EDBA OPEN-Team/Family Challenge *Date: May 31/Jun 1 Location: W.P. Wagner High School*

In place of the year-end banquet and the usual EDBA master's tournament, this year EDBA will host a **year-end EDBA OPEN-Team/Family Challenge** tournament combined with a **year-end barbecue**.

For the **EDBA OPEN-Team/Family Challenge** tournament, all clubs are invited to submit a team comprised of four doubles pairs: one for each of four categories (combined age of both players) : 55 years or older (55+), 70 years or older (70+), 85 years and older (85+) and 100 years and older (100+). To promote elder and family teams- husbands teaming with wives, or parents teaming with children/grandchildren- there will be a handicap system in place for doubles pairings of direct family members, for female players, and for older players on each doubles team. Each person can only play in one age grouping. Players from different clubs can play together (or even if they don't belong to any club).

EDBA OPEN-Team/Family Challenge- Handicap System

- A direct family relationship within both of the doubles team +5 points
  (Direct family = spouse, children, sister, brother, grandparents, grandchildren)
- One or more females on any doubles team + 5 points
- Any person's age is > 80% of the age category in that doubles team +5 points
  ie. >44 years old for 55+ age group, >56 for 70+, >68 for 85+, and >80 for 100+

Clubs will pair off against each other one-on-one and each doubles teams will play the other club's team in the same age category, playing two games to 21 (no extension past 21 points, ie. 21-20 wins).

Example: a grandfather of 83 and granddaughter of 17 compete as a team for IBC in the 100+ category. They play against Edmonton Chinese Club's 100+ team, losing their first game 20-21 and losing their next game 10-21. The total points they will contribute to IBC's team total will be:

30 points (=20+10 match points from the two games)
+5 points (for being a direct family pairing- grandfather and granddaughter)
+5 points (for there being a female on the team-the granddaughter)
+5 points (for the grandfather being older than 80 years old (80% of 100 years old)
=45 points

This total is greater than the 42 points the Edmonton Chinese Club's team collected for winning the two games, in other words, because of the handicapping system the IBC team wins this 100+ match!

After the two clubs' opposing doubles teams have played each other, **the club with the greater team total number of points from all four doubles matches wins**, and moves on to the next round in the A event. The club team that loses moves on to the B event, also a single elimination event to the B finals.

Cost for the event will be $120 per team. **Included in the fee will be t-shirts for all team members**.

On **Saturday** afternoon **May 31**, at the completion of play, **EDBA** will host a **year-end barbecue**, **free for all players, EDBA members and guests**. Tournament prizes and door prizes will be awarded as well.