

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Duplicate Bridge Centre

Newsletter



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Annual General Meeting



Management Committee:

*Donna Williams; Heather Beckman; Muriel Tremblay;
Lucie Guay; Claude Tremblay; Lynn Hale. (missing
Freda Burgess)*



Social Committee for the AGM Hospitality

*Lucie Guay; Marguerite Luczay; Violi Whitmee;
Mary House and Donna Williams.*

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21, following a special Unit Club Championship game. We had 14 tables in play, and 48 members stayed for the meeting.

Before the meeting began, Claude announced the winners:

- North/South: *Marg Dykstra and Elaine Gill* – top overall with a 66% game
- East/West: *Keith Heckley and Chandi Jayawardena* – first place with a 65% game

Muriel called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m., thanking everyone for their continued support of the club.

Claude, our Club Manager, reported an annual table count of 765, slightly lower than last year, and outlined the special games scheduled for the upcoming year.

Lucie, our Membership Chair, noted that as of the end of September, membership had grown to 133. Membership renewals for the new year began in September and will continue through the fall.

Donna, our Social Chair, recapped last year's social events—four major gatherings, two of which were free to members. The total cost for social activities was \$4,000. She shared the 2025–26 event schedule and thanked her dedicated group of volunteers for their ongoing support.

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Muriel, our Treasurer, reviewed the Financial Statement, noting a loss of \$1,742 in 2024–25, largely due to a reduction of 20 tables and unexpected computer expenses. To offset rising costs and lower attendance, the table fee will increase to \$6, the first increase since the club's founding in 2012. The annual membership fee will remain at \$20. Muriel also thanked John Mackay for reviewing our financial records.

The 2025–26 budget was approved based on maintaining the same table count and controlling expenses, projecting a small surplus of \$620.

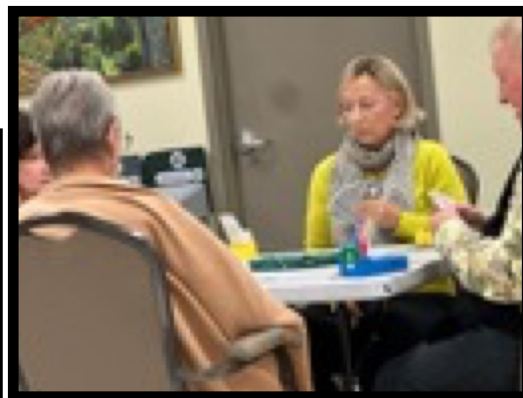
Muriel closed the meeting by thanking the Management Committee and all volunteers whose contributions make our club such a warm and welcoming place to play bridge and enjoy the camaraderie we're known for.

The evening concluded with a delicious spread of appetizers and wraps prepared by Donna Williams, complemented by wine, beer, and soft drinks provided by Lucie Guay.





Our game on Halloween was great fun because of the trick or treats provided once again by our Social Chair, Donna Williams. Below are a few photos from this game.



**Don't miss our next fun social event - our
special annual Christmas game and dinner**

Tuesday, December 9