

Two and a half years ago I saw an announcement in the newspaper that beginner bridge classes were starting at the bridge house in September. I enrolled and took Easybridge 1,2 and 3. It was a real challenge for me. I felt like I was back in school. When we actually started playing the games in class, each hand took about 15 minutes to play. The instructor said she was going to put more time on the clock, but we really needed to play a little faster. She said when you play in the real games we would just be given 7 minutes to play each hand. I thought there is no way I'll ever be able to play a hand in 7 minutes. My point is the more one plays, the faster and better you become. For the first year I thought that I just might play Rubber bridge instead of Duplicate Bridge. I thought it would be more fun than Duplicate, but it isn't. I always have fun playing Duplicate. I laugh just as much with Duplicate as I did with Rubber Bridge. Duplicate bridge is a wonderful, challenging, and fun game. I feel fortunate to have had the instructors and mentor's I had while learning to play. It is a continual learning process, but it is also enjoyable and fun.