

## **Evolution of a Bridge Player**

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The bridge journey of Bob and Betty Remensperger is even longer than their marital journey together. They will be married 65 years this October, proving that the couple who plays together, stays together. Together they raised four boys, and now boast 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

They first learned bridge at home. Their parents loved card games and played bridge with friends. As a youngster Betty sat by the armchair watching during their bridge games. As a young couple they played social bridge, and later tried Duplicate in Burlingame.

Betty was born in San Marino, and Bob was born and raised in the Bay Area where he graduated from Lowell High School. They met at Cal Berkeley and have been together ever since, and remain avid Bear fans. They enjoyed many years of tailgate parties at the Cal and 49er football games that they remember fondly.

After graduation Bob worked in his father's Buick agency, and then came into his own buying a regional Vespa agency. He sold Vespa's in California, Nevada, and Hawaii, and became the Vespa importer for the USA. It was because of this that their trips to Europe always involved their favorite Italy as a base for their travels.

Betty, a travel agent, planned many of these trips. She also has planned this Bridge Club's trips to Napa and Tahoe. There have been nine trips, including one to Tiburon. These trips have helped build a sense of community within the bridge group members. So when one says we have a friendly group, the Remensperger trips helped forge those friendships.

Bob is famous for his original songs like, "I Left My Heart in Lincoln Sun City". He has a gift for entertaining, and enjoys acting and singing in the local shows. He has brought smiles and enjoyment to many. You will always find him smiling at the bridge table. It makes us wonder what he's been up to, but he brightens up the room.

Besides applauding Bob's performances, they have an unusual hobby. They have a collection of playing cards from all over the world. Wherever they traveled, they would pick up a couple of decks of playing cards. The interest in playing card games is truly universal.

If you don't know Betty and Bob you are missing out on two genuinely friendly and delightful people. Say hello to them next time you play! Maybe you can talk them into planning another bridge trip.