	15.63	Janet Sharpe, Calgary AB
59	15.63	Garry Ramsden-Wood, Calgary AB
60	15.53	Janice Cowley, Edmonton AB
61	15.53	Diane Norak, Ottawa ON
62	15.43	Kelly Flock, Calgary AB
63	15.35	Kathleen Harvey, Edmonton AB
64	15.35	Frank Kelton, Calgary AB
65	15.18	Al Stacey, Edmonton AB
66	15.18	Marylynn Ghitler, Ponoka AB
67	14.90	Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB
68	14.90	Faith Pritchard, Edmonton AB
69	14.84	Marlene Lenstra, Calgary AB
70	14.77	Karen Kilworth, Strathmore AB
71	14.65	Robert Hope, Provost AB
72	14.65	Chuck Smith, Arlee MT
73	14.60	E Elaine Stewart, Calgary AB
74	14.60	Susan Julius, Calgary AB
75	14.19	Harold Tom, Edmonton AB
76	14.19	Valerie Tom, Edmonton AB
77	14.14	David Smith, Edmonton AB
78	14.14	Doran Flock, Calgary AB
79	14.10	Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC
80	14.10	Diane Knowles, Kelowna BC
81	14.05	Robert Coole, Prince George BC
82	14.05	Anne Kendall, Prince George BC
83	13.83	Wayne Hushagen, St Albert AB
84	13.83	Gary Pool, Morinville AB
85	13.24	Henry Kwok, Edmonton AB
86	13.16	Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB
87	13.12	Kaz Walewski, Edmonton AB
88	12.40	Edwin Anderson, Saskatoon SK
89	12.40	Marjorie Ford, Saskatoon SK
90	11.56	Mano Senaratne, Edmonton AB
91	11.47	Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC
92	11.45	David Robson, Quesnel BC
93	11.36	Judy Chapman, Edmonton AB
94	11.27	Ross Armour, Edmonton AB
95	11.27	Kathy Hansen, Vancouver WA

96	11.27	Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA	99	10.77	Anne McElroy, Saskatoon SK
97	11.08	Dawna Findlay, Olds AB	100	10.77	Patricia Buglass, Saskatoon
98	11.06	Lorna McDonald, St Albert AB			

Results

Friday

MORNING KO TEAMS - BRACKET 1

9 Tables

Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB; Roger Clough – Rebecca Clough, Culver City CA; Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB; Rhonda Foster - Gerry McCully, Victoria BC

vs

Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC; Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB; Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB

9.94	¼	Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Marjorie Michelin - Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA; Paul Sorensen, Berwyn AB
9.94	¼	Stephen Dauphinais - Chris Buchanan - John Dauphinais - Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB

MORNING KO TEAMS - BRACKET 2

10 Tables

Janet Sharpe - Diane Campbell - Kelly Flock – Garry Ramsden-Wood, Calgary AB

vs

Janice Cowley - Harry Meimar, Edmonton AB; Diane Norak, Ottawa ON; Mike Aston, Spruce Grove AB

4.92	¼	Douglas Kinney - Patricia Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Diane Knowles - Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC
4.92	¼	Alf Keating - Shirley Porter, Saskatoon SK; Marnie Davie - Ray Davie, Meota SK

MORNING KO TEAMS - BRACKET 3

11 Tables

Jo Ann Horne - Judy Gazso - Heather Bowyer, Calgary AB; Judy McKeague, Bragg Creek AB

vs

Tom Webb - Ineke Boudewijn - Helen Dillen - Connie Wignall, Calgary AB

3.79	¼	Glen Bulmer - Starr Bulmer, Berwyn AB; Shirley King - Lorna Smith, Calgary AB
3.79	¼	Ely Bodner - Mary Dutton - Janet Maclean - Sam Elbadrawy, Edmonton AB

MORNING COMPACT KO TEAMS

13 Tables

Charles Hitschfeld - Bryant Town - Michael Harvey - Jason Dufault, Edmonton AB

vs

Mike Moffatt - Vicki Moffatt, Surrey BC; Kelvin Raywood - GrayMcMullin, Vancouver BC

Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson - Tom Walsh - John Pulles, Saskatoon SK vs
Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Nicole Dupuis, Victoria BC; Hazel Skelton Perry Chan, Calgary AB

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C	
2.28	1	1	Mavis Hahn - John Himmen, Edmonton AB	63.00
1.71	2	2	Wayne Borman - Darlene Borman, Nanaimo BC	57.00
1.40	3	3	Charles Hitschfeld - Michael Harvey, Edmonton AB	55.50
0.98	4	4	Ray Davie - Marnie Davie, Meota SK	55.00

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	D	E	F	
1.86	1		Mano Senaratne - Adrian Bentlage, Edmonton AB	43.50
1.40	2		Sylvia Samaroden, St. Albert AB; Orest Holowach, Coldstream BC	43.00
1.05	3		Doug Striker, Edmonton AB; Bryan Doidge, St. Albert AB	42.50

FRIDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

17 Tables

	A	B	C		
4.10	1			Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, Victoria BC; Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB; Bernie Lambert, Acme AB	60.00
3.08	2			Dennis Nelson - Jerry Mamer - John Pulles - Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK	58.00
2.31	3			Rebecca Clough - Roger Clough, Culver City CA; Steven Lawrence, Calgary AB; Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB	57.00
1.73	4			James Metcalfe - Lloyd Jones - Lana Blackett, Edmonton AB; Elsie Johnson, Calgary AB	50.00
1.30	5			Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson - Jay Anderson - Michael Moulding, Saskatoon SK	48.00
3.03	1	1		Lily Halliday - Tom Webb - Ineke Boudewijn, Calgary AB; George Breunese, Edmonton AB	43.00
2.27	2	2		David Robson, Quesnel BC; Jerry Lloyd, Edmonton AB; Anne Kendall – Robert Coole, Prince George BC	40.00
1.70	3			Linda Thierman - Marlene Lenstra, Calgary AB; Judy Chapman, Edmonton AB; Marek Foff, Canmore AB	37.00
1.28	4			Jack Sisko - Byron Lund - Marilyn Swadron - David Swadron, Calgary AB	36.00

PRIMETIME KO TEAMS BRACKET 1

14 Tables

Karen Long - Peter Jones - Chris Buchanan, Edmonton AB; Lorna McDonald, St Albert AB

vs

Tom Ross - Carol Ross, Lincoln CA; Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA

Hash Mohamed - Frank Ayer, Calgary AB; Perry Khakhar - Robert Crosby, Edmonton AB

vs

Lee Barton - Lucille Barton - Barry Pritchard - Faith Pritchard, Edmonton AB

PRIMETIME KO TEAMS BRACKET 2

16 Tables

Nancy Cook - Dora Lee - Doug Hawrelak, Edmonton AB; David Willmott, Folsom CA

vs

Kelvin Raywood - Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC; Jadwiga Polujan, Port Coquitlam BC; Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB

Douglas Kinney - Patricia Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Diane Knowles - Maureen Barnes, Kelowna BC

vs

Ed Lam - Roger Dai, Edmonton AB; Evelyn Sisonenko, Red Deer AB; Dawna Findlay, Olds AB

PRIMETIME KO TEAMS BRACKET 3

10 Tables

Roxann Trough - John Isbister - Lyall McCurdy, Edmonton AB; Don Stirling, Sherwood Park AB

vs

Robert Valcourt, Ottawa ON; Stephen Dauphinais, Edmonton AB; Ruth Sidebottom - Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB

Patrick Murphy - Vivian Winestock - Connie Wignall - Helen Dillen, Calgary AB

vs

Barry Prokop - Bev Prokop - Pat Dickson - Margaret Lyell, Saskatoon SK

PRIMETIME KO TEAMS BRACKET 4

12 Tables

Judy Pool - Richard Secord - Sharon Roberts - Lindsay Robinson, Edmonton AB

vs

Glen Bulmer - Starr Bulmer, Berwyn AB; Shirley King - Lorna Smith, Calgary AB

Donna Lynn Neil - Wendy Buchan, Sherwood Park AB; Ann Myroon – Arlene Jesse, Ft Saskatchewan AB

vs

Beverly Watson - Patricia Long - Gene Kerns - K Pat Kerns, Saskatoon SK

FRIDAY OPEN PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.30	1			Pam Peard - Dann Kramer, Calgary AB	219.91
4.73	2			Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; Leslie Pettie, Edmonton AB	199.41
4.22	3	1		Pamela Keim - Jason Larrivee, Regina SK	192.66
3.02	4			Joan Marshall - Gen Skeel, Edmonton AB	176.73
2.10	5			David Power - Andrew Speers, Edmonton AB	175.46
3.17		2		Carol Ramsey - Gloria Olson, Edmonton AB	166.82
2.37		3		Dick Parslow - Donnie McIntosh, Edmonton AB	156.85
1.78		4		Roberta Allen - Ruth Cox, Edmonton AB	153.25

FRIDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

7.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1	1		Hans Folkinga, Edmonton AB; Grant Wharry, Calgary AB	106.00
1.97	2	2	1	Joanne Sharpe - Linda Wallace, Calgary AB	104.50
1.45	3	3		Rita Thompson - Gerry Thompson, Edmonton AB	93.50
1.48	4	4	2	Michael Black - Adrian Bentlage, Edmonton AB	89.50
0.82	5			Sheila Ross, Calgary AB; Shirley McGuire, Saskatoon SK	87.00

FRIDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
1.86	1			Tom Butler - Esi Zion, Edmonton AB	43.00
1.40	2			Manohara Senaratne – Sunil Ranasinghe, Edmonton AB	42.00
1.05	3			Clive Cory, Saskatoon SK; Carol Fulton, Regina SK	37.00

Elvis was a Blast!

