



First Free Lunch on Friday

Just in case you want your ride to come to the hotel for you on Friday, tell them to come a little later or you will miss the first of the sandwich spreads right after the evening session. Sandwiches and veggie plates are the fare of the evening, so don't miss it. It has been my experience that bridge players live for free food and this is your first opportunity to chow down for free. See you there.

A Cornucopia of Eateries

Not that I am trying to shift you away from the many dining opportunities in the downtown core, but I really want you to know a little about some of the other food outlets.

While there are clearly a few outliers, one of the richest areas for food of all types and prices can be found on a thoroughfare called Mayor Magrath Drive. You start at about 3rd Avenue South and 20th Street and head in a southeastern direction all the way through the city and eventually get to the local airport and points south.

We start at the old but recently refurbished El Rancho Motel, now called the Coast where you will find quite a nice beanery called the Firestone. Then just on the corner of 6th Avenue you will find Pizza 73 that makes a really nice deep dish style pizza.

Then you need to get down just south of 10 Avenue when the real flurry starts:

- El Comal (Mexican)
- Treats Eatery (Western)
- Thuan Hoa (Vietnamese)
- Pizza Hut
- Luigis (Italian)
- Namu Korean & Western Grill
- Fat Burger (you figure it out)
- Wing King (very popular with the younger crowd)
- Dono Sushi

- The Keg (standard steak and seafood)
- Blarney Stone (Irish)
- Extreme Pita (very good)
- Montana's (mostly steak and chicken)
- Boston Pizza
- I-Hop (mostly for breakfast)
- Mandarin (Chinese)
- Mr. Mikes (in the Holiday Inn... mostly steaks and the like)
- Rick's Bar and Grill (large menu all day)
- Good Earth Café (for you tree huggers)
- Mezza Luna Pizza
- Humpty's (the Canadian equivalent of I-Hop)
- Tony Roma's (steak and ribs mostly)
- 5 Guys Burgers and Fries (a large chain - quite famous)
- Edo (a free standing fast food Japanese outlet... really tasty)
- Swiss Chalet (chicken and ribs)

Of course, this is not an exhaustive list. Tomorrow I will try to highlight the restaurants East on 3rd Avenue and North on 13th Street.

Events

Thursday, April 12	
Morning Side Game – 3 of 5	8:45 am
Stratified Open Swiss	1 & 7 pm
199er Swiss Teams (single session)	1 & 7 pm
Midweek Side Game Pairs 5	1 pm
Weekend Side Game 1 of 5	7 pm
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



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

Where to Go and What to See

Apr 12

LOOT a tribute to Tool (Rock/Prog rock/art rock) at The Slice Bar & Grill. Runs 9:00 PM – \$10.

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 Culture 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 S). Runs 1-2 PM. Get ready for Earth Day by creating your own worm compost bin. All supplies, including worms, provided.

Yes, We Have No Bananas

While I spent the day in meetings and recuperating, my good wife Carolla came down to the playing site to take pictures and get the details of the many milestones reached through Wednesday afternoon... and nobody appeared with a story to tell.

I guess it is possible we had no life masters, no bronze, no silver, no gold, etc., etc. I guess there were no 50th anniversaries or 80th birthdays either. It appears to be one of those days in little old Lethbridge where NOTHING happened (or else people want to hide their light under a bushel). Carolla and I have a day visiting the doctor in Calgary today (Thursday) and we hope to be back ready to take pictures again between 6 and 7. But if we don't get to the playing site in time, we will, for sure be there again on Friday. Have a great day (from both Masterpoints and general enjoyment point of view) today and we will see you again on Friday.

Eating at the Lodge

This is strawberry month at botaniCa – the Lodge's casual restaurant. Check them out for lunch, dinner and, of course, breakfast.



Breakfast options include eggs benedict, waffles, bacon and eggs, French toast, and pancakes. botaniCa also runs a buffet Friday and Saturday nights between 5 and 9 pm. And they have a Starbucks bar at the entrance to the restaurant.

A True Chinook Story

This would be Christmas, 1965, and I had invited a Sri-Lankan graduate student home for Christmas. It seemed to be the right thing to do since the University can get VERY empty and very boring over the Christmas break.

In the run-up to Christmas I delighted anyone who would listen with tall tales of the Chinook, and Rajendram was beginning to believe this magical phenomena. We came to Lethbridge from Edmonton through the winter afternoon but by the time we got to Calgary it was fully dark so Raj did not see the full impact of the weather.

Getting to the station, we went across the platform, got our bags and stepped out onto the street. Even I was shocked. Never had I seen so much snow in my beloved Lethbridge. Never had I seen ruts so deep in the ice and snow covered streets. Lethbridge in that day and age pretty much depended on the Chinook to take the snow away and according to my father who waited for us in his car at the curb, they had not had a Chinook for something like 10 weeks.

I could feel Raj's gaze burning holes in my back... "What kind of frozen hell have you brought me to?" I could hear him thinking. Well, we were too far down the road to turn things around now so we soldiered on and got into the car for the short ride to our ancestral home. Upon arrival, my mother, my sister, my brother, the dog and even the cat seemed to make Raj welcome. The roaring fire in the fireplace helped, too. Raj began to relax and seemed resigned to surviving the experience.

That night we all went to bed and when I arose the next morning I did what all Lethbridge denizens do in the winter - I walked to the front of the house where I could see the mountains to the west and, sure enough, I saw it. A bank of clouds forms over the mountains and as it goes north and south from the centre of your view it forms the optical illusion of an arch... ergo the Chinook Arch. It has been said that the sharper the demarcation between the

cloud bank and the clear sky below it, the harder the Chinook is going to blow.

I walked back into the house and Raj was eating breakfast. I sat down with him and I said, "Raj, all this snow has been placed here so Mother Nature can show you the true impact of her power. The wind is going to start blowing about 3 pm this afternoon and tonight you are going to think the house is going to blow off its foundation... but it won't. By tomorrow morning it will be well above freezing and you will be able to sit in the front window and watch the snow disappear across the lawn. By 5 pm tomorrow night, all the snow will be gone!" "Yeah, right!" was his only retort.

Well, the wind began to blow just about right on 3 pm and that night the windows shook in their sashes all night. When I got up in the morning I walked into the living room and Raj was sitting on my mother's footstool in the front window with his jaw hanging slack as the snow disappeared.

There are many other parts to this story, but suffice to say that when we returned to Edmonton, Raj was heard to tell rapt onlookers, "You know those stories that Bob Christie tells about the Chinook? I have seen it and it is all true" ☺



Tournament Schedule

Thursday April 12

8:45 am

Morning Side Game Series - 3rd of 5 sessions

1:00 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Teams - 1st session

199er Swiss Teams - one session

Midweek Side Game Series - 5th of 5 sessions

7:00 pm

Stratified Open Swiss Teams - 2nd session

199er Swiss Teams - one session

Weekend Side Game Series - 1st of 5 sessions

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

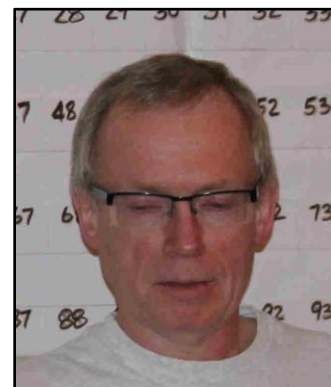
All Swiss events are scored on the 20 VP scale. Stratified Swiss events are stratified by the average of all team members.

Who's Who

Tournament Chair: Gwen West



Director: Steve Bates



Partnerships: John Landeryou



John at the Partnerships Desk



Scores

Wednesday Morning Side Pairs

3.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
1.97	1			Jack Triplett, Inkom ID; John Coone, Vernon BC	31.00
1.97	2	1		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	29.50
1.48		2		Rick Smith - Carol Smith, Saskatoon SK	28.00

Wednesday Afternoon Side Pairs

10.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.03	1			Jack Sisko - Paula Sisko, Calgary AB	145.50
2.73	2	1	1	Cory Schultz, Hillcrest Mines AB; Michele Fraser, Lundbreck AB	131.50
1.87	3			Karen Lee Barrett, Elk Point SD; Dianne Sullivan, Solana Beach CA	128.50
1.31	4			Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Diyan Danailov, Sofia Bulgaria	126.50
1.80	^{5/6}	^{2/3}		Janet Sheen - Lynne Helmer, Lethbridge AB	117.00
1.80	^{5/6}	^{2/3}		Patty Kinney, Drinkwater SK; John Groves, Regina SK	117.00
1.18		4		Betty Lou Heeg, Regina SK; Erna Hatlelid, Yorkton SK	115.00
1.59		5	2	Leslie Mortin - Joan Quinlan, Regina SK	112.50
1.19			3	Hanna Odland - Lu Gunther, Lethbridge AB	112.00

Wednesday Open Pairs

20.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
10.50	1			Brad Boyle - Allan Simon, Calgary AB	580.00
7.88	2			Andy Anderson, Saskatoon SK; Pat Dunn, Bellevue WA	573.50
5.91	3			Judith Gartaganis - Nicholas Gartaganis, Calgary AB	569.50
5.25	4			Steve Lawrence - Abdul Fakhir, Calgary AB	563.00
3.50	5			Jay Anderson - John Pulles, Saskatoon SK	555.50
5.62	6	1		Bob Hope, Provost AB; Chuck Smith, Arlee MT	533.50
4.22		2	1	Caryl Miller - Linda Petersen, Whitefish MT	498.00
3.16		3	2	Melissa Martin - Emelie Quennell, Calgary AB	468.50
2.37		4		Shirley McGuire, Saskatoon SK; Sheila Ross, Calgary AB	468.00
1.87		5		Don Doan, Kalispell MT; Gary Stephens, Whitefish MT	465.50
2.05		6	3	Paul Demare - Doreen Demare, Winnipeg MB	452.00
1.54			4	Judy McKeague, Bragg Creek AB; Heather Bowyer, Calgary AB	432.00

Wednesday Evening Side Pairs

11.0 Tables

	A	B	C		
3.19	1			Hannah Moon, Prince Albert SK; Kalin Karaivanov, Varna Bulgaria	138.50
2.39	2			Evelyn Sisonenko - Colleen Luco, Red Deer AB	137.50
2.88	3	1		Patty Kinney, Drinkwater SK; John Groves, Regina SK	133.50
2.16	4	2		Jeff Robertson, Lethbridge AB; Al Kemp, Idaho Falls ID	131.00
1.01	5			John Coone, Vernon BC; Jack Triplett, Inkom ID	126.50
1.62	6	3		Bob Wright - Olga Wright, Calgary AB	121.50
2.27		4	1	Fraser Anderson - Eileen Anderson, Grand Forks BC	118.50
1.70		5	2	Leslie Mortin - Joan Quinlan, Regina SK	113.50
1.28			3	Guy Padgett - Pam Padgett, Casper WY	106.50
0.96			4	Wendy Egeland, Coaldale AB; Bette Flannigan, Lethbridge AB	104.50

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

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

vs

Bernie Lambert, Acme AB; Koba Ter Neuzen, Victoria BC; Jean Ward - Abdul Fakhir -
Jim Berglund, Calgary AB

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

vs

Lisa McCarthy - Don McCarthy, West Kelowna BC; Glenn Cossey – Cindy Cossey,
Innisfail AB

vs

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

Morning KO Teams – Bracket 2

11 Tables

Fraser Anderson - Eileen Anderson, Grand Forks BC; Evelyn Gray - Karen Macdonald,
Cranbrook BC

vs

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

vs

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

Cory Schultz, Hillcrest Mines AB; Michele Fraser, Lundbreck AB; Ron Russell, Raymond AB;
Mary Abel, Calgary AB

vs

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

vs

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

Our names should
be in here
somewhere...

