

Regina Bridge Club

January 2026 Newsletter



Rank Changes in November

Club Master: Donna Rogers

Sectional Master: Kathy Reis

Regional Master: Joanne & Wayne Petrychyn

Life Master: Sandra Benson

Bronze Life Master: Sandra Benson, Tom Cameron & Beverly Stepler

December Stats

	Joan Schneider Player of Month	Jill Wellman Highest % Open Game	%	Jill Wellman Highest % Restricted Game	%
Dec	Claire Jones 17.85 MP	Barb Miller/ Ronald Miller	71.43	Kalpna Bhende/Avinash Bhende	80.16

Table Count: 206.5 Last Year: 177

How Did Our Club's Table Count compare to other clubs in ACBL in 2025?

Very well thank you very much and it's all due to the great support of our members. Let's keep it up in 2026.

- All F2F & Online: 87th out of 1896
- F2F only: 71st out of 1847
- Canadian F2F Clubs: 10th out of 234 Slightly ahead of Saskatoon

Special Games This Month

- Newcomer Games for those with less than 50 MP start Thursday Evenings January 8th at 7:00 pm.
- All games January 12 – 17 will be Club Championship rated with Friday Jan 16th designated as the Guy Jensen Club Championship.
- All games (except the Newcomer) the week of Jan 26 – 31 will be Junior Fund games with extra MP.
- **There will be a '4 is ENUF' game on New Year's Day**

Annual Christmas Party Recap

The Christmas party was well attended with over 50 members attending. Thank you to all that brought appetizers and desserts. They were all very good. A special thanks to Claire for directing and keeping the game moving smoothly.

In Memory

We lost 2 former members in November.

Laura May SAAL

1931-2025

At age 94, Mom passed away on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. On October 17, she had suffered a fall from which she could not recover.

Mom lived a full life as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, friend, grandma, great-grandma, teacher, community volunteer, world traveler, lifelong sports fan, bridge player and child of God.

According to our records Laura first joined the club in 1995 but was most active from 2012 to 2019.

Renee Whitehead

1933 - 2025

Renee left us on November 18, 2025 at the age of 92 after a brief illness. Predeceased eight years ago by Peter, her husband of 62 years.

Renee and Peter were originally from the UK and immigrated to Canada in the mid-1950s. They were married in 1955 and raised their family in Regina. In the 1970s, Renee and Peter built a cottage at Pasqua Lake and enjoyed many years at their retreat with friends and family. Theirs was an active life characterized by hiking, camping, canoeing, cross country skiing, tennis and other activities. Renee also loved a game of bridge with friends, shared with glasses of wine and many laughs. She was a life-long learner, participating in many classes over the years at the University of Regina.

Renee was active in the club from 2004 - 2016

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.

Update on the New Website

The decision has been made to make Regina Bridge Club, Regina, SK, Canada on Bridgewebs.com our permanent home going forward. Effective mid January the old site will be closed. As of January 1, results for the most part will only be on the new website.

A big thank you goes to Jason Larivee for the many years of service as our web master. He did a great job keeping the site updated.

What's been added recently:

- 2025 - 2026 Player of Month and High % Games under menu item Leader Board Plus this is a duplicate of the poster board at the club.
- History of Club Champions has been updated under Club Information
- Links to newsletters starting with the December 2025 Newsletter found under 'Archived News & Docs' → Newsletters.
- Rank Achievements and Masterpoint Milestones under Archived News & Docs have been updated.
- 2024 Bylaws have been added under Membership
- Executive Meeting Minutes under Membership going back to 2004 have been added. Minutes for the year or years have been consolidated into one document. Some of the formatting has been lost if the original was in pdf format but still readable.
- AGM Minutes under Membership have been added going back to 2006 but are consolidated into 2006 to 2018 and 2018 to 2023.

Going forward we would like to encourage members to submit bridge related articles for posting and or included in the newsletter. If there are any features you would like to see let us know. We could use a club photographer to take and submit pictures of some key events.

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

I am the Chair of a small bridge club near Canterbury, England.

Any interest in playing a transatlantic teams' match between our clubs on BBO this spring, 16 Boards, say, on a

Wednesday morning, which appears to be a time when you don't normally play - 12 pm for you, 7pm for us, say? We can rustle up 7 or 8 teams, more if required, which seems to comfortably match your table numbers. Something different, yes?

These matches are open to all, irrespective of ability and are played in a true Olympian spirit! **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. All in all, there is nothing to frighten the horses. Just fun!**

This is what happens: we agree a date, the organisers rank their teams by their local knowledge to ensure that no team gets spanked, and 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. The loser of course may want a rematch...Oh, I should add, the matches are free!

If this is of interest and 1 or 8 April work for you, I will happily send further details. (And we've never played a club in Saskatchewan before, even though we play matches across Europe and North America each week)

Best wishes
Simon Westerman

[Tyler Hill Bridge Club, Canterbury, Kent, England](#)

Let's put some teams together and participate in this event. A signup sheet will be at the club so we can gauge the interest and how many teams we can expect.

Director's Corner

EXPLANATIONS [LAWS 20, 21, 40 & 75]

When giving explanations, players should avoid such words as 'natural' or 'standard' as they mean different things to different people. The explanation **MUST** be a clear statement of the partnership agreement. The name of an agreement is rarely a conclusive disclosure of a call's meaning and the opposition is **ENTITLED** to a **FULL** explanation.

Mistaken explanation and mistaken bid

If a player, in answer to an enquiry, gives an explanation of his Partner's call and it transpires that the original hand does not fall within his description, two possibilities arise:

(A) The explanation was an **INACCURATE** statement of the partnership agreement, in which case the opponents **ARE** entitled to a remedy if they have been damaged.

(B) The original call was a **DEPARTURE** from the partnership agreement, which had been correctly explained. In this case, the opponents **ARE NOT** entitled to a remedy, but the Director should be summoned in case the explanation has provided the player who made the call with unauthorised information, from which he may be adjudged to have profited.

A player who believes that his Partner has given an incorrect explanation or alert:

(A) If he is to be **DECLARER** or **DUMMY**:

MUST rectify it **AFTER** calling the Director **BEFORE** the opening lead is faced. The Defender in the pass-out seat may then withdraw his final pass and re-open the auction.

(B) If he is to be a **DEFENDER**:

MUST NOT speak about his Partner's error until the play of the hand is complete. However, there is an OBLIGATION on a Defender to expose Partner's error at the end of play AFTER calling the Director.

Misinformation

A player who realises that he himself has given a wrong explanation should call the Director. If he realises during the auction he must call the Director at the end of the auction, or if he prefers may call the Director earlier. During the play he must call the Director immediately he realises. This includes alerting (or not alerting). The Director will require the explanation to be corrected and:

(A) The last call made by the non-offending side may now be changed. If it is, then the offending side can change its last call if it was made after this changed call.

Note: this includes the last call by the non-offending side after the auction has ended, but before the opening lead is FACED, and the Director may re-open the auction in this case.

(B) OTHERWISE the Director lets play proceed, and awards an adjusted score if he is convinced there is damage in consequence of the wrong explanation.