

SEPTEMBER 2010

Edmonton Bridge Centre Highlights



Greetings from the Manager,

Welcome back for a great fall season of bridge. Lots of events and games have been planned. There is something for everyone. Keep the calendar handy and join in the fun.

September starts with our regular Open House on the 11th where we welcome new players to our club and the lesson program. Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers. Let them know about the great club we share.

For our less experienced players, the lesson program will start the week of September 20th. Supervised Beginner sessions continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoons and on Thursday evenings. Free half hour lectures will again be offered on various topics on Thursday mornings at 11:00 am starting the 23rd.

A Team league is being organized for Tuesday evenings this fall starting on the 21st. It will have a similar format as in previous years, with A and B playing separate. After the league ends on November 16th, Tuesday evenings will be open team games.

On the 25th, the club celebrates our 25th anniversary with a Black Tie Affair. Join us as we celebrate our past and fundraise for our future.

As we start another season of bridge, let us all renew our efforts to make this game enjoyable for everyone. Play with someone new, or try another session. Test yourself against a tougher group. Read a book or take a few lessons to sharpen your skills. Help out or partake in the mentorship program. Renew your excitement for this game we all enjoy.

Have a great autumn at the tables,

Matthew

ACBL Instant Matchpoint Game

Thursday September 16, 7:30 pm.
Open stratified game with 1 gold masterpoint and more red and black for section winners in the Open strat.
Analysis booklets for all participants.
\$10 entry.

International Fund Games

Held throughout September, the extra \$1 sanction goes towards the CBF International Fund which helps defray costs for our national team travels. In return the players get 100% Sectional black points. This is a great deal for all. Afternoon games Thursday the 9th and Friday the 17th. Evening games Wednesday the 8th and Monday the 27th.

Beginner Bridge

The fall season is upon us, time to get back to bridge. As a primer for some

who have been away, we are offering 2 seminars to review bidding. These will be on Monday September 13th at 1:00 pm or Tuesday the 14th at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$10 for a 2 hour lesson and a chance to renew some bridge friendships.

Beginner games continue at the following times: Weds and Sat afternoons 12:30 pm & Thurs evenings 7:30 pm. Also Monday afternoons at 12:30 resume September 13th.

Lesson Schedule September 2010

9 week courses, once per week, \$100 + \$25 for the text. All series begin the week of September 20, 2010. Series will commence only if enough pre-registration is received.

CLUB Series – Introduction to Bridge and Bidding: Monday afternoons 1:00 pm starting September 20th; Wednesday afternoons 1:00 pm starting September 22nd; Thursday evenings 7:00 pm starting September 23rd.

DIAMOND Series – Play of the Hand: Wednesday evenings 7:00 pm starting September 22nd; Thursday afternoons 1:00 pm starting September 23rd.

HEART Series – Defense: Tuesday evenings 7:00 pm starting September 21st.

SPADE Series – Basic Conventions and Intro to Duplicate: TBA if interest warrants.

Intermediate Bridge Lectures

We will resume the Thursday morning Lecture series. Various topics such as conventions, tactics, defense, and partnership understandings will be discussed. A short lecture followed by the play of a few hands will start at 11:00 am and wrap up before noon. The sessions are free. Start date for these is September 23rd.

THANK YOU to four members who cleaned and organized our library. Jo-Anne Willman, Mary Beebe, Hugh Lavender, and Dave Williams did a great job. It is now a lot easier to find and enjoy a good bridge book.

25th Anniversary Celebration

The Edmonton Bridge Centre is celebrating our 25th anniversary this year. On September 25th we are holding a Black Tie Affair to celebrate our history and fundraise for our future. "Black Tie" here means formal – but not too formal – suit and tie, evening wear. The evening will include a silent auction, raffles, pairs bridge, and lots of hospitality. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, pairs bridge at 7:30. Also games for non bridge players! We hope you can join us for this special event. Tickets are now available at \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. Get yours soon as numbers are limited.

Parking: During the daytime **DO NOT** park in stalls marked "KBC". This stands for Kingsway Business Centre and the stalls are for the folks upstairs. Parkers in the alley have been ticketed so that's not a good plan either. The Ramada Inn tolerates parking in non-reserved stalls Please use this option judiciously. The rows near the hotel are used by their employees, so try and park further north. During the evening, the spots marked KBC that are not 24-hour reserved are also available for you.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Piotr Klimowicz (CNTC Gold)

Susan Culham (CWTC Gold)

Kismet Fung (CWTC Gold)

We are so proud to know you !!!!

Edmonton Bridge Centre Fall 2010 Team League

Dates: To be held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 starting September 21st. League play will last up to 9 sessions ending on November 16th.

Format: Teams will be designated A or B depending on the average masterpoints of all the players on the team and their experience. Flights A and B will play separately. Please indicate which flight you wish to play in. Teams can have 4, 5, or 6 members. Substitutes will be allowed with permission and will not appreciably change the strength of the team.

Substitutes may not be members of any other team.

The series of matches will be comprised of a double round robin playing 14 boards against each opponent (2 matches per session). IMPs will be converted to Victory Points on the WBF 25 point scale. Common boards will be used whenever possible.

Conventions Allowed:

ACBL General Convention Chart for Flight B; Mid Chart methods will be allowed for Flight A.

Entry: \$32 per team per session played. Pay each Tuesday. Passes will be honored.

Prizes: To be determined when the number of entries is finalized, but at a minimum \$60 to top team in Flight A, \$60 in Flight B. Prizes for second will also be considered if numbers warrant.

Registration: Tell Lloyd Sullivan or Susan Culham your Team members and captain.

Register before September 18th.

Full conditions of contest are posted at the club.

COMPETE AND ENJOY!

