

JOURNEY TO LIFE MASTER

I was thrilled to have earned my Life Master as it was only after retirement that I started playing bridge. Working for forty years in hospital nutritional management, it was thought I was a little late to learn bridge. When we moved from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, LA my husband and I started playing Chicago bridge at BREC. It was a fun time. A neighbor encouraged us to try duplicate bridge. She and her husband had us for dinner and that was my 1st exposure to duplicate bridge. She encouraged us to start playing at the Baton Rouge Bridge Club on the “small side” the side for the Newbies, and one didn’t need a partner or much knowledge to begin. Our director was very helpful and gave us a lesson after each session.

So started my journey with my first point .21 black 6/24/07 and first gold 1.84 on 8/4/09. Due to my husband’s illness and subsequent death, I had to pull back from playing bridge, halting my progress. I started back with vengeance in 2016. Playing online during Covid helped in accruing over 500 black points. Now it was down to the wire having all other colors but gold. I lacked 2.59. Thanks to my devoted partner who traveled to many regionals the last of the 25 gold was finally captured at the Beaumont, TX regional. During play, I was asked if I heard about a 91 yr old going for Life Master? I said, “that is me