

The summer before I turned 12, my 15 year old cousin and I asked my grandmother to teach us bridge. I come from a card playing family. Mother and her friend drove 25 miles (and this was in the 50's) to play duplicate and my dad was one of those men who would bid 3NT if there were 3 passes to him!

Since there were just the three of us, we named the dummy "Maybelleine" for the Chuck Berry popular song and had a good time learning. My cousin, with an IQ of 158, never loved bridge and consequently was not very good. I played from then on just "fun" bridge with my mother, father, brothers, sisters and friends, joining various casual clubs along the way.

Unfortunately, I did not take up duplicate until I tried it at my country club and that led me to joining our Vanderbilt Bridge Club here in Nashville. Great people, and great leaders. I have another time consuming hobby, golf, so I don't play as much duplicate as I would like, however, playing online works out well. It takes a shorter period of time and more scheduling choices. Thank you BBO and Vanderbilt Bridge Club.