

A TRIBUTE TO ALAN YOUNG

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The need has arisen for another annual general meeting
One more tribute for Alan, I fear the risk of repeating.
But for a man of his character not to mention his caliber
If something is said twice, what would it really matter.

Been pleased to be his partner on many evenings at the club
Conventions have been taught but so many more is the rub.
His patience with the neophytes is remarkable to see
He truly relishes in their success exuding great glee.

He is humble and quiet but his mind is always working
He finds ways to be nice even to actions unnerving.
There are challenges for sure like heat at the hall
Improper bids, lack of members he handles it all.

His activities at the unit remain unknown to most
Vice president and recorder he is loathe to boast.
Director in New Liskeard and chair of our tournament
His love for the game of bridge is really quite evident.

It is quite a game, some of its features revealed to us
It can be quite social but at other times very serious.
The conventions are numerous and difficult to retain
All the nuances of bidding leading to the best strain.

Play of the hand is quite revealing as the layers are peeled back
Challenging contracts made by finding the successful track.
Alan offers encouragement as we develop at our own pace
Mistakes may be made but he is not one to debase.

I had better conclude for this could sound like an eulogy
But it is meant as a tribute we want to say thanks you see.
So from the club to you please accept this token
We recognize your efforts by these words so spoken.