

## Getting to Know You



Meet Greg Frank.

I was first exposed to bridge during my parents' bridge parties while I growing up in Nebraska. I then played lots of friendly bridge (sometimes all night) with fraternity brothers while a student at Iowa State. I began playing duplicate bridge in Ames, Iowa during my senior year. My wife often reminds me that shortly after the birth of my first son, I told her that I had to leave the hospital so I would not be late for an evening duplicate bridge game.

I became more serious about learning the game after I started my first job with Bell Labs in NJ in 1969, reading many books, playing with more experienced partners, and getting beat up at tournaments in New York City. However, my partner and I won a big novice game at one of those tournaments and received a very tall trophy ... I saved the engraved name plate. After a couple years on assignment in the Marshall Islands, we moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1974 where we lived on/off for 20 years. A highlight was playing with Jeff Meckstroth at a regional event in Cincinnati. I played many tournaments and directed a weekly evening game. Those were the days when we would crowd 10 friends into a hotel room to save money ... and during those years, won several sectional and regional events. While living in the UK 1994-1995, I only played bridge a couple times, once in a Calcutta game in London. While living in Saudi Arabia 1996-1999, I played only once at a Dutch compound.

We retired to HSV in 2005 and I started playing bridge more regularly at VCC, but not until 2011, when I retired a second time from working as a technical support person at Fountain Lake School, did I play more frequently. At that time, I also started a 6-year stint on the Fountain Lake School board as well as frequent golfing with the guys. I was VCC Club Manager 2015-2018 and now a member of the Unit 161 Board, Unit 161 Tournament Coordinator, District 10 Webmaster, VCC Webmaster, and 2021 VCC President. I enjoy playing bridge and supporting bridge organizations.