

KDBC AGM, May 11, 2026

President's Report

1. **Table Numbers for 2025** - Our table numbers declined slightly last year as result of the number of games that couldn't run because Heritage House was not available.
2. Although the club continues to operate well, there are some concerns going forward. The City of Kamloops informed us in late 2025 that the cost of Heritage House would be increasing over the next three years by about 300 percent. To put this in context, we currently pay approximately \$13,000 per year for all of our games. By the 2027 our annual facility costs will jump to approximately \$39,000.

On Wednesday, May 6, Bob Cowden and I met with Andrew Smeaton, Business Operations and Events Supervisor, from the City of Kamloops. We had a very productive discussion about a number of issues around Heritage House, including the proposed fee increase. We also gave him a document outlining the history and purpose of Heritage House.

We have further meetings planned and I hope that we will be able to negotiate a fee schedule that is satisfactory.

Heritage House exclusions in 2026 – the City has large number of exclusions for Heritage House in 2026. As I said, we will be meeting with Andrew Smeaton to set up an alternate facility for our games. Some of the exclusions include:

FIFA celebration day in June

Canada Day

Window replacement – three weeks in July

Rib Fest

Buskers Festival

Christmas Market – almost three weeks in December

Clearly, we need to find an appropriate and reliable venue for the club.

We are working with City on this and we will report back as soon as possible.

3. **Unit 571 representatives** are currently Denis Powers, Jennifer Melville, Penny Marr and Jim Thompson. Our unit includes the clubs in the Thompson/Okanagan. Let Alan know if you are interested in becoming a Unit rep.
4. **Sectionals** – In partnership with the Unit, our club ran two excellent and well attended sectional tournaments. Thanks to Dixie for coordinating these and to all of the volunteers who make the Kamloops tournaments some of the most popular tournaments in the Unit.
5. **Day to day club operation** – the club continues to run smoothly thanks to the contributions of many people.

Directors – who ensure that our games are setup and run smoothly in accordance with the Laws of Duplicate Bridge and in a comfortable environment.

Executive – Our executive members were Denis Powers, John Renner, Diane Zebroff, Bob Cowden, Tammy Farrer and Jim Nastro and Alan Dodd. Each of the executive members has undertaken many jobs beyond what is in the description of their roles in our by-laws.

Special thanks to Diane Zebroff who is leaving the executive. Her financial acumen as treasurer and leadership has been greatly appreciated.

Education, finance, Christmas party, hospitality, ACBL communications, game supplies, and facilities are just a few of the many tasks undertaken by your executive.

Education Committee - I also want to single out the contributions of the members involved with education. Their role is essential in attracting new members and helping members develop their skills to further their appreciation of the game – we never stop learning.

Thanks to Sharon Dodd, Linda Angstad, Sally Cuthbertson, Brenda Mathews, Aileen Specht, Denis Powers and many others who supported our education program

Finally, thanks to all of our players who ensure that we have a strong club and an excellent level of bridge competition in a comfortable environment.

Respectfully submitted

Alan Dodd