

Meet Adair Karlin



I spent 29 years working for the Park District of Highland Park in Illinois. My first job was as the racquetball pro but I was soon moved to the tennis court as USPTA tennis teaching professional.

I was Assistant Director of Tennis for the park district when I retired in 2005. After that I moved to Saddlebrooke in Tucson the following year.

Art has always been part of my life. I've enjoyed painting and pottery for years. For a while I professionally sold painted wood pieces in galleries around the country. That was part time during my tennis career.

Then there's bridge! I played at the game of bridge a la Goren in my twenties which I now find laughable. I lost myself in it after I retired. First I started with social bridge in Saddlebrooke, followed by lessons from Paul Shalita who turned me on to the game as it should be played.

Well, it was all over for me! I played tournaments like a crazy person with my favorite partner Joan Merrill. I also became active in ACBL Tucson bridge Unit 356 Board where I served as President my last year. Since my tennis career is history, I fulfill my competitive spirit at the bridge table. I love the game and miss seeing all of you.

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