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CBF Bridge by the Bridge Regional

Issue 4

In Recognition of Gwen West

In 1959, to young folk in this city, the name West was well known. He was Sgt Bill West who, along with Cal Byam and Ray Marnock WERE the police force in this city. Bill often used to ride the big police Harley Davidson and while feared, he had respect. If you had a problem, it was common knowledge that you phoned Bill. If it turned out there was substance to your concern, he dealt with it quietly but quickly.



Well that was 50 years ago and Sgt. Bill West is gone now and I am sure deeply missed by Gwen and her entire family. I never met Gwen in my first stay in Lethbridge (between two years of age and 18) but I would hear about Sgt. West when I came on occasion to Lethbridge to visit my family. And now I return and in Gail, the West family continues to contribute to the community.

When I first started to plan this event, I wanted to honour somebody and the name that came to me was Gwen West. Another major force for Lethbridge Bridge is Wilma Winter... so I called Wilma last summer and asked her if she thought honouring Gwen might be appropriate. She wholeheartedly endorsed my idea. At the time of this writing many members of the Lethbridge Bridge Community know what is to happen, but I think Gwen doesn't know and she will

not read this until we have spilled the beans. Every community has a giant force for Bridge. In Lethbridge for many years, that force has been Gwen. Even though she said she was done organizing events like Regionals, and even though I didn't ask, here is Gwen offering to take the Caddy Master responsibilities off of my already overloaded hands. I was grateful and, as I wrote yesterday, she selected and chose well indeed.

I, for one, really hope that Gwen will take some time to sit back and let others do for her for a change. I hear rumours that Gwen has a veritable menagerie of horses, dogs, cats and other animals out on her acreage and I am sure she will stay busy there. I am also sure that she would be disappointed if she could no longer direct and play at our local club several times a week. All I can say to Gwen is, do what you want and NOT what others want. You have paid your dues in full.

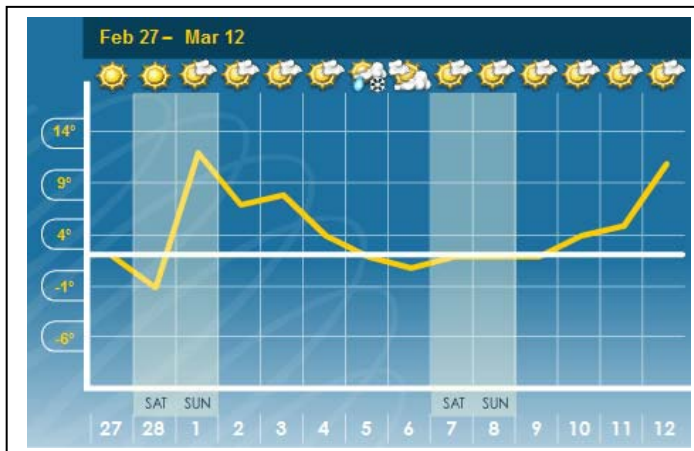
Thank you, Gwen West, from every duplicate bridge player in the Lethbridge area.

Events

Friday, February 27th	
Morning Bracketed Knockouts - 3rd session	8:45 am
Morning Side Game Pairs 4	8:45 am
Morning Stratified Swiss (1)	8:45 am
Prime Time KO 3/4	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (1/2)	1 & 7 pm
199er Pairs (singles)	1 & 7 pm
Weekend Side Game Pairs 2/3	1 & 7 pm
Saturday, February 28th	
Morning Bracketed Knockouts - 4th session	8:45 am
Morning Side Game Pairs 5	8:45 am
Morning Stratified Swiss (2)	8:45 am
Stratified Open Pairs (1/2)	1 & 7 pm
Compact Knockouts (1,2,3,4)	1 & 7 pm
199er Pairs (singles)	1 & 7 pm
Weekend Side Game Pairs 4/5	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Swiss (single - VP)	7 pm

I Did Order a Chinook

A month ago I called in and ordered a Chinook for the Sunday before the tournament started. However, the weatherman misunderstood - he is sending us a Chinook on Sunday, March 1st. It is my fault for not being clear, I guess. At least you hearty souls that braved the cold and the dire predictions of the weatherman will have a chance on Sunday to see a Chinook up close and personal... unless the weather changes on a dime. The forecast, as you can see from the chart below, is for Sunday to hit 12 degrees Celsius and, if the Chinook turns out to be stronger than the predicted 20 kph, it could get a lot warmer than that. When you get up on Sunday, look to the West and Southwest and you should see a bank of clouds hanging over the mountains with blue sky beneath. Because it seems to get closer to the ground the further away it is from you, it appears to be a gentle arch and thus the name Chinook Arch. Yes, the wind can be a pain, but the several breaks we get most winters make putting up with the wind a small price to pay.



You Know You are Fading in the Stretch When...

Last night at about 2:30 am, I was writing about our newest life master - I had made some brief notes when the worthy had been over to get her picture taken. The paper said Bev Mason. That being said, you know you have been staring at a screen too long when you read Mason and type Martin. So, to Bev Martin nee Mason and to all of her teammates, my profound apologies for mangling the one most important fact in the entire story. Twenty lashes with a wet noodle for me.



Songbirds in Long Dresses

Thursday was the day Rose Rossi was going to hold a Hutterite Night. Despite the fact that the buffet had been cancelled, the ladies arrived to sing so we decided that they should get a chance to sing at least once. We stopped proceedings at 4:15 and they sang, without accompaniment, one hymn, which makes sense since the Hutterian sect is a strict religious sect and the true leader of each colony is the minister. There is a farm boss, a cattle boss, a chicken boss, even a pig boss on many colonies, but the power lies with the minister and the assistant minister who rules in his boss's absence. The ladies sang with strong yet sweet voices and I for one rather longed to hear more... but their van driver was anxious to get home to dinner (normally cooked and eaten communally).



The Hutterian Brethren have not always been gladly received by their neighbours but all give them credit that when they turn their hands to anything related to agriculture they do it big and they do it well. Recently a peace has been found between the colonies and their neighbours and a degree of mutual respect has been earned in many cases. There is no question that the Hutterites, like so many other identifiable peoples, form an integral part of this region's multicultural base. The Hutterites, the Mennonites, the Japanese, the Dutch Reform, First Nations and many others form the warp and the woof of our cultural fabric. All have made allowances for the others. Fifty years ago Hutterites would not come within a country mile of anyplace where cards were present. Now they found it an interesting diversion.

Masterpoints Through Thursday

11	33.74	Alex Fowlie
2	33.74	Steve Willard
3	27.43	Duddow Cooney
4	26.51	Gene Froc
5	26.51	Bill Kramer

6	26.51	Dave Sabier
7	26.45	Bob Crosby
8	25.01	Al Simon
9	19.92	Dennis Nelson
10	19.92	Jerry Mamer
11	18.43	Dick Anderson
12	18.43	Janice Anderson
13	17.67	Linda Young
14	17.07	Rhonda Foster
15	17.07	Lorna Deschner
16	17.07	Doug Deschner
17	17.07	Gerry McCully
18	15.99	Lorna Nordlinder
19	15.99	Gard Hays
20	15.99	Naomi Paasch
21	15.99	Linda Webb
22	15.72	Jim Berglund
23	15.24	Glenn Cossey
24	15.24	Ed Flett
25	15.24	Don McCarthy
26	15.24	Mike Christensen
27	15.16	John Cookson
28	15.16	Patty Cookson
29	14.70	Paula Sisko
30	13.37	Jack Triplett
31	13.37	John Coone
32	13.33	Jack Sisko
33	13.33	Abdul Fakhir
34	12.94	Anita Masters
35	12.26	Bruce Storey
36	11.78	Lorraine Russell
37	10.61	Barry Pritchard
38	10.61	Faith Pritchard
39	10.48	Ingrid Riffel
40	10.39	Jason Larrivee
41	10.39	Nelson Sunshine

42	10.08	Freda North
43	9.13	John Landeryou
44	8.68	Neil McDonald
45	8.68	Richard Heywood
46	8.36	Marion Kibbe
47	8.36	Marian Strong
48	8.17	Gretta Hinton
49	8.17	Doug Collister
50	8.17	Ken Scott

Players selected: 50 out of 199

199er Masterpoints thru Thursday

1	15.16	John Cookson
2	15.16	Patty Cookson
3	6.93	Dianne King
4	6.93	Evelyn Barton
5	6.32	Hanna Odland
6	5.90	Marilyn Swadron
7	5.90	Camille Collver
8	5.41	Lu Gunther
9	5.38	Christine McKay
10	5.38	Fraser McKinnon
11	5.20	Virginia Jeffries
12	5.18	Warren Richards
13	5.18	Byron Lund
14	5.14	Kelly Flock
15	5.01	Beth Campbell
16	5.01	Carole Clarke
17	4.83	Ruby Misak
18	4.83	Ally Carlson
19	4.29	Donald Drever
20	4.29	Marilyn Drever

Players selected: 20 out of 199

Wednesday Results

MORNING KNOCKOUT TEAMS

12 Tables

Cathy Bird - Virginia Jeffries - Caroline Colliver - Connie Wignall, Calgary AB;
Clarice Santa, Coaldale AB

vs

Charlie Lamb - Robert Short - Doug Deschner - Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB;
Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC

Gretta Hinton - Diane Campbell - Bev Mason - Jean Ward, Calgary AB

vs

Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND;
Gard Hays, Veradale WA

Jim Swab, Columbia Falls MT; Porki Harris - Nuala Uhde - Dan Shura, Kalispell MT

vs

Don McCarthy, Saskatoon SK; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Ed Flett -Mike Christensen,
Red Deer AB

Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK; Marilyn Drever - Don Drever, Regina SK

vs

Pat Jackson - Elaine Panchuk - Denise Grimard - Sandra Loughran, Saskatoon SK

WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.97	1			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	36.25
1.97	2	1		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	28.25
1.48		2		Peter Kroeger - Fred Klein, Calgary AB	25.25

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

9.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1	1	John Lebeau - M Yoshihara, Lethbridge AB	134.35
2.16	2	2	2	Hanna Odland - Lu Gunther, Lethbridge AB	132.04
1.62	3	3		Jason Larrivee - Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	128.71
1.28	4	4	3	Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB; Freda North, Lethbridge AB	117.25
0.91	5			Mary Rose Mrazek - Gwen West, Lethbridge AB	112.74
0.96	5		4	Ally Carlson - Ruby Misak, Lethbridge AB	110.86

WEDNESDAY SWISS TEAMS

28 Tables

	A	B	C		
13.30	1			Doug Deschner - Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB; Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	116.00
8.73	2/3			Steve Willard - Alex Fowlie - Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB	104.00
9.00	2/3	1		Dave Sabier - Bill Kramer - Dow Cooney, Regina SK; Gene Froc, Lumsden SK	104.00
6.75	4	2		Ed Flett - Mike Christensen, Red Deer AB; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Don McCarthy, Saskatoon SK	101.00
5.06	5	3		Hart Leppard, Fernie BC; Bill Pellett, Whitefish MT; Richard Pater, Sparwood BC; Andrew Koch Jr, Columbia Falls MT	100.00
3.80	6			Dick Anderson - Janice Anderson, Regina SK; Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	97.00
3.33	7			Abdul Fakhir - Jim Berglund - Paula Sisko - Jack Sisko, Calgary AB	95.00
2.96	8			Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND	90.00
3.80		4		Peter Kroeger - Fred Klein - Bev Mason - Diane Campbell, Calgary AB	87.00
5.46		5	1	Doris Lange - Barbara Bayer - Rita Cushon - Mary Tebo, Calgary	86.00
4.10		6	2	Jim Swab - Marian Strong, Columbia Falls MT; Marion Kibbe, Whitefish MT; Dan Shura, Kalispell MT	84.00
3.07		7	3	Ramona Lambert, Lethbridge AB; Beverly Stepler, Regina SK; Win Bromley - Jeannette Bromley, Langley BC	82.00
2.30			4	Anita Masters, Great Falls MT; John Cookson - Patty Cookson - Linda Young, Butte MT	75.00
1.82			5	Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK; Don Drever - Marilyn Drever, Regina SK	74.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

8.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.88	1	1		Neil McDonald - Richard Heywood, Lethbridge AB	119.20
2.16	2	2		Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ronald Russell, Raymond AB	106.71
1.77	3	3		Nelson Sunshine - Jason Larrivee, Regina SK	105.31
1.24	4			Eva Partel - Bill Lim, Vernon BC	103.34
0.91	5			Mary Rose Mrazek - Gwen West, Lethbridge AB	101.70
1.11		4		Kathleen Dinneen, Calgary AB; Robert Christie, Lethbridge AB	98.17
2.27		5	1	Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB; Freda North, Lethbridge AB	98.03
1.70			2	Porki Harris - Nuala Uhde, Kalispell MT	96.12
1.28			3	Lu Gunther - Hanna Odland, Lethbridge AB	94.44
0.96			4	Roxanne Rees - John Card, Calgary AB	93.25

Thursday Results

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

4.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.12	1			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	44.65
1.59	2			Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ronald Russell, Raymond AB	41.16
1.19	3			Wayne Shaw, Edmonton AB; Verne Warwick, Creston BC	40.00

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	67.50
2.28	2	1		Bruce Storey - Ken Lyle, Lethbridge AB	53.50
1.73	3/5	2/4	1/2	Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB; Freda North, Lethbridge AB	52.00
1.73	3/5	2/4	1/2	Carole Clarke - Beth Campbell, Lethbridge AB	52.00
1.40	3/5	2/4		Neil McDonald - Richard Heywood, Lethbridge AB	52.00

THURSDAY OPEN PAIRS

8.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
6.30	1			Charlie Lamb - Robert Short, Red Deer AB	204.50
4.73	2			John Landeryou, Lethbridge AB; Linda Young, Butte MT	199.00
4.50	3	1		Wayne Winter, Lethbridge AB; Gerald Perry, Coaldale AB	195.50
3.38	4/5	2		Larry Boettcher - Arnold Rohrer, Conrad MT	193.00
2.94	4/5			Wayne Shaw, Edmonton AB; Verne Warwick, Creston BC	193.00
2.53		3		Maurice Tadros - Gamil Tadros, Calgary AB	181.50
2.96		4	1	Wendell Opheim - Fran Opheim, Lethbridge AB	172.00
2.22			2	John Cookson - Patty Cookson, Butte MT	162.00

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

10.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1	1		Neil McDonald - Richard Heywood, Lethbridge AB	140.25
2.39	2	2	1	Ruby Misak - Ally Carlson, Lethbridge AB	139.59
1.96	3	3		Dawna Findlay, Olds AB; MaryLynn Ghitter, Ponoka AB	131.39
1.37	4			Paula Sisko, Calgary AB; Lorena Kelly, Medicine Hat AB	129.52
1.15	5	4		Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ron Russell, Raymond AB	124.57
0.98	6			Evelyn Sisonenko - Liz Warren, Red Deer AB	123.87
1.70		5	2	Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB; GwenTodd, Coaldale AB	117.60
1.28			3	Gord McLure - Sue McLure, Calgary AB	113.03
0.96			4	Marg Hubbard - Craig Hubbard, Regina SK	109.29

THURSDAY EVENING B-A-M TEAMS

5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.85	1			Janice Anderson - Dick Anderson, Regina SK; Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	17.00
2.89	2			Cal McLeod - Rick Gaucher - Jason Larrivee - Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK	13.00
2.68		1		Les Santa - Clarice Santa, Coaldale AB; Virginia Jeffries, Calgary AB; Jeff Robertson, Lethbridge AB	11.50

PRIME TIME KO BRACKET 1

10 Tables

Faith Pritchard - Barry Pritchard - Steve Willard - Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB

vs

Abdul Fakh - Jim Berglund - Merle Hickey - Tina Gokturk – Nancy Klym, Calgary AB

Ken Penton - Al Simon - Ilya Kuzkin, Calgary AB; Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB

vs

Rhonda Foster - Gerry McCully, New Westminster BC; Lorna Deschner - Doug Deschner, Red Deer AB

PRIME TIME KO BRACKET 2

15 Tables

Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK; Erna Hatlelid, Yorkton SK; Rosella Ellis, Calgary AB;

Pat Roberts, Chestermere AB

vs

Kelly Flock - Garry Ramsden-Wood - Kathleen Dinneen - Jack Sisko, Calgary AB

Gretta Hinton - Diane Campbell - Bev Mason - Jean Ward, Calgary AB

vs

John Card - Roxanne Rees - Byron Lund - Warren Richards, Calgary AB

MIDWEEK SIDE GAME SERIES - FINAL OVERALL

14.75 Tables / Based on 9 Tables

4.66	1/2	Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	130.00%
4.66	1/2	John Coone, Vernon BC	130.00%
3.49	3/4	Gwen West, Lethbridge AB	122.97%
3.49	3/4	Mary Rose Mrazek, Lethbridge AB	122.97%
4.74	5/6	Ronald Russell, Raymond AB	120.62%
4.74	5/6	Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB	120.62%

John Landeryou – Partnerships Chair

