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SASKATOON BERRY

Welcome to the Saskatoon Regional 2009

On behalf of my outstanding workers, including our district representative, Andy Anderson, I would like to welcome you to this year's regional tournament. We hope that you enjoy your games and the hospitality that we have planned. If you have any problems or concerns, please talk to someone at the hospitality desk.

The Hospitality Desk Is The Place To Register

Anita Grosse and her hospitality workers will be taking registrations for various activities that have been planned throughout the week. Wednesday at 4:00 – 6:00 there will be a wine and cheese reception for players with less than 100 MP's. A very fine bridge player, Rhonda Foster, from Vancouver will give a talk as well at this reception. Please register at the reception desk if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of how much food and drink we need to have on hand. (But if you forget, come anyway)

This year, we have some very special games for new players or players for whom this may be your first Regional. On Wednesday night, we have a 0-49 pairs game and players who have 0-5 master points will receive a free play. There will be two additional games for 0-49 pairs on Saturday: one at 1:00 and one at 7:15. Please let your friends know about this game and encourage them to come.

On Thursday October 1st some of our local club members will be hosting meals in their homes for our out of town visitors. Out of town guests are encouraged to register for this free meal at the hospitality desk by Wednesday evening. Register early as there are a limited number of spots available.

On Friday October 2nd there will be a panel show hosted by Andy Anderson following the evening game. There will be free pizza available and the bar will be open. This looks like a lot of laughs and maybe some interesting bridge talk. Book prizes will be awarded.

On Saturday October 3rd reservations have been made for players to go to the Saskatoon Berry Barn for supper. This location is on the South Saskatchewan River. There is a souvenir shop for anyone to pick up some Saskatoon souvenirs. Meals will be discounted by \$5.00, but you must register at the hospitality desk by 7:00 PM on Friday to receive your discount.

The Hospitality desk is also the place to go to pick up the daily door prizes and 50-50 winnings. These will be announced but will also be listed at the desk for the benefit of anyone not hearing the winners names. Those winning events should also go to the desk to pick up their souvenir winners pen. With concern about the **flu** season a **free supply of disinfectant wipes** will also be available all week at the desk.

Please support the 50-50 draws as this goes a long way to support the various giveaways during the week.

HOSPITALITY

Following each of the evening sessions, be sure to enjoy some of the treats we will be providing through the Hotel.

TUESDAY:	Individual Saskatoon Berry Pies
WEDNESDAY:	Soft Pretzels with Pesto Butter
THURSDAY:	Trays of Cheese and fruit
FRIDAY:	Pizza during the panel show
SATURDAY:	Saskatoon Berry Pies again!

Give a ways

During the afternoon sessions we will be handing out various tournament keepsakes and/or candies. These will include: Pens, shot glasses, Saskatoon Berry Stick and peels” to be stuck on convention card holders. Saskatoon Berry Chocolate covered candies.

DOOR PRIZES

During each afternoon draws will be made for various door prizes. These can be picked up at the hospitality desk. There will be a variety of prizes ranging from Jars of Saskatoon Berry Jam, Gas cards, restaurant cards and various tickets to live sporting and cultural events.

WINNERS

Those who win any event should go to the hospitality desk to receive their commemorative Saskatoon Berry Winner’s pen.

FLU ALERT

Many people are concerned about the flu season. This year the H1N1 virus is of particular concern. A supply of individually packages alcohol disinfectant swabs will be available throughout the tournament. Please use as needed. Lets all take sensible precautions to minimize the spread of any virus or germs.

SCENTS

Please be sensitive to the allergies others may suffer from. Please refrain from wearing strongly scented perfumes and colognes.



THANK YOU; THANK YOU; THANK YOU

There are so many people who have volunteered or helped the committee in one way or another and I would especially like to thank them for their support.

First let me thank the **Saskatoon Bridge club** for allowing us to use their facility for two fund raisin events that helped in raising funds for this tournament. Special thanks to club president **Peter Galesloot** who personally organized and did a tremendous job running a garage sale and to those who donated sale items.

Thank you to the **North Sask. Unit 575** who donated \$1500 to defray the costs of the home dinners and subsidize the dinners at the Berry Barn on Saturday Night.

Thank You to **Eleanor Kennedy** who organized and arranged for the caddies.

Thank you to **Maureen Scott** for arranging the home dinners. Thank you to all those who opened their homes to the visitors from out of town and prepared these meals.

Thank you to **Linda Olbert** who is running the partnership desk.

Thank you to **Anita Grosse** and her workers for arranging and running the hospitality desk.

Thank you to **Alf Keating** and his sellers of the 50-50 tickets. The money raise here will be used to help provide some of the food and snacks after the evening games. Please support these ticket sales as we will need this revenue to balance the hospitality budget.

Thank you to **Andy Anderson** the District rep. who helped with the selection of the playing site and who organized the bidding contest and the panel show.

Thank you to all of you who have come and join in the tournament and join in the extra things at the tournament. Your backing and assistance, has made this tournament what it is. Thank you all. Again, have a great week, many points and above all, have fun.



TIDBITS

We have named the Knock out events to honor some of the early players from this area who did so much to develop bridge in Saskatoon. A short talk about these people at the beginning of the events named for them will be given at the start of these events.

Book prizes will be awarded for the bidding contest at the panel show. Pick up your entries at the hospitality desk. These need to be returned to the Hospitality desk by Thursday evening.



