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# Red Deer Bridge Club

- Keeping You Informed

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October

Where Everyone is Welcome

2021

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## Current Bridge Board

Travis Gangl - President	Officers
Ellen Van Doesburg - Vice President	John Collier
Gerene Albrecht - Secretary	Glenn Cossey
Catherine Goodman - Treasurer	Darlene Gabrielson
Janet Gangl (Club Manager)	Jim Horne

PLEASE



## Activity and Survival of Your Club

Dear Fellow Members,

Although only involved in this wonderful group, (the RDBC), for a few short years now, I have become passionately dedicated to contributing to not only its growth, but more importantly its survival. The local economy and COVID have dealt knock-out punches to many businesses and families in our community. The RDBC is vulnerable as well and I reach out to you today to help ensure our Club does not as well fall victim to these tumultuous times.

As current President and Board member of your Club, it is our mandated responsibility to ensure a financially viable and safe environment be maintained in the operation of the RDBC. COVID has been successful at not only killing Albertans and businesses, but has also driven deep wedges between friends and families. It is critical that we all play a part in keeping our Club safe from that same fate.

The RDBC Board is doing everything in its power to ensure your Club remain financially viable, all the while operating safely within AHS regulations – some of you may feel those regs are too weak, and some feel they're too restrictive. I know there are many members not attending games, feeling that why attend a 2 and a half table game. Firstly, thank you to the many members that have those same feelings, but are attending games. Secondly, if your reason for not playing is partner issues, please contact our Manager as she has received requests for partners and can absolutely either help you find a partner or help you to get set up with Pianola, if that is an issue. The stark reality is, that if we wish, (and I'm positive all of us do), for our Club to survive, we need attendance to grow. Making the decision to stay away from a 2 and a half table game is exactly why that game is 2 and a half tables. I don't pretend to ignore that COVID has some play in this; but please don't let our Club be labeled as another COVID victim.

There are always equal and opposite opinions on best choices for accomplishing common goals; to that end, the RDBC Board and its Manager are doing everything possible, and more, to execute those goals and our mandate. However, without better support from the Membership I fear our next Memorial Game will include the name RDBC.

If you have strong opinions on how the Club should operate, please feel free to contact me directly, ([travisgangl@shaw.ca](mailto:travisgangl@shaw.ca) – 403-340-9080), or submit your suggestions to our Suggestion Box so as the Board can table and deal with those directly. Since re-opening in July, our Club manager has received many "suggestions" as to the Club's operations. Please remember, our Club manager simply carries out mandated instruction received from your Board.

I'm certainly no authority on the topic, but expert opinion is that COVID is with us FOREVER – period. We need to learn to function socially in as safe a manner as is possible – but the key word is "function". Please continue to support your gem of an asset, your RDBC.

Travis Gangl  
President

# Memorial Game

Saturday, October 23rd

Pizza at 6:00

Game to follow



In  
Memory  
of

*Andrea Bain  
David Chambers  
Sheila Gaudreau  
Mona Piscia  
Jane Purdie  
Dean Walt*



to Ellen Van Doesburg - and to all of her helpers - Travis and Janet Gangl, Linda Rendle, Carol Bailey, Adam Thiel - for teaching intro bridge lessons this fall on Thursday evenings. There are 14 people participating in these lessons - hopefully they will become regular participants at our club.

AND. . . plans are in the works to start offering topic specific intermediate lessons.

  
*Stay Tuned.*  
Coming Soon!



The Board is working on eliminating the draft from the emergency door exit.

Thanks to John Collier for taking the lead in remedying this situation.



Dates:  
December  
23, 24, and 25

Thanks to all who have volunteered their time to work these

**CHRISTMAS**  
casinos which greatly helps the finances of our Bridge Club.

