

## Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Club Newsletter

September 2019

### 1. Whitehorse Duplicate Bridge Website

We now have a website, [www.whitehorsebridge.ca](http://www.whitehorsebridge.ca) and an email address, [whseduplicatebridge@gmail.com](mailto:whseduplicatebridge@gmail.com).

Please take some time to look at what we have done so far and if you have suggestions for either the look or the content, please let me know.

### 2. Juneau Tournament – September 20-22, 2019

The playing times for the Juneau tournament are a bit different this year. They won't have an outside director this year, but they still promise good bridge and good fun.

The Saturday session will be Swiss Teams starting at 1:00 PM and Sunday there will be 2 sessions of Open Pairs. We have posted a copy of their flyer on our website.

I looked at the ferry schedule and I think it is possible to get a ferry from Skagway, Friday afternoon and one back very early Monday morning. Check it out for yourself!!!

### 3. Fall Fun Tournament – Saturday, October 19, 2019

There will be a one day "Fall Fun" Tournament on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Mark the date on your calendar. A copy of the flyer is posted on our website and I will remind everyone of the date again at the beginning of October.

### 4. Xmas Tournament - December 13, 14, & 15, 2019

So, while you are in planning mode ----- these are the dates for the Xmas Tournament. Our biggest event of the year. Check out the flyer on our website.

### 5. Bridge Lessons for Beginning, Rusty or Casual Players – October 26, 2019 – Jan 18, 2020

The call has gone out for anyone interested in these lessons taught by Bruce Beaton. There are 20 spots and 17 are already spoken for so if you are interested do not delay. The maximum class is 20. A copy of the full flyer is on the website.

### 6. Other Bridge Lessons

Chic Callas, ACBL Best Practices Teacher, is planning to offer six weekly classes from mid October to late November. Let him know what topics you are interested in, and that could be one of the classes! [chicgcallas@gmail.com](mailto:chicgcallas@gmail.com), 867 333 9792. Classes will probably be limited to a maximum of 16 people.

On August 24, 2019, Chic sent out an email with additional information about the lessons. A copy of that email is posted on the website.

## 7. ACBL & Director's Certification

We are still working toward becoming an ACBL member club and one of the first steps is to get some Directors certified. We will need to have a few people certified so that we can cover each other during vacations and so we can make sure the responsibility does not always fall on one person.

The main responsibilities of a Director are to:

- determine the best movement to use for the number of players present
- announce the movement and direct the play to begin
- rule on any issues that arise during the play, and
- score the play.

**We are now asking for formal expressions of interest from anyone interested in taking the exam to qualify as a Director. Please let me know by October 1, 2019 if you are interested.**

Once we know the number of bridge players interested in writing the exam, we will start planning for an exam date or several exam dates. The exam is an “open book” exam. ACBL has a few documents on their website that you can download and print or that you can order in “hard copy” to help you prepare for the exam. They are:

- ACBL Laws of Duplicate Bridge,
- ACBL Club Directors Handbook, and
- Duplicate Decisions.
- ACBL Score Manual

According to the ACBL website, the test includes questions about Mitchell and Howell movements, the Laws, the most frequent rulings and ACBLScore commands. The average time to complete the test is three hours.

The Director will also need to know how to operate ACBL Score which is the scoring system that we use and how to operate the new electronic scoring system we have purchased and are in the process of installing.

## 6. 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 know at know at [whseduplicatebridge@gmail.com](mailto:whseduplicatebridge@gmail.com) or 633-5352 and we will remove your contact information.

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