

I am excited over the achievements I have made playing duplicate bridge. I am very new to the game and still have so much to learn. I play for the love of the game and have not given too much thought to advancing in the game. It does feel great to receive your congratulations and this Club Master Status.

I learned to play party bridge years ago when I moved to a new town in Arkansas and the Newcomer's Club was offering lessons. I love the game and have continued to play. A good friend of mine, Bennye Randall (A Life Master) introduced me to duplicate bridge. Bridge play and counting points has changed so much since I learned to play. I was reluctant to play at first but I took lessons along with several friends and continue to learn as I play. I still have a lot to learn. Acadiana Duplicate Bridge Club members have welcomed me. I enjoy playing with different members and continue to get invites to play. It is so important to feel comfortable and feel like a part of the group. At some time each member was a new player and learning the game. It takes time and patience but very enjoyable.

As for suggestions and comments on ACBL and District 10, I have only one major point. All duplicate members, as they begin playing, are new to the game. New novice members need to feel welcomed. New members are important to clubs. Members need to remember that they were once novice players also. More opportunity for novice games is important. Acadiana Duplicate Club has one Sunday afternoon per month for players with less than 300 points. That has been good for those of us still getting our start.