

Regina Bridge Club

February 2026 Newsletter

Rank Changes in December

Club Master

Edie Slugoski – December 2025

Sectional Master

Susan Hugli – December 2025

Jordan MacLeod – December 2025

NABC Master

Juliet Ashman – December 2025

Bronze Life Master

Larry Hall – December 2025

On our website under Membership is a link to Masterpoint Milestones as of December 2025. Please have a look and let Don know if there are any errors or omissions.

January Stats

	Joan Schneider Player of Month	Jill Wellman Highest % Open Game	%	Jill Wellman Highest % Restricted Game	%
Jan	Barb Miller 19.99/24.66 MP	Barb Miller/Ron Miller	66.55	Denise Gailing/Edie Slugoski 70.56 Newcomer Game Marilee Hornung/Elaine Hilsden 76.6	70.56 76.67

Table Count: 247.5 Last Year: 220.5

Special Games This Month

- February 5 – Thursday Aft – 4 is ENUF Annual Club Championship**
- February 7 – Saturday Aft – 8 is Enough Teams Annual Club Championship**
- February 16 – Monday Aft – Open CBF Canada wide STAC Strats by average: none/1500/500**
- February 16 – Monday Eve – U150 Education Foundation**
- February 17 – Tuesday Aft – U750 Education Foundation**
- February 18 – Wednesday Eve – Master-Rookie Education Foundation**
- February 19 – Thursday Aft – 4 is ENUF CBF Canada wide STAC Strats by average: none/1500/500**
- February 20 – Friday Aft – Open CBF Canada wide STAC Strats by average: none/1500/500**
- February 21 – Saturday Aft – 8 is Enough Education Foundation**

New Website is Official

After a successful 3-month trial the club has made the switch to www.Bridgewebs.com/regina . The old website is now closed. Most of the hard work is done in setting up the new site. To keep the website up-to-date and current we need volunteers to help by keeping articles updated.

How Can You Help?

Volunteer to keep one or more of the articles below up-to-date. Tell us what which ones and we will give you a copy of what's there now that you can edit and send back to either Larry or Don to upload to the website.

Articles that need Updating.

- ✓ [History of Club Champions](#). This needs to be updated every year. It's 2 years out of date.
- ✓ [Masterpoint Milestones](#) under Membership needs to be updated on a regular basis. It is current to Dec 2025. This is a job anyone could do by taking the rank changes posted on the website and updating.
- ✓ [Club History](#)
- ✓ [Website History](#)
- ✓ [Photos of Events](#). No one has been doing this in current years. Anyone volunteer to be the club photographer?
- ✓ [Club Policy](#) – I believe there is one but it probably needs updating. This may mean going through past minutes to find policy changes.
- ✓ [Director's Handbook](#) needs to be updated.

In addition to the above feel free to [submit articles](#) of interest to club members. You could have your own column. Submit to Larry or Don for posting. This may be things like your favorite convention, bidding tips or mistakes you see and what to do about them. The possibilities are endless.

Two Ways to Find a Partner

You now have 2 ways to find a partner. You can join the Partnership Google Group (see the article on the website) under 'Find a Partner' or use the Find a Partner Option on the new website.

See the attachment 'Finding a Partner' for help on using this feature. After some experimenting, I found this feature takes more input from members for it to be useful. I see the occasional member post a request for a partner but their email or phone number doesn't show so it makes it difficult to contact them.

If members want to receive emails from people looking for partners or they want to request a partner they need to login under Membership→Member Area→Account and **opt in** to Show in "Lists" and Show "Email" and or Phone Number. You also have to do this when requesting a partner so people can contact you. Don or Larry can set you to 'opt-in' if you prefer.

Eventually this feature should replace the google group if all those on the google group 'opt in' as above.

Bridge Lessons



Bridge Lessons



Start Tues, March 3
at 6:30 pm
1440 Broadway Ave.

For information go to bridgewebs.com/regina
Or call Tanya at 306-570-2998

Bridge Lessons will start up again on Tuesday, March 3rd. They will run every Tuesday for 12 **weeks** and cost **\$120**. Referrals by members have been very helpful to the lesson program and once again, we invite you to encourage your friends to join the fun by attending lessons. Be sure to tell them to mention your name at enrolment and you will get a free play. You can help spread the word by following Regina Bridge Club on Facebook and like or share messages about lessons. If you frequent a community hall that has a bulletin board, please pick up a lesson flyer and post it.

REMEMBERING

Dean Allen

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Dean Allen. Dean, a longtime member of the Bridge Club, passed away on Tuesday, January 27th after a brief battle with cancer. He was active in the club for over 25 years and played right up until a few days before his passing. He reached the rank of Bronze Life Master. Dean served as president from 2008 to 2011. He had many partners and was always pleasant as an opponent and managed his increasing disabilities gracefully.

His family has advised that there will be no funeral service. There may be a celebration of his life at some future date.

There will be a brief obituary in the February 7th edition of the Regina Leader-Post. There will be a more detailed obituary on the website of Paragon Funeral and Cremation Services on or about the same date.

Our deepest condolences to Elaine and family.

Robert (Bob) Livingston 1936-2026



Bob was a former member having joined the club in 2003 but was most active from 2012 to 2015 obtaining the rank of Life Master.

Bob passed at his son's home surrounded by family on January 8, 2026. He was born in Moose Jaw, SK on September 6, 1936. He attended Central Collegiate and went to Montana State University, where he obtained an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering. He subsequently received a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Toronto, and a PhD in child psychology from University of Northern Colorado. His career was in special education and he was the director of special education for the Province of Saskatchewan for 25 years. He was an athlete and was involved with many sports growing up including basketball, football and baseball, and played softball into his '70s. He coached teams that his children and grandchildren were on. He was actively involved as a volunteer in sport for the province and was the President and Past President of Sask Sport. He owned race horses and was very involved for many years.

Proposition from Tyler Hill Bridge Club, Canterbury, Kent, England

Interested in playing a free transatlantic teams' match between our clubs on BBO **Wednesday April 22 *at 12 noon Regina time**. We play 16 boards with a switch at half way so both pairs play both pairs in the oppo's team. We convert results to VPs in the normal manner, the club which wins the most VPs takes the glory.

We encourage all of our members to play, with no exception, irrespective of their rank, and it is this criterion which makes these games so successful - inclusivity! We match the teams so that the players of lowest of ability play each other and so on. Just fun!

Please Signup by February 15 if Interested

Note: This is a date change from what was posted originally. We were too late in responding.

Director's Corner

🌸 Hesitations in Bridge

“Hesitations” is one of the most contentious areas in Bridge Law. Many players genuinely do not understand what counts as a “hesitation” and what the problem is anyway.

⚠️ What Counts as a Hesitation

- Any **obvious pause for thought**—a noticeable break in tempo where a player is clearly deciding what to bid or play.
- Thinking is allowed; players aren't machines.
- But a pause **signals that there was something to think about**, which becomes important under the Laws.

Why Hesitations Are a Problem

- A hesitation gives **unauthorized information (UI)** to partner.
- The issue isn't the hesitation itself—it's when **partner takes an action that could have been influenced by that UI**.
- Even if partner claims "I was always going to bid," the Law doesn't accept that if the action is *suggested* by the hesitation.

Example Situations

- Preemptive bidders are generally expected not to bid again unless partner acts.
- If partner hesitates and then passes, and you bid anyway, it may appear you were influenced by the hesitation.
- Directors often rule that such bids are not allowed if they could reasonably have been suggested by the UI.

How the Law Is Applied

- If an opponent bids after their partner hesitated, *you should announce that you believe there has been a hesitation and may wish to call the Director*.
- If both sides agree there was a hesitation, call the Director after the hand ends. If both sides don't agree there was a hesitation, then call the director before play begins.
- The Director cannot cancel the bid; play continues.
- After the hand, the Director determines whether the non-offending side was disadvantaged.
- If so, an **adjusted score** is assigned to restore equity.

Practical Tips

- If *you* think for a long time, avoid passing—your pass may mislead partner.
- If *your partner* hesitates and then passes, it's usually safest for you to pass as well.

Core Principle

Hesitations are **not illegal**, but **acting on the unauthorized information they create is**. The Laws aim to keep the game fair by preventing players from benefiting from partner's tempo.

Here are some examples:

1. Partner opens 1D – Opps overcall 1H – **You hesitate** then Pass...

Your hesitation suggests unshown values that made you think about bidding. Your partner can't choose a bid suggested by those unshown values over any other plausible actions, e.g. Pass, (s)he might have made without the hesitation.

2. Partner opens 1S – Opps – **You hesitate** then Bid 3S

Your hesitation suggests you had a dilemma and were considering an alternate Bid. Since no-one knows whether you were thinking of 2S or 4S partner can bid what they like as no particular action has been suggested over any other.

3. **You hesitate** then make a Penalty double of Opps Contract

The hesitation suggests you aren't sure X is best and don't mind Partner bidding on. Your partner can't bid on if Pass is a plausible action with their hand because bidding on has been suggested by the uncertainty implicit in your hesitation.

4. 1H - 4H - 4NT - 5D - **You hesitate** then bid 5H

5H is a sign-off and hesitation suggests you were thinking of bidding the Slam (6H). Your partner can't choose to bid 6H if Pass is a plausible action with their hand because bidding on is suggested by the uncertainty implicit in your hesitation.