

Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club Newsletter

August 2018

1. WDBC AGM – Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 6:45 PM

We would love to have some feedback on the following agenda items before the AGM.

- a) **Electronic Scoring System** – We have confirmed that the system at the Golden Age Society can support an electronic scoring system, so we are in the process of ordering one.
- b) **Society** – At present, WDBC is NOT a registered society so we need to decide whether to formally become a society or leave things as they are. We have been approved to use the name Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club.

There are pros and cons to becoming a society. We will have to be somewhat more careful with the timing of our AGM and complete yearly filings. On the other hand, a registered society does provide a legal framework for our operation. We now have quite a bit of money in the bank and there is value in having some rules for the Executive to follow in managing that money.

Do you support becoming a registered society?

- c) **WDBC Website** – We would like your approval to proceed with the development of a website. The initial cost estimate is about \$900 for development and about \$100 per year for hosting, etc. At present there is no easy way for visitors to the Yukon to find out when and where they can play bridge.

We can post the weekly scores on the site, lesson information, tournament dates (both here and in Alaska), the newsletter, etc. The spare list could also be posted. You would be given the option to have your name, email address and phone number included or removed.

Do you support developing a WDBC website?

- d) **ACBL** – We are interested in getting feedback on whether we should become an ACBL Club. We are an open friendly club that welcomes new and old players alike. Joining ACBL should not change that in any way. Tuesday night play would continue as it does now except for the need to have a certified Director present. There will be fees and reporting that will need to be done to ACBL by the Executive.

Players who are ACBL members and interested in collecting points will be able to do that. You do not have to be an ACBL member to play in weekly games although you do have to become a member to play in a tournament. At present, we hold three tournaments a year only the Xmas tournament would be a sanctioned tournament if we join ACBL.

We are interested in knowing whether you support joining ACBL and if anyone is interested in becoming a Director. It is an open book exam and if you are interested I can provide more information about the process.

Do you support exploring further becoming an ACBL affiliate?
Would you be interested in taking the exam to become a Director?

2. Bridge Lessons

We are in the process of finalizing the details for the next set of bridge lessons for **“Beginning, Rusty or Causal” players**. It is looking like they will start around October 20th and end in mid-January. I will be sending out more details about the location, timing, etc. in the few weeks. If you want to be placed on a lesson “wait list” in the meantime, please let me know.

We will be asking whether there is interest in intermediate lessons early in 2019.

3. Tournaments

Yukon Fall Fun Tournament – October 6, 2018
 Xmas Tournament – December 7, 8 & 9, 2018
 Spring Sunshine Tournament – March 23, 2019 (to be confirmed)

Alaska	Fairbanks – Sept 6-9, 2018 Juneau – Sept 14–16, 2018 Anchorage – Oct 10–14, 2018	Haines – April 26–28, 2019 Anchorage – June 17–23, 2019 Anchorage – Sept 5–15, 2019
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4. Bridge Etiquette

First - some words of wisdom from a bridge player some of you might recognize!

*"Bridge is for fun. You should play the game for no other reason. You should not play bridge to make money, to show how smart you are, to show how stupid your partner is, to prove that you are the greatest teacher since Socrates, to show off the latest fad in bidding or to prove any of the several hundred other things that bridge players are so often trying to prove." **Charles Goren***

Bridge is more fun when we all pay attention to the following:

- **Courtesy** – Politeness is never out of season. Always be polite!
- **Conversation** – Once bidding and play has started, conversation is not encouraged. Let your partner and your opponents concentrate. If you are the “sit-out”, talk very quietly or move to another area.
- **Post- Mortem** – Keep these to a bare minimum and be very quiet. The folks at the next table may still need to play that hand. Make sure your discussion is not delaying the game.

- **Maligning Partner** – It is possible you might want to throw something or aim some pointed words at your partner BUT please DO NOT do that at the bridge table. It is very uncomfortable for anyone who's nearby.

Scent Free - We have several bridge players who are allergic or sensitive to strong fragrances. Please be considerate and plan to play “scent-free” bridge.

Smoking – It is not allowed inside and when you are smoking outside, please make sure you are not too close to the door or an open window.

5. Whitehorse Bridge Venues

- **Regular Tuesday Night Bridge** – There is duplicate bridge every Tuesday night at the Golden Age Society starting at 7:00 pm and ending usually by 10:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and the cost to play is \$5.00.
- **Backroom Tuesday Night Bridge** – This is for casual or beginning bridge players, folks who feel they are just “not ready” for duplicate and folks who want a shorter bridge session. They normally play from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- **Cafeteria Bridge - Wednesdays** - There are about 5 tables of bridge players who play in the Yukon Government Cafeteria between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons. At present they are NOT looking for more regular players but more “spares” are always welcome. Contact cherylsmith@northwestel.net.
- **Cafeteria Bridge - Fridays** – A more informal group plays in the Yukon Government Cafeteria on Friday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. This is a “drop-in” group.
- **Other Venues** – If there are other groups or places where you get together to play bridge that you want included in this list, please let me know.

8. Privacy

You are receiving this newsletter and information about tournaments, etc. because we have your email address on a mailing list of folks who are interested in bridge.

If we are in error or if you are not interested in receiving any further information about the activities of the Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club, please let me (Noreen McGowan) know at nmcgowan@klondiker.com or 633-5352 and I will remove your contact information.

Noreen McGowan