

I am retiring from my real estate business and this new interest has brought me great joy, new friends and a big change in my life! The competitive game of bridge has come at a perfect time and I honestly have enjoyed sports and competitive games most of my life. A life ago I was ranked 26th in the nation in the women's 35's and over tennis division.. I am grateful for this new "sit down" sport. Having enjoyed three careers, . I am thrilled to have 14 grandchildren and 12 great grands and a husband who encourages me but will not join me in this pursuit. "Maybe it is a good thing! I am lucky for sure.

I have to say the encouragement and teaching that I have received from my local Little Rock Club and its members have been very special to me. I have an incredible mentor in Kathy Gates and other mentors have helped along the way and great directors who lead us.

All have given their time and knowledge willingly to me.

Winning points is important to me but the fringe benefits of this game are equally important.

Suggestion:

One thing that I missed as I started playing duplicate at an ACBL club was taking time to learn the protocol and tournament etiquette. I concentrated on learning the game and I wasn't sure where to find the rules of competition, not playing the game. I now know that your website is loaded with this information. I wonder if there is a tutorial at the clubs for beginners on the rules of how to play tournaments, the roles of the dummy player and declarer and how partners should behave. I didn't know at first that we needed to have a convention card with us. Just a suggestion because "how to go by the rules in play" is important and it makes the game more fair.