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Joined ACBL 1967-68 after winning .14MP at Regina Duplicate Bridge Club in first duplicate game. I was hooked. Played mostly In Sask and AB at sectionals and regionals. Moved to Swift Current in 1969. There was a Duplicate game here 2-3 tables on average. I took ACBL Certified Director course and exam and did a media promotion, taught many classes, and eventually built our club up to an open game of 10-12 tables , and a Ladies game of 5-7 tables both one day a week. I mentored several players to take director's course and we had a thriving club for many years and held Sectional tournaments once/year. Unfortunately, players began to move away and age, and our club dwindled in size once again. We ceased to exist in about 2016-17.

Getting Gold for LM was a daunting task – they were only available at Regional or National events : 1st place finish in section or finished in overalls. With a career and 2 children, travel was difficult. There were no flighted events at that time. I managed my gold and silver by travelling to events in Regina, Saskatoon, Lethbridge, and Calgary. Needing less than 1 gold, I achieved that at a Regina regional in 1984. Thanks to my partners and teammates for sticking with me. Special thanks to Rick Gaucher (Regina) and Rick Dillen. (Helen's husband) with whom I had a successful partnership until his passing Still play with Rick Gaucher on occasion. Great mentor. Also thanks to Helen Dillen and Gamil Tadros for partnering me to this milestone, and Partners Bridge Club in Calgary, . On line bridge has allowed me to play from home during pandemic. And, with the help of great partners achieved Silver LM status last month.

Bridge has been an important part of my life and I have many lasting friendships and memories.