

Calgary bridge centre survey

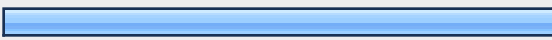
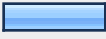
1. I am aware that the unit board has been spearheading an effort to buy or build a centrally located members-owned and operated bridge centre in Calgary.

		Response Percent	Response Count
yes		95.3%	266
no		4.7%	13
		answered question	279
		skipped question	2

2. The unit board believes that such a centre would offer the following benefits: a. It would provide a facility that will help grow the game by allowing more frequent and larger games, as well as Sectional tournaments. b. It would provide a place for meetings and bridge lessons to improve playing skills. c. It would offer a welcoming, clubhouse atmosphere, where people can meet to talk, read, watch TV, eat, etc. – a home away from home for bridge players – to enhance the enjoyment of the game. d. It would reduce the inflationary costs of a leased facility by owning it outright. No current clubs would be forced to run their games at the centre. However they would be offered the first right of refusal to do so. On the other hand, the people who own the two largest bridge clubs in Calgary have some major objections to this plan: a. They are not interested in moving their games to such a facility b. They think the unit board should not compete with their own clubs. c. They feel the clubs have done a good job in recruiting, teaching and retaining members and they want to retain the status quo. In view of these conflicting ideas, I feel:

		Response Percent	Response Count
The unit board of directors should continue its efforts to work toward the establishment of a Calgary Bridge Centre. (If you voted for this option, please continue to question 3)		44.4%	123
The unit board of directors should abandon its efforts to establish such a centre.		30.0%	83
That I need more information / I am undecided		25.6%	71
		answered question	277
		skipped question	4

3. If and when the Centre is fully planned and financed, it should be then managed by a separate committee of ACBL members, who would then act as landlord, renting the facility out to clubs and individuals wishing to run games

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		84.8%	168
No		15.2%	30
		<i>answered question</i>	198
		<i>skipped question</i>	83

4. Please add any comments that you want the board and clubs to consider.

		Response Count
		127
		<i>answered question</i>
		<i>skipped question</i>
		154