

BRONZE LIFE MASTER



I first joined ACBL back in about 1973, but after two years of too many late week nights of duplicate bridge with a 5:30 a.m. wakeup for work, I gave it up. Along the way, my wife, Carol, taught bridge (and me by osmosis) for about 30 years until we both retired.

So along comes 2008, we are retired, and I have a renewed interest in duplicate, with lots of local opportunities to play. And Carol was teaching and mentoring me every step along the way. She and I played as partners, and I was lucky enough to pick up some other great partners, who were both encouraging and willing to teach me. Carol and I went with good friends, Don and Pat Valiska, to Gatlinburg — and what an experience that was! We ended the week on Saturday, winning the Swiss, and I picked up my first gold — almost 10 points! I was hooked! From there on out it was tournaments— mostly regionals — with another good friend, Charlotte Abernethy, winning another 10 gold with her, and then playing in the Chicago Nationals in a team game with George Roeper as my partner for more gold. Although I have slowed down, there are still games to be won and great times to experience — which I look forward to very much.

I would encourage everyone to keep at the game, as it will serve you well, and you can play to your heart's content. Thanks to everyone.

~ Gale Osgerby

Gale is just the most enthusiastic learner. He so enjoys this wonderful game and he learns quickly. He is a delight to play with and always wants to please!! We enjoy playing together when it works for us. We will talk about bridge hands and how you play certain combinations of cards. I am not at all surprised he has done so well, because he has always enjoyed tackling problems. Mostly he is a kind and caring partner at the bridge table, just like he is in life.

~ Carol Osgerby

"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy." That's how I feel about Gale Osgerby's obtaining Bronze Life Master. Several years ago, Gale and I attended regional and sectional tournaments regularly, because he needed 50 gold points. This seemed almost like an insurmountable task. After a while Gale pretty much decided that he would just play at the local club level, and if "Life Master" happened to fall from the sky, then that would be good, too. Well, this past weekend ACBL grandfathered him in under the old plan since he had broken membership that dated back to the '70s. Viola! The bridge gods delivered, so he is now a Bronze Life Master with a little over 700 points.

Gale has always played like a Life Master anyway. He definitely taught me more things than I taught him. He is insistent that I pay attention to carding. He seems to consistently calculate when it is best to overbid and take a sacrifice. I usually wince when he puts me in a small slam, but 95% of the time he is dead on. Most of all, playing with Gale is FUN, and that is what bridge and life should be. Thanks, Gale, and continued success.

~ Charlotte Abernethy

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR BRIDGE STARS!



70.83%



Dee VanBebber and Jim Lane were the star players in a Tuesday evening game in Chester-ton — with a noteworthy percentage of 70.83% to earn 2.04 masterpoints!

Jim says, "Dee is a perfect partner for me — more experienced at duplicate bridge and a calming influence if I'm down on myself."

Dee comments, "We did nothing exceptional — just got lucky. Sometimes you get breaks because the opponents at a given time make mistakes to your advantage. We just played good bridge throughout the evening. Jim is quite a gentleman — a very nice partner — does not criticize, and that's always appreciated."

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