

Hi everyone! It seems almost impossible that we have been playing at Market Mall for one and a half months. Even more incredulous, we will be looking at moving into our own Club in a very short time. Thank you all for your patience during this time. I think most of us have found playing in the rental quarters just fine but it will be wonderful to be in our own space once again. When we have the date set for the MOVE BACK, we will probably be looking for volunteers to help out. Please let Al Robb know if you can be a helper. The latest word is that construction is on schedule and everything is looking great. A special thank you to all those who have contributed their time, their expertise, their homes for storage purposes and their good cheer.

Best wishes to everyone and lots of luck at the bridge table.

June

Bridge Club Executive Members 2005

Voting Members:

<i>June Ogilvie</i>		<i>President</i>
<i>Ron Hemeon</i>		<i>Past President</i>
<i>Al Robb</i>		<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Shelly Gloeden</i>		<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Liz Warren</i>		<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Ruth Schumacher</i>		<i>Membership</i>
<i>Rick Smith</i>		<i>Maintenance</i>
<i>Pat Taylor</i>		<i>Communications</i>
<i>Elaine Humble</i>		<i>Social</i>
<i>Thelma Pepper</i>		<i>A.M. Liaison</i>
<i>Joy Treleaven</i>		<i>P.M. Liaison</i>
<i>Judy Knoll</i>		<i>Evening Liaison</i>

Non voting Members:

<i>Evelyn Sisonenko</i>	<i>Club Manager</i>
<i>Eleanor Kennedy</i>	<i>Head of Directors</i>
<i>Verla Zerebesky</i>	<i>Education Coordinator</i>
<i>Ann Tracey</i>	<i>Co editor</i>

Awards List Sep/04 - May/05

Presented at Awards Night May 28, 2005

Thurs. Eve. Pairs CC Oct. 21 & 28, 2004

A: Andy Anderson, Perry Khakhar
B: Bill Ruskin, James Wandler

Tues. Eve. 199er Swiss Teams CC Mar. 1 & 8, 2005

Harold Keating, Joyce Wilson
Shona LeMay, Gail Dust

Wed. Eve. Swiss Teams CC M/NM April 20, 2005

Tues. Eve. 199er Pairs CC Nov. 23 & 30, 2004

A: Ann Shaw, Thelma Pepper
B: Florence Quail, Wilson Quail
C: Evelyn Kearney, Al Ross

Thurs. Eve. IMP's CC Mar. 10 & 17, 2005

A: Linda Nelson, Ron Pegg

John Pulles, Gord Anweiler
Mike Harris, Mary Edwards

**Erin Berry Rookie Master
Oct. 27, 2004**

Lorna Anderson, Ken Connell
(Certificates already awarded)

Grand National Team

Flight A - **2nd Place**

Flight B - **1st Place**

**Helen Shields
Apr.**

Jan Early, Billy Zerebesky
(Certificates already awarded)

Andy Anderson, Curley Anderson
Billy Zerebesky, Kash Andreychuk

John Pulles, Mark Churchman
Perry Khakhar, Derrick Furber

**Milestones May 2004 - April
2005**

100 Points

Adams, Pat
Anderson, Ed
Buglass, Pat
Byers, Peggy
Dickson, Pat
Dixon, Lorraine
Dubbin, Alice

Gloeden, Shelly
Hall, Joy
Krishnan, Rupa
Lyell, Pegie

Life Masters
(already awarded
Oct 16/04)

Kays, Pam
Nair, Vasu
Pfeiffer, Joe
Phillips, Vivian
Zerr, Geraldine
Zerr, John

Life Masters (to
be awarded Oct
15/05)

Anderson, Edwin
Soy, Margo

Parker, Darcy
Quail, Florence
Ritter, Ken
Smith, Rick

Weber, Bob
McPhadden, Gloria
MacLean, Sheila
Schumacher, Ruth

200 Points

Bauer, Pat

Birt, Bjorg
Brown, Marilyn
Goshawk, Lynn
Graham, Peter
Hnatick, Gloria

Hnatick, Moe
Johnson, Doran
Lalonde, Lorraine
Paraschuk,
Rudelpha
Pepper, Thelma
Ruskin, Bill
Salamon,
Genevieve
Sandy, Ruth
Scott, Maureen
Wandler, Jeannie
Watson, Bev.
Wilson, Joyce

300 Points NLM

Beaubier, Virginia
Rajani, Bob

500 Points NLM

Samborn, Grace

Bronze Life Master

Anderson, Edwin
McDonald-Lewis,
Helen
Russell, John
Seed, Joan
Wandler, James

Silver Life Master

Anderson, Curley

Custead, Larry
Moulding, Brent
Ripley, Jean

Gold Life Master

Anderson, Andy
Kerger, Sandi

Diamond Life Master

Kerger, Joe

At last November's Sectional Tournament Doug Rankin was asked about '**tapping the table**' to alert declarer that he is in dummy.

Apparently a few years ago players were actually encouraged in this practice and it is very common in our club. Here is Doug Rankin's response to the question whether or not this practice is appropriate: While this practice is **not permitted**, penalties for doing so generally are restrained to an admonition to cease the practice, especially with novices. Repeated violations, however, would receive a procedural penalty, usually a quarter of a board. The rule is based on two laws, plus a footnote to a third law.

Law 42 (B) 2 states that dummy may try to prevent any irregularity by declarer.

However, before dummy can do this, it must

be apparent that an irregularity is about to be committed. **So he can attempt to stop declarer from leading from the wrong hand, if and only if, declarer is seen to be making an attempt to do so.** Before then, and also after declarer has already done so, dummy may do or say nothing.

Law 43 (A) 1 (c) states that dummy may not participate in the play nor communicate anything about the play to declarer. **By**

tapping the dummy as being on lead, dummy is reminding declarer where the trick was won, and this is not a right permitted by the laws.

Lastly, the footnote to **Law 40 (E) 2** states that declarer is not entitled to any aids to memory... **Tapping the table to remind**

declarer that the lead is in dummy is therefore not allowed.

An educational note: *(submitted by Verla Zerebesky on behalf of Peggy Mcgregor and Reprinted with permission from Calgary Unit #390)*

Question: My partner hesitates for some time and then passes. Am I allowed to bid?

Answer: Certainly! But you must be prepared to justify your bid. It would certainly be totally unethical for you to open on a marginal hand in this case. Hesitations throughout the auction and play constitute unauthorized information. An opponent may say to you, “Hesitation noted”. Be careful – you are being watched! DO NOT feel compelled to bid just because your partner hesitated.

A similar principle holds for the play of the hand. If an opponent leads the Ace of Diamonds and the only diamond in your hand is the seven. You have no problem; you must follow suit, so the only legal play is the seven of diamonds. It is unethical to hesitate in order to mislead the opponents into thinking that you had a choice of plays (and, hence, more than one diamond). Play at a steady pace.

In Memorium : submitted by Liz Warren

Our condolences are also extended to Elaine Humble whose husband, Irvin, passed away this June. Our thoughts are with you, Elaine.

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Back Row: (l-r) Ron, Joy, Liz, Al, Judy, Pat, Ann

Front Row: (l-r) Ruth, Evelyn, Thelma, June, Elaine, Verla, Eleanor

Missing: Shelly

Photo courtesy of Sheila Rodger

WINNING BRIDGE:

Hot Tip #1:

Count your cards BEFORE you look at them; if there are not 13, ask for “Director, please”. Count your cards AGAIN before they are returned to the duplicate board.

Hot Tip #2

Slow passes, fast doubles, loud overcalls, etc are not part of duplicate bridge. Try to bid and play “in tempo”.

Hot Tip #3

Pay attention to the play of the hand when you are the dummy. It’s courteous and it helps you do your job - turning the cards for partner and preventing irregularities.

Congratulations to these folks ... they’ll sure give all of us a greater challenge at the bridge table!!

Hot Tip #4

Develop the attitude of the experts - each deal is unique and separate. Discuss what went right or wrong after the game in private.

Hot Tip #5

If you are sitting EAST, it’s your job to check the score recorded by North on the travellers. Make sure the team numbers are correct; that the score has been accurately recorded in the correct spot; and, that the correct contract has been listed.

Hot Tip #6:

Keep your hands away from the bidding boxes until you are ready to make your bid ... no messing around with this one folks. You give too many signals to everyone at the table if you start playing with different bids before you decide which one to lay down.

Hot Tip #7

Bridge is a timed event ; remember to move in a timely fashion.

Reprinted from the ACBL publication, “The Exciting World of Bridge”.

Calendar Changes:

October 19/26 CNTC games have been rescheduled to August 17th and 24th.

The November 24th CNTC Teams Game has been rescheduled to September 8th.

200 Points (((cont.)(cont.))

Bronze Life Master (cont.)

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Our thanks to Executive members of North Saskatchewan Unit 575 who recently approved \$2500.00 toward the construction of SBC's bar

In a somewhat related story, Elaine Pederson returned from the Winnipeg Bridge Tournament filled with stories of the new convention she'd learned about while there. It's called **ASBAF**.

The acronym translates to "All Strange Bids Are Forcing"

So, if your partner bids in a way that is strange to you, keep describing your hand with a new bid ... do NOT shoot pard!!

We had many requests for follow-up information about the case of the woman who had killed her husband over his bridge bidding. Many wanted to know how she actually got away with her "not guilty" plea. Well – our sources reveal that the woman's lawyer actually had jury members sequestered for many weeks while they learned as much as they could about bridge. As a result, when jury members heard how the husband had bid, all twelve were sure that the woman had acted in a humane way ...and that she should, in fact, be awarded the Darwin Annual Achievement Award for ridding the gene pool of unwanted gray cells!!

"Director, please"- Your questions; our answers.

Submitted by Eleanor Kennedy, Head of Directors

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... another amazing bridge "fact"

CNTC In April, a team from our Unit (Don Shatilla, Mark Churchman, Ken Connell of Saskatoon and Derrick Furber of Prince Albert) won the Flight B CNTC Zone final held in Red Deer, AB. They went to the National finals held at Bridge Week 2005 held in Montreal. They played well but did not proceed to the semi-finals.

.. more of our amazing bridge winners ...

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GRAND NATIONAL TEAMS 2005

Teams from our Club/Unit played in the District 18 Grand National Teams held in Calgary, AB in May. The Flight A team (Andy and Curley Anderson, Billy Zerebesky of Saskatoon and Kash Andreychuk of Yorkton) finished second in their flight. The Flight B Team (Mark Churchman, John Pulles, Perry Khakkar, Saskatoon and Derrick Furber of Prince Albert) won their flight and are eligible to represent District 18 at the summer NABC in Atlanta, Georgia. The Flight C team (Doran Johnson, Peter Graham, Bill Ruskin of Saskatoon and Fraser Glen of North Battleford) finished third in their flight. Congratulations to all.

CADDIES NEEDED: Monday Sept. 26th to Sunday October 2nd, 2005

Caddies are needed for the Saskatoon Regional. Any children, grandchildren, adults, university students and/or bridge club members who would be interested in caddying afternoons and/or evenings should contact LIZ WARREN at 652-9376. Sessions are: AFTERNOONS – 12:45-4:30; EVENINGS: 7:15-11:00; SUNDAY: 10:00-2:00 and 3:00-7:00 (times are approximate). Caddies are paid \$30.00/session; training is provided.

IN MEMORY

Our club lost one of its long time members when Herb Cronin passed away early this year. He will be missed but we all have many entertaining memories of Herb at his favourite table (Number 7NS) playing his favourite game with his many partners

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.... In closing

Harold Jones is our new official photographer. Our congratulations to Harold and our thanks to Sheila Rodger for her passed work in this area.

On the subject of “thank yous”, many are owed to Liz Warren, previous editor of this newsletter (amongst other things). We (the current editors) don’t know how you manage to keep up with all you do, Liz. You are a wonder!!

Our club paid-up membership is now 399 (as of June).

This year’s local charity has been designated as The Saskatoon Preschool Foundation. Information about this group will be posted in our new clubhouse.

News Flash!!! *Our new building is coming along magnificently. Painting is 59% completed; paving is starting and tiles are coming. Al Robb is booking the movers for 4:30 Friday August 12th. VOLUNTEERS are needed for the move; come, play bridge Friday the 12th and stay to help with the move. ‘Til then, we’re “bridging” at Market Mall.*