

President's Report April 2012



I wish to start by announcing the Marie Jolley has decided to retire. After 34 years of serving our District she has decided to turn the reins over to Marilyn Swadron of Calgary. Welcome Marilyn and fond farewell to you Marie. Marie has been responsible for running our NAP and GNT events for all those years but has called it time for a rest. At our Lethbridge Regional she announced her retirement but she proved she has not retired from the game. In Lethbridge she showed her skills yet again with a 2nd place finish in one of the pair events. What a lady! Tough shoes to fill Marilyn!

On the subject of GNT's and NAP'S, Congratulations to Jay Anderson and Brent Moulding of Saskatoon who were the "B" NAP representatives for our District. They got off to a slow start in Nashville but came on strong to finish 2nd in the event.

The GNT's will again be held on-line this year in various venues in our District. If you are not participating go to BBO online to kibitz your favorite team as they vie for representing our district in 2012. Go to the WASUMI site for game times.

Thanks go to Gwen West who ran an excellent tournament in Lethbridge and our District is once again indebted to her and her staff of volunteers. Our executive had meetings at this tournament; highlights of the meeting as follows:

Our terms on the executive were all renewed as the positions were all won by acclamation.

We have raised entry fees this year and are hopeful that we will not suffer a loss this year. Venue costs have risen substantially and we may need to move to venues other than hotels in some cities in future.

Boise and Caldwell/Nampa units of Idaho have left our District to a geographically closer District 20.

We are going to give handicapping of team events a try for a few tournaments and look forward to comments from our members to get a feel if this is the best manner of leveling the field somewhat.

In 2011 a number of our District 18 members were placing in the top 25 of the Mini-McKenney categories:

20-50 Points.. Michael Harvey of Edmonton.. 136 MP's

1000 – 2500.. Linda Harrison of Calgary .. 632 MP

5000 – 7500 Hannah Moon of Prince Albert.. 838 MP's

10,000 + Kenny Gee of Regina.. 1309 MP's
Thomas Walsh of Saskatoon placing in the youth with 243 MP's
And 8 of our District members placing in the in the top 25 of the Richmond race with
Barry Harper, Hannah Moon and Linda Harrison leading in our District
There were also 3 members placing in the Ace of Clubs:
Michael Black of Edmonton and Philip Blackburn of Rocky Mountain House, Ab in the
5-20 category and June Feuerstein of Salt Lake City in the 100-200 category
Congratulations to all of you.

Since my last message Alberta has lost 3 Diamond Life Masters, all personal friends of
mine and stalwarts of our Bridge community. Faith Prichard and Bob Crosby of
Edmonton and Doug Deschner of Red Deer. They all put much more into the game than
skill. Our District will feel their loss.

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