

Hi Duplicate Lite Enthusiasts,

The amazing support for the club and the many contributing volunteers reflect the growth and popularity of bridge in our community. Attendance at our Duplicate Lite Thursday game remains very strong and this past week, we were almost at capacity with 29 tables. The Wednesday Bridge Club which features an Open section and a Beginning section is also growing with 24 total tables playing at the January 13 game.

Our reputation as a welcoming place to play duplicate bridge as well as to learn and make new friends continues to be re-enforced! We have new players join us almost every week and the feedback from them is that they had a positive experience! Thank you for helping create this friendly and encouraging culture.

The Wednesday Club afternoon game was introduced to provide a section for new players and to alleviate the crowding at the Thursday game. Hopefully as we continue to draw more players, we will have a strong case for more time and more lesson programs at Elgin Hall. Please stay tuned!

Improve your Declarer Play – Lessons

A reminder that Ed L'Heureux will be starting a set of 4 lessons on Declarer Play Wednesday January 20 at 4:15 after the Wednesday Game. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Parking (especially on Wednesday)

The parking lot was chaotic last Wednesday, please consider carpooling and parking in 4 rows in the main parking lot. We need a volunteer or two to help with the parking at noon on Wednesday. Please reply to this email if you could help. Dick Baker and Frank Vick have us well trained on Thursday but they are not available on Wednesdays.

Holiday Celebration Game - December 30, 2015

The Holiday Celebration Game on Wednesday, December 30 was a big success with over 112 players in attendance. We had a fun time with the napkin challenge and the glitzy and glamorous outfits! Don Nagy has the photos on our website! Don and Carroll Guichon won the prize for best dressed and the napkin challenge went to the team of Marlene Sumi, Marilyn Knipp, Robin Adams, and Noni Schmid. The “boys” dressed in bikinis and diapers were also great sports! Our Theme games bring a sense of fun and levity to the community of Duplicate Bridge. In our view, the additional costs are well worth the enjoyment!

Website <http://www.duplicatelite.ca/>

Don Nagy has done an amazing job of building and maintaining our website. It is current and full of tips and information! Please visit the website when you need information!

Badges

Lauren Cockroft is accepting name tag orders for the next run which will be delivered to the February 10th & 11th games. (\$8.00 and please indicate pin or magnet)

Renovation Update

The City has informed us that Elgin Hall will likely not be renovated this year but work will definitely be done in 2017. A decision was made to upgrade Sunnyside Hall first (due to a grant that must be used) and re-schedule the improvements at Elgin Hall to a later date.

Summary

We are off to a good start for 2016 and are looking forward to exciting possibilities for continued growth of Bridge in our community. Ask your bridge playing friends to join you at one of the Wednesday/Thursday game sessions; for your non bridge playing friends, encourage them to take part in our lesson programs. We will be offering more lessons in the Spring! See you at the table!

Cheers

Jane Youngberg

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