

Dear Bridge Club Members,

This fall's tournament, September 25-27, is about more than a few days of bridge. I see it as an important step toward something much bigger for our club.

My vision is to rebuild and grow our bridge community to the point where we can once again host a **Regional tournament**—an event that would bring players from across the region to Fargo and reestablish our club as a strong and welcoming bridge destination.

But we can't get there without you.

The strength of a bridge club isn't measured only by how many names are on a membership list. It's measured by how many people **show up**. When our own members turn out in force for our tournaments, we send a message: *We are here. We are growing. We are committed to rebuilding bridge in Fargo.*

And I believe we have something else going for us: **we know how to turn on the hospitality**. We can make visiting players feel welcome, introduce them to our new home, provide a great bridge experience, and give them a reason to come back.

That reputation starts with this fall tournament.

So I'm asking each of you to make a special effort to participate. Play an extra session. Invite a partner who hasn't attended recently. Encourage someone from your bridge group to give tournament bridge a try. Welcome the players who travel to join us.

Imagine a tournament room filled with tables again—and eventually a Regional tournament right here in Fargo.

That is an ambitious goal, but I believe it is within our reach. **It begins with our own members filling the tables this fall.**

I hope you'll be part of it.

See you at the tables!

Mark Sinner, Development Committee