

Carrie Fugett  
New ACBL Gold Life Master



So here's how it all started. In January of 1964 Carrie's sister Ellen V Furgis gave her a very good lecture which consisted of letting me know she couldn't speak above the level of a 3 year old and I had needed to lose some weight. She gave me the bridge lessons for my birthday and thus started my journey along the magical road of bridge.

Carrie was never told there were side games always playing in the main events and sometimes they had to stop at the emergency room on our way home to get our wounds attended to. Carrie was very fortunate that after she had played for about a year and a half a very good player (Lee Voight) asked her if she would like to play on Wednesdays. As soon as she could speak Carrie accepted.

Lee saved her a good five years of learning the right things. Carrie became a Life Master in early 1971, which was a fairly short time in those days. There were no Gold Points then but the Red were as expensive as real gold. She was very fortunate to play in her first Regional right in Salt Lake City and won 18 Reds and decided "this is easy". Carrie was very quickly informed by her play at the table that that was definitely an over statement.

Carrie took a hiatus, due to her work schedule increasing, from the middle of 1984 until 2007 when I was able to start playing again. Because of the many wonderful kindnesses shown to her when she was learning Carrie decided she would play with old and new players who as a rule did not have the opportunity to play with someone who could help them, be kind and show them the beauty and fun of the game.

One of the reasons Carrie is telling you this part of her story is because if each of us who has had more experience than other players could share some of it with other players striving to learn it will put people in our chairs when we are gone and the game which has done so much for so many of us will always be there when the camaraderie is so seriously needed.