

My bridge journey to receiving my Regional Master Status began when I was young and has been a long and winding road. My Mom and Dad played and I learned a bit from them. In those days I believe that many more couples played the game than do today 😞. On a somewhat humorous note, I had a good friend who got married while in high school and my brother who was five years younger than I said to my mother, “ Mom what are they going to do now that they’re married, they don’t even play bridge!” Well back to my story, I began to play bridge quite a bit during my college years while many of my fraternity bros were playing poker. I couldn’t afford that (but neither could they, parents money you know). After college while working for NASA and later at M&S Computing I played speed bridge during lunch, ie. the dummy was responsible for getting the next hand dealt while the current hand was being played. We always had many kibitzers more than willing to let you know where you screwed up. Additionally, I played in a couples bridge club which led to a 90% split in those marriages. Come to think of it maybe couples bridge isn’t such a great idea, who knew? I regress again. After I remarried my beautiful wife, I tried to get her interested in bridge but with no success for about 25 years. Therefore I didn’t play any bridge during those years. However, some of her girl friends convinced her to take bridge lessons with them about 10 years ago. I happened to pick up some of their lesson books and started reading. Things certainly seemed to have changed since I last played the game and for the better I might add. My interest in the game was renewed and I decided to try duplicate which I had never played before. I fell in love with the game again. I have met many new friends as a result of my renewed interest in the game for which I’m extremely happy. I still don’t know if playing bridge with your spouse is the best medicine for a marriage but I do enjoy playing bridge with her and I’m so glad that she and her girl friends reintroduced me to the game. As a result I’ve had the opportunity to meet all of you. Let’s Play!!