



*Judy Adams' becomes
ACBL's Gold Life
Master*

Celebrating Judy Adams' attaining ACBL's Gold Life Master Award which is an accumulation of 2500 points.

It's ironic that one of the last games at Dottie Pirkle's Duplicate Bridge Club, built by Nancy Strain and nurtured by Ginger Rhamey, is Judy's Gold Life Master Celebration.

Judy started bridge lessons when Dottie Pirkle came to Athens in January of 1990. She had played party bridge years before and decided to give duplicate bridge a try, without much enthusiasm. However, Sue Adams, her sister-in-law, was determined that Judy learn to play. Like most of us, she had heard that duplicate bridge players could be a little testy and wanted no part of it.

After a few weeks of lessons and the comradery, she was hooked. Dottie was Judy's mentor and Judy was Dottie's protégé, Poster Child for Dottie's bridge lessons. Judy was Dottie's first student to make Life Master, Bronze, Silver and Ruby Life Master Status and still just loves to play good bridge.

When Bari Hart made Gold Life Master in 2018, Bari told Judy that they now had to work on getting hers.

Judy, Nell Velvin, Charles Ford, and Jimmy Wright went to the Tyler Tournament of Roses and came in first of the second

bracket. Then they traveled to Longview for the Lake Country Tournament and won the top bracket. At the end of 2018, Judy needed 1.75 masterpoints to become a Gold Life Master. On January 3, 2019 with the help of Jimmy Wright, she won 1.79 masterpoints. So many have helped her along the way, Nell Velvin, a lifelong friend from Kaufman, Bari Hart, Charles Ford and Jimmy Wright. Good partners and opponents. Just look around at the 29 years of duplicate bridge history at Dottie Pirkle's DBC, J. L. Allen, Lela Mae Corley, Joyce Simmons and so very many more.

Judy has come full circle, playing today with her daughter Amy. Amy lived in Mozambique for a couple of years. Amy met a friend who taught an eclectic group of women bridge lessons. The women were from Zimbabwe, Portugal, Denmark, London and Canada. Amy moved to Dallas and began playing bridge one and a half years ago and is now hooked.

Thanks to Dottie and all of my bridge family and friends. Especially Ginger for all you do for all of us all the time.

