

## **New ACBL Regional Master Martine Parent**



Martine started playing "kitchen" bridge a few years ago when she was recovering from a difficult illness. She was mentored by her good friend Kelly Flock. Kelly has since passed away but Martine often thinks how glad he would be that she kept up the game and really enjoy it. She used to think people that played 5+ times a week were crazy, but she is now one of the crazy ones playing 4 to 5 times a week.

Martine enjoys playing at different levels, open games for more of a challenge, and 299er games for more encouraging results. She also likes playing with different partners, ones for mentorship such as with her current mentor who is always very patient and helpful, and others for fun and support. They all have their

strengths and weaknesses, which makes for good continued learning opportunities.

Being an engineer, Martine really enjoys the logic of the game, as well as keeping her mind active and challenged. When she is not playing bridge, she is either spending time with friends, family and her grandchildren, which is always such a pleasure, or out enjoying the outdoors either skiing, biking or kayaking which she finds to be a really good balance to playing bridge.

Martine has met many great people playing bridge, and she hopes to continue improving with time and experience. She is very grateful to all the organizers of regular games and tournaments who are doing such a great job!