



President's Message

I trust that everyone is enjoying their summer. I am always amazed that attendance varies little, all year round.

I hope that most members have had an opportunity to use the electronic score pads. Sincere thanks are extended to Mark Churchman, Alex McGregor and Kash Andreychuk who provided funds for the purchase. The score pads will be shared with the Unit for use in their tournaments.

The paving of the parking lot will be done very soon. The funds for this project come from the Capital Fund. Every time you play, one dollar of your table fees go into this fund. In the past, the fund has been used to provide improved heating and cooling, to purchase cabinets, chairs and carpeting, to provide the handicap access doors, to pay down the mortgage and many other improvements.

Please mark September 10, 2011 on your calendar. This is the annual Member Appreciation Night. There will be a free BBQ, followed by bridge at \$3. The event is one way the Board can say thanks to the members for their support. Bring a friend and introduce them to our wonderful club.

The Club was established by volunteers. It has always operated successfully with the input of many volunteers. In an organization, such as ours, volunteerism and fresh ideas are the keys to success and vibrancy. Please consider being a volunteer.

Our Board members are always ready to talk to you. They are myself, Alex McGregor, Cydney Hayes, Lew Heuchert and Bill Zerebesky.

– Peter Galesloot

Promoting Bridge

Our annual fall Open House will be held on Saturday, September 10, starting at 2pm. In the evening, a Member Appreciation Party will be held at the club. Bring someone and introduce them to this wonderful game. The club is planning a **Bridge in the Mall** project this fall. Promotion of bridge is important for the success of the club. We have found that word-of-mouth advertising works well. We would appreciate the assistance of members. We have posters available for your possible use.

The fall bridge lessons begin in September.

The **Easy Bridge Series** will be co-ordinated and taught by Ken Connell. The program will be offered Monday evenings or Thursday mornings, starting September 12 or September 14. Ken will be assisted by a group of volunteers who will help students interpret and apply

the instructions. The course will cater to beginners, as well to those who may have had some previous bridge experience. All are welcome.

A Boost Your Basics Series will be offered by Verla Zerebesky for 10 weeks commencing on either Tuesday September 13 at 9:30am or Thursday September 15 at 9:30am. It is designed for advancing players and will focus on declarer and defender strategies. Topics include opening leads, planning the play and the defence in suit and no trump contracts, entry management, count signals, unblocking plays, hold-up plays, safety plays and preemptive bidding. The cost for the series is \$75. Contact Verla early at 373 6144 to sign up.

The Education Committee co-chairs, Pat Dickson and Karen Morris always welcome member ideas on designing future teaching and promotional initiatives.

CIBC Supports Bridge Club

Through the efforts of Donna Pollard, a former CIBC employee, the Saskatoon Bridge Club has received a charitable donation of \$500. CIBC has an Ambassador Program which supports worthy community activities. The bridge club was deemed to encourage learning, social interaction and enjoyment. Donna can apply again in 2012.

The contribution will cover the cost of the 2011 club newsletters.

Sincerest thanks are extended to CIBC and to Donna Pollard.



Reducing the Enjoyment of Others: The "Don'ts"

- Bid or play slowly.
- Use an uneven tempo in your bidding or playing.
- Leave your score card open on the table.
- Sort or hold your cards in a way that the opponents can see them.
- Fumble with the bidding box.
- Snap cards.
- Detach a card and then not play it.
- Show distress by your comments or gestures.
- Claim. Play it out until the dummy or your hand is good.
- Make unsolicited comments. "You say it best when you say nothing at all."

Slow Play: The Ethics and the Rules

Nothing is more frustrating for directors and players than having to deal with habitually slow players. While we want everyone to have enough time to play a particularly difficult hand this can cause delays and waiting. Most will have finished on time. You should be one of those players.

In November of 2010, the ACBL Board of Directors unanimously decided that slow play is a breach of ethics. The gist of the decision was that Tournament Directors are to assess penalties to players who are habitually slow. All players, whether at fault or not are expected to make up for lost time. Slow play puts others at a disadvantage.

At the 2010 Summer Nationals two top USA players were suspended for 90 days for slow play. I fully concur with this action. I happened to be watching online and I actually feel asleep, perhaps because it was after midnight. The player took 14 minutes to play a card.

With our new score pads, which are connected to the central computer, the director can see at any time which tables are not keeping up. While this does not necessarily indicate who is responsible for the slowness, it is highly suggestive of who is being slow, if it persists. Try not to be one of those players.

The Saskatoon club directors have decided that we should follow the ACBL policy, guidelines and rules covering slow play. As yet, no penalties have been assessed.

In the future, Club directors will be penalizing habitually slow players.

The club will be soon be posting an information sheet on the bulletin board facing the kitchen on the **TEN** things that all can do to speed up play.

- The ACBL slow play rules are at bridgeinseattle.org/archives/template_permalink.asp?id=98
- The 10 tips on how everyone can speed up play are at abf.com.au/directors/PDFs/SlowPlay.pdf
- Have fun, play well and speed up. It is possible.

This article was prepared by Alex McGregor, a long-time and tireless contributor to the Club.



Prison Breaks

- Escape from Nap Time Prison. Pay attention to all things at all times.
- Escape from High Card Point Prison. As an opener, overcaller, responder, advancer or balancer evaluate your trick-taking potential, the quality of your high card points, your shape and the quality of your points in your longer suits.
- Escape from Timidity Prison. Bid your values and shape against all.
- Escape from Fear Factor Prison. Be aggressive as an opener, responder, overcaller, advancer or balancer. Always, bid your values and shape.
- Escape from Laziness Prison. Thoroughly think through the implications of possible unfavourable distributions and placements of missing key cards.
- Escape from Faulty Pictures Prison. All bids are approximations. The bids of some opponents bear little resemblance to sound bridge.
- Escape from Not Supporting with Support Prison. Look for reasons not to pass.
- Develop good judgement skills. Don't serve time. Be an escape artist.

– Contributed by Emma Winnanow.

Who's at the Table

Our membership is not your average cross-section of society. So, let's know a little bit about each other.

Bill Latshaw

The very cheery guy with the Southern Indiana drawl. Former Associate Dean, Academic, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, U of S. He also is an American history buff.

Karen Morris

The first woman appointed as a principal in the Saskatoon Public School system. She says her husband is a great cook and a great guy. No wonder she is always smiling.

Lyle Elmgren

Former Manager of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture, U of S. Is also an accomplished ballroom and western dancer.

Gareth Griffith

Retired Professor of Mathematics, U of S. This very modest Welshman considers himself the best player at the club. By way of verification, he has even won events with Lyle-the Minister of enlightenment and propaganda. There will never be a shortage of egos amongst bridge players.



2013 Canadian Bridge Championships

In order to play in the 2013 Canadian Bridge Week Championship events, one must have been a paid up member of the Canadian Bridge Federation for the entire year of 2012. The championships will be held in Toronto from May 25 to June 1, 2013.

Insights

"The tragedy of life is not so much that we die, but rather what dies inside while we live" – *Albert Schweitzer*

"Peace by persuasion has a pleasant sound to it, but we shall be unable to work it. We would have to tame the human race and history has shown that that can't be done" – *Mark Twain*

"I have come to the conclusion that governance is too serious a business to be left to the politicians"
– *Charles de Gaulle*

"I feel so miserable without you. It's almost like having you here" – *Stephen Bishop*



Editor's Notes

This newsletter benefitted from reviews and comments from Peggy McGregor and Gareth Griffith.

Articles from members for future newsletters are encouraged. Please submit them to: lclmgren@shaw.ca or call me or talk to me at the club.

Reasons to Play Bridge

- Enjoyable entertainment.
- A continuous learning challenge.
- Keeps your mind active and keen.
- Social interaction and camaraderie.



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