



GBC NEWS
May AGM
2021



Guelph Bridge Club Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, May 4th, 10:00 am

We missed our standard AGM date last fall due to the pandemic, so our current Board has served a 1.5 year term. Listed below is the slate of Directors for confirmation at the May AGM. The GBC bylaws indicate that our Board must be nine people with at least a third carrying over. This slate has five returning and four new members. (See page two for details)



PRESIDENT – Tom Ramsay is a retired engineer and 35-year ACBL member. He is currently GBC VP as well as President of District 2 and 249 Boards. He is confident that we'll reopen after the pandemic and looks forward to returning to live play.



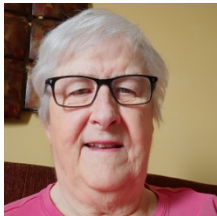
John Vandergrift is remaining on the GBC Board. He has a wide range of administrative skills from operating his own company and has been a long-time member of the GBC. His business and bridge experience are assets to our club.



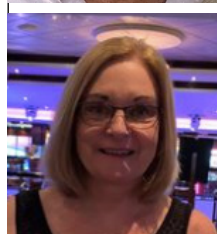
SECRETARY – Marion Reidel is an English teacher and author. She's relatively new to bridge, but is loving the challenge and community. She joined to Board to help facilitate the relocation and is confident that we will return to our new home safely.



Regina Williams brings 30+ years of management experience through her Telecommunications and Tourism work. She and Denis took bridge lessons when they moved to Guelph 11 years ago and caught the bug. Drawn by the challenge of the game and joys of the friendships, Regina brings new energy to the Board.



SOCIAL – Catharine Collins is a fourth generation Guelphite, retired school administrator, and five-year GBC member. She's served on six local Boards and is looking forward to helping ensure the future success of our club.



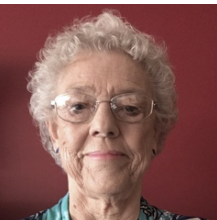
FACILITY – Karen Whitworth is another retired educator, this time with a learning disabilities specialty. She volunteers at local mental health agencies. Karen enjoys the challenge of bridge and the relationships she's made at our club.



Bryan Henry is a retired Chemistry Professor who has served in a wide range of leadership roles during his career. He joined the GBC Board in 2019 to assist with the relocation and has agreed to remain while the club handles the challenges of the pandemic.



Peter Wright spent 40 years working in education and continues with teacher training. He and Monika moved to Guelph 20 years ago to be near their grandkids. GBC has re-awakened a love for Bridge after a long hiatus and BBO has been wonderful during lockdown.



EDUCATION – Sheila McLaren is a retired teacher and Bridge instructor. She is currently serving her second term on the GBC Board. She loves mentoring new players and watching them rise through "the ranks."

This proposed slate of Directors results from a Nomination Committee Search. If you feel that you have been overlooked you should contact: newsletter@guelphbridgeclub.org.

What's on the AGM Agenda? May 4th at 10:00 am

1. Confirmation of the slate of new directors.
(No nominations permitted from the floor.)
2. Financial Report
3. Return to Live Play Report



Who can participate?

Guelph Bridge Club **members** may participate in the AGM and will vote to confirm the new Directors.

There are many people on this newsletter circulation list who are valued members of our community, but are NOT current members.

If you would like to activate your membership starting in April, so that you qualify to vote, you may pay the **pro-rated amount of \$30.00**

This can be an e-transfer to.
GBCrevenue@gmail.com

If you prefer to mail a cheque, please email this newsletter address to report that the payment is coming:

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How does it work?

Qualified members will be emailed a "ballot" three weeks prior to the AGM.

GBC members will be sent the Financial Report and Return to Play Report prior to the AGM. Then qualified members may register to attend the Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, May 4th at 10:00 am.

The GBC Zoom account can handle 100 participants. Only one connection is needed for a multiple player household. Those attending the Zoom meeting will have the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the reports.

