

April Report

Spring is on the horizon. Spring brings a renewal that brings promise of better days ahead. I feel the same way about our club. We are emerging from our COVID winter. The club has weathered the hard times and there are new shoots of green promising future growth. Our table count has improved to a point where we are making a small profit rather than lose money each month. Our teaching program is producing a few new members and some old friends return from the sunny south.

A few announcements. First congratulations to our Lady of Bling, Ev Poole on her 95th birthday. On a sadder note, I need to report the passing of long time club member Borg Brit. Also passing was Dick Anderson. While not from our club, (Dick was from Regina) he had an enormous influence on bridge in our province. In his time Dick and his wife Jan were a moving force in the creation of the Canadian Bridge Federation. He served as district 5 representative for years as well as serving as CBF president. He was a founding member of the South Sask unit 574. Dick served many years as district 18 representative to the ACBL national board of directors. He eventually became the president of the entire ACBL. Another role was that of chairman of the ACBL board of governors and he also represented Canadians and North Americans on international committees.

Sunday, April 30 is the date for our annual meeting. The meeting will be at 2:00 PM at the club. The executive considered the requirement for vaccination at the club. The present need to be vaccinated will remain in place for that meeting. One of the items on the agenda for that day will be what should be the club policy going forward. The entire membership will have the opportunity to express their opinions and to vote on the matter. There will be an election for 3 new members as 3 of our present members have expressed their intention to resign. I will be one of those not seeking re-election and so, I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to the entire board that helped us through our COVID winter. This would not have been possible without the support of the entire board and the outstanding effort of our former Club Manager John Dickie. John did a remarkable job during this period.

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