

I was quite pleased to receive your congratulatory email message. It's been a very long time coming to acquire the points necessary for this level.

I have been playing bridge for about 6 years. I didn't play for about 6 months after my first grandchild was born because I was needed to help while my daughter-in-law worked. Then the Covid-19 issue eliminated my ability to play in person. I didn't play online because it wasn't fun. I have many other hobbies that I was able to keep busy with during the long days at home.

I play bridge for 3 main reasons: 1-keeping my brain stimulated, 2-be with people I enjoy, 3-a safe environment in a world that can have dangers in some surroundings.

I love playing and always challenge myself to do my best and to learn something new every time I play.

I'm now on the Board of Directors for my bridge unit so that I can meet more people and help our unit succeed in these difficult times when we are encouraging people to return to in person play.

I am grateful to ACBL for encouraging the in person play too.

I have been married for 44 years. We have 1 son and a fabulous daughter-in-law and 2 beautiful granddaughters. I was able to retire at the wonderfully young age of 57 which gave me the time to learn to play bridge. My life is more lively with bridge being a fun part of my week.

Thanks for your time and I appreciate all of your hard work representing us to the ACBL.