

Tom Flanagan

New ACBL Club Master



Tom enjoyed playing bridge, including at a few local duplicate tournaments, when he was a university student more than fifty years ago. He gave the game up after he graduated because he didn't have time for it, but Tom decided to go back to bridge after he retired in 2013. He took a refresher course and then started playing in Bridge Nutz club tournaments. Playing the hand is like riding a bicycle; you never really forget how to do it. But it was more challenging to get up to speed on the new principles of bidding that had replaced the Goren system that he learned half a century ago. The new ACBL bidding is definitely more precise and sophisticated than Goren, but there was a lot to learn. Tom

feels he will have to put in many more hours of study if he hopes to progress beyond where he is now.