

Pete McLaren
New ACBL Diamond Life Masters



As the newest Diamond LM in the District I would like to invite you to the Sectional Tournament in Prince Albert June 3-5. Bridge has been the number one game in my life with many benefits. The main methods of achieving this level have been longevity and good partners. My first game and master point (coming second), was in March 1966 at the Prince Albert Club and the goal was achieved Feb. 2016 (coming third in a handicap game) also at the Prince Albert Club. My interest in travel took me to many tournaments where I found many partners and there have been a huge number from the PA club. Thanks to all of you.

The Components of a long happy life are mental, psychological and physical (exercise). Bridge has helped greatly in my mental and psychological well being. The drift to online bridge diminished the

physical and social aspects for many players, but I have no points from online bridge.

If we as players want our clubs and tournaments to continue it is important that those with some administrative abilities step up and do the many administrative jobs that have developed in the clubs, units and the district. Thanks to the many volunteer workers who make these a success and help hold the whole thing together.

What I miss most (after fewer face to face players) are the fairly regular post game gatherings to eat, drink and make merry. These great social experiences greatly enhance the people part of bridge, leading to better attendance and more partners. So, come to our tournament to eat, drink and make merry.

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