

My journey with playing bridge actually began as a child. My sister and I were avid card players and my parents taught us to play bid whist, a card game for 4 players using 52 cards like bridge but simpler. Playing card games was a big pastime for my family and friends in the pre internet era.

Later in college a group of us would play spades in between classes (who studies all the time?). One of our group decided we needed to learn bridge so we would often have a game going most days in the student center. I tried playing duplicate with my boyfriend at the Lightman bridge center in Memphis several times but life got in the way. Marriage, family career, the usual.

After retiring a good friend, Mindy Morrell, mentioned there was an open house at LRDBC and I went to check it out. A friend and I signed up for beginner classes with Karen Proetz and I became a bridge enthusiast, often playing 3-4 X week.

I began going to tournaments and had reached the rank of NABC Master (300 MP) when CoVid hit. In order to stay busy I embraced online bridge and played on BBO until the Covid restrictions were lifted this year. I accumulated many black points but those elusive gold points were difficult to win. Because I had over 800 MPs when I finally reached my gold point requirement I achieved two levels at once, Life master and Bronze life master.

I want to express my gratitude for the many gifted teachers, directors and bridge partners who helped me along the way. The Bridge House has provided me with support, friendship and lots of fun while playing the greatest card game.