



REGINA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB NEWS

September 2006

President's Message – Pat Harlton

Here it is—September—and the Club is again offering a full slate of games. As president, I am beginning to appreciate all the volunteers who have (and are) making this club a friendly place where one can match wits at the bridge table. Last year your executive worked at increasing attendance. Members responded and table counts were encouraging. This year, I want to focus on two things: appreciation of the various people who are volunteers and offering members opportunities to improve play.

First, the group of volunteers I wish to thank as we begin the fall sessions is the directors. These people do far more than answer to “Director, please.” I encourage everyone, each and every time a session of bridge is played, to have a look at what the director is doing and to thank the director. Without this group of people we don't have games. So, to all of you who direct, thank you.

Secondly, I am very pleased to announce that Dick Anderson has agreed to fill the position of “Director of Education.” He has put together a slate of lessons for all levels of bridge players. In addition, we are very fortunate in that Irene Huber has agreed to continue working with the Novice players. If you have a suggestion for a particular type of lesson or would like to help out with lessons please contact any member of the executive.

The time that encompasses both lessons and club volunteers is Wednesday night. Recently we have seen a decline in the number of tables on this night. We have a lively group of novices coming along and I ask that those of you who do have the patience and expertise to act as mentors to consider pairing up with a novice. Please contact Craig Hubbard if you as either mentor or novice would like to play on Wednesday evenings. Having had the opportunity to learn more about bridge through playing on Wednesday evenings, I can tell you that anyone who is interested in improving their play will be very grateful to the mentor player.

In closing, thanks to members for all the small (and large) tasks you take on as volunteers. Please feel free to contact me any time—other than when I am trying to make 6NT with only 29 points!

2006/07 Club Executive:

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Regina's FALL Sectional - October 26 - 29, 2006

The entire tournament will be held at:
Regina DBC, 349 Albert Street

**Need a Partner for the Tournament?
Call Darcy Louttit at (306) 545-5013**



Upcoming Special Games

October 25th – Erin Berry Canadian Rookie/Master Game
(at least one player must have less than 50 master points)

November 1st – Rookie/Master CNTC (teams)
(at least two players under 200 master points)

Regina Duplicate Bridge Club's 50th Anniversary

At the June 2006 Annual General Meeting, the executive was asked to look into our fiftieth anniversary celebrations. At the moment we believe that this is our 48th year as a club.

This gives us two years to plan for the momentous occasion. Dave Sabier has agreed to work on this project and will need a committee to assist him in research our history and plan an appropriate celebration.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Dave.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW JUNIOR MASTERS

Gail Charles, May 06
Ernie Pappas, May 06
Gloria Decorby-Pappas, June 06
Sharon Rooney, June 06
Beverly Steepler, June 06

NEW CLUB MASTERS

Stan Barber, March 06

NEW SECTIONAL MASTERS

Bill Kramer, May 06
Robert English, July 06

NEW REGIONAL MASTERS

Raj Narang, March 06
Sandra Southam, March 06
Bill Van Sickle, March 06
Sandra Benson, May 06
Bill Kramer, June 06

NEW NABC MASTERS

Larry Lazurko, May 06
Gerald McLellan, May 06
Barry Southam, May 06
Dennis Butler, July 06
Joyce Butler, July 06
Ashok Shah, August 06

NEW LIFE MASTERS

Elsie Schaefer, May 06
Bud Smallshaw, May 06

NEW BRONZE LIFE MASTERS

Pat Beharry, March 06
Nelson Sunshine, June 06

RDBC Memberships – 2006

If you have yet to pay your membership fee of \$10, please do so; and this will ensure our club remains running smoothly!



Greeting Cards

If you know of anyone the club should be sending a card to – get well, sympathy, congratulations, etc. – please call Barb Hogan at 586-7584.

Thanks, Club Executive

Dick's Delphi

The following question was submitted:

“What are standard discards?”

I thought this information would be informative to all.

Standard:

Count:

High-low shows an even number of cards in that suit, while low-high shows an odd number of cards.

Attitude:

A high card shows interest in that suit, low-high shows disinterest.

Suit preference:

Playing a low card shows preference for the lower-ranking offsuit (not trump and not the suit led); playing a high card shows preference for the higher-ranking offsuit.

If these definitions describe your agreement, check the boxes under **vs SUITS** and/or **vs NT**. If you have some exceptions, check the **Except** box and write them in the lines provided.

Upside-Down:

If your agreement is the opposite of standard, then you are playing upside-down. While it is permissible to play any combination of standard and upside-down signals against suits and notrump, you must mark your card correctly and **CLEARLY**. Check the appropriate boxes to indicate when you play these

discards. Either note the upside-down portions as exceptions or draw a line from the **Except** box to the appropriately checked boxes under **Upside-Down**.

FIRST DISCARD:

On these lines, describe your discards. If you check nothing, you are announcing standard discards, with the emphasis on attitude.

Lavinthal

Check this box if you tend to discard suits you don't like while giving suit preference for other suits.

Odd/Even

Check this box if you discard odd-ranked cards to encourage in that suit and even-ranked cards to discourage in that suit and possibly give suit preference.

Whatever it is you are playing, either check the appropriate boxes or write it on the line and check whether it applies **vs SUITS** and/or **vs NT**.

OTHER CARDING:

In this section, list other defensive signals that you play.

Smith Echo

This is a method to indicate encouragement (by either partner) for the suit initially led by echoing on declarer's run of a long suit in dummy or his hand. Lack of an echo implies a desire for a switch, check the appropriate box(es) to indicate if you play this signal **vs SUITS** and/or **vs NT**.

Trump Suit Pref. (Preference)

Check this box if you discard with three trumps to indicate a preference for one of the other suits.

Foster Echo

Check this box if your agreement is that partner of the opening leader follows suit with his second highest card when he cannot beat dummy's card or the card that was led.

SPECIAL CARDING PLEASE ASK: Check this box if you have agreements that are unusual and/or cannot be clearly noted on the card. As Declarer it is always a good idea to check a defender's card and ask questions when you see that this box has been checked.

EASYBRIDGE LESSONS

When: Monday evenings at the Regina Duplicate Bridge Clubs.

Begin: Monday, September 25, 2006

Time: 7:00pm

First two lessons are free. After that \$5 each night you attend.

Tell all your friends, relatives and co-workers. Encourage them to try our wonderful game.

2/1 LESSONS

Presenter: Dick Anderson

When: Saturday mornings

9:30am - 12:00 noon

Duration: Starting Saturday, Sept. 30

8 Lessons

(Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21; Nov. 4; Dec. 2, 9, 16)

Topics: A comprehensive approach to modern bidding along with techniques for playing the hand.

Cost:\$100 per person

- all material provided



Bangkok 2006

This summer Erin Anderson represented Canada at the World Youth Team Championships which were held in Bangkok, Thailand – July 29 – August 8.

This was Erin's third time representing Canada at a World Youth Championship. She was on Canada 2 (we had two teams that year) in 1999 when the championships were in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 2001 she was on the Canadian team when the World Youth Championships were held in Mangaratiba, Brazil. In 2004, Erin was on our Canadian World Schools team that competed in the first World Schools Championship held in New York City. Bridge has indeed given Erin many opportunities to travel to wonderful places and meet many people from all over the world.

In Bangkok the Canadian Youth team finished 13th out of 18 teams. Each team played 20 boards against every other team. During the play, Canada was as high as 8th place for awhile. They held their own against the top teams but unfortunately had some losses to middle ground teams that they had hoped to beat.

USA 1 (USA has two teams) won the event.

When Erin returns from her Asian adventure (she left July 5 and returns Dec. 15), I am sure she will be glad to share her experiences with all.