



District Dispatches

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New Bronze Life Master!



I returned to playing duplicate bridge around 2010. Had earned a few master points in the past. Took lessons to learn all the new bidding systems, for example 2 over 1. Played in local clubs and was fortunate to hook up with other players with around my master points and we played in as many local Sectional and Regional tournaments as we could, and would go off to at least one National a year.

We played in a lot of Knockouts, upon the advice of a teacher and mentor, who said it was a good way to earn master points for people within our master point range. It is with these people, and they know who they are, that I got most of my master points.

I also owe a great deal of gratitude to teachers and mentors that I have had along the way, and they know who they are. Additionally, I attended as many lectures and workshops as I could. Also read and studied the articles in the Bridge Bulletin.

After moving, continued to play in local clubs and a few Sectionals and Regionals. Then COVID hit, and it was BBO. Still playing a little at local clubs and a lot on BBO.