

Clarende Duby  
New ACBL Silver Life Master



It's been a good year for bridge. Clarende has not only earned her SLM, she also passed the Club Director's course and the TAP in the last 12 months.

Clarende finally agreed to teach her girlfriends how to play bridge and has guided 43 beginners through the Club Series. She has 2 more club series classes scheduled for this Fall and 2 Diamond series groups. She is really enjoying the teaching. So far, she hasn't done much more than word-of-mouth advertising. Having a grand time!

Bridge has been a part of Clarende's life since her grandmother taught her how to play at about 12 years of age. She knew competitive bridge existed, but didn't really seek out competitive "sanctioned" games until somewhere around 1988 or 89. Dan Bertrand and Clarende wandered into the Palliser Hotel for a regional, and Phil Woods sent them to play in the 1990s. The Bow River Bridge Club was at the Westwards curling club at that time, and they gave out coupons at the regional for a free play. That is where it started.

Dan and Clarende found success. She, however, took a detour and had 3 lovely boys, while Dan excelled in bridge. Now that her 3 boys are adults (hopefully soon to be self-sufficient), she has had an opportunity to challenge herself and has attended 3 non-local regional tournaments in the past 5 years.

Clarende's next personal goal is to find the time, and the financing, to attend an NABC with a team that she believes will find some success there.

She has one other goal, and that is to acquire, through the Calgary Community Bridge League (CCBL), a facility (home) for bridge, in the City of Calgary. They are a non-profit that is currently looking for an appropriate facility to be "The Bridge Centre" for their City.