

I must apologize for the late reply. I have had some computer issues recently that I had to address. The trouble with building your own computer is, when there is a problem, you can't just send it in for warranty, although most computer warranties don't last 16 years anyway.

I really haven't played in the District or Unit yet. As I'm still learning I typically play with my mother who lives on the west coast. I do plan on playing in locally run online tournaments soon but I want some experience under my belt before I face the sharks here. 😊

Concerning my story, I spent most of my life being the necessary fourth player for my family's holiday bridge games with my grandmother Maxine, mother Rose, and sister Deborah. After I started working, I did not have much time for bridge and would occasionally play Collectible Card Games like Magic, the Gathering and Hearthstone to pass the time. However, I was never fond of how much luck was involved in those games, even at a very high level of play. It was only until very recently that I grew interested in bridge. Beginning in September, 2020, I took a private "Step Up" bridge course for beginning and intermediate players, taught by my mother, Rose Buckley, who is also President of the Ventura Unit Bridge Club in Unit 547. Also starting in September, I started taking her "Director Training 101" course, a preparatory class for aspiring bridge directors in her club. As of mid November, I completed both courses. Since then, I have been regularly playing BBO instant tournaments and occasionally playing with Rose in Ventura and California Coast (Santa Barbara) Opens and 1499ers. Together, we have had some early success and I think I'm now hooked on bridge.

Currently, I am assisting Rose as she converts her "Step Up" bridge course to online with the first lesson starting in early January 2021, which I will also help run. In addition, I am currently in communication with the ACBL to earn my directing license and once acquired can help direct some Unit 547 online games and eventually some Unit 144 games if they will have me. My bridge goals are first and foremost, to play some tournament games with my mother and sister, and to just enjoy spending some time with them at the bridge table. As for my long-term goals, I would like to progress in bridge well enough to earn a Life Master or beyond and perhaps conduct my own bridge lessons. I am also hoping to eventually become an ACBL Tournament Director once I have obtained my credentials and have some experience directing.

I have also attached my picture. If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sean Gallagher