

April 9, 2023

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Greetings and welcome to spring. Happy Easter!

I look forward to welcoming back the snowbirds to our bridge games. I also hope you will welcome our lesson graduates as they join our beginner and intermediate tables.

Charity Bridge week is April 17-21. All games are Charity club championships with the extra \$2 to support CBF (Canadian Bridge Federation) Charities.

Our next Paula Nowlan Rookie Master game will be on Saturday May 6, 1:00 to 4:00pm. 3 Rookies at each table are guided by one of our great volunteer masters. We remember Paula and how she started this great format for learning. Register at the club when you can.

Our new EBC Society Board has met and chose positions as follows:

Chris Buchanan	President
Ron Chalmers	Vice President
Allan Terplawy	Secretary/Treasurer
Angela Brigley	
LeeAnn Lagace	
Esther Oaks	
Kathy Turnbull	

Ron Chalmers' survey last month was well received. His report follows:

### **BIG DATA AND BIG PROGRESS AT EDMONTON BRIDGE CENTRE**

Thank you to everyone – 112 members! -- who responded to our online survey. Your input and your volunteer offers – plus your comments at the October meeting and the AGM -- have helped the board to say yes, no, or maybe, to these suggestions:

**YES:** We are searching for food services, led by Chris Buchanan.

**YES:** We are contacting retirement and community groups, led by Allan Terplawy & Esther Oaks.

**YES:** We will plan new social events.

**YES:** We are proceeding with partnership matching, led by Adele Lewchuk.

**YES:** We are proceeding with ride-sharing, led by Ron Chalmers.

**YES:** We hope to begin advertising on social media.

*But we need a volunteer who knows a bit about social media or is willing to learn.*

*Please speak to Matthew or to any board member if you can help.*

**NO:** We will not immediately raise card fees. While 70% of you supported an increase, we recently did raise membership fees. We may reconsider card fees next year.

**But YES:** We have installed a donation jar. *So, you can voluntarily raise your own card fees.*

**NO:** We will not form a volunteer cleaning crew. Only six people volunteered for that.

**MAYBE:** We have not scheduled any morning games. Opinions on the survey were evenly divided between changing and not. But Kathy Turnbull is contacting non-members who did not receive the survey. If she finds strong support for a morning game, we may reconsider.

**MAYBE:** A rebuilt website? Gerry Boudrias has begun planning a renovation. We invite suggestions of what features it should include. We're still looking at the budget.

---

Ron is also leading our Members' Services Committee, which includes Iris Cummings and Adele Lewchuk. You may soon be contacted by these and others as we offer more to our valued members. We are also planning more special events. Stay tuned.

Adele Lewchuk is our new volunteer **partnership** co-ordinator. If you need a partner for today's game, you can still phone the club or drop by well before game time. If you are looking for new partnership for next week or for a longer term, then contact Adele at (780) 937-3552 or [amlewchuk@hotmail.com](mailto:amlewchuk@hotmail.com). She will need to know when you need a partner, your level of play, preferred system, and what you hope for in a new partner. She'll do her best to fix you up, but please give her a full week's notice if possible.

We also want to offer **ride sharing**. But first we need some volunteer drivers. If you can give a lift to and from various games to someone living on or near your route, please leave your name and approximate address with Ron Chalmers at (780) 439-0233 or [rchalmers65@gmail.com](mailto:rchalmers65@gmail.com) and indicate when you usually play. When we get a good roster of prospective drivers, we'll offer rides to players in need.

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

*Matthew Greenways*

Manager

P.S. Please pass on this letter to others who may not have email or are not on our lists.