

It was for me a big day when I reached NABC Master. It was a long road for me. I won my first black points in the 90's. I have a very busy life and can't play more often than once a week. In the course of the years I had 3 wonderful partners. I lost them for various reasons and each time it was difficult to find another one.

Since 2004 I am teaching an intermediate bridge class in the People Program in New Orleans. This is a program for people 50 and older and for a flat fee you can take as many classes as you like for 15 weeks. They offer around 175 different subjects and they have a spring, summer and fall session.

Just before the Pandemic started my third regular partner died and I am only playing on zoom. When I heard about the March bridge tournament, I wanted to try badly to get only .36 gold point to reach the ACBL Master status. Two of my students were nice enough to try for gold points with me in the tournament and in both cases we were successful. This was not only rewarding because of our winning, but also that I am doing a fairly good job with my teaching.

I feel we are very lucky to have such a nice bridge club in Metairie and I feel always welcome and at ease playing there. I don't know if I will live long enough to reach the status of Life Master, because I am 85 years, but I am planning to play as long as possible because I love playing bridge. I might be the only one that took more than 30 years to earn the ACBL NABC Master Status, and perhaps therefore it means so much to me. It was just holding on, persisting, and being patient.