

A Day of Friendly Competition at BCON

The Bridge Centre of Niagara was delighted to host the Golden Horseshoe Trophy Tournament in September. This popular annual event brings together bridge players from clubs located along the beautiful “Golden Horseshoe”—the geographic area following the horseshoe-shaped shoreline of Lake Ontario between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

This year, six clubs were invited to participate. The Grand River Bridge Club of Kitchener, Mississauga-Oakville Community Bridge Club, Guelph Bridge Club Inc., and the Bridge Centre of Niagara accepted the invitation. London Bridge Centre Inc. and Buffalo Bridge Center were also invited but were unable to participate this year.

Each club entered four teams representing different levels of play: Open, 0–2000, 0–500 and 0–200. The competition consisted of two sets of three rounds. The Open and 0–2000 teams played eight boards per round, while the 0–500 and 0–200 teams played six boards per round.

The day began with a light breakfast of muffins, bagels, cream cheese, jam and coffee, giving players an opportunity to greet old friends and meet players from the other clubs before the competition began. After three rounds of vigorous play, everyone gathered for a well-deserved lunch of rotisserie chicken, fresh buns, salad, dessert and cold drinks.

The atmosphere throughout the day was exactly what makes this tournament so enjoyable—competitive at the table, but warm and friendly away from it. There was plenty of conversation, laughter and camaraderie as players represented their clubs and enjoyed a wonderful day of bridge.

And then came the results!

Congratulations to the Guelph Bridge Club, whose teams captured the Golden Horseshoe Trophy with an outstanding 253 IMPs out of a possible 420. A terrific performance!

BCON was very pleased to host this year's tournament and would like to thank all of the participating clubs and players for helping make the event such a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another day of great bridge, good food and wonderful fellowship.

