

EVENT NAMES

In your program of events you will notice some of the events named in honor of some of the pioneers of bridge in our great city. The dreams of the pioneers of this game live on in each of us who play Bridge in our clubs and tournaments. Without their vision and contributions there would be no bridge in Saskatoon. We give here merely a brief synopsis of the outstanding contributions made by some of those people.

Marge Thierman

Many people are remembered for their accomplishments as a player. Marge had many; she was one of Saskatoon's first life masters and a fine player. It can unnerve people to play against some one like that. I heard a story about how she and her partner bid to a slam. Opening leader had the ace, king and queen of trumps. Marge asked her why she didn't double. The reply was "I don't want to double a player like you; you might run to 6NT and make that". The same person would have been leading to both contracts.

Some are remembered for encouraging others. Marge played in the rookie/master games and was a mentor to many. One of her mentees (if that's a word) is now one of Saskatoon's best most successful players. He told me the story mentioned above. She also had a keen sense of humor. Once while playing in a team game with an up and comer, he failed in 3NT. She switched a couple of cards in the opponents' hands to demonstrate why his line might not be all that bad. Their partners returned to compare and suggested 3NT should have been made. Marge's response was "look at their hands, it never makes". Their partners (who she suspected would not recognize their own hands) looked and agreed.

A few are remembered for their love of the game, both the games themselves and the "extra curricular activities" that happen at tournaments. I remember my first regional event, a midnight game. If you've never played in one, they were rather "informal". I'm waiting nervously for the game to begin and hear a Director call. Phil Wood walked over to Marge's table and asked "what do you want?" She replied "I want a bottle opener".

When we lost Marge, we lost a fine player and a great lady. If she was with us today, she'd be playing, winning, socializing and complaining about the lack of midnight games.

Ken McGuirl

Bridge would not be the popular activities that it is in Saskatchewan today without the work of Ken Mcguirl He was one of the first to introduce the game into Saskatchewan in the 1950's. For the next forty years he devoted hundreds of hours annually to promoting bridge as teacher, tournament organizer and director. In the 1950's there were few professional directors so Ken directed many of the early sectionals. He wrote a weekly column for the Star Phoenix. He was a fierce competitor as evidenced by the fact that he was Saskatchewan's first life master. His infectious good humor and charm often smoothed the ruffled feathers of overly zealous players in competitive play. Ken continued to play bridge into his 90's when declining health forced him to withdraw from active competition. He will be long remembered and can never be replaced.

Doug and Mona Scott

Doug and Mona was a married couple and liked to socialize by playing bridge with friends. There was a group of people loosely formed into a club who used to get together to play rubber bridge in a “ bridge club” In the 1950’s Doug and Mona heard about this new kind of bridge called duplicate bridge. They headed to Winnipeg to attend a tournament. When they returned they eagerly explained the scoring system and soon duplicate bridge had a foothold in Saskatoon. They were some of the primary people behind the formation of the Saskatoon Bridge club. Doug worked in executive capacities both at the club and unit level. He was a believer that the bridge club should own its own building and playing spade. So it comes as no to surprise that he was on the club executive when they broke ground on their new facility which they built.

As I recall Mona was first simply a great lady. She was a very tough bridge opponent but she was so sweet you hardly ever felt bad about a bad result at her table. She was such a good player that she became the first woman Life Master in Saskatoon. She mentored many players and encouraged fledgling bridge players. She played into her 80’s.

History

Those of us who are able to enjoy playing bridge in our wonderful club rooms and enjoy playing in local tournaments owe much to those who have paved the way for us. If we lose our sense of history we may lose site of our goals. We play bridge for enjoyment and to satisfy our competitive side. If we forget the legacy of those who have gone before us we are in danger losing our sense of purpose. Why we play and how we should comport ourselves.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

	A	B	C	
2.88	1	1	1	Ross Brooks - Linda Brooks, Prince Albert SK 113.50
2.16	2	2	2	Bev Stepler - Sharon Rooney, Regina SK 101.50
1.62	3			Ian Martindale, Boise ID; Lorraine Schaeffer, Regina SK 98.00

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON 199ER Pairs

	D	E	F	
2.13	1	1	1	Lana Peat-Quennell - Martha Mikalsky, Saskatoon SK 69.00
1.40	2/3	2/3		Mavis Evans - Diane Sarich, Saskatoon SK 67.50
1.40	2/3	2/3		Lorena Kelly - Joan Mayer, Medicine Hat AB 67.50
0.90	4	4	4	Ann Rowley, Martensville SK; Pat Rowley, Saskatoon SK

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE

PAIRS

16.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
3.94	1	1	1	Glenn Moore - Julia Moore, North Battleford SK 201.00
2.96	2	2	2	Irene Martin - Helen Aikenhead, Saskatoon SK 196.50
2.43	3			Kash Andreychuk, Yorkton SK; Nelson Sunshine, Regina SK 187.00
1.66	4			Lil Hemeon, Saskatoon SK; Ian Martindale, Boise ID 186.50
2.15	5	3		Janet Dugle, Pinawa MB; Doreen Reid, Saskatoon SK 181.50
2.73	6	4	1	Marilyn Drever - Donald Drever, Regina SK 179.50

WEDNESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

25 Tables				
	A	B	C	
5.31	1			Robert Short - Charles Lamb, Red Deer AB; Paul Erikson, Edmonton AB; Norman Adams, Brandon MB 61.00
3.98	2			Rodney Paxton, Coeur D'Alene ID; Henriette Mufich, Coeur D Alene ID; Gerry Marshall, Las Varas Mexico; Ken Penton, Calgary AB 60.00
2.99	3			Alex Fowlie - Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB; Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK 59.00
3.72	4/5	1/2	1	Lenore Stevenson - Jack Stevenson - Linda Galesloot - Peter Galesloot, Saskatoon SK 53.00
3.72	4/5	1/2		Glen Benedict - Rick Grieman, Regina SK; Wayne Fahie, Saskatoon SK; Fraser Glen, North Battleford SK

WEDNESDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

4.0 Tables				
	D	E	F	
1.86	1	1		Claire Cook - Terry Cook, Saskatoon SK 43.00
1.40	2			Joan Quinlan - Edith Laidlaw, Regina SK 39.50
1.16	3	2		Lorena Kelly - Joan Mayer, Medicine Hat AB 38.00

WEDNESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
2.43	1			Doug Adair, Midvale UT; Buz Trevor, Denare Beach SK 64.50
2.43	2	1	1	Vernita Broderick - Vivian Kockler, Minot ND 56.00
1.82	3	2	2	Audrey Sadler - Janet Atamanenko, Saskatoon SK 55.50

THURSDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

15.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
3.79	1	1	1	Margaret Wilson - Andrea Salmon, Winnipeg MB 161.50
2.84	2	2	2	Ross Brooks - Linda Brooks, Prince Albert SK 161.00
2.33	3			Ian Martindale, Boise ID; Doug Adair, Midvale UT 154.50

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 199ER

PAIRS

7.5 Tables				
	D	E	F	
2.40	1	1		Kirk Fong - Clive Cory, Saskatoon SK 99.43
1.80	2			Neta Lee, Scottsdale AZ; Toni Pickerel, Minot ND 83.43
1.43	3	2		Claire Cook - Terry Cook, Saskatoon SK 80.00
1.01	4			Colleen Cooper - Les Cooper, Saskatoon SK 76.50

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

15.0 Tables				
	A	B	C	
3.79	1			Mary Clarke - Tove Hansen, Saskatoon SK 210.38
2.84	2			Kathy Connoly - Allan Connoly, Prince Albert SK 201.76
3.49	3	1	1	Ruth Sidebottom, Red Deer A

MARG THIERMAN KO - BRACKET 1

11 Tables
 35.07 1 Dennis Nelson - Cydney Hayes - Don Campbell Saskatoon SK; Claire Jones, Regina SK; Cam Doner, Richmond BC
 24.55 2 Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park CA; Bruce Noda, Corte Madera CA; Laura Kenney - Gene Simpson, San Rafael CA
 14.03 3/4 Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Barry Harper - Ken Gee, Regina SK; Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND
 14.03 3/4 Joe Kerger - Sandi Kerger, Saskatoon SK; Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC

MARG THIERMAN KO - BRACKET 2

13 Tables
 20.03 1 Don McCarthy, Kelowna BC; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB; Ed Flett - Mike Christensen, Red Deer AB
 14.02 2 Brent Moulding - Jay Anderson - Jerry Mamer - John Pulles, Saskatoon SK
 8.01 3/4 Linda Nelson - Ursula Jugnauth - Vivian Orban - Lynne Holderness, Saskatoon SK
 8.01 3/4 Ed Anderson - Marjorie Ford - Rick Smith - Carol Smith, Saskatoon SK

MARG THIERMAN KO - BRACKET 3

16 Tables
 13.85 1 Eleanor Kennedy - Elaine Panchuk - Maureen Scott - Pat Jackson, Saskatoon SK
 9.70 2 Donald Fraser - Linda Fraser - Shelly Gloeden - Karl Ptasinski, Saskatoon SK
 5.54 3/4 Lynn Stark - Lorraine Dixon - Ann Shaw - Arnold Shaw, Saskatoon SK
 5.54 3/4 Doug Kinney - Patty Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Ruth Schumacher, Saskatoon SK; Bob Hope, Provost AB

MARG THIERMAN KO - BRACKET 4

16 Tables
 10.08 1 Paul Clemens, Saskatoon SK; Ken Ritter, Kindersley SK; Larry Whitlow, Delisle SK; Rupa Krishnan, Dewinton AB
 7.06 2 Jan Gent, Calgary AB; Judy Knoll - Fred Herron - Patricia Buglass, Saskatoon SK
 4.03 3/4 Anita Grosse - Georges Colin - Robert Grimard - Shirley McGuire, Saskatoon SK
 4.03 3/4 Judy Perras - Bev Skulmoski - Lorraine Garratt - John Groves, Regina SK

THURSDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

18 Tables
 A B C
 4.25 1 Andy Anderson - Curley Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Alex Fowle - Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB
 65.00
 3.19 2 Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Barry Harper - Ken Gee, Regina SK; Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck ND; Gard Hays, Veradale WA 58.00
 2.39 3 Linda Thierman, Calgary AB; Alex McGregor - Peggy McGregor, Saskatoon SK; Perry Khakhar, Edmonton AB 55.00
 3.34 4 1 1 Gaylene Spence - Ilsa Krukoff - Maureen Adams - Sandra Benson, Regina SK 47.00

THURSDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

12.5 Tables
 A B C
 3.49 1 1 1 Doug Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Bob Hope, Provost AB 176.29
 2.62 2 2 2 Lorraine Garratt - John Groves, Regina SK 173.84
 1.96 3 3 Ruth Sidebottom, Red Deer AB; Rick Smith, Saskatoon SK

THURSDAY EVENING 199ER PAIRS

3.0 Tables
 D E F
 1.73 1 Blanche Saelhof, Watrous SK; Eileen McCashew, Calgary AB
 30.00
 1.30 2 Neta Lee, Scottsdale AZ; Toni Pickerel, Minot ND 27.50

Friday 6:30 Barry Harper

At 6:30 come hear Barry Harper's talk "the thirty point deck" This is a preview of the talk he will be giving at the San Diego N.A.B.C. in November. If you have never heard Barry you are in for a real treat.

Master Point Leaders through Thursday

1	70.91	Cam Doner, Richmond BC
2	70.91	Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon
3	70.91	Cydney Hayes, Saskatoon SK
4	70.91	Don Campbell, Saskatoon SK
5	70.91	Claire Jones, Regina SK
6	42.31	Dave Schouweiler, Bismarck
7	42.31	Hannah Moon, Prince Albert
8	42.31	Barry Harper, Regina SK
9	40.72	Gard Hays, Veradale WA
10	40.72	Ken Gee, Regina SK
11	28.36	Jay Anderson, Saskatoon SK
12	27.54	John Pulles, Saskatoon SK
13	26.35	Bruce Noda, Corte Madera
14	26.35	Laura Kenney, San Rafael
15	26.35	Hamish Bennett, Menlo Park
16	26.35	Gene Simpson, San Rafael
17	24.07	Donald Pearsons, Winnipeg
18	24.07	Alex Bertrand, Winnipeg
19	23.32	Mike Christensen, Red Deer
20	23.32	Ed Flett, Red Deer AB
21	23.32	Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB
22	23.32	Don McCarthy, Kelowna BC
23	23.03	Alex Fowlie, Edmonton AB
24	23.03	Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB
25	22.31	Ian Martindale, Boise ID
26	21.18	Brian Wallace, Arborg MB
27	21.18	John Munson, Flin Flon MB
28	20.51	Karl Ptasinski, Saskatoon
29	19.88	Rick Smith, Saskatoon SK
30	19.80	Linda Brooks, Prince Albert
31	19.80	Ross Brooks, Prince Albert
32	19.59	Peter Jones, Edmonton AB
33	19.39	Ed Anderson, Saskatoon SK
34	18.93	Abdul Fasih, Calgary AB
35	18.66	Rick Grieman, Regina SK
36	18.66	Glen Benedict, Regina SK
37	18.42	Lloyda Jones, Edmonton AB
38	18.32	Ken Penton, Calgary AB
39	18.32	Gerry Marshall, Las Varas
40	18.05	Steve Lawrence, Calgary AB
41	18.05	Nazir Ahmad, Red Deer AB
42	17.92	Carol Smith, Saskatoon SK
43	17.89	Pat Jackson, Saskatoon SK
44	17.11	Anita Lambert, Edmonton
45	17.01	Sandi Kerger, Saskatoon SK
46	17.01	Gerry McCully, New Westminster
47	17.01	Rhonda Foster, New Westminster
48	17.01	Joe Kerger, Saskatoon SK
49	16.98	Jerry Mamer, Saskatoon SK
50	16.77	Ray Davie, Meota SK

Players selected: 50 out of 412

199er Events Point Leaders Through Thursday

1	5.26	Claire Cook, Saskatoon SK
2	5.26	Terry Cook, Saskatoon SK
3	3.48	Ann Rowley, Martensville SK
4	3.48	Pat Rowley, Saskatoon SK
5	3.10	Toni Pickerel, Minot ND
6	3.10	Neta Lee, Scottsdale AZ
7	2.77	Pat Kerns, Saskatoon SK
8	2.77	Gene Kerns, Saskatoon SK
9	2.58	Audrey Sadler, Saskatoon SK
10	2.56	Lorena Kelly, Medicine Hat AB
11	2.56	Joan Mayer, Medicine Hat AB
12	2.49	Herta Barron, Saskatoon SK
13	2.40	Clive Cory, Saskatoon SK
14	2.40	Kirk Fong, Saskatoon SK
15	2.24	Eileen McCashew, Calgary AB
16	2.24	Blanche Saelhof, Watrous SK
17	2.13	Martha Mikalsky, Saskatoon SK
18	2.13	Lana Peat-Quennell, Saskatoon SK
19	1.40	Mavis Evans, Saskatoon SK
20	1.40	Diane Sarich, Saskatoon SK

Players selected: 20 out of 412

New Life Master Alert

Four local ladies achieved Life Master Status in the last two days.

They are:

Aby Rajani

Judy Knoll

Elaine Panchuck

Lorraine Lalonde

I have heard unconfirmed rumours of more new LMs. Please let the hospitality desk know if you know someone who has reached a new mile stone in their bridge career.