

Ned Irving
District 10 Director; ACBL

Re: Sectional Master Status

Thank you for your email relative to notification of my Sectional Master Status.

I never expected to get involved in Bridge. When I retired a few years ago, my sister-in-law invited me to play bridge at a class at the Humana Resource Center.

Once I learned a little about the bidding and playing of the hand, I was hooked.

Later I joined the Louisiana Bridge Center in Metairie, Louisiana and played there with a great partner every Friday. During the week we would meet with some friends at a coffee house and play Bridge. It was wonderful meeting new folks who enjoyed playing as well. Then, along came the pandemic and the Bridge Center had to close. Luckily we found BBO (Base Bridge On Line). This was such a wonderful outlet. I was totally surprised that my regular partner and I could play together on line; being in separate households. This was a Godsend! Here we were able to sharpen our bidding skills and playing skills.

I am so thankful that I found Bridge. After retiring from over a 53 year career, I was lost. I started up at the local gym...but there was still a lot of spare time. Bridge filled that time for me in a wonderful way. The gym keeps me in shape and playing Bridge keeps my mind active in a good way. So thanks to my sister-in-law and thanks to BBO for making my life in retirement so fulfilling and so enjoyable.

I'm not counting the master points so much, although they are important and do indicate a level of attained skill; as much as I am looking forward to playing each day. (Usually, at least 3 times per week). I cannot wait to play!!

Sincerely,

Raymond H. Nolan