

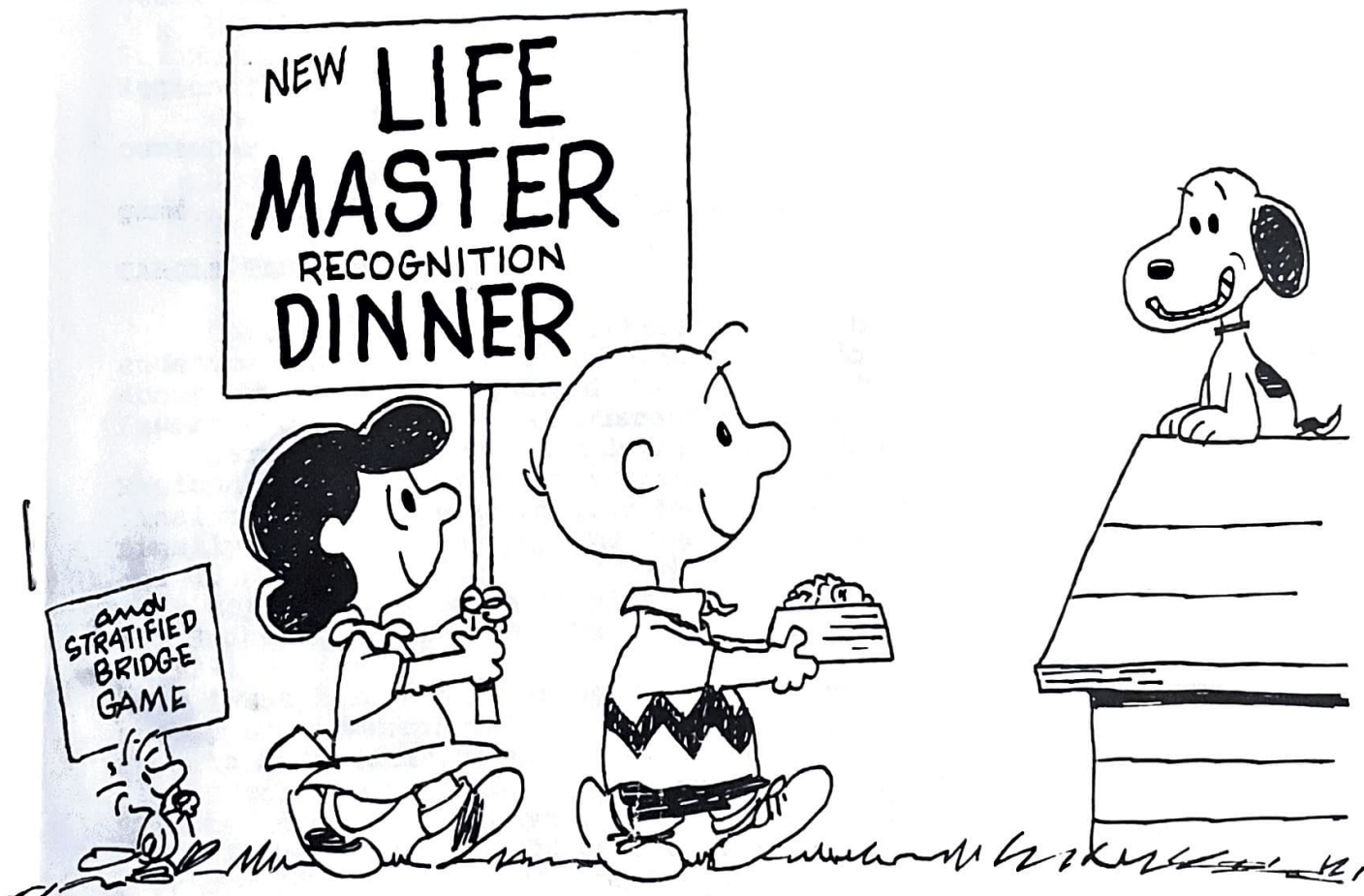
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PHIL KNOX

Phil has been playing duplicate bridge since 1989 when he began playing at the Aloha Bridge Club. He moved to the Newark Bridge Club. He played in his first tournament in 1990 in Columbus. Phil learned the game at 15 years of age!

Phil lists Nancy Krouse as his favorite partner. His biggest finishes were with Nancy, Mitchell Pote and Ina Marcum when they finished first in the Bracket II Knockouts in Cleveland in 1993. Phil and Nancy teamed with Donna Walter and Karen Miller to win the Knockout II in Indianapolis in 1993. He best remembers "THE ROUND", when he and his teammates defeated the Meckstroth-Reiman team by 9 IMPS at the Pittsburgh Regional in 1993.

When asked what he likes most about bridge, Phil states that it is the friendships that are developed. He credits Jeanne Olson and Nancy Krouse for motivating to become a Life Master.

The Indy Knockouts put Phil "over the top".

SUDHEER PIMPUTKAR

Sudheer first became interested in duplicate bridge in 1988. His favorite partners "In no particular order" are Jim Feinstein, Debbie Parsons, Gene Eikleberry, and Barb Bates.

His biggest finishes were: 1st in the Flight B Swiss at the Ft. Wayne Regional; 1st in the Flight B Swiss at the Indianapolis Regional.

When asked about his best remembrance Sudheer states, "I can't remember. That's why it took me so long to make Life Master."

Sudheer enjoys talking over the hands at Julians after the game. He went over at the Columbus Regional.

CAROLE TAUSSIG

Carole began her interest in bridge "as a social endeavor..nobody took it seriously. I found a certain mystique about the game and wanted to learn much more about it." Her favorite partners are her husband Peter and Sheryl Shearer.

Carole's biggest finish was with Sheryl "at the Cleveland Regional as C Players in a stratified game. We looked at the final results and were looking for pair #6. We couldn't find us and finally looked at the top and realized we were number one in A, B, and C. What a thrill!"

Her best memory is of winning her first gold points with Pete and Sudheer Pimputkar and David Sellars at the Cincinnati Regional in 1991.

"What I love most about bridge is the fact that I think it is the ultimate mental exercise. The more you know, the more difficult it gets and continues to be a constant challenge."

Carole earned her last needed points with Peter at the flighted game in Ft. Wayne, coming in second overall in B flight.

"I am thoroughly addicted to the game of bridge. I love the ever present challenge it presents and also the fascinating people

one gets to meet through the game. I also enjoy the fact that Pete and I are able to enjoy and play the game with each other and can continue to do so for the rest of our lives (I think!!)"

DONNA WALTER

Donna first became interested duplicate bridge after she took some lessons from Gene Eikleberry in the early 80's. "I played my first game in 1987, but I didn't learn anything until 1990 !!!"

Donna states, "My favorite partner will **always** be Karen Miller, but I sincerely thank all those others who endured my mistakes, taught me new things, and made bridge so much fun."

Her biggest finish was the 1993 Indy Knockouts, and her best remembrance was "the ride home from the Indy Regional. I've never been so tired or so happy. Thank you Phil and Nancy!"

"I thank my husband Rick who paid for all those weekends away and never complained and by daughter Tracy who reminds me every day that the celebration is always in the struggle."

KAREN MILLER

Karen and her husband Richard became interested in playing duplicate bridge after taking classes from Gene Eikleberry in 1986. Her favorite partners are Donna Walter, her husband Richard and Bill Houseden.

Her biggest finish was "winning a knockout event at a regional in Indianapolis with Donna Walter, Nancy Krouse, and Phil Knox. And winning a Women's Swiss with a pick-up pair who had never played together."

Her best remembrance is the first time she traveled out of town for a sectional and "was so thrilled to win a 99er pairs game with Donna.

"The friendships I've made in bridge are certainly at the top of my list."

Karen won her last needed points in the Knockouts at the Indianapolis Regional.

PAUL HERRIED

In his own words, Paul describes his bridge beginnings: "I lived in a very small town in Wisconsin and as far as I know the only ones who played bridge in the area were my relatives, who played a great deal. I watched them a lot, memorized a book by Culbertson, and worked on Autobridge deals until they judged me good enough to play in the "adult" games. The play was high quality. Some years later at the University of Wisconsin in the late 40's when I first played duplicate, I found that my bidding was atrocious (still is) but that my declarer play and defense were very competitive."

Paul lists Marty Lobdell, Sally Eggleston, Sandy Simpson, Joyce Penn, and Kyomi Chickering as his favorite partners.

His biggest finish was the 1993 Columbus Regional, where he won two firsts and a second place finish in three events. The most points won in a single event was for winning a B Flight pair event at the 1993 Cleveland regional with Sandy Simpson.

His best remembrance is "Certainly it would be the trips to tournaments with Marty Lobdell, Sally Eggleston, and Sandy Simpson. We play and talk bridge all day and late into the night, eat at the best restaurants, needle each other about mistakes, but don't get all that hung up over winning or losing."

What Paul likes about bridge: "I have been a businessman all my life (still am) and have some modest successes. They are personal though and I don't really have anyone to share them with. In bridge, working with a partner or team over a period of time trying to improve, then having even an occasional success that we can share together really turns me on. It's the partnership/team side of bridge that I really enjoy."

Paul earned his last needed points at the Cleveland Regional with Sandy Simpson.

Paul comments, "Such success as I have had at bridge is attributable to a large extent to the opportunity to play against strong opponents at the Aloha Club who have parried my efforts so successfully."

BOB DRAYER

Bob first became interested in duplicate bridge in the summer of 1991. He lists Jeri Henry and Lee Kibler as his favorite partners, as well as "anyone who would play with me."

Bob's biggest finish was a first in the Flight A IMP Pairs in Dayton with Jeri Henry. His best remembrance was winning his first gold point last year in Reno. He earned his last needed points in the Ft. Wayne Regional.

Bob loves the challenge of bridge. He also states, "I feel that I have as much help or more than anyone in Central Ohio. I thank you all. Some helpful comments: 1. YOU CAN'T DO THAT! Jeri Henry 2. WHY DID YOU DO THAT? Lee Kibler 3. LAUGHTER (at me) Gene Eikleberry 4. J@#\$\$@ C@\$#@!#, BOB! Cheryl Schneider J@##\$ C@\$#!, BOB! Mary Kay Fletcher 5. WHAT A DUMB SH!@#\$\$, BOB! Jan Hearon. "

JERI HENRY

Jeri first played duplicate in the 70's, but stopped playing until 1991. She stopped in at Aloha to bring a friend and ran into Nancy Vrona who urged her to come back to bridge. She met partner Bob Drayer when they both needed a partner for a novice game. Jeri took lessons from Gene Eikleberry and Paula Justl.

Jeri's biggest finish was winning the IMP pairs in the Dayton Sectional with Bob Drayer and chalking up 11 silver points!

VICKI MAJORS

Vicki first played duplicate bridge in the 80's. Her favorite partner is her husband John.

She feels that bridge is, "Just thrilling. Even though you at times feel like you advertise your stupidity and parade your ignorance openly."

Vicki won her gold card playing in the New York City Regional playing with John.

SALLY EGGLESTON

Sally began playing duplicate bridge twenty six years ago when "Anita (Torrence) and I played our first sectional and won the novice trophy." Her favorite partners are Paul Herreid, Mary Lobdell, Sandy Simpson, and Mary Powell. Sally remembers, "Twenty-three years ago I was on the team that won the Swiss Team at the Dayton Regional. We beat Jeff's team to win!"

One of her best remembrance is "Seeing Charles Goren and Omar Shariff in Chicago. And opening two diamonds with 29 points the first night we decided to play 'weak twos'."

Sally is not sure which game put her over. She was able to reinstate the points she had won 23 years ago by contacting ACBL and those points combined with her current total put her over the top!

Sally states, "When I quit duplicate bridge 23 years ago I thought I'd never play again. But I'm glad to be back in the "rat race!"

DEBORAH PARSONS

Debbie started taking lessons from Paula Justl in late 1990 and played in her first tournament in January of 1991. She then "started playing club games with friends and was hooked." Her favorite partners are Alina Grier, Edith Korda, Howard Sanders, and Judy Zimmerman.

Debbie's first win was the Flight B Swiss at the Columbus Sectional in August of 1991. Her team (Francis Tharsius, Sudheer Pimputkar, and Jim Feinstein) won the Flight B Swiss at the Indianapolis Nationals in November of 1991. She combined with a Paul Lewis, Mike Hill and Lynne Newman to win the Flight B Knockouts at the Columbus regional in April of 1993. She and Howard Sanders won the Flight A Pairs at the Dayton Sectional in December of 1993.

Debbie states that, "The moment I sit down at the table I forget everything else and just totally enjoy myself. I love being with bright people who are all using their minds in a constructive way."

The final points she need were won at our last COBA section in an overall finish playing with Howard Sanders.

KATHRYN WENDLEKEN

Katie played "for a lot of years while I was working. I played my first duplicate game in August of 1993." She enjoys All of her partners. Her biggest finishes were in Bowling Green and Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She vividly remember a time in Nashville when one of her group caused the fire alarm to become active.

What does Katie love about bridge? "Comradeship; the caring shown by members when adversity strikes another; and to win occasionally is nice , too!"

Katie earned her last gold points at the knockouts in Gatlinburg.

MICHAEL AND MARY JANE GLADFELTER

Mike and Mary Jane Gladfelter began playing rubber bridge together in 1985. When they moved to Columbus in 1988, they switched to duplicate bridge. They list each other as their favorite partners. Their favorite teammates for Swiss teams are Robin and Harold Fremer.

They have several big finishes to their credit: First in the Flight C Swiss at the Indianapolis Nationals, First in the Flight B Pairs at the Atlanta Regional, First in the Morning Knockouts in Pasadena, California Nationals- a five day event!

Mike lists as his best remembrance, "Leading the field after the first day of the two day nationally rated Non Life Master Swiss Teams in Chicago in 1989". He likes "playing perfect defence to sink a makeable contract."

Mary Jane's favorite memory is the win in Indianapolis. She likes "the satisfaction when you are able to make an extra trick that no one else has made."

The Gladfelters earned their last needed points at the Columbus Regional in May 1993 in the Flight C Swiss playing with Harold and Robin Fremer.

MARGARET GALBREATH

"I first became interested in duplicate bridge through Madlyn Shumaker who directed the game at Scioto Country Club. Helen McManus was courageous enough to ask me for my first game at Clintonville. By August of 1989 I had accumulated 28 points.

Margaret lists Alice Vivian as her favorite partner, along with Daphne Endres, Madlyn, Cookie, Nina Grunewald, and many others who have helped her achieve her goal.

Her biggest finish was winning the Flight B Women's Swiss with Gloria Ogle, Daphne, and Alice in Independence in May of 1992. Her last needed .28 silver was won playing with Joanne Marten at the last Columbus Sectional.

What does Margaret love about the game? "All the wonderful friends I've made through duplicate bridge."

NORMA SCHOENBERGER

Norma got interested in duplicate bridge when "friends took me to a major duplicate club in New York City. I started to play bridge at the University of Missouri."

Norma's favorite partners are Sally Ross, Peggy Green, Donna Nesser, Katie Wendleken, and Ina Marcum.

Norma's credits include a first in the Flight B Swiss at the Columbus Regional, and a first in the bracketed Knockouts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

She remembers "playing with Katie, Donna, and John Nesser at the Indianapolis Regional with a toothache and the tons of Columbus support as we went on to a fourth place finish."

Norma states that the friendships she has made are what she loves most about the game. "I've had probably four dozen partners with whom I've won points. 90% of my points, including all my silver and half of my gold were won in Ohio, mostly central and southern."

Norma won her last needed points in the Thursday afternoon duplicate club game in Lancaster.

PAUL LEWIS

Paul became interested in duplicate play "three years ago when I met Anita Torrence. It's all her fault. I was first exposed to cafeteria bridge in college and through the following years played what I thought was duplicate a few dozen times with a friend from work. Paul lists Kelley Dillon and Anita Torrence as his favorite partners.

Paul finished third nationally in the Ace of Clubs, Rookie division, placed first in the Flight B Knockouts at the Columbus Regional, and had a first place finish in the Flight A Open Pairs in Detroit Regional. His most memorable time was "beating Kit Woolsey's team in the first round of the Flight A Knockouts at a Las Vegas Regional."

Paul likes "the opportunity to meet so many multi-talented, competitive people and play such a great game both with and against them. I would like to thank Mary Kay Fletcher, Anita Torrence, and especially Kelley Dillon for their time and patience spent in attempting to teach me how to play. I'm still learning"

Paul went over in the Open Pairs at the last Columbus Sectional.

DONNA NESSER

Donna started playing with her husband John at the Aloha Club in 1987. Her favorite partners are John and Norma Schoenberger.

Donna cites winning the Knockouts in Gatlinburg as her biggest finish. Her teammates were John Nesser, Norma and Sally Ross. Her best remembrance is getting her 300th point in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario along with two other people on her four man team.

What does Donna like best about the game? "Taking risks that pay off. Being in 27 point slams."

CONNIE BUCKLEY

Connie's best feelings about the people who play bridge came after her recent successful battle against cancer. A large cheering sessions echoed Cheryl Schneider's advice: "Connie this is "do-able". Connie states that she has had to work very hard to achieve her goal of learning the game. She loves bridge because, "The game is alive and changes every time you shuffle the cards." She thanks all of her many partners for their help and encouragement. She mentions Helen "Cookie" McManus, Sheryl Shearer and Janie Miser among the many players who as friends and partners gave her the confidence to pursue her goals.

Connie earned her last needed points playing in the Knockouts in Cleveland, Ohio with Sheryl Shearer, Joyce Penn, and Edith Korda.

BERNICE WASSERSTROM

Bernice began playing duplicate bridge at the Jewish Center. Her favorite partners are her husband Harold and Gloria Schneider. Her biggest finish came when teamed with Pat and Herb Tullis in Greenville, SC. One of Bernice's best remembrances was drawing Jeff Meckstroth at the Clintonville Life Master-Non Life Master Christmas party. (Jeff said she played very well!)

Bernice enjoys playing and does not consider winning to be the most important thing.

Bernice earned her last gold points playing with Gloria, Gloria Ogle, and Daphne Endres in the Columbus Regional in 1993. (Benice has been on vacation so this article was compiled by Gloria and Emmy.)

HERBERT D. TULLIS

Herb became interested in duplicate bridge when his son, Mark, started playing in Hickory, NC. His favorite partner is his wife, Patty.

Herb has had several big wins: First in Flight A Senior Pairs in Williamsburg, Va with Patty; First in Flight B Swiss at the Columbus Sectional with Bob Kellar, Nancy Krause, and Phil Knox; First in Flight B Swiss teams at the Dayton Sectional in August 1976 playing with his son Mark.

Herb feels bridge is "an exciting outlet for your energies, regardless of age."

Herb earned his last needed points in Louisville at a sectional Swiss Team.

MITCHELL POTE

Although Mitchell is no longer in our Unit, he won most of his points here. He began playing duplicate bridge in North Carolina in 1988. His favorite partners are Jeanne Olson, Phil Knox and Joe Reeves. His biggest finished were : First in NAOP Flight C in Cincinnati, 1994; First in Flight B of the Stratified Swiss in Indianapolis in 1993; and First in the Knockouts in Cleveland in 1993.

Mitchell's best remembrance is "winning top boards or ties .

against Carol Sanders and Betty Kennedy and Chuck and Elaine Said in the same event in Nashville in 1991."

"When I can sit down at the bridge table and know exactly what my partner is bidding/doing and vice versa (ethically of course). It is what I call a 'comfort zone' that is rare and makes bridge a lot easier than it can be."

Mitchell won his last needed points by winning a club game in Indianapolis.

PHIL RAIFORD

Phil played his first duplicate game in college in the seventies, but took about 15 years off. He began again in the mid eighties and this time took it seriously.

His favorite partner is Darl Brooks. "We play together 99% of the time." Phil and Darl work together and have spent many hours refining their precision system. Phil enjoys playing Swiss with Mike Cotterman and John Hearon.

Phil finished second at the Nationals in Las Vegas in the Non-Life Master Swiss Teams. He and Darl were playing with a pick up pair from New York.

The best part about the game is "the competition".

Phil earned his gold card at the last COBA sectional when he and Darl won the Open Pairs.

DARL BROOKS

Darl's best bridge experience was attending the Nationals in Las Vegas. "It was tremendous fun and you got to play against people you read about all the time in the Bulletin. I had the opportunity to play against Marshall Miles and Allen Sontag." Darl feels that bridge can be enjoyed at all levels. "Whether you are playing kitchen table bridge with your parents or against the top pros" you can still be competitive. He states that bridge is the only game in which ordinary players get to play against the top people in the game. His best remembrance? "Playing craps with Mike Cotterman and seeing Bobby Levin at the other end of the table!"

CLEO CRABTREE

Nan Novotny introduced Cleo to duplicate style bridge and "I loved it!" She lists Nancy Quillin, Tracey Baker, Sandy Simpson, and Rosemary Whittingham as her favorite partners.

Her best remembrance is her first out of town tournament at Cincinnati. She and Rosemary "picked up a couple of girls to play Swiss with on a Sunday and do you know, we came in first and won 33 gold points!"

Cleo finds satisfaction in bidding and playing a hand well.

she went over at a Columbus sectional. The very best thing about bridge for her is the friendships. "I love my bridge friends."

MIKE HILL

"With the notion that bridge is the most interesting card game, I decided to learn to play after I started college. In 1970 I enrolled in a bridge class taught at the Marion Duplicate Bridge Center by Opal Gabler. However, like Marty Lobdell, I quit playing in the late Seventies. One summer evening in 1991, I impulsively stopped by the Clintonville Bridge Club to kibitz. Coincidentally, Marty had done the same thing that night. John Mesher asked to fill out the movement, and we've both been playing ever since."

Mike's favorite partner is Mae Kwang. Mike has an unusual story about his biggest finish. "On the last day of the 1993 Columbus Regional, Kevin Cadmus, Emmy Haji, Lynne Newman Kreidler, and I captured a stunning third place in the Consolation game of the Flight B Swiss Teams. While waiting for the results, I finally met Mae."

Some of Mike's most satisfactory moments came at the team games he used to have at his home in the seventies. "They were eight to ten tables and included many of the best players in Ohio. Only once did I play in one of my team games, That day Bonnie Caldwell and I spent a lost afternoon at the Crest Tavern. We returned to my house about fifteen minutes before show time only to learn that one pair had cancelled and both of us were need to play with George St. Pierre and novice Larry Babich as teammates. Throughout the evening , each of us had to be constantly reminded during the auction that he should bid, or while he declared what the contract was, or on defense that it was his turn to renege. In spite of their severe handicap in a tough field, George and Larry managed to bring home a solid victory."

Mike earned his last needed points at the Dayton Winter Sectional with Mae Kwang, James Dong, and Hao Jiang.

TED HICKS

Ted began playing duplicate bridge at Oberlin College in 1958. His favorite partners are Louis Lowy and Mike Hill. His best finish was winning the trip to Ft. Worth to represent the district in the Non Life Master NOAP.

One of Ted's best remembrances was from the early 60's. He was playing in a Columbus Sectional and picked up a hand with 13 hearts. He opened "One spade"! The hand was written up in the bridge column, at that time written by G. Eloise Neil. Ted also mentions playing at a Regional with Rodney Rudele against John Gerber and Easley Blackwood. With several kibitzers watching Ted psyched an opening pre-empt. When he finally ran to his REAL suit he was doubled and made the contract. He promptly psyched on the following board with good results. The experts walked away with one out of fifty matchpoints.

Ted went over the top playing with Louis Lowy at the Columbus Regional.