

Joan Dupuis
New ACBL Bronze Life Master

Joan has been playing bridge for many years, never having had formal lessons. She met her current (always) partner when she first learned to play bridge around the kitchen table, both working in the same environment. Joan thinks that she was very fortunate, in that she found someone right away that enjoyed the game as much as she did. They attended a Sectional in Kimberley for many years, and the sectional in Banff that was run out of Calgary, but other than that, didn't travel much. Joan is married to a non-bridge player and was raising 3 children at the time. Joan and her husband frequently went to Victoria, where she would pick up a bridge partner for the Victoria Regional, and gradually, over the years, earned enough gold points for life master status. But as often happens, she thinks, "I am losing my competitive edge and was just enjoying bridge for the social aspect of the game" when into her life came another couple who were keen. They invited me to attend a few tournaments, and low and behold, found that we played well together, and soon earned our Bronze Life Master. (Joan thinks 3 out of the 4 now have the standing) It is undoubtedly more fun to win.....But the bottom line is still that bridge is a wonderful game from the social point of view. Joan is able to call a club wherever she might be and go to play. She has met many wonderful people along the way, and hopefully will continue to do so.