

Dorothy Reimann

New ACBL Regional Master



Dorothy Reimann is addicted to bridge. She can pin point the exact day that her addiction started. Dorothy's wonderful family of four attended a family reunion in Estes Park, Colorado. The first morning of the reunion several small groups formed to participate in their favorite activities. Dorothy's husband and son chose to go fishing in the roaring Big Thompson River. Her young daughter wanted to spend time with her older and much "cooler" cousins, so they headed to an adventure park. Dorothy went over to the activities area where several members of her family were playing bridge. They invited her to play and her older brother, who is an excellent player, was her first partner. She remembers that weekend just focusing on opening with 13 points and a five card major.

When Dorothy returned home she wanted to learn more about this complicated game. She was a very busy Mom of two young children, and working part time. In the evenings after dinner and homework, when her children were in bed, she would log onto Bridge Base Online (BBO) and play bridge for one hour. Sometimes that hour would turn into two or three. Dorothy's real breakthrough came when a fellow BBOer suggested she join the BIL Club. She always felt welcomed and was able to get very valuable lessons in the BIL Club. At one point they offered mentors for new players. She filled out an application and was matched up with Jeffery Parker, a retired chemical engineer from Baltimore. Jeffery is an excellent teacher and very patient too! Although they had never met in person, they have played together and become friends over the past seven years. Dorothy has made several on-line friendships through BBO. One of her favorites recently had a bout with cancer and they kept in close contact during her chemo treatments. Dorothy would have to say that BBO is the reason that she has been able to continue to learn the game of bridge.

Dorothy's children have grown up and are both in college now. She is now able to play bridge at her local bridge club (Oil City Bridge Club, Casper, Wyoming). When she first started playing bridge at the club their club appeared to be a dying club. They would have two maybe three tables at a time, and in the summer they were happy to get four full tables. A few years back a retired couple moved to Casper, Susan and David Driggers. Susan Driggers was a director and a certified bridge teacher. For the first time in decades Susan offered a beginning class for bridge players and in the evenings. With Susan's help their club has grown and become a great place to play, practice and learn the game of bridge. Dorothy considers all of the players at our club to be part of her family!

Through her brother she met her partner, Jim Bauer. Jim and Dorothy have played together for the past year, Jim is an brilliant bridge player and is constantly helping me learn to think bridge. She appreciates that Jim is willing to travel with her to tournaments where I can try to get my points to obtain my goal of Life Master. Every game is a new lesson for her. Dorothy thinks that is what she loves the most about bridge, she's constantly learning.

One thing Dorothy thinks that the ACBL could improve for her to earn my Life Master's is... Wyoming is a very isolated and vast State. Bridge players in Wyoming do not have the opportunity to obtain their gold points in the State of Wyoming. In order to get my points towards my Life Master she has to travel out of state. Colorado or Montana are her best options for obtaining my points. A trip to a tournament in another state would require her to stay in a motel for several days, and be away from my family for several days, creating somewhat of a hardship on me financially also. It would be nice not to have to travel so far.

Dorothy has to admit she really enjoys her addiction and has no plans to go through bridge recovery ☺