



Alberta Summer Regional

Going Green, Getting Gold

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Issue 2

The Gift to the CPA

In my mind the donation from our Regional and District 18 to the Canadian Paraplegic Association has the potential to be so much more than \$5,000 obviously needed and welcomed dollars into the CPA coffers allowing them to do more and more of the great work that they do. If you were in the room on Monday evening you heard a clarion wake-up call not only to bridge players and bridge clubs but to society as a whole.



John McNaughton is a practicing criminal lawyer in a busy and highly successful practice in Red Deer. Those of us who have tilted at the bridge table for any amount of time in Alberta have doubtless run across John McNaughton. Sad to say, he is one hell of a player and regularly takes good results to my bemusement. What John was saying goes way beyond \$5,000 bucks. I am sure the money is gladly received and will do much good, but I was struck by something very different. John was asking us to treat paraplegics and quads as well, like... PEOPLE!! Those with limitations in their mobility are not to be

Bridge Schedule through Thursday

Wednesday August 10

8:45 am

Morning Knockout Teams (con't 8:45 Thurs, Fri, Sat)
Morning Side Game Series - second of five sessions
DEADLINE FOR PURCASING BARBEQUE TICKETS

1:00 pm

Stratiflighted Open Pairs - first session
(A/X - IMPs, B/C - matchpoints)
199er Pairs - one session
Midweek Side Game Series - third of five sessions
5:00 to 7:00 pm

Barbeque outside over at the Bridge Club (remember you must have purchased your tickets by the beginning of the Afternoon Series)

7:30 pm

Stratiflighted Open Pairs - second session
199er Pairs - one session
Midweek Side Game Series - fourth of five sessions

Thursday August 11

8:45 am

Morning Knockout Teams (2nd Session)
Morning Side Game Series (3rd of 5 Sessions)

1:00 pm

Open Swiss Teams (first session)
199er Swiss (single session)
Midweek Side Game Series (fifth of five sessions)

6:30 to 7:15 pm

A talk by Kizmet Fung on *Building Your Partnership Understandings!* in the playing area.

7:30 pm

Open Swiss Teams (second session)
199er Swiss (single session)
Weekend Side Game Series (first of five sessions)

11:00 pm - ?

Sandwiches cash bar and time to meet friends and renew acquaintances in the Edmonton Bridge Centre. The Bridge Centre is open for socializing every evening except for the Barbeque day (Wednesday) and the evening of the dance (Friday). If you haven't seen the pride of Edmonton Bridge get over at least once.

Social Events through Wednesday

Wednesday, August 10

Between sessions: Barbeque at the Edmonton Bridge Centre (east across the parking lot) – buy tickets at the Hospitality Desk

Thursday August 11

6:30 to 7:15 pm

A talk by Kizmet Fung on *Building Your Partnership Understandings!* in the playing area.

11:00 pm - ?

Sandwiches cash bar at the Edmonton Bridge Centre.

warehoused and forgotten or stared at and pitied. Many of us refer to Stan Cabay as "Stationary Stan." Of course, we have come to know Stan as a friend and a colleague in bridge. Stan is a blessing to the Edmonton Bridge Centre since his presence ensures that the EBC takes wheelchairs and other handicaps into account as they design their spaces.

Lately I have taken to a power chair since age has had its way with my feet and my knees. Better than ever, I understand what the paraplegic goes through. And over 45 years ago I worked for one summer in the Glenrose Rehab Hospital. I know only too well how hard these folks work to get maximum mobility. They are not to be pitied or stared at. Rather, they should be respected... even admired. While I have never seen John work his magic in a courtroom, I bet you good money that every client gets more than his money's worth. John does nothing by half measure.

And, if we think about this a little, this is a community much underserved by society and a source of members in our slowly shrinking and aging. We should be seeking and welcoming paraplegic players. We can only hope that this donation and our vote of welcome begins to bring paraplegics out in numbers to play our game.

I had hoped to get John's notes and reprint them here. Unfortunately, I was unable to get them in time. I will be continuing to seek the notes and permission to reprint them. John McNaughton has a powerful message that all of us can stand hearing (or reading) again. Give thought to your crowding (or worse using) handicapped parking stalls; staring at a paraplegic or a quadriplegic... or worse, refusing to look

the individual in the eye. Many of these people are nothing short of brilliant.

Our own Stan Cabay, now retired, had a remarkable career in the Computing Sciences complex at the U of A. He worked in areas I cannot even vocalize, never mind understand. He was never a drain on society... he made a major contribution. We need these people playing bridge. They will have fun, but more importantly they will improve the quality of the game.

Watch these pages for a reprint of the article and... take it home and put it on the bulletin board in your bridge club.

Sorry folks, I do tend to rant a little on important subjects. This IS important.

Memories of the Edmonton Bridge Centre

After living for over 40 years in Edmonton, my wife and I moved to Lethbridge to be closer to family and grandchildren. To be sure, the move has been a good one, but when you leave a community after so long a time, there are regrets. When I count my regrets at leaving Edmonton, the Edmonton Bridge Community and the Edmonton Bridge Centre rank first overall.

I first visited the EBC when it was still located over two floors in space on the South side. I knew I was hooked when another novice and I managed to best Barry and Faith Prichard in a Swiss event during Bridge Week. I remember the angst when the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Bridge Society decided that they would restrict smoking to every OTHER table. When the decision was made to turn the duplicate room into totally non-smoking there were cries of anguish and many threats to never return... but we survived. When we

decided to restrict smoking to a negative pressure smoking area, once again the smokers protested that they were being marginalized... but it did help me beat the habit after 35 years.

I have been playing kitchen table bridge for 55 years, but I could never go back to that calibre of bridge than I could flap my arms and fly. In fact, I can scarcely remember my days BEFORE duplicate bridge. I owe so much to those who manage, operate and populate the Edmonton Bridge Centre and I know I am not alone.

If you have never darkened the door next door to the east, do yourself a favour. Head over for lunch at the food service that has been a staple for it seems like 20+ years. Imagine how airy it feels to play in a room with floor to ceiling windows. Have a beer or a highball if you are of a mind... or have a soft drink. Sit in the comfortable chairs and... chat about the game that keeps us coming back over and over. I am four and a half years in Lethbridge but coming into the much changed southern entrance to the city, I felt the pull of the EBC. It is a magic place.

Apologies From The Editor

First of all, a sincere apology. I was trying to arrange a partner for the Tuesday Stratified and I was handed a note advising of a local individual who had already used the Edmonton Regional to make Life Master. Sitting here at 2 AM, do you think I could find that scrap of paper? Not on your life. I hope Patty or whoever prepared that note will get it back to me again today so I can do this worthy justice. Of course, it is so much better if we can match the achievement with a picture.

And speaking of achievements, do not be shy. Life Master, Bronze Life Master, Silver, Gold, and further, shout it out and let us share in your achievement. Milestones don't have to be bridge related. Married 25, 40, 50 or even 60 years, let us know so we can share the pleasure. Beat cancer... let us know. Big promotion... let us cheer you on. If you are proud of anything, get me a note with the details. I will try and hang around the Hospitality Desk before the afternoon session and spend a little time in the playing area for a few minutes before I go to my room and try to make sense of all the little scraps of paper.

The other apology is more in the form of blackmail. I mentioned on Monday that a team made up in part of Susan Culham and Kizmet Fung (2/3rds of our speakers this week) had been the winners of at least one Canadian Women's Teams Championship and finished second on one other occasion. I was backed into a corner by half of this brilliant team and advised that they had WON no less than FOUR CWTC championships and won no less than two silver medals at the world championships (I assume in the Venice Cup).

I have no way of verifying these claims, but I have no reason to doubt claims so easily verified. There is no question that these four ladies are a powerful force for Canadian Bridge on the world stage, but while these two attack amazons shall remain unnamed, you can ask Kizmet Fung and Lorna McDonald for a confirmation of these corrections published under threat of grievous bodily harm. And if you don't think these ladies can put you in a body cast, just go ahead and really annoy them. I hope your health insurance is current and covers injuries from mutual combat.

(See Kiz and Lorna... I do apologize if I make a mistake ☺).

The Kickoff Texas Scramble

In keeping with the tradition, on the Monday of the Edmonton Regional a smallish band of addicted golfers meet in one of the golf courses in the area. They play a little golf, have a lot of fun, probably drink too much and then eat until they can hardly move before heading back to the playing site to finish the evening with a round of bridge. Edmonton Regional 2011 did not disappoint.

Jim Metcalfe stepped up and organized a fine day of golf and frivolity. Jim, although retired from his chosen profession of medicine, has not lost his ability to write an almost totally illegible script. As nearly as I can make out, the team of Jim Metcalfe himself, Gerry McCully, Robert Iverson and Joyce Antoinne managed to eke out a tie with the three ladies who carried Ross Armour (Sue Schwann, Lana Blackett and Anita Lambert). In fact Dr. Metcalfe had the temerity to suggest that Anita was a ringer. Clearly Dr. Metcalfe has been much remiss in the obligatory Wednesday afternoon golf that it is well known ALL doctors participate in.

Lorna McDonald, also a reporter and the photographer for the event, probably reported a little more accurately, not because she is known for her dispassionate accuracy and can participate in a little revisionist history herself. I count her reportage a little more accurate because it did not make excuses for her average play. She reports that close behind the leaders was the Bob Crosby team of David Long, Bob Crosby, Ginna Young and Linda Thierman who came in at 4 under

thanks to an almost albatross made by David Long. He put his second shot, on a par 5, one inch from the hole. Even Crosby couldn't miss the eagle putt. I have learned something new here. I guess one under par is a birdie, two under par on a hole is an eagle and THREE under par is an albatross. What a game!!

Jim also gave great credit to Melcor who own Lewis Estates and provided, not only reduced green fees, but also what I am assured were fantastic prizes. Perhaps Melcor made the prizes sufficiently attractive that a little golf broke out and no golf carts were run into the water hazards, no greens suffered alcoholic vomitus, and basically the 28 stalwarts proved to be good ambassadors of bridge. Jim also confirms that the Golf Club laid on a great barbeque.

If you are wont to love a day of chasing a little white ball around a cow pasture, make sure you let your wishes known to the organizers for the 2014 event. It does seem to kick the event off in fine fashion.

I Cannot Do This Without You

As you go through your day, you may run into hands that are fascinating, events that are just funny, times when you can make yourself the butt of a funny event. When you come up with something like this, find some paper and write it down. Come looking for me and stuff your paper into the pouch in the back of my chair. Without those real to life events and opportunities for real belly laughs, this daily bulletin will be the publishing of results and... not a lot else. I hope to put some meat on those bones. If all you want is the results, OK, that is what you want, but I seem to get

a lot of folks who like a little more than, 'Just the facts, ma'am!' It works this way... if you don't like the stories, don't read 'em.

If you do want to submit a story, there a couple of rules:

- Do not make others the butt of your story or subject others to ridicule. Quite simply, if any story smacks of that, it will somehow get lost and never make it to these pages. If you pulled a bonehead, brain cramp (as in pass, pass, pass, pass.... Uh, who is on lead?) feel free to make yourself the idiot in the piece. God knows I do it myself on a regular basis.
- Make the article readable. I am the son of a doctor so I can do a reasonable job of translating Sanskrit, but I have four hours each morning to get the stories to formatting and off to the printer and the websites who are publishing for us. At some stage of the proceedings, I will just have to give up.
- Understand that we have some restrictions as to space. I love articles that run long but can easily be cut. They are the godsend of the layout person (my long suffering wife who is sitting in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia doing the layout while I catch a few zzzs). If she has a couple of articles where she can cut a few inches if she needs to, they really help her fill 8 pages without putting in TOO many pictures.
- Those of you who are truly experts, remember the vast majority of the room are trying to get those Gold points to make Life Master. As a result, really complex squeezes, end plays, and the like will usually be of limited interest to the readers here. Keep things of interest to as broad an

audience as possible. I know you are proud of how you ran a rolling squeeze to make a bid slam off three aces. Brag about it at the bar with your expert buddies, but most intermediate players aren't really interested unless you can use the hand as something that a novice can learn from.

So please send in those stories and articles. Make them readable and keep things in good taste. I am the final arbitrator as to what is in good taste because I am the one who will have to submit to 20 lashes with a wet noodle.

Also, if you have criticisms send those along, too. I need to know what you want because, next to the Organizing Committee, you are my bosses. I'm not entirely sure how long I can do these things, and I think this must be number 6 here in Edmonton (not including Calgary, Lethbridge and even Penticton) and, truth be told, I love it, but time marches on for all of us and I really want to know when it is time to turn in my leaky pen.

Give a Nod to Ken Scott and Claire Jones

For the last several years, Ken Scott has been Alberta's representative on the District 18 Board of Directors. And Claire has recently become the District 18 representative on the National Board. Much of the time these folks (who get a little travel money) sit for interminable hours making decisions on stacks of minutia and we don't hear a lot about them. We are blessed by having two reps so unusual we are thinking they broke the mould when they were cast.

Claire reports, in plain English, about decisions made, when they were made and, what's more, how Claire voted and

why (even when he was on the losing side). I gotta tell you, Claire, this is not the way to be re-elected 20 times. Of course, Claire has been the webmaster for the WASUMI website for many years and has been an active participant within the Canadian Bridge Federation. That he is still married speaks to the patience of Job within his good wife and family.

Ken, hailing from Calgary, will be seen at every Alberta Regional and a good many sectionals and is always listening to the pulse of the community. In this cobbled together District made up of Wyoming, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Utah, Montana and Idaho, we do not have the huge regionals like Penticton that keeps the whole District afloat. It takes damned hard work and Ken represents Alberta well, clearly keeping the health of our game in mind. I had never heard of

large charitable donations targeted out of a Regional... but Ken Scott figured out how to make this work. Ken cut his teeth working with novice and intermediate players and when I do the Calgary bulletin, Ken will have articles of particular interest to the newer players for each and every issue.

If you are looking for some information and find it on the Wasumi website, drop Claire a note and thank him for all he does for us. If you see Ken walking around our Regional, shake his hand and tell him ‘Well done!’ Last summer I played in Las Vegas, Penticton, Halifax, Montreal, and Dallas. Not to criticize, but I am most happy here at home—and I sincerely believe that Claire and Ken play a continuing role in some of the best bridge on the continent... the way I see it anyway.

Results

Monday

CHARITY OPEN PAIRS

16.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.07	1			Gray McMullin - Kelvin Raywood, Vancouver BC	197.00
4.55	2			Ray Grace - Helene Grace, Sherwood Park AB	194.00
3.41	3			Marlene Lenstra - Linda Thierman, Calgary AB	190.00
2.56	4			William Basler - Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	181.50
3.56	5	1	1	Jeanette McNamee - W McNamee, Edmonton AB	179.00
1.44	6			Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA; James Metcalfe, Edmonton AB	176.50
2.67		2		Robert Coole - Anne Kendall, Prince George BC	170.00
2.00		3		Eileen Harle, Edmonton AB; Jerome Loeppky, Surrey BC	162.00
1.50		4		David Power - Jiti Bhatia, Edmonton AB	161.00
1.70		5	2	Carolyn Tulloch - John MacNaughton, Innisfail AB	159.50
1.28			3	Trudy Nickerson, Sturgeon County AB; Valerie Bowlen, Edmonton AB	156.00
0.96			4	Liz Horcica - Donnie McIntosh, Edmonton AB	153.50

CHARITY 199ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
1.86	1			Manohara Senaratne - Adrian Bentlage, Edmonton AB	41.66
1.40	2			Orest Holowach, Coldstream BC; Sylvia Samaroden, St. Albert AB	39.17
1.05	3			Paul Workman - Ken Forth, Edmonton AB	39.01

Tuesday

TUESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.73	1			Kelvin Raywood - Gray McMullin, Vancouver BC	116.50

2.05	2			John Pulles - Thomas Walsh, Saskatoon SK	114.50
2.43	3	1	1	Wendy Matthison - Judy Miller, Edmonton AB	94.00
1.18	4			Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	89.00
1.41	5/7	2/4		Jason Larrivee - Pamela Keim, Regina SK	87.00
1.48	5/7	2/4	2	Pat Dickson - Margaret Lyell, Saskatoon SK	87.00
1.41	5/7	2/4		Douglas Kinney - Patricia Kinney, Drinkwater SK	87.00

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 199ER PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
2.13	1			Hugh Lavender - David Williams, Sherwood Park AB	65.00
1.60	2	1		Tim Stevenson - Bob Alkin, Calgary AB 59.50	
1.20	3			Betty Hart - Janice Shields, Edmonton AB	59.00
1.37	4	2	1	Mary Mowbrey - Vita Nielsen, Edmonton AB	54.00
1.0		3	2	Manohara Senaratne – Sunil Ranasinghe, Edmonton AB	49.00

TUESDAY OPEN PAIRS

12.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
7.70	1			Michael Yuen, Vancouver BC; Michael Mikyska, Los Angeles CA	272.50
5.78	2			Kaz Walewski - Andrew Proczkowski, Edmonton AB	251.00
4.33	3			Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Bob Christie, Lethbridge AB	246.00
4.50	4	1	1	Marylynn Ghitler, Ponoka AB; Al Stacey, Edmonton AB	236.00
2.57	5/6			Marjorie Ford - Edwin Anderson, Saskatoon SK	229.50
2.39	5/6			Marlene Lenstra, Calgary AB; Adam Thiel, Red Deer AB	229.50
3.38		2		Marek Foff, Canmore AB; Michael Farebrother, Calgary AB	224.00
2.53		3	2	Gerry Boudrias - Don Reble, Edmonton AB	221.00
1.90		4		Carol Ramsey - Gloria Olson, Edmonton AB	218.50

TUESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1			Marjorie Michelin – Ellis Feigenbaum, Laguna Woods CA	63.00
1.82	2			Gen Skeel - Rob Valcourt, Edmonton AB	62.00
2.12	3	1	1	Sheila Ross, Calgary AB; Shirley McGuire, Saskatoon SK	55.00
1.59	4	2	2	Robert Grimard - Denise Grimard, Saskatoon SK	53.00
1.04		3/4		Alex Hrychuk, Edmonton AB; Bill Wolodko, Sturgeon County AB	51.50
1.04		3/4		Helen Dillen - Connie Wignall, Calgary AB	51.50

TUESDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	D	E	F		
2.13	1			Tom Butler - Laurie Butler, Edmonton AB	65.00
1.67	2	1	1	Mano Senaratne - Tony Silva, Edmonton AB	60.50
1.25	3	2	2	Raymond Plouffe - Vivianne Plouffe, Bonnyville AB	59.50
0.90	4			Hilliard MacBeth - Nancy Macbeth, Edmonton AB	55.50
0.94		3		Joan Pitfield - Gerry Goyeau, Edmonton AB	53.50

KICKOFF KO TEAMS BRACKET 1

11 Tables

31.72	1	Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis – Gordon Campbell, Calgary AB; Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB
22.20	2	Joan Marshall - Dora Lee - Susan Culham – Maurice De La Salle - Peter Jones – Chris Buchanan, Edmonton AB
12.69	¾	Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Rebecca Clough - Roger Clough, Culver City CA; Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB
12.69	¾	Anita Lambert - Lloyd Jones - Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB; Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB

KICKOFF KO TEAMS BRACKET 2

11 Tables

18.29	1	Robert Short - Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC
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- 12.80 2 Susan Julius - E Elaine Stewart, Calgary AB; Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB
- 7.32 ¾ Diane Campbell - Janet Sharpe – Garry Ramsden-Wood - Kelly Flock, Calgary AB
- 7.32 ¾ David Willmott, Folsom CA; Nancy Cook – Leslie Pettie - Doug Hawrelak, Edmonton AB

KICKOFF KO TEAMS BRACKET 3

15 Tables

- 13.83 1 Janice Cowley, Edmonton AB; Diane Norak, Ottawa ON; Gary Pool, Morinville AB; Wayne Hushagen, St Albert AB
- 9.68 2 Larry Pizzey - Rita Pizzey, Red Deer AB; James Crone - Myra Crone, Sylvan Lake AB
- 5.53 ¾ Roxann Truth - Lyall McCurdy - John Isbister, Edmonton AB; Don Stirling, Sherwood Park AB
- 5.53 ¾ Harry Meimar - Cec Mackenzie - Roberta Allen, Edmonton AB; Mike Aston, Spruce Grove AB

KICKOFF KO TEAMS BRACKET 4

13 Tables

- 9.89 1 Michael Harvey - Charles Hitschfeld - Kathleen Harvey - David Cooper, Edmonton AB
- 6.92 2 Glen Bulmer - Starr Bulmer, Berwyn AB; Shirley King - Lorna Smith, Calgary AB
- 3.96 ¾ Patrick Murphy - Vivian Winestock - Connie Wignall - Helen Dillen, Calgary AB
- 3.96 ¾ Gordon Delf, Kelowna BC; Margaret Churchwell, West Kelowna BC; Nicole Dupuis, Victoria BC; Gwendolyn Mansell, Edmonton AB

TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 1

16 Tables

- 14.37 1 John Pulles - Thomas Walsh - Jerry Mamer – Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK
- 10.06 2 Tom Ross - Carol Ross, Lincoln CA; Richard Williams - Jody Williams, San Carlos CA
- 6.47 3 Steven Lawrence, Calgary AB; Jim Clark, Spring Lake AB; Robert Toffan – Lawrence Dubrofsky, Edmonton AB
- 5.03 4 Murray Haggins - Marilyn Haggins - Barb Beagle Anne Primeau, Calgary AB

TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 2

16 Tables

- 6.15 1 Marilyn Drever - Donald Drever, Regina SK; Anne McElroy - Patricia Buglass, Saskatoon SK
- 4.31 2 Mary Beebe - Donald Keenan - Larry Schultz, Edmonton AB; Jim Downing, Sherwood Park AB
- 2.77 3 Margaret Lyell - Pat Dickson - Bev Prokop – Barry Prokop, Saskatoon SK
- 2.15 4 Donna Lynn Neil - Wendy Buchan, Sherwood Park AB; Arlene Jesse - Ann Myroon, Ft Saskatchewan AB

TUESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

24 Tables

		A	B	C		
5.16	1				Kathy Hansen - Michael Hansen, Vancouver WA; Lloyd Sullivan – Ross Armour, Edmonton AB	65.00
3.87	2	1			Janet Sharpe - Kelly Flock – Diane Campbell - Garry Ramsden-Wood, Calgary AB	57.00
2.90	3				Stan Cabay - Lisa Cabay – Harold Tom - Valerie Tom, Edmonton AB	54.00
2.18	4				Doug Hawrelak - Nancy Cook – Leslie Pettie, Edmonton AB; David Willmott, Folsom CA	52.00
2.84	5/6	2			David Robson - Norma Johnson, Quesnel BC; Robert Coole - Anne Kendall, Prince George BC	50.00
1.43	5/6				Paula Nowlan - Vince Nowlan, Edmonton AB; Linda Thierman, Calgary AB; Doug Bewick, St Albert AB	50.00
1.87		3/4			Dawna Findlay, Olds AB; Ruth Sidebottom - Evelyn Sisonenko, Red Deer AB; John Himmen, Edmonton AB	46.00
1.87		¾			B.J. Trelford - Gerold Lewis, Edmonton AB; Karen Kilworth - Vaughn Johnson, Strathmore AB	46.00
1.20		5			Ken Scott - Karen Mitchell – Jacqui Chin - Jane Miller, Calgary AB	43.00
2.43			1		Georges Colin - Colleen Kinahan -Claire Cook - Terry Cook, Saskatoon SK	40.00
1.82			2		Bernard Lefebvre - Mary Leverington - Michael Black - Rita Dayne, Edmonton AB	35.00