

RED DEER BRIDGE CLUB **AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER**

Let's party!

Members received a colourful email invitation to celebrate Evelyn's reaching the gold. She has earned the 2,500 points to achieve Gold Life Master status and will be recognized at an afternoon session on Saturday, Aug. 12. Several members have signed up at the Club and listed the food they will bring for the noon lunch.

The event is called a Prairie Party and prizes are offered for the best “prairie” outfit. Officially encouraged are rural or green-and-white costumes. Evelyn has said, though, that she will also accept green and gold.

Also coming is a Life Master Party for Annabelle on Nov. 25. She earned the honour in June with points in the Penticton Regional.

Sign up for 8 is Enough

The board is encouraging players to sign up at the Club for a team game scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26. Teams will include players with limited masterpoints. Those over 750 will rate as 3. From 300-750 rates 2 and under 300 is 1. Each team must include a 1 and must total a maximum of 8.

Interest has been expressed by 499ers playing on Wednesday. Board minutes (not yet adopted) say, “They would sign up in advance and we would get the 'overs' to come and then names would be drawn, so that no one had to invite or call anyone to play.”

The 8 is Enough format is planned for three more times next year.

The board is also considering other ideas to encourage more play: individual games with partner switches, “Flash Mob Swiss”, development of the club's website and new Facebook page.

President Gerene reported she had asked several members about taking the course to be directors. A few expressed interest and Annabelle plans to take the course. Evelyn's departure leaves a shortage here.

Annabelle named next manager

Annabelle Wiseman will be our club's new manager on Sept. 1. She was appointed by the board last month following an “in camera” assessment of two applications—the other from John Collier—while the two were not present.

Annabelle will resign from the board and Darlene will cover as secretary. The board thanks both applicants and congratulates Annabelle. Thanks also are extended to Evelyn for her nine years of service as manager.

Good Extravaganza

Good bridge, good food, good fun—the 19th MacNaughton Tulloch Extravaganza was a special event.

Three pairs had scores over 60% in each of the two sessions. Robert and Ian led with 71.96, Nancy and Doug C. had 65.06, Mary M. and Liz twice with 62.91 and 60.26, Gerda and Phil B. 60.88, Lorna and Ed 60.1.

Attendance was down from last year. The 13 and 11 tables played were both down five from 2016 numbers.

Tables were moved from and back to the Club by Glenn, Annabelle and helpers.

Lessons offered

Wayne will begin a series of eight introductory bridge lessons on Tuesday, Sept. 12. Members received an email with details last month.

The board encourages the lessons but members had concerns that potential players might not sign up in case they found they did not like the game. Glenn indicated he could give a couple of sample lessons so that prospects could decide if they would like to take the full set.

Trail Sectional

Six local members played leading roles in the Trail, B.C. Sectional in mid-July.

Laurie and Adam with a Calgary pair topped seven teams on Friday evening; Gerene and Ruth led 19 tables of pairs on Saturday with 61.51%.

Of 83 players who won masterpoints, Gerene and Ruth were fourth and fifth with 13.58 and 13.36, Laurie had 10.85, Adam 8.78, Mary A. 4.35 and Darlene 4.13.

High scores in July

Mike and Charlie L. led the double winners at the Club in July with games of 66.67% and 64.42. Gerda and Phil B. also won twice with 63.0 and 62.22. Other high scores:

Gerene and Ian	65.1	Adam and Ian	72.92
Cindy and Glenn	62.22	Liz and Evelyn	64.58
Heather and Rick	70.62	Laurie and Ian	64.35
Jerry and Wilf	63.89	Jane and Chris R.	68.25
Gerda and Charlie R.	69.51	Linda and Leon	72.61
Don and Ian	65.7	Liz and Marlene	62.5
Glenn and Ed	61.22		