

Beth Loehnen

New ACBL Ruby Life Master



Beth has loved the game of bridge since she was a kid playing with her parents. It was an inexpensive way for them to have fun together. She grew up in a large family and bridge was a way to grab her parents' undivided attention.

In college Beth spent every free moment playing party bridge in a continuous game with her dorm mates. She jokes about getting her PhD in bridge while getting a BSN in nursing.

Following college she was too busy making a living and raising kids to play bridge but she was always longing to play again. Once Beth retired in about 2005 she luckily found her way to the Garden City Duplicate Bridge Club

where she learned to play real bridge. Beth became friends with many critical people who mentored and befriended her. One of those people, a very young fellow named Michael Boreson, began to play at around the same time. He quickly surpassed her as a player but became her primary teacher then and now. He is now a successfully employed bridge teaching and playing professional. And secondly, she shares her game to game success with her long time partner, Brad Halfpap, who fortunately came back to the game about 10 years ago and agreed to play with Beth. The two of them not only play the game, they take the time to study together in a real effort to produce better results.

COVID had one positive effect for Beth and her family. Her son, Ben, began online lessons with her and Michael Boreson. He is now an ACBL member and eagerly pursuing opportunities to develop as a young player.

Beth would love to help her grandkids learn to play online. Or she would love to find a teacher in the Los Angeles area who could work with them online and in person.