September 6, 2021

Dear Members of the Edmonton Bridge Centre,

Happy Labor Day and welcome to September. As we indicated in August, the Edmonton Bridge Centre will reopen for live play on Tuesday September 7 with a modified schedule of games. The members have spoken, and the Board and management have set a policy to allow in person play at the club.

All players entering the club are **required** to be fully vaccinated against COVID. Wearing of masks was to be optional but the City and Province have both made wearing of masks indoors in public places a requirement. We want everyone to be safe and feel safe. If you are not feeling well please stay home.

Hand sanitizer will be readily available. The kitchen will remain closed. Individual snacks, coffee and tea will be available. The bar will also be open. The club has been well cleaned and we will continue to keep it that way.

The club will be open for regular games Monday through Thursday for duplicate and Saturday afternoon for rubber bridge. We will continue online VACB games on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. As well, we will have an online Open game on Monday afternoon and an online Intermediate game on Wednesday afternoon, as these were not on our regular club schedule before Covid. Beginner supervised play sessions will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and Thursday evenings as attendance warrants.

We will run championship rated games at many live sessions in September. Further updates and information about our club is available at our homepage: <u>www.edmontonbridge.ca</u>.

Here is the schedule for September in visual form:

\$8 "Face-to-Face" games are shown in BLACK. \$4 "Online" games are shown in BLUE.							
TODAY	September 2021					◀ Today ►	
Monday, Sep 6th	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Open Pairs	<b>2</b> Open Pairs	<b>3</b> Open Pairs	4 Strat Pairs
Labour Day Event Extra MP - Reg \$4 Entry				Int Pairs	Int Pairs Xpert Pairs	Int Pairs	
Labour Day 12:30 PM Open Imp Pairs [Online Game] 12:30 PM Intermediate MP Pairs [Online Game]	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Strat Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners	Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Strat Pairs Beginners
		Strat Pairs		Open Pairs Int Pairs	Xpert Pairs Beginners		Rubber
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7:00 PM Stratified MP Pairs • [Online Game]	Strat Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners	Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Strat Pairs Beginners
		Strat Pairs		Open Pairs Int Pairs	Xpert Pairs Beginners		Rubber
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Strat Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners	Int Pairs	Open Pairs Int Pairs	Strat Pairs Beginners
		Strat Pairs		Open Pairs Int Pairs	Xpert Pairs Beginners		Rubber
	26 Strat Pairs	27 Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners Strat Pairs	28 Open Pairs Int Pairs	29 Open Pairs Int Pairs Beginners Open Pairs	30 Int Pairs Xpert Pairs		
				Int Pairs	Beginners		

Thank you for your patience as we try and make a return to live play successful. Be patient with yourself and your partner as we relearn how to hold cards and use bid boxes. We will have to again alert our partner's bid and explain when asked. Please lead face down and avoid leading out of turn. Be patient with the directors as we relearn all the options and rulings that we have not had to use for a year and a half. If you need a partner for a session or a more regular date, we will try to help. Please be patient and let us know if you are available. You could also drop in before gametime.

On a sad note, Glenda Stewart passed away this week. Glenda did so much for our club. She taught countless people to play and enjoy bridge. She started and directed many intermediate games. So many of us were touched by her caring and sharing. We will remember her dearly. A celebration of life for Glenda is this Wednesday Sept 8 at 3:00 pm at Riverbend UC. Her obituary can be found at Edmonton Journal Remembering.

Our club will also remember Glenda and so many others who have passed on in the last years, at an event this fall.

Thank you, everyone, for your interest and participation in our club. I look forward to seeing you at the club. Be a part of our return to live bridge if you can.

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

Matthew Greenways

Manager