

Regina Bridge Club

June 2026 Newsletter

Rank Changes

- Rank Changes are posted in the left column of the Home Page of our website after the 7th of the following month. Note the Rank shown on the list below Results when in Classic view are not always current as they only get updated once or twice a year when we upload our membership list.
 - ‘Masterpoint Milestones’ on our website under the Membership menu will be updated on a regular basis as reports are received from ACBL.
 - Please report any errors or omissions to the Club Manager.
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Competitions

High Percentage Games & Player of Month for May 2026	
High Percentage in an Open Game	Doug Rankin & Cal McLeod 71.43%
High Percentage in a Restricted Game	Donna Rogers & Kalpana Bhende 65.48%
Player of the Month	Don Norman 12.76 MP
U100 Player of the Month	Kenneth Lie 7.27 MP

Table Count: 203.5 (Last Year: 185.5)

The menu item Leader Board Plus has been renamed Competitions as it now includes the items below. Most of these are automatically updated on a game-by-game basis and won't appear in the newsletter with the exception of those above.

- **Player of the Month** – For all players regardless of MP
 - **U100 Player of the Month** – For players that had less than 100MP as of May 1, 2026.
 - **Open Leaderboard** – For all players based on Year-to-Date MP accumulated from May 1, 2026. Determines the Player of the Year.
 - **U100 Leaderboard** - For players that had less than 100MP as of May 1, 2026. Determines the Player of the Year for the U100 group.
 - **High Percentage Games** – determined manually every month and posted to the website. The wall chart will no longer be used.
 - **Leader Board YTD 2025-26** – Previous Year's Leatherboard
 - **Individual** – Average MP earned by player per game played
 - **Pairs** – Shows how you have done playing with the same partner. Requires a minimum of 3 times.
 - **Ace of Clubs Winners** – from previous year. This information is available on your MyACBL under District/Unit Races
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Top Attendance Records in Year-ending April 30. 2026

1st Place – Doug Charleson 257 games played

2nd Place – Juliet Ashman 236 games played

3rd Place – Maria Wiegers 184 games played

The Club thanks you for your tremendous support.

A complete attendance list is posted on the Member Bulletin Board.

REGINA SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT UPDATE

**Sponsored by Unit 573
Was held May 1 – 3, 2026**



We hope you enjoyed the Sectional Tournament held at the Royal Trademark Hotel. Thanks in large part to the amazing attendance by the under 300 players, attendance was slightly higher than the last couple of tournaments. The next tournament will be held October 16 – 18th at the same location. If you have any comments about the tournament or if you would be prepared to volunteer to help out at the next one, please send an e-mail to Rick Renneholm at rennerick@accesscomm.ca or chat him up at a game.

Regina Bridge Club AGM

Tuesday Evening June 23rd at 6:00 pm



- ♣ The AGM is open to all but you must be a current club member to vote.
- ♦ For members that attend the meeting there will be a free game to follow including a 299er section if there are sufficient entries. Non-members are welcome to attend and play for the regular \$9.00 game fee.
- ♥ Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

Attached with the Newsletter are the agenda, minutes of the last AGM and budget for 2026-27.

Special Games in June

Tuesday June 23rd – Free Game following the AGM for club members attending the meeting.

NAP Season 2026

The North American Pairs is a grass-roots competition where each District selects representatives to compete at the Spring North American Bridge Championship (NABC). The event begins with qualifying games in Clubs during June, July and August. These games are followed by Unit- (optional) and District-level competitions to select players for the NABC. Financial subsidies are provided by ACBL to the top two pairs in each flight in each District to offset the cost of travel to the NABC.

The competition is divided into four separate flights, based on masterpoint (MP) levels, so players of all levels of experience have the opportunity to compete and represent their District in the National competition.

The North American Pairs club-level qualifying round will take place June 1 through August 31, 2026. For ALL CLUBS, you must run the correct strata Open – 3000 – Under 750 NLM.

Last year Jason and Pam qualified and attended the NABC in St. Louis. We will schedule a couple of NAP games in July or August if we have players interested in qualifying. Let the manager know if this is something you want.

Upgraded Club Championship Awarded

The club was awarded an upgraded club championship for recruiting 10 Full ACBL Members between July 2024 and May 2026. Many of these started as a free Guest Member of ACBL and converted to a full paid member. At some point we will use this for a special sanctioned game so as many of our members can benefit from the extra masterpoints this game will provide.

Director's Corner

An opening lead out of turn is one of the more frequent director calls resulting in 5 options for the Declarer to choose from. Some find this a bit overwhelming so it was suggested we review the options in an article.

Opening Lead out of Turn – 54

Law 47 E states “a lead out of turn may be retracted without penalty if the leader was mistakenly informed by an opponent that it was his turn to lead (LHO should not accept the lead).” Otherwise, the opening lead cannot be withdrawn without declarer's permission and subsequent penalty.

“Declarer, you have five options. Two if you accept the lead and three if you don't accept”. They are:

If you **ACCEPT** the lead you have 2 options:

Option1: [See dummy](#) before playing from your own hand.

Option 2: [Become the dummy](#) and let your partner play the hand. (If the declarer exposes one or more cards, he must spread his hand, becoming dummy.)

If you **DON'T ACCEPT** the lead you have 3 options:

Option 3: You may require the lead — one time only from the proper opening leader — of the suit that was improperly led, and the penalty card is returned to the offender's hand.

Option 4: You may prohibit the lead — from the proper leader for as long as he holds the lead — of the suit that was improperly led, and the penalty card is returned to the offender's hand.

Option 5: You may allow the correct opponent to lead any card they choose. Offender's card is a *major penalty card* and must be played at the first legal opportunity. If the correct opening leader retains or regains the lead, however, and his partner still has the penalty card, you will, each time before the defender leads, have the choice of exercising option 3 (require the lead), option 4 (prohibit the lead) or option 5 (lead any).

REMEMBER: TO AVOID MAKING AN OPENING LEAD OUT OF TURN GET INTO THE HABIT OF FACING YOUR LEAD FACE DOWN AND ASKING "MAY I LEAD".

Bridge Unleashed by Tracey

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1ZokxuS275/>

Below is just one of the many bridge wisdoms found on Facebook. Many of you that frequent Facebook have come across these. Tracey Bauer is an accomplished bridge player and teacher. Her mission is to bring bridge to the masses through her posts on Facebook. Tracey posts '50 Conventions in 50 days' and are quite well done with excellent graphics as in the example. Very useful for our developing players.





Newsletter Articles Needed

The current editor is running out of time and ideas. You can help by providing articles to be included. This could be a favorite convention, an amusing bridge story, an interesting hand, anything bridge related is welcome.
