

Deirdre Nickel  
New ACBL Life Master



Deirdre was introduced to bridge by Max Aeschbacher in November of 2012 and immediately begged him to teach her. Since then they've become regular partners and have traveled across the U.S. and into Canada to play bridge together.

In the beginning Deirdre was uncomfortable asking strangers to partner with her because she was embarrassed about being a weak player but Max encouraged her to seek out partners in Idaho Falls, Idaho, her hometown. Wanting to improve she did, reluctantly, and considers herself fortunate to have found partners and teammates who've been fun, encouraging, and willing to teach her more (because there's always more to learn). Since moving to Salt Lake City, Utah in 2013, Deirdre has worked on her partnership with Max, developing their system and improving their play. They look at flashcards, discuss conventions, frequent BridgeBase and BridgeWinners

websites, text friends newly discovered bidding problems, and always have a Bridge Bulletin nearby.

Deirdre was welcomed into the bridge community by players who were unable and/or unwilling to play in NLM games and low brackets, which she considers an advantage. She was forced to dive into the deep end early, but can't imagine any other approach that would have taught her so much or helped her reach Life Master so quickly.