

I played casual bridge off and on for 50 years or so but in 2019 I decided to give competitive bridge a try and joined the Slidell Duplicate Club. There were many very experienced players in the Club but they went out of their way to engage with a rookie in modern bridge including providing some helpful lessons as well as experienced partners who happily provided me with tips and mentoring. In 2020 with the pandemic, I could no longer play with the Slidell Club but I did pick up playing casual bridge on BBO with a friend. However, I wanted to get back to playing competitively, so in January 2021 I engaged with folks at the Louisiana Bridge Association who were very helpful in getting me set up with a partner who I now play with regularly in 299er games. In my experience, anyone wanting to get more involved with bridge need only reach out and you will find terrific people happy to help you. And I still enjoy playing bridge with friends occasionally when they need someone to fill in to make eight for a couple of tables of casual bridge!