

I am almost overwhelmed on making Gold Life Master!

My husband Frank and I started playing at LRDBC in 1983 in the novice game. Don Boss was the director, and Peggy Jett did a short lesson before we played. We loved it! Back then, if you won at the novice game, you won a free play to the open games. So, we played in them whether we had a free play, or not.

In 1984 Don Gattinger got a group of novices together and we went to a ton of tournaments. We learned a lot from him, along with other wonderful teachers \ partners: Allen Childs, Peggy Jett, Curtis Finch, Sr., and a host of good players. After I made Life Master in 1985, I never played for points; I was just happy to play.

Although we became parents to another child in 1985, we still played a lot. Our older children helped us out with babysitting. In 1989 my husband was diagnosed with kidney failure and quit playing. I continued to play for the next year, however it was too much to manage. For a while, I played about once a year.

After Frank died in 1998, I went to work full time. I also had a 12-year-old at home, so I stopped playing completely. I always renewed my membership in ACBL and LRDBC, though, because I always planned to return.

I retired at the end of 2005, but I got "cold feet". It wasn't until September of 2007 that Johnnie Owen convinced me to come back on Friday nights for Bridge and a pot luck supper. I was so happy to see my old friends; Peggy Jett, W. Dane Clay, Rick Lowens, Janet Tetkowskie, and Jeanne Lloyd, who all agreed to play with me!

I have played a lot since then. I pride myself on playing with anybody that asks, regardless of their point range. I just enjoy playing! Then, at the end of 2019, I realized that I was less than 50 points from reaching Gold Life Master. I was shocked as I have not kept up with points.

Then, the pandemic came along. I was slow to play on BBO because I do not enjoy it, however the points came along without too much trouble, and I was very happy to have them!

I miss spending time with my friends at the club. I love bridge, and I love the people who play it!!