

Nancy Coffee

New ACBL Gold Life Master



Nancy Started playing bridge in Missoula, Mt. in the early 70's and had lots of great training from her big brother, Bert Nelson (an amazing player) who did not want to be embarrassed by her performance so he tried to drill Nancy on the basics. Nancy still recalls all of those lessons – some of which are probably a bit passé now with all of the new systems but they managed to get her through enough to get fairly good partners. She had a few years in her life where she did not play very much while her 3 children were so busy with sports and other activities and then picked up again after they all moved on. Nancy is an active realtor today in Missoula and has the most wonderful partner, Rita Hall, with whom she plays most of the time. Rita is the sharpest “90 something” player Nancy has ever known and is definitely a pleasure to be with at the table and away from the table. She has a wonderful sense of humor and has 4,000 or so points. To tell the truth Nancy has not thought much about points until the last 4-5 months when she realized she was moving to another level. Bridge has kept her mind pretty sharp and of course is very challenging. Nancy says the players in our Missoula unit are so friendly and thoughtful it is truly a pleasure to be a part of it.