

## New ACBL Life Master Pete Serafini



Pete's bridge story is similar to that of a lot of others. He learned the game of rubber bridge many years ago as a member of a card and game playing family. After taking some lessons and playing a tiny amount of duplicate, Pete essentially quit bridge, aside from the occasional social game, for a long number of years when work and what he thought were more interesting games (like poker) took precedence.

After retiring four years ago Pete decided to get back into duplicate bridge. With his brother, nephew and other family and friends, he took some additional lessons to learn the newer style of bidding. He has since enjoyed playing with a number of good (and forgiving!) partners in various clubs in

Calgary that encourage newer players, and he likes the competitive nature of duplicate bridge.

Pete has had the good fortune to travel to several excellent tournaments with fun partners who also enjoy seeing the sights and meeting new people while competing in these events. Locations for these include Toronto, Edmonton, Helena, Honolulu, Burnaby, Penticton, Las Vegas, San Francisco and, of course, Calgary where he lives.

Pete continues to take lessons offered by a core of fantastic and encouraging volunteers from the Calgary Community Bridge League. He has been helping as a mentor in a new school bridge program with young students, as he does not believe many kids learn card games like bridge from their parents.

Pete looks forward to more tournaments in new cities. He thanks his patient partners who must wonder how someone can make the same mistakes numerous times while also coming up with new ones!