



*Sometimes the Least Visible are
the Most Important*

When running something as complex as a Regional, everybody thinks about the booking of the playing space, getting a good room rate for players, working on some kind of social activity, getting boards, bidding boxes, tables, hand records, and so much more. But how many give the critical role of the caddies a second thought? Often we hire the children of players, but with school in at this time of year, that is an impossibility.

So, Gwen, once again came to the rescue. Gwen first asked the 4Hers to lend a hand, but only one of the office staff (Ginny Smith) seemed to be available. Not to be denied, Gwen went over to the bridge players at our Lethbridge Senior Citizens Centre. The LSCO is a club serving over 6,000 seniors in the area with a full restaurant and club rooms all the way from Carpentry to Ham Radio and, of course, they play bridge at least once a week.

The ladies you see picking up results every round and, of course, moving boards for all the team games, are all ladies from the LSCO. No disrespect to the children often used in these roles, but these gals are darned good at their job almost totally without supervision. Wouldn't you know it but Gwen West, in addition to all her other duties, is also the Caddy Master.



Events

Friday, April 13	
Morning Stratified Swiss Teams	8:45 am
(continues Saturday 8:45)	
Morning Side Game – 4 of 5	8:45 am
Prime Time Bracketed KO Teams	1 pm
(cont. Fri. 7 pm, Sat. 1 & 7 pm)	
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
199er Pairs (single sessions)	1 & 7 pm
Weekend Side Game 2/3 of 5	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Swiss Teams (single session)	7 pm
Saturday, April 14	
Morning Side Game – 5 of 5	8:45 am
Compact Bracketed KO Teams	1 & 7 pm
Stratified Open Pairs	1 & 7 pm
199er Pairs (single sessions)	1 & 7 pm
Weekend Side Game 4/5 of 5	1 & 7 pm



Free Food!

Friday, April 13 after evening session
Sandwiches and veggie trays
Saturday, April 14 after evening session
Sandwiches and fruit trays
Sunday, April 15 between Swiss sessions
Sandwiches and fruit trays

How Rumours Get Started

On Wednesday evening my wife went to the playing site before the evening session. In a conversation with someone who shall remain unnamed, she understood that one of the rooms had been shut down because of poor lighting and temperature control problems. Having played down in Sections A and B on Monday and Tuesday, I am able to testify that we ran hot and cold all the time and the lighting, typical of a banquet room, is a little iffy.

I was prepared to write a story, but I felt it germaine to get the facts before I shot my mouth off. I called Gwen at home after the evening session and she assured me that no part of the room had been closed.

Moreover, she took the time to assure me that the hotel is taking great efforts to control the temperature and get maximum light onto the tables. She also marveled at how fastidious the staff has been in keeping the place clean and seeing to the water station with ice water and clean glasses. When staff try this hard, you have to give them a little slack. I encourage all players to speak kindly to the staff at the hotel.



Where to Go and What to See

Apr 13

Lethbridge Folk Club's Howling Wolf Open Stage. Runs at 9 PM, doors open around 7:30 PM. \$2 cover. At the Wolf's Den, upstairs 325 - 5 St. South - just a few steps from the Penny Coffeehouse. Refreshment and popcorn available.

Kayla Howran (Country / Country Rock / Roots), Shaela Miller and Danny Dyck at The Slice Bar & Grill. Runs 9:00 PM - \$5.

Live Horse Racing at the Rocky Mountain Turf Club - Grandstand. Runs 6-9 PM.

SAAG Happy Hour Presented by Lethbridge Volkswagen at the SAAG (601 Third Avenue South). Runs 5-7 PM. \$5. Features the New Weather Machine - brainchild of blistering guitarist Jon Martin, this energetic intensity, passion, and forward approach to live performance.

Apr 14

Culture Vulture Saturday - Portrait Pillows - at the University of Lethbridge Centre for the Arts Atrium. Runs 10 AM - 5 PM. Features refreshments - cookies, coffee and juice - and an opportunity to check out the latest exhibition in the main gallery. All ages welcome... and the activity is FREE.

Skate of the Art fundraiser at 619 4 Avenue South. Runs 7-10 PM. Wine and cheese plus a live auction fundraiser for a new skateboard park. Auction includes works of art created from skateboard decks.

Worm Composting at the Galt Museum & Archives (502 - 1st St. South). Runs 1-2 PM. Get ready for Earth Day by creating your own worm compost bin. All supplies, including worms, provided.

Snow Delay

We were in Calgary Thursday at a doctor's appointment. We left Lethbridge warm and partly cloudy in the morning. Imagine our surprise when we returned to our car in the afternoon amid bunches of white fluffy cold stuff. The snow delayed our return to Lethbridge and kept our milestone photographer (my wife, Carolla) from standing by with her trusty camera. Never fear, however. She will be available from 6 to 7 PM on Friday at the Hospitality Desk to take photos of people with milestones.

Remember, we are interested in more than bridge milestones. Have a 50th Anniversary, an 80th birthday, come from several thousand miles away... whatever makes this event special, report it to Carolla and she will take your picture and get the details to highlight in the Daily Bulletin. And for significant bridge milestones, the ACBL is interested and often publishes pictures from Regionals.



Million Dollar Rain

Today's rain was likely received by most of you as I was fond of receiving it when I lived in the city. Most people think that rain is rain and would like to see it come down in buckets for an hour or two and then go away.

As my brother, the farmer and rancher, has explained it to me, the "gully washers" tend to run to the creeks and rivers and have little time to soak into the ground. The long term gentle rain that drops 25 mm in 12 to 24 hours, on the other hand, has time to sink into the soil. It provides needed moisture for the millions of hectares of pasture land. It also provides a moisture reserve that will give the seeds in the wheat, barley and oats to be planted in a month or so a really good start. In fact, this rainfall, if sufficient, will get the crops through to the middle of the



growing season. Then one more good soaking rain will carry the crops through to harvest.

I used to make comment in the middle of this kind as “It’ll be a nice day if it doesn’t rain!”, but I now know that this is a multimillion dollar rainfall. It can be the



difference between a lost effort and revenues on the farm of \$200 or more for every acre. Of course, that money flows to the small towns and then to the larger centres. The barbers, the restaurants, the furniture stores and the car dealerships profit from this rainstorm. So, folks, put on your rain hat, get out your umbrella or, better yet, put your bare face out into the rain and smile at all the dollars hitting the ground.

Restaurants on 3rd Avenue and 13th Street North

As I mentioned yesterday, most of the restaurants in the area are centred in the downtown core and on Mayor Magrath Drive. However, there are some outstanding eateries along 3rd Avenue east of the downtown and north along 13th Street.

On 13th Street, you will find Earls on 2nd Avenue South and close by is one of the surviving Cheesecake Cafes. Just past the underpass you will find Song Thuan, a fine Vietnamese offering that makes some of the best oriental dishes available in town. North of there is the Spring Roll, another good Vietnamese offering.

East along 3rd Avenue from downtown, you come first to a popular takeout pizza place called Three Guys and a Pizza that makes a pretty darn good pie. Other 3rd Avenue offerings are:

- Moxies (a mid level dining room that is my Grandson’s favorite)
- Imperial China
- Cheesecake Cafe
- CoCo Pazzo Italian Café
- Georgio’s Contemporary Dining
- Backstreet Pub and Pizza
- Ric’s Grill (up in the converted watertower)

There is one more outlier that is worth a mention. East on the Crowsnest Trail out among all the car dealerships there is a restaurant in an Esso Service Station called the Guesthouse. Driving by, you would

assume it is standard traveler’s food, but you could not be more wrong. The owner is a Belgian trained chef. If you can get in on one of their daily buffets, you will be treated to a groaning board filled with breads, sweets and everything in between that is sure you make you late for the 7 PM sitting. It really is astounding.



Tournament Schedule

Friday April 13

8:45 am

Morning Stratified Swiss Teams - 1st session
(continues Saturday 8:45)

Morning Side Game Series - 4th of 5 sessions

1:00 pm

Prime Time Bracketed Knockout Teams
(continues Friday 7:00, Saturday 1:00 & 7:00)

Stratified Open Pairs - 1st session

199er Pairs - one session

Weekend Side Game Series - 2nd of 5 sessions

7:00 pm

Stratified Open Pairs - 2nd session

199er Pairs - one session

Weekend Side Game Series - 3rd of 5 sessions

Stratified Swiss Teams - one session

Saturday April 14

8:45 am

Morning Side Game Series - 5th of 5 sessions

1:00 pm

Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams - 1st session

Stratified Open Pairs - 1st session

199er Pairs - one session

Weekend Side Game Series - 4th of 5 sessions

7:00 pm

Compact Bracketed Knockout Teams - 2nd session

Stratified Open Pairs - 2nd session

199er Pairs - one session

Weekend Side Game Series - 5th of 5 sessions

Sunday April 15

10:00 am

Flight A Swiss Teams - 1st session

Stratified B/C Swiss Teams - 1st session

199er Swiss Teams - one session

TBA

Flight A Swiss Teams - 2nd session

Stratified B/C Swiss Teams - 2nd session

199er Swiss Teams - one session

Masterpoint Limits

Stratified Events

- A 1500+
- B 500-1500
- C 0-500

199er Events

- D 100-200
- E 50-100
- F 0-50

Sunday Flighted Swiss

- A 3000+ X 0-3000
- B 500-1500 C 0-500

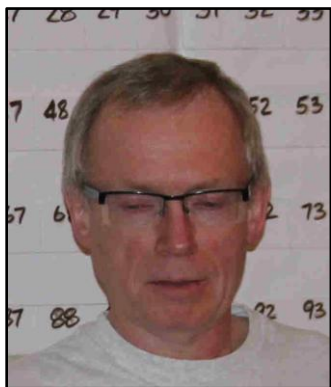
All Swiss events are scored on the 20 VP scale. Stratified Swiss events are stratified by the average of all team members.

Who's Who

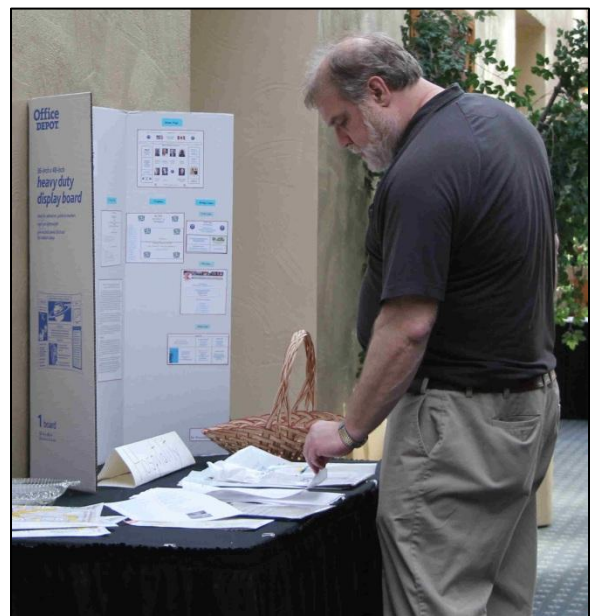
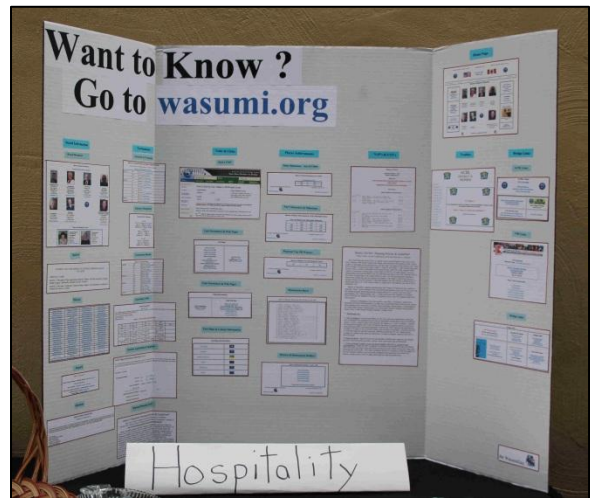
Tournament Chair: Gwen West



Director: Steve Bates



Partnerships: John Landeryou



Scores

Thursday Morning Side Pairs

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.28	1			Jack Triplett, Inkom ID; John Coone, Vernon BC	41.50
1.71	2			Georges Colin - June Ogilvie, Saskatoon SK	41.00
2.12	3	1		Bob Hope, Provost AB; Robert O'Brien, Penticton BC	39.00
1.59	4	2		Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK	38.00
1.19		3		Gail Charles - Rosemary Makelki, Regina SK	37.50

Thursday Afternoon Side Pairs

5.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.28	1	1	1	Cory Schultz, Hillcrest Mines AB; Michele Fraser, Lundbreck AB	61.00
1.71	2			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	59.00
1.59	3	2	2	Wendell Opheim - Frances Opheim, Lethbridge AB	58.50
1.40	4	3	3	Guy Padgett - Pam Padgett, Casper WY	54.50

Midweek Side Pairs Series Final Overall

23.25 Tables / Based on 11 Tables

6.06	½			Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	130.09%
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5.92	¾			Kalin Karaivanov, Varna	124.54%
5.92	¾			Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK	124.54%
5.01	5/6			Michele Fraser, Lundbreck AB	121.88%
5.01	5/6			Cory Schultz, Hillcrest Mines AB	121.88%

Thursday Open Swiss Teams

39 Tables

	A	B	C		
17.15	1			Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Koba Ter Neuzen, Victoria BC; Jean Ward - Jim Berglund, Calgary AB	114.00
12.86	2			G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dianne Sullivan, Solana Beach CA; Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Huub Bertens, Tilburg 50 Netherlands; Ken Kranyak, Bay	109.00
9.65	3			John Pulles - Jay Anderson - Dennis Nelson, Saskatoon SK; Claire Jones, Regina SK	108.00
7.24	4			Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria; Diyan Danailov, Sofia A799 Bulgaria; Earl Knipfel, Moose Jaw SK	107.00
5.72	5			Gerry McCully - Rhonda Foster, Victoria BC; Judith Gartaganis – Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	104.00
4.90	6			Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB; Dick Anderson, Regina SK; Bill Koski, King City ON; John Morgan, Navan ON	100.00
4.29	7			Ken Penton - Brad Boyle - Allan Simon - Gerry Marshall, Calgary AB	99.00
3.81	8			Abdul Fakhir - Steve Lawrence, Calgary AB; Ronald Szabo, Great Falls MT; Laurie Shapka, Red Deer AB	95.00
10.12	9	1		Hart Leppard, Fernie BC; Nuala Uhde, Kalispell MT; Jim Swab, Columbia Falls MT; William Pellett, Whitefish MT	94.00
2.99	10/11			Curley Anderson - Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Pat Dunn – Polly Dunn, Bellevue WA	92.00
7.59	10/11	2	1	Robert Iverson - Joyce Antoine, Meota SK; Sharon Maher, Cascade MT; Athena Mosxona, Valier MT	92.00
5.69		3	2	Jim Murphy - Barry Robey - Vivian Winestock – Patrick Murphy, Calgary AB	88.00
3.82		4/5		Doug Kinney - Patty Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Darcy Louttit –	

			John Groves - Mark Van Vliet, Regina SK	86.00
3.82	^{4/5}		Gerald Perry, Coaldale AB; Ralph Heim - James Moore – Wayne Winter, Lethbridge AB	86.00
2.89	6		Glenn Cossey - Cindy Cossey, Innisfail AB; Don McCarthy – Lisa McCarthy, West Kelowna BC	82.00
2.94	7	3	Lu Gunther - Ally Carlson - Ruby Misak - Hanna Odland, Lethbridge AB	81.00
2.25	8	4	Emelie Quennell - Melissa Martin - Heather Bowyer, Calgary AB; Judy McKeague, Bragg Creek AB	77.00
1.80	^{5/7}		Bonnie Turley, Vernon BC; Susan Kuipers, Kelowna BC; Bette Flannigan, Lethbridge AB; Wendy Egeland, Coaldale AB	76.00
1.51	^{5/7}		Robert O'Brien, Penticton BC; Loretta Schwartzenberge, Lethbridge AB; Arnold Rohrer, Conrad MT; Marilyn Pimperton, Belt MT	76.00
1.80	^{5/7}		Sandy Robinson - Dana Pyke-Dedeluk - Tim Stevenson – Bob Alkin, Calgary AB	76.00

Thursday Evening Side Pairs

6.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
2.43	1	1		Ron Toles, Swift Current SK; Helen Dillen, Calgary AB	68.00
1.82	2			Howard Cheng - Ken Lyle, Lethbridge AB	55.50
1.71	3	2		Shirley McGuire, Saskatoon SK; Sheila Ross, Calgary AB	54.00
2.12	4	3	1	Clark Greene - Myrna Greene, Lethbridge AB	53.50
1.59		4	2	Kathie Gellatly - Don Gellatly, Lethbridge AB	52.50
1.19			3	Mary Abel, Calgary AB; Michele Fraser, Lundbreck AB	52.00

Morning KO Teams – Bracket 1

9 Tables

G S Jade Barrett - Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dianne Sullivan, Solana Beach CA;
Jeff Roman, Alexandria VA; Ken Kranyak, Bay Village OH; Huub Bertens,
Tilburg Netherlands

vs

Ken Gee, Regina SK; Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria;
Diyen Danailov, Sofia Bulgaria; Earl Knipfel, Moose Jaw SK

Bill Koski, King City ON; Dick Anderson, Regina SK; Barry Pritchard, Edmonton AB;
John Morgan, Navan ON; Steve Lawrence - Allan Simon, Calgary AB

vs

Curley Anderson - Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Polly Dunn - Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA

Morning KO Teams – Bracket 2

11 Tables

Bill Ranard - Billie Ranard, Bozeman MT; Gary Stephens, Whitefish MT; Chuck Smith,
Arlee MT

vs

Patty Kinney - Doug Kinney, Drinkwater SK; Mark Van Vliet – John Groves - Darcy Louttit,
Regina SK

Leslie Mortin - Joan Quinlan - Marilyn Drever - Don Drever, Regina SK

vs

Arnold Rohrer, Conrad MT; Jeanne Peterson - Genie Goodman, Great Falls MT;
Marilyn Pimperton, Belt MT
