

December 1, 2023

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Welcome to December and the holiday season. The Christmas tree is almost up, and the club will be decorated for the season.

Our **Santas Anonymous Christmas party** is on Saturday afternoon December 9th. If you can join us, we will celebrate the season with a bridge game, treats and fun. As well as regular Beginner and Rubber Bridge, we will have a CNTC Team qualifier with separate Open A/B and under 1000 flights if numbers warrant. The bridge game is from 1 – 4. The afternoon starts with a free lunch at Noon. I know that many of you will bring Christmas baking and goodies to add to the lunch and share with your fellow members. As well, I hope the membership will continue to show their generosity, by donating to our favorite causes. Toys for Santas Anonymous, food for the Edmonton Food Bank, warm clothing for the Bissell Centre, or money to any of these deserving groups will be accepted and appreciated. Bring them to the party or anytime through the week following. Team registration would be helpful, and partnerships can be arranged. Thank you.

Many will notice a few new players as our fall lessons end. I know you will welcome them to your table. Many will also have noticed that we are running a lot of championship games throughout November and December. Enjoy the extra masterpoints as we use up our ACBL allotment. We will also run 2 COPC Pair qualifying games Tues aft Dec 5 and Mon eve Dec 11.

Our fundraising casino will happen on Dec 28 and 29 at the Starlight Casino at West Edmonton Mall. For those wonderful folks who have volunteered, Michael has the schedule up at the club. Please confirm your designated shifts. A great big thanks for your help, from all club members.

Memberships for 2024 are now available. Membership remains at \$75 each. Lifetime memberships remain at \$1000. When you renew, please confirm that we have your current phone numbers and information. As always, any extra donations to support our club are gratefully appreciated. If you wish to buy by e-transfer, do it to [club@edmontonbridge.ca](mailto:club@edmontonbridge.ca) (no password required)

The club will be closed on Christmas, December 26<sup>th</sup>, and New Year's Day. All other sessions are at regular times.

Thank you for your attendance and all you do for our club. Have a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing you soon.

*Matthew Greenways*

Manager

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