

Edna Lougheed Memorial Trophy

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Calgary Sectionals and Regionals - synonymous with success! Prejudiced? Yes! But not foolishly so, for we have a strong backup for this firm rather modest opinion. That backup? The many fine, thoughtful, considerate players who belong to our unit and who bring to our tournaments the human warmth of sincere friendliness. This type of competitor was exemplified to the nth degree by the late Mrs. Edna Lougheed - a dignified, gracious little lady. Our unit is extremely proud that in her memory we have a Master's trophy presented to us by the Lougheed family.

Edna's life was a busy one. The Lougheed's, an outstanding pioneer family of this Province have expansive social business and political activities (Edna's son, The Honorable Peter Lougheed, is presently the Premier of Alberta) but, despite her necessarily hectic life, she gave as much time as possible to the game she loved. However it was not until her family were well "on their own" that Edna became a devotee of duplicate. Then, to the surprise of none of us, she became Life Master bent. Determined to do it her way with the able assistance of two of her favourite partners, Mrs. Maude Goodall and Mr. Mort Van Ostrand, she quickly became one of our local competitors and it was not long before she achieved her goal. It is with some wry amusement that this writer often reflects on a moment when, with only a few red points to go, I suggested she could quickly "go over" with a session or two with a professional. Her explosive retort is

now a priceless memory.

It was a real tribute to our petite, spunky colleague, that shortly after her death in 1972, many unit members made overtures to the effect that we should have some way of perpetuating her memory in our Calgary bridge world. On our behalf, Mort Van Ostrand conveyed this feeling to the Lougheed family and as a result the Edna Lougheed memorial cup came into existence. At any Sectional tournament in Calgary, this cup is awarded to the winners of the Masters Pairs and up to now the following names have been inscribed: Lee Barton - Barry Pritchard (Edmonton); Jack Murphy - Veryl Norquay (Calgary); Mike Chomyn - Veryl Norquay (Edm-Calg); C. Liegerot - N. Sutherland (Calg.-Edm).

Our Calgary tournaments are enriched by the extra competition generated by this very handsome trophy and to those of us who hope to win it in the future, may we do so in the true Edna Lougheed manner - with skill, competence, and dignity.

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