

I played lots of bridge in the 1980's and 90's, mostly in Texas and Oklahoma. Lots of tournaments.

Then I was offered a wonderful teaching opportunity in Boca Raton, FL. For some reason my mail was not forwarded and I did not renew my ACBL membership. I was so busy with my classes that I did not have time for bridge. I stopped playing with about 400 mps.

In 2006 we relocated to Nashville to be near my children. I met some folks who played bridge in 2019 and I began playing again. I eventually joined Vanderbilt Bridge Club, and shortly thereafter, the pandemic happened, and friends told me about BBO.

What I discovered were bidding systems (2/1) and conventions I hadn't heard of. I rejoined ACBL, who could find no records of me, and I started over.

So I'm pretty happy about arriving at the level of 300 master points.

My goal at 77 is to achieve Life Master. I have met many wonderful folks in person and online who have helped me learn and improve my game.

Sharon Welsh of Dallas, Texas, who is an excellent bridge player, Life Master, and a devoted friend who has mentored me since mid 2020, thanks to the Dallas Bridge Club. I am very, very thankful for her willingness and kindness in mentoring me.

I have a genetic health challenge and she has helped me as I was able to play.

Now, in order to play with her, I play in the 750 games.

She is an extraordinary gal and I am so thankful for her friendship and patience.

Thank you for teaching out to me.

This latest accomplishment is very meaningful to me.

There's a lot to be said for "never give up."

Best,

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