



### First Framed Photo Awarded

The Charity Pairs game on Monday evening was small, but that doesn't detract from the fine game the Partnerships table assembled minutes before 7:00 PM. Jeff Robertson of Lethbridge partnered with Ingrid Riffel of Regina. They were the first players to qualify for their framed photograph of the High Level Bridge as a memento of their win. Jeff, discretion being the better part of valor, elected to ask his wife to pick the view she wanted. His frame is already labeled and waiting for him to bring his wife in to go through the 60 views we have assembled and make his choice for him. Ingrid, not so constrained, spent several minutes perusing all 60 views before selecting one that particularly struck her fancy. The picture below shows Ingrid, very pleased with her win, her memento and her status as the very first award recipient.



Of course, Tuesday evening the floodgates opened with 4 winners in Bracket 1 and 4 winners in Bracket 2 for BOTH the Opening Knockouts and the Compact Knockouts. The single session Swiss held on Tuesday evening produced no less than 16 winners with one Strat A winning team, one Strat C winning team and a dead tie for first place in Strat B. We decided that a win is a win so we have 16 labels ready to proofread, print, and apply to the back of frames once the pictures have been selected.

In that regard, just a quick note. If you are on a winning team on Tuesday, make sure you stop by the awards table Wednesday to claim your memento. We hope that the memory of your victory will come back whenever your gaze happens to fix on your framed photo of the Lethbridge Viaduct (Just the High Level Bridge for us locals).



### Events

<b>Wednesday, February 25</b>	
Morning Bracketed Knockouts 1 <sup>st</sup> session	8:45 am
Morning Side Game Pairs 2	8:45 am
Stratified Swiss Teams	1 & 7 pm
199er Swiss (singles)	1 & 7 pm
Midweek Side Game Pairs 3/4	1 & 7 pm
<b>Thursday, February 26th</b>	
Morning Bracketed Knockouts - 2nd session	8:45 am
Morning Side Game Pairs 3	8:45 am
Prime Time KO 1/2	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs 1/2	1 & 7 pm
199er Swiss Pairs (singles)	1 & 7 pm
Board-a-Match (single)	7 pm
Midweek Side Game Pairs 5	1 pm
Weekend Side Game Pairs 1	7 pm

### Food Service

<b>Every day</b>	
<b>Lunch Buffet</b> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	\$9.95
<b>Concession</b> – Playing Floor – open at 9 AM	
<b>Dinner Buffet</b> – 5th Floor	\$15.95
Wed. – Coal Miners Night	
Thurs. – Hutterite Night	

**WALK-INS NOW ACCEPTED FOR LUNCHEES AND DINNERS**



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## *Tours Cancelled*

Due to a combination of bad weather and virtually no response, the organizers have been forced to cancel all tours scheduled for the week. We had really hoped that we would have a chance to show all of you the magnificent destinations of southwestern Alberta but we still encourage all of you to come back and see southern Alberta in all its warm summer glory.

## *Fear Not the Mighty*

It has always amazed me that most bridge players facing a team with vastly more experience feel they are outgunned and are going to get their hats handed to them. While it is true that those top players didn't amass their thousands of master points by being pushovers, in a match, whether it is 2 boards or 24 boards, ANY team can be beaten on any given day.

That given day was Tuesday afternoon, February 24<sup>th</sup> when four young men from Saskatchewan (Dave Sabier, Duddow Cooney, Bill Kramer, and Gene Froc) were pitted against a team anchored by the much feared Gard Hays. Gard has come up against and bested the best in this part of the country, but this was not Gard's given day. When the smoke cleared, these fellows from Saskatchewan proceeded to the Final while Gard and his team settled for 3/4. I will not mention the rest of Gard's team since I do not know them personally and I would not want them to take offence, but I am pleased to report that you made the tournament for these four guys. The fact that they fell in the final to an Alberta team who probably constitute four of the top 15 or 20 players in this Province takes nothing away from their win in the semi-final.

This is an object lesson to anybody who blanches with fear and just assumes that they are beaten before they take the cards out of the board, just because their opponents are icons of the game. Somebody told me one time, 'They put their pants on one leg at a time just like everybody else.' And I can tell you from personal experience, those wins are among the most satisfying in your career and are wins that you will remember long after the tables are back in the storeroom.

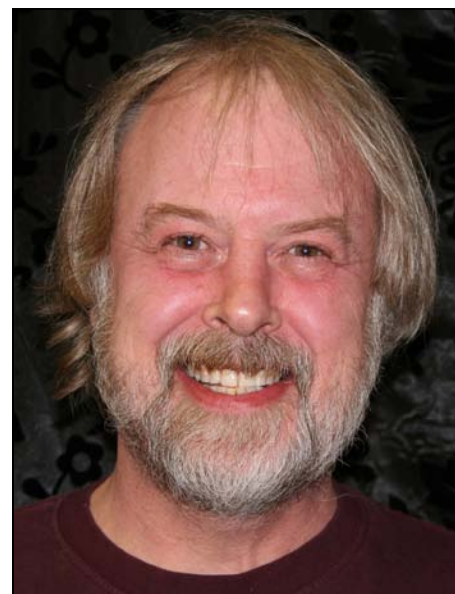


## *Life Masters by the Bushel*

In any tournament you hope that at least SOME milestones might be reached. Thus we were delighted to see that by Tuesday afternoon that no less than THREE gold cards had been reached. Given the small size of the tournament thus far, that was a delightful number. But it turned out that wasn't the end to the bumper crop. Later in the afternoon we were advised about a fourth person attaining Life Master status and then, just a few minutes later, number FIVE came forward. All of their pictures are below, but it never hurts to mention names twice when reporting on an achievement. Therefore, here we go:



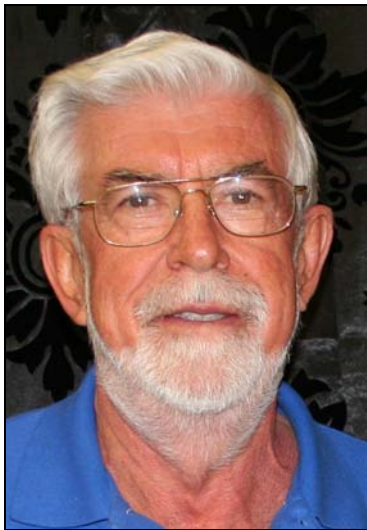
Jean Ward from Calgary, playing in the second bracket of the opening knockouts, went over the threshold on Tuesday morning.



Dave Sabier from Regina, playing in the first bracket of the opening knockouts earned his gold card on Tuesday morning as well.



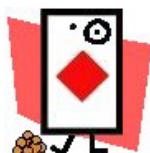
Gene Froc of Lumsden, Saskatchewan took more Alberta Gold back to our neighbors to the east and earned his gold card, also in the A bracket and also on Tuesday morning.



Jack Siskl of Calgary, once again playing in Bracket A of the Knockouts will soon get a much heavier wallet than at present as he tucks his gold card into his billfold.



Last but certainly not least, Greta Hinton (and Jean Ward's partner) earned her Life Master in the same event, Bracket 2.



### *Another Use for your Convention Card*

Your convention card is now useful for more than beating your partner about the head and ears. It is your ticket to discounts. Domestic Art, 619-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South has offered players at this tournament a 15% discount on any items in the store through Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. All you need to do to claim your discount is to show the staff your convention card whether it be in a holder or just crumpled up in your back pocket.

Ten percent discounts are available from both Josee's Imports (412 1<sup>st</sup>. Ave. South) and 10,000 Villages (321A 5<sup>th</sup> St. South) just by showing your convention card. My wife, Carolla, an inveterate hunter of neat little stores, counts both Josee's and 10,000 Villages amongst her favorites and with Domestic Art recently relocating right downtown, they are all too close to my house for my wallet's comfort.

We encourage you to patronize these stores who have said welcome with a reduction on their profit line. The more we patronize these kinds of merchants, the more merchants will want to come on board.

### *Gas Prices Are Falling*

Well they are if you show your convention card at the Mayor Magrath Mohawk gas station (12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Mayor Magrath Drive). You can get an additional 2¢ a liter (about 8¢ a gallon) off the price by simply showing your convention card. This, of course, is on top of the 3.5¢ a litre that is off the advertised price.



The station also has a convenience store – ready to supply you with pop, juice, muffins, sandwiches and other odds and ends you might need. And the staff is friendly, too.

### *Mmmmm Good!*

The meals on Tuesday have all garnered 4-star ratings. The veal at lunch caused several people to say, "Hey, this food is really good – much better than I expected." And, because bridge players can't make up their minds in advance, the establishment is now accepting walk-ins for lunches and dinners. You even have a choice – the catered meal or try out Bullys.

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## CHARITY OPEN PAIRS

3.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.27	1			Ingrid Riffel, Regina, SK; Jeff Robertson, Lethbridge AB	31.00
2.45	2			Eva Partel - Bill Lim, Vernon BC	27.00
1.84	3			John Landeryou - Ken Lyle, Lethbridge AB	26.00

## TUESDAY MORNING SIDE PAIRS

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	62.00
2.28	2	1		Janet D L Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	59.00
1.49	3			Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK	56.50
1.97	4	2	1	J Craig Hubbard - M Hubbard, Regina SK	55.50
1.48		3	2	Ruby Misak - Ally Carlson, Lethbridge AB	52.00
0.96		4		Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK	48.00

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON SIDE PAIRS

6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1			Mary Rose Mrazek - Gwen West, Lethbridge AB	96.83
1.94	2			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	87.50
2.12	3	1	1	Christine McKay, Calgary AB; Fraser McKinnon, Surrey BC	78.75
1.59	4	2	2	Howard Cheng - Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB	73.50
0.82	5			Eva Partel - Bill Lim, Vernon BC	72.92
1.19		3		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	71.75

## TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 1

10 Tables

10.78	1			Jerry Mamer - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK; Dick Anderson - Janice Anderson, Regina SK	
7.55	2			Don McCarthy, Saskatoon SK; Ed Flett - Mike Christensen, Red Deer AB; Glenn Cossey, Innisfail AB	
4.85	3			Erna Hatlelid, Yorkton SK; Betty Lou Heeg - Ingrid Riffel, Regina SK; Marilyn Hamilton, Calgary AB	
3.77	4			Doug Deschner - Lorna Deschner, Red Deer AB; Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, New Westminster BC	

## TUESDAY COMPACT KO-BRACKET 2

10 Tables

4.00	1			Lorraine Russell, Raymond AB; Dianne King - Freda North, Lethbridge AB; Evelyn Barton, Kelowna BC	
2.80	2			Pat Jackson - Elaine Panchuk - Denise Grimard - Sandra Loughran, Saskatoon SK	
1.80	3			Cathy Bird - Virginia Jeffries - Caroline Colliver - Connie Wignall, Calgary AB	
1.40	4			Rita Cushon - Mary Tebo, Calgary AB; Beth Campbell - Carole Clarke, Lethbridge AB	

## TUESDAY COMPACT KO 1 CONSOLATION

4 Tables

2.35	1			Kelly Flock - Garry Ramsden-Wood - Tina Gokturk - Elaine Stewart, Calgary AB	
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## TUESDAY COMPACT KO 2 CONSOLATION

4 Tables

1.60	1			Brian Willett - Don Rae, Calgary AB; Patricia Downie, Creston BC; Dorothy Hobbs, Canyon BC	
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## TUESDAY EVENING SWISS TEAMS

10 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1			Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND; Linda Webb, Fargo ND	59.00
2.39	2/3	1/2		Nelson Sunshine - Jason Larrivee -Claire Jones, Regina SK; Jim Berglund, Calgary AB	54.00
2.39	2/3	1/2		Fred Klein - Peter Kroeger - Bev Mason - Diane Campbell, Calgary AB	54.00
2.12	4	3	1	Jim Swab, Columbia Falls MT; Dan Shura - Porki Harris – Nuala Uhde, Kalispell MT	53.00

## TUESDAY EVENING SIDE PAIRS

6.5 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.58	1	1		Bruce Storey, Lethbridge AB; Ron Russell, Raymond AB	89.83
1.94	2			Ken Lyle - John Landeryou, Lethbridge AB	80.00
1.45	3			Ron Kupchanko, Edmonton AB; Perry Chan, Calgary AB	79.50
1.97	4	2	1	Lu Gunther - Hanna Odland, Lethbridge AB	75.83
1.48	5	3	2	Marilyn Drever - Donald Drever, Regina SK	74.67

## KICKOFF KO TEAMS - BRACKET 1

12 Tables

25.01	1	Steve Willard - Alex Fowlie - Bob Crosby, Edmonton AB; Al Simon, Calgary AB
17.51	2	Dave Sabier - Duddow Cooney - Bill Kramer, Regina SK; Gene Froc, Lumsden SK
10.00	3/4	Paula Sisko - Jim Berglund - Jack Sisko - Abdul Fakh, Calgary AB
10.00	3/4	Naomi Paasch, Moorhead MN; Gard Hays, Veradale WA; Linda Webb, Fargo ND; Lorna Nordlinder, Minot ND

## KICKOFF KO TEAMS - BRACKET 2

16 Tables

10.64	1	Anita Masters, Great Falls MT; John Cookson - Patty Cookson – Linda Young, Butte MT
7.45	2	Gretta Hinton - Jean Ward - Doug Collister - Ken Scott, Calgary AB
4.26	3/4	Don Doan - Faith Lasher, Kalispell MT; Marian Strong, Columbia Falls MT; Marion Kibbe, Whitefish MT
4.26	3/4	Byron Lund - Warren Richards - Marilyn Swadron - Camille Collver, Calgary AB



