

## **New ACBL Club Master Patty Nelson**

Patty is soon to be 81 (Feb 26). She began to love bridge as a freshman in college. In her sorority freshmen were not allowed to play (the house wanted them to "make grades") so she watched the game for that school year and was allowed to play her second year. Patty was married and her husband entered medical school at the University of Washington. She met another wife (who is her oldest and closest friend) and they decided that they could play this duplicate game - they went to downtown Seattle and played at May Parker's for the 4 years their husbands were in school. Granted, it was only once a week and she didn't know if the ACBL was even viable in 1960 - they did not get a membership, but loved the game and to be honest, they were pretty good.

Patty and her husband were sent to Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas after medical school and she played duplicate there from 1964 to 1969. Again, no association with the ACBL.

Once her husband went into practice, she was raising children and playing golf. Golf was her game of choice from the time she was 11. Patty still plays, but not as much as she once had. Duplicate bridge did not enter the equation during those years; she played party bridge but no duplicate.

Patty moved to Sun Valley about a year and a half ago. Her longtime friend from May Parker days lived there and introduced her to Jo Murray's games on Wednesdays and Fridays. Patty had never had an ACBL number, she does now. She loves playing is happy to play with anyone, although she doesn't have a partner for most of the time. She has been invited to play Swiss Team with a mentor/teacher and so plays Mondays and Thursdays when invited.