



## Season's Greetings from Our Club!

As we approach the holiday season, we are looking forward to celebrating with all of you at the club. Hope you can join us for a fun and welcoming week.

**Wednesday, Dec 18:** If you can, bring some homemade Christmas snacks for us to share instead of our usual snacks. Wear something festive.

**Thursday, Dec 19:** Potluck lunch midway through the game (so the game will end later than usual). Bring an appy, salad, main dish or dessert to share (enough for about 2-4 people). Wear something festive.

Both days will be club championship games, with about 80% extra masterpoints for the top 6 pairs.

(Note that we will be closed December 25, December 26 and January 1.)

## Supporting the Surrey Food Bank: A Tradition of Giving

For the 9th consecutive year, we are asking our members to consider supporting the Surrey Food Bank. Over the past eight years, our clubs have raised a total of \$29,837 by donating all game fees during the Christmas party week and by additional donations from our generous club members.

If you would like to contribute, you can donate cash or cheques at the club. Donations of \$20 or more are eligible for a tax receipt early in the new year.

You can also donate online at the following link. Donations made online can receive a tax receipt immediately via email.

<https://surreyfoodbank.my.salesforce-sites.com/Fundraising?id=a0xOL000006i5OjYAI>

Thank you to everyone who contributes or attends to support the Surrey Food Bank's important work!

## Celebrating Our Programs & Growth

We are pleased to report the great success of our program with Surrey Parks and Recreation. The intermediate lessons saw an impressive 42 participants. Linda Palm's beginner's program continues to thrive, and we're excited to announce the continuation of the program into the New Year.

Our recent Fall Beginner Bridge series concluded with great success, featuring 13 new players in the Tuesday morning session and 16 in the Wednesday afternoon session. To support these players, we will be offering free coaching sessions until the Christmas break.

A special thank you to the following individuals who assisted our beginner players throughout the lesson series: Maureen MacDonald, Gretchen McConnell, Karen Inglis, Jennifer MacArthur, Liese Goosen, Colleen Gillies, Crystal Furgala, and Tracy Luo. Your kindness and patience have been invaluable to the students.

### ***Remembering Richard Schmid***

*It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our dear friend, Richard Schmid. Recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, Rich passed away after a courageous battle. He was deeply involved with our club, serving as a director for several years and being named Player of the Year.*

*In addition to his contributions to the club, Rich had a successful career as a teacher in Surrey and a passion for fine woodworking in his retirement. A sample of his craftsmanship is featured in the trophy awarded annually to our 'Volunteer of the Year.'*

*Rich is survived by his wife, Nonie, and their family. On behalf of the club, a donation has been made in his memory to the Canadian Cancer Agency.*

*We will miss Rich and extend our deepest condolences to his family.*

### **Other**

Please check the website for any closures due to weather conditions.

Please remember to lead before recording both the contract and the opening lead in the Bridgmate or on your score card. You can record these while the dummy is being tabled. This helps us keep the game running on time.

Thank you all for your continued support and participation in making our club a warm and welcoming place for everyone. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season filled with love, laughter, and community!

Cheers

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