

I am grateful to be congratulated by the American Contract Bridge Association. Thank you so much for recognizing my efforts. I was a bid whist player and social bridge player before being introduced to duplicate bridge. I was encouraged to see all the seniors who loved the game they played and welcomed me to learn and play. I only played once a week so I did my best and ask all the questions I could. I knew if my bridge game was going to grow I would need a bridge book to read and understand for myself what I had heard.

On recommendations of the experienced bridge players I purchased Audrey Grant's book. I wanted to know the basics of the game so much so that I would discuss the questions and answers in the shower and while traveling in my car and any other free time I had. I started to see improvements with my partners. I would like to thank my partners and also the Nashville Duplicate Bridge Club for encouraging me.

Finally, I was told I needed to start playing in bridge tournaments. Playing in tournaments frightened me. The people who encouraged me said it was just like playing with us here every week. Finally, I decided to play in a tournament and it was the best move I have ever made. I have played pairs and team games which have help me get the points needed to accomplished my goal. I will continue to attend tournaments, study and more study so I can reach my next goal. When people ask me why I play it is because I enjoy the game, camaraderie, travel and, most of all, the points I earn to reach my next level.

Thank you again,  
Annie Bartlett