



# GRAND SLAM

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## Bridge Milestones

Congratulations to **Wayne Hushagen** who achieved his Silver Life Masters Milestone (1000 Master Points)

## Tribute

Our condolences to **Barry Pritchard** on the loss of his beloved **Faith Pritchard** on October 31, 2011. We will always remember Faith for her strength of spirit in finding purpose in all aspects of her life and for her unwavering courage in facing obstacles thrown her way. To Barry and family, we hope that each day will be lighter in the heart for you.

Our November 25, **Harold Brend** passed away suddenly. We send our sincerest sympathy to his wife Cecile and family. Harold was an accomplished bridge player and his most notable successes at the table occurred between 1976 and 1981 when, for five consecutive years, Harold and four other teammates won the Grand

National Teams District Final Event for District 18 (includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah). Once during these years, Harold's team went on to win the Grand National Team Event at the North American Bridge Final. Most recently Harold devoted his time to rubber bridge and will be missed at the Club, especially on Saturdays.

## Matthew's Night

He packed the house! Yes, 38 ½ tables, or 154 players, attended the November 22 appreciation night for **Matthew Greenways**, our Edmonton Bridge Club manager. Matthew's wife **Pat**, their son **Daniel**, and Pat's mother, **Fran Olson**, proudly accompanied the man of the evening.

The event proved to be a huge success, full of good energy and goodwill. Appetizers were served prior to the game and at half time, Matthew was formally honored with speeches from **Glenda Stewart** and **Steve Bates** and presented with gifts and greetings from **Ron Chalmers** on behalf of the members of the Edmonton Bridge Club. **Pat Greenways** was also honored and presented with a bouquet of roses as an acknowledgement of her support of the EBC.

The fun and focus on Matthew continued with a belated 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday gift presentation by **Betty Hart**. To mark this significant birthday, Betty decorated a top hat with the initial "M" shaped from 50 half pennies and gave it to Matthew as his half "cent" ury hat. He is entitled to wear the hat all year. It must be noted that Betty used a hacksaw to split each penny!

And finally, before getting back to the last half of the bridge game, desserts were served including the feature dessert, a carrot cake, again, by **Betty Hart**.

An evening like this does not happen on its own and we wish to thank all of those who made it possible. Matthew's Night was organized by **Betty Hart**, and we wish to applaud you, Betty, for the love, time, and energy that you and your committee devoted to make the evening such a success. Betty's crew included: **Pat Chase, Siona Monaghan, Janice Shields, Kathy Turnbull** and **Jo-Anne Willman**. Please note that **Betty Hart** postponed knee replacement surgery to pull-off this evening.

Another major thank you goes to our **Steve Bates** who orchestrated an evening that posed him with more challenges than any National Bridge Tournament that he has ever overseen! Steve, you made the evening work. Thanks to your patience and good humor, not to mention your competence, as players, we were in good hands.

Other contributors to the event that we wish to thank include:

All of the generous volunteers who brought food and served

**Glenda Stewart, Sandra Hlus,** and **Dorothy Robertson** for gift collection

**Chris Buchanan** and **Alex Fowlie** for bar services

**Karen Long** for helping everywhere she was needed

**Dave Nash** for designing and making the jumbo personalized greeting card, and

**Dorothy Kwok** and **Mike Yanciw** for photographs

**Kathy Turnbull, Hillary Kay, Carol MacMillan, Jeanne Eid, Doreen Brown, Valerie Bowker, Doug Striker, Jo-Anne Willman, Jan McNamee, Gunder Sveinunggaard,** and **Gerry Goyeau** for phoning.

Lastly thank you to everyone who attended. We appreciate how busy everyone's life is and the generosity of your commitment to attend a bridge function on a week night does not go unnoticed.

Matthew, you handled the attention beautifully, we hope you had a blast!

### **Manager's Message**

Thank you!

Your show of support and appreciation for me and my family was so wonderful. I am so thankful for all your messages, hugs, gifts, kindnesses, food, help, and fun. It was an amazing evening. Thank you to all who made it so special and made me feel special.

The calendar year is coming to an end, but we continue to offer games for all of our members. Lately many lesson graduates have come out to try our guided beginner games. Welcome. We also welcome more experienced players to drop by at any of these sessions to answer questions or join in the fun.

Don't forget to renew your membership. Please let us know if your address, email, or phone numbers have changed. Thank you one and all for your continuing support of our club. Each of you adds your talents, energy and personality to our group of bridge enthusiasts. We

appreciate you. Keep enjoying your game.  
Play – Laugh – Learn.

Matthew

### **Championship Bridge Week Dec 5 – 9**

All games club championships

### **Santas' Anonymous Game**

Friday Dec 9 7:30

Bring a toy for a girl or boy and share the spirit of the season.

### **Afternoon Christmas Party**

Each year we have celebrated the season on a Thursday Afternoon. Again we will share greetings, lunch and potluck desserts throughout the afternoon. Come and enjoy on Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 12:30.

### **Monday Afternoon game**

We continue to promote this game as another chance to play bridge for those under 300 masterpoints. Participate and Enjoy!

### **Holiday Closures**

Please check the calendar for closed dates around Christmas.

Due to lack of interest, there will be no New Years Eve party this year.

We hope you have a quiet evening with friends and family.

## **Happy New Year 2012 !**

### **Dates to look forward to in 2012**

Open House Saturday Jan 14 Noon to 5 pm

(Tell your friends or post a flyer please)

Bridge club Annual General Meeting Sat Jan 28 Noon

Last chance for CNTC qualifying Tues Jan 10<sup>th</sup>

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### **Post Script:**

If you have any news item - happy or sad, good or bad, or just plain interesting and would like to share it with everyone, please see me at the Club or contact me at:

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Looking forward to hearing from you,

Linda Taschuk

