

I have become addicted to this game. I am so glad in person play and tournaments started up this year. That has allowed me to move up in the ranks. I was a club master at the beginning of this year and have advanced to Advanced NABC by being able to go to tournaments again.

I started playing as a child under the tutorship of my parents, Robert and Janice Kirkpatrick. They needed someone to practice with as they learned so they taught my brother and I to play. After my son, Griffin, took an interest, I began to relearn this game in early 2020. Then we all know what happens, Covid. I played online to learn with Dad and convinced my brother, Russ, to start playing again..My sister, Sherry, also has started learning. After my father's passing, I became even more determined to learn this game. Through the mentorship of mom, my son, my brother and a great family friend, Tommie Wright, I have continued to grow. I am proud of my achievements and credit my family and bridge friends with my growth. I am now able to share my knowledge with my sister to help her along as well.

I would be lying if I said that I do not enjoy moving up in rank. But, like my son and brother keep pointing out, the most important thing is getting better at the game . We want to be able to sit down at the table and hold our own against anyone.

We are excited to go to National tournaments next year. New Orleans and Atlanta are easy drives for us and my son is now in graduate school in Chicago, so we plan to go to that one as well.