

The Scenic Route

In 2006 I was asked to play at “the bridge house”. I liked bridge...but the bridge house? I somewhat reluctantly and nervously agreed. Little did I know that two wonderful relationships would be formed from that initial invitation. My first partner, Vicki, and I have become both partners and the dearest of friends....bridge has become a passion where I have been fortunate enough to make more dear friends.

Vicki and I received our first masterpoints soon after we began playing at LRDBC in 2006. At the time we did not realize we would be taking the scenic route. During the last 14 years, we have shared 7 weddings, the birth of 16 grandchildren and some unexpected personal down time. Now, you understand the scenic route.

Once I put my sights on becoming a life master, I certainly didn't expect it to take so long. Vicki and “scored our first gold” in 2015. Five years and lots of dollars later, I have finally achieved that lofty goal in the most unexpected space. A space I call my little piece of heaven on the banks of the Little Red River in Heber Springs Arkansas. I am grateful for the many who have mentored me, befriended me, played in the club gold opportunities with me. Yes, it took me longer than most, but the journey has been a lovely one and taught me humility and perseverance. Ladies and gentlemen; let us always cherish this game of bridge, but most importantly the scenic route of life and the friendships it gives to us.