

Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club Newsletter
August 31, 2021

1. Tuesday Night – “In- Person” Play - September 7, 2021 @ 6:30PM.

The restrictions in the Yukon are slowly being lifted and from all we can determine, it is safe to start playing bridge “in person” ----- and ----- without a mask.

The conditions for playing “in person” are:

- **All players must have had both vaccinations at least 2 weeks ago.**
- **All players must sanitize their hands when they enter the Golden Age Society.**

We have moved the start time to 6:30 PM and we will have coffee and snacks available. The price stays the same at \$5.00 per person.

Please arrive at the Golden Age Society by **6:15 PM** to allow the Director to input the necessary data into the BridgeMates so that play can start at 6:30 PM sharp.

It will be lovely to see everyone again -----

2. Back Room Bridge – Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Back Room Bridge is for anyone that loves to play bridge but does not feel they are ready to play in the more formal duplicate game. If you are a beginning bridge player, someone who played a long time ago and is rusty or maybe you haven't found a regular partner as yet. The Back Room is a more informal setting where cheat sheets are allowed and hand discussion permitted, kibitzing welcomed and switching partners encouraged. Just have fun!!!

The conditions are the same for the Back Room bridge players ---- you must have had both vaccinations and must sanitize your hands when you come in.

Anyone who is prepared to follow the conditions listed above is welcome to come and play causal bridge in the backroom. The cost would remain the same \$5.00 per person.

3. Partner Matching

If you are new to Whitehorse, new to playing duplicate or just looking for a change ----- you can let me know and we will try to do some matchmaking --- new duplicate players and partnerships are always welcome.

4. Spare List

I will also be updating the spare list in the very near future so if you have changed your contact information or want to be added or removed from the spare list - please let me know.

5. Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club – Annual General Meeting

We had scheduled our 2019 AGM for March 30, 2020 but had to cancel. So, we will pick a new date in the near future to hold the 2019 AGM and the 2020 AGM likely on a Tuesday night just before regular bridge starts.

Your current executive are Mark Davey, President, Noreen McGowan, Vice-President, Don Emond, Treasurer and Cheryl Smith, Secretary.

6. Tournaments

There are no tournaments planned at present but we do hope to be able to hold the 2021 Xmas Tournament early in December.

7. ACBL

ACBL advised that they would not sanction any new clubs until the pandemic had eased. The status of our application will be discussed at the AGM when it is scheduled.

8. Bridge Lessons

Beginner Lessons – We will not be having any “in person” beginner lessons this fall and winter locally but there are a couple of other options for anyone interested.

1. **ACBL Introduction to Bridge** – They are offering 10 sessions 90 minutes each. The lessons feature hands-on learning with plenty of practice for their new skills. Students can expect to begin playing shortly into the first lesson. The cost is \$50(likely American) and includes a free 90-day trial of the Shark Bridge app. You can get more information at the ACBL website (<https://www.acbl.org/intro-to-bridge>)
2. **Jane Lamont’s Bridge Lessons** - My partner and I took a course on-line using Zoom and Sharkbridge from her during the winter. I have asked her if I could include some information about her upcoming courses in this newsletter. This is what she provided ----

Jane Lamont is an American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) Certified Online Bridge Teacher, Club Director and Life Master with 40+ years of playing bridge. She has taught Bridge for the past 5 years, along with having been an adult educator in prior careers. She is based in Alberta owning the duplicate bridge club Wild Rose Bridge Club which during the pandemic she partners with the Another Mann DBC to offer virtual games on Bridgebase.

The first course, An Introduction, in Audrey Grant’s **BridgeBasics** series is scheduled for Mondays, Sept 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 2021, and Thursdays, Sept 9, 16, 23, 30, 2021 evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm MDT. Thursdays are the lessons then Mondays are Bid ‘n Play to practice playing Bridge after you have completed your homework. The topics include basic bridge card playing; notrump opening and responses; major suit opening and responses; minor suit opening and responses. The textbook, *An Introduction*, contains the rules and deals used in the lessons and bid ‘n plays. The fee is \$90/person for 16 hours and 1 copy of the book. This course is targeted to new and returning players.

The second course would be a continuation of the BridgeBasics Series and would be scheduled once the first course is completed.

The third course, Competitive Bidding, in Audrey Grant’s **BridgeBasics** series is scheduled for Tuesdays, Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 2021, and, Wednesdays, Sept 8,15, 22, 29, 2021 evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 pm MDT. Wednesdays are the lessons, then the following Tuesdays are Bid ‘n Play to practice the concepts you learnt. The topics include pre-emptive opening bids; overcalls and advances; takeout doubles and advances; the competitive auction when both pairs are bidding to win the contract. The textbook, *Competitive Bidding*, contains the rules and deals used in the lessons and bid ‘n plays. The fee is \$90/person for 16 hours and 1 copy of the book with a 10% discount for returning players.

For more information about these courses, you can contact Jane at jelamont@shaw.ca or 403-464-5708.

Advanced Lessons

1. **Chic Callas' Advanced Lessons** – Chic was ready to start a new round of lessons at the end of August but has decided to delay the start a little longer.

He has advised that - **as soon as possible** - he is planning to offer 4 sets of lessons in the following order:

- Defense
- Commonly Used Conventions
- Two over One
- More Commonly Used Conventions

9. Bridge Base On-Line

For all of us “bridge addicts”, **Bridge Base On-Line** and all of its features has been a life saver during these weird times. There are so many options. You can play in Virtual Club games. You can set up your own table or tables. You can play against robots. You can ask to join a table with a complete stranger.

If there is anyone who is interested in trying Bridge Base On-Line but needs a little help to get started --- let me know and I will connect you with someone who can share any information they have.

Because we are not an ACBL club, we can play with any virtual club that will have us without messing up their guest quota. I have contacted the clubs in the table below and asked if I could share their contact information with any Yukoners looking to play bridge --- all of them said yes. If you want to know the playing times it would be easiest to Google the club names or contact the email address supplied.

As the pandemic eases and clubs get back to playing in person – some of the virtual games will be dropped so be sure to contact the club you are interested in or check their website for virtual games.

Club Name	Location	VACB BBO #	Contact Name	Contact Email
North Okanagan Duplicate Bridge Club	Okanagan Valley	16889 8	Denise McKay	nodbcvernon@gmail.com
Let's Play Bridge Club	Okanagan Valley	24376 6	Kelly Meenagh Wendy Webb	kelly_meenagh@hotmail.com wjwebb54@icloud.com
Penticton Duplicate Bridge Club	Okanagan Valley	13084 9	Ian Monro	ian_monro@netbistro.com
Cariboo Bridge Club	Quensel	10004 0	Peter Tinkess	ptcdtink@shaw.ca
Cowichan Valley Duplicate Bridge club	Duncan	13302 5	Rita Cannon	vacb133025@shaw.ca
Edmonton Bridge Centre	Edmonton	13009 6	Don Greenwood	ddg4bridge@gmail.com
Wild Rose/Another Mann Duplicate Bridge Club	Calgary	27514 9	Jane Lamont	jelamont@shaw.ca
Another Mann Duplicate Bridge club	Calgary	27514 9	Crystal Mann	dcmann@shaw.ca manncd@shaw.ca
EndsinY Bridge Club	Calgary	27628 7	Clarence DUBY John Prance	endsiny@shaw.ca clarende.duby@shaw.ca

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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 know at know at whseduplicatebridge@gmail.com or 633-5352 and we will remove your contact information.

Noreen McGowan, Vice- President, WDBC