

The past year has been a different one for the Renfrew Duplicate Bridge Club.

The club held its regular weekly games at Mateway up to the first two weeks of March. We provided hand sanitizer, wipes and extra cleaning for players as it became evident that covid was becoming an issue.

The club has not returned to Mateway since mid March. Our return to in person play is undetermined at this point.

However, we were active in finding digital alternatives for our members. Kudos to all who showed such flexibility and desire to keep the club active in these difficult times.

At present, several options are available to our members. Many participate in the Monday league and Bridge21. The club has authorized the Realbridge platform on a trial basis, assuming all costs for our members. That program has begun.

Although we could not continue our social events as they once were, several online tournaments have been held. Our Christmas tournament featured \$500 worth of club sponsored door prizes for members, and was a great success.

We have been saddened by the loss of Helen Good and Phyllis Brennan. These ladies were valued members of our club and will be missed.

Gratitude is expressed to the Executive members who worked to keep the club active over the past year. Considerable efforts were made by all to adapt to our new circumstances. Elizabeth Cox and Yolande Baillon are leaving the Executive. Many thanks to them for their contributions to our club.

The Executive authorized many charitable donations over the past year. We are pleased to have been able to contribute to our community and front line workers during these challenging times.

I wish all our members good health as we continue to persevere with the pandemic. I look forward to seeing you online and eventually in person. Brighter days are ahead!

Jane Wilson