



MEET BILL HOWARD

I played my first ACBL session of bridge in February 1955, coming in second, and got a pink slip for .09 black master-points. After that I played 3-4 times a week until 1960, when I discovered girls and never played another matchpoint hand until 1987.

I played golf at Oklahoma State University and earned an MS in Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions, which got little use, since I never really had much of a job—I just played golf and poker, and dabbled in real estate. I lived in 19 states and 4 countries. I came to Tucson with the PGA Tour to build the TPC at Starpass (now correctly spelled STARR PASS) and ran into an old bridge buddy from the '50s, Gaylor Kasle. He asked if I was still playing bridge, to which I responded, "Not since 25 years ago." He

encouraged me to play and put me on a Spingold Team with Donna Compton (Chris's wife), and our only claim to fame was that we beat the Kit Woolsey team to advance.

In the 2007 Summer Nationals in Nashville, I met an old friend (who I had not played with in 10 years), and I won the six-session Young Life Masters pairs. Since 1987 I have played thousands of sessions at ADOBE, and have made dozens of wonderful friends. BTW, I would like to mention that I have the greatest wife in the world, asked her to marry me on the first day we met, and with a little encouragement, a week later she said "YES." Twenty-five years later, she is still saying "YES." I love LANA, BRIDGE, BIRDS, SNAKES, GOLF and SHERLOCK HOLMES—pretty much in that order. In the picture attached, I am the one holding the stick!