

Getting to Know You



Meet Bill and Fran Bazemore.

Fran was born and raised in Peabody, MA and graduated from Northeastern University in Boston, MA having majored in Math. During her college years, she had a job at Allied Research and it just so happened that a fourth for lunch hour bridge was needed and that is how she became familiar with the game. Bill was born in Baltimore, MD and grew up in Groton, CT. After graduating from University of CT, also with a degree in Math. Bill and Fran met in 1959 while working as programmers for Curtiss-Wright in Caldwell, NJ. Bill later took a job with GE in Syracuse, NY. During those 5 years, Bill got introduced to bridge through lunch hour games. They played social bridge. Then Bill was transferred to Oklahoma City. There was more social bridge and then came along opportunities to play non-sanctioned duplicate bridge. You could win without having to depend on good hands! It was not until 1994 that they had an opportunity to play regularly and that was here in Hot Springs Village when they rented a place for 6 weeks to find out if they could retire here and joined ACBL at that time. They got back in their RV and traveled 2 more years checking out the western part of the country. They did spend a winter in Palm Springs and played a lot of bridge there. In 1996, they bought a condo here in the village, learning Bridge Plus from Phyllis Tyron and Ann Mullaney Cosgrove. Their first 0-20 game turned out to be the open game and, by the time it was realized, it was too late to change. They came in first that day, overall! Since then, they have been active VCC members. During the Covid-19 situation, they have been playing golf and reading books. They will be so happy when square dancing starts up again, as that is one of their favorite activities. And last, but not least, they have played in the virtual games on BBO, but look forward to playing bridge again at Casa De Carta.