

I was encouraged to start playing Duplicate Bridge at the Anniston (AL) Bridge Club by a tennis partner, Chuck Kelly. Mentoring several of us at weekly sessions, he motivated our group to learn bidding techniques and conventions.

Fortunately another of my tennis partners, Bill Wall, was part of Chuck's group. Bill had played a lot of bridge in college. We went to Sectionals and Regionals to get our colored points. But our biggest day was in an online Regional where we finished first out of 584 pairs and got 22 Gold Points!

I am also a member of the Pawleys Island (SC) Bridge Club. When COVID hit, that club joined with several others to host virtual games with many point levels. Through partnership desks, I was lucky to pair up with two other partners to play online on a regular basis. The online play allowed me to reach the Life Master level.

I was quite optimistic when I started playing and set my goal to become a Life Master. It only took 7 years! After earning 25 points in my first year, I never thought I would make it. However, due to COVID's added online games, I earned 265 points in 2020 & 2021.

My local club was very supportive of my play as we have players with more than 5,000 points whom we play against on a regular basis.