

# Lloyd Sullivan

## New ACBL Silver Life Master

Lloyd began playing bridge since 1971 when he met a fellow Torontonion in the Canary Islands. How lucky for Lloyd that they became best friends and he has mentored him with his skill and herculean patience ever since. ( Lloyd once left him in 5 Diamonds with a void !).

They made their way to Edmonton in the early 70's, met other bridgers and played the kitchen variety of bridge throughout the decade. They took a hiatus from the game in the 80's to raise their families and because smoking was still allowed in game rooms.

Lloyd's favorite story happened when they returned to Bridge in the 90's. Deciding to enter a Sectional in Edmonton, his partner gave him copious notes to study days before because the bidding had changed so much in that 'lost' decade. They had a team of 5, only one of them an ACBL member. At the break we were 4-0, he was in a daze trying to visualize his notes, and the crowd kept asking " who are these guys? ", most players being from the Edmonton Bridge Club.

They managed to go 8-0 and walked out with their heads held high, wondering " how the hell did that happen?"

By the turn of the millennium they both had joined the Edmonton Bridge Club, a much better way to learn and to play the game in a club atmosphere. They started to go to the Regional in Victoria in 2007, played against and became friends and team partners with a couple from Vancouver, Wash. They meet each year in Penticton, go to Seaside, Oregon in the Fall, and their U.S. couple comes to Edmonton for the Regional, and our Folk Festival.

They are on the Unit Board and Lloyd served 2 years as the Club President in 2009-2010. Lloyd says "It has been a wonderful journey!"