

Summary Report from the 2024 AGM February 9, 2024

Hi Everyone

Thanks to a remarkable leadership team, the Club is in good shape. The spirit is good, the atmosphere is good, and after a challenging three years of COVID, we are fully back. We are grateful to Shari, Mark, Arthur, Dan, Wayne, Eleanor, Nancy, Adrian, Max, Doug, and Wayne P, for being consistently collaborative, enthusiastic, professional, and sensible. A couple of things arising from the recent AGM.

1. Game fees increase effective March 1, 2024

Regular games fees have been at pre-COVID levels for the past several years. It is no secret that prices everywhere are increasing. Effective March 1, our regular game fees will increase to \$8. Note that STACS and special game fees will not change.

2. Bundles of playing coupons: Effective March 1, you can purchase 8 plays for \$60 (\$7.50 per game). People are carrying less cash these days and we believe a coupon system will make it easier.

3. Thursday Night Game: There will be a new evening game starting Thursday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm.

4. Marketing and Communications: There have been ongoing efforts to keep the website fresh, keep the membership informed, promote special events, and advertise the club in local social media (FB and What's Up Arnprior). The response has been positive. Thanks to Shari Phillips.

5. Special Events, we held a record number of special events this past year and we have a great 2024 schedule of STACS, Swiss Team games, BBQ's, and Potlucks. Watch the website for updates.

6. Facilities: The Board recognizes that maintaining our facility is an ongoing financial commitment but we like having flexibility for classes, supervised play, and special events. We have signed a 2-year lease.

7. Empty Chairs: We have lost some members this year and we pause to remember Eleanor Sandburg, Joyce Saunders, Carl Hedrickson, Jeri Lunney, and Pam Deacon. They are missed.

New Board 2024

We acknowledge with thanks two retiring members Dan Baran, and Wayne Daze. For more than a decade, they have devoted untold hours to the health and welfare of our bridge club and we are grateful.

The 2024 Board is:

Chair	Phillippa Baran
Vice Chair & Marketing/Communications	Shari Phillips
Treasurer/Teaching Coordinator	Arthur Ham
Club Manager	Mark Lacroix
Special Events Coordinator	Shari Phillips
Member-at-Large	Adrian Mancini
Member-at-Large	Maxine Etkin
Member-at-Large	Nancy Cavanagh
Member-at-Large	Wayne Perrin
Member-at-Large	Doug Younger-Lewis
Member-at-Large	Eleanor Hotchkiss

Best to all,
Phillippa