

Parkdale Nifty Fifties Seniors Association

Duplicate Bridge



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OUR VISION

To provide a place where seniors 50+ can come together by participating in social, physical and intellectual pursuits in a caring, sharing and friendly environment.

OUR MISSION

To provide community-based programming for seniors aged 50+ to enhance their physical, social and emotional well-being.

OUR VALUES

The Parkdale Nifty Fifties Seniors Association believes that providing a supportive environment for seniors from the greater Calgary area must encompass:

- Recognizing that seniors strengthen our community and that they benefit personally by their involvement,
- Providing the opportunity for seniors to contribute and expand their talent and knowledge
- Providing the opportunity for seniors to have access to a full spectrum of services, including social, emotional, educational and recreational, that match their unique needs and social interests,
- Treating seniors with respect and dignity regardless of race and culture, of ability, or of economic circumstance.

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- Welcome to our non-sanctioned club. Non-sanctioned means that we are not an official arm of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) and we do not award points. The ACBL does, however, allow us to post our results and times of play on their website at www.acblunit390.org
- Please note that you must arrange to have a partner. You will find a list of people posted on our bulletin board who may also be looking for partners.
- If you would like to contact us, you will find Peggy or Michael at the office at 403-283-0620, or Bob or Patti Howell at 403-282-3335
- The regular bridge sessions are from September to June. We continue over the summer as long as there are 5 or more tables in attendance. Please join us

Times

Our games are currently scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 12:30 – 3:00 Thursday 7:00 – 9:30

Cost

- A charge of \$4 per game is levied for your first two games with us. The fee continues at that rate for each subsequent game if you decide to become a member. Membership fees are \$25.00/year January to Dec. or \$15 from July to Dec.
- If you would like to continue to play bridge but would prefer not to take out a membership with PDNF, the cost per game (after the first two) is \$6 per game.

Scoring

- The scores are usually available about an hour after completion of the game and are posted on the ACBL website. If the ACBL site is down, or the scorekeepers are not present, scores may not be immediately available. Keep checking back. A hard copy of the results is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.
- The scores also appear on the Parkdale Nifty Fifties site www.PDNF.org on the next business day following play. Click on “Activities” and then “Bridge.” The website will also acquaint you with other activities available in the club if you are so interested.

Cumulative scores are kept on a seasonal basis, from September to June.

There is a wind-up event in June. If you have been in attendance at least 50% of the time, your name will be entered into a draw for free tickets to play bridge

Please remember that NO SCENTS MAKES SENSE

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Volunteer Acting Directors

Bill & Kay Toyota (403-226-9824)

Bob & Patti Howell (403-282-3335)

Volunteer Acting Director Spares

Francine Crawford & Audrey Thorner

Peter Leesment & Bruce Kimura

Dora & Bill Corbett

Anne Toms, Ann Sigurdson, & Louise Dolbec

Input Scoring - Alan & Marion Hinch, Bob & Patti Howell

Well Being – Dora Corbett

Please advise Dora (or one of the directors if Dora is not available) when a player is ill or has an occasion that you think should be recognized (90th birthday etc.)

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Duplicate Bridge – Etiquette Rules

In an effort to preserve the standard of play among our bridge players, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the following.

- All participants are encouraged to be present and prepared to participate at least 10 minutes prior to the specified start time.
- Always greet your opponents when they come to your table. Good manners and politeness contribute greatly to the enjoyment of the game.
- Do your personal paper work (that is filling in your personal score sheet) after you have made the opening lead.
- Should an opponent make an incorrect play of any kind, it may be drawn to their attention in a conversational tone. Should this identification be refuted, call the director for clarification.
- Maintain a courteous attitude at all times. Carefully avoid any remark or action that might cause annoyance or embarrassment to another player.
- Convey messages to your partner by what you bid, not how you bid it.
- Expressions of satisfaction or displeasure as well as inflections of the voice should be avoided.
- Please socialize after the hand in a quiet fashion. Our bridge room can get noisy.
- Cell phones are not permitted unless on vibrate.

We hope this is helpful. If you have suggestions for improvement, please let one of the Directors know.

Players Notes

- Cell phones must be turned off or set to vibrate. As a courtesy to others, please do *not* have telephone conversations in the bridge room.
 - Please sign the attendance book as you arrive (at least 10 minutes before play begins).
 - When you arrive at your table, record your full name, legibly, on the table position sheets
 - Put your money on the table for collection.
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- The Director will advise when play is to commence. The time allowed to play a hand is approximately 6-7 minutes as follows:
 - 2 boards—15 minutes, 3 boards—20 minutes, 4 boards—25 minutes
 - The Director will ring a warning bell 5 minutes before the time is up. At that point, if you have not yet started to bid the last hand, please do not start except if you feel you can complete the hand in the time remaining. If you feel you do not have time to complete the hand in the allotted time, mark the board with a “Do No Shuffle” and you may then play it at the end of the session. If you do not wish to play it later, please mark the score sheet with “Not Played” on the appropriate line.
 - The director will ring a second bell when it is appropriate to move tables. Do not change tables until the director indicates it to be time
 - The North player will be responsible for ensuring that the correct boards are at the table, and that they are in the correct position.
 - The North player will keep the score and will fully record the information on the appropriate line on the traveller.
 - North will show the scoring to east/west at the completion of each hand. East/West will:
 - Verify that the pair number and the line on which it is written are correct
 - Verify that the score is accurate as calculated.
 - Please be courteous at all times. If you complete playing the boards and the bell to move has not been rung, please be quiet so others may concentrate on the playing of their hand

Play of the hand

1. Before opening your hand, count your cards face down to ensure you have 13. After the hand has been played, ensure that 13 cards are placed back in the board.

2. On the **first round only**, if all players pass, the cards may be reshuffled and redealt. *(Note that this is **ONLY** when the hand has **not** been played at any other table).* If you do not reshuffle and play the cards, please mark the score sheet as “passed out” on the appropriate line of the traveller.
3. **Bidding:** If the bidding level is insufficient, e.g., 1 spade, then 1 diamond by the opposition, the diamond bidder can correct to 2 diamonds. If the bidder does not wish to correct to 2 diamonds, then that bidder must pass and can no longer participate in the bidding for the remainder of that hand.
4. **Reneging:** Try to settle disputes at your table. If a reneging error is caught immediately and has not affected play, then if all the players are in agreement, the error can be corrected without penalty by the correct card being played. If the renege is not caught until later, and would have affected the play/outcome, then a 2 trick penalty is in force. When in doubt, call the director.

Player Conduct

1. Avoid all types of facial or body expressions, special emphasis/inflections of the voice when bidding. Convey messages to your partner by what you bid, not how you bid.
2. Fumbling, hesitating, psych bidding etc., that is, anything that may mislead your opponents, should be eliminated from your play.
3. After a hand has been completed, please discuss it in private. This avoids alerting the next group to the play of the hand.
4. If you maintain a personal score sheet, please fill it in after you have made your opening lead so that the dummy may lay down her/his hand. Keep it hidden as much as possible
5. Even if you know what card you are playing next, please do not pull it from your hand until it is your turn to play.
6. When you are the dummy, do not lay down your hand until the opening lead has been made. Also, do not pull a card to be played until the Declarer has called for a specific card.
7. Should an opponent make an incorrect play, it may be drawn to their attention in a courteous tone. Should they refute this identification, call the director for clarification or resolution and always in a respectful manner.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many small jobs to help with and the directors appreciate any support given. If you want to help out *only* now and then, that is more than acceptable. If you feel you can give a bit more, please let one of the directors know what interests you. *Training is provided whenever needed.*

At the beginning and/or the end of each session the following needs attention.

1. Set up the coffee urns, cups, cream and sugar, as well as water glasses and 2 pitchers of water. (Note that if there are no volunteers for clean up, coffee will no longer be provided)
2. Put out name sheets, scoring sheets and table numbers on each table. Sharpen the pencils and put out 2 on each table.
3. Collect \$4 from each member or new player. (Volunteers please note that new members must pay \$4.00 from the first time they play, but they may play twice before deciding whether or not to become members of Parkdale Nifty Fifties. After attending twice, players will make their choice and will advise the bridge director or the main office of their decision. Also please note that players have the right to chose *not* to become members, but they are then required to pay \$6 per game after attending twice.)
4. Count and balance the cash collected. Put the money in a brown envelope, record the date, the number of players and the amount collected. Give the envelope to the director.
5. Count the names in the attendance book. If the number does not agree with the number of people present, please announce the number of people that are still required to sign or advise the director. Write the total number of players present on the side of the attendance sheet and circle it.
6. Change the decks of cards when they wear out or are dirty.
7. At the end of the session:
 - a. Tables and chairs must be put away.
 - b. The table number cards must be gathered and sorted.
 - c. Arrange the boards in N/S and number order.
 - d. Place a new traveller in each board for the next play date
 - e. Prepare new numbered travellers when required.
 - f. Clean up the coffee area and do the dishes. Instructions are available.
 - g. Put the bidding boxes away.
 - h. Do the computer input and post the results.
8. Record time spent volunteering in the book outside the Administration Office. These hours are used as a basis for credit by FCSS and are critical for our funding.